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Brisbane Gang Show returning in July!

NEWS AND EVENTS

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EVENT BADGES

Name of badge	Date approved	Date to be removed
World Scout Jamboree – Aust. Contingent badge	Now	November 13, 2015
Harmony Day badge	March 21, 2015	June 21, 2015
Kiwi Woggle badge	April 1, 2015	July 1, 2015
ANZAC Day March badge	April 25, 2015	August 25, 2015
Join-in-Jamboree badge	July 31, 2015	October 31, 2015
25 Year Joey Scouts Celebration badge	July 1, 2015	June 30, 2016

Brisbane North Region Cub Scouts – CubYanya 2015

Cub Scouts from across Brisbane North Region gathered at Teralba Park on the first Sunday of May for a Cub Scout skills and fun day called CubYanya. Last year saw the return of the day to the Brisbane North Region (BNR) calendar and the 2015 day showed that it is a popular event for the Region as 298 Cub Scouts from 21 Packs, 63 Leaders with 11 Rovers and Venturer Scouts along with a great bunch of parent helpers beside the Everton Park Scout Den. That's more than double last year's attendance.

The Cub Scout activity day had an ANZAC theme and had bases including mapping, code breaking, semaphore signalling, saving the soldier and a chance to speak with an army veteran. The Cub Scouts told us that all of the bases were fun but most popular on the day were the obstacle course which had a rope bridge to be traversed and the Defend your Wall base that required Cub Scouts to build a wall and then defend it while trying to knock down the opposing Packs wall with coloured ball 'grenades'.



Read more about CubYanya by clicking here...

QBSI 1.2 Membership

Given the recent problems we have had with the Supporter category and the misuse of this category we must revert back to National Policy and Rules P3.1 and P3.2.

We will not record Supporters in SMS. They are not members of the Association and the A60 form will be removed.

Supporters will no longer be able to apply for Blue Cards. Groups will need to develop a Risk Management process to support parents who previously may have been classed as Supporters.

Click here to see more details...



REPORT CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS AND ABUSE!

It is a requirement of Scouts Queensland that if a volunteer, youth or young adult member, staff member or helper suspects a child has experienced harm, or is at risk of experiencing harm, that person must contact the appropriate agencies to provide support and advice. This is not limited to Scouting related activities.

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should also be reported directly to the General Manager or Chief Commissioner on 3870 7000. The Association will then make direct contact with the relevant authority about the matter.

Click here for Child Protection Policy and Procedures including notification procedures...

BRANCH COUNCIL NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch Council for The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc will be held on:

Thursday 25 June 2015 at 7.00pm

For more details please click here...

3870 7000 or reception@scoutsqld.com.au

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

HAVE WE ALL FORGOTTEN THAT SCOUTS IS ABOUT FUN, CHALLENGES AND ADVENTURE?

Certainly, I would hope that every Adult Member can say, of course I haven't forgotten!

Adventure is at the heart of everything we do. It is the single most important thing that sets Scouts apart. Let's all rethink what we should be telling the families when they approach us to join...

It's exciting being involved with Scouting. We believe that through the everyday adventure of Scouting, young people and adult volunteers regularly experience new challenges that enrich their lives.

We offer hundreds of activities, as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, staged performance, hiking, and archery. There's something for every young person, whatever their physical ability. As a Scout you can learn survival skills, first aid, computer programming or even how to fly a plane. There's something for every young person. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express your creativity and experience the wider world.

Activities are an integral part of Scouting. But as well as being challenging physically, our activities help young people set and achieve goals and grow in confidence.

We are Australia's biggest mixed youth organisation. We change lives by offering 6 to 25 year olds fun and challenging activities, unique experiences, everyday adventure and the chance to help others so that we make a positive impact in communities.

Scouts helps children and young adults reach their full potential. Scouts develop skills including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and commitment. We help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world.

And do you tell the families that...

This everyday adventure is possible thanks to our Adult Members, who support Scouts in a wide range of roles from working directly with young people, to helping manage a Group or to be part of a committee, badge examining etc. We help Adult Members get the most out of their experiences at Scouts by providing opportunities for adventure, training, fun and friendship.

Our training scheme for Adult Members means that adults get as much from Scouts as young people. Our approach focuses on what you want to get out of volunteering with Scouts, while respecting how much time you can offer.

Over 90% of Adult Members say that their skills and experiences have been useful in their work or personal life.

Scouting's quality depends on its Adult Members and our Members depend on Scouting to teach them the skills they need. Many believe that the skills and experiences they have gained through Scouting have been of relevance to their working or personal lives, so we're certainly doing something right.

To learn more from our Chief Commissioner about how the Scouts from the Asia Pacific region are supporting their Scouts to be prepared click here...



JOEY SCOUTS

Joey Scout Jaunt 2015

Have you scheduled Joey Scout Jaunt into your calendar? Just in case you have missed out on what is happening, let me refresh your memory.

Joey Scout Jaunt will run on Saturday 01 August 2015 at BP Park, Cash Avenue, Samford, commencing at 10.00 am with an opening parade.

This year our theme is 'Knights of the Joey Scout Circle' and we are inviting all leaders and Joey Scouts to attend in appropriate costume.

We do ask that Mobs providing bases have their vehicles off Boys Field by 9.00 am and are ready to commence after opening parade. Don't forget we are also having a Campfire at 2.30 pm followed by a birthday cake celebrating our 25 years as a Joey Scout Section.

When registering your Mob can you also tell me what base you are running so that I can advertise this ahead of time. For the registration form and more information please go to the Queensland Scout website.

Hop on over to the website to learn more about Joey Scouts click here...

CUB SCOUTS

"Look well, Oh wolves, Look well"

Cubs Can Come (CCC or Triple C)

Saturday 4th July 2015: Has your Scout Troup attending Triple S invited your older Cub Scouts along and registered them?

Important date for 2016 100 Years of Cub Scouts

Saturday 30th July 2016

A National Cub Scout Campfire and Reaffirmation of the Cub Scout Promise (Scout Promise for the Leaders) at 8.00pm in Queensland.

100 Years of Cub Scouts 2016 - National Badge Design Competition for Cub Scouts

The National Competition is now up and running as of 1st June 2015.

Entries close 31st August 2015 and Winners announced 30th September 2015.

There will be a National winner and a Winner from each State with appropriate prizes. The National winning design will be adapted as the Scouts Australia's 100 years of Cub Scouts Badge.

To learn more about Cub Scouting click here...

SCOUTS

Pioneering

Joe Cazezy and I recently had the pleasure of attending a National Pioneering workshop aimed at addressing where pioneering sits within Adventurous Activities, Leader training and various workplace legislation/regulation.

All States were represented with the exception of Tasmania and it was interesting to see where it was all headed – as many different directions as there were States?

There were many passionate discussions over the course of the weekend but at the end of the day there was a general consensus for the direction pioneering should take.

The outcome of the weekend was a number of recommendations for National approval.

Whilst approval hasn't been obtained at this time I think it's important to keep people informed as to where Pioneering is going.

It was a consensus amongst the group that Pioneering still holds a relevant place in the Scout program and that it shall remain a day to day activity except for large pioneering projects.

Learn more about Scouting by clicking here...

YOUTH PROGRAM

WALKABOUT AWARD AND CAMPER AWARD BADGES

A new type of badges has been approved by National Executive Committee for wearing by Youth Members on their uniform. These are now available from the Supply Centre and promote the notion of our continuing scout program and getting outdoors.

They are the Walkabout and the Camper Award Badge.

They may be worn above the pocket of the uniform below the World Badge. They are shown here.

The Camper Award Badge depicts the total number of nights spent camping while on approved Scouting activities. at this time outdoor camps only, unless a Joey Scout (School camps and family holidays don't count.)

The Walkabout Award Badge is earned for the total kilometres travelled under human power through a Youth's time in Scouting.

The minimum distance to be counted toward the tally for Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts is 1km while it is 5kms for all others.

Journeys taken in a canoe, kayak, skis or a bicycle are divided by 2 e.g. a 20 km bike hike earns 10 km to the Award. Day and overnight journeys provided they are over the minimum distance for the Section, may be included for the Award.

The requirements for each of the badges can be started at the Joey Scout level and continue to be added through to the Rover Scout Section.



The badges are available now. I know our Youth Members will enjoy earning these and the fun of being out of doors.

Great Scouting,

Peter Blatch OAM

Deputy Chief Commissioner Youth Program

Visit the website by clicking here to learn the requirements...

VENTURER SCOUTS

Over the past couple of months I have received a number of queries regarding Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for the Venturing Skills Award.

The Record Book clearly states that 'Scouts who have completed the Campcraft Target at Adventurer level may be considered for Recognition of Prior Learning'.

What does this mean? For any Venturer Scout that has completed their green level Campcraft target badge (not the Australian Scout Medallion) in the Scout section, they may (it is not a rite of passage) be signed off as RPL for sections 'a' and 'b' of the Venturing Skills Award.

They still have to complete sections 'c' and 'd' as a Venturer Scout. Venturer Scout Units signing off Venturer Scouts under RPL for the Venturing Skills Award should be satisfied that the Venturer Scout is competent in the areas being signed off. If a Venturer Scout Unit is not satisfied that the Venturer Scout is competent in the areas being signed off then the Venturer Scout should complete all of the Venturing Skills Award.

Whilst talking about the Award System, I want to clarify any misconceptions or local rules that are present in the Venturer Scout section of Queensland.

- All badges are approved and signed off by the Venturer Scout Unit Council.
- The District/Region Venturer Scout Leader approves the examiner for the Queens Scout Award tapes.
- The DVSC/RVSC does not approve any badge work for either the Venturer Scout Award or Queens Scout Award.

These are the specific guidelines that came out of the Venturer Scout section Review 2008. If you would like to review this document, it is available on the Branch website under the Venturer Scout Section Resources or feel free to contact me. If there are any areas within the Venturer Scout Section Review that you would like clarified or would like me to come and talk at a DVSC/RVSC about (for Regions we can work out a skype link up) then please contact me.

Click here to learn more about Venturer Scouting ...

ROVER SCOUTS

Qld Rover Scouts

invite you to

St George's Ball - 1 August 2015

Learn more by clicking here...

May 31st brought with it a change in Queensland Rovers. We said a sad farewell to the 2014-2015 Executive amid tears and song, and welcomed the incoming Executive through to June 2016.

We couldn't have more respect and gratitude for Nathan and the rest of his Executive for all the hard work that they put in alongside the Region representatives over the past year. They have done everything to set the new Executive up for the best possible year ahead.

The year has been filled with many fantastic achievements from the whole team, including the establishment of a Rover-Awareness-Team (RAT) which has seen the name of Rovers advertised wider and seen more positively than ever before.

Click here to learn more from Kate Rimmon the new Queensland Branch Rover Council Chair...



Adults in Scouting

The National Adults in Scouting Committee is reviewing the retention of Adult Members in Scouting.

To assist with the review, Adult Members are invited to respond to the attached questionnaire.

It takes about 10 mins maximum.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D28YRS7>

JOTA/JOTI

The Earth is Yours So take good care of it.

Wherever and whenever possible, act to minimize the environmental impact of your actions.

The focus of the 2015 JOTA-JOTI theme is on environmental responsibility.

"JOTA-JOTI is the largest Scouting event in the world. In 2014 over 1.3 million Scouts participated across 157 countries.

The event is held on the third weekend of October, for 2015 the Jamboree takes place on 16th, 17th, and 18th October."

It is time for all Groups, Districts and Regions to start preparing for the 2015 JOTA JOTI camps.

Read more about Jota/Joti by clicking here....

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Leaders had a busy Environmental Field Weekend at Epparah.

They looked up into the trees and down into the water, back into Qld Scouting history (Lord B-P's visit to Epparah) and forward to teaching their Scouts how their way of life can be less damaging to the environment.



A similar weekend for Leaders will be held at Rowallan Park, Mackay, on 11 - 12 July, 2015.

Cost \$90

Bookings activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au

PERFORMING ARTS

Brisbane Gang Show takes to the stage in July

– July 3rd to July 11th- I hear on the grapevine it is going to be a great show, with a cast of 120. Make sure you and your group book early at www.brisbanegangshow.com.au

Don't forget Christmas Carols Saturday 5th December – put that date in your diary now!

The great news is we are holding a Christmas Carols in 2015 and will be again be working with Brisbane Regional Youth Orchestra (BRYO) – so lock the date in your diary now – Saturday 5th December.

Also if you would like to be part of the Choir applications for this will issue around Mid Year so keep an eye out for those.

To learn more about the amazing performing arts opportunities for your Group click here...

INTERNATIONAL

A big THANK YOU to those 10 Families who have agreed to Host the 2 x UK and 8 x Danish Explorer Scouts from the end of June for the 5-6 weeks. When you see these Scouts, please make them welcome and show them what Qld hospitality is all about.

Congratulations to the three Qld Venturer Scouts who have been accepted for going on Exchange at the end of the year. Two will be going to the UK and one to Denmark. I have also accepted one for the 2016 Group and happy to see more applications come in so that advance planning and fundraising can occur.

I am also looking at updating the SISEP Webpage for Qld and I am after any feedback. Please email me at: sisep@qldhq.scouts.com.au

Look forward to hearing from you.

Scott Edwards

Qld SISEP Co-ordinator

Click here for many other International fun...

SPECIAL DUTIES

I came across this story and felt I wanted to share it with you because I think it gives us all cause to think about our lives and how we impact on the lives of others.

A teacher at the local High School decided to honour each of her seniors in high school by telling them the difference they each made.

She called each student to the front of the class, one at a time. First she told each of them how they had made a difference to her and the class. Then she presented each of them with a blue ribbon imprinted with gold letters which read, "Who I Am Makes a Difference."

Afterwards the teacher decided to do a class project to see what kind of impact recognition would have on a community. She gave each of the students three more ribbons and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgment ceremony.

To find out more about the outcomes of the project click here...

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Central & Coastal Region

Congratulations to the six Banksia Scout Group and Central & Coastal Region Leaders who joined the 1st Gilwell Troop in April.



Congratulations to Tristan Archibald for earning his Queen Scout Award.



George Christensen - Federal Member for Dawson, Tristan Archibald, Deputy Mayor Kevin Casey and Region Commissioner Dougal McWhinney

Click here to learn more about the Central and Coastal presentations...

2nd National Adventurous Activities School

Water Activities Team

invites Instructors, Guides and Skilled Level 2 Adult Paddlers to a weekend practice paddle.

Learn more by clicking here...

Well done Willow!

The site of a neighbour's house that had been damaged by recent storms in Brisbane's North inspired Willow to collect food items for those less fortunate in her neighbourhood.

As you can see she was very successful and the items were donated to a local charity.



Brisbane Gang Show opens in Weeks.

Only a couple of weeks until the 2015 season of the Brisbane Gang Show "Everyday Heroes" opens at the Schonell theatre St Lucia.

Brisbane Gang Show is also offering two Joey and Cub Scout Matinees including special rates for uniformed Joey Scouts or Cub Scouts at the matinee on Saturday the 4th and Saturday 11th of July.

A range of special activities will be offered before each of these performances.

To book visit www.brisbanegangshow.com.au or 3077 6854. Tickets from \$13.00

Financial assistance possibility for AJ2016

The next Australian Jamboree is almost upon us. As we all know, the last Jamboree in Maryborough was very successful for the Queensland Branch. At each of the camping grounds at the Jamboree in Maryborough, there was a marquee where Scouts could relax and purchase goods such as drinks, chips, ice creams, camp ground badges, etc.

Due to the hard work by the Camp Ground Leaders and their teams, a profit was achieved from these sales.

What to do with these funds has been a source of discussion, and finally it was decided that the funds should be split amongst the Regions so that the Region Commissioners can assist some Scouts from their Regions to attend the next Jamboree in Sydney in 2016.

The funds will not pay for the entire Jamboree but it may assist those who are finding it difficult to pay the full amount.

To find out about eligibility details click here...

I HAVE "GONE HOME"

Allan McGinn	May 2015
Angus MacDougal	May 2015
Earle Rawlings	May 2015

If you would like us to add your loved one to the "Gone Home" column, please forward their details to encompass@scoutsqld.com.au



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