



# ENCOMPASS



## MONTHLY ONLINE NEWSLETTER

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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
Kiwi Woggle badge	April 1, 2015	<b>July 1, 2015</b>
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
Triple S badge	July 7, 2015	October 7, 2015

The new look Encompass was launched in April 2015 following feedback provided by our Members that the previous publication was 'not current, too long, not modern nor available easily online'.

This four page Encompass PDF file is provided as a contents page of what's online and distributed to all Adult Members in Queensland with a current email address. It is currently printed and distributed via Group Mail to Formations.

All articles are uploaded online for further reference and the new look Scouts Queensland website is tablet and mobile friendly. *Simply click on the hyperlink to read more...*

### Taroom and Chinchilla Open Days

Another two successful open days held in Taroom and Chinchilla. Both open days had a focus on identifying new Adult Members in Leader roles.

Taroom will benefit from several new Youth Members in the Joey Scout and Cub Scout Sections and this may lead to some more Leaders although not identified at this stage.

Chinchilla successfully procured a new Group Leader and a Scout Leader and don't tell her yet but we think the new Scout Leader's wife would make a great Cub Scout Leader.

While talking to the Groups about the types of activities we need to run at events like this it struck me that probably because of lack of experience more than anything else we tend to run activities that suit Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts. I know if I was a parent who had been in Scouting as a child I would be remembering the bigger activities such as pioneering, navigation, camping, abseiling, canoeing etc. We need to make sure there are activities that the whole family can join in that show practical scouting and bring back those memories.

Set up some anchorages using pegs (straight from the Scout Leaders handbook) and run a rope through the front peg. Use this rope to drag a sack sled to show how anchorages work. Everyone gets involved including the parents.

Set up a Scout transporter and give the kids a ride – use Mum and Dad to help handle the ropes. If Mum and Dad join in willingly they could be prospective Leaders, Adult Helpers or Committee Members.

*Click here to read more from Gill Hall  
Region Development and Support Officer...*



### ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

To register for the events listed below please visit Scouts Queensland's online application system

<https://register.scoutsqld.com.au>

**AGOONOREE**

**URBAN CHALLENGE**

### 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...*

# CHIEF COMMISSIONER

## Youth Program Review

At the National Council meeting in Sydney on June 20th 2015 the first of the changes recommended by the Youth Program Review were approved and these minimal changes will now be included in National Policy and Rules and all documentation. Please note that these changes are adopted within the Queensland Branch. One of the Youth Program Review teams focused on the Fundamentals of Scouting, the Aim, Mission and Principles of the movement.

The changes adopted are in line with the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) statements as they were determined to be relevant to contemporary society, and can be applied to an Australian context without adjustment. The new statements are as follows:

### Mission statement

The Mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

### Purpose (previously known as Aim)

The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the education of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The consultation process regarding proposals for the below will commence during August:

Age ranges	The proposal for One Promise
Principles of Scouting	The proposal for One Law

Every member will have the opportunity to respond through the Region consultation process by December 2015 which is currently being developed with the Deputy Chief Commissioner and Branch Commissioner teams. This will be advised through the Branch team and the Region Commissioner once finalised and all members should endeavour to attend so that they may participate in the consultation process. Feedback from members in this Branch is extremely important so that this may be passed directly to the National Youth Program Review team.

### Social Media Policy

Following a number of unfortunate incidents posted on personal Facebook pages recently we have developed a new QBSI – Social Media Policy **which** will be released during July. Once released this policy will apply to **all members** (youth and adults) of Scouts Queensland.

### What is a Scouts' Own?

Many Leaders struggle to understand the importance of a Scouts' Own and one simple method of our Duty to God.

Scouts' Owns were introduced at the Crystal Palace Rally in 1909. They were originally meant to be simple, interdenominational religious celebrations. Often consisting of songs, prayer and a yarn, the Scouts' Own encouraged quiet times of reflection and were used at camp and in Scout meetings.

[Click here to learn more about the importance of a Scouts' Own...](#)

## YOUTH PROGRAM

### Youth Involvement in Decision Making

At the last World Scout Conference held in Slovenia in August 2014 a new Scout Youth Involvement Policy was accepted. This was a 'Coming of Age' document as it updated the previous policy developed in 1993.

It defines youth involvement as a capacity building process based on enabling young people to actively share responsibility with adults for making decisions that affect their lives, and the lives of others in their community.

Included in this document are

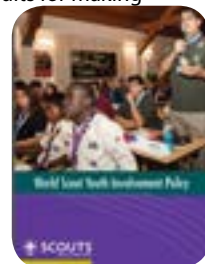
- The impact of recent research and developments in youth involvement
- Guidelines to increase opportunities for youth members involvement at all levels of Scouting
- A framework to assist with implementation at local, institutional and wider community levels
- Definitions and explanations about Youth Involvement and why it is necessary in Scouting
- Ways it can be ensured and strengthened at all levels of Scouting
- Emphasis on the importance of the team and leadership experiences as tools at the unit level to enable young people to be involved
- Guidelines for youth Involvement at the community level
- Emphasises the need to establish a collaborative environment where young people and adults share knowledge and skills naturally and harmoniously
- A timeframe of 9 years for implementation and review
- Tools and activities to enable National Scout Organisations and world level structures in WOSM to enact the policy

It would be timely for each of us to consider what we are doing in our roles to build the capacity of our youth members and to encourage youth participation to ensure greater involvement and empowerment. The new policy can be accessed at <http://ypr.scouts.com.au/perch/resources/youthinvolvementpolicyenfinal-2.pdf>

**Peter Blatch OAM**

**Deputy Chief Commissioner Youth Program**

[Click here to learn more about promoting Youth involvement...](#)





## JOEY SCOUTS

### Joey Scout Jaunt 2015

This year our theme is 'Knights of the Joey Scout Circle' and we are inviting all Leaders and Joey Scouts to attend in appropriate costumes. Have you completed and sent your registration form, don't forget Joey Scout Jaunt is just one month away. Remember, after setting up your bases please have your vehicles off Boys Field by 9.00am and be ready to commence after opening parade. There will be a Campfire at 2.30pm 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.

### Promise Challenge Applications

Great work with all the Joey Scout Promise Challenge applications been received at QSC. I do have a concern though with the growing trend for Leaders not completing the comments area. This area is for you as the Leader completing the form to provide information detailing the work the Joey Scout did to meet the criteria. It is important for me to receive this information as part of the process and for statistical purposes.

I would like this trend to cease, and from the distribution of this month's Encompass any applications received with this area not completed will be sent back to the Leader for completion before the certificate is generated.

[Click here to learn more....](#)

## VENTURER SCOUTS

As I am currently sitting at Camp LUII I find myself pondering "Are we doing everything we can to develop our Venturer Scouts?" We create programs that develop the physical and social aspects but how do we as Leaders develop the spiritual, intellectual and emotional aspects of the youth in our care? If Scouting as an organisation is to stand up to its aims and principals then we need to question how do we challenge and develop all areas of personal growth within the programs that we deliver. If we challenge our thinking to aid the Venturer Scouts' development we are definitely assisting in building a stronger generation of youth into adults.

Youth Members come into the Venturer Scout Section at a crucial time in their development where society challenges their thinking at every turn. This is an ideal situation for an organisation like ours to be right there to provide a safe supportive environment. Simple aspects such as watching a video to evoke discussion or setting idealistic debate topics for Venturer Scouts to research and debate can serve to meet the organisations and the Youth Members' development in the intellectual and emotional areas.

[Click here to learn more....](#)

## CUB SCOUTS

*"Look well, Oh wolves, Look well"*

### 100 Years of Cub Scouts 2016

#### Less than two months to go

So get those entries in! Queensland currently (29 June) only has one entry submitted to the '100 Years of Cub Scouts 2016 - National Badge Design Competition' for Cub Scouts. As detailed in last month's Encompass and Cub Scout News <https://scoutsqld.com.au/blog/2015/06/03/cub-scout-news/> the National Competition was launched on 1st June 2015 and entries close 31st August 2015; winners will be announced 30th September 2015. The National winning design will be adapted as the Scouts Australia's 100 years of Cub Scouts Badge to be worn from Founders Day 2016 to 31st December 2016.

#### Have you put the date of the National '100 Years of Cub Scouts Campfire' in your Calendars?

As detailed in last month's Encompass and Cub Scout News <https://scoutsqld.com.au/blog/2015/06/03/cub-scout-news/> Saturday 30th July 2016 has been chosen for National Cub Scout Campfire events with a Reaffirmation of the Cub Scout Promise at 8.00pm Queensland time. Have you started planning for the activity at Pack, District and/or Region level?

Are you all aware of the details for the new **Walkabout Award and Camper Award Badges**? These award badges are new and are relevant to the members of all Sections, Joey Scouts through to Rover Scouts; so Cub Scout Leaders do need to know about these Awards. .

[Click here to read more....](#)

## ROVER SCOUTS

### Urban Challenge

Lights, Camera, Action! It's Urban Challenge 2015! UC2015 will be held on the 17-19th of July 2015, at the Queensland Scout Centre in Auchenflower, Brisbane. This year's theme is Lights, Camera, Action and we are very excited to see as many Venturers, Rovers and Leaders involved as possible. Applications are now open! Head to <http://register.scoutsqld.com.au/> to secure your spot!

For more information please see the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/580083672131130/>

### St George's Ball

Ticket sales close Friday 17th July. Theme is Vegas or Brisvegas! It will be a glamorous night of awards and recognition.

This event will also formally thank Gavin Brady (BC Rovers) for his service to the Rover Section in his time as BC.

Don't miss your opportunity to share your thanks. <https://www.facebook.com/events/368249480040894/>

[Click here to learn more about Rovering....](#)

## SCOUTS

Hi loyal readers. My apologies for the brevity of this article but with AJ2016 and SSS probably in play as you read this I have had very little time to acquaint myself with the inside of my eye lids.

### A53 Proficiency Badge Form

A new A53 form is now available on the Branch website.

You should all be familiar with this form as it is the first step in the undertaking of a proficiency badge.

This form essentially forms a contract between the Scout and the badge examiner.

It is a very valuable experience for a Scout to engage in a discussion with an adult and negotiate the terms of the badge and then to follow through on that to honour the agreement.

This badge is an individual achievement and shouldn't be churned out sausage mill style across the Troop or a course.

Proficiency badges are subject to a lot of variation and individuality so I think it is pertinent to have a quick review of the requirements.

[Click here for more Scouting news...](#)

### Scout Section Award Scheme

[Visit the website to see the Approved Scout Section Award Scheme changes...](#)

**Approved National Executive Committee meeting June 2015**

## INTERNATIONAL

### International Scarf Design Competition

#### Your opportunity to make a change



Every time a Scout travels overseas to represent our country, whether it be to an international Jamboree or to visit another Scout Group, they receive a very special scarf. This scarf, the Australian international scarf, tells the world how proud we are to be Australian Scouts, and it is an honour to wear one representing our country. Now you (yes, YOU!) have the chance to ensure the world remembers us and our scarves for years to come.

[Click here to learn more....](#)

### I HAVE "GONE HOME"



Bill McGuigan	March 2015
Wilma Morrison	June 2015
Frank Jamieson	June 2015

## ENVIRONMENTAL

### Calendar dates

22/8/15	Cub Scouts	Rocky Creek
22/8/15	Cub Scouts	Eprapah
29-30/8	Scout & Venturer Scouts Weedbust	Eprapah
12/9/15	Joey Scouts	Eprapah
19/9/15	Joey Scouts	Eprapah

### Book Now

Email: [activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au)

Ph: 3870 7000

### National Tree Day

26th July 2015



## TRAINING

### Latest dates for Mob and Pack Holiday Make Up Courses

These courses are only for those Leaders that have completed their training up to the old Skills 1.



To be held at Queensland Scout Centre, Dixon St, Auchenflower.

**Mob Holiday Course 15 Aug**

**Pack Holiday Course 5 Sept**

Please use the A15 training course form.

[Click here for training calendar ...](#)

## SPECIAL DUTIES

We often hear people speak of the patience of Job (pronounced 'jobe').

His story is found in the Hebrew Scriptures, where he is the subject of a beautiful dramatic poem. It was written to help those, who knowing God to be just and loving, could not understand why good people often had to endure great suffering while bad people often prospered.

In the story, Job is an Arab sheikh. He is shown to be a man of great wealth, who lives devoutly with his family and enjoys the best of health. There is nothing in his life to make him doubt the goodness of God.

Then the devil has a word with God. "It is easy for a man to trust in God when everything is going well, but Job would turn against you if he lost his possessions."

God knows that even if this was to happen, his servant Job would remain faithful.

[Click here to learn what Job did ...](#)

## NEWS AND EVENTS

Cub Scouts from Capricorn Region gathered at Awonga Dam, Gladstone on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June 2015 for the annual Cub Region camp.

The Capricorn region was represented with 84 Cubs and 52 leaders and parents coming together for a fun filled weekend of fun filled activities, triumphs and Kub Kar racing, whilst meeting other cub scouts from the region sharing skills and tales.

[Click here for more from Capricorn, Central and Coastal and the Darling Downs Regions' adventures...](#)



### Retention of Adult Members in Scouting Survey

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>

### St Johns Wood are turning 70 and writing about it - seeking Sponsors!

Our Group Historian and Archivist, Rob Bruce, has written the Group's history: Through the Decades: A History of the St Johns Wood Scout Group 1945-2015, which will be released at anniversary celebration on 24 October 2015.

Become a sponsor of this professionally produced book filled with history, stories and photographs. All sponsorships will be acknowledged.

### Seeking other written histories

As an archivist and historian, Rob is seeking other Scout Groups in Queensland that have written their history. Contact Rob Bruce [rdmr.bruce@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rdmr.bruce@optusnet.com.au)

[Click to learn more...](#)



### Joey Scouts celebrate 25

Joey Scouts from all over the Darling Downs Region converged in Toowoomba for a celebration 25 years in the making.



The new Scouts Australia Queensland Branch Annual Report is available for downloading.

Read about the exciting activities and events that have happened throughout the year.

[Click here for the report...](#)

## BRANCH SUPPORT OFFICE

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Phone: 07 3870 7000	Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm
Fax: 07 3870 4960	

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## DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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