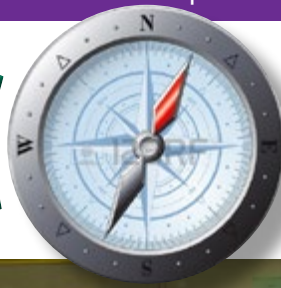




# ENCOMPASS



Sixteen Mount Isa Joey Scouts built and painted hobby horses for a re-enactment of the 2nd Light Horse charge at Beersheba for Anzac celebrations

## MONTHLY ONLINE NEWSLETTER

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### EVENT BADGES

Name of badge	Date approved	Date to be removed
100 Years of Cub Scouting badge	19 February 2016	31 December 2016

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### ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

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

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

**SSS2016**  
**Agoonoree**

**Urban Challenge**  
**TNT Moot**

### YOUTH & LEADER AWARDS

Each month the Members that have achieved the highest Youth Awards for their Section are recognised in a post on the Scouts Queensland's website.

Leaders that have achieved their Woodbadge that month are also recognised in this way.

*Look here for more...*

### 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...*

### YOUTH PROGRAM

#### PLAN, DO, REVIEW

We all know that the motto of Scouting is to **Be Prepared**. We also know that learning by doing is an important part of our Scout Method. So it should be no surprise that one of the prominent features coming out from the Youth Program Review is for us to get our members to plan, do and then review their activities. Sure I hear you say that is always done, but this is about encouraging our youth members from Joey Scouts up to Rovers - all joining in at an age appropriate level to plan, prepare and review all they are doing.

Scouts of tomorrow do not solely need knowledge. They need to develop their personal skills to be self-regulating, to be able to organise, to be able to reflect and learn, to communicate and to collaborate. If we as Leaders are to enable our youth to achieve the purpose of Scouting, our youth members must be involved in the whole planning cycle of their program. **Plan, Do and Review** is a dynamic tool that can be used in many ways across all facets of our program. Are you ready for the challenge? We will keep you informed about this exciting tool.

**Peter Blatch OAM**  
**Deputy Chief Commissioner Youth Program**

### INTERNATIONAL INKLINGS

#### International Pen Pal Program

Apply for your International Pen Pal Today! You can apply for Individual or Section Links - email [penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au) for more information.

*Click here for more the latest International Inklings...*



## CHIEF COMMISSIONER

### EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

The Fundamentals of Scouting focus on creating a supportive and inclusive environment for young people, promoting their physical and emotional wellbeing and facilitating development. It is vital that all Adults in Scouting provide young people with the space to develop positive self-esteem, values, resilience and feel comfortable to talk about their feelings.

This month we need to look at emotional wellbeing of our youth members.

#### What is emotional wellbeing?

Emotional wellbeing (sometimes called mental wellbeing) describes how you feel and how well you can cope with day-to-day life.

If a person has good emotional wellbeing they are able to:

- feel relatively confident in themselves
- adapt in times of change and uncertainty
- build and maintain positive relationships

Emotional wellbeing can change from day to day. If someone experiences low emotional wellbeing for a long period of time, they are more likely to develop a mental health problem (see below for more information).

#### What affects emotional wellbeing?

Everyone has times when they feel stressed, upset or find it difficult to cope. These feelings can make us act in ways that we wouldn't usually.

A young person's emotional wellbeing can be affected by common life events such as bullying, pressures of exams or losing a loved one. Building emotional resilience can improve wellbeing and make it easier to adapt to challenging circumstances.

Ways of building emotional resilience include:

- looking after your physical health
- building positive relationships
- doing the things you enjoy
- taking steps to increase your confidence.

These are all things that Scouting can bring to a young person and that we can use to maximise the benefits of Scouting.

#### What can I do to promote emotional wellbeing in my Section?

Scouting has a positive impact on the emotional wellbeing of young people and can build their resilience. The very nature of Scouting provides consistency, positive relationships and physical activities that can give young people a break from worries in other aspects of their lives and boost self-esteem.

Scouting also provides a supportive environment for young people to share their thoughts and feelings, and challenges them to try new things and build their confidence.

As volunteers you are in a great position to maximise the impact of small things that can improve a young person's wellbeing.

Below we provide some practical examples of the things you can do (and may already be doing):

- Listen. Offer young people a space to identify and express their feelings. Show respect, take all feelings seriously and encourage others to do the same.
- Talk about wellbeing. Include activities in the program to get young people talking about and understanding their emotions. Encourage young people to learn, raise awareness and challenge the stigma around mental health.
- Get moving. Whether it's playing a wide-game or building a campfire, physical activity is good for young people's physical and emotional wellbeing. It can also help to build their confidence and team working skills.
- Support positive relationships. Help young people to understand each other's perspectives.
- Prevent bullying. Take action to prevent bullying, and identify and respond to any incidents accordingly. Refer to resources on Scouts Central and the National e-learning modules.
- Support positive language. Consider the words that you and others in the section use, and how you talk about mental health. Respond to and appropriately challenge any language that may cause offense or lead to stigma.
- Encourage participation. It's important to make sure every young person feels included and able to express themselves if, when and how they want.
- Build self-esteem. Offer consistent positive reinforcement to all the young people in the section to build self-esteem. Support each young person to recognise their strengths, qualities and achievements. Where young people have challenging behaviour, or the section is really busy, this is easily forgotten, but really important.
- Challenge negative self-talk or negative thinking. Encourage positive but realistic thinking.
- Let young people know who can help. A barrier to young people getting the support they need, is often not knowing where to turn. It's good practice to have information on display.

By taking practical actions, awareness of mental health is raised and stigma decreased.

**Next month The Chief Commissioner will discuss ways to recognise a young person experiencing a mental health problem and ways to support our young people.**



## JOEY SCOUTS

### JOEY SCOUT 25 YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY

An open invitation is offered to Joey Scout Leaders and their Mobs for our final birthday party celebrating 25 years of Joey Scouts.

The event is scheduled for Saturday 25 June 2016 at Queensland Scout Centre commencing at 12 noon and finishing at 2.00 pm. We will be running a number of bases providing games and activities which will then be followed by the cutting of the birthday cake.

For organisational purposes if you are intending to come, can you please email me the number of Leaders and youth members coming. Look forward to seeing you all there.



### GANG SHOW

The theme for Brisbane Gang Show this year's show is "SHIPWRECKED", with performances commencing from Friday 01 July 2016 at 7.30 pm through to the last performance on Saturday 09 July 2016 at 7.30 pm. Tickets can be purchased by emailing to [brisbanegstickets@gmail.com](mailto:brisbanegstickets@gmail.com) or buy your tickets online through web address: <https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingDates.aspx?eid=193278&hs=brisbanegangshow.com.au>

or by calling 07 3077 6854. The Brisbane Gang Show office will be open from 9.00 am on 01 April 2016. There are two matinees scheduled for Saturday 2nd July at 11.00 am (Joey/Cub Scout) and 2.30pm and one matinee on Saturday 9th July 2016 at 1.00 pm.

[See more from the Joey Scout Section...](#)

## BROWNSEA WATER ACTIVITIES

### ADULT MEMBERS NEEDED:

Join the team, or simply help out. Safety boat operators and qualified skill Leaders on a part-time or permanent basis. Contact Lee on [browsea@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:browsea@scoutsqld.com.au).

### AVAILABILITY UPDATE:

There are limited weekends still available, so if you want a fun water activity day or weekend, book now by contacting Fiona on [activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:activity.bookings@scoutsqld.com.au).

[Read more....](#)

## BRANCH YOUTH COUNCIL

The Queensland Branch Youth Council has been hard at work setting up for the year ahead and preparing for our upcoming forums! Here is an update from two of our four patrols:

The Collingwood patrol have been working nonstop on important topics which affect every Youth Member. Currently the patrol is surveying, debating, deliberating and consolidating ideas around what information youth should receive and how they should receive it. The patrol has already collected a tonne of data and we hope to produce useful recommendations that benefit the entirety of Scouting. We aim for Youth involvement at all levels of Scouting and encourage anyone thinking about taking on a leadership position to give it a shot and try your best! ~Collingwood Patrol.

Jindalee patrol for 2016 is fortunate enough to have members across all sections. We are made up of 2 Rovers 3 Venturer Scouts and a Scout. We also spread across Queensland from Brisbane and the Gold Coast to Central Queensland.

[Click here for more from the BYC...](#)

## CUB SCOUTS

### "Look well, Oh wolves, Look well"

Where has the month gone? My Scouting 'two hours' a week (Yeah right; not even close) seems to have been consumed with 100 Years of Cub Scouting planning and activities, meetings, ANZAC day activities, visits – including three day to Far North Region, and the considerable effort and time in chasing and trying to finalise Applications, Payments and numbers for CUBOREE 2016 "RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE" is that much closer. So, regrettably, when it came time to write this article, my 'creative talents (?)' seemed to be at a bit of a low; I have heaps of ideas for topics, but just couldn't appropriately bring any of them forth in print this month. I am always interested to hear what topics you may be interested in me addressing.

In Last month's Encompass (issue 84 - April 2016), in view of the 100 years of Cub Scouting, I again looked at the Cub Scout "Grand Howl"; a 'unique to Cub Scouting' element of the Scouting Opening and Closing Parade format. I have previously provided a lot of comment and detail in respect to the Opening and Closing Parade in previous Encompass Articles (March to December 2014). However, the 'full story' was not in one 'place' or article as a 'single reference source', and so I have now recently consolidated and revised all the articles into one document; the PDF document has been posted to the Scouts Queensland's website at <https://scoutsqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Cub-Scout-Opening-Closing-Parade-Invest-by-BC-CubScouts.pdf>...

### RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE - CUBOREE 2016

Numbers for CUBOREE 2016 are looking great; we even have a Victorian Contingent of 28 attending. However, the CUBOREE 2016 planning team is currently a little bogged down spending a considerable effort chasing printed and signed applications and too many who have not made appropriate payments. <http://cuboree.scoutsqld.com.au/>.

[For more information about Cub Scouts...](#)

### Applications for the 2016 Queensland Agoonoree are now open

Are you aged 12 and up and like to give back to the community whilst having fun with Scouts? If so Agoonoree is exactly that. Each year the camp invites 72 young people with special needs from the community to join Scouting and Guiding for a week of fun. On the camp you will not only help these special needs children experience scouting but you will make new friends and have a blast. To find out more information and to apply head to <http://agoonoree.scoutsqld.com.au>

**We hope to see you at the 2016 Camp!!**

Read all about Queensland Cub Centenary celebrations for 2016 including our sponsorship of Australia Zoo's tiger cub "Scout" Australia Zoo Cub camp out on Sat 30th July and the yellow lighting of the Story and Victoria Bridges.

<https://scoutsqld.com.au/blog/2016/04/13/a-centenary-of-cub-scouts-in-australia-1916-2016-celebrations/>

Scouts are going to be out and about in Bunnings stores across Queensland on Saturday 9th July to run barbeques to raise funds for Hummingbird House. Hummingbird House provides support and respite for terminally ill children and their families.

This is a Messengers of Peace activity and an opportunity for us to provide "service to the community". This is anticipated to be a terrific branding opportunity for Scouts with significant advertising leading up to the event.



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### FIRE ANTS AND SCOUTS QUEENSLAND

#### Background

Queensland has many plants and animals that have been introduced, either deliberately or accidentally. Some of these species have become invasive—that is, they have spread and multiplied to the point where they can cause damage to the environment, economy and the community, including human health and recreation.

Fire ants were first detected in the Brisbane area in February 2001, these South American ants pose a serious social, economic and environmental threat. Fire ants have been declared a notifiable pest under the Plant Protection Act 1989.

#### Social impacts

Fire ants are a social menace because of their sting. Encounters with fire ants usually involve dozens of ants moving quickly and undetected. By the time they sting, a large number of ants could be on your body, all stinging at once. Stings from fire ants can cause a painful, burning itching sensation, which can last for up to an hour.

*For more important information...*



The Hawk says,  
"Don't miss out on the coolest event on the Scouting calendar."

**OPERATION NIGHTHAWK 2016**

**13 & 14 August 2016**  
Cost: \$30.00 per participant

Don't be late.  
Get your entries in now!

**Show Grounds Goombungee**

Online applications are available at: [www.darlingdownsscouts.org.au](http://www.darlingdownsscouts.org.au)  
Enquiries Email: [Nighthawk@DarlingDownsScouts.org.au](mailto:Nighthawk@DarlingDownsScouts.org.au)  
Please note that all applications will not be processed until full payment has been received.  
Printed applications, cheque payments and for further information send to:  
Nighthawk Committee, PO Box 6116  
Clifford Gardens, Toowoomba 4350 **All entries close Friday 29 July 2016**

### SPECIAL DUTIES

Once upon a time, a very strong woodcutter asked for a job in a timber merchant and he got it. The pay was really good and so was the work condition. For those reasons, the woodcutter was determined to do his best. His boss gave him an axe and showed him the area where he supposed to work.

The first day, the woodcutter brought 18 trees.

"Congratulations," the boss said. "Go on that way!"

Very motivated by the boss words, the woodcutter tried harder the next day, but he could only bring 15 trees.

The third day he tried even harder, but he could only bring 10 trees. Day after day he was bringing less and less trees.

"I must be losing my strength", the woodcutter thought. He went to the boss and apologized, saying that he could not understand what was going on.

"When was the last time you sharpened your axe?" the boss asked.

"Sharpen? I had no time to sharpen my axe. I have been very busy trying to cut trees..."

Our lives are like that. We sometimes get so busy that we don't take time to sharpen the "axe". In today's world, it seems that everyone is busier than ever but less happy than ever.

*Read more here...*

The Burleigh Heads Scout Group in Queensland was proud to support Victorian Scout Leader Jay Coady from the 1st Bennettswood Scout Group on his 2500 km Tour de Coast bike ride from Brisbane to Melbourne to raise funds for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation. In advance of Jay's visit on 1 April, the Burleigh Heads Scouts held a fundraising wheelathon and barbeque, which raised \$1332.



**See more from Burleigh Heads Scout Group....**

### Moranbah Cub Scouts learn to Be Prepared

Moranbah First Aid night with Ambulance officer Jason assisting the Cub Scouts.

*Click here for more events from around the Regions...*



### KOKODA CHALLENGE JUNIOR GAMES

### EVENT DETAILS

The Kokoda Challenge Junior Games will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at the Herang Velodrome, Hope St Herang. Registration commences at 8am, activities start 10am and finish at 3pm with the medal presentation. Team numbers are limited - get in early to secure your team place!

#### WHAT TO GET EXCITED ABOUT

- The Kokoda Challenge Junior Games is a great opportunity to participate in a hands on learning experience that promotes team work and goal setting.
- The strong historical element will inspire young people to learn more about the Australian military campaign on the Kokoda Track.
- The 'Kokoda Challenge Junior Games' is keeping in with the spirit of the 'Kokoda': Courage, Endurance, Mateship and Sacrifice.
- You may get the opportunity to meet a digger or two.

#### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Packing your backpack and carry it through the short course.
- Battle the enemy in a Tag o war.
- Assisting your mates through the obstacle course.
- Retrace the journey as your battalion makes their way along the track.
- Be the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels assisting the injured through the rough terrain whether it be by stretcher or supporting them.

#### COST

- \$20 per Youth (Early Bird price \$16 if registration received by the 3rd June 2016)
- \$5 per Team Official
- \$7 ea burger & drink (pre-ordered price only, lunch is ready for collection at allocated lunch break).

#### MORE INFORMATION

<http://kokodachallenge.com/junior-kokoda-challenge>  
or [margaret.n@scouts.com.au](mailto:margaret.n@scouts.com.au)

KOKODA YOUTH FOUNDATION

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