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Evie in the front seat at Air Activities
- see Evie's story inside...

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
SSS badge	1 July 2016	1 October 2016
Cuboree badge	1 September 2016	30 November 2016
Joey Scout Jaunt badge	6 August 2016	6 November 2016

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

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

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

Banana Bash 2016

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...](#)

JOEY SCOUTS

Promise Challenge Badges and Certificates

A growing trend is developing where I am receiving Promise Challenge applications on the old forms and/or are outside the criteria for receiving this Award. I have also noticed a trend for Joey Scouts to remain in the Joey Scout section without appropriate approval, I will discuss each of these areas individually.

The new Promise Challenge application has been available for at least 12 months and can be found on Scouts Queensland website. It is important to use the new form as this provides statistical information which I and the office use. From Monday 19 September 2016 Promise Challenge applications sent through on the old forms will be sent back to the Joey Scout Leader and asked to resubmit on the new form.

I have received numerous applications from a number of Mobs that do not comply with the criteria for the awarding of the Promise Challenge Badge and Certificate. I felt very disappointed when I didn't approve these applications and then advising the Joey Scout Leader of my decision. This affects so many people, first, the Joey Scout who has put in the effort and work, the parents, who support their Joey Scout and watch their development as they complete the necessary tasks and then the Joey Scout Leader, who works with their charges developing them as members of the Scout Movement and of the local community.

[Click here for more from the Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts...](#)



CUB SCOUTS

"Look well, Oh wolves, Look well"

As this article goes to print, the "Rumble in the Jungle" is upon us; CUBOREE 2016 advance party starts moving on to the Cuboree site on Wednesday 14th September 2016, followed soon after by the Cub Scouts and Leaders on Sunday 18th September. Please ensure you visit the Cuboree web page <http://cuboree.scoutsqld.com.au/> for the latest updates and information.

The last couple of months have been very busy in the Cub Scouting world. There were all the great activities around Queensland, and Australia, for the 100 Years of Cub Scouting Campfire and Reaffirmation of the Promise, on Saturday 30th July 2016.

Also, there has been a huge number of Cub Scout Pack Holidays, Cuboree 'Preparation' camps and activities and a wide range of other Cub Scout activities, and for those involved in planning and running elements of Cuboree, (tongue in cheek) just a 'little extra' (enormous) effort in time and energy on top of their normal Scout duties - "WOOF!, WOOF!, WOOF!" to all.

[Click here to learn more about the Cub Scout Section...](#)



CHIEF COMMISSIONER

This article may assist you when recruiting adults for the various roles in Scouting.

What can Scouting do for me?

Our adult volunteers get just as much fun from Scouting as young people. As well as helping young people to enjoy the adventure of Scouting, they also get the opportunity to try a whole range of different activities and new experiences.

We can also help them develop their current skills and learn new ones. Volunteering in Scouting can enhance their CV or simply allow them to pursue their interest in a specific hobby.

They don't need to have previous experience in Scouting, just energy and enthusiasm. All of our adult volunteers receive full induction and ongoing training and support.

How can they help Scouting?

There are many ways in which they can give their time to help Scouting whatever their gender, age, abilities and skills. Most of our volunteers have full-time jobs and help out on a flexible basis, around their other commitments.

Whether they can spare two hours a week or one day a month, we need volunteers to help young people experience the challenge and adventure of Scouting.

Simply ask them to let you know their availability and how much they would like to help and you can match this to roles within your local area.

Opportunities

There is a whole range of different volunteering opportunities available through Scouting. For example:

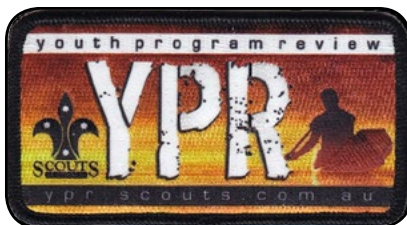
- Leaders to work with young people at weekly meetings
- Group Leaders to lead and support teams of adults to deliver Scouting
- Committees to make sure property and resources are properly administered
- Instructors to run a huge range of adventurous activities
- Media and communications people to promote Scouting and improve our communication
- Commissioners to make sure policies and procedures are followed correctly
- Trainers to co-ordinate our comprehensive adult leader training program

YOUTH PROGRAM TEAM

Update National Youth Program Review

We are pleased to provide an update regarding progress of the Youth Program Review. As you know the last review of this type occurred in the 1960s when our country's population and Australian Scouting was much smaller in membership.

This is a complex process and consultation across all the areas of the Youth Program and the Scout Fundamentals must be done sensitively and involve as many people and stakeholder groups as possible.



This is a brief summary to date

- Currently the detailed Project Plan and Implementation Proposal and budget are being updated
- The proposed timeline for launching the One Program at this stage is at the 2019 Scout Jamboree
- Implementation Plans will be developed by each Branch after this date and likely to take at least two years
- A concept paper regarding the details of the One Program extending across five sections is about to be discussed. We will consult with you about this. Details available soon.
- This concept is built upon having one continuous adventurous Scouting journey across five Sections.
- Ages are likely to be 6 to 25 years as exists currently.
- We will be consulting regarding a final proposal for the Promise and Law in the next few months.
- The Educational Objectives have been revised and are available on the website should you wish to comment on these. Nathan Swaffer and a team from Queensland have developed this.

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

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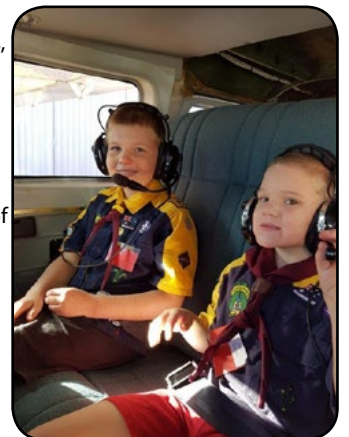
Air Activities Adventure by Evie Donaldson (aged 10)

Flying is awesome. We the Lowood Cubs were all heading to Redcliff for an air activities weekend. After a long drive on a very wet and windy afternoon, we arrived at the Oyster Point Scout Den. It was massive, we were all so surprised. Then we all unpacked the cars. The Redbank Plains cub's stayed with us. The leaders with us were Lorikeet, Chil, Kookie, Mrs Ross, Mr M, Rama & Rex.

It was too wet and cold to play outside so we played a couple of games in the Den. After that we had afternoon tea and got to eat the food we made on Tuesday at Cubs. After a couple more of hours of games it was time for dinner. We got to build your own hamburger. Then we made our beds, got into our pj's and hopped into bed. The leaders put a movie on. It was the new Jungle Book. Some of us fell asleep half way through the movie.

It was so cold and windy when we woke up and got ready for flying. We had a quick walk down to the waterfront to have and a look and then we only had 15 minutes to get ready!

[Click here for more from Evie...](#)



I HAVE "GONE HOME"

Arthur Maurer

July 2016

SCOUTS

Australian Scout Medallions

The recent Branch annual award ceremony gave me cause to reflect upon the Australian Scout Medallion (ASM) as a majority of last year's recipients were there to receive their certificate and have their achievement acknowledged. We are all aware that the ASM is the highest award in the Scout Section and while it doesn't have the rich history of the Queen's Scout or BP Awards it does represent a very significant achievement in a young person's life. A review of the Scout Record Book will reveal the wide array of technical challenges a Scout must navigate through and it's no walk in the park. There is however another more intangible aspect to this Award that isn't so obvious. It relates to the personal development opportunities that a well-run Scout program has to offer, namely the purpose of Scouting, which 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."

At the Branch's annual award ceremony I have the pleasure of meeting and chatting with all of the recipients that attend. This is a rare opportunity to collectively witness the results of the Scout program as well as the way it is has individually woven itself into each recipient's personal achievements. It's truly inspiring and rewarding to see that the future is in such strong, determined, self-reliant and resilient hands. As Leaders it is easy for us to become caught up in the daily or weekly grind of keeping a Troop running well but I'd like to challenge all Leaders to take the opportunity to stand back every now and then and take a look at the "forest" of great young people that are passing through the Movement and feel invigorated by the part you've played.

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

SPECIAL DUTIES REFLECTION

Jerry was the kind of guy you love to hate. He was always in a good mood and always had something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

He was a unique manager because he had several waiters who had followed him around from restaurant to restaurant. The reason the waiters followed Jerry was because of his attitude. He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Jerry was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Jerry and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?" Jerry replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, Jerry, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life."

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested.

"Yes it is," Jerry said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live life."

I reflected on what Jerry said. Soon thereafter, I left the restaurant industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it. Several years later, I heard that Jerry did something you are never supposed to do in a restaurant business: he left the back door open one morning and was held up at gunpoint by three armed robbers. While trying to open the safe, his hand, shaking from nervousness, slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him. Luckily, Jerry was found relatively quickly and rushed to the local trauma center. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullets still in his body. I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?"

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

VENTURER SCOUTS

Unit Constitutions

Does your Unit have a Constitution? Why should a Unit have a Constitution? What information should be in a Unit Constitution? These are all questions that are frequently asked and this article will respond to these questions.

Whilst I cannot answer the question "Does your Unit have a Constitution?" I can advise that it is highly recommended that every Venturer Scout Unit has a Constitution. A constitution is a body of fundamental principles or established precedents according to which an organisation is acknowledged to be governed. As each Venturer Scout Unit operates with individuals, it is important that a constitution reflects the agreed understandings to which that Unit will operate. This however does not allow a Venturer Scout Unit to have information in their constitution that contradicts any information of a constitution that sits above a Venturer Scout Unit Constitution. That is a Venturer Scout Unit Constitution can not contradict information in Queensland Branch's QBSI, Scouts Australia's Policy and Rules or Government legislation and laws.

A Venturer Scout Unit Constitution should reflect information that is agreed upon by all members of the Venturer Scout Unit and will be the resource that is referred back to regarding information on how the Unit will operate. It should include (but not be limited to):

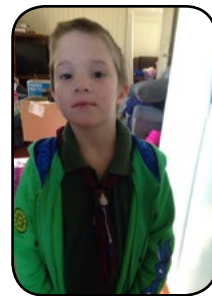
Generic information such as: Unit Name; Meeting time and date; Membership requirements; Unit Council positions, meeting frequency, and election process; Unit finances; Attendance; Uniform; Unit property; and amendments to the Constitution.

[Click here for more Venturer Scout updates...](#)

WORLD SCOUT SCARF DAY

Lowood Cub Scouts were encouraged to wear their Scarf to school and send in a photo. Lots of the cubs very proudly did just this.

Our Cub Scouts come from a whole variety of small schools, so Scouting was certainly seen out and about on the 1st August.



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

MCHAPPY DAY

McHappy Day will be held on 12 November this year to raise funds for seriously ill children and their families through Ronald McDonald House Charities.

By participating you will be helping to raise funds and your youth members can earn a blanket badge!

To participate complete your details on the link below by 12 Sep 2016, including the stores you would prefer to be placed at.

Closer to the day you will be sent details of the event manager from the store you have been allocated to finalise details. Please contact them for any further queries about your participation.

<https://form.jotform.com/ScoutsAust/mchappy-day-12-november-2016>

ENVIRONMENT DAY A SUCCESS

Environment Day a Success for Community, Scouts and Environment (Local Bulletin)

Cubs Scouts, Scouts and the local community have benefited from the recent tree planting done at Tyamolum Scout property, Mt Crosby.

Twenty cub scouts and scouts planted over 100 native trees and shrubs as part of their Environment and Naturalist badges.

Scout property Manager, Ian Heath said "The day was a huge success and built on the great work done on National Tree Day".

"We have done a great deal of weed removal over the past year, removing mostly bush lantana (*Lantana camara*) and a dense patch of Cat's Claw (*Macfadyena uguis-cati*) so we can plant the understorey species which will provide wildlife habitats and food, and complement the woodlands and forests occurring on the property."

The weeding and planting project is being funded under the State Government's Everyone's Environment grant.

Oxley Creek Catchment Group helped with weed removal and the cubs and scouts will plant out areas with suitable plant species provided by Moggill Creek Catchment Group and the Brisbane City Council, as part of their Land for Wildlife Program. Before planting commenced, two bags of Mothers of Million plants were removed.



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

Training Support Subsidy

Please be advised to help offset the cost of Adult Leader Training, Queensland Branch has introduced a Training Support Subsidy, payable for Leaders who achieve their Wood Badge.

How does it work?

For any Leader who undertakes the Advanced Training Course (since 1st April 2016) for the first time and completes the required project and evaluation within six months of attendance of the Advanced Training course, the Group/District/Region will receive 50 % of the current cost of training.

[Click here for the memorandum with further details...](#)

Queensland Campsites Updates

Weekend Wardens at Baden-Powell Park

We are seeking expressions of interests from members who would be willing to volunteer their time to be a **Camp Warden** at **BP Park, Samford**.

Camp Wardens are required to spend the weekend at the park to assist and monitor the campers. The Supervisor's Cottage is available for wardens to stay in during the weekend.

If you are interested in this job or would like more information please contact Fiona or Lesley on (07) 3721 5737 or bookings@scoutsqld.com.au.

Wanted Camp Managers

Scout Campsite, **Camp Cooroora at Lake McDonald** near Cooroy on the Sunshine Coast, requires **Caretaker/Managers**.

Would suit retired, or semi retired couple, with their own van.

Late September to early October start.

Contact Tony on 07 54 927400 or email tonyscs79@bigpond.com for a job description and conditions.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Central Coast Region News

Bowen Scout Group promoted scouting on World Scout Day by presenting a Scarf to the Principal of St Mary Primary School. Pictured is Cub Scout Leader Justine Hart with scouting members from Bowen who attend St Mary's presenting the Principal Dianne Austin with a scarf.



Banksia Scout Group had two reasons to celebrate recently with the presentation of a Wood Badge to Joey Scout Leader Johanna Atherstone and an Australian Scout Medallion to Scout Lachlan Kentwell. Banksia Group was very fortunate to have a leader transfer in who had achieved her Wood Badge however she hadn't been presented with her Gilwell scarf and woggle and wood beads.

Johanna's son Timothy took part in the presentation by presenting her with the woodbeads.



Peter Kentwell Lachlan's dad presented him with his ASM Badge. Lachlan transferred to Banksia Group from Mt Isa and was enthusiastic enough to compete the requirements of the Australian Scout Medallion.

[Click here to see more from the Region...](#)

Brisbane North Region News

Friday July 29th saw the 'Bur-Ford-Ton' Venturer Scouts hosting an Eagle Scout 'Court of Honor' for two American Boy Scouts. DJ Kempson is from The Grand Canyon Council in Arizona. He achieved Eagle Scout in August 2014. However, he moved to Australia before he could have his Eagle Court of Honor.

Gabe Pagram is originally from Three Fires Council in Illinois and achieved Eagle Scout in Brisbane this April as an American Lone Scout attached to the Far East Council based in Japan. Gabe's Eagle Scout project, to relocate and fit-out the Holy Trinity Fortitude Valley community pantry, involved some 30 Scouts, parents and friends in January this year.

The young men were very happy to share a little of American Scouting with their Brisbane Venturing colleagues.

DJ is also an American Lone Scout, and is using outdoor experiences with Scouting in both Australia and the US to work towards the National Outdoor Achievement Award for outstanding skills and participation in each of camping, aquatics, conservation, hiking, riding and adventure.

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



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