

PRESS RELEASE
GYMPIE DISTRICT SCOUTS
SCOUT SUPPORTER SCARF PRESENTATIONS

It's another milestone for Gympie this month with the 100th Anniversary of Cubbing. While Scouting began here, officially, in 1908, the first "grand howl" was given by Gympie Cub Scouts in 1918. Scouting still has much to offer the youth of today with a variety of activities and programmes catering for children from 6 to 18 years and young adults from 18 to 26. And why leave all the fun to the younger generation when adults too can join the fun and adventure as Leaders and support personnel.

Scout Scarf Day was celebrated around the world on Wednesday, 1st August, with current members as well as retired leaders & scouts, wearing their scarves to commemorate the first Scout camp held at Brownsea Island, by Lord Robert Baden-Powell in 1907. To mark the significance of the occasion, members of the Nashville Scout Group, along with District Commissioner Carol Harris, presented civic leaders with a special Scout scarf in recognition of the contribution made to the youth of Gympie region.

Our State member Tony Perrett, was presented with his scarf on Monday while Mayor Mick Curran received his scarf on Wednesday. Both the State Government and the Gympie Regional Council have made significant contributions to Scouting in Gympie. A grant from the National Parks, Sports & Recreation Department assisted with the purchase of specialised light weight equipment for use on overnight camps & canoeing activities while money from the Gambling Community Benefits Fund, set up by the Qld Government, enabled the building of sheds to store larger pieces of equipment and to upgrade kitchen facilities.

The GRC continues to assist local groups and have been doing so for over 100 years, supplying appropriate areas of land for Scout use and assisting with buildings & upgrades; enabling the involvement of Scouts in local activities including the Goldrush Parade, Little Kids Day Out, ANZAC Day, Emergency Services Expo and Winter Trees on Mary. During their visit to the Mayoral office, Mick Curran took time to explain his daily routine to the Cubs and Scouts, describing some of the items in his office, including numerous photos of the region; the Mayor also showed them an old "Gympie" flag.

As well as MP Tony Perrett and Mayor Mick Curran, Gympie Scout Groups would like to thank the many people and organisations throughout the Gympie region who continue to provide support and assistance, including the Gympie RSL Sub-Branch, Braemar Masonic Lodge, Gympie Quota Club, the Baden-Powell Guild, the Gympie Historic Auto Club, Mitre 10, Bunnings, Gympie Camping and Outdoors.

Scouting is run by volunteers and provides exciting activities and programmes for its youth members and leaders. If you'd like to find out what Scouting offers and the fun and adventure that Scouts enjoy, visit the Facebook pages for Nashville and Centenary Scout Groups or contact the District Commissioner Carol Harris on 0437 426 055

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Still Scouting after 30+ years and doing my bit for Gympie Scouts.

Photos:

(1) Member for Gympie, Tony Perrett, proudly wearing his Scout Supporter scarf presented by DC Carol Harris, and with Gympie Scouting members Joseph, Jacob, Jordan, Angus & Mackenzie.

(2) Mayor Mick Curran showing the Gympie Flag to members of Nashville Scout Group, Cub Scouts Martha, Ezra, Aiden & Joseph, and Scouts Harriet & Angus.

(3) Mayor Mick Curran with Gympie Scouts & Cub Scouts Angus, Aiden, Ezra, Joseph, Martha & Harriet with District Commissioner Carol Harris (rear).