



SCOUTS
AUSTRALIA
Queensland Branch Inc.



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Creating a better world for over 100 years



Fundamentals of Scouting

Our Aim

The Aim of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, social, spiritual and emotional development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Our Principles

The Principles of Scouting as identified by the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, are that Scouts should serve God, act in consideration of the needs of others and develop and use their abilities to the betterment of themselves and their families and the communities in which they live.

The Scout Promise

On my honour
I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to my God and
To the Queen of Australia
To help other people, and
To live by the Scout Law

The Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy
A Scout is loyal
A Scout is helpful
A Scout is friendly
A Scout is cheerful
A Scout is considerate
A Scout is thrifty
A Scout is courageous
A Scout is respectful
A Scout cares for the environment.



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Foreword



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Her Excellency the Governor of
Queensland

Ms Quentin Bryce, AC

Chief Scout of Queensland

As the Queensland State Chief Scout I want to affirm and promote the values and principles that signify Scouts Australia and its fine traditions of courage, endeavour and service.

Scouting asserts responsibility for the young people in its care in relevant contemporary ways – through leadership training, community engagement, environmental awareness, participation in indigenous communities, and a range of healthy, outdoor activities that build self-esteem and self-reliance.

Scouting encourages young people to require more of themselves; to rise above the ordinary and to inspire others in their citizenship.

I support the nurturing role of Scouts, and I commend its positive and creative responses to the continuing changes in our society, and the needs and expectations of its culturally diverse members.

I express my sincere gratitude and admiration for your immense contribution to young Australians.



Queensland Branch

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Branch Executive

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Ms Karen Andrews

Western Region



Branch Executive Chairman's Report

Mr President, Chief Commissioner, Members of Branch Council, Uniform Members of the Branch, I am pleased to provide an overview of the last twelve months of the Branch Executive Committee.

It has been a busy year and perhaps achievements throughout the period could best be summed up by saying "steady as she goes". There has been a slight turn around in youth membership numbers; particularly in the lower age groups there has been a steady increase in enrolments this year. Unfortunately finding new leaders has proved to be more difficult. With events marking the World Centenary of Scouting to be held later this year, and with further events to be held next year marking the centenary of scouting in Australia, it is hoped that more young people, and more importantly more potential leaders, will join the movement.

Branch Executive has been increasingly concerned about administration at formation level. Many census, property, and other returns are not forwarded to Branch on time, and Branch has experienced difficulty in reducing the amount of bad debts at formation level. At this stage Branch Executive is relying on Regional Commissioners to ensure compliance by formations with their obligations to Branch, but if that is not successful consideration will have to be given to introducing tougher measures. The concern is that tougher measures may force the closure of formations and that, of course, is not desirable.

The large number of youth members attending the recent Jamboree and receiving awards does indicate that the movement is still able to provide a product of interest to the youth of today. In that regard it should be noted that a large contingent of Queensland Scouts attended the Jamboree held in Victoria earlier this year and special thanks are due to contingent leaders Pieter Van Der Kamp and Jean Clifford. At a recent meeting of Executive it was resolved that we should advise National Executive Committee that Queensland was prepared to run the 23rd Jamboree in 2013.

As already mentioned a large number of youth members have qualified for awards and many were presented with their awards at a ceremony presided over by the Chief Scout at Government House earlier this year. The Executive is grateful for the continued support the movement has been receiving from her Excellency the Chief Scout.

The Chief Commissioner in his report will undoubtedly refer to planned activities in August marking the World

Centenary of Scouting. Planning is also underway for events to be held in 2008 to mark the Centenary of Scouting in Australia. It is proposed to hold a Gala Dinner in 2008 to which all current and former members of the movement will be invited. A committee has already been put in place to commence organising that function.

Maurice Law's term as State Executive Officer expired on 24 March 2007. At the February meeting of Executive a decision was taken to advertise the position. That decision was not a reflection on the work done during his previous term by Maurice Law, but was taken by Executive with a view to considering whether the movement would be better served by again separating the roles of Chief Commissioner and State Executive Officer. The meeting formally asked Maurice Law to apply for the advertised position. At the ensuing meeting of Executive in March, which was attended by more than double the number of regular attendees at Executive meetings, a number of resolutions were passed in regard to the position of State Executive Officer. The motion passed at the February meeting was rescinded, and a motion was carried reappointing Maurice Law as State Executive Officer for the balance of his term as Chief Commissioner.

Given the debate on that issue at both the February and March meetings of Executive it was also resolved that a committee be appointed to review the Constitution of the Branch, including the administrative structure. That committee was directed to report within two years. At the April meeting a resolution was passed appointing a number of persons to that committee. It is hoped that the committee will be able to report well within the two year period and that any necessary changes to the Constitution can be made to ensure the smooth running of the movement particularly at Branch level.

It is also hoped, and this was a view I formally expressed at the conclusion of the March meeting, that there would in future be fuller attendances at meetings by members of the Executive committee so that the decision making process was not left to a few who regularly attended monthly meetings.

Concern has been expressed from time to time at what has been perceived to be a high turnover of staff in the office.



There appears to have been a number of factors causing that, and steps have been taken with a view to ensuring that there is an harmonious working environment in the office and that all concerned are in a position to provide good administrative support to the movement at all levels.

Finance has continued to be a significant issue of concern to Branch Executive. Fortunately insurance costs have not risen significantly of late, and despite some reduction in membership numbers over the years we have been able to budget last year and this year for a small surplus. That that has been achieved is in no small measure due to the work of the Finance Committee under the guidance of the Honorary Treasurer Geoff White.

Particular reference should be made of the improvements to facilities carried out during the last year at the Karingal campsite. That was done in a project jointly conducted with the Police Citizens Youth Club. A caretaker has now been employed to reside on site and it is hoped that more extensive use of the Karingal campsite will generate funds to assist in the further improvement of the site and the movement generally.

The Strategic Directions Committee has continued to review the position of BP Park with a view to making its use cost neutral to the movement. That Committee has also been looking at ways and means of continuing the Air Activities Section beyond this year when we will have to vacate the premises on Archerfield Aerodrome.

The expansion of military activities on the Amberley Airbase will necessitate a relocation of scouting activities from the present site on the base. The expansion of activities on the Amberley base is expected to lead to the need for residential

development in that area, particularly around Walloon. In consequence of a lot of hard work by Regional Commissioner Ken Millers the Branch has entered into a conditional contract to purchase an area of land at Walloon. If all of that goes ahead the movement will have a home in what should become a developing area for young families.

As a result of continued Commonwealth Government funding we have been able to continue our work in indigenous communities around the Gulf. Particular thanks are due to Assistant Chief Commissioner Bryan Brown and Project Commissioner Cliff Farmer for their work in this regard. They have regularly undertaken visits to the area and it is through their continuing efforts that scouting is becoming more accepted by the young people in the area.

Finally, I should record on behalf of the movement thanks to Maurice Law, Chief Commissioner and State Executive Officer, Geoff White Honorary Treasurer, and Phil McNicol who heads the Property Committee for their work over the past twelve months. Were it not for the dedicated service to the movement given by those three in particular, and all members of Executive in general, we would not be in the sound position that we are today.

As I have said in past reports, much has been achieved in the last twelve months but there is still much more that could be done. That is true today. As I have already said, hopefully the centenary activities over the next eighteen months will be a catalyst resulting in an increase in membership at all levels of the movement, and give the movement a higher profile throughout the State.

Justice Glen Williams, AC
Branch Executive Chairman,
Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch





Honorary Treasurer's Report

Mr President, Chief Commissioner, Members of Branch Council and Uniform Members of the Branch, I am pleased to present the finance report of the Queensland Branch for the year ended 31 March 2007. Consistent with normal practice, this finance report does not include the results of the Regions, Districts or individual Formations.

The audited financial statements report a profit (after depreciation and provisioning) of \$385,694 for the year ended March 2007. Our position has been assisted by the sale of properties and the surplus generated by the Jamboree however we have nonetheless recorded losses in areas such as:

BP Park	\$81K – primarily due to lack of use
Air Activities	\$37K – primarily due to increase in rent

Members will note that retained earnings have increased by \$286,551, and distributions to reserves from profit amounted to \$99,143 during the year ended 31 March 2007. Other increases in reserves were \$83,041 to unrealised capital profits on investments, and \$427,000 to campsites attributable to the assumption of responsibilities for the Tyamolum campsite.

International Financial Reporting Standards require our investments in equities to be valued at current market value at balance date. The policy of the Association has always been to select quality investments and hold them in the long term. This reporting requirement will see some volatility in the reported value of our share market investments over the term that the shares are held, as fluctuations in value of shares occur. However, this year the accounting policy relating to the carrying value of investments has been changed to take increases (and decreases) to market value directly to the unrealised capital profits reserve, rather than income. This is a positive change for the Association and removes volatility from the income statement caused by changes in market value. The effect of this change is set out in Note 1 (h). Branch Headquarters ensures it maintains sufficient cash to meet the day to day needs of the Association without the necessity of liquidating investments in other than a planned and optimal manner.

PROPERTY SALES

During the year, two surplus properties were sold with the proceeds totalling \$71,318. Members of Branch Council are aware that funds are allocated so they can be used to develop programs and support the Chief Commissioner and his Team in servicing the Membership across the State.

JAMBOREE 2007

Jamboree 2007 was held in Victoria in January 2007 and provided a positive contribution to the final full year result.

SCOUT SUPPLY

The Scout Supply shop located at Branch Headquarters continued to trade profitably. Scout Supply is currently reviewing its operations with the objective of containing costs while continuing to maintain a high level of service to all areas.

INSURANCE

The Movement insurance requirements are sourced through our current brokers, AON, who were appointed in 2005. This year we again achieved modest reductions in premiums on all policies, but more importantly significant improvement to the deductibles structure.

CASH FLOW BUDGET 2007/2008

The 2007/2008 cash flow budget projects a surplus of \$36,378. The budget is conservative and has been well scrutinised and all costs are contained as far as possible. After significant discussion and comment, the budget has been adopted by the Branch Executive Committee.

We are still in difficult times, with significant shortfalls in traditional revenues corresponding with increasing and expanding demands on those revenues to maintain programs to a standard acceptable to the Chief Commissioner, and vital to the needs of the Movement.

We are continuing with our previously communicated objective which is to stem as far as possible the losses from unprofitable operations and unbudgeted expenses. The longer-term objective is to identify other income streams to meet current shortfalls, and it is part of our strategy to convert under-performing assets of the Association to fund programs, including the 2015 Plan.

It is pleasing to note that the diversification of our income producing assets into the Australian share market continues to provide a solid and increasing income stream, and at the reporting date, an unrealised investment gain of \$277K.



Collection of outstanding monies from Members and Groups continues to be a focus and some improvements in our outstanding debtors have been made.

Improved inventory management has impacted on our overall stock holding and purchase discounts are being maximised.

DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Branch Development Fund provides an “at call” investment facility for Groups and other Formations, and as at the end of the financial year, \$788,151 was invested and \$837,233 was on loan to Formations for approved development projects. I encourage Groups to take advantage of the facility available through the Fund.

GRANTS

As with normal practice, I would like to report the value of grants received by Scout Groups for the financial year under review.

During the year, Groups have been successful in securing a total of \$497K in grants from various Government and Statutory Authorities.

The support we receive from these bodies is greatly appreciated and will enable various projects to be completed. We are also in the process of seeking grant funding for Branch Headquarters.

Mr President and Members of Branch Council, 2007 has again been a challenging year for the Branch and the indications are that the year ahead will be similar. Our plan is substantially unchanged and to the extent that our resources permit, being to focus on continued improvements in operations in support of the Movement in Queensland, to control our costs, and to enhance existing income streams whilst diversifying and developing new ones.

In closing, I would like to thank the Members of the Finance Committee, the office staff and the Uniform Members of the Branch and to encourage them all for another challenging year.

Mr President, I move that my report and the Financial Report as Tabled be accepted.

Mr Geoff White,
Branch Executive Honorary Treasurer,
Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch

Chief Commissioner's Report

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The highlight of August 2006 was the outstanding success of “World Scout Day” held at Branch Headquarters. A large number of Members from the Movement attended with Youth Members speaking about “What Scouting means to them”. The 2006 Adult Recognition Awards were also announced and Life Memberships presented to Elwyn McKee and Guy Hamlyn-Harris.

Whilst I believe that the Scout Supply Centre operating from the Queensland Scout Centre is operating in an acceptable manner I have for some time now been concerned about the operation of the Scout Supply Centre from the Logan Office. As a result of the paper presented to the Finance Committee that committee agreed that the

Logan Supply Centre should be closed at the earliest possible time.

We have also for the last couple of years been considering opening a Scout Supply Centre at the Strathpine Den on the North side of Brisbane. As a result of our experience with the Logan Scout Supply Centre I believe that no further consideration should be given in this regard.

I am however concerned as to the level of service given to the Movement in relation to the Scout Supply Centre and am therefore extremely pleased that the Branch Finance committee agreed to purchase a suitable vehicle through which we could provide a mobile supply service to the Movement.

Our experience last year with this type of service, showed this to be quite profitable and indeed was appreciated by Leaders who did not have the opportunity to come to the Scout Supply Centre.

It is envisaged that the mobile service will visit all major Scouting Activities within the Brisbane Metropolitan area,



were it will make available for purchase items relevant to the type of activities being conducted. It is further envisaged that this mobile service will be provided at a number of training courses that are run at a Regional level such as Field days. In order to increase the success of this project early promotion will be done to Leaders attending those activities advising that the Scout Supply Centre will be attending and will have products available for sale.

It is further envisaged that this mobile service would be used to do at least two or three trips a year into some of the country areas there by providing a service from Branch Headquarters to these areas. Once again this is based on the experience of last years road trips. If these are planned appropriately then the results can be quite positive, not only from a sales point of view but just as importantly from the point of view that Branch Headquarters being seen to be servicing the Movement. A grant application has been lodged for the purchase of this vehicle.

I would like to place on record my thanks to the Finance Committee for their support of this project and I trust that the Members of Branch Executive are as excited about the concept as the Members of the Movement, who I have spoken to about the project, are.

During August 2006 interviews were being conducted for the position of Marketing and Communications Manager. Applications received to date have been of a high standard with Ms Peggy McPhee (Thiess Marketing Manager) assisting on the selection panel, providing subject matter experience.

During September I visited Mt Isa for the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of Scouts of the Air, and then continued on to Townsville to run the Regional Seminar on the Sunday. The following weekend saw me in Mackay running yet another Regional Scout Conference for Central & Coastal region. I also attended the Darling Downs Scout revue which I am pleased to say had a capacity audience for their opening night. I hosted the Supporters Afternoon Tea for Agoonoree on Sunday 24th September, and held a meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Redland Shire Council in relation to the future use of our Eprapah camp site.

The Branch hosted the Asia Pacific Special Needs Conference from 27th September to 1st October which consisted of approximately 40 people, the majority of which came from overseas countries. This conference, lead by Peter Blatch with Kirsty Brown as Assistant Leader, was officially opened by the Mayor of Pine Rivers, Mrs Yvonne Chapman. Our new Marketing and Communications Manager arranged a photo opportunity with the North West News which was

published on Wednesday 4th October. A television shoot was organised with The Great South East, which featured our Scoutreach Lones Camp.

In early October, along with Cliff Farmer and Bryan Brown, I flew to Bamaga for a 5 day trip to Northern Peninsula. This consisted of visits to Bamaga, Seisa, Weipa, Injinoo, Umagico, and Napranum Communities. During this trip we met with the Executive Officers of each of the Community Councils, had the opportunity to meet many of the leaders who had signed up and be part of a Youth Activity afternoon.

This trip has convinced me more than ever that the Project is one in which Scouting should be involved. The Parents of the Children in these Communities are as anxious to ensure that their Children receive the best possible up-bringing that they can give them and see Scouting as an integral part of this upbringing. The task ahead will not be an easy one, but it will be greatly assisted by the in-depth knowledge gained over the last couple of years by Cliff Farmer and Bryan Brown.

This month also saw Salisbury Scout Group celebrate its 70th Birthday Celebrations, the Scarf presentation and thanksgiving service at Wonargo Cultural Centre, The Wonargo Revue, The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Fellowship of Former Scouts & Guides, the Guide & Scout Debutante Ball and the Baden Powell Guild of Australia Annual General Meeting.

December saw Limestone District presenting it's Bi-Annual Revue. As with most of the Scout Revues the cast included Youth Members as well as Leaders. The 40 strong cast presented an excellent evening's entertainment and I took the opportunity when speaking to the cast backstage to congratulate the Producer and Members of the Production Team on an excellent performance.

Wednesday 14th of February 2007 saw the Baden Powell Masonic Lodge holding its annual Founder's Day meeting. The ceremony on this occasion paid tribute to our Founder and recognised that in this year we not only celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of our Founder but also that we celebrate the Centenary of Scouting World Wide.

Deputy Chief Commissioner, Kirsty Brown, was guest speaker and during her address to the Lodge focused on the Association's centenary celebrations world wide.

Three Rover Crews, Moreton Region Rovers, Capalaba Rovers and Lawnton Rovers, were recognised for service to the community and the Master of the Lodge presented them with a trophy in recognition of this service.



Scout Leader Andy Notaras who is a member of the Lodge was presented with a Charity Jewel by the Deputy Grand Master Right Worshipful Brother Graeme Ewin on behalf of the Baden Powell Masonic Lodge in recognition of the benevolent work that he had done since joining the Lodge some 18 months ago.

The Darling Downs Region Founders Day and Thinking Day Service was held at the St. Stephens Church Toowoomba on Thursday 22nd of February and was a combined Guide and Scout service.

The Service was very well attended with the Church near packed to capacity and Scout and Guide Youth Members playing significant roles in the service. This is an annual event in the Darling Downs regional calendar and seems to be going from strength to strength each year.

The Branch Founder's Day and Thanksgiving Service was held at the Queensland Scout Centre on Friday 23rd of February and was attended by approximately a hundred people including Youth Members from the Clifton Hill Scout Group who took part in the service, as did members of the Brisbane Gang Show. The service was put together by Deputy Chief Commissioner Reverend Iain Furby with many people commenting on the excellent service. It was great to see not only current Members of the Movement present but also a number of past Members joining us on this occasion.

Archer District Rally and Founders Day Service took place on Saturday 24th of February in the Parklands adjacent to the Sunnybank Scout Group. Members of the Joey Scout and Cub Scout sections took part in activity bases during the morning whilst members of the Scout Section were given one hour to erect a campsite which at a minimum was to include a patrol tent and a dining fly. Their next task was to prepare lunch which consisted of a stir-fry as the main course and custard and fruit salad for desert. They were judged on both their campsite and the meal. Following lunch they had a short but sincere Founder's Day Service and then went back to the fun of the activities. Mr Gary Hardgrave MP joined the District for the Founder's Day Service.

Murrumba District 100 Year Anniversary Celebration commenced with a parade from the Westfield Shopping Centre Strathpine to Pine Rivers Park where the rally was to take place. Along the way, the Mayor of Pine Rivers Shire Mrs Yvonne Chapman and myself, together with several other dignitaries, took the salute and I would estimate that approximately one thousand members of the Scout Association, Guide Association and Boys Brigade took part in the march.

The opening parade at the rally celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of our Founder with the cutting of the birthday cake and the Mayor of Pine Rivers Shire Council Mrs Yvonne Chapman leading the parade in singing happy birthday. Mr Ian Skippin a past member of the Oakley Scout Group and Brisbane Gang Show was then MC for the parade.

Once the parade was over the Youth Members took the opportunity to have a quick bite of lunch before participating in the myriad of activities that were available to them. I congratulate District Commissioner Sean Giblin and his team on a tremendous activity in celebration of the Centenary of Scouting.

Sunday the 25th of February saw Beaver Masters District Rally being held with large numbers from within the District attending Rocky Creek campsite to participate in a variety of activities which were run on a base system. Once again we saw a number of past Members of the Movement joining us at yet another Centenary celebration which included Mrs Carolyn Male being made a "Friend of Beaver Masters District". Everybody in attendance was then presented with a badge to commemorate the day's activity.

The JACS activity (Joey Scout, Cub Scout and Heritage Team), was held at Roma St Parklands and has been previously reported in the Joey Scout and Cub Scout sections of this report. I wish to place on record my congratulations to Michele, John and their team for an excellent Centenary Activity which saw close to 2000 people in attendance.

On Monday the 12th of March saw the graduation ceremony for participants of the "PCYC/Scouts Karingal Makeover" being held at the Karingal Campsite. This Ceremony was attended by the local member Mr John English, The Mayor of Redlands, Mr Don Seccombe, representatives of PCYC and Queensland Police and during the ceremony I had the opportunity to extend the Associations appreciation for the opportunity to be involved in this project. I also took the opportunity during that day to talk to the representatives of PCYC in relation to future projects and they have expressed an interest in doing another project at Baden Powell Park, Samford.

Saturday the 17th of March saw the Official Opening of the Darling Downs Region's new Headquarters. Displays were mounted by a number of Groups and by some special activity groups with the building being officially opened by the Mayor of Toowoomba during the ceremony. It was interesting to note that out of the 11 Mayors from within



the area covered by Darling Downs Region 9 were in attendance at the Opening Ceremony.

Sunday the 18th of March saw the Youth and Leader Awards Presentation Ceremony conducted at Government House. During the ceremony approximately 70 Australian Scout Medallions, 20 Queen's Scout Awards, 4 Baden Powell Awards and 150 Leader Recognition Awards were presented. During her address the Governor and Chief Scout of Queensland congratulated the Awardees, thanked them for the contribution they had made to their various communities in Queensland, urged them to continue to support the Community through the Scout Movement and congratulated the Scout Movement on its Centenary Year.

Saturday the 17th of March saw Scout Groups throughout the Branch participating in Harmony Day. Once again the National Headquarters organised for Woolworths stores to host either a barbeque or a raffle with the prizes for the raffle and the commodities for the barbeque being donated by Woolworths stores. This year we combined with the Guide Association at many of these stores rather than having the Guides doing some stores and the Scouts doing other stores. This proved to be very successful with one Group Leader advising me that they sold over \$800 worth of raffle tickets on the day. On Wednesday the 21st of March I attended the Harmony Day celebrations conducted jointly by the Department of Immigration and the Brisbane City Council in the Queen St Mall.

The Secretary General of the World Scout Bureau has recently advised that the Bronze Wolf, which is the highest award of World Scouting, has been conferred on Mrs Kirsty Brown OAM. Kirsty is the seventh Australian to be presented with this award, being preceded by Roy Nichols, Bruce Garnsey, Norman Johnson, William Wells, Neil Westway and Geoff Lee. Kirsty is the third female in the world and first Queenslander to be honoured with this award. On behalf of Scouting in Queensland I extend to Kirsty our warmest congratulations as this Award recognises the tremendous amount of effort that Kirsty has put into her many positions within Scouting in the Asia Pacific Region.

Disaster Relief Support

Deputy Chief Commissioner Resources Des Allen has already referred to the work done within the Cyclone Larry affected area in relation to the re-establishment of the resources at the various Groups. In addition to this support, the Branch Executive committee agreed that we should support the Groups within the affected area from a financial point of view and therefore it was agreed to waive all Youth Membership

Fees, all Adult Membership Fees and the Facility and Activity Fee during the 2006-2007 scouting year.

In addition to this the Registration Fee for any Youth Member joining the Tully, South Johnstone, Goondi, Innisfail and Mission Beach Groups during the 2006-2007 Scouting Year being waived, the Training Book Fee for Adult Leaders who joined any of these Groups was also covered by Branch Headquarters.

Approximately 20 Youth Members and Leaders from within the affected area have registered to attend the 2007 Jamboree prior to the area being affected by the cyclone. The Victorian branch agreed to waive any Late Payment Fee with regard to these Members and the Lord Baden-Powell Society agreed that the \$2200 allocated to the Queensland Branch, rather than being on application by needy persons, would be made available to assist these Youth Members in attending the Jamboree. This, together with additional support given by Branch Headquarters, meant that all these Members were able to attend the Jamboree.

This I believe is a clear demonstration of Scouting at its best.

Mr President at the 2002 Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Branch, Members of Branch Council accepted the 2015 plan including the Chartering of Scout Groups as the strategic direction for the Queensland Branch as we head towards the year 2015.

Subsequent to that the National Executive Committee accepted a Strategic Directions Document for Scouts Australia and also agreed that the Adults in Scouting Philosophy should be one of the national targets.

Upon comparing these national documents to the 2015 plan the Deputy Chief Commissioners and myself found that, with the exception of one or two minor points, the 2015 plan covered the objectives of both the National documents.

In this the World Centenary Year it is appropriate that we review our progress in relation to the 2015 plan and Chartering within the Queensland Branch. The 2015 plan deals with five key issues. These are Leadership, Program, Image, Resources and Management and it is my intention to comment in relation to these five issues.

Leadership

The world philosophy of "Adults in Scouting" has been addressed within this heading and from a Branch point of



view we have assisted in this regard by providing a number of Chartered programs to assist our Leaders in working with young people. We have also reviewed our progress in relation to Adults in Scouting on a regular basis.

The Adult Training Programs have also had a major review to ensue that the programs are packaged in such a way that the needs of our Leaders, particularly new Leaders to the Movement, are met within the Training Program at the earliest possible time.

We have also reviewed the manner in which we have implemented the Personal Training Adviser (PLA) program within the Queensland Branch and have implemented procedures to make this program more effective.

From a technology point of view this has been used to develop a website to assist the Members of our Training Team not only with the provision of training material but also to insure their accreditation to run training courses is kept up to date.

The Queensland Branch has also worked with the National Commissioner for Training and Development in relation to the change in adventurous activities accreditation with a considerable contribution being made by Members of the Queensland Branch.

From a training point of view we have also developed relationships with Royal Australian Navy, PCYC, and have developed Life Skill Programs available to our young people as well as being used in some of the school programs that are run.

We now have an affiliation with the Duke of Edinburgh Award to provide access to this Award for Members of our Venturer age group and our Risk Management Committee has looked at developing ways through which Risk Management can be included in the Section Award Schemes and as part of the Scouting game.

Within this area of Chartering we also look to encourage Adults/Leaders to view Scouting not only as an educational program for young people but also as a social and recreational activity for adults. This has been done through the encouragement of the formation of Fellowships throughout the Branch, the running of activities such as Scoutout, Bravlac, Joey Scout Hopalong, Cub Scout Expo, Qlaw, Training Conferences and an association with St Johns Ambulance.

We have also tried to broaden the experience of our Leader and Youth base through the provision of activities such as Gang Show, Wonargo Revue, Air Activities Programs and major events such as Triple S and Agoonoree.

Program

Whilst the program delivered at the various Section meetings on a weekly basis forms an essential part of the experience of a young person within the Scout Movement there is a need for us to constantly review the type of activities that are provided to young people and in particular the creation of specialist activities and Centres of Excellence.

Our campsite at Erapah, our Air Activities Centre and the Rover Centre at Southport have all been declared as Centres of Excellence with Erapah and the Air Activities Centre running specialist activities to broaden the outlook of our young people.

We have also gone to great lengths to implement the National sectional program changes insuring that our Leaders are kept up to date with current philosophies.

The need to resource quality programs has been high on our agenda and this has led us to developing partnerships with the Department of Communities in relation to the Grandparent Program, the Chinese Community and the establishment of a Chinese Scout Group which is also attached to PCYC.

The Life Skill programs which were originally developed to be run in schools now also form part of the program offered to our young people, Youth Action program developed in conjunction with the Education Department with the knowledge and skills obtained from these partnerships is being used in our Charter programs.

In addition to this we have provided program ideas in ScoutAbout, the resource manual that is given out on training courses. The CD given to every Leader within the Branch and contains the Charter Programs as well as program ideas in "Getting with the Promise and Law".

We have also provided opportunities for our Leaders and young people to become involved in programs relative to cultural and hospitality matters. We distribute our ScoutAbout magazine to all libraries in Queensland and have been involved with National Youth Week and events such as Queensland Day, Australia Day and ANZAC Day. We have endeavoured to broaden the Movements attitude in relation to multiculturalism through involvement in Harmony Day, Buddha's Birthday and the Chinese New Year. We have run Youth Forums throughout the Branch in order to give our young people the opportunity to experience public speaking, have participated in National and International Scouting events such as Jamborees, Conferences and Youth Exchanges and continually encourage our young people to



become involved in the Pen Pal Program which puts them in contact with other Scouts from throughout the world.

Image

There is no doubt that Scouting benefits and yet suffers from its external image. In order to tackle this it has been necessary to address not only the external images of the Movement but, and perhaps more importantly, the internal perceptions of the Movement.

The change in our Scout uniform to the new blue uniform gave us the opportunity to promote Scouting within the community. The advertisements that have been running on national television and in newspapers, the Leader brochures, the movie about Scouting and promotion of the 1800 Scouts free call number have all assisted in the regard.

We have also conducted a Den image project in an attempt to lift the image our Dens give within the wider community. All Scout Groups who are Chartered have signage on their Den Indicating when the Sections meet and giving a contact number for the Group as part of their Chartering requirements. The new scarf introduced as part of chartering also gave us an opportunity to lift our image.

In addition to this we have run an obesity and suicide seminar in conjunction with the Mater Hospital and are now working with the Mater Hospital as part of a research program relative to obesity in young people in which we are providing "be active" programs.

The revamp of our website which was launched in April last year was also seen as a significant part of changing the image of Scouting within the Queensland Branch. The PCYC employment project that was carried out at our Karingal Campsite has significantly lifted the image of this site and a number of grants have been received to refresh the image of our Scout Dens.

Following cyclone Larry which significantly affected the Scout Groups within the Innisfail area, Regional Commissioner Ken Millers, on two (2) occasions led a team of scouting people to Innisfail to carry out the work needed on the Scout Dens within this area. There is no doubt that this project had a significant impression on the community within this area with all five Scout Groups being brought back to a functioning standard within a very short time.

The accreditation of our training programs and the gaining of the RTO status by the Scout Association has also benefited the image of the Movement with our Leaders now receiving community recognised qualifications for the Training they do within the Scout Movement.

The protection of our Youth Members is also a very important part of the image that we need to portray to the community. In this regard the Blue Card processes have been deeply embedded into our management procedures. Officers of the Commission for Children, Young People and Child Guardian have been guest speakers at our Regional Conferences. The Juvenile Aide Bureau ran a session at our Training Team Conference and members of the Queensland Police have been present at a number of activities conducted throughout the Branch.

As an additional means of boosting the image of Scouting within the community a number of Scouting activities have been run in public places. These activities include JACS, the combined Joey Scout, Cub Scout and Heritage activity, run at Roma Street Parklands, Scouting within north Queensland taking part for the last three years in the "Walk for Want" campaign and in addition to this Formations throughout the Branch have been encouraged to run activities in public places on World Scout Day the 1st of August each year.

Resources

This section of the plan calls for us to give attention to the proper use of our assets, sponsorships, investments, our future requirements and the overall commercial operation of the Branch.

In this regard we have seen the closure of our Valley and Gold Coast Supply Centres with the Scout Supply Centre now being conducted through the Queensland Scout Centre. We also closed the Logan Office as it was proving to be a financial burden and restructured the Regions throughout the Branch to remove some of the overlaps which was occurring.

We recognised that there was a need to provide safe secure facilities and equipment through which the Scout program and activities could be delivered and in this regard have now included in all our training programs "Scout Safe" (or in other words Risk Management) so that Leaders are aware of these requirements.

We also recognised that there was a need to generate adequate funds to meet the financial responsibilities of all the Formations throughout the Movement and with the Branch cash flow budget running at a surplus for the last three years we have managed to put some funds aside to allow us to do some much needed repair work to our campsites and to do some minor capital works. Primarily from a Branch point of view this has been addressed at the Karingal and the BP Park Campsites.



The most precious resource that this Branch has is the committed, enthusiastic, motivated and capable adults who provide leadership and support to our Youth Members. Much effort has gone into providing support to these Leaders to ensure that they feel their efforts are being rewarded. We have also looked at ways to make it easier for an adult to contribute to Scouting and in this regard have continued to promote the Adult Support Member strategies and introduce an Adult Helpers role both of which are aimed at reducing the burden on Leaders particularly from a "time factor" point of view.

Whilst much time and effort has been put into this facet of our strategic plan there is no doubt that the strategic, affective and efficient use of Scoutings Resources will be a fundamental challenge in the years ahead.

Management

It is imperative that the Branch continues to review its structures to ensure that the best possible support is given at a local level in implementing the Scout Program. Our management systems must also take into consideration the appropriate use of today's technologies and this has been addressed through our email systems, the use of teleconferencing and the Central and Coastal Region Group reporting programs.

The management of the Associations financial assets was seen in our development plan as being a continuing challenge. There is no doubt that we need to continue our search for ways through which the Movement can be resourced from a financial point of view thereby lessening the drain which the Branch places on its various Formations in this regard. A number of initiatives have been put in place to try to lessen the financial burden on our Formations. These initiatives have taken the form of training incentives, growth incentives both from a Leader and a Youth Member point of view Chartering incentives and payment incentives in an effort to encourage the Formations throughout the Branch to meet their financial commitments to the Branch Headquarters in a timely manner.

The quantum of money owed by the various Formations to the Branch Headquarters is still very considerable which is a clear indication that more needs to be done to lessen the financial burdens of these Formations so that they are in a position to meet the commitments to the Branch Headquarters in a timely manner.

Much has been done from a human resource management point of view to ensure that the membership data carried within the Scout Membership System is accurate, efficient

with an integrity far exceeding that of the past. Our Branch Team, Regional Commissioners and their teams and District Commissioners who now have direct access to our membership data tell us that the information contained in our membership system is more accurate and more up to date than it has even been before. This data is now being used by Branch, Regions and Districts to set membership targets and to more accurately manage the human resource affairs of the Movement.

We now also provide to every Formation within the Branch a weekly Formation Summary which is generated and sent by email automatically and which, in addition to giving them information on the Movement as far as Youth Members and Leaders are concerned also draws to their attention those Leaders in the Formation whose Blue Cards are about to expire, who have lodged an application for a Blue Card or renewal of a Blue Card with the Children's Commission and indeed those Leaders whose Blue Cards have actually expired.

Never before have we been in a position where we are able to supply this information to the Formations within the Movement.

The 2015 plan is a living document with flexibility but with a very clear direction. In broad terms, the 2015 plan has been developed in three phases, the first of those being within the years 2002 and 2007.

This phase will call for us to implement the Chartering of Scout Groups and I am now pleased to advise that 54% of our 275 Groups in Queensland now have a Charter certificate hanging in their meeting place. It is further pleasing to report that 74% of Scout Groups within the Queensland Branch have a Group Leader appointed. This meets the National strategic plan which called for 70% of Groups to have an appointed Group Leader.

As previously mentioned the Air Activities Centre, Erapah and the Rover Activity Centre at Southport have been declared as Centres of Excellence and this falls within the objective of having Branch Activity sites declared as Centres of Excellence.

Consideration has been given to the asset requirements of the Queensland Branch and this, in recent days has seen us purchase a property Walloon which was needed as a result of the expansion of the Amberley Airbase which will include the current site of the Amberley Scout Group. We also purchased additional land adjacent to our Allawah Campsite which gives us better access to the river to conduct water activities.

The recruitment campaign in relation to Adults and youth



Members launched during the 2006-2007 Scouting year resulted in us increasing our Members in both these regards and it has been decided that this campaign will continue into the 2007-2008 Scouting year.

Our development plan called for us to have a Membership of 15 by the first of January 2007 this was not achieved, primarily because subsequent to setting this target in 2002 we discovered a significant problem with our Membership data which resulted in our numbers being reduced dramatically. I am however exceptionally pleased to report that the current period under review saw us increasing our Youth Member numbers by 4%.

Members of Council I am sure that you will agree with me when I say a significant amount of work has been done and a significant number of achievements have been reached since the implementation of our 2015 plan.

This Mr President I believe has only been achieved because of the efforts put in by the dedicated Leaders throughout the Branch, the support given to them by the uniform people attached to Branch Headquarters, the people employed in the Branch Office and the acknowledgement and support of the Branch Executive Committee and Branch Council in ensuring that scouting in Queensland continues to make a significant contribution in local communities throughout Queensland.

On the 5th of May this year the Prime Minister made three announcements in relation to the Scout Association.

The first of these was that Scouting would receive a grant of \$17.7 million so that it could equip Scout Dens throughout Australia with water tanks and water saving devices. This will mean that between now and the end of 2009 \$3.3 million is allocated for use by the Queensland Branch in this regard.

The second announcement was that during 2008 there would be a circulation coin and since that announcement we have been advised that this will be a \$1.00 coin.

The third announcement was that 2008 would be known as "The Year of the Scout". This is only the fourth time ever that the Australian Government has designated the title for a year.

These three announcements I believe give us a very clear indication of the high esteem with which the Scout Association within Australia is held. These announcements give us a tremendous boost into 2008, the centenary of Scouting in Australia and in Queensland. I believe that they also places on us a tremendous responsibility to ensure that as we enter our second one hundred years of Scouting

we continue to provide to the young people of Australia and in the case of this Branch to the young people of Queensland the best possible scouting that we can offer and that we continue to provide to the Leaders and adults who contribute to the community in which they live through the Scout Movement the best possible support that this Branch has to offer.

I have no doubt that Members of Council will agree with me that the Queensland Branch is in a sound position to provide this support and is willing and is capable of accepting this challenge.

In closing Mr President I would like to record my sincere thanks and appreciation to my Executive Assistant Miss Linn Pihl, the Assistant State Executive Officer Mr Ryan Sodziak, the team of Deputy Chief Commissioners and Regional Commissioners all of whom have worked tirelessly during the period under review. To your Mr President, the Chairman of the Branch Executive Committee and Honorary Treasurer I also say a very sincere thankyou for your support both of me personally and the initiatives of the uniform side of Scouting in Queensland.

Finally Mr President can I say that in presenting this report I am extremely mindful of the thousands of adults across the state, both uniform and non uniform, who give unselfishly countless hours in support of the delivery of the Scout program to young people within Queensland.

Mr President it now gives me a great deal of pleasure to move that this report on the activities of the uniform side of the Movement during the 2006-2007 Scouting Year be adopted.

Maurice Law, AM
Chief Commissioner,
Scouts Australia,
Queensland Branch





Program Operations

Joey Scout Section

Joey Scouts, their Leaders and families have been very busy during the past year. Once again there have been great programs presented by very dedicated Joey Scout Leaders, teaching Joey Scouts about themselves, their own environment and the wider Australian continent.

Many Mobs have worked their way through the Mob Participation Challenges of 'Caring and Sharing', 'Environment', 'Buddy' and 'Adventure'. Many seven year old Joey Scouts have challenged themselves with the Promise Challenge. The Promise Challenge is an individual challenge... but Leaders and parents can assist with the research! The Joey Scouts may wear that badge into Cub Scouts.

Joey Scout Jaunts have been held from the Far North Region to the Gold Coast and all have been enjoyed by the Joey Scouts. Mob holidays and sleepovers have been imaginatively and successfully run all over the state. ANZAC eve is a popular time for sleepovers with the Joey Scouts attending their local march on the following morning.

With 2007 being the celebration of 100 years of Scouting, Joey Scouts and their Leaders have been involved in many activities. Some Joey Scout Leaders were present at the 2007 Jamboree in Elmore, all giving of their time and talents to ensure a fun time for the Scouts.

In the South-East corner of the State the Joey Scouts joined with the Cub Scout section and Heritage to enjoy JACS Historic Big Day Out in Roma St Parklands. What a crowd! Almost 2,000 youth members, Leaders and family members had a great time and were great ambassadors for Scouting. There have been other marches and activities held to celebrate 100 years of Scouting and Joey Scouts have been there too.

Training is, of course, an important part of being a Leader and there has been a steady flow of Joey Scout Leaders completing their Basic Training and continuing on to their Advanced Training.

Committees are now preparing for our biggest event to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. On 4 August all present and past members of Scouting are invited to join in a march through Brisbane city streets, over the bridge to Southbank where a day of activities will be open for all, topped off with a show prepared by members of Brisbane Gang Show and the Regional Revues. Joey Scouts, their Leaders and families will be there too. It should be great!

Cub Scout Section

Branch Commissioner John Mills is pleased to report that the Cub Scout Section is alive and well in our World Centenary Year. In most Regions Cub Scouts are out and about and being seen in their local area.

JACS HISTORIC DAY OUT

In March this year the Joey Scout, Cub Scout and Heritage sections ran a combined activity day for our Youth Members at Roma Street Parklands (JACS Historic Day Out). The theme for the day was the Wolf Cub first and second class tests, which was well accepted by the Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts. The activity day (JACS Historic Day Out) was a great success with over 1900 people attending. It gave us some insight into what we may expect at the Centenary Parade in August.

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF CUB SCOUTS

The Cub Scout Challenge for 2006 year was for the Cub Scout Packs to do something in their program to celebrate our 90 years. John asked for a photo and short explanation on what each Pack did to celebrate our 90 years. We had Packs that tied ninety knots, baked ninety biscuits, make ninety woggles, travel ninety kilometres on public transport and Pack holidays themed on 90.

Some of the other activities that the Cub Scout section have been involved in are the Gang Show matinee, QLAW, Month of bring a Friend and a District Advisors training day.

Scout Section

In the Scout Section, Branch Commissioner Pieter Van Der Kamp is pleased to report advancement in several areas.

The Triple S Camp was held in the June/July school holidays with 108 Patrols attending. Numbers at the Camp have increased from previous years with over 717 Scouts and Leaders attending, this may have been due to the Jamboree that was held later in the year. All Scouts and most Leaders attended the Brisbane Gang Show. The camping standards at Triple S were generally at a high level.

The Awardees of the Australian Scout Medallion are twenty more than last year, Pieter reports that 83 medals were presented this year and he has attended a number of these presentations throughout the year.

Scout Leadership Courses were held in the past year in all Regions. By all reports most were well attended and participated in.



The Queensland Contingent to the 21st Australian Jamboree held in Elmore Victoria was made up of 954 Scouts, 18 Venturer Scouts, 10 Rovers and 241 Leaders and other Adults. Pieter reports that a great Jamboree was had by all that attended. Scouts enjoyed off site Activities at Bendigo and Echuca and other on-site and off-site Activities. Daily photos and Newsletters on the Queensland Website were a great hit with those that stayed home, hopefully this will encourage their attendance at the next Jamboree in Sydney in 2010.

Regions and Districts were busy during the year running their Standards Camps. It was interesting to note the amount of canvas still being used for tentage, this tentage will far outlast the modern tentage but unfortunately the costs are dictating what is now being purchased. Some Regions also held training sessions for Scouts, some of the areas that were covered were mapping, compass and cooking.

Pieter reports it was pleasing to see the large numbers that attended such events as Nighthawk, Butterfly and Kiwi Woggle.

Pieter is appreciative of the two committees that have worked with him during the past 12 months, these being the Jamboree Committee and the Branch Scout Section Council. Without the dedicated assistants Branch run Activities would struggle to succeed.

Venturer Scout Section

QUEENSLAND VENTURE 2007

Approximately 200 participants are registered to attend. 4 day major activity bases include sailing and scuba diving in the Whitsundays, horse riding, caving, Keppel Island. 2 x one day off site activities will include Capricorn Caverns Tour, day trip to Keppel, barefoot bowling, ten pin bowling and a mystery tour. On site activities include a Chalk Chase, jumping castle, disco, movies, competitions, beach volley ball and pool tables.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

We have one Venturer Scout from Suncoast Region undertaking his Duke of Edinburgh Award through Scouting. Branch Commissioner Sue Brandt reports that there is still a lot of interest. Trevor Gray from Darling Downs recently attended an expeditions workshop in Toowoomba.

CAMP L.U.I.I.

The inaugural camp was attended by 44 Venturers and 10 Leaders and Rovers. Two Venturers travelled from Northern NSW.

Incorporating a visit from RACQ, sessions on map & compass, coding, an Urban Initiative Course, abseiling from Kangaroo Point cliffs, first aid emergencies at St John Ambulance House, using public transport around Brisbane (ferry, bus and train). Held at Allawah Campsite, an Ideals I course was undertaken. We held a Scouts Own, followed by a visit from the police to speak about Crime Prevention (relevant to this age group). We offered archery, canoeing and a visit from Westpac Bank to speak about student accounts. Monday was a Unit Management Course, Tuesday a First Aid Course, Wednesday/Thursday a Leadership Course. The Venturers were impressed to see our Chief Commissioner visit 3 times! Many thanks to RC's Mark Cane, Keith Gridley & Ken Millers and their Leaders for their support.

Branch Venturer Scout Coffee Shops have been well attended again with over 100 Venturers and Leaders "horse riding" for the night with a Melbourne Cup theme. The Rovers incorporated the March Coffee Shop into Roventure held at BP Park.

UNIT MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP COURSES

A unit Management Course with 9 participants and 5 Leaders in Brisbane. Toowoomba hosted a Leadership Course with 12 Venturers.

VENTURER SCOUT REVIEW CONFERENCES

Sue has attended two meetings and reports that it was a very positive environment. Main issues identified following discussion are as follows:

- Awards Standards Committee
- District Venturer Scout Leaders
- Length of commitment
- Unit Management
- Name – Venturer Scout or just Venturer (altered during the last review, but doesn't appear to be making any difference)
- Streamline paperwork
- Name of Unit Constitution
- Make Queen's Scout process easier – content the same
- A stepping stone needed to Queen's Scout
- Build in Scouts of the World to existing award scheme
- Parameters in passbook re acceptance of apprenticeships, school work
- Flexibility on eligibility (Lones); Youth Helpers
- Significant Branch Venturer activities
- Kaleidoscope
- Linking Obstacles



Rover Section

Branch Commissioner David Danslow reports that the Queensland Branch Rover Council Annual General Meeting was held in on 19 August 2006 at Brownsea Water Activity Centre. The following Rovers were elected to Executive positions;

Cameron Brown Chairman of QBRE, Brendan Potter Deputy Chair, Hayley-Ann Soloman Treasurer, David Webster Secretary, Robert Wagner Training and Development Officer, Jarrad McDonald Promotions and Services Officer, Rob McNicol Communications Officer and Hans Yates Awards Officer.

Cameron Brown and three other Queensland Rovers attended the National Rover Council which was held in Melbourne after the Jamboree in January 2007.

Banana Bash 2007 was held over the Australia Day weekend 26 to 28 January at the Queensland Raceway site at Willowbank near Ipswich. The committee under the leadership of Anne Smith and Adam Hunt are to be congratulated for putting on another very successful and well run event. The change to a new site was not without its challenges and all members of the Bash Committee and Queensland Rovers are to be commended for how they

adapted to the challenges and their behaviour over the weekend. Special thanks to Regional Commissioner Ken Millers for providing assistance and guidance to the committee. The weekend provided a great weekend of fellowship for Rovers and also a great leadership and development opportunities for Rovers who took on committee roles.

The change to Sunday QBRE meetings is working well with attendances well up on last year. A seminar for Rover Advisors was held on Saturday 18 November 2006. This was a great opportunity for David to meet Rover Advisors and for them to share ideas and to meet with the QBRE Executive.

Roventure was held at BP Park, Samford from 30 March to 2 April 2007. Roventure is an activity designed to give Venturers a taste of what Rovering has to offer. A weekend of great activities was planned including a ride in Banana Bash vehicles, mountain biking and "Capture the Teddy" a Rover tradition.

Rover Paul Lappin has been appointed as Queensland Contingent leader to Aussie Moot to be held in Sydney in early 2008.





Program Support

Air Activities

This special area of activity is under the leadership of Branch Commissioner Ian McLeary.

The following is a summary, section by section, for the above outlined period covering the areas of Youth Attendance, Leader Attendance, Flights and Planes.

Joey Section	
Youth	119
Leaders	34

Cub Scout Section – Night Courses	
Youth	144
Leaders	43
Flights	58
Planes	13

Cub Scout Section – Day Courses	
Youth	409
Leaders	70
Flights	139
Planes	19

Scout Section	
Youth	312
Leaders	23
Flights	114
Planes	23

Totals of all Sections	
Youth	984
Leaders	170
Flights	311
Planes	55

Culture

BRISBANE GANG SHOW

The Brisbane Gang Show successfully completed its 55th season at the Schonell Theatre. A cast of over one hundred participated in a themed show based on the board game Monopoly intertwined with the great game of Scouting. Red scarfs were proudly accepted by 28 new members of the Gang and several long serving members were

acknowledged for their incredible ongoing service to the show. There were four – ten year scarfs, six – fifteen year scarfs, eight – twenty year scarfs, one – twenty five year scarf, one – thirty year scarf and one – forty year scarf (a total of 385 years service).

Brisbane Gang Show boasts a record of over eleven thousand years of accrued long service awards, since its beginning in 1952. The Gang also had the pleasure of witnessing one of the junior cast receiving his Grey Wolf from BC John Mills, who was attending as one of our guests.

This year we once again had the great pleasure of performing at the Brolga Theatre in Maryborough. Several local youth members participated in both the Maryborough and Brisbane shows. It was a great success and the Maryborough team can be very proud of the standard of organisation and wonderful Scouting hospitality that was extended to the Gang. We also acknowledge the outstanding commitment of the parents and supporters from Maryborough who travelled each and every week to and from all rehearsals, camps and activities, so that their children can be part of the show.

Planning is now well under way for the 2007 season and the activities celebrating the 100th year of Scouting. It will be an exciting and memorable year.

Environmental Education

The team has increased in numbers taking in three extra leaders this year. This has assisted in distribution of work. The improvements to the Erapah Bunkhouse and around the site have made it more attractive than ever for our visitors.

There have been programmes for all sections at Erapah and for Joey Scout, Cub Scout and Scouts at Rocky Creek, and for Venturers at Shorncliffe.

The team have provided bases at youth rally days for Joey Scout Jaunt, Skillorama, Jacs Day and at Leader Gatherings, QLAW and at several District Team Meetings.

Two new programmes have been well received – Cub Scout Waterwise based on requirements of the badge. This is very timely in the present drought conditions; and Weedbust for Scouts and Venturers. This focuses attention on weed invasion, particularly in the bush, but also in gardens and farmland. A follow up project is undertaken at



the end of the weekend course to be viewed by one of our team or district leader.

In addition to this Branch Commissioner Judy Seymour and the Environmental Education team work with our Fellowship to provide school programmes. We are very appreciative of the wonderful support we have from the Erapah Fellowship.

Heritage

The Baden-Powell Heritage Centre at Baden-Powell Park, Samford and the Heritage Archival Reference Centre at the Queensland Scout Centre at Auchenflower have continued to operate with the support of a dedicated band of volunteer Adult Support Members and Supporters.

The Baden-Powell Heritage Centre Samford has continued to provide youth programme support activities for Branch Activity Camps, Agoonoree, Lone Scouts, Triple S, Q Law as well as individual Patrols, Cub Packs, Group Camps and District Camps held at Baden-Powell Park.

Memorabilia from many sources has continued to be donated and has added to the display in the Centre. Display space is at a premium as well as the need for secure safe storage to enable the display to be rotated regularly.

The 'Historical Walk around Baden-Powell Park' has seen an increase in popularity with several groups being conducted around the items of historical significance within the Park.

Thanks to the dedicated staff, the Baden-Powell Heritage Centre has been manned each Saturday afternoon from 1:30pm until 4:00pm between February and November. Visitor numbers vary from week to week with some Saturdays being a time for a cup of tea and a good book whilst others have been activity from start to finish with the comment from the Centre Guides being, that the hardest part is getting people out at 4:00pm.

The Heritage Archival Reference Centre, continues to receive material from a wide variety of sources such as, donations from individuals, records from Regions, Districts, Groups and newspaper cuttings from a number of sources, as well as working slowly through and collating the Branch records stored in various locations around Brisbane. The Reference Centre continues to research information requests, from individuals, Scout Groups, Queensland Branch, various societies, including other historical societies. This has increased recently with the advent of the Centenary Year Celebrations.

Old registers are being "computerised" to help with research requests.

The lack of new volunteer staff for both Centres, unfortunately restricts the activities and services the Heritage Section could provide to the Movement.

International

The International Team led by Branch Commissioner Paul Rollason continues to support the youth and adult sections of the Branch by providing assistance in all areas of Scouting with an international flavour.

The team consist of the Branch Commissioner and 6 Branch Advisors and the team is part of the Youth Programs Team.

Branch Advisor David McEvoy handles Pen Pals where his duty is to link Queensland youth members with other international youth members so that an exchange of letters/e-mails can occur to enable our members to communicate with fellow Scouts from all around the world. Occasionally entire Joey Scout Mobs, Cub Scouts Packs or Scout Troops will create packages to send to their international contacts. This exchange is not only valuable to broaden the understanding of our members of the importance of Scouting world wide but it can also be a part of their award scheme. David tirelessly establishes these contacts however we have more requests from overseas Scouts than what we do from Australia.

Jamboree of the Air and Jamboree of the Internet activities is coordinated by Branch Advisor Ian Lightbody. This event takes place in October of each year and Ian's role is to promote this event and follow up on various requests. Ian takes great pride in this event.

One task of the International Team is to also provide Host Corp services for international Scouting visitors. Branch Advisor Sandra Hemming coordinates the Host Corp team. Sandra has a list of Scouting families and Groups who are willing to host our international visitors when they visit Queensland. Our visitors may stay for one or several days or some just wish to attend an activity or meeting night to observe Australian Scouting as they travel around the world. Quite often, Brisbane Scouts have the opportunity to make contact with our international visitors when they are either on holidays or they are enroute to another Scouting event such as a Jamboree. Members who make contact with these international visitors find it very fulfilling and long lasting friendships result. The team is always on the look out for more people to assist. Sandra is also assisting in the 100th year of Scouting celebrations by tracking down Scout Dens and other facilities to accommodate our members when they come to Brisbane on the 4th August.



Branch Advisor Lorna Rassmussen has several different roles within the Team. One role is to promote International Scouting at various Scouting events. Lorna also writes International Programs for ScoutAbout to inspire Queensland Leaders to have an international flavour in their programs. Another duty of Lorna's is to assist with the Scout Exchange Program where we assist Queensland Scouts wishing to travel overseas to stay with other Scouting families for 2-12 weeks and likewise host Scouts when they come to Australia. Branch Advisor Sherie Rollason assists the team in doing general duties in any way she can.

The team also writes regular articles ("International Inklings") in ScoutAbout and advertises all aspects of the roles of the team as well as providing program ideas.

The team is also responsible for the International Explorers Award, attending various Branch meetings (Youth Program Team, Branch Executive Committee and Branch Council) and the biannual International Commissioners Conference. In addition to this, the Team also assists Queensland members to establish contacts with other Scouting organisations around the world especially when they are travelling to that country and wish to visit local groups.

Specialist Outdoor Activities

Assistant Chief Commissioner Russell Davie and his team have had a very busy year. The main focus of the Specialist Outdoor Activities Committee has been to assist in the preparation necessary to implement Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems in the Specialist Outdoor Activities area.

In October 2005 the Scouts Australia Institute of Training's (SAIT) extended its scope to cover units in the Abseiling (natural and artificial), Bushwalking (tracked and easy untracked, difficult and trackless, and unmodified areas), and Canoeing and Kayaking (flat water, grade 2 white water) and Sea Kayaking (controlled conditions, controlled to moderate conditions, and moderate to difficult conditions).

The Specialist Outdoor Activities Committee has contributed to structuring of the training process and the preparation of training manuals, assessment documents and guidelines for the Abseiling skills area.

A significant undertaking for the Specialist Outdoor Activities Committee was the facilitation of 10 Skills Recognition Workshops in Brisbane, Cairns, Rockhampton and Toowoomba. The workshops were designed so that Leaders, currently running activities and training in the skills areas mentioned above, could present evidence to their peers and assessors which would support SAIT issuing

VET Statements of Attainment in their skill(s) area. This would allow for their appointment as an Instructor or Guide in line with community standards.

Youth Activities

The Youth Activities Team under the leadership of Branch Commissioner Melita Goff, were especially busy this year, the normal camps held at BP Park in March, August, October and November. This saw many leaders and youth members undertake a wide variety of activities and challenges over the various weekends. Thanks must go to the Heritage Team and the Specialist Outdoor Activities Team – Abseiling for their support at these camps.

Also the team ran a number of other activities, which included an Activity camp catering for the scout section and above, Orienteering Day and a Bike Bungle around the Redcliffe Peninsula. Added to this were the events which the team supported such as Waingunga Day, Joey Scout Jaunt, Triple S, Agoonoree and individual groups.

But the highlight of the year for the team was the tour of Queensland which was undertaken in June. The tour saw 11 members of the team take leave from work and family to visit 11 groups, over a two week period covering approx 4,500 kilometres. During these time approx 700 youth members, together with leaders and parents were entertained with an evening of activities which included archery, electronic obstacle course, berg buggies plus many more at each location. Groups visited were Roma, Charleville, Longreach, Mt Isa, Hughenden, Cairns, Townsville, Bowen, Mackay, Rockhampton, and Maryborough.

While the team had a busy year during 2006-2007, it is looking forward to another busy time in 2007-2008 with the Centenary Year celebrations.





Development

DCC Kirsty Brown OAM reports all areas under the Development portfolio have continued slowly during the last twelve months.

Ethnic and Indigenous Scouting

- **Brisbane First Chinese Group:** Assistant Chief Commissioner Community Development Bryan Brown reports that modified training to suit cultural and community needs has continued and Deputy Chief Commissioner Kirsty Brown is assisting him with the training sessions. The growth of the Group is up and down with so many in the community being transient between their home country and Australia. The Group attended the Hong Kong Scout Association Jamboree in January. This became a Family Camp with those not eligible staying off site at a district camp site and visiting the Jamboree when appropriate. The Scouts and Leaders who attended the Jamboree not only learned more scouting but practiced their language and cultural skills whilst at the Jamboree.

The group is gradually increasing its leadership base with the intention of commencing the second Chinese Scout Group in the Carina area later in the year. Leaders are progressing with their basic training with two Hong Kong Leaders recently completing their training via training days and RPL.

The group participates well in the Chinese Community and festivals and is slowly aligning itself with Adult Training held away from their Group.

- **Vietnamese:** Both Dong Da and Rang Dong, the two Vietnamese Scout Groups closed during the past twelve months. Last month, Ken Pham from Oxley Scout Group has been in contact as there is a possibility of restarting Dong Da Scout Group. This will be followed up over the next few months.
- **Scoutreach Lones:** GL Di Randerson reports that Scout Reach Lones held their annual September camp at Baden Powell Park. This was an extremely well attended event and many of the participants have completed numerous aspects of their Award Scheme whilst in camp. Scoutreach Lones Group has approximately 80 members in 5 sections.

At present Group numbers are operating in 5 sections, with a total of 41 members at present. The Lone Scouts always look forward to Triple S camp. Three Lone Scouts attended

the Jamboree in January 2007. The Assistant Group Leader is completing her Wood Badge at present. Two of the families are travelling around Australia, the parents give an address where mail can be sent for a certain time, and the leaders send out enough work for an appropriate length of time.

As many families have computers and email, this has made contacting the members a lot quicker, easier, and a lot cheaper for the Group.

Special Needs ACC Community Development Bryan Brown reports he participated as Queensland Branch's representative in the 1st Asia Pacific Regional Workshop for children and youth with special needs at BP park early October. DCC Kirsty Brown was Assistant Director of the workshop which was attended by 30 leaders from Australia, Asia and Switzerland.

Assistant Chief Commissioner Bryan Brown reports that the Special Needs Advisory Group has been reformed and will have their first meeting in November. Members of the Group are Peter Blatch, Michelle Johnson, Kirsty Brown, Debbie Aucherlonie chaired by Bryan Brown until a Branch Advisor is appointed. Three additional members have been approached to join the group.

Scout Fellowships

Assistant Chief Commissioner Development Dennis Brockman reports there are nine Scout Fellowships with a combined membership of 100 members, which is a decline of 7 members compared with last year.

An informal quarterly meeting of the Scout Fellowships has been held and representatives attended from six Scout Fellowships.

Agoonoree

BC Michele Johnson reports that meetings have already started. Most positions on camp have already been filled. As in the past few years personnel have been moved around to ensure multi-skilling of the workforce. Expressions of Interest have been handed out at various activities and will be available on the Internet.



It has been decided to continue with the format from 2006 when the 'guests' entered camp on the Saturday afternoon rather than Sunday as had been occurring for a number of years.

For security reasons the decision has been made to bring all troop lines to the Boys Field side of the creek. This will certainly mean some exacting planning for showers for all campers but the committee feels it can be organised successfully.

The Venturer Scout Pre-Camp will be held on the weekend of 8-9 September. Some shorter information sessions will also be run on that weekend for Scouts and Guides.

Resources

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The Financial Year started with many of our Groups in Far North Queensland in shock at the destruction caused by Cyclone Larry. While the damage was worst to facilities in and around Innisfail, dens in Ravenshoe and Atherton were also affected. The Barrabadeen Campsite at Lake Tinaroo on the Atherton Tableland, suffered destruction to around 25% of its trees, with varying degrees of damage to the rest, along with structural damage to buildings.

Since most of our local personnel in the Innisfail / Babinda area in particular, had suffered severe damage to their personal property, they were hard pressed handling that, without the added burden of coping with Scouting properties and equipment.

This Branch owes a great debt to Scouting Personnel and Supporters from outside the worst affected areas who gave time and physical support as well as financial resources to ensure that Scouting did not falter in the Far North Region.

We also acknowledge the assistance, financial and physical, afforded by countless individuals, Service Clubs and Organisations as well as Local, State and Federal Government bodies.

Particular mention should be made of those people from Townsville and Cairns who travelled to assist, but more particularly of the sterling effort of Regional Commissioner Ken Millers from Moreton Region and his teams from the South East corner, who travelled to Innisfail twice to labour for periods of several weeks.

Staples Program

Project Commissioner Michelle Weaver reports that while there is not currently an active Scout Group, she and Joe Barrett are working with the Regional Commissioner Brisbane South Region and District Commissioner Archer District with the prospect of starting a new Group in the Acacia Ridge area. Michelle is currently completing her Basic level training.

Kirsty Brown, OAM
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch

Additional to his hands-on effort, Ken also was instrumental in organising Submissions for Grant Funding, and an Art Union to finance the rebuilding of facilities in Far North Region.

Branch Controlled Resources

From the point of view of Branch Controlled Resources within the South East Corner, we have this year gained one additional Campsite with Tyakunda District passing Tyamolum Campsite to Branch care.

Deputy Chief Commissioner Des Allen, on behalf of the members of this Council, wishes to acknowledge the valuable work performed by Branch Commissioner Ross Hunter and Project Commissioner Kerry Griffin for their direction of the teams at Erapah, Karingal, Murrenbong and Brownsea, as well as the dedicated teams of workers who toil away behind the scenes, at those and other Sites, committing countless hours to ensure our members have the benefit of high quality Campsites and Activity Centres

Most of the Branch Controlled Campsites and Activity Centres remain operational, only with the assistance of small devoted local committees. In many cases, these personnel provide the manpower to provide maintenance and operation functions, and also back up as Activity Leaders as well as convening Sausage Sizzles etc as Fund Raising activities to supplement the site income.

Without the countless hours of service and significant resources provided by these volunteers, many of our sites



would fall into disrepair and cease to provide much needed activities and experience for our young people.

While the primary reason for retaining our Campsites and Activity Centres is to provide training resources for our Membership, it is acknowledged that, without patronage and the subsequent financial contribution of non Scouting use, we will struggle.

With this in mind most of our sites are looking to ways to make our Resources attractive to a widening range of potential patrons. In all cases, we are looking at low cost improvements that afford the most user friendly impact.

Tyamolum Campsite near Mount Crosby continues to operate with a local Committee taking care of the operations and maintenance. I wish to acknowledge the sterling efforts of Scout Leader Ian Heath of Taringa Milton Toowong Group and the Tyamolum Team in that the site continues to operate on an extremely limited income, but still reports to operate with a minor positive financial situation. The site affords Pack Shelter accommodation, as well as bush campsites, and day use sites.

Murrenbong Campsite at Petrie also operates with a small site committee and an onsite Camping Supervisor. Murrenbong has enjoyed a reasonably well patronised year, and has attracted usage from Scouting and non Scouting organisations.

During the year, the Campsite Committee was successful in gaining a Gaming Grant to build a large equipment shed, which is now in service. This committee is extremely proactive in seeking Grant Funding and the members devote countless hours of work on site, keeping the place safe for campers.

Murrenbong has Pack Shelter accommodation, many bush campsites, a water activities dam and day use facilities.

Brownsea Water Activity Centre at Shorncliffe operates with a small band of people who perform the maintenance and day to day running chores, and also back up on weekend roster to perform Water Activity Leader Duties as well as instructing in various Water Activity Courses.

The Centre provides dormitory accommodation at a beach environment, and can offer day and weekend or longer water activity camps. Where use of the Centre Water Activity Equipment is included, a Centre Staff Member will provide specialist assistance for the duration of the activity.

Additionally, Brownsea has available, Specialist Water Activity Leaders who can provide skills instruction and supervised hands on experience in canoes, kayaks, sailing and power craft.

Additionally, the Centre holds regular supervised activities such as Night Canoeing, Breakfast Canoe Excursions, and "Experience Sailing Days".

Wonargo Cultural Centre at Northgate is supported by a small, but devoted band people who maintain the building and grounds year round, with the main purpose of providing the venue for Wonargo Revue.

Income, to a large degree, is derived from Revue ticket sales, with the committee funding building and equipment costs such as lease, rates, maintenance, improvements, insurance etc, as well as meeting all production costs of the Revue from rehearsal camps to costumes to power.

Committee Members also accept various support roles during Revue Season, working at essential tasks from lighting or as sound technicians to car park attendants.

The Revue is now in its thirty seventh season, due in no small way to the support of this devoted band of people.

The Committee conducts various fundraising events, as well as seeking hall hire to supplement income.

Erapah Environmental Campsite at Victoria Point is staffed by a Campsite Committee whose members are derived from the Friends of Erapah Scout Fellowship, and Victoria Point Scout Group which is located within the Campsite. The major portion of the grounds and facilities maintenance is performed by members of the Site Committee.

The Fellowship conducts several fund raising functions during the year and a large proportion of the income is returned to the campsite in the way of facility improvement. The Fellowship is also investigating methods of conducting more environmental and cultural events on site, to attract more income, which would contribute to the running of the campsite.

Erapah has available, a pack shelter, camping for limited numbers, and several kilometres of defined walking trails and boardwalks through the bush and along Erapah Creek into mangrove areas.

Additionally, Erapah Campsite is also a major venue for the conduct of Branch Environmental Courses and Training with emphasis on water life, vegetation, and land and tree dwelling wildlife.

Karingal Campsite at Mt Cotton continues to operate with a small committee whose members also perform weekend campsite warden duties. These people carry out minor maintenance duties during their weekend roster, and on several weekends each year, all members attend major working bees.



We are also fortunate to have the services during the week, of a neighbour, Mr Peter Doyle, who voluntarily contributes many hours to performing maintenance and repair duties around Karingal.

The site offers two pack shelters, nine bush campsites, abseiling tower, a water activities dam complete with craft, a billy-cart track complete with carts, several walking tracks, campfire circles and sheltered activity areas.

Karingal attracts quite a large patronage of campers and site users from both within and outside Scouting. A major portion of income at Karingal is derived from outside users.

During the past year, we were fortunate to secure the services of a Community Jobs Plan project conducted by PCYC at Beenleigh. This project, over a period of six months, resulted in a major refurbishment of the facilities and surrounds at Cooina, as well as repairs to foot bridges and stairs and the erection of covered activity areas at two campsites.

The Branch contributed a substantial sum of money for material, tools, and equipment, while the PCYC provided some tools, the manpower and supervision.

As a result of the improvement in facilities, Cooina in particular, now attracts additional use, and with proposed management changes, it is expected that the income from the campsite will increase substantially in coming years.

Baden Powell Park at Samford remains our major Branch Campsite, and will be the focus of many initiatives in future months and years, all aimed at attracting additional usage and income.

Currently the site attracts regular weekly camping by our membership, as well as day and camping use by hirers outside of Scouting.

BP Park, besides the Leader Training facilities of the Snow Centre and bunk houses which are available for other users, offers a pack shelter, open field and bush camping, a swimming pool, abseiling tower, a water activities dam that is currently out of commission, walking trails, a Scouting Museum, and a camping supervisors cottage. Additionally, our Jamboree equipment store is situated on site at Samford, and holds all the necessary camping equipment to cater for camping by a couple of thousand of our members at any one time.

The maintenance work at BP Park is carried out by hired contractors as required.

It is my intention in coming months, to facilitate the formation of a Site Committee at BP Park,

similar to the Warden's Committee at Karingal. The charge of this committee would be to perform weekend camping supervision, and also to carry out minor on site maintenance duties.

Means of obtaining better use and or generating additional income from BP Park and other Scouting facilities are currently being investigated by a Specialist Committee.

As with Peter at Karingal, we are extremely fortunate to have the voluntary services of Ray Gofton, a resident of Samford Valley who comes on site to Baden Powell Park, a couple of days each week to perform any minor duties that are needed.

The Air Activities Centre at Archerfield Airport is also a Branch Controlled site. Branch Commissioner Ian McCleary and his team perform minor maintenance tasks

and staff this centre in an able manner while major maintenance items are conducted by contract. This Centre conducts structured Award Scheme programs for all sections, based on Air Activities, and caters for over night or day only activities.

In total, this Branch now has direct responsibility for five campsites, and three Activity Centres within or near to the Metropolitan area. Of these, the five Campsites are Freehold Properties, owned by the Branch, while the three Activity Centres are Branch owned buildings on leased land.

During the year, the Resources Portfolio has afforded support and advice on request to Regional and District Commissioners with regard to assets of Formations.

***Des Allen,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch***





Training Development

Deputy Chief Commissioner Jean Clifford reports that the Training Development Team has had been extremely busy during the period under review.

Jean reports that she has attended two National Training Team Meetings during the period under review. Both weekends were extremely busy but rewarding. The State Commissioners for Adult Training, as part of these weekends undertook a moderation of Certificate III and Certificate IV workbooks and only found a few minor areas required extra attention on assessment. These have been communicated to the Queensland team.

An update of the Train the Trainer program was also provided and it was agreed that over the next twelve months all Branches would use the updated industry standard materials. In Queensland an agreement has been negotiated with St Johns Ambulance to ensure Scout assessment materials are acceptable to them.

This will then allow our members requiring industry recognised statements of attainment to submit their assessment materials to St Johns Ambulance as the Registered Training Organisation who will then issue the relevant statements of attainment.

In response to feedback received at the District Commissioners Conference the training department has responded to the issues, lack of Personal Leader Advisor and on going support. The following was agreed and has been implemented:

- There will be no charge for the Personal Leader Advisors course in the future.
- All Regional Commissioners, District Commissioners and District staff to be appointed as Personal Leader Advisors and that the PLA Course be included as part of Leader of Adults Training.
- Regional Commissioners have been run through a refresher course at the November 2006 Conference and have all been appointed as PLA's.
- Course Registration changes – Leaders who apply to attend a Personnel Leader Advisors course and who meet the criteria will at the end of the course be appointed as a Personnel Leader Advisor. Leaders who are still to complete their Wood Badge will be appointed as a provisional Personnel Leader Advisor for a period of 12 months. After 12 months RC's and DC's will be asked to confirm that a provisional PLA can be appointed as a PLA for 3 years or that the appointment is to be withdrawn.

Over the next twelve months a significant amount of work is being done to encourage Leaders to achieve their Wood Badge. The Wood Badge promotion will be supported by promotional activities and a financial incentive for the Groups who's Leaders can complete the requirements in the required period of time.

Also, as part of the Centenary of Scouting, Training is also looking to have a special souvenir that can be purchased by participants that attend training courses during this celebration period.

Jean reports 16 members of the Queensland Training Team attended the successful Australian Jamboree at Elmore Victoria. Over the first weekend in February the Training Team held its annual conference at BP Park Samford, with Team members commencing an upgraded of their Certificate IV in Training and Assessment to the new industry standard qualification.

During March, Branch Advisor Darryl Clare launched the new Training Team Website. This has allowed all training materials to be placed in one repository where all team members have access. Further work is continuing in reviewing training materials to assess what can be delivered using the most up-to-date technology.

*Jean Clifford,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch*





Special Duties

Deputy Chief Commissioner Iain Furby has continued his involvement with Bundaberg District as PLA to District Commissioner, Greg Galletly.

Founder's Day celebrations were well received at Branch Headquarters. We had the opportunity to reflect on the words of our Founder and re-affirm our Scout Promise. A number of Youth Members took part in the Evening's celebrations, reading lessons, role playing the Reading for the evening and weaving a tapestry before our very eyes. The weaving demonstrated how each one of us are threads in the fabric of life, that we do in fact belong together not only in the present as members of Scouting, but we are joined to those who have gone before us as well.

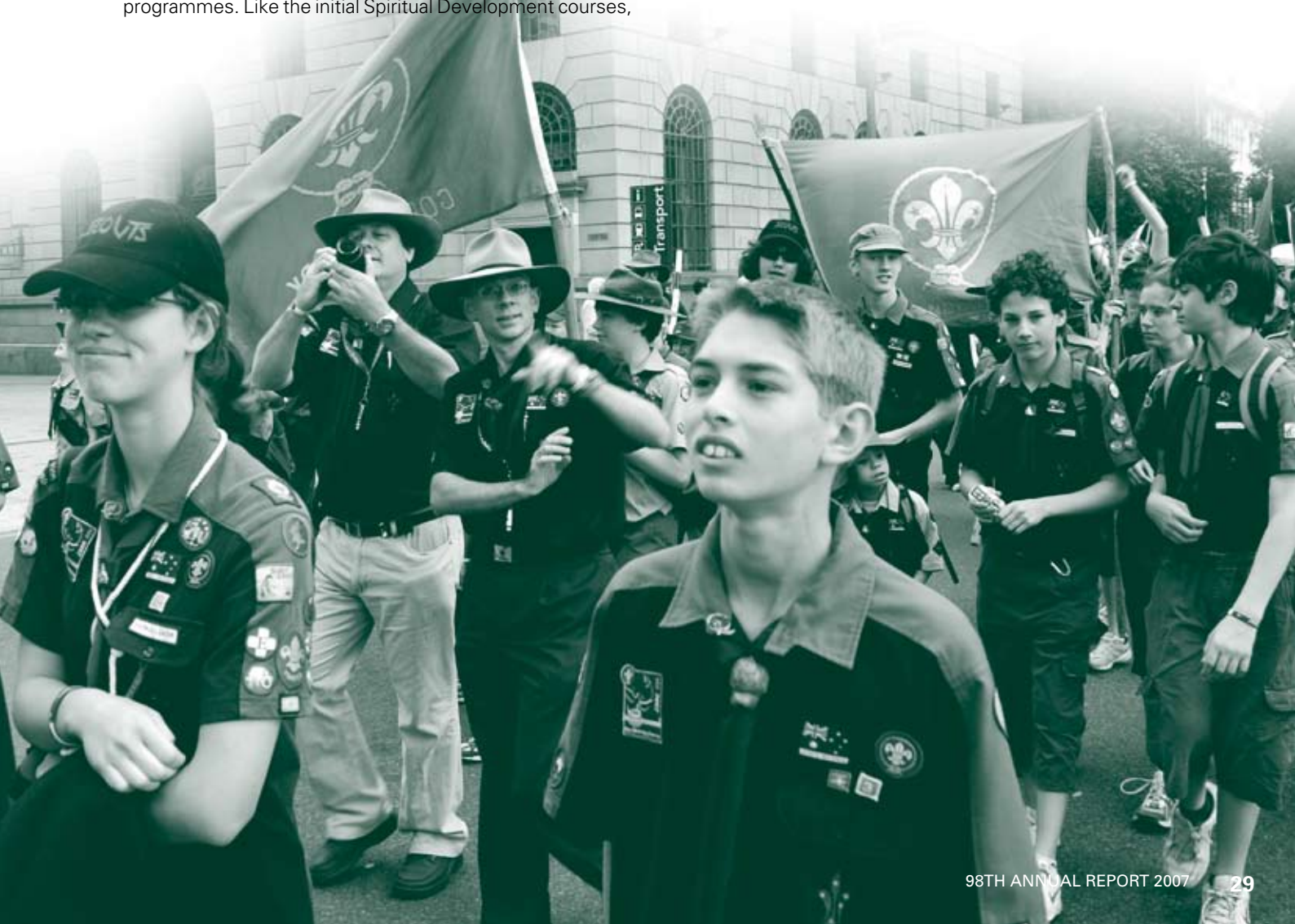
Spiritual Development Courses have taken a change for the year and are being run as short programmes at Regional Councils. This is being trialled in an attempt to help equip as many of our leaders as possible and make them more comfortable in planning for spiritual development in their programmes. Like the initial Spiritual Development courses,

these sessions will be 'hands-on' activity based sessions, coupled with some discussions aimed at helping leaders gain confidence in this area of the programme.

The long-awaited collection of articles on the Promise and Law has been completed, are on CD and has been distributed to members of the Movement. These provide a much-needed resource to our Leaders.

There have also been a number of ongoing counselling opportunities through the year. Much has been accomplished but much is still to be done.

*Iain Furby,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch*





Scouting in Isolated Indigenous Communities Program

The Scouting in Isolated Indigenous Communities (pilot) Program came to an end in September 2006.

The Pilot Program was established in 2002 in the Northern Territory and Queensland and experience was gained working in Indigenous and Islander communities during this period.

Following a report on the success of the program, further Federal Government funding was obtained to continue developing the Scout Program in Indigenous communities.

The funding is available:

- (a) To continue to develop the program where Scouting has been established and
- (b) To extend Scouting into new communities.

The existing communities are Napranum, outside Weipa and Seisia, Bamaga, Umagico and Injinoo, located in the Northern Peninsula Area.

A Group has been established in New Mapoon, late 2006 and (Old), Mapoon, north of Weipa, early in 2007.

Project Manager Cliff Farmer and Project Officer Bryan Brown travel regularly to the communities to provide training for Leaders and programming support for the Youth members.

The majority of Leaders are employed through Indigenous Councils, however there are volunteers supporting the Scout program.

I accompanied Cliff Farmer and Bryan Brown on one trip to the Northern Peninsula Area and Weipa and presented Certificates of Appreciation to Leaders and Community Supporters.

The future of the program will see the employment of an additional Project Officer and development in other communities around Cairns, Weipa and Torres Strait.

Contacts are maintained with the Indigenous Coordinating Centre, PCYC and Sport and Recreation Department.

Current Youth membership in the 7 Scout groups is 64 and Leader roles is 54.

The Scout Leadership roles are usually tied to Out of School Hours Care or Sport and Recreation and this has an impact on the movement of people in the community when they are looking for better employment opportunities.

Community and Councils support is strong and we are working on developing a stronger relationship with the parents of Scouts in each community.

In the NPA our relationship, with the school is good, with administrative support and a place to store our resources.

Bryan Brown,
Project Officer,
Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch





2006 Awards

Queen's Scout Awards

Teagan Ball
Steffi Brown
Murray Chapman
Thomas Alan Coulson
Brady Crabb
Louisa Dittman
Tavis Edmondstone
Jade Elliott
Robert Kane
Samuel Miles Knipe
Jayden Maurer
William Peter Miller
Petah Ritson
Nicole Ryan
Mia Annalies Schaumberg
Jodi Anne Simpson
Troy Donald Smith
Peter Tarnawski
Helen Twaddle
Kellie Wardle
Nicholas Wellauer
Rowan Yates

Baden Powell Awards

Leon Aarsse
Kelly Ann Sims
Kim Small
Ryan Sodziak

Silver Kangaroo

Jean Clifford	Queensland Branch Headquarters
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National President's Award

Noelene Blatch	Queensland Branch Headquarters
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Silver Emu

Arthur Bell	Suncoast Region
Alan Burchill	Queensland Branch Headquarters
David Day	Canungra Scout Group
Eric Lyon OAM	Montrose Scout Group
Eric Margetts	Glenore Grove Scout Group
Kenneth Millers	Moreton Region
John Palmer	Longreach Scout Group
Pieter Van Der Kamp	Queensland Branch Headquarters

Silver Koala

Marie Andrews	Caboolture Scout Group
Paul Boddington	North Ipswich Scout Group
Margaret Day	Gold Coast Region
Neilson Geddes	John Oxley District
Patricia Nelson	Buderim Scout Group
Sheila Stokell	Esk Scout Group
Kenneth Whyte	West Centenary Scout Group
Vanessa Wratten	Birkdale Scout Group

Distinguished Service Award

Elaine Latta	Scouts Australia
Horace Stumbles	Birkdale Scout Group

Silver Wattle

Suzanne Brandt	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Kevin Campbell	Stafford Scout Group
Maria Campbell	Stafford Scout Group
Robert Campbell	Gold Coast Region
Mark Cane	Gold Coast Region
Ralph Challenger	West Centenary Scout Group
Gregory Coultis	Chester Estates Scout Group
William Crawford	North Ipswich Scout Group
Donald Curran	Shailer Park Scout Group
Pamela Diflo	Queensland Branch Headquarters
David Dioth	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Annette Ensor	Darling Downs Region
Betty Franklin	Flinders District
Mark Freeman	Central Western Region
Philip Harrison	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Stephen Holloway	Hermit Park Scout Group
Peter Hume	Clifton Hill Scout Group
Peter Jones	Sherwood Scout Group
John MacKinnon	Near North Coast & Country Region
Michael Neville	Lower Burdekin Scout Group
Canh Phan	Oxley Scout Group
Mark Skilling	Moreton Region
Paul Suess	Cleveland Scout Group
Ian Tatham	Oxley Scout Group
Colette Watson	Queensland Branch Headquarters

Outstanding Service Award

Brenda Cull	Toohey Forest District
Ann McHenry	D'Aguilar Range District



Silver Arrowhead

Ross Argent	Hinkler East Scout Group
Peter Askew	Glenore Grove Scout Group
Penny Avey	Beaver Masters District
Leonard Barty	Noosa Sea Scout Group
Jenny Bateman	Woodford Scout Group
Michael Bell	Taroom Scout Group
Randall Benbow	4th Maryborough Scout Group
Richard Bozza	Withcott Scout Group
Erin Brennan	Lower Burdekin Scout Group
Maria Brooker	Redbank Plains Scout Group
Stephen Bryant	D'Aguilar Range District
David Butler	Stafford Scout Group
Heather Butler	Stafford Scout Group
Bruce Collyer	West Centenary Scout Group
Kathleen Cross	Lower Burdekin Scout Group
Wayne Daley	Morayfield Scout Group
Robert De Hayr	Capalaba Scout Group
Teresa Doherty	Mount Cotton Scout Group
Ross Hanson	Beaudesert Scout Group
Glynn Hasthorpe	Stafford Scout Group
Pamela Jerrard	Taroom Scout Group
Warren Johnson	Queensland Branch Headquarters
Gordon Love	Woodridge Scout Group – Called to higher service in 2006
Barbara Matthews	Roma Scout Group
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