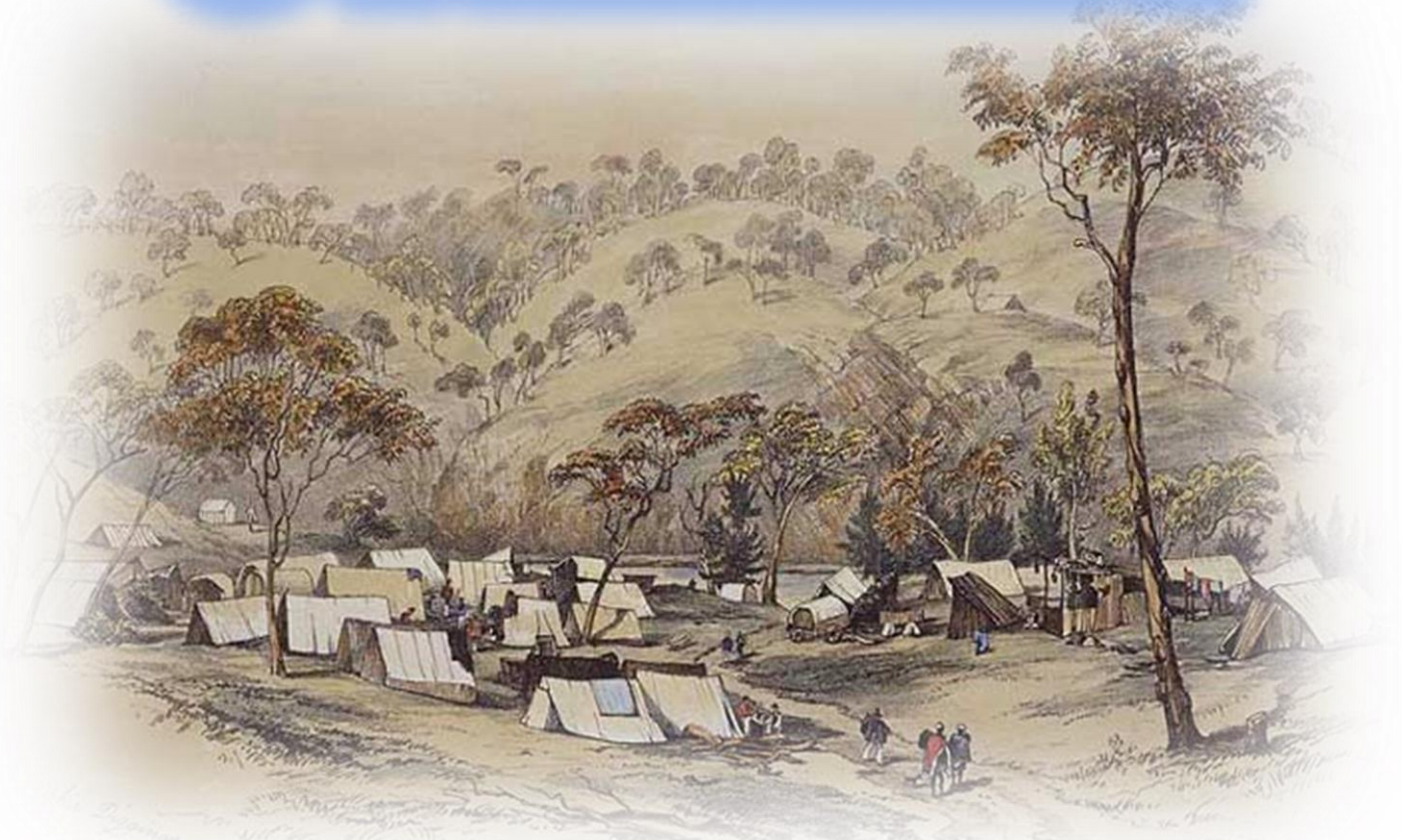


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UREEKA



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On the weekend of 17 to 19 May 2024, 160 Scouts in 30 Activity Patrols , 6 Venturers and 32 Adult Leaders attended Brisbane North Region's Scout Section "BAANYA" Camp. The activity was held at the Rocky Creek Campsite, Landsborough.

What is BAANYA did I hear you ask? Once known as the North Area Scout Camp, it was renamed as BAANYA by Paul Parkinson when he became AAC Scouts in 1984. We believe BAANYA is the aboriginal word for meeting place. It was obviously chosen because it was close to the BNA newsletter - BNANA (Brisbane North Area News Articles).

This year's *UREEKA* theme was loosely based on the Tent Cities that had sprung up in the Australian Gold Rush era and the Eureka Rebellion that took place in December 1854. In an abundance of poetic license, the promotional Flyer notes:

Due to the discovery of precious Gold in the mid 1800's the small tent city of "Ureeka" has sprung up almost overnight .

Known for their excellent skills in almost everything, Scouts are called upon to provide basic infrastructure including a Hospital, Bank, Pub, Electricity and an Explosives store. On Sunday, tensions amongst the miners are running high. The Governor at the time, Sir Thomas Goldwrappa the Third, imposes exorbitant mining royalties and to make matters worse, the Pub has no beer. A Rebellion arises as a consequence.

On Saturday, Patrols attended to provision of the following infrastructure (the activity bases):

1. Power to the People – Pioneering – Erecting Power Poles and establishing communications
2. The Pub – Campcraft – Sanitise creek water for the Brewery
3. The Explosives Store – Light Pioneering – carry explosives from the store to the mine site without triggering an explosion!
4. The Bank – steal the key to the box of gold bullion from the sleeping security guard
5. The Hospital – First Aid/ Triage following the collapse of a mine shaft
6. The Ureeka Flag – Flag/ Badge Design – hosted by Lynlie "Baja " Cross .

The Ureeka Rebellion was staged on Sunday with many an interesting canon made by the Patrols.

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The general consensus among the Leaders is the event went well with Scouts well engaged and enthusiastic at all activities.

Adult Leaders attending the event also benefited in a number of ways including challenging themselves to think of novel ways to present an activity; social interaction with other Leaders and the exchange of great program ideas to pass on to their Scout Units.

Many thanks to all who contributed. Special note goes to the six Ironbark Venturers from Sir Leslie Wilson District for running the Hospital activity base , Saturday evening's campfire and building the Governor's Residence on Sunday morning. This was a first for BAANYA whereby Youth were included in the Adult Leader Team and I am happy to say their involvement was most successful. We will be encouraging more Youth involvement in planning, organising and participating in large events moving forward.

Joe "Dunnart" Reitano
Assistant Region Commissioner – Scouts , Brisbane North Region



Camping in Queensland Ridge Tents was encouraged.

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Tyakunda District’s “ Power to the People “ - erecting power poles and communication lines

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Charles S Snow’s District’s “ The Pub “ – purifying creek water for the brewery.

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Sir Leslie Wilson District’s “The Explosives Store” – moving explosives without triggering an explosion.

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Bramble Bay District’s “The Bank” Build a Stretcher to carry the box of Gold Bullion , navigate a maze and steal the keys for the box from the sleeping security guard.

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Sir Leslie Wilson District's Ironbark Venturers' "The Hospital" – triage and first aid following a mine shaft collapse.

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Lynlie “Baja” Cross’s “ The Ureeka Flag “ – Flag design – the winning Patrol’s design becomes the badge for the event.

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Some interesting “Canon “ designs at the Ureeka Rebellion

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The Ureeka Rebellion Patrols - prepare to fire at the Governor's residence.



The Governor and his loyal aid, Cooper, defend the Governor's residence at the Ureeka Rebellion.