

Sept 2018

Editor

Mary Wallace



Hibiscus Coast District Newsletter

Central Coast Region

Scouts Australia

Dates to Remember

JOTA JOTI

ROWALLAN PARK

19th 21st OCTOBER 2018

3rd 4th November

**Sarina Scout Group 90
years celebration**



District Commissioner's Report

Things are full steam ahead with group camps, hikes and journeys for the year.

We have some big events coming up that everyone is excited about. Firstly is Jota/Joti on the 20th & 21st October – thank you to my District Leaders for stepping up and organising this event. Can't wait to see all the youth members out having fun at Rowallan Park. Jota/Joti opens the doors for communicating with people all over the world and I think this is a very important part of everyone's scouting journey. On Saturday afternoon at 5pm we will be having a parade and handing out awards and (hopefully) scarfing up our last 3 local members as part of the "Scarfig Up Initiative".

On the 3rd & 4th November Sarina Scout Group is celebrating 90 years in Scouting with combined Group camp and a public open day hosting a load of fun activities at Sarina Showgrounds.

Meetings have already started for ScoutFest 2019 celebrating 70 years of Rowallan Park on the 26-28th July 2019 which is looking to be the biggest and most exciting to date.

Please make sure all these events are on your scouting calendar, they are not to be missed!

Our District badge is here and has been distributed to groups for youth members and leaders. I am really happy with the end result, I think the Venturer Scouts did a great job with their design.



Leader training is being held at Lake Awoonga this month and hopefully we will see more training in our region in the coming year. Thank you and BRAVO to RC Dougal McWhinney for his hard work in getting the training up here.



Youth Numbers for Hibiscus Coast District have shown an increase of 11% which is good news.

**Branch Census
Youth Counts**
Printed for Hibiscus Coast District

NOTE: This report calculates the youth counts based on the formation structure as of the report's print date. It does not take into account changes made to the formation structure prior to this date.

Section	Youth Count as at 31/03/2018	Membership Movements between 31/03/2018 and 30/09/2018					Branch Information		Youth Count as at 30/09/2018	Variance	
		Enrollments	Re-Instatements	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Resignations	Gone Up	Advanced			
Joey Scout	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	+1	9.1%
Cub Scout	76	17	0	1	1	1	-5	0	86	+11	14.5%
Scout	83	11	1	1	1	10	-2	+5	86	+5	6.0%
Venturer Scout	26	4	0	0	0	1	-4	+2	27	+1	3.8%
Rover	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	+4	16	+5	45.5%
Grand Totals	207	34	1	2	2	12	11	11	227	+23	11.1%

With the opening of a Joey section at Mackay City Central and the re-opening of Proserpine Scout Group I look forward to seeing a further increase in youth numbers and Leaders before the end of the financial year.

Onwards and upwards Scouts, hope you are enjoying your school holidays and look forward to seeing what Term 4 has to offer.

*Yours in scouting
Jacala*

Scarfig Up Ceremony



The Scarfig up Ceremony for the Hibiscus Coast District was held on Wednesday 15th August 2018 at 5pm at the Blue Water Quay. Scout Lily Nongrsa from Banksia Scout Group presented Mackay Regional Mayor Mr Greg Williamson with his scarf and Scout Hayden Scott from Banksia Group presented Member for Mackay, and Patron of Scouting, Mrs Julieanne Gilbert with her scarf. Mr Williamson and Mrs Gilbert both expressed that they will wear their Scarves with pride at Scouting events.



Mackay City Central

Mackay City Central Cub Scout Toby Rule was recently presented with his Grey Wolf Award which is the highest achievement in the Cub Scout Section.

Toby's Cub Scout Leader Mrs Debra Rutherford said that Toby is a young man with vision – when he first joined Mackay City Central Cub Scout Pack in February 2015, he boldly announced “I’m going to get my Grey Wolf”... and he had a plan to back it up. This statement told her that Toby was a thinker and he was going to work smart, not hard. Toby, through consistent effort and persistence and created his own path through the Cub Scout Award Scheme.



He completed all three Boomerang Challenge levels and the Achievement Badges he has earned across all areas are focused around his strengths and the areas in which he excels. Toby's genuine concern for his fellow Cub Scouts and his developing leadership skills saw him appointed as a Second and, later on a Sixer. He participated in a Cub Scout Leadership Course and has used these skills to assist the Leaders manage the Pack. He has been a regular attendee of and actively participated in Pack, Group and Region Cub Scout activities and events. Toby has fulfilled his role as a youth leader to a very high standard, setting a positive example of respect and responsibility for others to follow. During his time in the Cubs Scout Pack, Toby has demonstrated an understanding of the Cub Scout Law and Promise and does his very best to live by them every day.

Toby presented a diorama of the Council Rock from the Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book, as his resource to the Cub Scout Pack. He also lead a group of four other Cub Scouts on a geo-caching activity through the Botanic Gardens as his ramble.

Toby attended Cuboree, which is a State run camp, and it was one of his highlights whilst in the Cub Scout Section.

Toby cut a celebratory cake to mark this special achievement. He has linked to the Scout Section to continue his journey in scouting.

Mackay City Central Joey Scouts

Spring has Sprung, the newly formed Joey Scout Mob at Mackay City Central had fun decorating cup cakes with a Spring Time theme.



Bowen Scout Group

Each year Bowen community has an opportunity to walk out into the bay to Northhead Lighthouse (second oldest in Qld) as the tides drop and expose the sand bars between the mainland and the island. Many of us have done the walk previously but this year Cubs chose to participate as they had been working on Environment themes and invited the Group to walk with them. Weather was perfect and horned starfish were in abundance. No two of these starfish are the same colours/patterns. We also saw cuttlefish, many varieties of coral, oysters, sea grass meadows, snails and other seashells with their inhabitants still living in them. Cub Scouts also went for two walks as part of their environment theme - one to Mullers Lagoon to check out the birdlife and another following an open storm drain, following the rubbish trail to the ocean.



Father's Day saw Cubs and Dads make blue planet posters (using shaving cream) followed by cooking up a treat - chocolate biscuits, cream and caramel topping all put together into choc ripple logs for desert. A great "no-bake" item for Cooking LI. Cub Scouts also completed their LI Flight badges making gliders, parachutes and kites and learnt about drag, uplift, thrust and weight.

The highlight of the term has to be Hathi (Emma Nebauer) completing basic training giving our Cub Pack a trained Leader once again - congratulations Hathi.

Patrol camping has been the focus for our Scout Troop as our newly 'Scout Leadership trained' Scouts spread their wings. Some of our troop have taken to patrol camping like ducks to water and food choices are starting to show imagination as they move away from sausages on bread or bacon & eggs. Over the September school holidays another patrol camp has a baking theme as they explore breads, buns, deserts and savoury treats cooked in camp ovens. As part of the Scarf Up campaign, the local Mayor and some Councillors are to attend afternoon tea at this camp: lightly iced cinnamon buns, scones and savoury muffins are on the menu.





Reinforcing foundation skills has been the focus this term plus Emergencies as the chosen elective target. Likely those who chose to, will have completed Emergencies and most of Citizenship before year end. Campcraft also becoming a reality for some - just have a hike to do. For a few, their Pioneer target will be complete and for us, that will be a major achievement given we were a brand new troop in March.

Venturer Scouts must be doing something right as their numbers have doubled since the beginning of the year - presently 9 youth make up our Unit. Venturer Scouts assisted the Cancer Council candlelight ceremony cooking up sausages and participated in the ceremony itself. They have had members attend Unit Management course and are building their experience and expertise with each passing week. Walara (Crystal Stanton) has recently re-joined the Unit as AVSL and VSL Jaru (Trish Nebauer) has completed her basic training - congratulations Jaru.



**Brolga
Bowen Scout Group**

Photos below from Scarfing up Ceremony and Scout Camp held on the school holidays.



Mackay Venturer Scouts

Expedition Experience,

On the first week of the July holidays 5 Venturer Scouts, Matt, Riley, Josh, Lachlan, and Brendan, departed Mackay with Drivers Pera, Stovie and Possum, on what turned out to be a 2300 km Expedition Experience travelling North to Townsville the first night included participating in Kennedy Regions Nighthawk and taking out first place, much to the dismay of the local



after the presentation of prizes and the inaugural trophy, we departed for Mt Garnet where we were hiking and camping on a property just outside of town. Needing a shower we decided to take advantage of the nearby Innot Hot Springs and dutifully splashed around making sure that we had the maximum amount of fun, before leaving Mt Garnet Sargent Steve joined us for Dinner and gave us some very interesting information about the Police force and insight into what it is like being a country Police Officer. From Mt Garnet we travelled to Undarra and had what can only be described as an AMAZING experience visiting the Lava Tubes and to see the bats emerge at night is truly worth the travel, having breakfast with some of the local rock wallabies isn't to be passed up either. From Undarra we travelled across the tablelands to Lake Barrine and the difference from dry open forest to Rain forest is quite dramatic. We also visited the coffee plantation and several other places of interest. Camping at Barrabadeen we had nightly visits from the local inhabitants that were very friendly. Travelling back down from the tablelands we stopped in Townsville and had the opportunity to see it at night from Castle Hill, before heading home on our Final day. 9 days 2 vehicles 5 Venturer Scouts 3 drivers and memories that will last a lifetime.

Matt Vella

Capture the Flag 2018



Capture the Flag returned to Rowallan Park for 2018 and was extremely successful, 6 teams from Bowen and Mackay with 1 Warriparri Venturer Scout competing over the 24 hours taking over the entire park. Over the 24 hours the teams were required to complete tasks as well as compete to win the trophy and bragging rights, The Mackay Rovers along with Seb and Tim were fantastic at running the game and ensuring that there was no sleeping with unattended flags signed and points lost. The Object is to accumulate the most points by capturing your opponents and capturing their Flags, finding the Rovers flag and friends adds bonus points to the tally. One of the Activities was collecting rubbish from the park and it was successful in removing 3 rubbish bins full of discarded rubbish. The Winning team Capture Rapture did well and have bragging rights for the year.

BANKSIA GROUP – COOINDA CUB SCOUT PACK - GREY WOLF AWARD



Two Banksia Cub Scouts have recently been presented with their Grey Wolf Awards. Hannah Reid and Oskar Mackle from the Cooina Cub Scout Pack have worked hard to achieve this award which is the highest award in the Cub Scout section.

Hannah joined Banksia Scout Group in 2016 and Oskar linked from Joey Scouts to Cub Scouts in 2016. To achieve the award the youth members had to accomplish five components of the award. Firstly they completed all their boomerang levels. Secondly at least four level two achievement badges and at least one special interest badge had to be completed. The third component was to participate in at least one overnight camp and inter-pack activity. These activities consisted of camping at Scoutfest, Jota Joti and Banksia Cub Scout Pack camps. Hannah and Oskar planned and took part in a hike along the Bucasia Esplanade. The fourth component was for the youth members to attend at least two pack councils which is important as it gives the youth members an input into the

planning of their term's program. Lastly, Hannah and Oskar both completed games based on the Jungle Book as a resource for the younger youth members to use.

After being awarded the Grey Wolf award they will link up to the Milpera Scout troop to continue along their Scouting journey.

Compiled by Mary Wallace from information received from Cub Scout Leader, Joelene Mackle.

M Wallace
District Leader
Community Relations, Hibiscus Coast District.



Conrad Lamb and Tristan Gardner were presented with their Queen's Scout Award Certificates at Government House in Brisbane, recently.

Congratulations to Ethan Cahill for achieving his Australian Scout Medallion in July.

2018 Central Coast Water Venture

Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre

Nth Eton

Nov 30th to Dec 2nd



Camp Fee's \$ 110.00

Camp fee includes: Site Fees

: all Saturday meals

: Sunday breakfast, morning tea
and lunch



- : All Activities
- : Canoeing
- : Tubing : Skiing
- : Swimming
- : Challenges
- : Knee Boarding
- : Activities
- : FUN

Venturers Why not bring your older scouts 13 or older it's a great try Venturing activity

Are you up to the Challenge?

Applications Available October 2018