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Editor

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# Hibiscus Coast District Newsletter

## Central Coast Region

### Scouts Australia

### News from the Editor

#### Dates to Remember

4th to 14th January 2019

AJ2019 South Australia

22nd Feb Founders Day

*My apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. When you are pressed for time things that shouldn't go wrong do.*

*District Commissioner Katrina Hoare unfortunately has had an extended stay in hospital and didn't get a report to me beforehand. We wish her all the best and hopefully she doesn't have to stay in hospital for too much longer.*

*On World Scout Day it was announced that Brendan Ross, Adventurous Activities Leader was awarded a Meritorious Service Award. Brendan is a true scout he has been a member of scouting since he was Cub Scout Age. Even as a Scout he was giving service by helping out in the Cub Scout Section. Well Done Brendan you are deserving of such an award. Brendan was presented with his award at parade at JOTA JOTI.*

*Another significant award was recognized at parade at Jota and Joti and that was to Denis Tuckerman. He was presented with his 50 years service award. Denis has been a Scout Leader for most of those years but in recent years he has been in charge of Memorabilia. At one time Denis was first aider at District or Region events and he freely gave his time to Scout or Cub Scout meetings to teach the youth members first aid. He was also fond of telling yarns at a campfire or a Scouts Own.*



*Thank You, to Region Commissioner, Dougal McWhinney as once again he had the mammoth task of setting up and keeping the computers working for JOTI. Thanks to all those who helped him out, leader, Rover Scout and Venturer Scouts. The radios may have experienced some difficulties this year however the chat on the internet was popular and the electronics bases as well. Added to the mix this year, there was canoeing, the rope bridge and the climbing wall as well.*

*The Rock Wall was hired from the Qld HQ and it was put to good use in the Hibiscus Coast District for leader accreditation training as well as Scouting events and Market Days from the Whitsundays to Sarina. Thank You, it is a wonderful resource.*

*Congratulations to Sarina Scout Group and their 90 year celebrations.*

*The Rover Scouts have recently farewelled Rover Advisor Harry Roestenburg. He and his wife Melinda and two children are moving to Bundaberg. Harry started as Rover Advisor in 1990.*

*The 25<sup>th</sup> Australian Jamboree (AJ2019) will be held from 4th January to the 14th January 2019 at the The Bend Motorsport Park in South Australia. I believe that there are around 17 youth members 5 leaders 1 parent from Hibiscus Coast District and the Region Commissioner attending. Have a great time and make the most of the activities provided.*

*Thank You to the Groups and Leaders who regularly contribute to the Hibiscus Coast Newsletter. It wouldn't be a newsletter without your contributions. I have had some great feedback from parents who get to read it.*

*Have a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2019 year.*

*Mary Wallace, District Leader Community Relations  
Hibiscus Coast District.*



**Brendan Ross**



**Farewell Rover Advisor  
Harry Roestenburg**

## *Sarina Scout Group News*

*We had three lucky Cubs Scouts who made their way down south to Cuboree 2018*

*“Cuboree 2018 going troppo was an event that 900 people went to. The four base camps were Carnavan, Undara, Barrier Reef, and Straddie which spells cubs. The activity bases were called, Uragna, State of Origin, Behold the Myths and Legends and Colonial. Undara was made out of seven different birds that were Lorikeets, Parrots, King Fishers, Honey Eaters, Cassowary’s, Galas, and Cockatoos. I had such a great time, I wish I could go again”* **Stephanie Parchert**



*“My favourite part of Cuboree was the colour run. It is where all the leaders try to squirt the kids with water guns, but the kids get multi-coloured powder (that washes off) and throws it at anyone, (no headshots!) or rubs it on their shirts. It was very fun, I enjoyed it a lot. I really loved when Undara watched a movie”* **Mathew Ahwang**

*“Cuboree was great fun and the best part was running through the mud whilst at the State of Origin base. I made really good friends from all over the state and the meals were great.”* **Jennifer Anderson**

*Perhaps ask your parents if you can go to the next one!*

### **Grey Wolf Award Stephanie Parchert**

*On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of November, Stephanie Parchert from Sarina Scout Group was awarded her Grey Wolf Award. This is the highest award within the Cub Scout Award Scheme and so is an honour to achieve.*

*To be a Grey Wolf recipient Stephanie was required to independently complete a multitude of badges by herself as well as be an active member of her Six. Through doing the components of the grey Wolf Award Stephanie has been challenged physically, mentally and spiritually and further enhanced her understanding of Scouting as well as outdoor living.*

*Stephanie was presented her Grey Wolf Award by Merline Wilson and Brett Tomlinson. It was a proud moment for Stephanie, her supportive family and fellow members of the Sarina Scout Group. We wish Stephanie all the best as she embarks on a new set of scouting challenges as a member of the Sarina Scout Group.*



### **Sarina Scout Group 90th Celebrations**

*On the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Sarina Scout Group celebrated 90 years of scouting in Sarina. Scouting Groups from the Hibiscus Coast District camped at the Sarina Showgrounds in the vicinity where the mud trials are held.*

*The formal part of the celebrations was held at 9am on Saturday. Central Coast Region Commissioner Mr Dougal McWhinney delivered congratulations on behalf of the Qld Chief Commissioner Mr Darryl Scott. Sarina Group Leader Justin Thompson responded, and a celebratory cake was cut.*

*Three generations of the Tomlinson Family were present at the celebration. Graham and Sandra Tomlinson came from Bauple for the event. Mr Lance Watson former Sarina Leader who is the present Mt Archer Group Leader and his wife travelled from Rockhampton to be a part of the celebrations. Former Scout Leader Shayne Christofferson and Lance Hodda attended the Breakfast.*



A Memorabilia display with photos through the years were displayed.

The youth members who attended were treated to climbing the rock wall, traversing the rope bridge, playing battleships, and other games. The buzzer at the top of the Rock Wall was ringing at frequent intervals. Saturday evening a campfire was held, and the youth members were very enthusiastic when presenting their skits. Sunday morning a barbeque breakfast was held for the guests who had a chance to reminisce about scouting over the years.

The youth members were kept busy with activities, making woggles, Parachute games, and wet activities to cool down.

The Rowallan Park Fellowship Committee attended the activities and held their committee meeting and had lunch at the Sarina Leagues Club. They also enjoyed Sunday mornings activities. One over 70 member proved that you are not too old to climb the rock wall.

The weekend was a success and it was excellent seeing leaders and adults having as much fun as the youth members. Congratulations to Sarina Scout Group and leaders for providing a fun weekend for scouting members and guests.





## **MACKAY CITY CENTRAL NEWS#**

### **Agoonoree 2018**

*During the September school holidays, I went to Agoonoree for the second time. Both times I have gone as a guest. I had a great time.*

*During the five days of Agoonoree I did water aerobics, abseiling, rock climbing, rotational activities, assisting in preparing meals, swimming and arts and crafts. The activities were heaps of fun. I abseiled 10 metres. After climbing up the tower I felt cautious but afterwards I felt proud that I had done it. During day 3 I visited the heritage museum which is part of Baden Powell Park.*

*At night we had a disco and a movie night. On the last day we had a carnival, we had ice creams, snow cones and popcorn. The food at camp was delicious.*

*I recommend Scouts go as buddies and Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts go to assist with the operation of the extraordinary camp.*

### **Damein Bear**

#### **Mackay City Central Scout Group**

*Mackay City Central Cub Scout had a Pack Holiday at Cape Hillsborough. These are some photos that they posted on their Facebook Page.*



*If you haven't got a Christmas tree to decorate a leader will do instead.*





## Bowen Scout Group News

Some may recall Bowen's Scout section only reopened in February this year after having no leader through 2017. All our Scouts are Pioneer level. In order to finish off some Campcraft targets, they undertook a Day hike along Euri Creek early in November. Whilst it was hot, humid and horrible weather for hiking, Scouts had a great time. In the lead for all of the hike with the oldies following up behind, Scouts enjoyed the simple activity of finding their own way only loosely supervised by Leaders. Scouts did not enjoy the chinee apple, devils fig and other weeds that seem to infest this otherwise natural riparian landscape - might be a future environmental activity site!



Since February some of our Scouts have managed 11 nights camping and all our gear (none of it new) has had a thorough workout. Scouts have become experts at replacing & restringing broken dome tent pole segments, rolling tents small enough to fit into bags and packing patrol boxes but still have a way to go to master "clean" cookware being re-stowed upon return and not losing woggles, however two will have completed their Pioneer Cord by the time we break up for Christmas.

Bowen's two longest serving Cub Scouts Linked to Scouts this term. Along with Scouts they boarded the bus and went firstly to Grays Bay where one Cub Scout completed his linking journey at the lookout overlooking Queens Bay as the sun set over the water. Back onto the bus and on to Horseshoe Bay where our second Cub Scout was invested into Scouts with his feet in the sand only meters from the lapping waves. A night hike followed for both the Cub Pack and Troop, up to the Horseshoe Bay lookout from where the lights of Bowen can be seen at night. For both Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop, it was a great night out.

McHappy Day saw both Cub Scouts and Scouts lining the McDonalds driveway and walking the floor inside the restaurant to help raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Many customers stopped to tell their stories of how their stay in distant cities was made easy through Ronald McDonald House.

We had some West Australian Scouting visitors in Bowen this term - husband and wife team Ian and Juleen Darwen, currently DC Pilbara and DC Kimberly, who have family in Bowen. Some time was spent relating how they overcome the tyranny of distance given they live south of Perth yet the districts they serve are so far north of home. Ian at one time BC Scouts in WA, was able to assist our Scouts with some of their badgework.



Scouts also participated in the Great Northern Clean Up early November. They picked Yasso Point as their target and were amazed how many bags were collected even though the site looked clean at first glance.

We are looking at Break up activities now with end of year clearly in sight. A GPS based treasure hunt followed by town pool swim looks like the activity of choice for Scouts. Cub Scouts are looking forward to a party and Venturers are just pleased to be through another year of high school - I believe CCV will be their finale.

Merry Christmas everyone.

**Investiture of new leaders in HC District on JOTA JOTI Weekend at Rowallan Park**

**Lesley Bullemor**

**Bowen Group Leader**



## *Banksia Scout Group*

### *Grey Wolf Award Flynn Baker*

*Flynn joined Banksia in 2018, transferring from 1<sup>st</sup> Blaxland Group in New South Wales.*

*Since joining Banksia, he has completed his Silver & Gold Boomerangs along with several achievement badges, Local History, Waterwise and also completed his Cub Scout Leadership Course. Flynn is a Sixer for White six.*

*For his hike, Flynn took himself and some other Cub Scouts on a 10 kilometre walk through Kelleys Water Reserve and the Slade Point Sand Dune Reserve.*

*For his resource, Flynn created a Jungle Book inspired game of twister.*

*I would like to thank Flynn for your leadership within our Pack since you have joined us, it has been a pleasure having you with us.*

*Flynn had his dad present him with his Grey Wolf Award.*

### *Australian Scout Medallion to Isaac Russell and Louis Lamb*

*Isaac Russell and Louis Lamb have recently been awarded their Australian Scout Medallion. Both Zac & Louis have had a similar journey in Scouts linking up to the troop in December 2014 after completing their Cub Scout journeys.*

*In Scouts, they have both achieved all of the Cord levels.*

*To achieve their Adventurer Shields, both boys completed both the Citizenship and Campcraft targets as the compulsory badges and completed water safety as their elective with Zac also completing his Adventurer level Emergencies target badge.*

*Separately, the journeys completed by both Zac & Louis took them on a walking hike through the Eungella National Park, camping at both Crediton Hall and the Diggings.*

*Zac was joined on his journey by Connor Fitzpatrick, Damon Giacomini, Douglas Pace and Sean McKenzie. Louis was joined on his journey by Sean McKenzie, Oliver Rule, Isaac Russell and Thomas Banducci. During his time as a Scout, Zac also achieved a total of nine proficiency badges: Abseiling, Bushcraft, Caving, Communication, Music, Performing Arts, Top Rope Climbing, and Trade*

*Louis achieved six proficiency badges: Abseiling, Bushcraft, Caving, Communication, Top Rope Climbing, and Trade.*

*In addition, Zac & Louis also completed their Scout Leadership Course and Their Service, Our Heritage badges.*



*Australian Scout Medallion recipients who didn't go to Govt House to be presented with their certificates.*



## Queen's Scout Award Presentations

### **Brittany Pattemore**

*Banksia Venturer Scout Brittany Pattemore was presented with the Queen's Scout Award at a special ceremony at the den at Fernleigh Avenue, Andergrove on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018. This prestigious award is the highest award in the Venturer Scout Section and is highly regarded by employers and educational institutions.*

*Brittany began her scouting journey with the Mackay City Central Group and transferred to the Banksia Group for Venturer Scouts.*

*To earn this prestigious award the recipient had to be very dedicated and focused to spend a minimum of 30 hours work in each of the four main areas to achieve her goal, which were: Outdoor Activities, Community Involvement, Leadership Development and Personal Growth.*

*Brittany did an amazing array of activities, including sailing, and sailboarding she improved her sewing skills and did service with the Mackay City Central Cub Scouts, she held positions on the Unit council for her leadership, and her hike was in Eungella,*

*Mayor Mr Greg Williamson attended the presentation and offered his words of congratulations to Brittany as he admires the effort that she as a Venturer Scout and other young people in like organisations, sacrifice to earn this prestigious award, being able to stay focused in your Senior Year at High School and missing out on social events.*

*Brittany requested that her Venturer Scout Leader Mrs Jo Brzozowski present her with her Queen's Scout Badge.*

*The afternoon was concluded with a special afternoon tea with finger foods and a celebratory cake was cut to mark the occasion.*

*Brittany is hoping to study nursing at University next year and when she knows what her work load is she will decide if she continues on to the Rover Scout Section.*



### **Angus Nicol**

*Banksia Venturer Scout Angus Nicol was presented with his Queen's Scout Award on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at a special ceremony to mark the occasion.*

*The Queen's Scout Award is a prestigious award and is only achieved by those who strive to their utmost in every single way.*

*Attaining the Queen's Scout Award requires many hours of work in the scouting and the community, however it also requires you to sacrifice a lot of your personal time as well, but it is well worth it.*

*Before attaining the Queen's Scout Award it is a requirement to earn the Venturer Award which comprises of seven activity areas, five of which are compulsory, which are Initiative, Environment, Unit Management, Ideals and First Aid plus two from the eight remaining activities. Once attaining the Venturer Award the youth member can then complete the tasks to Achieve the Queens Scout Award.*

*For his Service project Angus, did many hours of service to Driver Revivor at Waverley Creek and he participated in Relay for Life. Angus also was instrumental in challenging his Venturer Scout Leader to raise money for Shave for a Cure. His leader set targets for the Venturer Scouts and she ended up having her hair cut to shoulder length and beached and multi coloured. A big change from her long dark hair.*



*For Pursuits, Angus did many hours researching the history of Anzacs, and with his school he went on a trip to the battlefields of Europe. For the Outdoors he completed Canoe Level 1 and 2. He went on his hiking expedition at Eungella. Angus along with the Banksia Venturer Scout Unit participated in an Environmental, Clean Up of the parks in the Andergrove area after Cyclone Debbie. They put all the branches and twigs in piles to make it easier for the Council Workers to load and take it away. Angus participated in a Public Speaking Course to fulfil the requirements for Expressions.*

*At the presentation of the QSA to Angus, Lloyd Anderson presented What is a Queen's Scout, Venturer Scout Leader Jo Brzozowski spoke about Angus's achievements, Regional Council Mayor Mr Greg Williamson, Member for Mackay and Patron of Scouting Mrs Julieanne Gilbert, both congratulated Angus. His grandmother that she is so very proud of his achievements as well as his dad who also thanked the leaders and the Banksia Group. Angus had his father and mother present him with his Queen's Scout Badge. Angus responded in thanking all who helped him along the way in achieving this prestigious award.*

*A special cake was cut to celebrate the occasion along with lots of finger food for all to feast on.*

## *Farewell Harry Roestenburg*

*On Monday evening 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 the Mackay Rover Scout Crew farewelled their Rover Advisor Mr Harry Roestenburg. Harry his wife Melinda and two children will be leaving Mackay in the near future, to live in Bundaberg.*

*Harry has been the Rover Scout Advisor since 1990. He is well respected by the current and former Rover Scouts. Besides the fellowship, and fun activities, Rover Scouts do service to the Community. Being the eldest of the five sections of scouting, 18 to 26 years, the Rover Scouts suggest tasks, plan and carry out all their activities. The Rover Advisor's role is to guide and encourage them, but not tell them what to do.*

*Harry stated that, "Rovers make things happen, but it is them doing it."*

*I spoke to a number of current and former Rover Scouts the most common remark was that they respected the guidance that Harry has offered, his friendship, his fitness, also that he made time for their activities and worked around his own family time.*

*The ceremony conducted by Rover Scouts Joshua Brzozowski and Tristan Archibald was a traditional Rover Boot Ceremony. It was followed by a barbeque and a special cake to celebrate the occasion.*

*The evening started and concluded with nature's own spectacular fireworks display, and some rain to cool the air from the oppressive heat. A fitting tribute to Harry and his contribution over the many years to the Mackay Rover Scouts.*

