



Hibiscus Coast District Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Scoutfest

26– 28 July 2019

Rowallan Park

combined with

70th Anniversary of

Rowallan Park



Rope Bridge Australia Day Open Day Banksia Scout Group

News from the District Commissioner

Things have been flying along at the usual Scouting speed and it is suddenly the end of Term 1.

After an extended stay in hospital I did miss attending a lot of the amazing things that have been happening around the place (including birthday, Christmas & New Year). Thankfully I have great leaders who have updated Facebook frequently so I can see what each Group have been up to.

In October we had the opportunity to run the rock wall locally and train our leaders in its operation. What fun that was! We went from Sarina to Cannonvale and it was very well received by the public as well as Scouts.

Australia Day events were held and Banksia Scout Group had another successful Open Day. Numbers were down from last year but the weather was amazing and there were plenty of activities being held in Mackay.

We also attended the Sports Expo at Mackay Entertainment Centre and it was a pleasure to talk to so many interested young people who are looking to go far in this world.



Congratulations to Judy Johnson for winning the 2019 Australia Day Lori Burgess Community Volunteer Award. Judy dedicates her time to worthy causes, including ESA (a ladies' service club), Cootharinga and Scouts.

A District Venturer Scout leader who assists in running activities for the region's youth, she first started volunteering with the organisation when her children were involved.

"You did everything with your children and I've just stayed on," she told ABC radio when she was nominated for council's Women Who Make Us Proud awards as part of Queensland Women's Week last year.

She also said in the same interview her close association with Cootharinga came about as she had a son with Down syndrome.

"He's living independently in a house with three other men. He loves it," she said in the interview.

She was humble about her Women Who Make Us Proud nomination last year, saying: "I can't believe it. I am just an ordinary person."

So, her Lori Burgess Community Volunteer Award, part of the 2019 Australia Day Awards, was a huge surprise for her.

Mrs Johnson is described as a true inspiration, who does everything with integrity and grace.

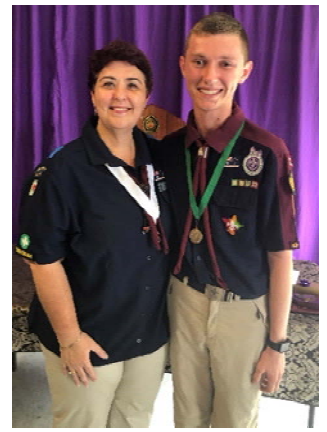


Congratulations to Jennifer Anderson of Sarina Scout Group for achieving her Grey Wolf. It was a lovely evening with a real community spin when Jennifer "Scarfed Up" Stephen Andrew MP.



Mrs Judy Johnson 2019 Lori Burgess Community Volunteer Award

Also, in February I was honoured to attend a Queen Scout Presentation for Matthew Vella. Matthew has been in scouting since February 2013. A true scout through and through, Matt has gone from a shy young man to a future leader. We are so lucky to have such an example in the movement.



Leaders across the District have been hard at work with Section nights, camps and training sessions. We were honoured to have Mr Stephen Kydd from Rockhampton present a very useful and relevant session on "Working with youth with disabilities".

Scouting is a very proud inclusive organisation that works to ensure that all youth have the same opportunities. The reality of this is, our leaders are volunteers..... mums, dads, guardians etc. People just like you that may or may not have experience in dealing with such situations.

I was so proud when the call to arms was raised by Leaders that they WANTED, they NEEDED and they WELCOMED the opportunity to learn what to do.

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"A life without adventure would be deadly dull."
Lord Baden-Powell

SCOUT FEST '19

70th Anniversary
1949 - 2019

On the weekend of the 26th – 28th of July 2019, Hibiscus Coast District will again be running ScoutFest. This event is open to all scouting families for the three days and two nights and we open the doors to the members of the public for Saturday between 10am and 4pm.

The event sees activities such as canoeing, archery, abseiling, rock climbing, damper making, popcorn cooking, mud run, geocaching just to name a few available for everyone to try out. This year also sees us celebrating the 70th anniversary of Rowallan Park. The activity fee includes an activity shirt that identify all scouts to the public (leaders have same in opposite colours for ease of identification for our youth).

In March Brendan "DropBear", Amanda & Theo Ross and "Alpaca" Alex Cinelli joined me in a road trip to Proserpine Scout Den for a recruitment drive of Leaders and Committee. It was an awesome day full of laughter, rain, youth and parents. At the end of the journey, returning Group Leader Wendy Harm is 4 steps closer to reopening Proserpine Scout Group with the signing of 2 Cub Scout Leaders, 1 Joey Scout Leader, chairperson, treasurer and fundraising committee members.



Finally, we had a very successful Level 2/Guide and Level 1 Archery Course at Rowallan Park for Leaders, Rovers and older Venturers. It was a lot of fun and it is sometimes hard to be believe that I get to spend my time with such an amazing bunch of people.

Onwards and upwards Scouts, hope you are enjoying your school holidays and look forward to seeing what Term 2 has to offer.

Yours in scouting
Jacala
Katrina Hoare, District Commissioner

Joey Scout Section by District Joey Scout Leader, Julie Thompson

We've recently presented Care and Share badges to Joey Scouts at Mackay City Central Group.



MCC Joey Scouts celebrated Baden Powell's birthday.

A district train journey for Joey Scouts has been planned from Mackay to Sarina 24-25 May, 2019.

We've commenced using the National Youth Program.

I have been assisting at the Mackay City Central Group and we have had our first Joey Scout council.

We held an Easter Program and decorated Easter Eggs and made Bunny's from washers.

Happy Easter to All.

Kind regards

Julie Thompson, Hibiscus Coast District Joey Scout Leader.

Mackay City Central Cub Scout by Deborah Rutherford.

Our section has exploded this term – from starting with 12 Cub Scouts to finishing off the term with 24 and three others to sign up at the beginning of next term. We will say farewell to two of our members next term when they advance to the Scout Troop. Our Cub Scouts are enthusiastic, energetic and rather noisy at times, but they are a great bunch who always have something to share. We learn just as much from them as they do from us. They have all adjusted incredibly well to the concentrated influx of new members.



Our overall theme for this training year is 'Discovery Channel'. A variety of 'How to...' being the focus of our first term of programming has seen us learning about the secret life of bees and collecting honey – everyone taking home a small bottle of freshly spun honey straight from the honeycomb; working together at our Pack Sleepover and our Sixers and Seconds taking on a greater role in the leadership team, keeping in line with the 'youth lead, adult supported' ethos of the new youth

program. Jack and Annabell particularly enjoyed the challenge.

All those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Dudley Denny Library. We played quiet games outside incorporating the Jungle Book stories and completed activities inside to help us learn about the

different categories of books and how the Dewey decimal system works. We had a crack at blowing eggs to decorate for Easter and planted some seeds to take home to grow over the holidays. Early next term we will visit one of our Cub Scout's farm and plant our seedlings and return later to harvest them.

At our recent Section and Unit Councils, Cub Scouts have brainstormed next term's theme – 'Time Team' to come up with what promises to be a very interesting program of activities and outings. They have also conducted a review of our Pack Code.

Deborah Rutherford

Cub Scout Leader.



Welcome to the New Leader.

Proserpine Scout Group#

We have been working hard to get Proserpine Scout Group started but we are taking slow steps to get there. The aim is to get a full Group Committee and Leaders in place and done their basic training, before taking youth members.

On the 9th March we had our Open Day. The purpose was mainly to get people to come along and volunteer for a position on the Committee or as a Leader.

The Bendigo Bank loaned us their marquee, the Proserpine Lions put on a sausage sizzle and the District Commissioner Katrina Hoare and the Activities team came up from Mackay. We had a few children attend with their parents and the team had them learning how to build a fire (not lighting it). They also erected the rope bridge for the children to climb across, and from what I could see they really enjoyed it.

On that day we were able to get a Treasurer and 2 Cub Scout Leaders. To date we have: 1 Joey Scout Leader, 2 Cub Scout Leaders, a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, plus 3 others that make up the Fundraising Committee. They are very keen to get started. This will be most important to help get the



Scout Den back up and running. After Cyclone Debbie and a few years where the building has stood empty, it will need quite a lot of work and TLC before we can take youth members in there. Once we get some basic training done with our new Leaders, we can start signing up Youth members and we will need somewhere to run from temporarily. Another challenge is to acquire equipment to effectively run the section meetings and activities.

The community has been so supportive with offers of help coming in all directions. I am feeling very positive and excited.

Till next time,

Wendy Harm "Killara" Group Leader, Proserpine Scout Group.



Sarina Scout Group



Sarina Cub Scout Jennifer Anderson was presented with her Grey Wolf Award which is the highest award in the Cub Scout Section. She has followed in the footsteps of her two older brothers and two older sister all of whom have received the Grey Wolf Award.

On parade for Jennifer's Grey Wolf Presentation a scarfing up ceremony was held for Mr Stephen Andrew, Member for Mirani. Jennifer had the privilege of presenting him with his Supporters Scarf.

Jennifer Anderson joined the scouting movement as a six year old and achieved her Joey Scout Promise Challenge before advancing to Cub Scouts when she was eight.

To achieve the award Jennifer had to complete various tasks. She organized a hike along the Goose Ponds walk where the Cub Scouts had fun identifying over 20 different types of birds. She was required to make a resource to present to the Cub Scout Pack so she built a diorama of the "Meeting of the Pack" from the Jungle Book Story, displaying a 3D representation of the Wolf pack on their council rock. She displays her leadership as Sixer of Grey Six. She has also earned a diverse range of achievement badges, including Citizenship, Space, Pets, Masks and Sculpture, Codes and Signals, Collecting, Handycraft and Cooking. Jennifer has always marched in the parade on Anzac Day and has earned a badge for studying Faith awareness in Australia.

She loves canoeing and camping and can't wait to go up to Scouts in the near future.

Jennifer cut a special cake to celebrate the achievement of her Grey Wolf Award.



Mackay Rover Scouts

Mackay Rover Scouts held their AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Sunday 14th April 2019 and amongst our general business meeting we had new elections and elected our new roles and appointed our Rover Advisor.

We'd like to officially welcome [Stuart Wolsey](#) to our crew and take the time to thank him for accepting the role of Rover Advisor and we look forward to getting some great advice from him over the next few years.

Congratulations to those who were elected for the following roles:

Crew leader: [Chelsea Cahill](#)

Treasurer: [Bethany Pinkard](#)

Secretary: [Jim McIntyre](#)

Social Media: [Mel Whitestyles](#)

Fundraising representative: [Ailsa Paterson](#)

Quartermaster: [Conrad Lamb](#)

RA: [Stuart Wolsey](#)

We look forward to seeing what this year holds....

Regards [Mel Whitestyles](#).

Queen's Scout Award Presentation to Matthew Vella



Banksia Venturer Scout Matthew Vella was presented with the highest award in the Venturer Scout Section, the Queen's Scout Award at a special ceremony on Saturday 2nd February 2019. The Mackay Regional Council Mayor Mr Greg Williamson, Member for Mackay and Patron of Scouting Mrs Julieanne Gilbert, Central Coast Region Commissioner for Scouting Mr Dougal McWhinney and Ms Katrina Hoare District Commissioner Hibiscus Coast District were special guests at the celebration along with Matthews parents, family and grandparents, and leaders and youth members.

Matthew joined scouting after attending a scout's open day at Banksia Scout Group in 2013. He achieved the highest award in the scout section the Australian Scout Medallion in 2016.

A minimum of 30 hours of service in four award areas: Outdoor Activities, Community Involvement, Leadership Development and Personal Growth are required to earn this prestigious award to fulfil the requirements of the Queen's Scout Award. Matthew achieved the Endeavour Award by completing a further 50 hours of service above what is required.

Matthew is a member of the Unit Council, Region Venturer Scout Council, and for the past 12 months Chairman of the Queensland Branch Venturer Council.

Matthew planned and took part in a 9 day 8 night expedition covering 2330 kms included hiking, exploration, investigation and many new experiences including visiting the Undarra Lava tubes, dormant volcanoes, three types of ecosystems, hot springs, and steam trains. To top all this off they participated in and won Night Hawk in the Kennedy Region.

Assisting in the Cub Scout Pack, and the Joey Scout Mob as a Youth Helper on a weekly basis, Matthew easily completed the required amount of hours service.

Matthew was quick to realise that he could gain VET qualifications for some of the outdoor skills that he was passionate about, such as abseiling, kayaking, archery and bushwalking. He is well on the way to achieving his Certificate 2 in Outdoor Recreation. Matthews is already planning his next challenge by assisting the Unit in implementing the new Outdoor Adventure Skills pathways and progressing with his outdoor recreation qualifications.

Banksia Venturer Scout Leader Mrs Joann Brzozowski said that Matthew Vella is an outstanding young person who has had an impact on the whole Venturer Scout Unit. He is no stranger to hard work and is very capable of achieving tasks that he sets out to do, and he incorporates a good mix of fun in all activities.

Mackay Regional Council Mayor Mr Greg Williamson expressed his congratulations to Matthew, for his commitment and dedication, to make the world and the community a better place to live.

Mrs Julieanne Gilbert also congratulated Matthew on his achievements in the Recreational activities area which he is passionate about. She also said that it is evident that he is a good role model and has a good strong family commitment behind him.

Matthew's mother Mrs Susan Vella presented Matthew with his Queen's Scout Badge at the ceremony.

The afternoon was concluded with a feast of finger foods and a pavlova to celebrate his achievements.

M Wallace,

istrict Leader Hibiscus Coast District,

Community Relations

*Venturer Scouts at Bunnings
SausageSizzle*



☉ GONE HOME: Dennis Tuckerman - 23 Jan 1941 to 9 Jan 2019



It was with great sadness to farewell Dennis Tuckerman at a Graveside Service on Friday 18 January 2019.

Dennis Tuckerman spent a great part of his life doing voluntary work for the Community, which included over 50 years each to Scouting and Lions. Over the years he also volunteered as a Friend of the Theatre for 20 years, for Meals on Wheels as a driver, at the information desk at the Mackay Base Hospital, and hospital library, in the earlier days the Blood Bank. For many years Dennis was a volunteer for the Queensland Ambulance Service and the St Johns Ambulance when he lived in the Northern Territory.

Dennis was born in Taringe, in New South Wales in 1941. He first joined scouting in New South Wales around 1963 and served as an assistant scout leader with Canowindra Scout Group and Wollongong Group, Dennis worked at PMG for the postal service, which in today's terms is Australia Post. In 1965 Dennis moved to Papua New Guinea to work there, where he continued in Scouting and he joined the Lions Club in Wewak in 1967. When he departed his friend Heather Smith saw him off at the airport and they continued to correspond over the years. In 1971 both Dennis and Heather attended an Australian Scout Jamboree at Leppington, near Sydney. It was at this Jamboree that Dennis proposed to Heather, and she accepted. They were married in October that year when he moved back to New South Wales from Papua New Guinea. In March 1972 they moved to Darwin where he continued in all his community work with Scouting and Lions and he volunteered with the St John's Ambulance Service. He worked all through Cyclone Tracy Christmas 1974 and continued afterwards during the rebuilding period, until December 1975. Heather sustained injuries in the cyclone, she was also pregnant with her son Scott. Heather along with son Trevor evacuated to NSW. They did not return to Darwin. In January 1976. Dennis, Heather and the family moved to Mt Isa, once again continuing with his voluntary work and he joined up as a QATB Volunteer. They moved to live in Mackay in April 1979.

Dennis Tuckerman was fondly remembered by all in scouting as Monawee. Over the many years of service to scouting in NSW, PNG, NT, Mt Isa and Mackay he has received the Medal of Merit in 1989, the Silver Emu in 2001, and Silver Kangaroo in 2007. In 2018 he was awarded his 50 year Service Decoration.

As a Scouting Leader in Mackay for 40 years, Dennis has been a leader at North Mackay Group in Holack Street, 5th Mackay Group in Hicks Street, assisted at Slade Point and other groups when needed. He was also the District Leader for the First Aid at one time. Dennis's passion was teaching the youth members First Aid and many groups called on Dennis to instruct their youth members. Dennis also volunteered to instruct Girl Guides First Aid as well. In the later years Dennis and his wife Heather have been the custodians of a significant local memorabilia collection for the District and Region. They set up memorabilia displays at the library to promote scouting and at many scouting events.

Dennis was an avid collector of badges. He had a camp blanket with many badges sewn on it which he wore at campfires. He also loved to tell yarns at campfires or Scouts Own Ceremonies. He would put in that extra effort and enjoyed dressing up to the theme of the event. On one occasion he was dressed as a witch doctor when he was first aider at a Cub Scout Rally. He often portrayed Baden Powell at Founders Day Services when he took part in the ceremony.

In 2015, Dennis and Heather attended a very memorable event while visiting a Scouting member in Belgium who they met at a Jamboree in Australia, they were invited as guests to a Scout and Guide Leaders Training Camp with around 3000 young leaders from 18 to 36 years of age – a mini Jamboree. There were 65 scouting districts in attendance from Belgium, Germany and Holland. They as guests at the camp and were invited to show the leaders, skills from Australia, so they put on a display of Australian Fauna and Flora plus deadly snakes, spiders and marine creatures, sharks, crocodiles and dangerous insects and how to survive in outback Australia. They worked non-stop for two and a half hours. Once the word had spread that there were leaders

there from Australia they were inundated.

Dennis Tuckerman joined Lions in 1967 so has contributed 52 years of service to that organization as well. He participated in many service projects and attended many conventions throughout Australia. He was presented with a 50 year service award to Lions in 2018.

Dennis did not enjoy good health in 2017 and 2018 and finally passed away on 9th January 2019. Being a humble man, Heather, and her sons Trevor and Scott and their families were proud to see how many people attended his Graveside Service from Scouting and Lions, along with representatives from Guiding, the Friends of the Theatre, the hospital, the organisations that he did countless hours of voluntary work for, also Postal Workers where he worked for many years. Scouting members formed a Guard of Honour at the graveside service and farewelled him with a Scout BRAVO.

Dennis will be sadly missed, may he Rest In Peace.

Written by Mary Wallace, District Leader Community Relations, Scouts Australia, Hibiscus Coast District, from information supplied by Mrs Heather Tuckerman.

AJ2019 by Cody Hamilton of Banksia Scout Group



Jamboree was really fun and exciting, it allowed me to grow as a scout and a human being, I learnt to take control but also to give in when the patrol needed it. I learnt that sometimes even if I didn't want to do something, the rest of my patrol suffered if I didn't participate. I learnt that the best things can't be taken with me except as memories. I learnt that sometimes other people really do know best.

But to take a step back....

4:00am on the 4th of January I was woken by my alarm but mum had to come and get me out of bed. Once I was awake though, I was raring to go, my bags were already in the car so I just had to get myself moving and dressed. After sitting at

the airport for 2 hours, Mum & I and the other 18 scouts, leaders and parents we were off. Mum is a scout leader who came to jamboree as one of our Troop leaders, this was a good and bad thing, I didn't get homesick like some others because mum was right there with me, but I also couldn't get away with things because she was there. I did make sure that I called mum from jamboree though so that she could say she received a call while I was away!

We had another 2 hours waiting in Brisbane for the majority of the rest of our Jamboree Troop to arrive from Townsville before boarding another flight and then a bus to the jamboree site. During all of the travel I managed to stay awake because of the excitement of finally being on our way.

When we got off the bus, my first thought was that it was really dusty, something that unfortunately did not change throughout the jamboree, well except for when we went offsite. We gathered our bags and some more new friends from Priestdale, Shailer Park and headed off to find the scouts who travelled from Loam Island and Lower Burdekin as we were split up at the airport onto separate buses. We also had Brisbane Central and Kalinga scouts in our jamboree troop.

Arriving at our campsite at about 5pm SA time, the best sight greeted us – our tents were already up thanks to Nathan (our Service Leader), the Brisbane Central scouts and Lilly who arrived earlier than we did. We dumped our bags and went to find the Qld contingent who were feeding us for the first night before heading back to the arena for the Opening Ceremony. We got there so late that we were up the very back of the arena. The ceremony was pretty cool, the best part was the live music, apart from the Wiggles, the concerts at AJ were the first I have been to.

The first night was pretty late, actually very late before we got to bed. We had to set up the dining fly and Connor & I collected our next days rations – in the dark – with no idea where we were going. It took two trips to gather the food, so when we got back at just after 11:30pm, I was super glad to be told to go to bed.



My patrol was assigned duty patrol for the first day which was bad only because of the lack of sleep – we got up again at 5:30am but at least we got it out of the way early. Our activities for the first day were Splat & the Mall, unfortunately the waterslide wasn't set up that day, but we got to go on the Obstacle Course, Treasure Hunt and paint a surfboard. Not that you could use the surfboard, it was a little small, but pretty cool anyway.

The best on-site activity at AJ 2019 for me would have been Bang!, we got to go on the Land Yachts, until I got run over by someone going the wrong way. My patrol tried the ice skating as well, but it turned into a slush rink because of the heat.

My favourite off-site activity was by far Woodhouse. We got to do a giant obstacle course – it took us an hour to get through the entire course, there was climbing, swinging, swimming, climbing, mud, running, balancing,



climbing, crawling and some more climbing. When we were at Woodhouse, we even had flushing toilets that didn't move when you went into them, grass and showers that had hot water. All the luxuries of glamping. The best night time activity was the Rave night at the Arena on the second night of Jamboree. The theme team were throwing out wrist bands and glowsticks that were collected by the people that were at the concert. Because we were camped so close to the arena we could never really have an early night because of the noise from the night time activities. Not that I tried of course.



Our campsite had three boys tents, two girls tents and two leaders tents. After the first night when the male leaders slept under the dining fly, the boys moved from four tents into three to give the leaders a better tent, they were supposed to sleep in a dome tent, but the dust and wind would have meant that everything they had was covered in dust all of the time, so we ended up giving them a bell tent as well. We also had a dining fly & separate kitchen area. Over the course of the first couple of days, some of the scouts in our troop decorated the campsite by laying paths bordered with rocks that they collected and "planted" sticks in the ground that they made sure to water everyday.

Celebration Day was an interesting experience, an extra 7,500 people were at AJ that day and everything was so crowded, we sold 40 Tie Dye shirts for 3 Jambucks each and when we had sold out, we started to sell painted pet rocks until our time was up.



Our troop received a Camping award and an award for the best Gateway from the Qld Contingent team.



On the day we did Metro Mania, we got to walk around the Rundle Mall. We managed to find a Big Red Car and even have a ride in it. This is my patrol, when we went to Metro Mania, everyone wore AJ shirts, scarf & woggle so that we could be easily identified. Oh! and the nametag that we didn't go anywhere without.

We also got to visit Glenelg Beach and the South Australia Scouts Adventurous Activity centre where we had dinner that night before heading back to campsite.

Some of the challenges we faced were:

- *Cooking for 41 people every meal, with different foods than we were used to*
- *Moody teenagers without enough sleep (and leaders too)*
- *Timetables that were very unforgiving if we were late*
- *Lines, waiting for activities, for food, for toilets, for everything really.*
- *Having to use buckets as washing machines (give me power any day)*
- *The showers and the toilets (nothing like the ones at home)*
- *And the wind and dust storms everyday*

Even though we didn't want to, eventually came the time to leave Tailem Bend and all of the new friends we had made. The closing ceremony was really quite short before they announced it "Officially Closed", although there was some entertainment and of course fireworks.

I will treasure my time at jamboree because of the many great friends that I made from across Australia and the experience that the camp gave me.

We brought home half of the motorsport park on our bags and clothes. This caused us to need to wash everything multiple times just to get the dust out. Washing however didn't start until day two at home because once I arrived at home I managed to sleep for 14 hours straight before I felt even close to human again. I wouldn't change a thing though.

I would definitely recommend to any scouts that attending a jamboree is something not to be missed, even if it is a lot of work to get there at the start.

*Thanks for helping me to get to AJ2019.
Friends for Life*

Cody Hamilton
Aquilonia Scout Troop
Banksia Scout Group

