



Hibiscus Coast District Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

22nd February Founders Day at Rowallan Park

News from the District

The last term of the year has finally arrived, and I am still seeing lots of C5 and F31 for activities, camps and hikes. Weather forecasts are hot and dry so there is a total fire ban in place which Scouts are taking on board and working out solutions.

Since the last newsletter we have had a very successful Jota/Joti on 21st October 2019. Youth numbers were down but Mackay City Central, Sarina and Banksia enjoyed themselves from all reports.

At the parade on Saturday afternoon, we sung happy birthday to Kingfisher, "Scarfed Up" Mr Brian O'Neill in recognition for his ongoing support of scouting, inducted a new District Leader Bunji, Josh Brzozowski and presented some Queens Scout Award certificates.

With the new programs coming into play, I am hoping to incorporate more youth involvement in the planning of next year's District events like Jota/Joti.

At a District level we had our 2nd Team meeting which was very successful and informative. Everyone is getting more involved in their roles and starting to plan and develop future activities.

Our Group Leaders and Champions of Leaderbuild have had a round of training on moving forward in recruiting new leaders and adult helpers. Looking forward to seeing how this develops next year.

Xero has been implemented in nearly all groups and we will be moving over to CareMonkey shortly to assist parents and leaders in maintaining records, completing forms and confirming activities.

Rowallan Park is also incorporating a new booking system with a new website being developed to help promote the park to the public and scouting families.

It's been a quiet few months at Rowallan Park with bookings from the following Groups: Holy Spirit College, Whitsunday Anglican College, Mackay Christian College, Obstacle Hell Night Event, Rover Boot, 18th birthday, JOTA JOTI, overnight campers and a few MAD comps.

Maintenance will be starting on the Activity building with new LED lights inside and out and 8x solar LED flood light to be installed on the outside of Activity shed and Lodge. Also purchased another 3 pole LED lights to be set up around camp sites and entrance gate with installation of security cameras being researched.

Fantastic news confirmed today! Mackay Regional Council Grant \$27,147.00 + GST has been won and we will be starting on the refurbishment of the main ablution block after Christmas.

Behind the scenes have been very busy and I'm sure I can speak for all the Leaders in the District that a break over Christmas is going to be very relaxing. Please have a safe Christmas with family and friends and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Yours in scouting

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Katrina Hoare, District Commissioner



Christmas Day

25th December, 2019

WOOD BADGE PRESENTATION



JOTA JOTI

On the third weekend of October every year Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) and Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI) is held worldwide and it provides a safe environment for Scouting and Guiding members to communicate with other members throughout the world. This year was the 62nd JOTA and 23rd JOTI.

Hibiscus Coast Scouting held their event at Rowallan Park, Glendaragh Road, Farleigh with youth members and leaders from Banksia, Mackay City Central and Sarina Scout Groups camping at Rowallan Park for the weekend.

The Mackay Amateur Radio Club each year sets up a JOTA base for the youth members and leaders to contact other groups. Their support is much appreciated.

Region Commissioner Central Coast Region, Mr Dougal McWhinney set up and supervised the JOTI activities with the help of the Rover Scouts and some leaders. Many Australian and overseas contacts were made by Internet Chat Relay, including Indonesia, New Zealand, Philippines, UK, Germany, Greece, Turkey, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, India, Canada, Argentina, Bangladesh, and many more.



The Rover Scouts conducted an electronics base for the Scout Section and older to make flashing light

boards from kits. This is always a popular activity.

On Saturday afternoon there was a formal parade where certificates were presented to leaders and two leaders from Banksia Scout Group, Joey Scout Leader Rebecca Johnson and Cub Scout Leader Loretta Dale were presented with their Gillwell Scarf's and woggles. Joshua Brzozowski was invested as a District Leader Adventurous Activities.

Each year a scarfing up ceremony is held to present a Community Member who is an avid supporter of Scouting with a Supporters Scarf that they may wear to scouting events. On Saturday Mr Brian O'Neill, Principal of Calen District State College, and a member of Calen



Canefields Toastmaster Club was presented with his scarf, as he has conducted Youth Leadership Courses on a number of occasions in the Venturer Scout section, which is a basic public speaking course. Venturer Scout Brendan Anderson presented Mr O'Neill with the Supporters Scarf, and Venturer Scout Ethan Cahill presented him with a copy of the Annual Report.



Rover Boot Ceremony

On Saturday 5th October 2019, at 5pm, present and former Rover Scouts, leaders, and former leaders, friends and family, and invited guests of Joshua Brzozowski gathered on Rover Hill at Rowallan Park for Joshua's Rover Boot Ceremony.

Harry and Melinda Roestenburg and their two children came from Bundaberg to be present so Harry could take part in the official ceremony. Rover Scouts came from other parts of the Central Coast Region and from Brisbane, and former Rover Scouts as well from far and wide.

It was a touching ceremony many photos taken, and everyone retreated to the activities shed for a barbecue tea.

The evening had an Hawaiian theme.



CUB SCOUT LEADERSHIP COURSE

As our District Cub Scout Leader position has been vacant since April this year, it has been over 12 months since the last Cub Scout Leadership Course was delivered, so I set about co-ordinating one.

Two Cub Scout Leaders (Raksha – Loretta Dale and Hathi – Jolene Mackle) and six Cub Scouts from Banksia Scout Group joined myself, Baloo (Deb Rutherford), Raven (Ailsa Paterson) and seven Cubs Scouts from Mackay City Central Scout Group to participate in the Cub Scout Leadership Course on Saturday, 16 November 2019.

It was a great opportunity for the Packs to mix, share ideas, and learn from each other – Leaders and youth alike. The Cub Scouts demonstrated their capacity for co-operation in a fun, yet somewhat formal setting.

One team-building activity, pitching a hike tent with two visually impaired (blind folded) members, was an opportunity for leadership and fellowship to emerge. Both teams completed the challenge with a lot of noise and laughter. Other activities enjoyed by the group included the water transfer team challenge and “pin the badge on the Cub Scout” - a badge placement activity.

Following the completion of their Promise & Law Challenge, participants will be eligible to wear the Cub Scout Leadership Course badge. It is hoped that another course will be delivered next year with Leaders and Cub Scouts from other District Groups being able to participate.

Thank you to the Leaders for their assistance, support and teamwork in a positive collaboration; and thank you to the Cub Scouts for making the course such a success. I'm already looking forward to the next one.

Deb Rutherford
Baloo
Cub Scout Leader
Mackay City Central
Scout Group



#Central Coast Venture



This year is the 12th year which Central Coast Venture (CCV) has been run. We decided to do things a little bit differently. The past 11 years CCV had been held at Kinchant Dam while this year we changed the location to Eungella Dam.

As always camp began on Friday night with participants arriving at various times, some had travelled long distances. We had scouts and venturer scouts join us from Townsville and Rockhampton. Saturday was the first day for activities. Participants had a wide range to choose from, water activities such as tubing and canoeing to the land activities of crate stacking and archery. These activities were run all day up to 4 pm, with all participant thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Come 4pm the game was on as the Rover Scouts and Hibiscus Coast District Adventurous Activities Leaders had a version of survivor style challenges for the participants to complete. These challenges ranged from a swim to archery and crate stacking, you had to work as a team to complete the challenges. All of the participants really enjoyed all of the challenges. After this we had dinner and moved into the night activities which were also a lot of fun. When Sunday morning arrived we began the days activities with our annual paint fight. We then continued with the same activities as the previous day which conclude at 12pm. After the activities concluded we said our goodbyes to everyone who had travelled as they had a long way to get home, and finished the camp pack down.

Thank you to everyone that travelled for attending the camp and a Big thankyou to all of the District Adventurous Activity leaders, District Venturer Leader, and Banksia Leaders, and Mackay and Rockhampton Rover Scouts for supporting the event. This year's organising Committee Co-Chairmen Josh Crawley and Matt Vella did an excellent job and set a very high standard for next years Chairman.

Pera, Jo Brzozowski, Banksia Venturer Scout Leader

Proserpine Scout Group

We still have 2 new leaders, 1 x Cub Scout Leader and 1x Scout Leader. They have almost completed their basic elearning and are awaiting the next available basic course in 2020. Once they do their Basic course then we can look at taking Youth members. The next step is finding somewhere to run from.

I have just completed my Basic course and will do my Advanced next year.

Not a lot of fundraising has happened in the last couple of months except money coming in for Cash for Containers.

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

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Mackay City Central Joey Scouts

Saturday 21st September Joey Scouts met at MCDonalds for breakfast. It was very enjoyable. Saturday 2nd November MCC Joey scouts met at Queens Park we had a observation hike and picnic at the park. Future activities discussed at Joey Scout unit council Joey Scouts want a sleep over break on 13th December at MCC den with a Christmas theme all are very excited. Joey scouts National Youth Program is going well and badges will be presented to all Joey Scouts at break up night. They have completed Level 1 in core and cycling. Also environment badge has been completed.

Julie Thompson DL Joey Scouts



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#Gone Home

Recently two ex Cub Scout Leaders from the Banksia Scout Group have passed away.

Mrs Lesley Cunningham who was Cub Scout Leader from 1985 to 1989 passed way on 19th September and her funeral was held in Maryborough, Queensland.

Former Banksia Cub Scout Leader and former Mackay District Cub Scout Leader Rob Bowers, Scouting Service Dec 1992 to Mid 2000's) has gone home 11 November 2019.

Rob was a very well liked Cub Scout Leader at Banksia Group. Not many of the current Scouting Members would know him, however there were four leaders in uniform and four ex leader present at his Celebration of Life at Newhaven Funerals, at Harbour Road. We formed a guard of honour when his casket entered the chapel.

Rob never enjoyed good health and Scouting was a life line for him. He put so much effort into his programs, and everything was done to perfection. He was talented in many aspects of scouting. He loved to draw and would often sketch a diagram of a craft activity that was done as an example. At the next District Training Meeting he would bring back the hand drawn craft with the instructions on how to make it.

When I was District Cub Scout Leader Rob often worked with me when there was leader training. Play acting was not my best skill, but Rob excelled at it. One would often shake ones head and think what is he going to do next. When I resigned as District Cub Scout Leader Rob was appointed to the position. Margaret Hodda said that she had him assist her at a training course in Townsville and the course participants put on the reflection sheet that it was the best course that they had ever attended. Rob with his Bag of dress up's and props, had everyone eager to participate.

Rob's memory will live on in the hearts of many Cub Scout and adults that knew him. Gone but not forgotten. May he rest in Peace.

Mary Wallace, District Leader, Community Relations.

