

SCOUTING DURING THE WAR YEARS



A VERY Special Thank You to Mr Rex Williams. for this and the next few articles that the Caboolture Scout Group are only too proud and thankful to Rex for his years of valued friendship and mentoring in Scouting.

A Very special thank you also goes to Mrs Dawn Andrews for organising and supplying Rex's articles.

Thank you Mrs Andrews. Mr Rex Williams is still a great supporter of Scouting, is now Patron of the D'Aguilar Range Scout District. He is 83 years old., and is the proud holder of a KING's Scout Award Medal and has been involved with Caboolture Group for many years, as a grand-parent to Daniel Bauer, who earned his Queen's Scout at Caboolture Venturers.

Mr Rex Williams, Kiwi Waggle Scout Camp Woodford 2010

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Rex Williams (King's Scout).

I joined Scouts in the Wilston Scout Group, (Brisbane Qld) in 1939 and soon became involved in the War effort. At that time, Wilston did not have a Hall and the parents of the Scouts took on camouflage net making in the Windsor School of Arts. The women worked Tuesday and Thursdays, and the Scouts Tuesday and Thursday nights, to rope the camouflage nets. This is where I learnt splicing and net making.

We had to make our own needles out of brass, bamboo or bakelite. This was our war effort while Troops with Scout Dens took on collecting bottles, aluminium and tyres. Because Wilston was situated closest to the Royal Brisbane Hospital, four of us were appointed messengers at Air Raid Precaution Head Office, which was in the basement of No. 4 block Royal Brisbane Hospital.

We had plenty of practice runs but on one occasion, when the enemy was taking photos high over Brisbane, the air raid sirens went and I found myself peddling my push-bike to Royal Brisbane Hospital to report for duty.

What I enjoyed most of all, was the camping side of Scouting, and I will continue this story next Newsletter.

September/October 2010

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Upcoming Dates

10 Oct 2010 Raft-O-Rama

16-17 Oct 2010 JOTA/JOTI

23-24 Oct 2010 Cub Scout L/ship Course



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Joey News – Term 4 2010.

Our Mob has been extremely busy with our weekly sessions, excursions and new members.

We would like to welcome Laneeka to our Mob for she was invested during Term 3. Laneeka's family have been involved with our Group for many years and she is the youngest member of the family to join Scouts.

July excursions saw our Joeys complete their Adventure Challenge Badge with a sleepover at the Tennyson Scout Den with the visit to the Scout Air Activities the following day and a few weeks later our special hour and half Joey Session about "Men and Their Flying Machines!"

During August our Joeys attended the annual Joey Jaunt at BP Park. Joey Mobs from the Brisbane Region gathered together with a day of activity bases to cover along with a special visit to the Scout Museum. Our Mob would like to thank our Venturer Helpers – Kris and James for assisting us on the day with looking after our Sensory Base along with Parent Helpers Craig (Laneeka's Dad) and Jenny (Grace's Mum).

September was the beginning of spring with Father's Day edible treats for Dad created and another annual Scouting event this time for all sections – Skillorama. The Joeys who attended had a great time going from base to base taking part in activities. Also at Skillorama a wooden woggle is a must have item! Grace was lucky to pick up a Mystery Prize at the end of the day.

Our final term for 2010 will also have more excursions and a sleepover! Sunday 10th October will be Raftarama at Bribie Island. This Scouting activity is for all sections with a special program for Joey Scouts. This event is a District event so we hope to see our Joey friends from Bribie Island, Morayfield and Woodford. Then the following weekend – 16-17 October - we will take part with JOTA/JOTI (Jamboree of the Air/Internet). This Scouting event is also a District event for all sections. This year we will have a sleepover for the Joeys. Also during the weekend the Joeys will visit the Caboolture Radio Club, who meet at our grounds, and learn to talk on the two-way radio and hopefully speak to Joey Scouts around Australia or the world!

After having such a positive experience from the Joeys and the residents from Regis Canning Lodge, we would like to arrange another visit during November in time for Christmas. We hope to sing a Christmas Carol or two and share some Christmas cheer. More details later in the term.

The Joey Scout Section of Australia will be celebrating 21 years in 2011. The Caboolture Scout Group was one of the first Groups to have a Mob in our district. We are eager to try and find the original Joey Scouts of 1990 along with their Joey Leaders. If anyone has any information or has grown up in Caboolture and may know someone who was in Scouting, we do have a photo and list of names of this first Mob. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

We currently have 8 Joeys in our mob with Nathan having his Going Up Ceremony on the Saturday of JOTA along with our youth members moving from one section to another.

During this term Cael and Charlie will start their journey linking to Cubs. If you know of children aged between 6-7½ and they would like to meet new friends, learn about the world around them and have FUN, bring them along to our next meeting for we would love to meet them and have them join our MOB!

Yours in Scouting,

Wallaby & Echidna (Jenny & Michael)

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WATERWISE

The cubs went to Eparaph Scout Environment Centre at Victoria Point in July to do a Special Interest badge called Water Wise.

They learnt all about the water ways and the life in it. We went down to the creek with fish nets and trays to see what sort of animals lived there. After some of the activities we went for a walk along the trails to look at the different types of native tree in the area.

Over the last few months they have been building a new boardwalk and planting lots of trees, we were the first ones to walk along it.

PENPAL

We now have a penpal that we have been writing to. They are a Wolf Pack in England in a town called Redcar. We will be sending them pictures, badges, games and telling them about some of the activities we have been doing.

SKILLORAMA

Skillorama went well this year with 14 of our cubs attending. Some of the cubs had 30 stamps on there cards, well done.

CUBOREE

Seven of our Cubs, two Venturers, two Cub Leaders, a Scout Leader and a Parent Helper went to Stanthorpe for the 1st Cuboree in Queensland. Unfortunately the camp was cut short due to the weather conditions and being able to keep the kids safe. Even though the kids had to go home early they still had a great time with the activities they were able to do. On some of the bases the cubs got to make scones, pan for Cuboree Gold, metal detecting, catapults, blowing up a safe with the bush rangers, trail signs, and purifying water. And that was all in one day. I know the bases the cubs were really looking forward to doing were the bases on Monday, which were science, circus and rodeo. I think the older cubs are looking forward to going to Jamboree in 2013.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bronze Boomerangs-BowieSilver Boomerangs-Aaron, Claudia, DarnaGrey Wolf Award-Alex, Shanae

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Broncos Blurb

This last term we have been very busy with Scouts doing a hike, Navigation Training Course, Skill-O-Rama, Patrol Leaders on Leadership Courses & Leaders doing training and preparing for Cub-O-Ree. We created a Bedrock Bowling alley for Skill-O-Rama which worked well as we had basketballs filled with 1L of water and 1/4 filled coke bottles as pins. All the cubs enjoyed it.

Jade & Caitlin went on their Leadership Course and I did a segment on Communication at the course. Blake, Sandi, Sophie & Caitlin did a 15km hike through the Glasshouse mountains from Beerburrum State School to Glasshouse Mountains Lookout and were quite amazed to see where they had walked when it was pointed out from the lookout.

Coming up we have Raft-O-Rama, followed by JOTA/JOTI 2010 and then Jade & Caitlin will do their Leadership Course Activities.

Yours in Scouting Alex Mizen (Bronco)



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Venturers

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Nothing from the Venturers at this time.

Below is a picture of Scouts doing a patrol activity in at Glasshouse Mountains, Mt Tibrogargan in the background.

On 11th 12th September Sandi, Blake, Sophie and Caitlin hiked for 1&1/2 days from Beerburrum to the Glasshouse Mts Lookout, camping at the Glasshouse Mts Campground. From the lookout they could see where they had hiked. They were quite "Chuffed" with what they achieved.

Greg Dick (Kingfisher)



