

ENCAMPASS



Dates to remember

November

18, Queensland Scout Centre open night & New Leaders reception

December

23, Branch Office closes for Christmas.

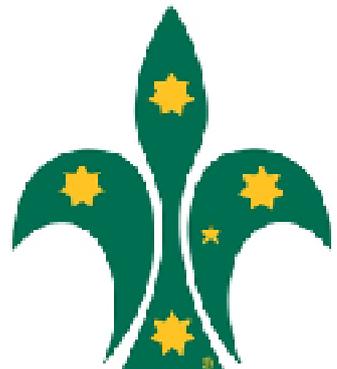
January

04-15, 14th Australian Venture (Western Australia)
05, Branch Office re-opens
23-26, Banana Bash

February

10, Queensland Scout Centre Open Night & New Leaders Reception
11, Baden Powell Lodge Founders Night
13-15, Roventure
22, Founders Day

More information on these dates can be found in the Branch Calendar or online www.scoutsqld.com.au



2008 THE YEAR OF THE
SCOUT

SCOUTS 'WEEDBUST' AT EPRAPAH

A Scout patrol from Cleveland Scout Group, east of Brisbane in SE Queensland, spent a weekend at Erapah Environment Centre, busting weeds as part of the yearly 'Weedbust' camp.

The activity weekend covered:

- identification of native plants and invasive weeds
- methods and strategies to develop a revegetation project
- clearing weeds, planting native trees and mulching
- being fed well and having fun



The Scouts decided, as a follow-up project to the weekend, to complete a Chapel area adjacent to their Scout Den. They plan to landscape the area with native trees, donated by Erapah volunteers. When their project is complete, the Scouts will have achieved many parts of various Target Badges along with a PA Badge. The Scouts also gained an understanding of the unique place that Erapah Environment Centre has in Queensland Scouting.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS SCOUT PROGRAM

The National Indigenous Scout Program in Queensland has 2 Scout Groups in the Western Cape York area (Mapoon and Napranum communities) and 5 Scout Groups in the Northern Peninsula Area of Cape York (Seisia, New Mapoon, Alau, Bamagan Injinoo).

The purpose of the Program is to develop the Scout Program in rural and remote indigenous communities and to build sustainable local leadership capacity and ownership. This was to meet the need for a supportive youth program in communities to address the immediate issue of limited activities leading to boredom, helplessness, substance dependence and youth suicide.

Development of youth programs involves working closely with Elders and Traditional Owners to



ensure indigenous culture, including dance, music, food, medicine, craft and tool making, stories and all other traditional knowledge is incorporated into the program. This meets the concern of communities for cross generational passing on of cultural knowledge and identity.

The program also is developing links with all agencies (government and others) to assist with education of young people about issues such as health, physical activity, sport, recreation, environmental care, employment and emergency services community service.

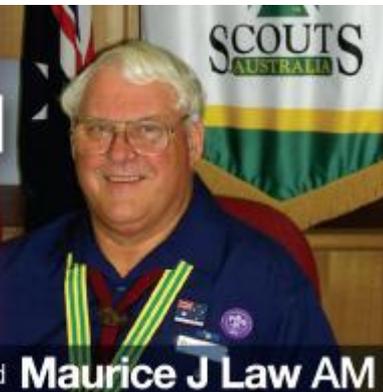
The Scouting in Isolated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities Project began as a result of a concern of the then Governor General, The Honourable Sir William Dean, AC for young Aboriginal and Torres Islander people in 1998.

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Message from the

CHIEF



Chief Commissioner of Queensland **Maurice J Law AM**

It doesn't seem like a month since I sat down to write my article for Encompass and indeed it won't take long before the article for the final edition for 2008 will have to be written.

The Year of the Scout has certainly gone by fast and by this time next year all the plans will have been laid for the Queensland Contingent attendance at the 2010 Jamboree.

There are a couple of things that I wanted to talk about this month with the first of these being age ranges.

Some of you may recall that I wrote an article for the ScoutAbout four years ago and it is now my intention to repeat that article as I believe it makes the position of the Queensland Branch abundantly clear.

SECTION MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

During the last meeting of the National Council the Policy and Rules changes resulting from the age range review were approved. As Policy and Rules may not be reprinted for some time the new rules are set out hereunder.

Rule R5.3 Joey Scout Membership

Rule R5.3.3

Joey Scouts must have had their sixth birthday and normally progress to the Cub Scout Section around seven years and six months, depending on their individual readiness, socially and intellectually.

Rule R5.3.4

Joey Scouts are able to commence their progression to Cub Scouts at any time after their seventh birthday.

Rule R6.3 Cub Scout Membership

Rule R6.3.4

Cub Scouts must have had their seventh birthday and normally progress to the Scout Section around ten years and six months depending on their individual readiness, socially and intellectually.

Rule R6.3.5

Cub Scouts are able to commence their progression to Scouts anytime after their tenth birthday.

Rule R7.3 Scout Membership

Rule R7.3.4

Scouts must have had their tenth birthday and normally progress to the Venturer Scout Section around fourteen

years and six months depending on their individual readiness, socially and intellectually.

Rule R7.3.5

Scouts are able to commence their progression to Venturer Scouts at any time after their fourteenth birthday.

Rule R8.3 Venturer Scout Membership

Rule R8.3.4

Venturer Scouts must have had their fourteenth birthday and normally progress to the Rover Section around seventeen years and six months depending on their individual readiness, socially and intellectually.

Rule R8.3.5

Venturer Scouts are able to commence their progression to Rovers at any time after their seventeenth birthday.

Rule R9.3 Rover Membership

Rule R9.3.3

Rovers must have reached their seventeenth birthday and cannot stay in the Crew after their twenty sixth birthday.

Rule R9.3.4

A Venturer Scout who has earned the Rover Link Badge may be invested as a Rover Squire without further training.

Despite the fact that these changes have only recently been approved I note as I have been moving around the State that there has been a deal of discussion in relation to the changes.

These rules have been phased to allow for a lap over period within the Section and it should be noted that the reason for this is to allow for the individual's readiness socially and intellectually in an effort to ensure that the

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Deadline for the next issue

The next deadline for articles is

Friday 28th November 2008

Submit your articles to
encompass@scoutsqld.com.au

JOEY SCOUTS



Hi there!

Recently the BC Cub Scouts, Robyn Devine, Branch Advisor CS, John Mills, and I traveled to Woodhouse in the Adelaide hills to attend a weekend camping experience for Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts. There were approximately 2,000 youth members on site with another 1,000 leaders and Rovers supplying the fantastic activities. There were nine activity bases with each base comprised of 8-10 themed activities. 'Evolution' was the name of the game and each base worked with a sub-theme. The activities were usually simple but very effective and all the youth members had a great time – covered in paint, mud and dirty water but it was FUN. Over the next few months we'll endeavour to share some of this with you. Keep an eye on the CS page – Robyn had the camera!

We are coming to the end of the year and most of you will be preparing for Christmas. As you do this please remember that Christian celebrations may not be the only ones occurring for many of your Joey Scouts. Try to include the celebrations of other religions in your programming. Ask the parents of those Joey Scouts to help you program for all the members of the Mob. They are usually very happy to oblige.

It has been great to meet some of you recently at training courses and other events. Some Joey Scout leaders were part of the Agoonoree team during the September school holidays and it great to see them supporting other areas of scouting.

What is Agoonoree? Agoonoree is a camp that Queensland Branch runs in the first week of the September school holidays at Baden Powell Park, Samford. The Branch invites 72 young people with disabilities from the community to join scouts and guides in a six day camping experience. It is different to other camps because the scouts and guides need to spend all their time making it an enjoyable experience for their 'guests'.

The camp is divided into six troops: two Guide troops and four Scout troops. Venturer Scouts, Rovers, Ranger Guides and Leaders run morning and afternoon themed activity sessions as well as evening activities. There are free time activities run by Leaders from all sections and both Scouts and Guides. It is a great time for everyone although it is very tiring and quite different in outlook from other camps. If you're looking for a camp with a difference then Agoonoree is the camp for you!

I'll be looking forward to meeting more of you next year. Remember we will be holding Joey Scout Jaunt on 2 August at Baden Powell Park and in November I hope to see many of you at Hopalong; the Joey Scout leader weekend of fun and learning. The venue for that weekend is yet to be decided but you will be notified early in the year to allow you to plan for it.

Until next time

Michele Johnson (Bilby)
Youth Program Support Branch Commissioner
Joey Scouts
joeyscouts@qldhq.scouts.com.au



CONGRATULATIONS JOEY SCOUT PROMISE CHALLENGE

Pleased to announce the awarding of the Joey Scout Promise Challenge to the following Members.

Nicholas Hazell	Banksia Scout Group
Rhys Smyth	Banksia Scout Group
Thomas Henderson	Banksia Scout Group
Matthew Pullom	Banksia Scout Group
Benjamin Webster	Boondall Scout Group
Calvin Moore	Burleigh Heads Scout Group
Brendon Wood	Petrie Scout Group
Angus Smith	Emerald Scout Group
Cameron Winsbury	Morningside Scout group

JOEY SCOUT MOB ACTIVITY

Attn: Joey Scouts, Cubs Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Leaders



Are you sick of wondering what those car sounds are that are coming out of your groups Rover room, well here is your chance to see. QLD Rovers proudly present the

Silver Anniversary of Banana Bash. Banana Bash 2009 Visitors day is set to be a hit with non-stop entertainment for the whole family. Pit Stop Café will be onsite and cooking up a storm, so pack your cars bring the Mob and the family to Karingal Campsite, Karingal Rd Mt Cotton QLD on Sunday 25th January 2009 (9am-5pm) cost is \$5 per person and is going to be well worth it.

More information
www.bananabash.com.au or
promotions@qldrovers.org.au





CUB SCOUTS

Waingunga Day

More than 180 Cub Scouts, their Leaders, parents and members of the public celebrated Children's Week with a Rumble in the Jungle - Waingunga Day at Mudjimba Beach Park and Seventh Brigade Park, Chermside. Congratulations to all the helpers for the activities and to the Cub Scouts for participating with enthusiasm and fun. In 2009 we will be encouraging more Regions to run their own Waingunga Day events during Children's Week to showcase Cub Scouting to our members and the public.

Cub Scout Expo and training

In 2009 each Section offers specific training weekends for their Leaders, for the Cub Scout Leaders, the Cub Scout Expo will be held in September. The venue is yet to be decided so if you would like the team to come to your Region then let us know ASAP so we start preparations.

Activities like Cub Scout Expo give Leaders a chance to share and update skills, extend themselves to look at things in a new way as well experiencing the Scouting fellowship. The weekend is full of hands-on activities and ideas, all Leaders are encouraged to bring along an idea, game or activity to share and build each others Cub Scout Tool Box. It's a great fun time that will send you home full of enthusiasm, ideas, skills and passion. All Cub Scout Leaders are invited to attend – information will start to appear in the 2nd term of 2009 – look out for it.

Like all activities these weekends and events are only successful if Leaders get behind them, so don't forget to RSVP as the Leaders organising are not 'mind readers' they do require numbers to ensure adequate resources are available.

Social etiquette should embrace courteous actions like RSVPs, responses and feedback. Unfortunately the trend of *Generation Y* appears to be to hang off accepting offers in "case something better comes along". Let's not let the younger generation influence in a negative way.

As a leading youth movement Scouting should be leading by example with things like social graces and respect for other people. So let's take up the challenge – don't just arrive at activities unannounced make sure you let the organisers know that you are coming with numbers. You wouldn't run a Cub Scout Pack holiday without paperwork and numbers now would you!

Activities and games for Christmas

We all know Cub Scouts are neat and tidy, especially when they go on Pack Holidays and need to hang up their uniform – NOT!. So here's a fun and easy activity that will encourage the Cub Scouts to look after their belongings.

They can also practice their lashing and the older Cub Scouts can assist the younger ones – what a great Christ-

mas present for Mum – very Scouting and she will see how capable the Cub Scouts can be in looking after themselves.

Bamboo Coat Hangers

Take 1 large 400mm cane

Take 2 small 270mm canes

Use three rubber bands to hold the cane in place while you lash especially helpful for the younger Cub Scouts

You need 3 x 600mm of string for the lashings

1 piece string 200mm will make the hook

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CONGRATULATIONS CUB SCOUT GREY WOLF AWARD

Pleased to announce the awarding of the Cub Scout Grey Wolf Award to the following Members.

Alysha Scorer	Belmont Scout Group
Claudia Jones	Belmont Scout Group
Erin Drury	Belmont Scout Group
Charlotte Walker	Oakleigh Scout Group
Jai Waterhouse	Paradise Point Scout Group
Isaac Edwards	Queens Park Ipswich Scout Group
Sidney Paolini	Gin Gin Scout Group
Saffron Lloyd	Raceview Scout Group
Timothy Mackenzie	Millmerran Scout Group
Mitchell Bewick	Tolga Sea Scout Group
Matthew Denisenko	Victoria Point Scout Group
Sean Wharton	Algerter Scout Group
Luke Falcone	Algerter Scout Group
Chloe Mackenzie-Ross	Algerter Scout Group
Julia Miller	Nundah-Northgate Scout Group
Braedon Shaw	Hermit Park Scout Group
Ryan Hamilton	Goodna Scout Group
Kaylam Taurino Hasset	Goodna Scout Group
Steve Milovale	Goodna Scout Group
Annabelle Heather	Goodna Scout Group
Jack Smith	Goodna Scout Group
Daniel McConaghy	Ashmore Scout Group
Scott Buckman	Edge Hill Scout Group
Jake McLoughlin	Drayton Scout Group
Jake Watson-Coghan	Kallangur Scout Group
Nicholas Carney	Kallangur Scout Group
Shaun Boyce	Capalaba Scout Group



RULES FOR GOOD HEALTH PART 2

Eating habits

Every camper needs to eat well, and with careful planning you can. This entails eating portions from the four food groups in order to have a balanced diet. These food groups are: Meat & Fish, Fruit & Vegetables, Dairy Products, Bread & Whole Grain Products.

If you eat correctly using portions from all of the food groups, the food you eat should do the following three things:

1. Build up your body and keep it in good repair.
2. Give your internal organs the nourishment they need to stay healthy.
3. You should start every day off with breakfast. This is the most important meal of the day as it is the energy from this meal that gets the body going again after your night's rest.



Activities for 2009

One of the first Activities for 2009 is Butterfly run by Ron Wallace, following is a teaser from Ron on what will be happening.

BUTTERFLY 2009

The year 2009 is the 150th Anniversary of the "breakaway" from New South Wales of this State of Queensland. So it may come as no surprise, that this occasion will be the 'theme' of this the 20th year of BUTTERFLY. The event retains its prime characteristics, of being strictly a Patrol Activity, which requires initiative and navigational ability, being displayed as a consequence of your training as a Scout Leader.

The Patrols on arriving at their "drop off points" (Airports in this instance) will be given a list of 8 Queensland towns, with their respective attractions. After perusal the Patrols are to select 2 only, which they would like to visit. They then advise a tourist official. These personnel in turn, will indicate how to get to these 2 towns. This will be by announcing distance and compass bearing (magnetic) to both these towns. Obviously they can proceed to only one town at a time, so by calculation they determine which one, and keep the other in reserve. After successfully attending the chosen town – from here they are given 2 more, and the procedure is repeated. That is, they request 2 more, and proceed to plot these and decide whether to move to one of these, or take up the one in reserve - if more geographically convenient.

Ron has sent information out to the Groups, if yours got mislaid contact Ron on 3266 1359 or send him an Email to xtrak@dodo.com.au This Activity will be held on the 21st of March and only Ron can inform you of the destination.

How to read a compass



A compass is a fairly easy instrument to use but we hear of Leaders and Scouts struggling how to use one. I could write all about how in this article but many articles are available on the Internet.

The best method of course is to actually learn by doing, this is a term often used in Scouting and is I believe the best method of learning.

I quite often hear after Events like Butterfly, Triple S and Nighthawk that Scouts are having trouble reading a compass. We send Scouts on the journey hikes and what do they use, a compass.

We teach compass work on Training Courses, but we don't seem to practice what we have been taught. There is a saying "Use it or lose it". When was the last time you went to a District Training Meeting and have taken part in some practical skills sessions? These meetings should be used to teach and practice some of these skills.

The Scouts need to know how to use a compass, let them not be wanting at events like Butterfly. They need to enjoy the Activity not have to be sat down and be shown how to use a compass.

In 2009 the Scout Section Council will be putting on some midweek sessions at Branch on Mapping and Compass. It is hoped you will support these sessions, I will advise you next month on when the sessions will be held.

If you would like another topic covered, drop me a line

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CONGRATULATIONS AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION

Pleased to announce the awarding of the Australia Scout Medallion to the following Members.

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| Jessica Warren | Mount Bruce Scout Group |
| Evangeline Rogers | Karana Scout Group |
| Ciaran Kowald | Sandgate Scout Group |
| Daniel James | Sandgate Scout Group |
| Leonard Spencer | Sandgate Scout Group |
| Luke Splatt | Capalaba Scout Group |
| Matthew Osborne | Glennie Heights Scout Group |
| Emily Rankin | Pamphlett Sea Scouts Scout Group |



VENTURER SCOUTS

The changes to our section resulting from the Venturer Scout Review will soon be upon us. We owe it to our Venturers to understand these changes and make the most of them for the benefit of the section. This month I am giving you a high level view of what is in store.



The year draws to an end and for many people Venturing seems to be getting busier rather than slowing down. For those in the south-east, *Noosa Venture* is a good and well tried way to end the year. At about the same time, a small group of well organised Venturers are running *Brissie @ the Beach* again. And just when you thought you had everything covered, the Rovers remind us that *Roventure* will be upon us early in 2009, as will *Operation Archer* and I am sure a whole range of activities around the state. This is not the time for Unit Councils to be counting down, rather it is the time for them to be planning programs for the first of half of next year.

VENTURER SCOUT REVIEW

National headquarters instituted a review of the Venturer Scout section a year or so ago. The Review was conducted by a committee of Branch Commissioners Venturer Scouts and two youth members. Queensland's representative on the committee was Sue Brandt due to her being our Branch Commissioner Venturer Scouts when the Review started. The committee undertook research, looked at other research and consulted widely, both face to face and via the Internet. The outcome was a set of recommendations, completed in June this year and considered by a meeting of state Chief Commissioners soon after. The full report is available for download from the *members login* area of the Queensland Branch web site. After logging in, click on *Venturer Scouts* under the heading of *Sectional Resources* in the panel on the left hand side of the browser window.

The report shows that the committee determined that the Venturer Scout Program is fundamentally sound, but the execution needs to be adjusted to address the realities of where Scouting and young people are today. This fine tuning is most evident in the award scheme, but Scout-Venturer retention and Venturer-Rover retention, as well as promotion of the section featured on the committee's radar.

Ideas that some of you will see as existing practice were identified and have become official parts of the system. For example, the small number of Venturers in many Scout groups means sub-optimal Scouting experiences and opportunities for those Venturers, so units composed of ten or more Venturers from multiple groups are more than recognised—they are mandated. However, population density is also recognised so units of less than ten Venturers are permissible, in certain circumstances. Another consequence of population density is the difficulty of forming District or Region Venturer Scout Councils.

The committee's solution is to suggest that Branches allow the current District/Region boundaries to be crossed so that a Zone Venturer Scout Council can be formed from a minimum of four units. To me these are eminently sensible solutions to the problems we leaders face.

Regarding the award scheme, recommendation 5 reads: *That changes to the Award Scheme be accepted which include:*

- creating a new Award name – Venture Award – which is positioned approximately 1/3 of the way toward the Queen's Scout Award;*
- maintaining the Queen's Scout level of excellence;*
- deleting the diamond-shaped development Awards badges while retaining the content;*
- creating the Endeavour Award to replace the Major Interest Award;*
- simplifying the administration associated with the attainment of Awards including all Award work to the Venturer Award level being approved by the Unit Council;*
- maintaining Awards levels of excellence by ensuring a moderation of completed requirements, and not assessing individual performance.*

There are many purposes for this recommendation but the one that resonates for me is "The changes proposed here through the three tiers [Venturer Award, Endeavour Award, and Queen's Scout Award] are intended to reset the Award Scheme as a tool for enabling the Unit Council to develop and drive a comprehensive, broad and modern program which can be delivered at the Unit level." Good program is why young people join Venturers and poor program is why they leave before their time.

The philosophy behind the Venturer Award is that it really is an award that a new Venturer could earn in his or her first eighteen months, just by participating in a well constructed unit program. The Endeavour and Queen's Scout Awards are where individual effort counts,

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CONGRATULATIONS VENTURER QUEENS SCOUT AWARD

Pleased to announce the awarding of the Venturer Queens Scout Award to the following Members.

Raimond Tyson
John Rodgers

Priestdale Scout Group
Shailer Park Scout Group

ROVERS



Brisbane and Gold Coast Rovers decided that that Thursday the 23rd of October was a NO work day. Rovers merged on the Gold Coast for the annual Students Day and the 2008 Indy. More than 2000 Students visited the Scouts Queensland Display, as the Students visited the display they had the opportunity to meet a Rover and see some of the activities that Ventures and Rovers participate in everyday Scouting. In the afternoon Scouts Queensland had a 20 min presentation on the SEA FM stage in which the students partook in a tent pitching completion and a centenary quiz. Special Thanks to all the Rovers who volunteered that day, Downslands Rover crew for the Use of their car and Maurice Law (Chief Commissioner) for the donation of some great prizes. A great day was had by all.



NEW VENUE Karingal Campsite



Banana Bash 2009 will now be hosted at Karingal Campsite, Karingal Rd Mt Cotton. Visitors Day Details are as follows.

Banana Bash Visitors Day 2009

Where: Karingal Campsite, Karingal Rd Mount Cotton

Date: Sunday 25th January 2009

Who: Scouting Members and General Public

Time: 9am– 5pm

Cost: \$5 per person

What to Bring: Sunscreen and Water

Pit Stop Café will be cooking up all your favourites and well as selling icy cold drinks on the day for your enjoyment.

Don't miss the Silver jubilee of Banana Bash, pack up the family and bring them to the event of 2009. Entertainers and NOVA 106.9 will be present for the kids.

Rovers please note that Bash forms are available @ www.bananabash.com.au

St George's Ball 09



Saturday 18th April 2009

6pm Onwards

Mercure Hotel Brisbane

All Rovers & Adult Members welcome

**Run By QLD
ROVERS**

Tickets—\$60 - Must be Pre Booked
(Includes Dinner, Music, Dessert, Live Entertainment,
KTV, and all night entertainment)

Bookings Open

1st October 2008

Allison— 0431 975 141 or

Shaun— promotions@qldrovers.org.au

More info— www.qldrovers.org.au

Professional photos will be available on the night

St Georges Ball 09 run by St Johns Inner City Rover
Crew— Allison, Shaun, Jordan, Hannah,
Caitlin and Alex.



CONGRATULATIONS BADEN POWELL SCOUT AWARD

Pleased to announce the awarding of the Venturer Queens Scout Award to the following Members.

Amanda Sommerfeld
Donald Gibson

Sunnybank Scout Group
Birkdale Scout Group





INTERNATIONAL

As 2008 draws to a close and Scouting winds down for another year it is time to start thinking about 2009 and our **Scouting programs** and the fact that we really should include some International Scouting at least twice a year. I encourage each section to try and achieve this and if you have some good programming ideas why don't you share them with us so we can share them with all sections in Queensland. Some photos would also be a great idea. Let's see who has the most creative programs and we will publish them in the Newsletter.

Travelling Overseas and visiting Scouts? Would you like to gain your **International Explorer's Award**? You can easily do so when you participate in some Scouting activities whilst you are overseas. All you need to do is participate in a recognised international activity and complete two of the following:

- A minimum of four hours service
- A minimum of one night's camping
- A minimum of one days training
- A minimum of three meetings (1 hour duration each)

When you return to Australia, you need to complete at least three presentations to either Scouting or other community groups. This could be in the form of written articles with photographs or talks and speeches made in front of your Section, District, Region or Branch.

International Pen Pals is about the Scouting way of life, making lifelong friends. In October we successfully linked 1 Cub Scout Pack and 1 individual Cub Scout to Cubs in the UK and we also linked 1 Venturer to a Venturer in Sweden. We have always got requests from overseas so **we need your help**. If making friends and sharing ideas with another Scout from the other side of the world interests you then have a go and contact our Pen Pal Coordinator, David McEvoy. Send your applications to penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au.

After the recent success of the **Student International Scout Exchange Program (SISEP)**, Scouts Queensland is now seeking interest from Venturers to attend this program overseas in 2009. We will be looking for Queensland Venturers to go to either the UK, Denmark or Japan. After recent requests we now have 2 wishing to go to Denmark in 2009/10 and one in 2010/11.

Being an international exchange student is the experience of a lifetime. Living as a member of a family in an overseas country such as England, Denmark or Japan will open your eyes to how other people see the world, the foods they eat, their lifestyle, recreation and work habits.

Being an international exchange student linked to the Scout Association in your host country gives you the unequalled opportunity to take part in challenging and diverse activities that only Scouts can offer.

Who can participate I hear you ask? Applications to par-

ticipate as an exchange student in the Scout International Student Exchange are invited from Venturer Scouts aged 14 to 17. Australian exchangees give up their Australian summer vacation to spend six to eight weeks living with a family overseas.

Below is an unedited account of one of the two Danish Venturers that came to Australia in July of this year.

"Hello my name is Tejs and I am from Denmark, in my summer holidays, I have been in Australia for 6 weeks, and I have been pleased. During my time in Australia, I have seen many different things, everything from the Australia Zoo to the AFL to Brisbane gang show.

I lived in a small town called Warwick, 2 hours from Brisbane, with family See all 6 weeks, and I went at Warwick State High School, but I seem to get better on the Danish school system. I think that Australia is a super nice country, and I'd love to return again but it is also nice to be back in Denmark again. Something to the best of my trip was that I was a member of the Australian scout of Queensland, it was good enough I am glad. I have never regretted that I went to Australia, and I miss it."

Other **future international events** include:

- Thailand International Camporee – 27th December 2008 – 1st January 2009. Theme is Scouting Think Earth.

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Pen Pals

Always wanted a Pen Pal?
Is your Troop looking to start an International Link?

POST

Want some help with an International activity?

All it takes is a few minutes of your time: Send an e mail with your Name, Age, Section, your Group Name, Snail mail address and whether you are looking for an individual or a section Link to:

penpals@qldhq.scouts.com.au

ADMINISTRATION



UNIFORM CHANGE OVER PERIOD IS NEAR THE END

December 2008 is the end of the five year change over period in to the current national uniform.

From **January 2009** the blue shirt based uniform will be the only official Scout uniform in Australia.



QUEENSLAND SCOUT CENTRE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The last day the Queensland Scout Centre will be open is **Tuesday 23rd December 2008.**

The office will resume on **Monday 5th January 2009.**

GCBF GRANT UPDATE

The next round of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) will be closing soon. Applications need to have reached Branch by 20th November. To guarantee on time lodgement don't leave it to the last minute. For questions or queries please contact Project Development Grants Officer on 07 3721 5734 or email grants@scoutsqld.com.au

CONGRATULATIONS

Suncoast Region
Emerald Scout Group
Imbil – Mary Valley Scout Group
Samford Scout Group
Coomera Scout Group
Allawah Scout Group
Bucasia Scout Group

On Successful Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants just announced from August 2008 Round

Congratulations to

Belmont Scout Group

For being successful in the Western Corridor Water Project Grant

UPDATED FORMS

The following forms have been updated recently.

No updated forms during the month

WEBSITE UPDATE

The following sections have been updated on the Scouts QLD website <http://www.scoutsqld.com.au>

- Scout Supply Centre price list and order form (October 2008)
- Personal Safety manual—Version 3.1—Available in the Members only Area “Resources”
- Fundraising—Information regarding raffles and various regulations
- National Venturer Scout Review committee report
- Scout Journey Guidelines—Version June 2006—Available in the Members Only Area “Sectional Resources—Scouts”





Training Calendar

TWO TINY BEADS

Two tiny wooden beads on a leather thong. Doesn't sound like an outstanding badge and mark of distinction, but it is known and respected as such around the globe. It is symbolic of the efforts and interest of one man in behalf of others that created and launched the greatest movement for boys the world has ever known.



It is the mark of people who have demonstrated that they are of good character and are devoted to a cause: those who strive for perfection well knowing that even the best is not enough; those who hold the welfare of others before themselves; Leaders who live up to all that name implies. It is awarded to a Leader on the basis of what he thinks and is, more than on what he knows.

They must demonstrate that they have "know-how" too. Good intentions count for little until by the application of ability and determination they produce results that count. People striving for perfection in themselves that they might train others better--to this end exists Wood Badge.

It is doubtful the thought ever entered the mind of Robert Baden-Powell that his efforts on Brownsea Island would grow to influence the youth of the world and that in the days ahead thousands upon thousands of people would

carry his efforts forward to an ever-increasing number of boys.

Who knows but that this effort, this crusade, may flourish to a point when two tiny wooden beads on a leather thong become the symbol of a succeeding effort to bring about a world brotherhood of man. To that end may Wood Badge serve so that this crusade never falters or fails. Two tiny wooden beads on a leather thong. They could symbolize the hope of the world. It's up to you.



CONGRATULATIONS WOODBADGE

Pleased to announce the awarding of the Woodbadge to the following Members.

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| Leith Clift | Qld Branch Headquarters |
| Craig Ray | St Johns Wood Scout Group |
| Ryan Sodziak | Qld Branch Headquarters |
| Professor John Pearn | Qld Branch Headquarters |
| Tony Mitchell-Dale | Aspley Scout Group |
| Lars Erikson | Qld Branch Headquarters |
| Dr Richard Franklin | Qld Branch Headquarters |
| Colonel Robert Pearce | Qld Branch Headquarters |
| Maurice Law AM | Qld Branch Headquarters |
| Jean Clifford | Qld Branch Headquarters |
| Luke McGarrigle | Helensvale Scout Group |
| Judy Rodwell | Burleigh Heads Scout Group |

KIRWAN SCOUTS CELEBRATE THEIR 4TH SCOUT MEDALLION

A special group parade was held on Saturday 18th October by Kirwan Scout Group to present the Australian Scout Medallion to Brendan Dean. Before the assembled parade of the full group, Brendan was presented with his medallion by Trevor (Doc) Lyall, Kennedy Region's ARC for Scouts. Also on parade was Ernie (Hawk) Bunt, Kennedy Region's Regional Commissioner and Brendan's Scout Leaders, Wayne (Bagheera) Williams and Glenn (Platypus) Ricks, who have been with him throughout his journey through Scouts and know first hand the hard work needed to achieve the Australian Scout Medallion.

Brendan's proud parents, John and Debbie, also leaders at Kirwan, were present to see him receive his award. Brendan was Kirwan's fourth Scout to earn the Australian Scout Medallion and all previous recipients were present at the ceremony.

Congratulations to Brendan, we all know how much hard work goes into earning this award.



The Baden Powell Lodge Founders Night

will be held at the Stones Corner Masonic Centre
17 Cleveland Street, Stones Corner

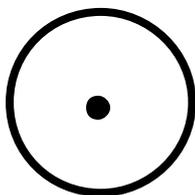
Wednesday 11th February 2009 at 7.15pm

All Adult Scouting personnel, partners and friends
are invited to attend

DRESS: Scout Uniform/Smart Casual

The following Members have been called
to higher service:

Dulcie Turnbull (Vice President)
Sir Bruce Watson (Vice President)



WANTED DECEMBER AND JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Leaders or Rovers with relevant qualifications

Scouts Queensland operates holiday adventures at Camp Karingal become part of the team as we work toward the development of youth from 6 – 15 we are seeking Leaders who are trained in areas of water activities, bush skills, leadership skills and like working with kids.

Holiday adventures are based over a 5 ½ week period but we don't expect you to be there for the whole period, if you are keen and have what it takes we would love you to join the team from 1 week to 5 ½ weeks, this is not a usual Scout event there's more freedom, enjoyment and ability to develop the leaders of tomorrow today and best of all you get a little bit of money for your time.

Payment is based on the amount of young people per day and work at Camp Karingal is considered a hobby (tax purposes). Payment is between \$30 and \$60 per day with food and accommodation available. Or become part of the fun and volunteer.

This is a Scout run activity but flexibility exists with activities and age requirements.

Send an introductory letter or resume to:

Scout Outdoor Education
PO Box 520 Toowoong 4066
or call 0424 154 201

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Following wide consultation with the Indigenous Community a successful pilot program was run for 4 years in the Northern Territory and North Queensland. Then some funding was provided by the



Australian Government through the Dept of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs YouthLinx Program for a 2 year National Indigenous Scout Program.

This program has been running for 16 months operating in all states in Australia except Victoria and Tasmania in places like Djadadjin and Fitzroy Crossing in the Kimberleys, Yalata at the top of the Great Australian Bight, Bourke in far NW NSW, and 2 indigenous communities on the edge of Darwin along with Cape York. We are currently seeking further funding from mid 2009 for our Program.

At the local level, following wide community consultation Scouting has been established in Napranum and Mapoon. A Project Officer visits every month to assist the development of the youth program and to support and provide training to the Leaders and Parent and Community Support Committee. There has been a camp each month for the youth as well as weekly programs. Activities have included attending two of Thanakupi's (Thaynakwith Elder) Bouchat Cultural School Holiday Camps, a beach cleanup at Jeannie Creek Turtle Eco Camp as service to the community, and an Emergency Services Camp involving all the local services participating. We intend to take the



Scouts and Leaders to attend the Far North Queensland Region Centenary Camp at Tinaroo at the end of November. We already have financial support from the local Mapoon Justice Group, the Rotary Club of Cairns as well as local fundraising.



The Western Cape Communities Coexistence Agreement Fund has provided funding for travel to Training Courses in Cairns and equipment for the 2 Scout Groups. Rio

Tinto has supported us with arrangements to allow a Leader to attend Training. The Mapoon and Napranum Councils and staff have been very supportive of us. PCYC facilities in Napranum provide us with a place to meet.





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training we offer to young people is at a level which is acceptable to them.

The fact that we are no longer quite as clear as to the age a young person progresses from one Section to another is not the opportunity for Leaders to try to poach Members from a younger Section to bolster the numbers in their Section. It is focussed around the fact that the progression of a young person from one Section to another should be the subject of discussion at the Group Council Meeting with the Leaders agreeing to the most appropriate time for the young person to progress.

We should also be mindful of the fact that when a young person joins the Movement, because of the lap over that we now have we should be looking at the Section which will best suit the person from a social and intellectual point of view.

The way these Rules are phased gives us the opportunity to apply some common sense to the natural progression from one Section to another by young people basing our decisions on what is best for the young person.

You will also note that with the exception of the Rover Section there is no upper age limit. This then begs the question to what age can a Scout receive the Australian Scout Medallion and a Venturer Scout receive the Queen's Scout Award? Within the Queensland Branch we will be applying the upper age range of fifteen years for the Australian Scout Medallion and eighteen years for the Queen's Scout Award however because of the scope that there is now within the upper age ranges of the Section an extension of time in which to complete these Awards may be granted by the Chief Commissioner. [ScoutAbout Article September 2004].

I am aware that the age ranges in this policy do not line up exactly with the age ranges displayed on Scouts Australia website however after lengthy discussions with many people it was decided that we would follow the policy as laid down in this article.

It does not seem five years since we saw the introduction of the blue uniform for Scouts but the end of this year marks the end of the phase-in stage and I would hope that from that time on we would see only the blue uniform being worn. The promotion that we have done during the World Centenary Year and the Australian/Queensland Centenary Year has made the blue uniform known to the community and the wearing of the Year of the Scout badge on our uniforms in Queensland has certainly helped this to happen.

We previously advised in Encompass that the Governor of Queensland had accepted our invitation to become our Chief Scout and I am now pleased to advise that she has been invested into that role. She has not had any involvement in Scouting before but looks forward to learning more about the role that Scouting plays in the community and to meeting Members of the Movement during her travels throughout the State.

Since her investiture she has presented Leader Recognition Awards in Cairns, Brisbane and Townsville. We welcome her to this new role and look forward to working with her and being of assistance to her in obtaining the goals she has set as Governor of Queensland.

Until next month I extend my best wishes.

Maurice J Law, AM
Chief Commissioner of Queensland

SCHOOL CAMPING AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION AT A SCOUTING PRICE

Scouts Queensland now offers to schools camping and outdoor education at a Scouting price, If you think Scouts Queensland campsites can deliver a unique quality camp please deliver a copy of the ad to your local school(s) in your area and for each booking generated through your group we will give your group \$2 per student from the school booking when they stay over night at BP Park or Karingal. Over night prices for Schools are as follows: (please write on the back of the flyer referred by and Group name)

- BP Park Indoor Accommodation**— \$17 per person per day
- Karingal Indoor Accommodation**— \$14 per person per day
- BP Park Camping with Tents**— \$12 per person per day
- Karingal Camping with tents**— \$11 per person per day

Please remind schools when booking who they were referred by i.e. Group (payments will be made after school has camped)

CORPORATE TEAM BUILDING AND FUNCTIONS AT KARINGAL, BP PARK AND AUCHENFLOWER

Call 0424 154 201

Great prices great outcomes relaxed environment
Clients included Conrad Treasury, Australian Sports Commission and many more.

WHAT ISSUES ARE CONCERNING AUSTRALIA'S VOLUNTEERS

An opportunity for you to have your say on Australia's Volunteers. Go to the following website for the survey.

<http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/>

REGION NEWS



DARLING DOWNS REGION

CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

Several hundred young people and leaders from within Darling Downs Region participated in the annual Carnival of Flowers Parade in September as part of promotion of Scouting in the Year of the Scout. Our float gained 2nd place in the parade. The float is pictured below.



WIRRAGLEN CAMPSITES

2nd Toowoomba Scout Group recently held a camp at Wirraglen Campsite. The area is abundant with wildlife including possums, magpies and wild turkeys. On this occasion the budding photographers in the group sighted the birds and animals

GLENNIE HEIGHTS SCOUTS OUT AND ABOUT

The Scouts from Glennie Heights group in Warwick visited the Australian Army Aviation Centre in Oakey recently. The visit came about due to a work relationship between the Group Leader and Airfield operations.

First stop was the Fire station. The Fire officers only have 15 seconds to be in their trucks when the alarm is sounded. Next stop was the training facility where the scouts got up close to Kiowa, Blackhawk and the new Tiger aircraft.

Then it was on to a virtual reality simulator, a guard dog demonstration and finally the Museum. It was a well worthwhile visit with a few scouts declaring the Army to be the life for them. Pictured are the scouts with a Kiowa and in front of a Blackhawk helicopter.



DID YOU KNOW

In 1943 some sixty five years ago Scouts in Toowoomba were making toys at the Technical Col-

lege. Following a request from Headquarters in Brisbane it was decided to send some of the toys to Headquarters so they could sell the toys. Could this have been a forerunner to modern day fundraising initiatives.

In 1944 correspondence was sent by the Headquarters to Toowoomba District advising that in their opinion "thanks

services should be held when Germany is defeated and the Victory Celebrations arranged after the defeat of Japan".

CENTRAL AND COASTAL REGION

TWO MACKAY AMATEUR RADIO MEMBERS PRESENTED WITH AWARDS

Each year scouting acknowledges service to the movement from leaders and other volunteers in the community. This year two members of the Mackay Amateur Radio Club have been rewarded for their commitment to the scouting movement. They have set up the radios and aeriels and manned the station at Rowallan Park each year on the third weekend in October for the annual world wide activity Jamboree on the Air.

JOTA allows youth and adult members to communicate with scouting and guiding members throughout the world. Wally Douglas has been the prime person with the JOTA program ever since 1983. He enthusiastically staged the program with the regional scouting leaders year after year. He was an honest, reliable gentleman with a community spirit and a jovial outlook.

Unfortunately, Wally Douglas passed away this year and his brother Peter and sister-in-law Helen Douglas accepted the Posthumous Award on his behalf, at a special ceremony organized to coincide with the 2008 JOTA weekend at Rowallan Park. Wally was awarded the Silver Wattle Award for outstanding service to scouting.

Another member of the Mackay Amateur Radio Club, Bruce Lenahan was awarded the Silver Arrowhead Award for excellent service to scouting. Bruce has been involved with JOTA since 1990. Besides helping set up the radios Bruce encourages the youth members and teaches them the correct way to operate them. He is an honest, reliable gentleman and a quiet achiever with a community spirit.

Bob Hodda spoke about the achievements to both gentlemen and Region Commissioner Lance Hodda presented the awards.

Bruce Lenahan's wife Barbara and Wally Douglas's sister Betty Waddell were present at the presentation of the awards and afternoon tea with the Central and Coastal Region Team members.





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AJ2010

The on line application is now available Details of how to apply is included in this issue.

Don't forget to check the latest updates for the Jamboree refer the Qld Contingent website. <http://jamboree.scoutsqld.com.au/>

Events for 2009

The dates for Activities next year are

Butterfly 21st March

Triple S 3-6 July

Nighthawk – Pitts worth 8, 9 August

Scoutout – BP Park 22, 23 August

Jamboree Troop Leaders weekend (JTL's not AJTL's) BP Park 12, 13 September.

Packing weekend for the Jamboree – BP Park 24,25 October

I will provide more dates as we get them, if you want to advertise your Activities give me a call

Pieter Van Der Kamp

Youth Program Support Branch Commissioner (Scouts)

bc.scouts@qldhq.scouts.com.au

QUEENSLAND CONTINGENT

JAMBOREE NEWS #2

How to apply and make payments

There are two ways that you can fill out an application to attend AJ2010. You can fill out a hard copy or preferably fill an application out on line. For those that fill in an application on line we will present you with a special badge for doing so, this badge will be presented with the First Bulletin.



Electronic Application

Note:- prior to lodging an application you will need a digital photo of yourself (must be a passport style photo), your Medicare Number and details of Private Health Insurance.

For details of a passport photo refer to <https://www.passports.gov.au/Web/Requirements/Photos.aspx> - 21k

To lodge your application you must do the following:-

Go to the Website www.scoutsaj2010.com

The front page has three areas. Go to new registration and provide your preferred user name, a password with 6 characters and your Email address. Within a few moments you will receive an Email stating you can continue your registration

You will then be asked under the login to put your user name and password, and then click on login. You will now be in the Personal Detail area. You will need to complete the Personal Section first and then the sections that are relevant whether you are a Leader, Adult Support Member, Youth Helper or a Youth Member. (ASM's please note when completing the question on Appointment please click on Supporter.)

Ensure you have checked the shirt sizes, the sizes for the Jamboree shirt differ to the shirt you will receive from Queensland Contingent. Check the numerical size (e.g. 116

c.m.) rather than the lettering size (e.g. XXL).

Once you have completed all the details you will be instructed to print the application. This application will then need to be signed by all the relevant parties. For Youth Members you will need signatures from the following, the applicant, both Parents/Guardians (both the Medical and the indemnity), Scout Leader or Venturer Leader, Group Leader and where it is stated Sectional Region Commissioner this can be either the District Commissioner or Region Commissioner. (The Region Commissioner will only need to sign if there is no District Commissioner).

For Leaders and Adult Support Members you will need signatures from the following, the applicant, your Team Leader, Group Leader (if not your team leader) and where it is stated Sectional Region Commissioner this can be either the District Commissioner or Region Commissioner. (The Region Commissioner will only need to sign if there is no District Commissioner.)

If only one parent or guardian is able to sign please refer to note on second signature block on the Agreement, Activities and Authority page. This section also refers to Court Orders

All Leaders, Adult Support Members, Rovers and Venturer Scouts must read and sign the Prohibited Employment Declaration Form.

Once all the paperwork is completed the application together with the payment form and the first payment of \$500 is to be received by the Queensland Contingent no later than the 27th March 2009 to :-

Queensland Contingent,
22nd Australian Jamboree
C/- Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch
PO Box 520 Toowong Q 4066

Hard Copy Application

Note:- With you hard copy application you will need your photo (must be a passport style photo), your Medicare Number and details of Private Health Insurance.

Once you have completed all the details on the application you will then need to have the application signed by all the relevant parties.

Ensure you have checked the shirt sizes, the sizes for the Jamboree shirt differ to the shirt you will receive from Queensland Contingent. Check the numerical size (e.g. 116 c.m.) rather than the lettering size (e.g. XXL).

Refer to Electronic Application details No 6 through to No 10

Tips on lodging an Application on line

Filling out applications on line can at times be frustrating, my suggestion is don't do it alone turn this into an Event. Try the following:-

* Get the Troop or Patrol together at a destination where you can lodge an application on line, view what is on the Queensland Contingent website and have a BBQ. This may be at the Leaders home or one of the Scouts homes. The Contingent will be setting up some computers at Headquarters. Fill in your applications, find out the latest regarding the Jamboree and visit the Scout Supply Centre. (We will advise of date and time) Remember Faster, Smarter on line and earn a badge.

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Please note Applications without the first payment will not be activated as a member of the Contingent and will not receive bulletins or other information provided to the Contingent members. Please refer to the payment schedule for time frames of payments and Contingent withdrawal policy.

If hard copies of the applications are required please contact the Administration Leader Gill Hall at her Email address d.j.services@optus.net.com.au

Or send a request by mail to:-

The Administration Leader
Queensland Contingent,
22nd Australian Jamboree
C/- Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch
PO Box 520 Toowong Q 4066

REUNION



Kings Scouts, Queens Scouts, Baden Powell Scout Awardees

Date: Sunday 14th December 2008

Place: Ipswich Civic Centre

Time: 2pm for Afternoon Tea

Dress: Full Scout Uniform or smart casual

RSVP: Friday 5th December 2008

Phone: Chris Schmidt 0418 154 156

Email: chris_rosewoodrovers@hotmail.com

ASIA PACIFIC REGION YOUTH COMPETITION

Theme

"What is great about Scouts?"

Background

Objective 1 of the APR Plan Vision 2013 for Adolescents aims to continue sharing information among national Scout organizations on how to attract more adolescents into Scouting. One of the best ways to find out how to attract more young people to Scouting is to ask the young people who are current Scouts. The running of a competition is a great way to reach out to young people and get some feedback on their thoughts. By having the theme "What is great about Scouts" then there is lots of scope for young people to be involved.

Categories

Four categories should be used to provide flexibility and allow as many young people to participate as possible.

- Media - a short film, a power point or photos
- Written - essay
- Poster - with photos and short segments of writing
- Blog - used on the internet

Participation

Entry is open to all APR youth members under 26 years old. Entries can be individual or small groups, for example: a Scout patrol, a Venture unit or a Rover crew.

For more information check the Scouts QLD Website at www.scoutsQLD.com.au

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY



There is an opportunity for All groups to fundraise by delivering phone books. Check out the website for available areas.

www.phonebookdelivery.com.au

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One day only 20% Rebel Sport MVP members

4th December (great for Christmas)

MVP

QLD SCOUTS

MVP# 35169



Wanted: EVS Volunteer for Flamboree 2009

Call for EVS Volunteer for Flamboree 2009, an international camp for Scouts and Guides in the summer of 2009 in Flanders, Belgium

Period: from February 2009 till September 2009, about 8 months

Where: Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen, head office at Antwerp, Belgium

Subject: Promotion and development of international aspects of Scouting and Guiding in Flanders and the rest of Europe and the world by helping in the preparation and during the international camp for Scouts and Guides in the summer of 2009, Flamboree.

Age: 18 – 30 years old

For more information please see www.flamboree.be





GS Brisbane Gang Show

Scouts Australia, Queensland Branch Inc.

Po Box 1385 Toowong, Queensland 4066 www.brisbanegangshow.com



Do you play a Musical Instrument? Would you like to be a part of the Brisbane Gang Show Orchestra for 2009?

In 2009 Brisbane Gang Show is seeking members of the Scout (and Guide) Movements to become part of the Orchestra. We are keen to hear from youth members who play an instrument and would be prepared to join this section of the Gang.

Instruments required:-

- Flute x 2
- Trombone x 2
- Trumpet x 2
- Alto Sax x 2
- Tenor Sax x 2
- Guitar – Lead and Bass
- Or perhaps you play another instrument.

You will be required to have achieved an AMEB level of Grade 5 (or equivalent)

Auditions will be held in February 2009, with applications closing on 31st January 2009.

You will be required to play your own prepared piece (Max 2 Mins)

You will be required to sight read and play

You will need to bring your own instrument

We will contact you regarding auditions times and dates once we have your application

There will be a rehearsal period commencing on March/April 2009 with the show being performed in July 2009 at the Schonell Theatre at the University of Queensland Campus at St Lucia.

Please ensure you review the information sheet on the website

Applications can be downloaded from the Brisbane Gang Show website www.brisbanegangshow.com

We look forward to you joining us for this new and exciting opportunity!!

Any enquiries can be directed to Geoff Doo Production Director Brisbane Gang Show Mob 0419 402 134

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with the former being about specialisation and the latter being about effort in a variety of areas.

And so to the thorny matter of *award standards*. The committee endorsed the need for review of a Venture's award scheme endeavours by his or her peers. Currently Unit Councils and District/Region Venturer Scout Councils operate Awards Standards Committees for various aspects of the awards scheme. In the future, the Unit Council will approve all award scheme proposals before they are commenced and will approve the completion of the tasks at the end.

Examiners, who can be seen as expert consultants, are required to assist the Unit Council in some specified areas and when the Unit Council feels it is out of its depth.

District/Region and Branch will maintain the levels of excellence of Endeavour and Queen's Scout Awards by regularly reviewing all approved activities and then complete the circle by sharing their views on what they have seen with the

Unit Councils in their respective areas of influence.

The plan is to launch the changes in January 2009, during the 14th Australian Venture. Queensland will commence the changes when all the pre-requisites are in place, i.e. policy decisions made, processes developed, leaders and units trained, materials (*books and badges*) in stock. On this last point, I can attest to the frenetic activity that the Review committee and staff at National headquarters have been involved in since the Chief Commissioners approved the recommendations, getting all the *books and badges* ready well before the end of the year.

Phil McNicol

Youth Program Support Branch Commissioner (Venturer Scouts)

bc.venturerscouts@qldhq.scouts.com.au

A little piece of thought for your reflection.

As I watched, the echidna shuffled about, apparently quite content until the dog approached. In a moment it was transformed into a prickly ball. The dog sniffed, then withdrew and tried again, with the same result. Finally the Dog did find a soft spot amongst the many prickles, and picked up the echidna.

So often in our daily lives, we are quite content until someone comes and upsets us. Then we become prickly and defensive. We fail to communicate, and so become cut off from those around us. When they try again, we become even more defensive and retreat into our own little world. Often then others just ignore us and we feel very alone. We forget that the signals which we have given to others say "Keep Off". In our fear we retreat and blame others for how we feel. We forget that what has been said or done is only a trigger for what is already inside us. Phrases like "You make me angry" are not true - for others have only triggered the anger within us. As the dog was persistent and eventually found a soft spot in the echidna's prickles, so we too, have soft spots inside all of us. It is that vulnerable place that we try to protect. The persistence of those who love us will find that spot, and help us to open up slowly and safely. Surrounded by the love of God and our fellow human beings,

our fears and anxieties gradually disappear, and we will emerge much more whole persons.

It is vital that we learn to communicate, to listen to and alongside each other, to be patient, knowing and trusting that God, who starts a healing work, will bring it to fruition. "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it"(1 Thessalonians 5:24). When we are met with a prickly response, we need to remember that this is an outward sign of a vulnerable "soft spot" inside, and respond out of love, rather than from our own prickly heart.

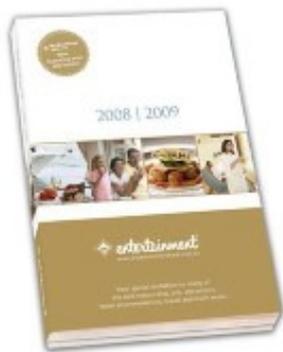
"Father, as you are patient with me, so I ask that through the help of the Holy Spirit, I may be patient with others. When I feel 'prickly' let me come to you to know your love and forgiveness, and to be willing to share with one another, if that is your way to my healing. Please forgive me for being 'prickly' as I forgive those who have been 'prickly' to me. Help me to respond to others out of your love. Amen.

Iain Furby
Deputy Chief Commissioner - Special Duties
dcc.specialduties@scoutsqld.com.au

2008/09

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Purchase your brand new 2008/09 Entertainment Book now to receive over \$15,000 in valuable offers, valid through 1 June 2009.



To purchase your book, download the order form from the Scouts QLD website or request one from the Branch Office.

WANTED DECEMBER AND JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Venturer Scouts and Rovers

Would you like a fun holiday, If you are over 15 join in on Holiday Adventures as a 'Patrol leader or support leader you will learn skills from how to work with young people, gather services hours, go on outing and most of all have fun. You will work with young people and interact with the young people as you play games, go canoeing, take on the water-slide or an off site activity.

Maximum amount of time allowed on camp is 3 weeks (in weekly blocks) as camp can be tiring but fun. You will be treated as a young adult and given responsibilities including canoeing, working with adult leaders or leading activities.

Depending on numbers there may be a small donation given at the end of your time but you are entitled to camp and eat at camp for free or go home each night. Have fun and develop new skills at Camp Karingal.

Send an introductory letter or resume to:

Scout Outdoor Education
 PO Box 520 Toowong 4066



Updated Price list and order form now available

The price list and order form have been updated and are now available to download from the Scout Supply Centre website <http://www.scoutsupply.com.au>

Venturer Scout and Rover Polo shirts have been discontinued. Some sizes are still available.

Bucket Hats are discontinued and no longer available.



Queensland Woggles are unavailable till Mid December.

Leather Australian logo woggle will be substituted.



AIR ACTIVITIES—CUB SCOUTS

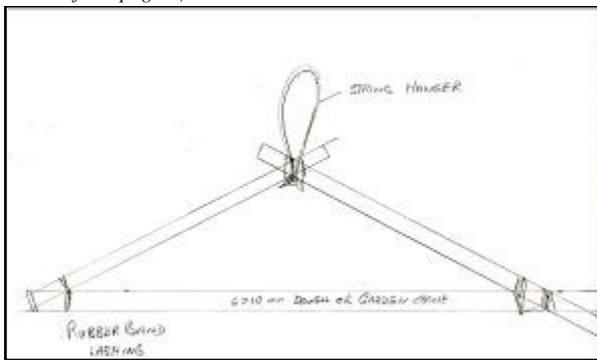
The Cub Section provides two courses, Level 1 and Level 2. Both courses are interesting, challenging and introduce the youth of our organization to the Aviation Industry, covering the requirements and giving them the opportunity to earn their flight badges.

Level 1 is a full day course from 8.00am to 3.00pm on Sundays and includes a flight in a light aircraft, kite and glider making as well as other fun activities.

Level 2 is a morning course from 8.00am to 12 noon on Saturday and includes a flight in a light aircraft, model making, aircraft identification plus aircraft control components, combined with other fun activities.



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Christmas card game

Equipment – you will need a large collection of old Christmas cards cut diagonally into two, and divided into two carrier bags with one half of each card in each bag. (What a chance to get rid of those old cards hanging in the cupboard or around the Den).

Method - Without the Cub Scouts watching too closely, spread out the half cards in various places around the hall. Working in sixes give them one half card each to go off to find the matching half and bring it back to their corner. As they find their card they can be given another to find. Set a time limit and the most complete pairs collected at the end wins.

Tips - Obviously the more cards the merrier and the more you scatter them around the longer it will take. You can make it harder by choosing very similar cards. To make it more difficult for older Cub Scouts try giving them several cards at the beginning placed on the floor which they must not take with them when they look for the other half. They can then only pick up one of the scattered halves at a time to try to match and return it straight away if it does not match.

Theme your games and make it fun and easy – try SANTA, SANTA, SANTA, EASTER BUNNY instead of DUCK, DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE... all it takes is a little thought and imagination. Have fun!

Your feedback

As Cub Scout Leaders we are always learning from each other and we value your constructive feedback. Before the end of

the year I will be sending out a short survey to assist us with continuing to develop our Section and meet the current needs of our membership, both Youth and Leaders. Please take the few minutes to respond, I will endeavour to keep the time involved to a minimum, but it is your chance to have your say. Promise I'll listen!

Mythbusting

There are many wonderful things that Scouting shares amongst us all but there is also the chance for 'local laws', 'myths' and even 'perceptions on policy' to creep into our actions and activities.

Meeting people around the State means I get to hear some pretty interesting things – many of them just not true.

I suggest that all Leaders familiarise themselves with Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions (QBSI), the Policy and Rules documents as well the Chief Commissioner memos and updates. These can be accessed via the web, your Group Leader, District or Regional Commissioner. If you plan your activities using these guidelines there is no reason your activity won't succeed. Don't let these documents limit or 'frighten' you but rather because you will have the CORRECT information you can feel empowered to run that activity competently.

Don't listen to gossip... check your facts...enjoy your Scouting. If you are not having fun then ask yourself why and do something about it. Chances are if you're not happy neither are your Cub Scouts, is that really why you joined?

I am always available to listen and maybe point you in the direction of where you can find your answers – the only silly answer is the one that does n't get asked.

Congratulations to all the Grey Wolf Awards over the last month – well done Leaders. Please send me photos and stories of your adventures so we can all share

Robyn Devine (RIKKI)

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2008 Christmas Badge

A celebration of Scouts Australia Centenary.

\$2.50 each (plus Postage & Handling if applicable)



Baden-Powell Portrait Badge

Size is 19.5 cm high x 17.5 cm wide

\$9.95 each (plus Postage & Handling if applicable)

JOTA/JOTI 2008 Badge NOW AVAILABLE—.80 CENTS EACH



The date this year for the 51st Jamboree On The Air / 12th Jamboree On The Internet was 18 - 19 October 2008. This year's design was adapted from the participation card provided by WOSM. The badge this year is a 50 mm square in three colours and will be for placement on Camp blankets.

(plus Postage & Handling if applicable)

UNIFORM NEWS

Size 22 Scout Button Shirts
now available

\$39.95



Venturer Button Shirts—now

\$39.95

Rover Button Shirts—now **\$44.95**

Bucket Hats are no longer available.

New order form and Price List can be downloaded from
www.scoutsupply.com.au

(All items are plus Postage & Handling if applicable)

FIELDBOOK FOR AUSTRALIAN SCOUTING

The Fieldbook for Australian Scouting is full of tips on how to enjoy the challenges and have fun in the outdoors while building your self-confidence and resourcefulness.

Topics include:
Bushwalking and Hiking, Abseiling, Navigation, Boating Activities, Outdoor Emergencies, Ropes, Knots and Lashings, Air Activities, Construction, Environment, Weather, Campcraft, Hygiene, Catering and more.



\$39.95 each

(plus Postage & Handling if applicable)

Great Christmas Presents!



Camp Blanket for \$39.95

Camp Blankets

Wool blend camp blankets. Buy a Camp Blanket for \$39.95 and receive a free Swap Badge Pack valued at \$8.95. Colours may vary to illustration.

Swap Badge Packs



A bundle of Swap Badges suitable for sewing on camp blankets or shirts or for swapping with other Scouts. Image is illustrative only, contents will vary from pack to pack

\$8.95 each

(plus Postage & Handling if applicable)



Scout Supply Centre

HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

The Scout Supply Centre will **close** at
11am on Tuesday 23 December 2008

We will **reopen** for trade at
9am on Monday 5 January 2009

We will **close for Saturday trading** from
13 December 2008 and will **recommence**
Saturday Trading from 9am to 3pm on 31 January 2009

We would like to thank all our valued customers for their support during 2008 and look forward to being of service in 2009 and apologise for any inconvenience the change to our Trading hours may cause.



PART TIME WORK OPPORTUNITY— DO YOU WANT TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS!

We have the position of Santa Claus at department Stores in QLD.

Venues: Brisbane City Centre, Cleveland, Indooroopilly, Kawana Waters, Morayfield, Oxley, Rothwell, Dalby

Dates: 29th 30th Nov, 6th 7th, 13th 14th, and 20th 21st December.

Times: 10am till 1pm or 11am till 2pm.

Pay: We offer a round \$25 per hour.



The job is to sit on the throne in the set the department store will be providing, greet the children and have photographs taken. Breaks will be 10 minutes every hour worked. We will provide the suit and accessories, posting it out to you prior to the event. A police check/working with children check will be needed, and obviously previous experience would be great.

For Further Information Please Contact: Rebecca Naylor,

Tel (03) 9527 8644 | fax 03 9527 8330

Web www.entertainmentstore.com.au

Scouts respond to sex education allegations

With particular reference to the recent articles appearing in the Queensland Sunday Mail (Sunday 26 October 2008, page 3, "Sex education a Scout badge") and the Courier Mail (Monday 27 October 2008, page 29, "Scouts are ready for anything, including sex"), the Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc. is making an official statement in response to allegations made regarding sexual education and provisions of contraceptive devices for their Youth Members.

Chief Commissioner of Queensland, Maurice Law AM, said the Queensland Branch, and to the best of his knowledge, Scouts Australia, has not discussed, considered or researched the possibility of providing sex education for their Youth Members.

"I would like to make it perfectly clear that any decisions to provide sex education, condoms or other contraceptive devices to Youth Members of the Scout Association in the United Kingdom are in no way shape or form related to or reflect what we provide for our Members in Australia,"

"Scouts Australia and Scouts UK operate entirely independent of each other with neither organisation having any authority or ability to intervene with the others' business," Mr Law said.

With particular reference to today's article in the Courier Mail, Mr Law urged readers, parents and concerned parties to understand there is a dramatic difference to Scouts in the United Kingdom and Australia, and that nothing the Chief Scout of the United Kingdom may say has any bearing whatsoever on Scouts and its Members in Australia.

"The article appearing in the Sunday Mail at the weekend makes entirely untrue and unsubstantiated damaging claims that 'Australian Scouts will now receive sex education', when in fact the cold hard truth of the matter is we have not eluded to, discussed or remotely entertained the concept of providing our Members with sex education or contraceptive devices in Queensland," Mr Law said.

The Chief Commissioner of Queensland reassured parents, guardians and anyone else concerned about Scouts providing such information to Youth Members that the Association does not encourage promiscuity and that parental and religious influences are priorities.

Mr Law also said that Australia will most definitely not be issuing a badge for sex education.

"It is disappointing the Sunday Mail and Courier Mail would print articles containing such unfounded fallacies and information – for example, stating that the Scouts' motto of "Be Prepared" now means every Scout over the age of 14 years will now be issued with condoms is simply not true in Queensland,"

"It would be much appreciated if the publications in question will do what they can to assist in undoing the damage their fictitious and disingenuous 'stories' have done to the Scout Association," Mr Law said.

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The Camporee camp fee is USD\$100.00 per participant. This includes accommodation, food, program activities, Jamboree Kit, Insurance and Transportation.

- Jafa Moot – 67th New Zealand Rover Moot – 9-13th March 2009. Location Helensville Showground, Auckland. Cost is \$500 plus air fares and optional tours.
- 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree, Philippines. 28th December 2009 - 3rd January 2010. Cost \$2500-5000. National is seeking a contingent leader for this event. World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011. The theme is "Simply Scouting" and Venturers aged 15 but not yet turned 18 of age at the time of the event can apply. The contingent fee will be \$5000-7000. The event will be held on the fields of Rinkaby not far from the town of Kristianstad, in the province of Skåne, southern Sweden. If you are interested please contact us as soon as possible.

If you would like to know more about what is happening internationally in Scouting or you would like to participate in an overseas event, how about visiting Scouts Australia's Website on www.international.scouts.com.au and it will open up many more links for you to explore? For any further information, visit the Queensland website at www.scoutsqld.com.au and click on "Events" and then "International".

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Congratulations to Tara Scout Group!

The small group winners of the National Fly the Flag 2008 competition.



Youth Members from the Tara Scout Group with the Chief Commissioner Maurice J Law, AM and their winning entry.

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STOP THE PRESS!



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday 4 November 2008

WANT TO DECREASE YOUR BRANCH MEMBERSHIP FEE?

Are you looking for a way to lower your Branch Membership fees for the coming Scout year? Well, Branch Headquarters can help you...

Chief Commissioner of Queensland, Maurice Law AM, said each Member or Leader who raised \$100 for the Centenary Project via the dedicated website, www.centenaryproject.com, between Monday 10 November and Wednesday 31 December (2008), would receive 10% of their Branch fee back in the form of a rebate to the Formation to which they belong.

This rebate will be given to Formations once the 2008/9 registration/Leader fees have been paid, provided they have been paid by the due date.

"It is up to the Formation Leader to decide what they will do with this rebate,"

"All Formations have to do is encourage their Members and Leaders to build a personal fundraising webpage and then send their unique webaddress to their friends and family and Branch will do the rest," Mr Law said.

Donations made via the webpage are 100% secure and for every donation over \$2, the donor immediately receives a tax deduction receipt via email.

Creating a page could not be easier, with Scouts simply following the prompts on the screen.

"It is about as easy as starting a Hotmail account," Mr Law said.

The webpage has proved a very simple method of fundraising for the Centenary Project, with some pages reaching a \$100 target in less than 6 hours.

The Centenary Project is a state wide fundraising initiative by the Branch which aims at developing a \$1 million perpetual medical research endowment fund at The Wesley Research Institute.

The funds raised will go towards funding vital medical research that aims to increase the quality of life for people suffering all manner of ailments across Australia and around the world.

*** ENDS ***

For more information about the rebate scheme contact:

Secretary to the Chief Commissioner

Ph: 07 3721 5723, Email: ccadmin@scoutsqld.com.au

For more information about the Centenary Project see:

www.centenaryproject.com

For more information about the Wesley Research Institute see:

www.wesleyresearch.org.au



ROVENTURE 2009 Application Form

Friday 13 To Sunday 15 February 2009

Personal Information

Surname: _____

Given Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____

Postcode: _____

Contact Number: _____

Mobile: _____

D.O.B: ____ / ____ / ____

Scout Membership Number: _____

Shirt size: _____

Email address: _____

Scout Group: _____

Section: _____

Leader:

Emergency Contact Information

Surname: _____

Given Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please circle:

- Can the participant swim 50meters? YES / NO
 - Some activities and in the event of an emergency, some participants may need to travel in a Rovers (18yrs+) Vehicle. Do you permit this: YES / NO
 - Is the participant allowed to be a passenger in a Bash Car? YES / NO
 - Is the participant allowed to swim? YES / NO
 - Is the participant allowed to partake in water activities (i.e. Rafting)? YES / NO
 - Is the participant allowed to abseil? YES / NO
- Any questions or concerns please contact Daniel Bourman**
Ph: 0403 875 507 or email: roventure@qldrovers.org.au

Medical Information

Date of last tetanus injection: ____ / ____ / ____

Medicare Number: _____

Dietary requirements: _____

Allergies: _____

Medical conditions: _____

Provide details of medications that will be carried over weekend: _____

Participant's Signature:

I _____ accept the terms of the indemnity form.

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Note: if the participant is under the age of 18, the following section must be completed by the participant's parent or legal guardian

I _____ Parent/Guardian, of the above participant accept the terms of the indemnity form.

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Payment Options

- Cheque (stapled to this form)
- MasterCard
- Visa
- Amex Amex Code: _ _ _ _ _

Name on Card

Credit Card Number

CCV Number (This is the last 3 digits on the back of the card)

Expiry Date

/

Signature

Cash Payment to be arranged*

***Cash Payments Must be arranged by the Applicant by either contacting Brendon Schodel (0422 455 547) or Daniel Bourman (0403 875 507) or Email: roventure@qldrovers.org.au**

Important Dates

December 19th - Full payment to be received to receive a t-shirt.
December 31st - \$10 late fee applies.
Full payment is \$50. After December 19 Full payment will be \$60.
Leader payment of \$30 is due 19th of December for leader discounted price.

No REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 31ST
NO CASH PAYMENTS TO BE SENT IN THE MAIL!

ROVENTURE INDEMNITY FORM

In consideration of the Scout Association of Australia – Queensland Branch Inc accepting me as a member and accepting me as a non-member partaker in an activity(s) I/we agree to release, indemnify and save harmless, and at all times hereafter to keep released, indemnified and saved harmless the indemnified persons (as defined in definition A) from and against all liability, claims, suits, demands or actions of whatsoever nature or description, including liability, claims, suits, demands or actions for negligence directly or indirectly arising out of or in relation to my attendance or conduct at, or travel to or from any Scouting Activity (as defined in definition B).

I/we agree to be bound by the Constitution Rules and Regulations of the Scout Association of Australia – Queensland Branch Inc being those existing as at the time of acceptance of me as a member/for non-member participating in a scouting activity and thereafter as lawfully modified and amended or added to from time to time.

I/we acknowledge that the intent of this Indemnity is that it may be pleaded in limitation of liability by the indemnified person with respect to any claim that may be brought against the indemnified person.

I/we acknowledge that the intent of this Indemnity is to benefit the indemnified person and agree for the purposes of Section 55 of the Property Law Act (Qld) that acceptance of me as a member of the Scout Association of Australia – Queensland Branch Inc or as me as a non-member attending a scouting activity will constitute an acceptance by all the indemnified persons of the benefit conferred by this application for membership/non-member activity advice.

I/we authorise the Scout Association of Australia – Queensland Branch Inc and all other branches of the Scout Association of Australia in the event of accident or illness of myself to obtain such medical assistance or treatment as may be necessary and for this purpose to engage any doctors nursing assistance or hospital accommodation or other procedures and in such an event I agree to pay for those expenses and if necessary reimburse the Scout Association of Australia – Queensland Branch Inc or any other branch of the Scout Association of Australia for such expenses on demand.

I/we acknowledge that as applicant I may be exposed to risk of injury as a result of participating in scouting activities.

I/we acknowledge that if the Scouting Association of Australia-Queensland Branch Inc permits the applicant to partake in scouting activities such permission constitutes consideration for the above indemnity.

I/we acknowledge that I have been given an opportunity to read and consider this indemnity and have read and considered it to my satisfaction and I/we accept those terms.

I/we acknowledge that as a member of The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc, your child may participate in activities which may be photographed or filmed for publicity and archival purposes. This enables us to raise the profile of Scouting within the community. Photographs, footage and information gathered may be used in The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc promotional material including but not restricted to: newsletters, annual reports, brochures, posters, videos, letters and website. The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc would be happy to send you copies of promotional material if requested. Information that may be used includes: child's first name, age, scouting rank, reasons for participating in scouting or scout related activity.

ROVENTURE IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

