

Our Den after holiday maintenance

### **Group Leader**

Well half the year gone all ready, with many Scouting activities already conducted, and another six months of fantastic Scouting still to come, including World Scarf Day, Joey Jaunt, World Scout Day, Operation NightHawk, Region Camps, McHappy Day, Jamboree on the Air & Jamboree on the Internet, all topped off with the Australian Jamboree in January 2016.

Congratulations to our two Scout Patrols at Triple S, with Hawk Patrol finishing 86<sup>th</sup> and Quokka Patrol finishing 13<sup>th</sup>. Well done, you do Ashmore proud. A great effort.

Our Scout Xavior is having a great time in Japan on pre tour for the World Jamboree; looks exciting.

Thanks to Stuart for the maintenance done over the holidays.

Parent help is always welcome; if you want to attend camps or staying over, please come and talk to me about the new requirements.

Until the next newsletter.

Robyn BUGLAR (Possum) Group Leader ashmoregl@gmail.com

### **Group Chairman**

The June / July school holidays saw a number of Scouting activities conducted, from our Cubs attending the Brisbane Gang Show and a movie night at the Den, to our Scouts participating in Triple S at BP Park.

The Group's social media campaigns for these events have been well received, with photos being shared outside the Group. This is the easiest and cheapest marketing tool that the Group uses, with the positive images and captions being spread far and wide.

Den maintenance was also conducted, with painting, flag pole re-installation and tent & equipment repairs.

The Group will be hosting the inaugural **Gold Coast Region Scouts JOTA JOTI** on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2015. This will build on our previous years of JOTI, with members of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Society bringing equipment to our Den, for members to participate in JOTA for the first time in many years.

Further information on this activity is contained within this newsletter.

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# Newsletter

Ashmore Scout Group

Term 3, 2015

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### **Joey Scouts**

**Upcoming Activities:** 

Saturday 01 August - Joey Jaunt at BP Park - Samford

**Friday 04 to Saturday 05 September** – Father and Joey sleepover – be prepared for adventure on our pirate night. Dads will need a blue card to sleepover.

Friday 18 September – Last night Term 3

MOB HOLIDAY during SCHOOL HOLIDAYS -Thursday 01 October – Sunday 04 October – Noosa Mob Holiday includes visits to Underwater World and Australia Zoo (date now booked in; start saving - cost will be approximately \$140.00 per head).

Friday 09 October – 1<sup>st</sup> night Term 4

Thursday 29 October - Pack Attack- a visit to Cub Scouts at our Den- 6.30pm -8.00pm

Friday 30 October – NO JOEY SCOUTS

**Friday 16 – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Mob Holiday– BP Park Samford – We will complete the Environment Challenge on this weekend. Cost for the weekend will be approximately \$45 (including weekly subs) per Joey Scout, and \$20.00 for Adults. I have booked the pack shelter at BP Park. Again parent help will be required if this event is to go ahead.

**Friday 06 November –** Outing – to be determined.

Saturday 14 November - Sunday 15 November - Gold Coast Region - Joey Scout Mob Holiday

Friday 04 – Saturday 05 December (last night of the year) – Sleepover and Nursing home visit

#### **Joey Scout Jaunt 2015**

Saturday 1 August 2015

Baden Powell Park, Cash Ave, Samford

Joey Scouts, Leaders, Parents, Siblings/Friends

Knights of the Joey Scout Circle



### **Cub Scouts**

**Upcoming Activities:** 

08 August - Air Activities

**15 August** – Cub Scout Leadership Course

### Scouts

Term 3 is set to be another busy term for our Scout Troop.

At the beginning of the term, the Troop participated in Join in Jamboree ran by Xavior for his pending trip to the World Scout Jamboree in Japan. Jaiden has linked to Venturers and Isabella starts her linking to Venturers this term. We have 15 Scouts participating in Night Hawk and they will be travelling up to Clifton in Dung Beetle's "Party Bus" with Labrador, Coomera and Beenleigh.

Jake has organised his Leadership activity for the 23 August 2015 - A Trip to Brisbane! 13 Scouts have been invited to participate in this activity. This is planned to be a great day! Well done to Jake on his organisation of this event.

Over the school holidays two patrols participated in SSS and had a great time! We are very proud at the results of both patrols but special mention to Quokka Patrol (Jake G – Patrol Leader) who came 13th in QLD. A big congratulation to both Patrol Leaders for SSS - One patrol had 6 of the 7 Scouts in the first 6-8 months of Scouts. Patrol Leaders organise all aspects of the camp from what to pack and what they will be eating. BRAVO Ashmore Scouts!

Two Scouts are currently planning their blue cord hikes. We are offering 5 spots to upcoming Leaders in our Troop to attend a Leadership camp this term and we have one Scout registered for Agoonoree in the September school holidays.

With our first Youth Member participating in the World Scout Jamboree in Japan, inspiration has been given to many other Scouts who are now planning to go to the WSJ2019! Follow Xavior's journey and show your Scout what they can do with Scouting. The opportunities that the organisation opens are quite incredible!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! This term we have welcomed Brumby to our Leadership Team and Koala has joined us from Joeys! Each new Leader brings diversity to our Group and new skills. We've also enjoyed having Taipan (Beenleigh Scout Leader) join us over the last few weeks to refine our parade and work with us on the ceremony side of Scouts. We thank Taipan for making the drive down to Ashmore!

#### **Venturer Scouts**

**Upcoming Activities:** 

**08 to 09 August** – Operation Nighthawk, Banges Airfield, Ryeford.

12 September – High Ropes Course

17 to 18 October – 58<sup>th</sup> Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) & 19<sup>th</sup> Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI), Ashmore Scout Den

### 24<sup>th</sup> Australian Jamboree 2016

The final important date is almost here:

**30 September 2015** – Final payment due (\$500.00)

**03 January 2016** – Let the fun and games begin!

Cataract Scout Park, Baden-Powell Drive, Appin, New South Wales

Further information is available from the Jamboree website: <a href="http://www.aj2016.com.au">http://www.aj2016.com.au</a>



## Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) & Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI)



#### **GOLD COAST REGION SCOUTS JOTA JOTI 2015**

The Ashmore Scout Group will be hosting the inaugural Gold Coast Region Scouts JOTA JOTI on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

Previous years have seen a set-up of approximately 20 desktop computers and wireless network, enabling multiple users to be connected at the same time.

Members of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Society (<a href="http://www.gcars.com.au/">http://www.gcars.com.au/</a>) will also be in attendance with their radio equipment.

Invitations have been sent to all Group Leaders within the Gold Coast Region, with a number of Groups already indicating their member's desire to attend. Approval has been gained from the Gold Coast City Council, to allow for camping in the grounds surrounding our Den.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the Ashmore Scout Group to show the Region our capabilities!

Further information on this event is available from our new website page:

http://www.ashmore.scoutsqld.com.au/pages/jotajoti.html

This page also includes an interactive contact map, so that parents and/or guardians can follow along during the event.

JOTA JOTI updates will also be posted to our Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ashmorescoutgroup">https://www.facebook.com/ashmorescoutgroup</a>

And the Gold Coast Region Scouts JOTA JOTI Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/goldcoastscoutsjotajoti">https://www.facebook.com/goldcoastscoutsjotajoti</a>

### **Group Fundraising**

#### **GOLD COAST COMMUNITY FUND ART UNION**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize is a \$20,000 shopping spree at Harvey Norman Bundall.

All ticket books are due back to the Group no later than Friday 31 July 2015 (whether sold or unsold).

#### BELLEVUE PARK STATE SCHOOL'S BIG FUN BASH

Our Scout Troop will be conducting a fundraising BBQ at the Big Fun Bash. All proceeds will be for AJ2016.

Further information on any of the Group's fundraising activities is available from our Acting Fundraising Co-Ordinator (Woody): <a href="mailto:ashmorefundraising@gmail.com">ashmorefundraising@gmail.com</a>

## **Events Calendar**

23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree

'A Spirit Of Unity'

28 July to 08 August 2015



**Scout Scarf Day** 

Saturday 01 August 2015



**Joey Scout Jaunt** 

Saturday 01 August 2015



**World Scout Day** 

Saturday 01 August 2015



**Scouts in Action Month** 

'Scouts in the Environment'

01 to 31 August 2015



## **Events Calendar**

**Operation Nighthawk** 

08 to 09 August 2015



**Cub Scout Leadership Course** 

Saturday 15 August 2015



**Scout Leadership Course** 

28 to 30 August 2015



Agoonoree

19 to 25 September 2015

