



Group Leader

Welcome back to another Scouting term.

Our Joeys had an adventure over the holidays to Noosa, visiting UnderWater World and Australia Zoo on the way home. Big thanks to those parents who came and did an amazing job; a bravo to you all.

Joey's spent last weekend at B P Park on their Environment Challenge; exploring the grounds, scavenger hunting, having a swim in the pool and other activities. Thanks to those parents who helped also.

McHappy Day, JOTA JOTI and the Region Cub Camp at Flanagan's Reserve were also conducted on the same weekend. Well done everyone.

To our wonderful Leaders: Thank you for giving up your time to conduct all of those activities.

Just what does a Leader do? Let me enlighten you. Programme for the section nights, complete e-learning and doing weekend training for this, prepare activities for Region camps, camps away from the Den and many more. Well done. Thanks to your partners for their support of you.

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Group Chairman

The Group was recently advised that its application for a grant through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, to be put towards our new store, was unsuccessful. The Group will continue to apply for funding, as the new store has been earmarked as a priority. In the interim, the Group will be proposing to spend some funds on improvements to the existing store, including a small mezzanine floor for longer term storage, re-allocation of shelving, improved vertical pole store, and increased lighting. All of these items are considered to be beneficial to the safe and clean storage of our equipment.

On a more positive note, the Group has been advised that its funding application through the Queensland Scout Foundation has been approved. These funds will be used for training expenses for our seven new Leaders.

The Group's application for funding from City Council Divisional Donations was also approved. These funds will be allocated to returning our tent stocks to a more suitable level, including much needed component purchases and maintenance.

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Joey Scouts

Upcoming Activities:

Friday 06 November – Outing – to be determined.

Thursday 12 November – Pack Attack– a visit to Cub Scouts at our Den– 6.30pm -8.00pm

Friday 13 October – NO JOEY SCOUTS

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

Cub Scouts

Welcome back for 4th Term, yes...we are all on the last leg of the year! 12 weeks till Christmas 16 weeks until term 1 2016! This year has been very exciting; in preparation for Cuboree 2016 the Cubs have been working hard on their Bronze and Silver Boomerangs.

Our major events this year so far have been Clean Up Australia Day (March) - Cubs and Scouts participated in cleaning up the areas around the den and surrounding green areas and finished the day with a sausage sizzle and games; Nerang Swimming pool - completed swimming level 1 and some of level 2 badge work; Anzac Day 100th Anniversary; Southport (March) - all sections marched together in official Anzac Day March and Parade; Brisbane Gang Show (July) - Cubs watched the 2015 Gang Show "Everyday Heroes"; Kokoda Junior Games Challenge (July) - full day of obstacle courses, low ropes courses, hikes and team building exercises and Air Activities (August) - Cubs were able to complete most of the requirements of their Flight Level 1 & 2 badges and all went up in a Cessna 4 seater for a flight over Brisbane's outer suburbs at Annerley Air Fields, and last but not least, our older Cubs went on 10 Year Old Camp with the Scouts.

On May 11th Cubs attended Night Howl at Guanaba and had the opportunity to participate with their groups and other cub packs in completing individual bases designed around the first 12 Pages of both their Bronze and Silver Boomerangs. The Cubs gained map and compassing skills, learnt how to use their senses to investigate, identified Australian flora and fauna, national emblems and flags around the world. We were also treated to an elaborate knots and lashing learning and practicing station and the Greenbank Venturer's educated the Cubs in Health, Safety and First Aid along with camping dos and don'ts. Vietnam Veteran 'David Day' captivated the Cubs with wartime stories, biscuits and a cup of hot chocolate (it was 7 degrees). After dinner we promptly gathered the troops and set off into the night, as time went by the Cubs began to get tired (especially around 9pm) but surprisingly only two couldn't make it to the end heading to bed around 11pm. The last few bases were hard (not gonna lie) Cubs were dropping like flies (it was 12:30am!) kids were literally walking in their sleep like zombies, but they made it! And some still had the energy to talk till 2:30am (Piper and Amy) not to mention any names. So proud of them all! Not entirely thrilled the boys woke me up at 5:15am; nothing a strong cup of coffee didn't fix, compliments of Oliver's dad Adam (you're a life saver).

Throughout the last 3 terms we have cooked our dinner on an open fire, made healthy lunches, made ice cream Sundays and brownies, worked on our water wise badge and water conservation, learned 4 knots and 2 lashing (for the older Cubs), how to treat a broken bone, bleeding nose, bandage an arm or leg, make a sling, treat a snake bite, put a person in the recovery position (thank you Christine you were amazing with the kids), decorated cookies and made compasses (thank you Steven Green), build a chariot and raced against each other (thank you to Xavior ,Zayden and Rebekah for helping the cubs) , we shaved our dads, fed them breakfast and gotten beaten by them in hockey (thank you Steven Kennedy for introducing the Cubs to Princess), explored creeks, put tents up and down to practice for camps, soldered wooden key chains (thank you Tim). Our Cubs cooked their own stew on open camp fire (thank you Leesa Kennedy); moulded clay figures in sets of 3, bath salts for mum (I still have mine -can't get the bath salt out of the jar without breaking a sweat!)

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On a side note, I would like to thank Robyn and Stuart, our fearless Group Leader and Group Chairman; my transition into Cub Leader has been full of fun and excitement due to your support and guidance, I couldn't imagine taking on this challenge without you!

Yep, that sums up the year so far! Still to come we have.....

Wednesday 28 October - Halloween Party – 7:00pm to 9:00pm – combined with our Scout Troop

07 November - Guardian Angels Fete Fundraiser - snow cone stand to raise funds for Cuboree 2016 (volunteers needed)

12 November - Labrador Cubs Visiting

19 November - Swimming -Level 1 & 2 Nerang Pool - no cost

26 November - Thanksgiving Parent's Dinner Celebrations

12 December - End of Year Party

Coomera Police Station Visit - TBA

Jack and Angelique's Grey Wolf Hikes - TBA

Let's finish with a bang!

Photos available on the Group's Facebook site - <https://www.facebook.com/ashmorescoutgroup> - if interested please make sure to add and like our page for photos and any up to date information.

To Infinity and Beyond,
Rama

Scouts

We survived a very busy term 3! Starting off with SSS on the June/July School holidays, followed by Night Hawk, World Jamboree, a Leadership Camp, Linking Camp, Agoonoree and Great Bunya Gathering our Scout Troop managed to rack up 103 nights camping!

The September school holidays were a busy time with a project Waikerie has been working on for 3 years finally taking place - 1400 Guides from all over Australia and 9 other countries attended the Great Bunya Gathering - a 9 day Jamboree at Lake Somerset. It was great to see Scouts (especially Ashmore Scout Troop) represented there with Dung Beetle, Xavior and Zayden joining in to support the event with anything that needed to be done.

On the 7 October, the Patrol Leaders had a Troop Council to plan the next 10 weeks and as always, it's going to be busy! From JOTA JOTI, McHappy Day, Halloween Party for the Cubs to Chalk Races! We are also going to fit in the final preparation for AJ2016 with 14 of us heading off to the 10 day Jamboree in January.

Our Scout Troop also welcomed 2 new Leaders - Tim moved up from Cubs and is a welcome addition to our Troop! Cheyne has also joined us and is awesome with the Scouts. With more leaders come more opportunities and experiences for our Youth members. Many hands make light work!

We thank all the parents for their continued support and their appreciation of our roles as volunteers.

Venturer Scouts

Upcoming Activities:

Saturday 24 October to Sunday 25 October 2015 – Try Venturing Camp - Guanaba

Friday 04 December to Sunday 06 December 2015 – Noosa Venture

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The next big adventure is A J 2016 at Cataract Park in Appin, Sydney. For those who are going have a great time. Get plenty of sleep so you can enjoy all the activities that you will be off to. Drink plenty of water. Take care of each other and your Leaders.

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24th Australian Jamboree 2016

The final important date is almost here:

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: <http://www.aj2016.com.au>



4th Queensland Cuboree 2016



The 4th Queensland Cuboree will be held at the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park, between the **18th and 23rd of September 2016**.

Applications are open now, with paperwork and first payments due by the **1st of November 2015**.

Please consult with our Cub Pack Leaders as to payment requirements.

Further details, including application documentation, is available from the Cuboree website: <http://cuboree.scoutsqld.com.au/>

Group Fundraising

DODGER'S BBQ

Dodger's Touch Football Car Boot Sale, Cos Zantiotis Park, Labrador (Behind Hungry Jacks)

2nd Sunday of each Month - 5:00am to 12:00pm

These BBQ's will be assigned to members of our Cub Scout Pack from November 2015 to June 2016 (Cuboree).

Further information on all Group Fundraising is available from our website:

<http://www.ashmore.scoutsqld.com.au/pages/parentinformation.html#fundraising>

Events Calendar

Try Venturing Camp

24 to 25 October
2015



**Gold Coast Region
Joey Scout Camp**

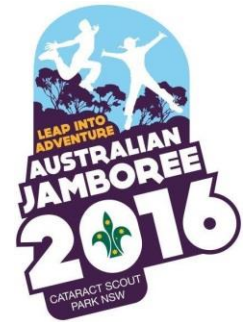
14 to 15 November
2015



24th Australian Scout Jamboree

**Cataract Scout Park,
New South Wales**

03 to 14 January
2016



**19th Jamboree On The Trail
(JOTT)**

14 May 2016



4th Queensland Cuboree

'Rumble In The Jungle'

Maryborough

18 to 23 September
2016



17th Australian Venture

January 2018



24th World Scout Jamboree

July 2019

'Unlock a New World'

