

## Youth Strategy Engagement

Young Queenslanders are being encouraged to have their say on the development of a new youth strategy with a series of engagement forums rolling out across the state from 3 March 2016 to 17 April 2016.

The Queensland Government recognises that young Queenslanders are the experts on the issues that affect them and we are eager to hear what their priorities are and how we can all work together to create solutions to the challenges of the future.

The Queensland Government has partnered with the PCYC Queensland to deliver forums across the state and to develop an engagement guide to help those who are interested in running their own forums and contribute to the development of the strategy.

Twenty QYS Future Building Forums will be held with young people in areas such as Logan, Cunnamulla, Toowoomba, Bowen, Gladstone, Mt Isa, Cairns, Hervey Bay, Noosa, Redcliffe and Hopevale.

The views of young people will form the backbone of the strategy to ensure it's as representative and meaningful to young Queenslanders as possible.

An online survey has also been developed to capture the voice of young people and other community stakeholders that don't have opportunity to attend a forum. It's available at <http://www.pcyq.org.au/QYSHaveYourSay>.

For a list of events or to register interest in hosting a forum visit [www.pcyq.org.au/QYSFutureBuildingForums](http://www.pcyq.org.au/QYSFutureBuildingForums)



## National Youth Week

"Be the Future" is the theme for National Youth Week 2016 from Friday 8 to Sunday 17 April.

The Queensland Government has partnered with PCYC Queensland to work with young people across the state to plan and deliver Youth Week events and activities.

The spotlight will shine on young people across the state in April, with 21 organisations receiving

National Youth Week grants to host events and activities that celebrate the contributions of young people.

This is a great opportunity to engage with our young people and listen to what they have to say about our region's future and the future of Queensland.

For more information on events scheduled, or to list an event you are hosting in National Youth Week 2016 visit [www.qld.gov.au/youthweek](http://www.qld.gov.au/youthweek) or <http://www.pcyq.org.au/>



### MEMBER ORGANISATIONS



Australian Army Cadets  
Boys' Brigade  
Duke of Edinburgh's International Award  
Girl Guides  
Girls' Brigade  
Leos (Lions International)  
PCYC  
Scouts Queensland  
Surf Life Saving  
YMCA

## GIRLS' BRIGADE

Every two years, Girls' Brigade Pioneers meet together for a National Fonomarae. Fonomarae is a combination of a Somoan (Fono – getting together) and a Maori (Marae – meeting place) words. Canberra in January 2016 was yet again another great Fono experience!

Girls and Leaders from all around the nation told their stories about how God has used GB to touch their lives. The Fono participants were challenged physically, creatively, emotionally and spiritually over the week to step out and "Be Fearless" and to take this fearlessness into their every day lives.

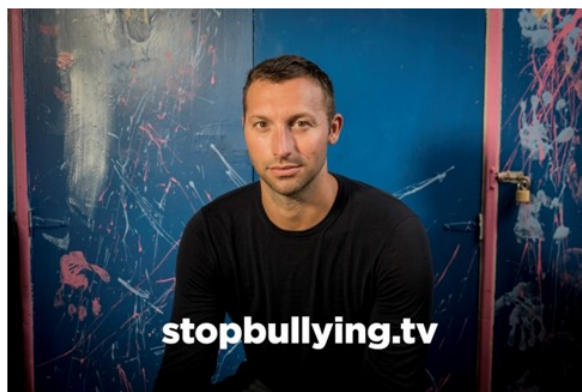
21 girls and Leaders from Queensland attended enjoying activities such as visiting the War Memorial and Jamberoo as well as the slime wars! (It was a wet week.) Below are the girls enjoying segway travel.



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## ABC – Bullying TV Program

A film crew are currently researching for an ABC documentary series that aims to help school age kids (age 14-18) who have a problem with bullying. Together with Ian Thorpe and an expert in psychology, Dr Marilyn Campbell, they aim to assist in bringing bullying to an end.

Bullying is a huge problem for our young people and this series will be part of a large season of programmes the ABC will be broadcasting in order to help promote a national conversation about how we can better assist those who need it most.

They are currently appealing to young people and their parents across Queensland to contact them if they'd like to discuss the project further. They will always seek permission from parents before they approach any young person.

Filming will take place in Queensland after Easter.

Jayne Parker, the Supervising Producer (KEO Films Australia Pty Limited), can be contacted on 02 91012331 to discuss the project in more detail.

## BOYS' BRIGADE

### Boys' Brigade Bust-A-Move in Bunyaville Rogaine Competition

On Saturday the 12 March 2016 a fantastic day greeted competitors as they gathered from 8.00am for an early start. There was a total of 12 teams participating on the day. The 3 hour mini-Rogaine was the first competition for the year and tests the teams' ability to plan, navigate bush land and accumulate as many points as they can in a 3 hour time limit. This popular adventure race format is everything that Boys' Brigade is about when it comes to equipping our young men in the combined hard skills of map and compass reading, off-track navigation, and goal setting.

Our thanks must go to the Queensland Rogaine Association who we partnered with BB to deliver this event. Without their help and support it would not have been possible. [www.qldrogaine.asn.au](http://www.qldrogaine.asn.au)



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## SCOUTS

### A Centenary of Cub Scouts In Australia 1916-2016

2016 marks 100 years of the Cub Scout section (boys and girls aged 8 to 10 years) and we plan to party! There will be State and National celebrations happening throughout the year.

Peter Dixon from Tasmania was the winner of the National badge competition. Peter designed the '**Centenary Badge**' (pictured below left) which can be worn by all Cub Scouts for 2016 on their uniform. Richard Greenwood from Bribie Island Scout Group designed the Queensland badge (pictured below right).



There will be a national 'simultaneous campfire' event being held at Scout Groups and campsites across Australia on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July**. In Queensland some lucky Cub Scouts will be camping out at Australia Zoo and meeting some gorgeous tiger cubs, one of whom will be named "Scout". Scouts Queensland is extremely proud of our sponsorship of Australia Zoo's male tiger cub as part of our commitment to making the world a better place and The Australian Scout Environment Charter. Our sponsorship also contributes to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warrior's Sumatran tiger conservation efforts.



During June – October, there will be a competition at [cub100.com](http://cub100.com) for a chance to win an all-inclusive holiday for a family of four to **Australia Zoo** and a VIP platinum zoo adventure. The prize includes flights, transfers and two nights accommodation at the Sunshine Coast.

Look out for the bright yellow lights on the Story Bridge, signifying Cubs' sleeve colours, on 18th – 22nd and 24th July and Victoria Bridge will light up on 31st July, all part of Brisbane's celebration of Cub Centenary!

The year comes to exciting crescendo in September when Cubs Scouts from across Queensland meet up for Cuboree "Rumble in the Jungle" on 8 – 23 September at the Maryborough Showgrounds. Almost 1000 adults and Cub Scouts will partake in hundreds of amazing activities including whale watching, archery, obstacle and ropes courses, construction challenges and water games.



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## LEOS

Leos are young members of Lions International, providing opportunities for young people to develop the individual qualities of leadership, experience and opportunity.

Last month John Wearne installed the Board for 2016 and inducted 12 new members into the Moreton Bay Boys College Leo Club.



## ST JOHN AMBULANCE CADETS

Recruitment of new members is well under way, with 112 new youth members (8-25yrs) since 1st January 2016.

A *Cadet Master Class* training day was conducted in Brisbane for new Divisional Youth Leaders and Officers who run some of the Southeast Cadet Programs.

As part of National Youth Week cadets have been invited to participate in a competition to celebrate "Be the Future".

### ***Brisbane Central Cadets***

Started the year by working on their Cadet First Aid books, to achieve a Preliminary First Aid Certificate, and conducted a first aid post night to put their first aid skills to the test.

### ***Toowoomba Cadets***

Have been working on their first aid books, and attending public duties to render assistance and community service. Cadets have celebrated the end of term by sharing marshmallow bunnies.



### ***Sunshine Coast Cadets***

Have been improving foot drill and parade and working through the First Aid Workbooks. A trauma scenario night was conducted to allow cadets to put their skills and knowledge to the test. The division also had a Hawaiian dance competition on the last night of term, which was great fun.

### ***Gold Coast Cadets***

Completed the Communications and Handicrafts badges, and conducted a Personal Safety night. At the end of term they joined with Logan Cadets to conduct a forum as part of the Qld Youth Strategy Forum.

### ***Moreton Bay Cadets***

Health Care Professionals (Drs, RNs & Paramedics) visited to assist with the Health-Care badge. Cadets had to ask questions to find out what their occupations were and complete tasks related to each profession.

### ***Gympie Cadets***

Have been learning and practicing the basics of foot-drill and parade.

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## SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND

### Queensland's brightest junior surf lifesavers attend Breaka Youth Excellence Program

Almost 80 young lifesavers from across Queensland converged on the Sunshine Coast from 1-3 April for Surf Life Saving Queensland's (SLSQ) Breaka Youth Excellence Program.

The annual three-day program brought together Queensland's best and brightest junior surf lifesavers, aged 15-17, to develop and harness their involvement, leadership and responsibility within the movement.

SLSQ membership development manager Brenda Lofthouse said it was a great opportunity to engage with younger members from all over Queensland.

"It was wonderful to see a strong representation from our members and it goes to show that the future of surf lifesaving is in great hands," Ms Lofthouse said.

"We had representatives from a range of clubs across the state, and they all have the potential to develop into future leaders of surf lifesaving."

Held at Maranatha Recreation Camp at Yandina, the program featured a wide range of fun activities focusing on professional and personal development. Participants were also treated to a demonstration by SLSQ's Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue Service.

"These members represent the future of surf lifesaving in Queensland. The Breaka Youth Excellence Program is a wonderful opportunity to keep them engaged and hopefully involved in the movement for many years to come," she said.



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## QUEENSLAND



## GIRL GUIDES QUEENSLAND

### World Thinking Day

Girl Guides Queensland recently celebrated World Thinking Day, the day on which we celebrate the joint birthday of our founder Lady Olave Baden-Powell with that of her husband Lord Robert Baden-Powell. This year's theme is 'Connect' and connect we certainly did on 21 February as Guides across the state celebrated in the spirit of Thinking Day. In South East Queensland, busloads of girls arrived at Musgrave Park (South Brisbane). Singing and laughter rang through the park as over 1000 girls enjoyed a variety of activities centered on the WAGGGS Thinking Day themes.

**Connect with me:** If we take the time to connect with ourselves and understand what makes us happy and confident, we can make a bigger difference in other people's lives.

**Connect with friends:** Connection is friendship and friendship is happiness.

**Connect with WAGGGS:** Look wider and connect with the amazing world of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting.

**Connect with the world:** Look wider still and see how you can make a difference in the places you care about. Go outdoors and get active, get to know your community or a place in nature, and learn something about the world around you.



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## About the QYA

### Aims of the Queensland Youth Alliance

The Queensland Youth Alliance (QYA) was established in 1996. The aims of the Queensland Youth Alliance are:

- To foster better understanding and cooperation amongst members of the Alliance, and between the Alliance and the Government so as to enhance the delivery of the Alliance's services to the young people of the community;
- To pursue issues/activities of mutual interest for youth; provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and an opportunity for networking; and
- To gain and foster recognition of the important role that members of the Alliance play in supporting youth and the community.

### Vision

This Alliance serves to unite the kindred spirit of Queensland's major youth organisations and their shared ideals to the promotion and delivery of opportunities and experiences for the positive development of youth.

In essence, these organisations agree to share their special talents and resources in the conviction that a united body will advance the cause of positive youth development to higher levels.

Also, this Alliance is seen as a partnership whereby appropriate information can be freely exchanged, and joint ventures and other matters of mutual interest and benefit can be pursued collectively.

The Alliance is committed to contributing constructively to the development of worthwhile government policies and positive community values particularly where youth related.

### QYA Child Protection Charter

In August 2002 Queensland Youth Alliance officially launched a Child Protection Charter, which was signed off by the Alliance and each of its member Organisations as a public demonstration of Queensland Youth Alliance's commitment to Duty of Care of young people and code of conduct for its volunteer leaders.