



Friday 8 to Sunday 17 April 2016

The 2016 theme is "BE THE FUTURE".

National Youth Week is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, vitality and strength of young people aged 12 to 25 and to acknowledge their contribution to every aspect of community life. It is a joint initiative of the Australian, state, territory and local governments.

Last year was a great success, with over 8,000 young Queenslanders involved in planning and attending over 49 events in the lead-up to, and during, National Youth Week 2015.

Further information on National Youth Week 2016 events will be available on the [PCYC website](#).

QYA FAREWELLS

The Queensland Youth Alliance Committee would like to thank two departing members.



Ben Cherry-Smith (Scouts Queensland), who has been the QYA Treasurer throughout 2015 and has been appointed as the National Rover Council Chairman.

LtCol (AAC) Leigh Eagle has also retired from the role as Administration Manager, HQ South Queensland Australian Army Cadets Brigade.

Thank you for your valuable contributions.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

On Friday 6th November 2015, six Girls' Brigaders received their Queen's Award from the Queensland Patron, His Excellency, Mr. Paul de Jersey, Governor of Queensland.

Among the recipients was a young lady, Judy who arrived in Australia (Brisbane) in 2005 along with an elder sister, two younger brothers and their parents.

They had arrived directly from a refugee camp in Guinea where the family had spent a number of years and the younger children had been born. The family fled their native Liberia during the 1989 to 1997 civil war.

For the project part of her Queen's Award, Judy wrote of the difficulties incurred in firstly coming to Australia as their application was refused numerous times, and the issues involved in settling into a new country. Judy writes, 'during this time my Girls' Brigade family, Leaders and girls gave me love and support even when I felt I didn't fit into the Australian culture, particularly at school'. Judy currently leads the Cadets and BB Anchors at her local Company.



2015 Girls' Brigade Queen's Awardees with the Governor

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

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:

1. 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;
2. To pursue issues/activities of mutual interest for youth; provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and an opportunity for networking; and
3. 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.



LEOS ROAR

Congratulations to our Inspirational 2014/15 MD201 Leo of the Year, Joel Pattinson-Cashman from Tropical North Leo Club in Lions District 201Q2 on being Awarded an International Leo of the Year Award by the LCI Board of Directors.



GIRL GUIDES

The Browns Plains Girl Guides have beaten an exotic path in recent years. The Unit has around 90 active members aged between five and 18 years old. District Manager Heather Pettigrew said that while the Unit still focused on service to the community and outdoor activities like camping and kayaking, it had also moved with the times. Guides have tried very hard to improve what we do and make it relevant for today's girls.

On a trip to Borneo last year, the girls not only raised valuable funds for the Sepilok Orangutan Reserve but also participated in several service projects during their stay. The experience involved working in the jungle harvesting water hyacinth to be used for paper and mulch production as well as planting trees for the Corridor of Life, a critical project in maintaining the ever dwindling Orangutan population. It wasn't all work as the girls managed to find time to take in some sightseeing and meet with 'sister' Guides from Sandakan and learn local dances.

The diversity and learning that such an experience provides is invaluable and certainly supports Girl Guides Mission "To enable girls and young women to grow into confident, responsible and self-respecting community members".



SCOUTS

Scouts star in Ergon's Summer TV Commercials



Scouts are the heroes in a brand new series of TV advertisements for Regional Queensland, featured in Ergon Energy's 'Be Prepared for Summer' campaign. The commercials star our very own Scouts from Albany Creek Scout Group and Greenbank Scout Group. All the youth Members (and Leaders) did an exceptional job on the filming weekend, facing long hours and heat, but as true Scouts do, they did us proud!

Ergon's 'Be Prepared For Summer' campaign highlights that as Queensland locals, we know only too well that Summer can bring unpredictable weather and powerful storms.

The advertisements contain the messages of being prepared by:

- Packing your storm kit;
- Knowing what to do before, during and after a severe storm;
- Keeping way from fallen powerlines and calling Triple Zero (000) (for Regional Queensland only); and
- Using the Outage Finder to keep updated on restoration times if your power goes out; then you'll be ready for whatever Summer's got in store.

Check out the five very cool advertisements on Ergon Energy's You Tube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ErgonEnergyQld>

Scouts Queensland is thrilled about the new partnership with Ergon Energy

Scout Jamboree – a huge success

Plenty of rain and plenty of shine were experienced at the 24th Australian Jamboree held over the first two weeks of January 2016. Around 11 000 Scouts and volunteers filled Scouts Australia's tent city, Cataract Scout Park in Appin, Sydney. Despite the first few days experiencing heavy rain (resulting in a bit of mud!) it did nothing to dampen the high levels of fun and adventure.



Just some of the amazing experiences included Jamberoo (a high adrenaline water park) and Endurance (a 10 km course set in bushland behind the Park hosting 20 activities like crate stacking, obstacle courses, human bumper soccer, extreme board games and super skirmish).

The Opening Ceremony was bolstered by a surprise performance from Australian hip-hop act Justice Crew.

Held every three years, the national Jamboree is a spectacular gathering of Scouts aged 11 to 15 from all over the nation and around the world. The young Scouts come away with significant personal development and new skills after the experience including resilience, leadership, independence, resourcefulness and confidence (not to mention a heap of new friends).

ST JOHN AMBULANCE CADETS

Aussie Cadets in Hong Kong!



A contingent of very lucky Aussie Cadets and Leaders arrived in Hong Kong for the 2016 International Cadet Camp, just in time for the New Year's Eve Fireworks at Victoria Harbour. What a spectacular view! Enjoy the ride Aussie contingent!

BOYS' BRIGADE

Duke of Edinburgh BASE CAMP



Boys' brigade Queensland staged another successful Annual Base Camp for Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Training with 28 participants attending. Boys came from local groups in Pine Rivers, Toowoomba, Gold Coast and Brisbane Bayside areas.

Saturday was mainly an expedition training day at Glengarry Education Centre led by qualified trainers with the remainder of the weekend taken up with practical work in bush expeditions in the Lockyer Valley region. The weather was not too hot which made walking quite comfortable.

Twelve first timers were doing their Duke of Edinburgh Bridge Award Level 1 while a further seven boys were working on Bridge level 2. Ten participants were working on their Bronze Award level.



SURF LIFESAVING

Lifesaving Pathways

Surf Life Saving Queensland launches an exciting new project!

Lifesaving Pathways Project was launched only days before the busiest patrolling period for lifesavers across the state. SLSQ went live with a brand new interactive website (lifesavingpathways.com.au) which is supported

by a series of stunning ambassador video's that showcase the enormous depth of the organisation and what we have to offer our members particularly the youth. We have used real volunteers from all areas of the organisation to share their stories about involvement within the movement, how it's shaped them personally, and benefitted them professionally.



The promotion of the project online, at youth camps, and clubs across the state enables our youth members to see the breadth of opportunities available to them as they grow and develop through the organisation. Every member has a different pathway and we encourage them to investigate all avenues of the organisation particularly those that appeal to them. We believe that this project is a necessary piece to the puzzle when setting a vision of what opportunities there are within the movement for young and older members alike. It may also assist someone who is considering getting involved see the expansive ways they too can become a part of the broader red and yellow family.

Check out a couple of our young leaders who are making their way through the organisation:

Caitlin Knight - <https://youtu.be/a5UAUVmbwwQ>

James Crockatt - <https://youtu.be/6S9SdWn3q1Y>

