

BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

Youth organisations around Queensland are tirelessly offering youth development programs. Most of these organisations are run by volunteers. Activities include weekly local meetings and special events. We highlight some of the amazing activities planned in the second half of this year. Activities include:

- Leadership courses
- Night navigation activities
- Billy karts
- Games and challenges
- Theatre production
- Camp for children with disabilities
- Week-long camping
- Whale watching
- First aid courses
- Surf carnivals and lifesaving skills
- Expeditions and explorations
- Sailing, canoeing and kayaking
- Orienteering
- Emergency services training
- Conservation projects and other community service projects

Thank you to our marvellous volunteers!

The challenge is to ensure that all Queensland youth have the opportunities to take part and that the volunteers are supported to perform their duties.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance in supporting youth development organisations in Queensland. Please contact our member organisations if you are interested in assisting in any way.



Image (above): Biggenden PCYC Emergency Services Cadets commemorate ANZAC Day at dawn

Get Started Vouchers program

Round 8 opens for voucher applications 13 July 2016. Vouchers applications close 28 September 2016 or earlier if all available vouchers are allocated.

A voucher of up to \$150 is available for children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club.

Parents can apply for a voucher to help pay for club membership and participation fees.

Clubs must be registered with the Get Started Vouchers program to accept vouchers.

For more information: <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/>

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS



QUEENSLAND



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

Youth honour ANZACs

Young Queenslanders are actively involved in honouring the ANZAC traditions. Youth groups across the state turned out in force to remember the fallen and support the returned service men and women at local annual ANZAC parades and services. Here are a few of their stories.



Girl Guides Queensland ANZAC Day

Girl Guides all across Queensland participate in ANZAC Day every year. This year, in excess of 2,000 youth and adult Members from our 158 Districts participated in their local ANZAC Day ceremonies – marching, laying wreaths and providing glasses of water or homemade ANZAC biscuits to our veterans before the march. Many Guides got up very early (there were a few 3 am starts) to participate in Dawn Services. The Brisbane city march saw one of our largest contingents with over 150 girls proudly marching behind the banner ‘Girl Guides

Salute our Heroes”.

As well, our girls willingly volunteered to carry the flags, banners and paddles in front of the Veterans’ Units before marching in the Girl Guides contingent along with other QYA members towards the end of the parade.

ANZAC Day is an important part of our first term Guiding Program. Youth Members are encouraged to complete the *Saluting their Service* syllabus. This year it was focused on

Indigenous servicemen and servicewomen. This required Guides to conduct research or undertake activities to increase understanding of the sacrifice and service of Indigenous Australian veterans in time of conflict. On completion of these challenges, girls were presented with a special ANZAC badge.



PCYC Emergency Services Cadets

PCYC Emergency Services Cadets Units across Queensland were involved in their local ANZAC Day commemorations in many unique and meaningful ways. Biggenden Emergency Services Cadets led a sunrise bushwalk up Mt Walsh to assist with the dawn ceremony (cover photo). Cadets in Tara assisted at no less than five events on the day and were honoured to be key to the service since they had only commenced operations in early March. Cadets in Childers were up very early to start the day in the Dawn Service and Cadets from Wolffdene were invited to attend a ceremony on South Stradbroke Island with Jacobs Well VMR.

It is an honour for Cadets to be invited to participate and contribute to events that celebrate and commemorate those who have fallen and the sacrifices that hundreds of thousands of personnel have made and continue to make.



Girl's Brigade

Rachel has been in Girls' Brigade since she was 9 years old. She is now a Young Leader and had become concerned that with the changes in uniform, the girls and leaders no longer were sun safe for the Anzac March each year. Rachel's Dad had been a veteran and he had died from melanoma when she was 7. She then researched various hats, surveyed both girls and Leaders and challenged Girls' Brigade Qld to adopt a sun -safe hat for times such as the Anzac March. The hat has now been adopted nationally for activities such as this. Rachel says, "As I look back on my story, I can see God in every moment. He gave me the opportunity to turn the worst chapter in my life into one of the best."



Scouts support ANZACs

On Monday 25 April 2016, Scouts once again proudly marched in ANZAC parades all around Queensland. Many wore medals from heroes in their family. In a tradition that will never die, hundreds of immaculately uniformed Scouts gathered together to march in small and large events, from regional country towns to Brisbane's main parade in the CBD.



SCOUTS & GIRL GUIDE ACTIVITIES

Brisbane Gang Show - Queensland's long-running musical theatre production by Scouts and Girl Guides, this year celebrated 65 years. (1 - 9 July 2016)

Queensland Agoonoree – a week-long Scout and Girl Guide camp for children with disabilities (17 - 23 September)

SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Triple S – a 4 day / 3 night Patrol camp held at BP Park in the winter school holidays (1st July to the 4th July 2016)

Queensland Cuboree - a six day (five nights) Cub Scout camp for the older Cub Scouts (10-11 year olds) held every two years in different regional areas of Qld (Sunday 18 – Friday 23 September 2016)

Operation Nighthawk - an overnight hike packed with activity bases in the bush for both Scouts and Venturer Scouts (11-17 year olds) (Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th August 2016)





**GIRL GUIDES
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**Girl Guides grow and learn by
selling biscuits**

Queensland
Girl Guides
are out in force
around
Queensland
selling the
iconic Girl
Guides
Biscuits as



part of their annual fundraising campaign. The funds raised are utilised to advance programs, provide exciting opportunities for youth members and help keep Guiding affordable for Queensland families.

The biscuit campaign raises money for local units to help fund activities and events, buy resources, and support disadvantaged girls to join Girl Guides – one of Queensland's peak organisations for girls and young women. Girl Guides in this state will sell in excess of 250,000 packets of biscuits this year.



The Queensland State Commissioner, Velia Nicholls, says "Our girls learn so much by selling Guide biscuits. They learn to speak up with confidence, how to interact with people of all ages, be polite and respectful and to have fun all at the same time. They learn to set goals, how to make decisions and manage money. It is part of our badge reward system. Through selling the biscuits, Guides learn

critical skills in leadership, teamwork, business and sales". All this through selling biscuits!

This is another example of how Girl Guides Queensland delivers on its mission to empower girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

This year, the biscuits are from an Australian supplier, Modern Baking Company, and come in a range of flavours to suit all tastes. As well as the fabulous traditional biscuits, there are three new types - Triple Choc, Bush Buddies (lunch box-sized packets) and gluten-free shortbread.

Girl Guide biscuits are on sale now. Please call **1300 GIRL GUIDES** for the nearest location to you.

GIRL GUIDES ACTIVITIES

Monthly trainings for **youth Members** are scheduled for archery, abseiling and canoeing at various locations around Queensland, plus an Advanced Youth Leadership training is scheduled in August at Kindilan Outdoor Discovery, Redland Bay.

Leadership trainings for adult Members are scheduled for Training for Trainers, Camp Skills, Leadership Qualifications, Management Qualifications.

Region Camps are planned are scheduled for all 16 Regions from July to November.

SCROGGIN – A special and rare weekend where adult Members enjoy outdoor activities free of supervising youth members. A Kaleidoscope of activities is planned for three days in October at Kindilan Outdoor Discovery, Redland Bay.

CHAIN OF CARDBOARD CITIES - Girl Guide Members will sleep out in cardboard boxes in the open overnight to raise awareness of homelessness and raise much needed funds to donate to the **ORANGE SKY LAUNDRY**. 29 – 30 October. Kindilan Outdoor Discovery, Redland Bay. \$20 per participant.

Girl Guides Queensland

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BOYS' BRIGADE

Brigaders have fun on the slopes

Local groups from two Boys Brigade regions in south-east Queensland recently held their Soap Box Derby race days in perfect sunny weather. In total, over 160 young people and their families enjoyed a great afternoon of active recreation, race competition and fun using carts made by the members of participating groups to meet strict safety standards. One of the events was combined with the Girls' 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

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SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND

Surf lifesavers participate in SLSQ UQ Leadership Excellence Program

It might be the middle of winter, but 40 young surf lifesavers were well and truly looking ahead to summer when they converged on St Lucia for The University of Queensland Surf Life Saving Queensland Leadership Excellence Program (8-10 July).

The program seeks to develop and harness the communication, teamwork and management skills of future leaders within the volunteer movement. Surf lifesavers from all corners of Queensland were selected to attend, representing clubs from as far north as Cairns down to southern Gold Coast. The program, for lifesavers aged 18-30, also placed a strong emphasis on empowering members of the surf lifesaving movement.

The skills and awareness that each participant will pick up across the weekend are also designed to be taken back to their region and transferred to a wide range of scenarios, from managing lifesavers on patrols through to holding roles within club committees to govern and lead their clubs.



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Surf Life Saving Queensland

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GIRLS' BRIGADE

Training opportunities are offered to Pioneers (year 9 and up) each year in different styles and at different venues. In May training was offered at the Girls' Brigade headquarters in Girls' Brigade programming, teaching Bible verses and stories, carrying the Company and National Colours in a parade as well as developing a creative drill sequence. This is usually one of the smaller training groups but this year 23 girls and 13 staff and Leaders attended Friday night and all day Saturday.

The girls have post course work to do in their own Companies putting their training into practice and they will then receive certificates acknowledging the completion of the training. Training during May was also offered at Toowoomba.

Coming events:

Pioneer Leadership Training Weekend 29th to 31st July @ Dakabin

Girls' Brigade Qld Conference - 26th to 28th August @ Bribie Island

Girls' Brigade leadership Development Course @ Camp Somerset - 17th to 25th September

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2016 Queensland Water Rocket Day

Celebrate National Science Week

"Calling all rocket scientists"

A community event - for families, youth groups and schools - all welcome

10am - 2pm Sunday 21 August

St John's Anglican College

Secondary Campus Sports Fields

College Avenue, Forest Lake

For more information:

<http://www.qldwaterrocketday.com>

Organised by the
West Centenary Scout Group



SOUTH QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS

We farewell Lieutenant Colonel (AAC) Leigh Eagle, Administration Manager of Headquarters South Queensland AAC Brigade and welcome Major (AAC) Robert Lewis to the role.

Headquarters South Queensland Australian Army Cadets

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Queensland Government "Get in the Game" Funding

Get Started Vouchers - funding for young people to participate. Vouchers of up to \$150 (conditions apply)

Get Going Clubs - funding to help clubs grow. Up to \$7,500 for projects that improve participation opportunities.

Get Playing Places and Spaces - funding to improve facilities. Up to \$100,000 to help with facility development.

Get Playing Plus - funding to help improve infrastructure. Up to \$1,500,000 to help improve your infrastructure.

For more information:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/>

Community benefit funding programs

The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) Community Benefit Funds Unit (CBFU) distributes revenue from gaming taxes to various not-for-profit community groups throughout Queensland.

All eligible organisations are invited to submit grant applications to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund during the application periods noted below.

Geographical area: Whole of Queensland.

Available funding: Grants up to the value of \$35,000 (inclusive of GST) are available.

Closing dates: 31 August, 30 November, 28 February and 31 May

Win a Trip to Australia Zoo

Meet 'Scout' the Tiger Cub

Celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouts



SCOUTS

Australia Zoo Cub Centenary Competition NOW OPEN

To celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouts in Australia in 2016, Australia Zoo is offering the chance to win an all-inclusive holiday for a family of four including a VIP platinum zoo adventure. The prize also includes flights (if needed), transfers and two nights accommodation at the Sunshine Coast.

Visit www.cub100.com to enter. Competition is open to everyone!

*Ts&Cs at www.cub100.com One entry per person. Under 18yo need parent permission. Competition open from 1st June to 31st October 2016.



Scouts rally Queensland-wide for Hummingbird House

A state-wide fundraising initiative has been announced by Hummingbird House, as they prepare to open Queensland's only children's hospice, later this year.

On Saturday 9 July, Queensland residents can assist children with life-limiting conditions by purchasing a sausage from Scouts and other community groups at their local Bunnings Warehouse.

Hummingbird House General Manager Dr Fiona Hawthorne said, "Hummingbird House will become a medically-supported home away from home, offering best practice paediatric palliative care for children with life-limiting conditions, and their families. Funds raised from the state-wide barbecue will ensure Hummingbird House can provide high quality ongoing support to the families from throughout Queensland."

Trevor Ruthenberg General Manager of Scouts Queensland said, "Our Scouts are highly engaged with the community and it's with pride that we give our time to ensuring this fundraising initiative gives Hummingbird House the kick-start they need before they open."

Chief Commissioner of Scouts Queensland, Mrs Kirsty M Brown OAM added that, "We have Scouts proudly volunteering at the barbecue events in approximately 70% of Bunnings stores right across Queensland on the 9th of July."



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PCYC Queensland Emergency Services Cadets

PCYC Queensland Emergency Services Cadets are now operating in 14 communities across the state. The first half of 2016 has seen rapid expansion into three new locations – welcoming Bowen, Redland City and Tara into the program. These communities have shown great passion and drive for youth development through training young people to become the next generation of emergency services volunteers and employees. Cadets learn emergency response and communication skills, can work towards their Certificate II in Public Safety, receive leadership and personal development training and are encouraged to foster a passion for volunteering.

PCYC Emergency Services Cadets is delivered by PCYC Queensland and funded by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, relying on a local level on all emergency services to contribute to developing and delivering experiences for Cadets. More than 100 Adult Leaders voluntarily coordinate the program and provide weekly mentoring for over 400 Cadets, with participation continuing to grow as the reputation of the program as a free, resilience-building opportunity for young people spreads.

We look forward to great things to come in the remainder of 2016.



PCYC Emergency Service Cadets

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Queensland YOUTH ALLIANCE

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.