

Youth News

QYA members are proud to have been involved in the production of the special issue of the *Queensland Review* on Youth Programs: New Directions. The special issue brings together international and Australian scholars and paid and volunteer practitioner authors. Edited by Dr Kathryn Seymour the special issue explores key questions and challenges in delivering strengths based youth programs. The special issue highlights Kathryn's work in the QYA supported Youth Development Research Project and the resulting Good Practice Principles for Youth Development Organisations.



Photo 1: Special issue authors present on the night Back from left to right: Dr Jennifer Skattebol Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW; Robyn Gibbs Girl Guides; Rod Adam The Boys' Brigade; Paul Wright Independent researcher; Dean Williamson Youth Action NSW; Karen Struthers School of Human Services and Social Work GU; Philippa Hawke yourtown; Sally Baisden, ESC PCYC. Front from left to right: Dr Kathryn Seymour Griffith Criminology Institute, GU and yourtown; Associate Professor Melissa Bull Griffith Criminology Institute, GU.

Amongst the 15 papers in the special issue QYA member Sally Baisden, PCYC Emergency Services Cadets illustrates how good practice in the program environment fosters strength based relationships between and amongst adults, youth, and children building youth and community capacity. In

his paper Rod Adam uses his experience in The Boys' Brigade and QYA to explore the main issues for volunteers in supporting the delivery of youth programs. His paper touches on the reasons people volunteer, what community support and resourcing is available and the difficulties in running a program with too few volunteers. Robyn Gibbs, Girl Guides, shows how striving for good practice leads to change and suggests modern volunteering requires changes to the ways in which organisational relationships are managed and supported, and a move away from compulsory volunteer leader training to a focus on lifelong learning.



Photo 2: Panel discussion.

The importance of the special issue was celebrated at Griffith University on the evening of Thursday 30 November. Hosted by the Queensland Review and the Griffith Criminology Institute, the launch event brought together over 50 community, government, and university sector representatives to explore key research, policy and practice issues.

The panel discussion involved facilitator Assoc. Prof. Melissa Bull and panellists Tracy Adams CEO of **yourtown**; Paige Burton 2017 Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations; Bronte Snowden Aide to the State Commissioner, Girl Guides Queensland; Andrew Taukolo R4Respect Program Youth Ambassador and Nicole Palmer Young Leader Surf Life Saving. The evening was characterised by lively discussion as the panellists explored three key questions: Are strength based youth development programs for everyone?

How can volunteer and paid professional youth sectors work together to better support young people and what happens when collecting data gets in the way of service delivery?

The news of the night announced by Kay Ferres, Editor, the Queensland Review is that in conjunction with the launch Cambridge University press have made the special issue free online. As Kay indicated, this decision is quite rare and is in recognition of the widespread appeal and importance of the issue and the importance for an academic journal of making a connection to a wider practitioner and community based readership. The Special Issue can be found here:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/queensland-review/issue/3752AB1A069230B57D2FB694AD518AFA>

The Good Practice Principles for Youth Development Organisations document can be found here:

https://www.griffith.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/367307/good-practice-principles-youth-development-organisation.pdf



Photo 3: The five panelists from L to R: Bronte Snowdon Aide to the State Commissioner, Girl Guides Queensland; Paige Burton 2017 Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations; Andrew Taukolo R4Respect Program Youth Ambassador; Tracy Adams CEO of YourTown; and Nicole Palmer Young Leader Surf Life Saving.



Photo 4: Sally Baisden, Emergency Services Cadets Program Manager, asking a question



Photo 5: Brenda Lofthouse SLS, Kathryn Seymour, Mary Otto Girl Guides QLD.



Photo 4: Authors signing special issue for Mary Otto. Picture shows Paul Wright signing.



Photo 5: three panelists: Bronte Snowdon Aide to the State Commissioner, Girl Guides Queensland; Paige Burton 2017 Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations; Andrew Taukolo R4Respect Program Youth Ambassador.

Australian Army Cadets



So much going on in the last couple of months, where do I start?

Let's focus on our annual camp in September where Cadets and Staff from all over Queensland came to Greenbank Army Training Area for a week of fun.

I'll let the photos tell the story.

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The Girls' Brigade Queensland Inc

Developing Young Leaders

During the first week of the September holidays, seventy-three young ladies from all areas of Queensland, other Australian states, the Solomon Islands and USA joined with thirty-six committed volunteer staff to discover and develop their skills and innate personalities at Camp Somerset while completing one of the stages of the Girls' Brigade Leadership Development Course.

As well as Girls' Brigade members this course is open to other members of the public.

Girls are challenged in all areas of life, whether it is on the high ropes course, hiking & camping in the Australian bush or just getting to know and work with a group of girls they have not met before. A major challenge for girls on Stage 2 is a three-night solo. Another skill is for the girls to learn to live without technology during this time.



Pioneer Leadership Training

On Saturday 21st October, 30 girls and Leaders spent the day training in specific areas of Girls' Brigade program. Pioneers are girls in Years 8 to 12 and beyond. These programs as well as equipping them to help lead girls in their own Companies also are of benefit as general life skills. Again, a skill the girls learned during the day was to turn off their phone. A comment from one young Pioneer was:

'The hardest thing over I had to do was to turn off my phone'

The same one said, 'The best thing I learned was to turn off my phone.'

125 years of Girls' Brigade

A small committee are working hard to plan various celebrations of this event during 2018. Further information will be available early next year.

Queen's Award

Just one Pioneer, Monique Robertson, received her Queen's Award at Government House on Friday 10th November. Because scheduling circumstances, the dinner celebrations with Boys' Brigade Queen's Badge recipients, Leaders and parents was held on the previous Saturday. The Queen's Award has undergone some major changes time to complete and the age of the young ladies in the last few years. It is expected that numbers will rise again in the future.

Coming events:

National Fonomare: 2nd to 8th January 2018 in Perth

2018 Leaders' Training Retreat: 23rd to 25th February

125th Celebration Church Parade:
Sunday 10th June 2018

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South Passage



Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Voyages on South Passage

The dates for our 2018 General Public Voyages have been set. These are outstanding opportunities for young people engaged with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to take on an Adventurous Journey with a bit of a difference.

We are offering 2 possibilities for a Gold Adventurous Journey, both 7-day voyages. Each of these voyages individually satisfy as both the practice and qualifying components of a Gold AJ, with the first 3 days being the practice and the final 4 days, the qualifying.

The first is from Gladstone to Brisbane, venturing out to Lady Musgrave Island before making way south into Hervey Bay, then sailing down the Great Sandy Straits, crossing the Wide Bay Bar and heading for Tangalooma before finally docking at Manly in Moreton Bay. Departs from Gladstone on Easter Monday 2nd April and arrives in Manly on Sunday 8th April all for \$1265. Follow the link for more details and online booking.

<https://southpassage.rezdy.com/85928/general-public-voyage-gladstone-to-brisbane-2018>



The second of these *Adventures Under Sail* is a 7-day exploration of the far northern Queensland coast and outer reef. Departing from Cairns on Saturday 7th July, returning to same on Friday 13th July. This voyage may venture as far as Cooktown if prevailing winds allow. Berths are available from \$1265 and include all meals, training and safety gear.

<https://southpassage.rezdy.com/104413/general-public-voyage-cairns-to-cairns-2018>

Our 5-day voyage from Hervey Bay to Manly sails from Monday 1st to Friday 5th October in prime whale watching time! This voyage can be used as a Silver Adventurous Journey and costs only \$890.

<https://southpassage.rezdy.com/101163/general-public-voyage-hervey-bay-to-brisbane-2018>



All of these voyages also qualify as a Gold Residential, so why not try something a little bit different for your Duke's experience?

If you would like to find out more about how we can help you to achieve your Duke of Edinburgh Award, give us a call.



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Surf Life Saving Queensland

The University of Queensland Surf Life Saving Queensland Leadership Excellence program was held from 24-26 November 2017 at UQ's St Lucia Campus, Brisbane.

It marked 26 years of SLSQ's state leadership programs, and is the pinnacle member development program for surf lifesavers aged 18 to 30. The program aims to:

- Create an inspiring, supportive, safe and learning environment for program participants;
- Realise the intelligence, skills and experience that all program attendees can contribute to the program;
- Develop inspired leaders with a heightened awareness to modern communication strategies, and provide key connections that engender a robust support network;
- Create a new group of "agents of change" that understand the importance of organisational sustainability and who can confidently and strategically lead their club to be sustainable for the future.



The 2017 UQ SLSQ Leadership Excellence Program saw 39 members from Queensland's 58 surf life saving clubs come together and participate in a wide range of professional and personal development sessions to prepare them for greater engagement and leadership in all facets of surf lifesaving disciplines.



During the program, participants heard from inspiring Queensland business leaders, including Dr Dimity Dornan AO, Executive Director and Founder, Hear and Say; Dr Mark Loane AM, international rugby player and distinguished ophthalmologist; and Associate Professor Bernard McKenna, Management Discipline Leader, UQ Business School.

We thank The University of Queensland's Faculty of Business, Economics and Law for helping coordinate and host this important event. UQ and SLSQ have partnered since 2015 in a range of areas including surf safety education and awareness, collaborative research and best practices in lifesaving.



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The Boys' Brigade



State Juniors Camp 2017

What a camp to remember, wet, wet, wet. 95 participants (ages 8-11) and leaders took part in this most memorable SJC17 at Camp Somerset, the wettest camp that can be remembered. It rained almost the entire weekend preventing many of the outdoor activities from being run. However, a modified program was rolled out on the Saturday with craft and inside activities followed in the evening by ever popular carnival games, a team event where cabin groups score points as they participate in a series of activities within a time limit.



With the rain continuing on Sunday, after Breakfast and worship time, the leaders stepped up to the challenge again and pooled together their best inside games, ball games, quiet team games and even some dancing activities.

As a special feature, all campers received a limited edition baseball style cap with the '100 years of Juniors' logo on the front and the BB logo on the side.



All in all it was an excellent Camp celebrating 100 years of Juniors worldwide.

Queens Badge

Each year a number of young men achieve the requirements of the Brigade's highest award, the Queen's Badge. The award is the culmination of several years of achievement within a number of areas of endeavour including service to the community, adventurous journeys, and the gaining of physical and practical skills. In November BB

joined with the Girls' Brigade for the annual award presentation hosted by our patron His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland at a Government House reception.

His Excellency commented during his speech at the reception *'The world is full of "mass distraction"; a wealth of devices, information and activities which can easily erode focus and commitment. That you have avoided these distractions, and devoted your scarce time to the demands of your faith, your Brigades and your community, in order to earn these awards, is most commendable.'*

A joint celebration dinner was also held to honour the recipients.



2017 Awardees at Government House

Boys' Brigade - Fun, Adventure and Challenge

BB provides an awards-based program that challenges, rewards and encourages Boys of school age from all backgrounds abilities and interests.

BB develops a sense of group identity through a wide range of age-appropriate activities that include the outdoors, technology, sport and physical exercise, and skills with an emphasis on community, faith development and positive influences.

Boys are engaged and motivated with inter-generational mentoring, great social interaction, friendships that last a life time, and a freedom to explore a sense of adventure in a safe environment.

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CUBOREE 2016 IS A WINNER Outdoors Queensland Awards

The Awards recognise and reward excellence in the outdoor recreation community and on Friday 27th October Cuboree 2016 – Rumble in the Jungle were awarded the Brisbane City Council Outdoor Event Award.

What an exciting achievement for the team of volunteers that provide the opportunity for 9 and 10-year-old Cub Scouts to camp, develop their skills and make lifelong friendships.



Scouts Queensland were also presented the Outdoors Queensland Distinguished Achievers Award as a consistent high achiever in outdoor recreation and in recognition of their previous award successes.



View the [2017 The Brisbane City Council Outdoor Event Award Finalist videos](#)

GIRLS CLIMBING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Be Bold, Be Brave, Go Rockclimbing

It's not every day you get to meet a Survival Expert and Hollywood Stuntwoman who has been on films such as Xmen, Thor, and The Avengers but early last week that's exactly what seven lucky girls from Scouts Queensland found themselves doing. Better yet, this group of teens were taught to rock climb with the adventure woman herself, Ky Furneaux.



After an early start at Kangaroo Point the girls quickly harnessed up before being taken through their safety paces with Ky.

Following a group photo session (upon request of the proud onlooking mums) they were off!

The experience, thanks to Riverlife, was an opportunity for teenage girls to learn skills beyond the classroom such as trust, communication, pushing through fear and creative problem solving.



By immersing the girls in an experience without a curriculum it enabled them to develop a sense of self and understand what it takes to work as a team – skills that will transfer into any school endeavour or career progressions they may have in the future.

ROBERT IRWIN TURNS 14 AND SCOUTS HELP CELEBRATE BY BEING ACTIVE

Friday 1 December was Robert Irwin's birthday, so Scouts helped the celebrations with the very popular climbing wall.

With more than 200 people actively using the wall all day – our wonderful experienced operators worked hard all day long!



Scouts wished Robert a very happy birthday from all over the State watch our YouTube video <https://youtu.be/Qxw61Y1auok>

SCOUTS HELP ENERGEX BE PREPARED

Be prepared for summer

Energex knows only too well that Summer can bring unpredictable weather. So it's important to 'Be prepared for Summer' and the unpredictable storms that often accompany it.

Their latest community safety TVC campaign 'Be prepared for Summer' teamed with community friends, the Queensland Scouts to get the word out about being prepared.

Who better to help Queenslanders get ready for Summer than the most prepared of them all? <https://youtu.be/QbzOsfuNp50>



SPECIAL ADVERTISING RATES FOR QYA MEMBERS

Want to promote your organisation take advantage of our specials and advertise in Scouts Life - see the latest issue

<https://adobe.ly/2k9j8iM>

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A GREAT 2018

Scouts Queensland wishes you and your families a safe and happy festive season and look forward to 2018 with enthusiasm.

Girl Guides

Garrabarrabash

Girl Guides Queensland State Camp this year was hosted by our Tropical North Region and was held across two campsites in Far North Queensland.

Garradunga, the 'Garra' part of the camp, one of our Girl Guide campsites is located south of Cairns. Barrabadeen, a well-established Scout campsite on the shores of Lake Tinaroo on the Atherton Tablelands made up the 'Barra' part. A 200-strong contingent of Guides enjoyed a variety of activities across the two sites including abseiling, high and low ropes, paddle boarding and canoeing as well as a range of other adventurous activities.



The theme of the camp was different tribes working in harmony and our amazing girls and young women shared their interpretation of the theme in skits that truly reflected the willingness of our younger generations to embrace diversity and difference.

Arts Camp

Our State Arts Camp was held on the last weekend in October at PGL Kindilan. It proved a massive hit for all in attendance. The girls enjoyed a variety of music, arts and drama activities.

Membership

The variety of programs and activities on offer has contributed to our continued ability to maintain our membership. This year we are very pleased to see that efforts in this space have resulted in a small increase in membership.

With our new State Executive Officer's focus in this space, we look forward to continued growth.

Guiding At The House (GATH)

Once again, we were privileged to be a part of Guiding at the House, an event held at Parliament House in Canberra,



showcasing Girl Guides to our Federal politicians. This event served to increase the awareness and visibility of Guiding across Australia, highlighting the programs and offerings that make our organisation unique.



Getting into Governance

We were very proud to have three of our young women selected as participants in the inaugural Girl Guides Australia *Getting into Governance* program. From February to June 2018 *Getting into Governance* will help to create a pathway for participating young women to build their careers, and work towards gaining roles at Board level. The program will commence with a weekend intensive in Sydney and participants will be allocated a highly experienced mentor for the duration of the program.

SEO

While we sadly farewell Paul Nicholls as State Executive Officer (SEO), we welcome our new SEO, Daile Kelleher. Daile comes to us from the St Vincent de Paul Society where she managed the retail arm of the organisation. Daile is passionate about the promotion and empowerment of girls and young women to find their voice and realise their potential. We believe that she has found her new home, settling in quickly and is keen to help us grow our organisation.