

## Youth News

### Queensland (Government) Youth Strategy

The Queensland Government recently launched its Queensland Youth Strategy. There is hope that the Strategy will allow the youth sector to work with the Queensland Government for the betterment of youth in Queensland. The document is online. We suggest that you refer to the Queensland Youth Strategy and the Action Schedule from the website:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/youth/be-involved-have-your-say/about-qld-youth-strategy/index.html>

The Strategy has four building blocks:

- Supporting our most vulnerable young people
- Housing
- Healthy futures
- Educating into employment

The Action Schedule contains 129 specific actions, with an assigned government agency to lead each one. The Queensland Youth Alliance has identified three specific actions that align with the work of our youth development programs:

#8 Explore youth engagement options to showcase initiatives led by schools and **youth organisations**, with a particular focus on the **renewable energy and waterwise campaigns**. (DEWS)

#9 Develop a sports and recreation youth engagement strategy to inform better design and delivery of actions to **encourage participation in sport and active recreation**. (DNPSR)

#71 Deliver programs and services that support and encourage children and young people to instil **lifelong physical activity** behaviours and to **participate in sport and active recreation**. (DNPSR)

The Queensland Government also have four “new actions ... to demonstrate the Queensland Government’s commitment to engaging with young people”. These actions include:

- *Queensland Youth Reference Group*

Establishing a Queensland Youth Reference Group will provide opportunities for young people and related partners to influence government decision-making and to participate in developing responses to matters of importance to them. The group will include young people and sector representatives and will have a role in shaping the ways in which the Queensland Government engages with young people.

- *Digital engagement*

Young Queenslanders will be able to engage online with projects and actions under the Queensland Youth Strategy through a range of online tools, including forums, surveys, ideas walls, polls, engagement events, and social media feeds and sharing.

- *Queensland Youth Charter*

The Youth Charter will be developed with the Youth Reference Group and with input from other young people and our sector partners. The charter will include principles that will underpin all engagement by government agencies with young people.

- *Queensland Youth Parliament*

For more than two decades, young Queenslanders have participated in education programs about Queensland’s parliamentary processes and worked with Members of Parliament to develop and debate youth Bills in mock parliamentary processes.

The QYA organisations have a long tradition of making a positive impact on the lives of young people. We look forward to engaging with the Queensland Government to further enhance the opportunities for young people in Queensland.

# Girl Guides Queensland

## Voices Against Violence

Girl Guides Queensland has quietly forged new pathways of learning via the Voices Against Violence Pilot program.

Voice Against Violence is a non-formal learning program that has been developed by UN Women and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The initiative is designed to help young people learn to talk about violence, understand its root causes, recognise their rights and develop the skills and confidence to access those rights for themselves and others.

The program is part of a suite of five pillars that UN Women and WAGGGS have collaborated on to act to address and stop violence towards women and girls. These pillars are:

- Raising awareness
- Learning (Voices against Violence)
- Speaking out
- Contributing to research and policy
- Taking action

Our very own GGQ Voices Project team, a small enthusiastic team of 16 Leaders is achieving great success. We are so proud of this team's commitment and dedication to this pilot.

Our contribution to the national target was to run eight programs before 30 June 2017. We are proud of the fact that we will exceed expectations by running ten programs across the State in Toowoomba, Townsville, Bundaberg and Brisbane.

The feedback from the Guides participating has been simply remarkable. These girls and young women have certainly developed a higher awareness of what is acceptable and what is not.



## Government House Awards

Our annual Awards Ceremony was held at Government House on 28 April. It was a wonderful evening hosted by the Governor Paul de Jersey and our Patron Mrs Kay de Jersey. This year we celebrated 14 Queen's Guide Awards, 3 OBP Awards and 12 Good Service Awards. A very special combination of peak achievement and peer recognition.



## Olave 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Our Olave members recently celebrated their 21st birthday, together with other Olaves around the country! The Olave program is a personal development program for members of Guiding in Australia aged 18 -30. It focusses on the three aspects of community, adventure and self-development. Our Olave members engage in opportunities to

- Make a positive difference in their communities through volunteering, service and advocacy
- Challenge themselves through new experiences particularly in the outdoors and internationally
- Develop skills and knowledge to enable them to grow as individuals.

This momentous birthday was celebrated at QuAHOOOT (Queensland Adventure Hop On/Off Olave Tour) held at the end of April. A fabulous time was had by all!

## ANZAC Day March

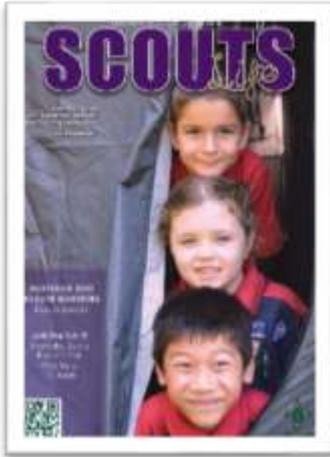
Our Guides did themselves proud as they represented our organisation at ANZAC Day events across the State. Our Guides efforts across the State have attracted much well deserved positive feedback. Bravo Girls!

For further information on Girl Guides, email [reception@guidesqld.org](mailto:reception@guidesqld.org), visit our website – [www.guidesqld.org](http://www.guidesqld.org) or call 07 3357 1266.

# Scouts Queensland

## SCOUT'S LIFE

The new SCOUTS QLD online magazine Scout's Life has been launched and is delivered directly to every Member as well as being available to the public.

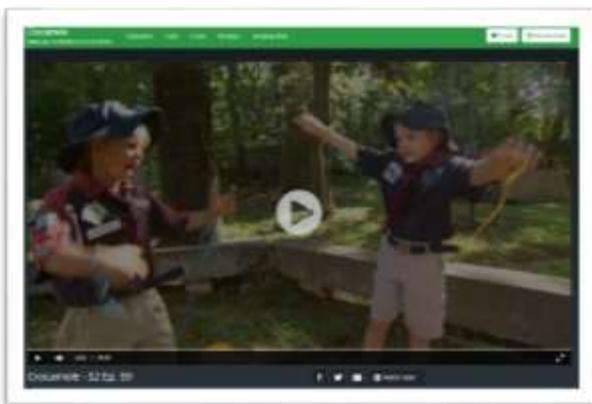


This new initiative is providing a favourable advertising opportunity for Scouts Qld.

## JOEY SCOUTS TEACH TEAMWORK

Truffle the cook and Molly the rainbow sprite take their cheeky crocodile pal Croc on a journey of discovery every day on the preschool children's show Crocamole. The Joey Scouts helped film a 'Teamwork' episode of Crocamole for Season 2 and Network Ten.

<http://tenplay.com.au/channel-eleven/crocamole>



Scouts Queensland has been busy supporting a variety of activities during the recent School holidays.

At Australia Zoo we had a cool rope bridge and other fun for the public to enjoy as part of the Zoo's obstacle course.



We also took part in the **Inala Multicultural Youth Festival** and **Walk in Our Shoes** Youth activity supporting young people and refugees.

## SSS AND CAMP LUII

This time of year is the annual SSS Camp for the Scout Section at BP Park, Samford. This is a four day camp that has challenges that Scout must master in their small Patrols, it provides a unique experience of youth led programming, problem solving and teamwork.

Whilst Camp LUII provides leadership challenges and education as part of the Venturer Scout Section. These 15 – 18 year olds work together to achieve their best throughout the week at Rocky Creek, Landsborough.

Such a busy but exciting time for our young people in Scouts.

Visit [scoutsgld.com.au](http://scoutsgld.com.au) for more great Scouting fun and adventures, or to join Scouts QLD contact [hello@scoutsgld.com.au](mailto:hello@scoutsgld.com.au).

# Australian Army Cadets



On ANZAC day units from across Queensland were up before dawn to commemorate this day.

From Dawn services and then onto different parades around Queensland, the AAC were out in force.

Whether it be holding Catafalque Parties, or being flag or banner carriers on the various parades, all cadets showed a great sense of pride.

## Photos



*A foggy morning*



*A Catafalque Party*



*A Catafalque Party*



*Dawn Service*

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## The Girls' Brigade Queensland Inc

“Be Empowered” is the Girls' Brigade International theme for 2017. Some Companies within Queensland are using the “Choose Real” material and tools which back up this theme.

Choose Real has developed from Esteem Designz – a creative program building self-esteem, identity and confidence in girls, now used in schools, and community and welfare organisations across Australia.

The founder, Ruth was working in a school when she met up with Erin in year 6 who shared with her that the popular girls told her she had to change her hair, her clothes AND her personality if she wanted to fit in. Erin had no idea how valuable and unique she was and was willing to trade in her **REAL** identity for what she thought she **HAD** to be. This led to further development of the Program from the original craft and scrap-booking ideas.

Recently the Leaders at Millmerran Company spent a weekend being trained to use the techniques to help them to meet the needs of their girls.



### Anzac Day

Girls marched in various locations across the state, continuing to support the Defence personnel who have represented Australia in various theatres of war and Peace-Keeping situations. A contingent attended the City March as well as helping to carry banners for those no longer able to do so and numbered identification paddles for the various groups.

### Pacific Fellowship Conference

This Conference was held recently where Girls' Brigade Leaders from across the Pacific met to discuss their highs and lows and provide resources and encouragement for each other. Sally and Monique, young women from Queensland were invited to be part of the Australian contingent. They were not just observers but were invited to lead some of the sessions as seen in the photo.



Girls' Brigade, along with many Youth organisations, is using affirmative action to provide a voice for the under 30's.

### Local Training

Recently girls have done training in “How to lead a group” (when you've never done so before), how to develop a balanced Program and carry it out, how to run meetings and other administrative procedures, how to plan a camp and see it through. Training was held in Brisbane and in Toowoomba.

### Coming events:

**Seniors' weekend (Years 6 to 8) - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June to Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Bribie Island**

**Pioneer Leadership Training - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> to Sun 30<sup>th</sup> July at Frederick Marsden Youth Centre**

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# South Passage



## A Day Sail all your own!

After the resounding success of the Day Sails during National Youth Week, many QYA affiliates have taken up the opportunity to organise a day sail of their own.

If you can muster a group of between 24-48 keen young adventurers, we can offer you a tailor-made day sail with 6 experienced watchleaders on board so that your group gets the most out of their day sail experience.

The 3 watches are allocated 2 watch leaders each so that each student gets more individual instruction. During the day, each watch gets to rotate through the 3 sets of sails: - main sail, fore sail and head sails, so that every group gets to experience the overall working of the ship.



Emergency escape drill

For \$68/head, Navy Cadets, Emergency Services Cadets, Scouts and PCYC groups have all given the young people under their care and guidance a unique leadership and team-building opportunity.

If you would like to discuss day sail or voyage options for your group, please give me a call on 0447 248 866.

## ISPA Japan Sponsored Voyage

Applications for the 10 sponsored places on the ISPA Japan 8-day voyage from Townsville to Mackay in August have closed. Thanks to all those that applied. We were extremely impressed by the quality of applicants and would like to have offered everyone a place! The 10 lucky applicants have been notified and are busy learning Japanese and making their voyage plans. We look forward to welcoming them aboard on this exciting new joint venture.



## Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey

If you are an Award Leader and looking for something different for an Adventurous Journey, South Passage offer combined practice/qualifying AJs in one voyage. The cost is \$175/day and covers all meals, instruction, safety equipment and Technical Verification Certificate. All voyages take place in the school holidays. Here are some upcoming opportunities:

- Gold 7-day voyage: Townsville to Cairns from 3-9 July
- Silver 5-day voyage: Hervey Bay to Brisbane from 25-29 September
- Gold 8-day voyage: Sydney to Brisbane 11-18 January 2018

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Looking forward to welcoming you on board soon for your group's "Adventure Under Sail"

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