

## Youth News

### National Youth Week 2017

"Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You" was the theme of National Youth Week 2017, held from 31 March to 9 April 2017. Many activities were run across the state to celebrate young people aged 12 to 25.

This year young people took part in a Photo Challenge to visually express their ideas about being bold, brave and you. The photos were amazing and can be viewed on the website ([www.pcyq.org.au/youthweek](http://www.pcyq.org.au/youthweek)) and were displayed at the NYW Celebration event at The Edge, Southbank.

During the NYW celebration event Hon Stirling Hinchliffe MP, the Leader of the House, announced that the Queensland Youth Strategy was being released in the near future. The Queensland youth organisations look forward to the announcement of the Government's plans for youth in Queensland in the hope there will be opportunities to work in partnership for the benefit of young people – our future.

Five enthusiastic young people were selected as 2017 National Youth Week Champions. The successful candidates represent the diversity of young Queenslanders, organised events across the state and consulted with young people.



Photo: NYW Champions (left to right): Jade Smith, Madina Mohmood, Claire Kelly, Hannah Hyatt and Luana Healey.

### Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program (SRDRP)

The Sport and Recreation Disaster Recovery Program (SRDRP) supports not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations with funding to re-establish their facilities and activities after extreme natural events, including flooding and associated damage.

Funding of up to \$5000 (Level 1) and \$20,000 (Level 2) may be available for eligible sport and recreation organisations located in areas declared under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

[www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/disaster-recovery](http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/disaster-recovery)

### Get in the Game funding

State Government funding to support sport and active recreation activities, including Get Started Vouchers of \$150 for families to cover registration or participation fees and Get in the Game grants for clubs and groups. The next grant round is open in July; time to get planning.

[www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthe game](http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthe game)

### Community benefit funding programs

The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation distributes revenue from gaming taxes to various not-for-profit community groups throughout Queensland. They invite all eligible organisations to submit grant applications to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund during the application periods.

Grants up to the value of \$35,000 (inclusive of GST) are available. The Gambling Community Benefit Fund round 93 will close 31 May 2017.

[www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs)

# From the chair

## Farewell

With one page left in the newsletter, I am going to take the opportunity to say a few words – parting words – since I am stepping down as chairman after four years in the role to spend some more time with family and further studies. I'm not going far though, I plan to stay on as the newsletter editor.

## QYA's role

The Queensland Youth Alliance is a wonderful group of youth organisations. We come together as a network for the betterment of young people in Queensland – our future citizens and leaders. The organisations share ideas, work on collaborative projects and support each other, where possible.

The QYA is made up of community-based, church-based, government-based and interest-based organisations that have the collective common interest in providing personal development opportunities for young people. From an educational perspective, they all provide high impact learning opportunities for young people in an experiential learning environment. From the newsletter reports, you get a sense of the diversity and magnitude of these activities across our great state.

There are more similarities than differences within the QYA organisations. I come with a Scouting background and I have often heard that “it keeps the kids off the streets”. This is true but the programs offered by all the organisations is much more than keeping kids out of trouble. Taking part in any of the QYA youth programs provides new challenges and extraordinary opportunities for personal development in a healthy, safe environment. I experienced this rich learning as a child and I see the same benefits for my daughters, who love being Scouts. Each organisation has a slightly different emphasis on the common theme to develop young people.

The programs all offer great value for money. Possibly some of the cheapest activities on offer but we know that the cost of membership can be prohibitive for some families. I am delighted that the current and previous state governments have provided \$150 Get in the

Game vouchers for families for young people to take part in sport and active recreational activities. Most of the QYA organisations are registered under this scheme.

One of our most significant achievements has been to promote a greater awareness of the activities and benefits of each organisation. A number of years ago it became apparent that outside of each organisation, not a lot was known about the positive impact each organisation was making on Queensland youth. I believe there is now greater awareness and appreciation of this work amongst the organisations and government.

## NYW & NVW

We have just celebrated National Youth Week (31 March – 9 April) and we are about to celebrate National Volunteer Week (8 – 14 May). We have much to celebrate!



## Thanks

It is a good time to make a point of thanking our volunteers. All of the QYA organisations rely on volunteers to operate, most are entirely dependent on volunteer adults to lead and coordinate activities and events. Thank you to the thousands of wonderful volunteers for the work you do. It is greatly appreciated!

I would particularly like to acknowledge the current QYA regulars: Gavin Kelly (Scouts), Paul Nicholls (Girl Guides), Dave Allen (Boys' Brigade), Glenda Brooks (Girls' Brigade), John Wearne (Leos), Eamonn Dwyer (The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award), Tracey Edmonds (South Passage), Hayley Roberts (Office of Youth) and Aaron Glover (visitor; Lutheran Youth). They are the core group who regular meet, represent their organisations and contribute to the big picture. Thank you!

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and for your part in supporting the development of young people in Queensland.

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QYA Chairman (retiring)

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# South Passage



## QYA Day Sails for National Youth Week

The weekend of April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> provided the opportunity for young people connected to QYA affiliates to experience "Adventure Under Sail" on board South Passage on two separate Day Sails out in Moreton Bay.

Both days were fully booked with members from Girl Guides, Scouts, PCYC, Boys' and Girls' Brigades and Navy Cadets all joining together to work in the 3 watches required to sail the tall ship.

QYA also received \$1000 in grant funding to sponsor 15 young people to take part who would not normally have had the opportunity.

The Saturday was a blustery and overcast day with good winds for sailing.



The Sunday had glorious blue skies but only gentle winds.



All true sailors know that there is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing!

All three watches were required to raise the sails, but once out of the harbour and underway, the watches were rotated through the 3 sets of sails - the mainsail, foresail and headsails.

The Mainsail watch could actually have their turn on the helm, steering the ship on the required bearing. They could also look at the

navigation charts and the GPS screen to track their position.

The foresail watch got to harness up and rotate through riding out on the bow sprit 4 at a time. Whilst waiting for their turn, they could practice their knots.

The headsails are the working end of the ship and are required to be manually moved from one side of the ship to the other every time there was a tack or gybe.

Once they were anchored for lunch, there was a refreshing dip after jumping in off the bow. After climbing up the ladder, salt water was washed off with a quick deck shower and then time for lunch.



The sail home completed the remaining watch rotations until all hands were required to lower sails before entering the harbour.

It was generally agreed that a great day out was had by all.

## Upcoming events

Sponsored ISPA Japan 8-day Voyage Townsville to Mackay 8-15 August. Expressions of Interest are due by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Only cost is land transport. Please contact office for more information.

If you would like to take your youth group out on South Passage for a day sail, give us a call on (07) 3893 3777.

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## Girl Guide Biscuits – Now Available!

Girl Guide Biscuits are our organisation's largest fundraiser and have been sold for over 50 years. Each Guide District receives an incentive for every packet they sell. Funds raised are used to cover the costs of new equipment, camps, outings, adventures and to deliver the Australian Guide Program which helps girls have fun, develop valuable life skills and make their communities a better place.

This year, our biscuits are available in three varieties - Original, Shortbread (Gluten Free) and the all-new, bite-sized Mini Chocolate Chip. These Australian made treats are so delicious – you won't be able to stop at one!

To find your closest District, please contact the team at GGQ State Office on 07 3357 1266.

## Spotlight on our Guides

Alainya Doyle, is a Girl Guide at Chermside. Alainya recently won the Sandgate Zonta Branch 'Young Women in Public Affairs Award' which recognises girls of all ages who demonstrate superior leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes.

She is on the Student Council at her school, was Year 10 Dux, participates in Little Athletics and the United Nation's Youth Forum. In 2015 Alainya won the Premier's Anzac Prize, visiting Gallipoli to experience the Anzac tradition firsthand and in 2016 had the opportunity to extend her international horizons, by attending the Girl Guides of Canada National Camp – Guiding Mosaic.

Alainya has achieved all this and is only sixteen. She is just one of the inspirational

young women who are empowered to be confident, responsible community members through Girl Guides.

## A New Era for the GGQ Kindilan Outdoor Education Centre

Girl Guides Queensland is pleased to announce that we have entered a long-term lease arrangement with PGL Australia, for the management of our much loved Kindilan campsite, located in Redland Bay.

From 10 April 2017, PGL will manage Kindilan, enhance the infrastructure and continue to deliver inspiring outdoor experiences for young people and the community alike. You can find out about PGL by visiting [www.pgladventurecamps.com.au](http://www.pgladventurecamps.com.au).

The campsite and conference centre will remain a vibrant, and continuing part of the Redlands, and outdoor education in our State.

It is business as usual at Kindilan – providing an exceptional environment for outdoor discovery!

## GarraBarraBash State Camp

This year, our State Camp is being staged in North Queensland. The Garra-Barra-Bash will be spread between two locations – Garradunga, Innisfail and Barrabadeen on the Atherton Tablelands. All in all, a great way to for girls to gain confidence in camping and to sleep under canvas.

The GarraBarraBash will allow girls aged ten and over to enjoy the outdoors, challenge themselves, learn skills, gain confidence, make friends and participate in activities and have FUN!

Camp activities include: archery, orienteering, abseiling, paddle boarding, high ropes, obstacle course, wide games, canoeing. Plus, there is a selection of optional excursions: Kuranda Skyrail Rainforest Cableway, Fitzroy Island reef adventure, Cairns Aquarium, the Cairns Zoom and Rainforest Dome and more.

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

## Robert Irwin invested by Scouts Queensland

Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors have become the major charity partner of Scouts Queensland. Marking the beginning of the partnership, Robert Irwin has taken on an ambassador role to inspire our younger generation to be involved in wildlife and conservation.



*Robert Irwin joins Scouts at Australia Zoo as an ambassador.*

This partnership will see approximately 15,000 Scouts across Queensland engage in the vital conservation efforts undertaken by Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors through exciting initiatives including Wildlife Warrior's Backyard Campout, Run on the Wild Side and participating in the Visionary Wildlife Warrior Program.

"I am delighted that Scouts Qld will be working with Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors and Robert Irwin to promote conservation and to raise awareness of the challenges that the World's Wildlife faces as this is a mutually beneficial partnership. Scouting is the world's largest youth leadership organisation and encourages the development of young people to take a constructive place in society as members of their local, National and International communities. This exciting new adventure will assist us in educating young people about global environmental issues" said Daryl G. Scott, Chief Commissioner.



Scouting is a worldwide movement that has shaped the development of youth and adults for more than 100 years. Scouts are in every part of our community and provide young people aged 6 to 25 with fun and challenging opportunities to grow through adventure.



Scouts Qld looks forward to this exciting new partnership with Robert Irwin and the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors... how will you be part of this new adventure?

See Robert Irwin's Ambassador Message

<https://youtu.be/6xdjKBhNABg>

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# The Boys' Brigade



## Leadership Training Weekend

The recent Boys' Brigade Qld Young Leadership weekend saw 31 young men from across south-east Queensland come together for a weekend of training designed to develop their practical leadership skills. Participants were split across 3 courses - Introductory, Small Group Leadership and Local Group (Company) Leadership.

Introductory participants discussed their own understanding of leadership and looked at various examples of leadership, along with practical tips for how to plan, present and run activities. The Small Group Leadership Course focused on looking more deeply into the role of young leaders, and learning how the dynamics of groups are important to consider when trying to lead. The Local Group Course participants looked at new ways they can become involved in leadership at an organisational level. All courses also included discussions on how to design activities for BB to enable boys from no experience to learn new skills e.g. fishing or bush navigation.

The participants are the next generation of leaders in BB and many other areas of life. Throughout the weekend, it was encouraging to see the participants develop practical ideas for fantastic activities, games and whole events which they can now run in their home companies, along with the leadership skills necessary to do so.

## "The Bunya Dash 2017" Rogaine Competition

On Saturday 25 March 2017, a fantastic day greeted competitors as they gathered from 8.00am for an early start. There was a total of 16 teams on the day with 7 Alpha (12-14 years) and 9 Omega (15-18 years) teams. The 3-hour mini-Rogaine 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.

The top team collected 700 points, making their way to all but four checkpoints.

Our thanks must go to the Queensland Rogaine Association who 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)



## Regional Events

A variety of other events have been run by regional bodies across the term, with two of the most popular being swimming carnivals and a six-a-side soccer competition.



## Juniors 100 Celebration



Juniors (8-11 years) from all over south-east Queensland will be joining with Girls' Brigade Juniors and their families for a

massive Fun Day at Aussie World in June to celebrate the centenary of the worldwide foundation of Brigade work with Juniors. BB is also striking a special badge to commemorate the milestone.

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## The Girls' Brigade Queensland Inc

### LEADERS' TRAINING RETREAT

Over the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March, Girls' Brigade Leaders from places as far removed as Mt. Isa, Innisfail, Rockhampton, The Darling Downs, Gold and Sunshine Coasts as well as Metropolitan areas met at Frederick Marsden Youth Centre Kallangur to hone up their skills so they might further lead their Companies and help to empower the girls and young women in their care.

Friday evening was spent assembling birthing kits that are then sent to women in third world countries to help them have secure and safe birthing experiences. This was a first for many of the people present and it took some skill to put all things together in a sterile manner and then slot into a small plastic bag for transport and delivery.



Saturday was spent updating computer skills for some of the new programs being used, learning games and just sharing the things that work and the things that don't when working with girls and young women in 2017. A dinner on Saturday night with the theme of Superheroes was enjoyed by all.

Andy Gourley from "Red Frogs" was the inspirational speaker on Sunday. It was great to hear how a small movement to keep school leavers safe at the Gold Coast has grown into an international program and expanded to help keep young people safe at large concerts as well as small events.



### GIRLS' & BOYS' BRIGADE FORUM

In spite of the fact that some of the Leaders were unable to attend because of flooding, Leaders from both organisations met on the 1<sup>st</sup> April for their combined annual forum. This is a time of discussing the things that we can do better together than separately. Since its inception in 2011, a Memorandum of Understanding has been formulated and some combined promotional events have been staged.

#### Coming events:

**Anzac Day 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Pioneer Leadership Training 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>  
May (Brisbane)**

**Pioneer Leadership Training 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>  
May (Darling Downs)**

**Combined Fun Day GB Cadets/BB Anchors  
& GB & BB Juniors - Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

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## Australian Army Cadets

On the 1 April 2017 the AAC has welcomed a number of units from the Military Cadet organisation into the fold of the Australian Army Cadets.

The units from the Military Cadets will form the new 14 Battalion of the SE Qld Brigade.

A "March in" parade was held on the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> of April at Gallipoli Barracks to officially welcome them into the fold.

Over the 2-day weekend, Cadets and Staff from SE Qld Brigade came together for a weekend of fun, comradeship and learning.

The weekend consisted of:

- The 14 BN Linking ceremonial parade
- Weapons training on the F88 rifle.
- Live firing of the F88 and F99 weapons.
- Various adventurous activities including rock climbing and abseiling.
- Staff and Cadets fed and accommodated at the Barracks, experiencing military life up close and personal.

### Photos



*On parade*



*AAC Band plays them on*



*Weapons training*



*Working together*

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