



**Scout Association of Australia  
Queensland Branch**

**Sir Leslie Wilson District**



53rd Annual General Meeting

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Minutes**

7.30pm The Meeting opened with a prayer by Adrian Whitfield.  
Chairman's Welcome was given by Adrian Whitfield.

Apologies:

Chief, Kirsty Brown, Cr Norm Wyndham, George Rowlinson, Joanne and Glendon Raisbeck, Don Trott, Peter Dutton MP, Cr Bob Millar, Wilma Morrison, Max Kasper and Kym Griffin.

Those In Attendance:

Owen Richmond, Adrian Whitfield, John Morrison, DC. Brendon Dickenson, Janet Dickenson, Penny Wilkinson, Tony Scott, Zeke Carrillo, Susan Keys, Gareth Stephens, R.C. Daryl Scott, John Adamson, Samara Fife, M.P. Dale Shuttleworth, Francina Tipman.

The Minutes of the 52nd AGM read and confirmed by Samara Fife and seconded by Gareth Stephens.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Annual Reports for the District.

- District Joey Scout report was read by District Joey Leader Susan Keys . Both Susan and Francina Tipman have had a busy year with well attended District Joey activities and are committed to supporting the Joey leaders and their packs through guidance and attendance to various events.

You can read the full report in the attachments.

- District Cub Scout report was written by District Cud Leader Kym Griffin and read by Janet Dickenson. Once again the Cub Section is very active across the District and attendance to District and community activities is good. Numbers are slightly down this year for Cubs and Leaders but this will be made up as the new members come up from Joeyes. This process needs more attention in some groups. You can read the full report in the attachments.



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- District Scout report was written and read by District Scout Leader Owen Richmond. He wanted to stress how important the role of enthusiastic, cheerful leaders was to the production of an effective program for their scouts. The scout groups that have dedicated leaders are thriving. The challenge is to put in place at least two leaders in to each group permanently as it is recognised that the Scout Leader role is a large one with many weekends required and so more easily shared. The ongoing training of these leaders and retaining them for decent periods is also a challenge. District events have been well attended and the overall numbers in the district are slightly down to the previous year. He also stressed that the scouts need to be involved in lots of outdoor adventurous activities and so the leaders need to train up for these activities to provide that kind of program. Owen also brought a slideshow  
You can read the full report in the attachments.
- District Venturer Scout report for the West Unit was written by Max Kasper and read by Adrian Whitfield. The West Unit is continuing to grow with a steady stream of scouts coming up from the feeder groups of Samford, Grovely, Wahminda Park and they are seeing a good number progressing on to Rovers. For the first time in Ten years we have seen two Queen Scout awards with more nearing completion. The Unit has been involved in Regional and District activities as well as across the scout sections. Some of the Unit have been involved with Wonago and Gang show. They would like to encourage the Venturers to assist more with the groups in the district across the sections.  
You can read the full report in the attachments.
- District Rover report was not tabled nor were there any Rover representatives at the meeting. A question was raised by Tony Scott (GL Samford) regarding the set up of Rovers across the District. The DC has had discussions with the Rovers pointing out the alternatives available to them which they are currently considering.
- District Treasurer report was written and read by John Adamson who said the Auditor has the books but has not yet processed them for this year. The District is in a sound financial situation even though the Badges for the district have cost a lot more than has been received due to the invoices not being raised by the previous Badge Secretary to the groups. The new Badge secretary is working on this and this should soon be rectified. The District activities have been raising adequate funds for the district not to require a District Levy for the past financial year.  
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- District Badge Secretary report was not presented at the meeting. The Secretary was recently changed and Don Trott appointed to the position.
- District Boating Committee Report was written and read by Owen Richmond. It was noted that the groups that had trained Leaders for Canoeing used the craft more. Ways around lack of qualified leaders was to go on District canoe events and share the Canoes between groups. He encouraged groups to push people to become qualified so as to enable their youth to take part in these activities more often. The District Water Activities events were well attended by the youth. Zeke (GL of Wahminda Park) and Tony Scott (GL Samford) asked about requirements for leaders to become qualified. They need Skills 3 plus 2 weekends of specialist training with Canoes and Outdoor activities.  
You can read the full report in the attachments.
- District Commissioners report was written and read by Brendon Dickenson. Overall the District numbers remain stable and the leaders are putting together good active, fun filled programs for the youth. As with every year, the search for good leaders is a high priority. He was pleased to see the fruition of more awards presented over the District, the 2 Queens Scout awards given particular mention. The Venturer success is now paying off in the Rover section as these young adults progress to this final Youth section. Our District was the first to be totally Chartered in Queensland thanks to the work of the Groups. Changes throughout the district include Owen Richmond officially becoming District Scout Leader, Lesley Gordon resigning from Badge Secretary role and Don Trott taking up that role whilst resigning from Group Leader of Enoggera. Andrew Heafy will take on that role. The success of SLWD is due to the combined efforts of leaders and Parents across the District which work so well as a team.  
You can read the full report in the attachments.

District Reports were received by the District Executive and seconded by John Morrison.

### Group reports

- Samford Group Report was written and read by Tony Scott. Samford has a group membership of 100 youth members with mostly warranted leaders. They are



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looking for more leaders in Wednesday Cubs and Scout Sections and an Assistant Group Leader. They are looking at growing the Joey Mob from 10 to 15 members. The Group is hoping to reintroduce an annual group camp but due to major events (i.e. Jamboree, Cuboree) this has been put off to 2013. They are also looking at having a Scout presence at a variety of Community events. You can read the full report in the attachments.

- Wahminda Park Group report was written and read by Zeke Carrillo. W.P. has grown by 25% with most of its leaders fully warranted. They have 16 going youth going to Jamboree and up to 20 Joeys attending. Leader recruitment was necessary earlier and now they are in a position to offer help to Enoggera who are struggling for Leaders and provide a leader to Venturers. The Group executive are all moving on this year so the challenge is to replace them. Den improvements include increasing storage into the roof, Lighting outside, improving frontage and purchasing a trailer. They have had increasing requests for public use of the Den which assists the group financially and they are looking to increase Scout equipment as the numbers grow. You can read the full report in the attachments.

Mc Dowall Bunya Group Report was written and read by Gareth Stephens. The Group was glad to have Scout Leader "Goat" return after time out for illness. They were heartened to have a good turn out to the Den clean up and a Camp fire Circle has been added to the rear of the Den and look towards having their driveway asphalted. The group is growing in the older sections and they have had some successful fundraising events. There has been awards achieved across the group and they are regularly attending District and other combined events. Gareth appreciates having Penny as his Assistant Group Leader and having an active parent committee. You can read the full report in the attachments.

- Everton Park Group Report was written and read by Samara Fife. The Group was relocated late last year to Teralba park from their home of 55 years and have had to address new challenges that the move has brought. The Radio tower is still to be completed due to budget restraints with BCC. Recently cub numbers are increasing due in part to the new visible position however the need for new leaders in the other sections is desperate. Potential for growth is dependent on it. You can read the full report in the attachments.



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- Enoggera Group did not submit a report.
- Grovely Mitchelton was written and read by John Morrison. The group has a need for Cub leaders but has about 68 youth members and 6 Leaders and 8 Parent support members. There are 19 scouts and 4 leaders going to Jamboree in 2013 so much fundraising in the form of BBQs at various sites have been done. These and good attendances to community events such as Anzac days have helped to show the Public that the Group is alive and well.  
You can read the full report in the attachments.

Group Reports were accepted by the District Executive and seconded by Owen Richmond.

Chair of meeting is passed to District Commissioner, who declares all positions vacant, and appoints Executive Committee and District Association Members for the ensuing year. Present Committee:

- Chairman – Adrian Whitfield
- Secretary – Janet Dickenson
- Treasurer – John Adamson
- Badge Secretary – Lesley Gordon
- Assistant District Commissioner for Development – Joanne Raisbeck

Newly Appointed Executive Committee is installed in their positions.

- Chairman – Adrian Whitfield
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- Badge Secretary – Don Trott

Newly appointed District Association is introduced.

Chair of meeting passed back to Chairman.

General Business – Financial. No District Levy will be asked for in the next year.

Guests are invited to speak by chairman.

1. Dale Shuttleworth M.P. for Ferny Grove.



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Dale was a scout in Mackay and went to a Jamboree in Melbourne some 35 years ago. He expressed willingness to support scout groups by endorsing Grants they want to pursue, photocopying and lending marquees for events if needed. He is also looking in to making the Parks and Rangers more accessible to the scouts for hikes.

He recognised the work that scout does for young people and is keen to encourage its growth.

2. Daryl Scott R.C spoke on our need to reflect on why we are here: for the development of our youth in the spiritual, physical and communal areas of their lives. There have been dedicated Volunteers in Scouting for many years. He has been involved with a number of group "rescues" of late and these have all been necessary because the groups have had no parental involvement. He encouraged groups to pursue Parental involvement in order to keep the group thriving and to develop good leaders.

Branch has managed to bring down the cost of insurance for scouting by 45%, a savings that will be carried over to the groups. They put the insurance out to tender in the market and so got this favourable outcome.

There is a new Scout Group coming in the Brisbane Central Area in some rooms under the Anglican Church where there used to be a group years ago, with 24 families and 7 leaders already to commit to it. Daryl will be asking established groups for equipment donations to help it get established.

We now have an ARC Rovers, Peter Savage and an ARC Development Emma Riddell who is very good at writing Grant requests.

SLWD owes much of its success to the leaders that work together as a team to get kids outdoors and active.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm with a "Rovers" Prayer read out by Adrian Whitfield then we had supper.