

Welcome to the Rochedale Scout Group.

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Scouts
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When joining a Scout Group, there are many questions you would like to be answered. Please spend the time to read the following information.

What is Scouting?

The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the education of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Scouting is a growing, worldwide youth movement with over 25 million members in over 150 countries and approx 190,000 members in Australia.

It is a voluntary, non-political educational movement for young people, open to all.

Scouting is a series of adventures for active young people designed to encourage confidence, awareness, responsibility and a belief in God.

The Scout program is a flexible range of activities adapted to the needs of the community in which it exists. Activities are based on the interest of the young people involved with an emphasis on useful skills and service to others.

Many Scout activities take place in outdoor settings with a spirit of adventure and challenge.

Scouts everywhere apply the scout method, which includes:

A commitment to a code of living

Learning by doing.

Small groups working together under youth leadership with adult assistance.

Progressive and stimulating programs of varied activities.

A sense of the value of service to the community.

Scouting is a generic term to describe the program and methods of the movement as a whole. The workforce of Scouting is a Group, which consists of sections appropriate to the needs of children and young adults at various levels.

History of the Rochedale Scout Group

The Rochedale Scout Group is set on 10 acres of bushland. On March 1956, R.D.C. Loxton was appointed as General Scout Master of the 1st Rochedale Scout Troop.

In June 1956, the first Scout parade was held at the Rochedale School Grounds. Eight boys attended.

In August 1956, 2 Scout patrols were formed – Kangaroo and Kingfisher.

On February 1957, the first Cub parade of fourteen boys was held.

In 1957 the Rochedale Quarry gave the Group the land. However it cost 200 pounds to transfer the title deeds.

On the 30th may 1959, the Premier Mr. Nicklon opened the Rochedale Scout Den. The building was originally an Army Disposal Hut from Herston costing 448 pounds.

Scouting at Rochedale is not only fun for the children but for the families as well. The Rochedale Group organises various activities throughout the year some of which are:

Group camps, Group safaris (10 day trip), social functions for parents, theatre productions (Rochedale Revue), movie nights on the big screen and many other exciting activities.



Life as a Cub Scout

7 ½ to 10 ½ years

If you enjoy fun, games and learning new skills then you'll love being a Cub Scout! Life as a Cub Scout is full of adventure and teamwork. As a member of a 'Six' you and your Pack will work together to explore the world. Your Cub Scout Leader will help you along the way and encourage you to participate in Scouting activities. You'll learn life-long skills and participate in the Cub Scouts Award Scheme and earn badges, make friends and have fun!

What Can I Do in Cub Scouts?

- Enjoy bush walks
- Learn water-safety skills
- Orienteer and learn to read maps and compasses
- Perform team activities and meet individual challenges
- Go camping with your friends
- Learn about First Aid
- Play imaginative games
- Be a part of exciting team relays
- Perform in plays and skits
- Show your creativity in art and craft sessions
- Learn practical skills like knots and construction
- Discover our environment



Cub Scout Meetings

Cub Scout Pack meets once a week at the Scout Den. The trained Cub Scout Leader and their assistants are in charge of ensuring that the Cub Scouts work well together and challenge themselves to do their best, while also meeting the development program goals for the week. The Leaders encourage their Cubs to use their imaginations and foster their creative and mental abilities. Cub Scout meetings are full of energy and fun and our Cubs go home with the confidence and the abilities to face whatever challenges or goals they set for themselves.

"Cub Scouts are keen to learn, belong, and have fun, so our activities are designed to stimulate their emotional and adventurous spirits."

Life as a Scout.

10 ½ to 14 ½ years

If you are passionate about action then you're a Scout! Everyday will make your adrenaline rush when you participate in a range of action-packed activities. Whether you're mastering the art of outdoor safety, participating in amateur radio shows and performing arts productions, or attending the ultimate Scouting adventure of a Jamboree, you'll learn life-long skills that you can teach your friends.

At Scouts you'll become a member of a Scout Patrol and your Patrol will work with other Patrols to form a larger Scout Troop. Together you'll make important decisions, set critical goals, and depend on each other to succeed.

And when you do succeed, you can earn achievement badges!

What Can I Do in Scouts?

- Abseil into caves and down cliffs
- Navigate the bush lands and challenge yourself in survival camps
- Learn how to build bridges and flying foxes
- Talk to over 500,000 Scouts across the world on the radio
- Trek 30km up a mountain and camp at the top
- Take an overnight river trip by canoe
- Attend the ultimate Scouting adventure of a Jamboree anywhere in Australia or the world!
- Pursue your hobbies and gain new skills



Scout Meetings

Scout Troops, which are comprised of several Scout Patrols, usually meet every week at the Scout Den to discuss their progress and work towards achieving their goals.

Scout meetings consist of team-building activities, playing games, developing specialised skills and knowledge, and planning for weekend adventures and campouts. At meetings Troop members share stories and experiences of their recent adventures and offer advice to one another. Scout Leaders teach safety lessons on how to use equipment correctly and inspire their Scouts to be the best individuals and team players that they can be.

"Action is at the core of all Scouting activities. Whether they are tackling a river in a kayak or learning knot tying at a Troop meeting, our program ensures that our Scouts never stand still!"

Life as a Venturer Scouts

14 1/2 to 18 years



What is it? It's a do-it-yourself mix of adventure, fun, personal development and friendship! **What do you do?**

Knots? NO! Well, we do knots (approximately 1% of the time)!!! Instead, you may find yourself exploring the great Aussie bush, camping above the snowline, diving on coral reefs or earning your pilot's licence.

Doesn't sound like you? What about abseiling into a limestone cave or climbing a sheer rock face. Perhaps white water kayaking or mountain biking is more your style! Whatever you want to do,

Venturers can make it happen! **Not totally into the outdoors?** Venturers is not all about the outdoors! You'll also be involved in a well-designed program to develop confidence, independence and teamwork skills. You can get involved in staging professional shows, learning responsibility for the environment and working on service projects to help others in the community. You can even boot scoot your way to your Lifestyles badge! Venturers also have the opportunity to travel around Australia and overseas for events, or to get involved in community service projects to help those in need!!!

Won't the Leaders tell us what to do? NO!!! As Venturers, you will govern your own, democratic Venturer Unit, where the adult Leaders provide advice and guidance instead of telling you what to do!

Okay, so it's fun, but what can it do for my future? There are leadership and management courses available that will help you in your career and personal life, and you will be working towards achieving the ultimate goal – the Queen's Scout Award. Employers worldwide highly regard this award!

Where to from here? Venturers are serious about having a great time and getting the most they can out of life. You need no experience whatsoever to become a Venturer Scout today. What are you waiting for? You're already missing out on what WE are doing!!!

"As a Venturer Scout I've learnt the importance of challenging myself in order to grow. With the help of my friends at Scouts I've managed to experience some awesome things while working to achieve my goals, which is the best reward ever."

ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

Scouts Queensland is forever providing great opportunities for Leaders to take Scouting members on new adventures.

Camping	Hiking	Canoing	Mountain Biking	Archery
Abseiling	Sailing	Skiing	Rock Climbing	Snorkeling
SCUBA Diving	Paddle boarding,			

The Rochedale Group provides the training for Leaders to be trained up to take the Youth member on these adventures

If you become a Leader, you will have a great time too.

PREPARE FOR ADVENTURE

PREPARE FOR LIFE

TIMES FOR SCOUTING:

Cub Scouts	6.15pm to 7.45pm Tuesdays
Scouts	7.00pm to 9.00pm Thursdays
Venturer Scouts	7.00pm to 9.00pm Wednesday
Rovers Scouts	7.00pm to 9.00pm Thursdays

UNIFORMS:

Throughout its history the Scouting Movement has been clearly identifiable by its uniform. The public accepts the Scout uniform as a symbol of an organisation with high ideals and certain self-discipline. With a few minor alterations the original Scout uniform has met the ideas of Scouts around the world and has been universally adopted. Of course, in extreme climates, it has been modified to suit the conditions but on the whole; the different nations in the temperate climates are dressed alike.

All youth members are required to wear a Scout Uniform.

Your Section Leader will advise you when you need to purchase your Uniform.
Usually 6 weeks after your first meeting.

Uniforms can only be purchase from the Scout Shop online <https://scoutshop.com.au/>

Your Leader will give you more details about the Uniform and when to purchase it.

Wearing the Uniform

The correct wearing of the uniform and smartness of turnout of the individual Scout makes him/her a credit to the movement. It shows his/her pride in himself/herself and in the Group.

What to purchase from the Scout Shop

Scout Shirt – Either Cub, Scout, Venturer, Rover
Old Scarf with badge
Woggle

Pants – Either purchase them from the Scout Shop or **anywhere** that sell sandstone/ Tan pants
Try Target, Big W, Best and Less would be the pick rather than the Scout Shop

Books.

Cub Scout – Cub Scout Record Book

Scout – Scout Field Book (The Scout Troop will provide you the Scout Record Book)

PARENT SUPPORT:

When you child joins the Group you're responsibility as a parent doesn't end there. There are three ways you can be involved within the Group, all of which will benefit the group and your child. Some are more time consuming than others however they produce greater rewards and satisfaction not only for the group and the youth members but also to you.

Becoming a Leader
Attend the Parent's meetings

Become an "Adult Support Member"
Support the Group

LEADERS

All Leaders are volunteers.

For a Scout Group to function it requires Leaders. Leaders are needed for all sections, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts

Young people need leadership. They need the guidance of informed and caring adults to develop self-reliance, initiative and responsibility. Being a leader can and will be fun and exciting.

Interest has its rewards.

By taking an interest, by becoming involved, you'll find the experience of being a Leader has its own rewards. You'll find enormous satisfaction in helping young people achieve. Their achievements will be your achievements too. You can feel proud of their successes, and be spurred on by their progress.

Your ability to relate to your Section members will give you a sense of growing accomplishment as their trust and confidence in you grows. And you'll know that you're helping young people to shape their lives and that means doing something significant for the future.

If you don't know anything about Scouting, camping, or having a good time, well, no problem. Scouting will give you all the necessary training and support required for you to have fun whilst teaching others. You don't have to become a leader in the same section as your child.

If being a leader is not for you, maybe you may know or someone else who may wish to take on the challenge.

On completion of Training, Leader receive

- A Scout Certificate of Adult Leadership and Appointment and
- A Gillwell woggle.
- Woodbadge

In addition they will receive

- VET qualification of Certificate III in Business (Frontline Management) an
- Certificate III in Leadership Support if First Aid training has been completed.

All training cost are paid for by the Group. Your only cost is the Uniform.

If you think you would like to become a leader or you require some additional information, please contact one of the Leaders

I assure you that you will have more fun and enjoyment than your child, as a leader

Be trained up and undertake some of these adventurous activities yourselves.

CHILDREN NEED SCOUTING SCOUTING NEEDS LEADERS



FUNDRAISING

Fundraising plays a very big part in all clubs and groups throughout Australia.

Unfortunately, Scouting too, requires fundraising to survive.

As the Rochedale Scout Group is one of the largest groups in Queensland (land and building size), we need parent support to help fundraise as the bills keep on coming.

Group costs are as follows; leader training, leader and committee insurance, property insurance, electricity, water, gas, rates, new equipment, repair equipment, building and ground maintenance.

The Scout Group does not receive any support from the government. Your fundraising is the only income the group has to survive on. Please support any fundraising activities.

We currently have **two Fertiliser delivery** days and **two Bunnings BBQ's** for you to participate in. This is easy money and doesn't come from your own pockets, such as selling (and eating) chocolates.

Social

At various times throughout the year, parents should attend social functions. This helps with the interaction of families and also YOU have a fun time.

Working Bee's

As the Group is set on 10 acres and has 10 buildings and caretaker's residence, parent support is required to maintain the up-keep of the grounds, buildings, equipment etc.

Each year the Group implements a "Family Roster" in which all families are placed. The working Bee's are organised so that you only need to attend once a year (hopefully) The work generally entails things you do around your own yard. Etc.

Helping Leaders

At various times throughout the year, parents might be asked to assist with transport to camps (to keep costs down to a minimum), and activities, assist with badge work, and help the Leaders generally when called upon. Sometimes you may be invited to attend a camp to assist with the cooking, which you will find to be great fun.

COSTS TO JOIN SCOUTING

Scouts Australia Queensland Branch has the following fees for the 2020 – 2021 year. Once you join you are financial until March of the following year.

New Member Yearly Fees 2020 - 2021

Yearly Membership Fee based on Pro-rata if joining in the months below.

Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug
\$320	\$320	\$320	\$300	\$ 300	\$280	\$260
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec			
\$230	\$200	\$150	\$150			

Subs

Each section pays "Subs". The subs help pay for the badges your child earns as well as sectional resources. Subs are **\$3.00 per week**. You will receive an invoice each term for \$30.00. The Section Leader will explain more to you during your discussions.

Subs are not paid until your child is invested into the section. Again. You will receive an invoice

Leader & Supporter Registration and Training Fee

The Group has a Leader & Supporter registration and training fee, which goes towards the registration, insurance and training of Leaders, course costs and expenses.

The levy has been included in the Membership Fees.

Group Equipment and Facilities Fee

This fee is to ensure Rochedale Scout Group has suitable and adequate equipment and facilities to provide a great Scouting program,
This fee is also included in the Membership fees.

Total costs to join the Group

1. Membership Payment up front (per child) also pro rata
2. Subs each week (per week)

These costs average out to approx \$8.00 per week, which is extremely cheap when comparing it to other sporting Groups and activities that only last a few months.

When a parent becomes a Leader, Subs will not be required to be paid for their child.

Other Costs

At various times throughout the year, each section will go on camps, sleepovers, outings etc. The cost you might expect will be food, camp fees, transport.
Costs will vary depending on the section which your child is enrolled.

Group Functions, Camps and Activities

Throughout the year, the group has a wide range of activities for both you and your child to participate in. Each section will have their own camp, visit, hike etc., but the ones listed are for the whole Group.

Group Safari

From time to time, the group has a "Safari" which is a 7 to 10 day expedition held over the Easter break. The Safari is open to families and friends of the Rochedale Scout Group.

The last Safari the Group hired a 50-seater coach and heads off on an adventure of a lifetime. Members and their families packed up and headed to Yeppoon, Great Keppel Island, Rockhampton, Bunderberg and then home.

The safari visited on their trip, Olsen's caves, Dreamtime centre, Bundy rum Distillery, Snorkeling, boom netting, and generally had a wonderful time.

Group Family Camps

Generally once a year the Group has a "Family camp". These camps are open to members and their families. They are a fun weekend for all, and it allows parents to enjoy the outdoors and to camp with their children, which sometimes may not be possible.

Rochedale Revue

The "Rochedale Revue" is a theatrical production held every two years and the Logan City Council's "Butterbox Theatre".

The Next production will be on in the September School Holidays in 2017

The show is held in the September school holidays however rehearsals start mid July. The show is made up from Cub Scouts to Leaders and also Guides.

With the cast generally 60 in numbers, other Scouts and Guides from the district and surrounding areas are also invited to attend.

You may like to assist as support staff by joining the other Scouting parents who assist with make-up, lighting, sound, backstage, props, video etc., just to name a few, you will be gratefully accepted. No experience necessary.

Keep an eye out for application form generally around February.

The Rochedale Scout Group is the only group in Queensland to have its own show. Most other shows are run by either Districts or Branch. i.e. Gang Show.



Movie Nights

In the summer months, the group holds Movie Nights.

We hoist up a large screen on the flagpole and set up a projector on the parade ground. This is a great time for families of the group to have a fun social night together.

Christmas Campfire

At the end of every year, the group may have a Christmas Campfire. We sing a few songs, are entertained by the members with a few comical sketches and finish off the year with a light supper. Sometimes if we are lucky, Santa may even visit.

Leaders Names

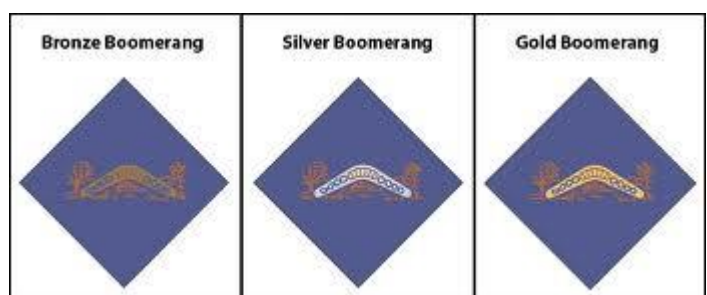
A child tires of calling school teachers Sir or Miss and Scouting, the Leader or Scouter is much like a big brother or sister and "Sir" or "Miss" is unbecoming.

To eliminate formality a Leader has a Woodcraft name or an Aboriginal name.

This seems to bring the child and the Leader more on an even keel and the words Sir, Miss, Mrs, and Mr are not used.

So when the leader introduces themselves, don't be put back by an unusual name coming from their lips. This is the name you call them around the children.

According, why not start thinking of a name you could be called should you decide to become a "Leader:



FORMS

You will be required to complete the following forms when joining the Scout Group.

- Scouts Qld - Youth Enrolment and Indemnity Form -

Youth Enrolment and Indemnity Form

This form is returned to the Leader the next time you bring your child to the Group. It is important that both parents/guardians sign the form and the prescribed payment accompanies the form. The payment details are on the reverse side of the form.

Check list for PARENTS

1. Scout Qld form completed and signed by both parents/guardians
2. Payments - The Rochedale Group will invoice you for the payment.

Conclusion

Thank you for allowing you and your child to become part of the Rochedale Scout Group, and more importantly, a part of the world wide Scout Movement

I look forward in meeting with you very soon.

Yours in Scouting,

K. McKenzie
BUNYIP

Did you know???

Marcus Blackmore of the Blackmore's vitamins dynasty was a Cub Scout at Rochedale.

11 of the 12 people to have walked on the moon were Scouts.

Other famous former Scouts include Sir Paul McCartney, Barack Obama, Richard Branson, Taylor Swift, Gwyneth Paltrow, Hillary Clinton, Mariah Carey, Barbara Walters, Nelson Mandela and of course Bear Grylls.

The Scouts Australia Ambassador is Andrew Lock OAM, Australia's most accomplished mountaineer and Australian business man and entrepreneur Dick Smith said that Scouting was the most fantastic influence on his life!

Contact Numbers



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