



The Queenslander

Official Newsletter for AJ2007 Queensland Contingent

Welcome to the 1st edition of **The Queenslander** the official newsletter for the Queensland Contingent at AJ2007.

During the Jamboree this daily newsletter provides updates, tips, information, stories and experiences of AJ2007, it will even be posted on the Queensland website to keep those at home informed.

Jamboree Troop Leaders Weekend

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September saw the gathering of the Jamboree Troop Leaders (JTLs) at BP Park.

Leaders from all over Queensland made the trek to gain training, share experiences and to meet their fellow Leaders for AJ2007.

The Jamboree Troop Leaders



The 21st Australian Jamboree is shaping up to be a beauty and delegates from the Victorian Branch, Peter Mentiplay, the Chief Director and Alistair Horne, the Camping Director, came along to instil confidence and answer all the questions.

Feedback was that '**The Victorians**' had either a solution in the pipeline for the issues that were thrown at them or they had solved that one and it had been 'put to bed'.

Advice from the lines

During afternoon tea I got a chance to talk with the 'tried and tested' Leaders as for some this will be their 3rd, 4th or even 5th Jamboree.

I felt in awe as a 'Jamboree novice' but was confident that the wealth of experience and skills in the room will ensure all participants will have a unique time during AJ2007.

John from Edge Hill said "This one's for me" and Alex from Rosewood chipped in with "its good fun".

Some advice from these Leaders was to make sure you got involved, "get out and see as much as possible" said one, another solemnly advised to take advantage of rosters to seek a day off, "you'll need the break to chill out" Gill from Greenbank said.

There are tours for Leaders and they all agreed these were very worthwhile so take the opportunity while you can.

The only down side they laughed was "be prepared to automatically queue for everything" when you get back home as it becomes "second nature".

Behind the scenes

The small but dedicated Queensland Contingent Team were busy behind the scenes.



Solving problems that arose, passing on advice, experiences and dealing with the administration that a venture this big encompasses.

Their work is often unsung, the JTLs have important jobs that cannot be denied, but let's not forget the many hours the Queensland Contingent Team put into preparing, organising and facilitating the Jamboree experience.

I enjoyed the chance to 'rub shoulders' with these knowledgeable Leaders and felt humbled. I guarantee - with these Leaders in charge AJ2007 can only be 'a positive experience'!

RIKKI your roving reporter

Birthdays, Anniversaries and other special events

During AJ2007 we will endeavour to recognise all the Scouts and Leaders celebrating their many milestones away from home.

Other important Scouting activities, meetings and reunions will also be posted in ***The Queenslander*** on a daily basis.

The transport team

Meet Trevor, Kathy, Nikketah and Rob.



Part of the very industrious and valuable AJ2007 transport team, working tirelessly towards getting everyone and their gear to AJ2007 with as minimum fuss as possible. Without these people we won't get to AJ2007. Keep up the fantastic work team!

JTLs involved with the packing and finally all aboard and bound for Elmore and AJ2007

