PAGED GEAR

News and Reviews from South East
Queensland

Issue 1. March 2015

Join the Queue.



Join us on Face Book

www.facebook.com/groups/bbapac19/



jointhequeue@mynextpacamp,info



Official web site launch 2015



First Edition Greetings

With great enthusiasm, we launch the first PAC'ed Gear News letter for the upcoming Boys' Brigade 19^{th} Pan Australia Camp. This will be 13-22 January 2017 at Mount Tamborine in SE QLD. If you haven't checked out the PAC 19 Facebook page, make sure you do that. It's already full of camp suggestions.

Yes, that photo above is me. I've been told it looks like Mad Max, road warrior, which is probably a fitting descripting as myself and may others have been hitting the road, searching South East Queensland for activities for the 19th Pan Australia Camp.

So what can you look forward to seeing and hearing and reading in the lead up to PAC 19? Well, hopefully more, PACed Gear News, and PACed Gear Specials. What are these you may ask? These are videos that will showcase what could be your PAC 19. Everything from the campsite, activities, camp culture and the people behind the scenes, through to the always highly anticipated electives.

You will find out if you join the Queue.

Ben Harth, PAC 19. Promotion and Communication Coordinator

REGISTER FOR PAC 19 UPDATES

Keep an eye on the registration page on the Boys Brigade Website http://boys.brigadeaustralia.org/ and join in the discussion on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/bbapac19

WHAT IS PAC 19?

Pan Australia Camp or PAC for short, is the Australian Boys' Brigade gathering that happens every 3 years.



I visited 5th Toowoomba company a few weeks ago and a Parent told me what PAC could be. It's a once in a lifetime experience that only really happens while your young, or young at heart.

It is fun, even for leaders. Even if have you have an arm in a cast AND you're the shouty man (we call them adjutants) that has to make sure kids and leaders are at the right place at the right time. and no one is left behind.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE.

No PAC is the same as another. The activities are unique to the area of each PAC. Back in 1999 Mount Tibrogargan it was an elective for the 13th Pan Australia camp.

The 17th PAC in Tasmania 2011 offered many once in a lifetime experiences for everyone. Cradle Mountain and Port Arthur were just two of the activities. PAC 18 also presented many once in a lifetime opportunities such as the Worldrenowned Heysen Trail and the National Motor Museum.



PAC is programmed in a way to break you out of your normal routine and challenge you to try new things. It could be through team challenges, involving yourself in an activity you've never had a chance to do, or being spiritually challenged. PAC will make a difference in your life and help you to challenge and make a difference in the lives of others.



WHAT WILL PAC 19 OFFER?

Another once in a lifetime experience. Even Queenslanders will discover something new in their own backyard.

Everything in the edition is a very short summary. PAC 19 has so much to offer that we have to spread the details out over quite a few editions of PACed

Gear News. Special video events will also be released. Together with Face book and the BB website we will inform and showcase SE QLD and PAC 19 leading up to the camp.

THE PENTA PAC.

PentaPAC is the Boys' Brigade award you can earn at a Pan Australia Camp. There are two levels, Gold and Silver. It is very easy to get gold, but there is a criterion you have to meet. But if you get involved in PAC and all it has to offer, you will find meeting the criteria very easy.

The requirements for a PentaPAC differ slightly from camp to camp, and depend on what is on offer in the local area. We will go into more depth about PentaPAC in upcoming PACed Gear Issues.

WHAT TO DO NOW?

I want to encourage everyone to start saving up, and be ready when registrations open. To help pay for camp, we recommend saving \$10 per week. There may be an early bird discount for campers.

Ben Harth

PAC 19. Promotion and Communication Coordinator



PAGED GEAR

News and Reviews
from South East
Queensland

Issue 2. April 2015





Join us on Face Book

www.facebook.com/groups/bbapac19/



jointhequeue@mynextpacamp,info



Official web site launch 2015



P.A.C. S.L.O.

In the previous PACed Gear news I mentioned if you want more information on PAC, that you should see your PAC SLO. But who are they and what do they do?

They are your PAC State Liaison Officer's. They are PAC representatives in your state who are the most up to date with PAC 19 News. All of them have been to a PAC in the past and can inform you about what to expect at a PAC. If you don't have access to Facebook or regular access to the interwebz, they can help answer your questions. If travelling interstate to PAC they may help coordinate group transport. Two of them are in the above photo taken at PAC 18 along with the assistant camp director for PAC 19. Here are the rest of the PAC 19 State Liaison Officers.

QLD – Ben Harth NSW – Reece Newman

SA – Ollie Jackson TAS Nicholas Eduljee

VIC – Craig Avery ACT – Ron Vanderguten

WA - Andrew Twine

Direct contact details will come out soon. For now contact your local BB state office.

Ben Harth. PAC 19. Promotion and Communication Coordinator.

UPCOMING ARTICLES IN FUTURE EDITIONS

We are going to look at the PENTAPAC award. The campsite and Mount Tamborine. How will PAC 19 camp structure be different? We will review Barney Creek.

1



ACTIVITIES AND ELECTIVES

Let's face it, these can make or break a camp. So what does PAC 19 have to offer?

There are a lot of factors the organising committee needs to consider when choosing potential electives.

So far there is a list of 140 potential activities. That is a potential 698 hours of activities the committee need to sift though.

To put all those hours into perspective, if one camper was to work their way though all the activities on the current list for 8 hours each day, with no weekends and adjusting for overnight electives, it would take the camper just over 10 weeks to do all the activities, and this doesn't include the activities at Glengarry, PAC 19's satellite campsite.

From that list they pick the best and most unique activities to give you the best possible PAC 19 experience in South East Queensland.

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES.

There are three main types of activities: on site, off site and electives.

Everyone gets a chance to do the onsite and offsite activities. These are included in the camp cost. Onsite activities on past PAC have included, muddy activities, high ropes courses, bikes, and computers to name a few. Offsite activities are chosen to showcase the main attractions of the host region and are for everyone to enjoy. Past offsite activities at past PAC's have included Wet n Wild and Australia Zoo in QLD, Questacon and Parliament House ACT, Port Arthur Gaol and Cataract Gorge in Tasmania and the National Motor Museum and Botanic Gardens in Adelaide. These are only a few of the offsite activities that have been available in on past PACs. Then there are the electives. These can incur an additional cost. These are activities campers choose to customize their camp experience. Depending on the camp there is usually a selection of half day, full day and sometimes overnight electives. These could range from camping

overnight in the bush or an island to a day hike up a mountain, ice-skating, movies, canoe trips, tours, abseiling, zoo visits and much more.

SEA WORLD, WET N WILD, DREAM WORLD, WHITE WATER WORLD, WARNER BROTHERS MOVIE WORLD.

One of these themes parks will be a PAC full day activity that everyone will visit in 2017. There will also be exclusive Omegas activities (for those turning BB age 15+ in 2017) including the Omega's Breakout.

PACed Gear Specials will show you the sights, sounds and attractions of SE QLD. But, the official activities will not be revealed until they are ready. Does it sound like a big tease? I hope so. Join the PAC 19 Facebook page, and join in the speculation and suggestions about PAC 19.

Ben Harth.

PAC 19. Promotion and Communication Coordinator.







PAGED GEAR

News and Reviews from South East Queensland

Issue 3. May 2015



Join the Queue.



Join us on Face Book

www.facebook.com/groups/bbapac19/



jointhequeue@mynextpacamp,info



Official web site launch 2015



PACed Gear Pet

Introducing PACed Gear Emu. This is Grampa, AKA, Old Man Emu.

Rumor has it that despite his age he is up for anything. He is the kind of creature that thought a run up and leap down a waterslide was a good idea. It wasn't, as it resulted in a cracked rib. But that hasn't slowed the old man emu. He can still run the pants off a Kangaroo.

When travelling around SE QLD checking out activities, I prefer travelling via motorcycle. Grampa has a fear of motorcycles. This makes travelling with him a bit of a chore.

His first assignment was to observe the campers on the Cunningham Battalion Barney Creek Expedition back in January 2015. He began the camp as a younger version of himself. But the experience changed him. Weather it was the heat, the campers, the hike itself or the realisation of the overall job, it had caused him to age. Barney Creek has not been confirmed to be on the list of PAC 19 activities. But imagine for a moment that it was. You'll get a taste of what QLD has to offer in the first PACed Gear video special that will show you exactly what Grampa and the rest of the campers discovered. You'll also get to read Grampa's review of the Barney Creek expedition in the next edition of paced gear.

Ben Harth. Promotion and Communication Coordinator.

The first PAC 19 promo video is on Facebook

Check it out to see the potential that PAC 19 and South East Queensland have to offer.

The PentaPAC is the only award you can receive on camp, and it can only be earned at a PAC. But don't worry; it's not too hard to meet the requirements.

The PentaPAC is not just named because it looks like a pentagon; it is named this because there are 5 parts to the award. (5 = Penta) The requirements change from camp to camp. It takes into account age and ability. All you really need to do is try your hardest and participate. You need 3 sides; one of those has to be devotions to achieve Silver, and all 5 sides to get Gold. But it's so easy to get Gold, why would you settle for less?

THE PENTAPAC AWARD



What follows is based on previous PA Camps, and may be different for PAC 19.

THE FIRST SIDE. DEVOTIONS.

Probably the most important side. This has been part of every PAC. The purpose of boys Brigade is the advancement of Christ Kingdom. We want to encourage you while you're on camp to share your insight and stories with others as we all delve deeper into Gods word and discover something new.



THE SECOND SIDE. DISCOVER.

On past PAC's, campers have explored a city with their cabin mates and answered questions, taken photos or completed challenges. These are added up at the end and points are awarded. Past destinations have included, Adelaide, Ulverstone in Tasmania. Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra and the Brisbane CBD. "Discover" will return for PAC 19 South East OLD and will be bigger, better and more modern than previous "discover" activities at previous PAC's. Does this mean there is an electronic component for PAC 19's Discover? I love speculating on this stuff. Will Pac 19 be discover. Brisbane. Gold Coast, Mount Tamborine, ALL of South East Oueensland, or be something else entirely.



More info regarding PentaPAC requirements will be revealed closer to the camp.

Memories aren't the only thing you take home.

THE THIRD SIDE. ELECTIVES.

As mentioned in edition 2 of PACed Gear you can choose your own electives. All you have to do to earn this side of the PentaPAC is participate in your electives to your full potential. Which shouldn't be too hard since you choose them. But beware, some electives may not qualify for PentaPAC. Try electives you wouldn't normally do, or are unique to the region where the camp is held.

THE FOURTH SIDE. ON SITE ACTIVITIES.

These put you outside your comfort zone. You learn, yes there is that dreaded school word, to solving problem. There is emphasis on teamwork and personal development here. These activities vary from camp to camp, but in the past have included mud, water, giant swings, flying foxes, rock climbing, team problem solving challenges and much more. We want you to grow and build friendships with others on camp, and on site activities can help build friendships for life.

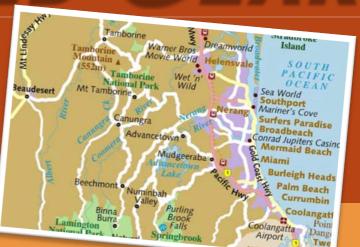
THE FIFTH SIDE. To be honest, as I write this, I have no idea. This side varies from camp to camp. In the past it has been a hike around Dove Lake or up Cradle Mountain, a hike around cape Woolamai, a photo scavenger hunt or inter camp company games competition to name just a few. Personally I think hike around Lamington National Park would be great.

Ben Harth. Promotion and Communication Coordinator

PACED GEAR

News and Reviews from South East Queensland

Issue 4. July 2015





www.facebook.com/groups/bbapac19



jointhequeue@mynextpacamp.info



Channel: Boys Brigade PAC 19



Official web site launch 2015



PAC 19 UP DATES

Chronologically we are now officially closer to PAC 19 than we are to PAC 18. By the end of this July it will only be 75 weeks until PAC 19 begins.

If you had put \$10 a week away when PAC 18 finished you should have approximately \$700 saved up. If you start saving now you need to put away about \$20 per week into savings to help pay for camp, transport to camp, electives and general spending money.

Boys Brigade PAC 19 now has a You Tube channel. There are already 2 videos online with more to follow.

Check out the PAC 19 Face Book page. This is the place for all your PAC news and speculations while we work to bring the main website online. These two sites can help give you an idea of the characters you'll meet, the places you'll visit and the activities you do that are all part of a PAC experience.

The PAC state liaison officers have new PAC email addresses. If you have any questions about PAC, this will be your easiest way to get answers. Also if you want to submit articles for PACed Gear News, get in contact with them. It's easy. bbXXXpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org Where the XXX put your state i.e. QLD, NSW, VIC, WA, SA, TAS, ACT.

We're getting closer.

Ben Harth. PAC 19. Promotion and Communication Coordinator.

SEND IN YOUR STORIES

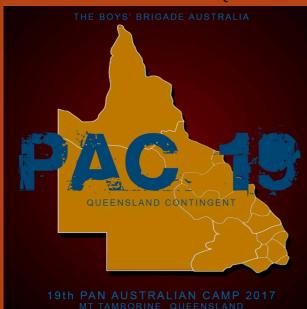
If you have a story from previous PAC's, or a story to tell everyone about something you've discovered in South East Queensland, write to us. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

1

Contingent Bad

The first Big PAC challenge has started in Queensland. Now we throw the challenge out to the rest of BB'dom. Work with your state liaison officer to come up with a design that can be turned into a badge that can be sewn to your camp shirt that will represent your state at PAC 19.

Below are two of the entries from QLD.







Variations of the Gold PentaPAC Badge.

Other Various BB Badges.

DADGE DWAPPING

"One of the traditions of PA Camps is the opportunity to swap contingent or other badges, company shoulder titles and other BB memorabilia with other campers. Swap sessions happen in The Pits canteen area." (Article from PAC V8 2008 PAC Print News)

Unfortunately as PAC's have progressed, badge and memorabilia swapping has slowly diminished. Could it be due to decreased awareness, lack of interest or just not having any badges to swap.

Whatever it is, it's a tradition that's needs to be brought back to the forefront of Pan Australia Camp culture.

Why? Personally speaking I find it fascinating to see that BB is more than your company, more than your battalion, more than your state and country. You are part of an organisation that is all over the world and has a long proud history. Some of my most prized badges came from a swap at the Canberra 2002 PAC where I acquired a 50th anniversary (1998) boys brigade badge from Zimbabwe. I also acquired a 50th Anniversary (1995) badge from Cooktown NZ, a 30th anniversary badge (1997) from BB Malaysia Sabah District, one from Canberra and district, a centenary ('95) from WA and many more. I even have a metal badge AND shirt from 33rd Boronia. But the prize of my collection is a centenary anniversary pin (1985) from the Glasgow Battalion, birthplace of Boys Brigade. Currently my goal is to collect all the Old No 2 Section Award Scheme metal badges. (hint hint) What are you guys looking for?

It's all-good to collect them, but what do you do with them? I'm starting to see the resurgence of badge shirts. Cunningham battalion boys and officers are sewing badges onto their own BB company or old BB camp shirts to show where they have been, who they have met and the activities they have done while apart of Boys Brigade. This isn't a silly idea as people cover their cars, bikes, jackets, books, bags, Facebook pages and anything else they own with badges and stickers of things they love and are apart of, to show off to the world who they are. Yes I know you do it. So lets bring this tradition back. We want, no NEED you all to start designing and making metal or cloth badges again. It adds to, and continues the culture of Boys Brigade and Pan Australia Camps.

Ben Harth.







News and Reviews from South East Queensland!







www.facebook.com/groups/bbapac19/



jointhequeue@mynextpacamp,info



Channel: Boys Brigade PAC 19



boys.brigadeaustralia.org



Website Update

Welcome to another edition of PACed Gear news, brought to you from the sunshine state.

I was doing some research for a future PAC article so I went to the BB Australia website, and surprise surprise, I found changes have been made. The beginnings of PAC 19 are there. This will get updated, as more information is ready.

If you find the 'National' column at the top left side of the window, you will see 'Events' with two small arrows beside it. Click on that and drop down menu will appear with Pan Australia Camps. If you click on that it will take you to a new page.

Here you will find Links to PAC state Liaison Officer emails and links to all Issues of PACed Gear so far. In the Top Paragraph of this page is a Phrase Highlighted in Blue "About Pan Australian Camps.' This Links takes you a page with information about all previous Pan Australia Camps. Only PA Camps since 1999 will have links to more information, such as the 13th PAC. This was when information registration was starting to be transferred to online processes. I hope I have that right. The PAC 19 link still leads to a page that looks like the PAC 18 page with a message saying rego has closed, or a nice green paddock. Don't worry this is only for PAC 18. PAC 19 rego still hasn't come online yet, so you haven't missed out.

Ben Harth. Promotion and Communication Coordinator.

Check out the PAC Promo Videos on Facebook and YouTube

The original promo video is still there, but to coincide with Grampa's review of Barney Creek, we've added the first PACed Gear video special featuring Barney Creek. You'll see what the guys really went through.

Stories from PAC



Back in 2011, South East Queensland was drenched with rain that caused flooding in Brisbane Ipswich and Toowoomba. Thousands of Kilometers away, Tasmania was also getting drenched and experiencing it own floods.

The following story is from Zac Gilbert from 5th Toowoomba with an amusing story from PAC 17.

"2011, PAC 17. This was just outside Ulverstone in Tasmania. We were being evacuated for two dams breaking. They thought it was going to flood the campsite. I was on the giant swing. A Police Officer some over and said that we have to evacuate the area; and there's me still dangling, about 7 meters up in the air, and they all walk off without me. Finally they realise, oops we left something behind." They did eventually get me down.

Zac Gilbert. 5th Toowoomba Company

Unfortunately some of the tents at PAC 17 did get flooded during this event. But everyone was evacuated safely to the main sports hall in Ulverstone. You can see Zacs story plus some of the Tassie floods in a Paced Gear

Short on PAC 19 You Tube channel and PAC 19 Face Book.

Some
Before
and After
Photos of
Floods
from PAC









As promised in edition 3 of PACed Gear, here is Grampa's Review of Barney Creek. I'm not sure what he could see from his perch on my backpack, so this could be interesting.

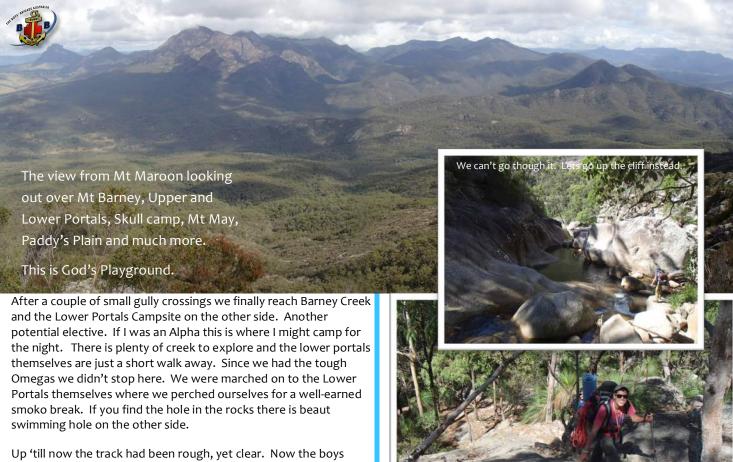


BARNEY CREEK REVIEW

They said to start of with a snappy intro. Well, it was hot enough to boil a monkey's bum. There, how's that. It's a strange expression that I heard the prime minister say to the Queen on TV when I was a young chick, and she smiled quietly to herself.

So somehow our QLD PAC SLO managed to convince a bunch of young blokes and old blokes from Cunningham Battalion to go on a 3-day expedition through Mount Barney National Park. I reckon he was testing to see if a hike as tough as this could be done in the middle of a stinking hot QLD summer. i.e high 30 – 40 degree heat.

Anyway, we set off from the car park down a rough hilly track towards the Lower Portals. Already some of the guys are asking if it gets harder. Fair crack of the whip, like it isn't hard enough already. This section is only 3.7 km, and we were already having to take a break every half hour or so due to the heat.



Up 'till now the track had been rough, yet clear. Now the boys needed to have a Mum's look to find where the path continued on. One of the Toowoomba boys suggested going up a steep overgrown side of a hill. Thankfully one of the other boys who actually had a Mum's look found the goat track on another part of the hill that tragically was just as steep. So naturally we started a tough nugget contest to see who could get to the top the quickest. Jason L was the only person mad enough to take on the challenge. He did so well he scared the rest of the competition away. The climb was divisive as it separated the boys from the men, that is, the boys made it to the top first. Ah youth, I had it once, but then I came down with a case of old. Could be worse I suppose, I could be carrying a 26kg backpack like Phil did.

At the top we were gifted with views of God's own back yard.

It had been worth the hard slog to get to this point alone. But there were still many more rock scrambles and challenges to turn boys into men, and men crying for knee replacements.

At last, we started the very steep descent to Barney Creek Junction. We were greeted at the bottom by our home away from home for the next two nights. It had taken about six hours to reach the camp since we left the car park. Fair dinkum, one of the boys asked, "Where are the cabins?" What can you do but laugh.

We pitched the tents and assigned a squat hole with poo tickets. We found where Barney Gorge joins Barney Creek. The water flowing from the top of mount Barney was so clear that it was designated our source of drinking water. Much exploring was done that afternoon. Jason S lead some of the guys further up Barney Gorge while the rest of the guys relaxed by the creek. It was paradise in the middle of nowhere, and we had it all to

4x4 could get to us, and the only evac option was by chopper. Yes, no one around for kilometers, except for the cicadas and their noisy racket. The guys feasted by an open fire on whatever they were strong enough to carry in, before calling it quits for the night. Thankfully the cicadas decided to stop for the night as well

Zac on one of the rocky scr

Kookaburra's, Australia's answer for the rooster had us up at the crack of dawn the next day.

After breaky we all began rock hopping up Barney Creek to the Upper Portals. We all decided to travel with as little gear as possible. No one carried water. The water was so clear we drank straight from the creek. I'm very glad to say no one got crook.

We weren't too far into the hop before Ben slipped and gave his boots a surprise clean in the creek. Max has a brush with some lantana and Cody had fallen and banged his knee. He was OK, but he was done for the day. If he was hiking out the next day he needed to take it easy. Phil decided he needed a recovery day as well, so they both stayed around the campsite.

Tyronne and Jacob showed off their rock hopping skills to the point everyone wondered if they were part mountain goat.

We only wandered about 12km this day, but it took us nearly 9 hours to reach the Upper Portals and return to the campsite. Everyone had underestimated how much time you need when

you're rock hopping. Talk about hard yakka. I doubt this part of the hike would be part of PAC 19. But it's worth checking out if you get the chance. It's a very tough rock hop through some very spectacular scenery. This group was very privileged to do this, as I'm certain very few people have ever seen this part of the world. We took a break where two creeks met. Lindon and Jason S just soaked in the majesty of the area while the rest of the guys explored.

Most of the group made it to the swimming hole at the Upper Portals. But only Ben, Max and Jason L braved the water and rocks to make it to the other side of the short gorge like section.

I reckon visiting the Upper Portals could be another possible elective.

There'd be 4WD, hiking, scrambling and swimming. There is a campsite there as well. We'll just have to wait and see.

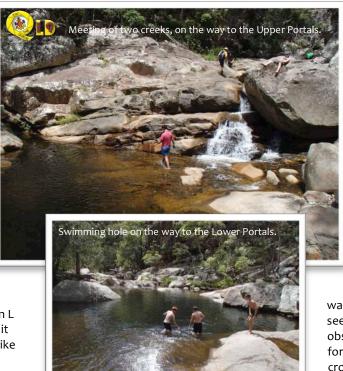
Everyone returned to the campsite a little worse for wear. A thorny bush had attacked Jacob, and young Zac had chosen to ignore good advice, and not wear anything on his feet. He was hobbling around like an old man for the rest of the evening. Jason L was so hungry he was trying to eat a stick. I learnt later that he was actually eating damper.

The cicada's racket finally died down and everyone could finally get some shuteye. They were all spent.

The Rosterburra's had us up at the crack of dawn again.

We set a cracking pace this morning and broke camp at 8am. We were going to follow Barney creek down to the Lower Portals. Like the previous day there was quite a bit of rock hopping, except this time we were doing it with 18kg overnight bags on our backs. God be praised, no one twisted an ankle.

Every now and then the creek would open up into gorge like



sections with towering cliffs and smooth water worn rock, with many swimming holes and water slides.

Because of recent rain, Barney Waterfall had more than it's usual trickle flowing over the edge.

The recent rain also meant that certain sections were harder to get though due to higher water levels. But that didn't stop them. The guys had packed rope and were relishing the chance to use it to get around a deep section of water by going up one of the steep sides of the creek. It

was a fantastic piece of teamwork to see how everyone got around the obstacle. But this was only practice for the main event, the water crossing at the Lower Portals. The challenge is to get through the huge boulders, protect your gear from getting drenched, deal with searing hot rocks burning your feet and swim

across the water, with your gear to the other side.

You'll have to watch the PACed Gear Special video on You Tube to see how they went. We were able to relax in the water and just talk about life for a while. It was a pity that we had to leave this place. Considering the distance, heat and physicality of the hike, everyone had pushed harder than they thought they could. I'm sure everyone realised that they were stronger than they realised. It's been and absolute ripper to have shared this experience with they guys. I love it when I hear someone comment, "Wow, I can't believe you guys did that. Can I come next time!?" Hopefully they can because next time could be PAC 19 in 2017.



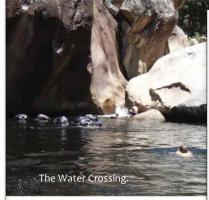
RATINGS

FUN: PAIN IS GOOOOD!

CHALLENGE: Omegas only and fit Leaders

ADVENTURE: We're sure Bear Grylls would approve.









News and Reviews from South East Queensland!







www.facebook.com/groups/bbapac19/



pacamp@brigadeaustralia.org



Channel: Boys Brigade PAC 19



pac19.brigadeaustralia.org



Registration is Open

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, registrations are now open. At last you can Join The Queue for the 19th Pan Australia Camp. There is a new PAC email address and the website has been upgraded and looks fantastic.

Step 1. Start at pac19.brigadeaustralia.org You then need approval from your Captain before you can move to step 2. See FAQs on the last page.

Pan Australia Camps don't just organise themselves. There is a huge team of Boys Brigade Officers and helpers behind the scenes putting these camps together.

You've already been introduced to the State Liaison Officers. Now let us introduce to you the PAC Trinity.

Mr Donald Smith, the PAC 19 Camp Director. He is Mr PA Camp. He has been to every PAC since Max Gray, the father of PAC started the camps back in 1962-63. Don has held numerous PAC roles over the years. Aaron Palmer is Assistant Camp Director and Personnel Director. Think of his position as being similar to Hand of the King. Aaron is one of two BB QLD Deputy Presidents. He is the event coordinator for the QLD Camp "Glengarry Gauntlet" and Captain of 4th Logan Company. His PAC involvement in recent years has included Company CO for Derwent at PAC 17, Company CO for Sturt at PAC 18 and Adjutant for Doohan Company at PAC 16. Jason Knight is the PAC 19 Program Director. Jason is the second BB QLD Deputy President, and is also the BB QLD Secretary.

Ben Harth Promotion and Communication Coordinator.

PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

QLD – Ben Harth- bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org SA – Ollie Jackson- bbsapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org NSW – Reece Newman- bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org VIC – Craig Avery- bbvicpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org TAS – Nicholas Eduljee- bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org WA – Andrew Twine- bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org ACT – Ron Vandergugten- bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

Company Shirts

Everyone who comes to PAC automatically gets one camp shirt and hat. You are required to wear them whenever offsite for PAC activities. But it's next to impossible to wear one shirt 24/7, unless you want to smell like fetid feet all camp. At some point YOU will need to wash your clothes. So you will need another shirt to wear. You can purchase another camp shirt, bring another shirt from home, or some BB companies create their own company shirt. However, it's QLD in the middle of summer; a company singlet, or better yet, a raincoat might be a good idea. You don't need to come up with a company shirt. For some companies it may be a sponsorship deal they made with a business who has donated money to their BB company to help pay for camp fees. Or it's just a cool way to say we are from 1st Brisbane Company. They can become a piece of camp culture and usually end up becoming the shirt that you can sew cloth badges onto. i.e. your State Contingent Badge.





























Packed Gear

= What you should have done before a camp.

PACED GEAR

= Information you need before PAC 19.







Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls. Mount Tamborine.



As I write this, the motorbike is ticking in the garage as the metal cools. I have OC Supertones cranked in the background, a frosty beverage, and I have chocolate.

But it's not just any chocolate. It is chocolate from Chocolate On The Gallery Walk.

What has chocolate got to do with PAC 19?

Chocolate On The Gallery Walk happens to be on Mount Tamborine, the same location as PAC 19. It's a short drive from

the campsite, and is worth visiting at least once. It's a bit on the pricey side. But chocolate this good you nibble gently because the flavor is so good you want it to last forever.

Anyway, the point of the article is to answer the question about Mount Tamborine that everyone, including Eric Idle keeps asking, "What's it like?"

It's a green mountain near a blue ocean with a Gold Coast in the middle. It's advertised locally as the Green behind the Gold.

From a geomorphologicalist perspective I personally think it's more of a plateau rather than a mountain. In the middle of a QLD summer, the average temperature is a bit cooler on Mount Tamborine than the rest of SE QLD.

Getting to Mount Tamborine is a road trip dream. The roads are so much fun, they are magnets for motorcyclists. But you can't have a good road without having somewhere to stop and eat along the way. You have to trust a motorcyclist to know where the good food places are, and if your road tripping to Tamborine for PAC 19, three of the best food places are close by. North of Mount Tamborine is The Bearded Dragon, to the east is the famous Yatala Pies, or if you're going the southern twisty scenic route, the pie shop in Canungra. You'll know you've found the right place because bikes will be lined up outside, and bike paraphernalia will be on the walls. Canungra is also the gateway to Lamington National Park that has the start of the 3 day Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk that finishes in Springbrook National Park.

If you've made it to the top of Mount Tamborine and you're still hungry and thirsty, the top is filled will eateries, drinkeries, distilleries, chocolateries, deli's, fudgeries, cheeseries, sugaries, knick knakeries, crafteries and many other shops and restaurants that can indulge your gastronomic fantasies. There is even a coffee plantation. But there is no McDonalds, KFC, Hungry Jacks or Sizzler. But there is a Subway.

Once you've worked out what you're doing for PAC 19, come to Mount Tamborine early and take time to "Discover" what's on offer. There are many different types of accommodation to choose from.

Mount Tamborine is more than a place for eating, drinking and sleeping. There is Home Base, The Compound, the main campsite for the 19th Pan Australia Camp. The below picture is all you get for now. You can just see buildings to the right of centre at the top of the mountain.



Mount Tamborine was selected for a number of reasons; one of those reasons is its central location to dozens of activities within approximately two hours drive of the main campsite. A few of these potential activities can be seen in the PAC promo videos on the Boys Brigade PAC 19 You Tube channel. Links are also on the PAC 19 Facebook page.

A few of the potential activities at Mount Tamborine are the Skywalk, Glow Worm caves, a golf course, various bushwalks and Thunderbird Park. Thunderbird Park has thunder egg fossicking, horse rides, laser skirmish and a tree top challenge.

No electives or activities have been confirmed yet. That will happen in 2016. All we are doing in showing the potential here in SE QLD. We are out to show the rest of Australia that Boys Brigade 19th Pan Australia Camp is more than theme parks and beaches.

The most important thing about PAC 19 is that we get to share the experience together and marvel at the glory of Gods own back yard in South East QLD.



Q

: How do I register for PAC19?

Step One: pac19.brigadeaustralia.org

Enter your name, contact details and company.

We'll confirm your details with your captain, get your captain's approval for you to attend PAC and send you personalised information on how to perform Registration 'Step Two'. Step Two:

This is when you'll receive your camper number. We'll need you to enter your address and your medical details online and fill in any other indemnity, permission or safety forms required for your PAC adventure! If we need more information from you for your electives we will confirm that you have given us all we need closer to camp.

O

: How can I make payments?

Payments can be made electronically as soon as you have completed Registration Step Two and have your Camper Number. We'll send you an email with the full details.

Q

: How do I get my captain to approve my PAC19 registration?

Tell your captain you are planning to go to PAC 19 and you need him to approve your registration! He will be contacted by the Camp organisers shortly after you've completed Registration Step One.

Q

: When and how do I choose my electives?

Don't worry; we will give you all the Elective information closer to camp.

\bigcirc

: How do I get to camp?

Just like the movie... Planes, trains and automobiles (and busses or bicycles)

Q

: If arriving by plane, how do I get to the camp location?

We're working with the PAC19 Transport Team to have some shuttle bus services from the two closest airports (Brisbane and Coolangatta). You'll be able to book these (and pay for the service) along with your camp fees online. More information about timing and costing will be available closer to camp.

Q

: What style of accommodation is available?

There are both cabin and tenting options available. However, there's no cost difference for you choosing cabins or tents. It's your choice and your adventure!

Q

: When do I have to have my full camp fee paid by?

You will need to pay your Camp Fees according to the PAC19
Payment Installment Plan.

Here is the PAC19 Payment Installation Plan: A deposit (non-refundable) of \$200 must be paid within one month of allocation of camper number.

All payments will be required to be electronic.

Installments will be required to be made:

Installment 1: \$200 non-refundable deposit, within one month of registering

Installment 2: \$150 by 31 January, 2016 Installment 3: \$150 by 30 April, 2016 Installment 4: \$150 by 31 July, 2016

Installment 5: \$340 by 30 November, 2016 - TOTAL CAMP FEE PAID BY THIS DATE

Total camp fee will include payment for ALL EXTRAS – electives, extra camp uniform items and transport to/from airport. If you register after an installment deadline you will be required to pay the relevant cumulative amount at that time (e.g. if register in January, 2016: \$350 initial payment)



: I want to talk to someone more about PAC19. Who do I contact?

Keep a lookout for your latest issue of PACed Gear for all the latest on PAC19!

If you need more, talk firstly with Your Company Captain about your PAC19 questions. If he can't help then contact your <u>Pan</u> Australian Camp State Liaison Officer.

Q: Should I have to cancel my PAC19, how will this happen and how will it affect me?

Should you have to cancel your PAC19 adventure, the Camp Organisers will review your situation and make a decision about where to go from there. There may be a non refundable component of your camp fees (due to deposits being paid etc) but we'll work together with you on making this process as easy as possible.

Q

: What is the minimum age for camp?

If you turn 12 during 2017 then you're good to go!

Q

: Is there going to be a 'Theme Park' day?

Yes!! Which theme park is yet to be finalised but be sure it'll be an exciting day out!



THE CAMP COMMITEE

PAGED GEAL

News, Reviews, Stories and more from South East Queensland!



Issue 7. October 2015



facebook.com/groups/bbapac19/



pacamp@brigadeaustralia.org



Channel: Boys Brigade PAC 19



pac19.brigadeaustralia.org

Introducing Harrison

Hello again. If you've just come out from under a rock, then you may have missed the BIG NEWS, PAC 19 registration is open!

Registration opened September 1st and as of October 16th we have 41 full registered campers. That's a good number for a camp that is over a year away. 27 from QLD, 5 from NSW, 3 from VIC and 6 from WA.

I wanted an interview for this edition. And my hunt lead me to Glengarry, the PAC 19 satellite campsite. What follows is a meeting with a few coincidences. I tracked down Harrison Pilt from 3rd Pine Rivers Company QLD, on day 3 of Base Camp, where he was completing his Level 3 Expedition Badge. Harrison was chosen for the interview because he is the 19th camper that registered for PAC 19. I discovered that day that Harrison is also the Poster Boy for PAC 19. Coincidence, or are greater powers at work here? That's

him in the photo above and you find the poster on Page 3.





I Interviewed Harrison as he and his group were hiking. It was the middle of spring, the hikers were carrying overnight packs, and the daytime temperature hit 34 degrees. What champions! Being Poster Boy has its advantages. Harrison scored some of my water as he was running low due to the heat, and he had the 98.19% possibility of a Buckley's chance of being carried back to base. As we hiked I couldn't help but think that he reminded me of someone else. Then it dawned on the group, Harrison bears a resemblance of a young version of former BB QLD General Manager Rod Adam. Another coincidence?

Harrison has already experienced a PAC, having attended PAC 18 in Victor Harbor 2014. He enjoyed the teamwork activities, mountain biking and made a special mention of how good the food was. He loves playing Soccer and would prefer sports to most other activities. He decided to register for PAC 19 because he thought it would be a fun camp and he could learn more. As a local, I asked him what does he think needs to be at PAC 19? He quickly responded with theme parks, in particular Wet 'n' Wild and Dreamworld. I also asked the rest of the Level 3 hikers and the most popular answer was Theme Parks. We're glad to say it's already been announced that all PAC 19 campers will be visiting one of the theme parks. Since Harrison is an experienced PA Camper, what advice would be give campers who haven't been on a PAC? He said, "Just do it!" Great words from the Poster Boy.

Cheers. Ben Harth. PAC 19 Promotion and Communications Coordinator.

19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

QLD - Ben Harth- bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org NSW - Reece Newman-bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org TAS – Nicholas Eduljee- bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

SA - Ollie Jackson- bbsapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org VIC – Craig Avery- bbvicpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org WA - Andrew Twine- bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org ACT - Ron Vandergugten- bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

Apology

We have to put an apology in for the previous edition. It seems we got something wrong. The camp isn't at Mount Tamborine. It is at Tamborine Mountain.

Kenneth Evans from 1st Beaudesert, the BB Company closest to the PAC 19 Campsite, pointed this out soon after the last PACed Gear edition went out.

Thanks Ken, It's great feedback.

......

We Want Your Stories

It may come as a shock, but Pan Australian Camps are not all about activities, they are about the campers. Yes, the activities are attractive, but it's whom you share those activities with that make them really memorable. We give you plenty of opportunity on camp, but it's campers, like you, that turn that opportunity into stories full of crazy characters, bizarre situations, humor, sadness, adventure and discovery. We want your review and stories. Tall, **PACED GEAR** short, wild or tame. We want to share the feels.





The Boy

The following story is from Sydney PAC X5.

I had chosen to go abseiling and rock climbing for one of my electives. We all did the first 5m abseil. It was like a test to see how we handled heights and abseiling in general before we



moved onto the higher cliffs. Almost all of us made it though the first

All of us, except one. I can't remember, maybe there was more who didn't make it, but this boys' battle stuck in my head. He had tried going over the edge a few times already. You could see the conflict raging a war inside his head. He didn't want to be the only one who didn't get down. He was absolutely determined to get down that cliff. But he was at war with fear. I remember the look in his eyes and the tears on his cheeks.

You could see his internal battle raging. The instructors and offered the boy the quiet dignity of not doing the abseil. But the boy chose no other option, except to go down. The ropes were all good. The instructors were positioned to help, and the boy was surrounded encouragement. One instructor put himself behind the boy, like a safety net, to give the boy the more confidence. The boy lowered himself over the edge for the last time. I could see faith and



excitement build in his face as he discovered he wasn't going to fall. It wasn't over. The instructor moved away from behind the boy. He was now on his own. The battle between fear and determination crept back into his head, and I could see it play out in his eyes. Encouragement from everyone reminded him that he was safe. He steadily made his way down the rope. Finally the boys' feet touched the ground. He had finished the descent on his own. He was the happiest I'd seen all morning. He had achieved something that seemed impossible. It was one of the most epic mental battles of PAC X5. Epic fear vs brute determination. I nominated the boy for PACer of the day. It was a daily award for a boy who pushed the hardest in what ever they did. I'm very glad to say the boy received the award.

I believe this story gives great insight into how Boys' Brigade, Pan Australian Camps, and the activities offered on those camps can benefit the kids. You will not find this kind of personal growth sitting in front of a screen.

The name of the Boy is Sam Hadley. PAC X5 camper ID 223 from 121 Gosford Company. I remembered that because it was printed in the PAC X5 newsletter.

If Sam reads this, perhaps he could write and tell his side of the story.

- PAC X5 Camper No 314.

Do we need a better reason why it's good to share your P.A. Camp stories?



bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org





ne Boys' Brigade Australia







News, Reviews, Stories and more from South East Queensland

Issue 8. November 2015





facebook.com/groups/bbapac19/



pacamp@brigadeaustralia.org



Boys Brigade PAC 19



pac19.brigadeaustralia.org



PACed Gear's gear.

Mum: "Son what do you want for Christmas?"

Stereotyped Son: "I don't know."

Mum: "Do you have all your gear for PAC yet?"

Stereotyped Son: "No"

The big question will be, will the stereotyped son remember to pack it all once he has it all?

The "what to bring to camp list" won't come out until the 2nd half of 2016. So why, with over a year to go before camp, would we bring up the subject of gear now?

By the time the list comes out you may discover at least one item on the list and think, "had I known about that sooner, I would have got it at the midyear sales when it was cheaper."

By letting you know about some of the items now, it gives you just over a years worth of time to keep an eye on all the Christmas, New Years and other sales for gear for camp. We aren't going to cover everything in this issue. We're assuming you, or your Mum knows what to pack as far as personal items, socks, jocks etc. are concerned. Stereotyped Mum may pack too much, while stereotyped son may not pack enough.

We can't tell you all the specialised gear you may need for PAC 19 at this time. But based on prior experience there is a selection of gear that we very highly recommend you bring to PAC. So we're going to look at a few of these recommendations that you will need for PAC 19 from the perspective of a bushwalking instructor, and local Queenslander.

Ben Harth Promotion and Communication Coordinator.

PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

QLD – Ben Harth- bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
NSW – Reece Newman- bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

SA – Ollie Jackson- bbsapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org VIC – Craig Avery- bbvicpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

TAS – Nicholas Eduljee- bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org WA – Andrew Twine- bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org ACT – Ron Vandergugten- bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

PAC Registration is now open to anyone who is turning BB age 12 in 2017. This means if you turn 10 or older in 2015, you can register for the 19th PAC in 2017.

Here it is! The first PACed Gear gear guide, for gear to pack when you go to PAC.

There are six things you need to know about QLD.

- 1. It will be hot.
- 2. It can get wet.
- 3. We have some of the best beaches in the world
- 4. We rule at football.
- 5. We have some of the best hikes in Australia
- 6. No daylight saving. Yay Sleep in!

RAIN GEAR

Good rain protection is a must for any expedition. Rain should be expected when you come to QLD. So far November days have been fine, but big storms roll in during the evenings. I've learned from experience that not all rain gear is equal. If you really like your outdoors then I'll be blunt. Buy Gortex or rain gear made from similar material (i.e. Hipora) if you can afford it. It's tough, reusable, comfortable, packs down fairly small and is waterproof.

I've owned a spray jacket in the past and found they are only water resistant, not water proof. They are only suitable for light occasional showers. At PAC 17, while going up Cradle Mountain, my spray jacket from the big yellow python themed camping shop only resisted water for about an hour before the water soaked through.

Comparing that situation to the weather we get in QLD I don't recommend spray jackets in QLD. If you only go outdoors occasionally the little plastic ponchos or other plastic lined raincoats will do just as well.

They are usually waterproof, but are fiddly to fold up and won't last as long as rain jackets made from Gortex. But they are cheap, and will usually fulfill the job on PAC. An umbrella may be worth the investment.

HOT GEAR

SUNSCREEN. Hopefully that is enough said, but just in case, SUNSCREEN. We have some of the best surf beaches in the world, and sunburn can destroy a good day at the beach, or any activity for that matter. Bring some to camp and put it on or you'll hear the QLD PAC anthem of 'SUNSCREEN' being sung out across the camp by Aaron Palmer in his fine baritone voice.

PAC provides you with a camp uniform cap, (included in your camp fees) but it's it also worth bringing a wide brimmed hat, preferably with a neck string.

When packing clothes for QLD, you should think light breathable clothing that dries easily. The climate is usually hot and humid. Even though activities haven't been announced, it will be certain that you will need long sleeved shirts and pants that can get wet. i.e. canoeing. You could always reapply your strongest water resistant sunscreen every hour, but the best way to prevent sunburn on open water or hikes is to cover up.

Your local preloved clothing store should be able to fill this requirement. I remember in 1999, seeing full shoulder blisters caused by sunburn on ocean kayakers because they weren't wearing sunscreen or shirts. Their good camp experience was essentially over.

Inner sheets are recommended for those warmer nights when you don't want to be in a sleeping bag.

Foot Gear

This is always difficult. Growing feet mean you don't want to spend a lot on shoes just to outgrow them six months later. Shoes also add to your luggage weight when flying. Wear your heaviest pair when traveling by plane to reduce luggage weight. Depending on preferences you'll need at least two pairs of footwear.

1. Good comfortable grippy shoes that you can wear for hikes and general activities.

Make sure your shoes are worn in. You don't want to do a two-day hike in new shoes that your feet aren't used to. The pain from rubbing and blisters can dramatically increase your hike time and decrease your walking speed and enjoyment of the hike. Going a little bigger is helpful because it means you can put on a second layer of socks. Personally I prefer a thick pair of woolen socks, and if I have to double up I usually wear a thin pair of cotton socks underneath. This can help by reducing rubbing that causes blisters, as well as a more secure fit to prevent slipping.

If you really like your hiking, investing in a pair of \$30 Mund socks is worth it.

2. Sandals for around the campsite and water activities.

I personally prefer sandals now as you get the benefit of pluggers/thongs, but the security that they will stay on when you rock hop and wade down a creek.

If you don't like sandals you can bring a pair of good ol' Aussie pluggers to wear around camp. But you will be required to bring and old or cheap pair of shoes that can get wet and muddy. i.e. canoeing, muddy activities, some hikes etc.



With some of the worlds best surf beaches and theme parks on our doorstep it's highly likely, and confirmed in the case of the theme park, that you will get to visit them at least once. The local wildlife in the area is very fit. So you might choose to visit the beaches more than once.

Towel, swimwear and SUNSCREEN (again) is essential for PAC 19. If you're planning to do a lot of outdoor water activities you might consider investing in a rashie.

For other gear refer back to Foot Gear for Sandal and Pluggers, and hot gear for hat and clothes.

I've known of boys who have just brought two pair of boardies as their wet gear, but then wear them as their general around camp clothes.

DAY BAG +

WATER GEAR

I will argue with anyone that a day bag is not highly recommended, it is essential. You will need to bring a day bag to PAC. Weather it's your school bag or a specialized small hiking/cycling pack, your day bag will be your most used piece of equipment. You will use it for almost every activity, even if it's just to carry water, lunch, swimming gear and SUNSCREEN.

Dehydration can really ruin your camping experience. Depending on the activity and your personal perspiration rate, you may need to carry anywhere from 1 – 3 liters of water. You will find that you may drink more than you usually do in the hot qld summer. By the way, if Mount Barney is selected as an elective, you will need to carry a minimum of 3L of water.

I've found Osprey and CamelBack bladders are the best quality, and can fit into almost any bag. Black Wolf Deuter and Carribbee are also good backpack brands.

Specialised hydration packs are expensive. This is where you can save some big money by waiting for the sales.

If you find the sale prices are still too expensive and still want a hydration pack. It may be worth finding a cheap bag that can hold a water bladder and spending a bit more on a separate good quality water bladder. Just make sure you can pack more into your bag than just a water bladder.

The cheapest alternative is your school bag and Sports bottles. Just make sure they don't leak and the top can't pop off.

NIGHT GEAR

Torches are a must for any camp. I don't want to say go and buy the expensive brands, but you do get what you pay for. You'll always have use for a good torch. So it's worth spending money on a good brand.

I was part of a cave elective at PAC V8. By the end of the 3-hour trip only the higher priced headlamps were working. LED head lamps have come along way in regards to brightness and battery life. LED Lenser torches and headlamps are phenomenal. Reece Newman (NSW PACSLO) tells me you may be able to find them cheaper at Bunning's. I've found that Petzl and Black Diamond to be very good torch brands. You can pick up a good once for abound \$80. But if you keep an eye on the sales you can pick one up for about \$30 - \$50. I'm currently investigating Princeton Tec. I'll write a review later.

When you aren't using your torch for ages make sure you take the batteries' out, but keep them close by.

This way you prevent damaging your torch/headlamp if the batteries leak. For most activities a hand held torch is all you need. Don't forget the spare batteries.

Reece Newman has put this idea to me:

If you find any bargains e.g. eBay, or have a gear review, please write in or post it on the PAC 19 Facebook page.

Queensland is hot in summer. The main PAC campsite is on top of a mountain, so the nights may be cooler. You probably wont need anything more than a sleeping bag and inner sheet. Just in case, I'd recommend packing a light jacket.

The camp will supply most of the specialised equipment required for activities. A full PAC 19 equipment list will come out in the second half of 2016.

If campers are required to supply additional specialist gear, we will endeavor to inform you as early as possible so you can search the 2016 – 2017 Christmas and new years sales for those last minute specials.

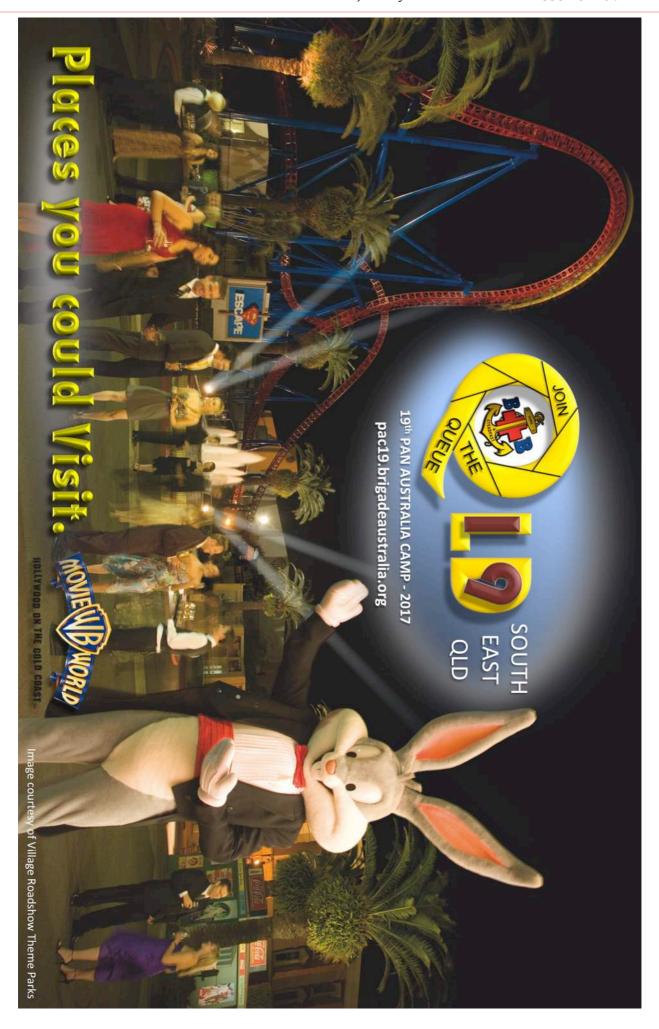
All the State Liaison Officers have been on multiple PA camps and have a good idea about what is essential Pan Australian Camp Gear. But all of us are human, and are prone to forgetting things. Thankfully there are camping shops along the Gold Coast and there is an IGA on Tamborine Mountain. The PAC camp store may have personal items for sale such as toothbrush and deodorant.

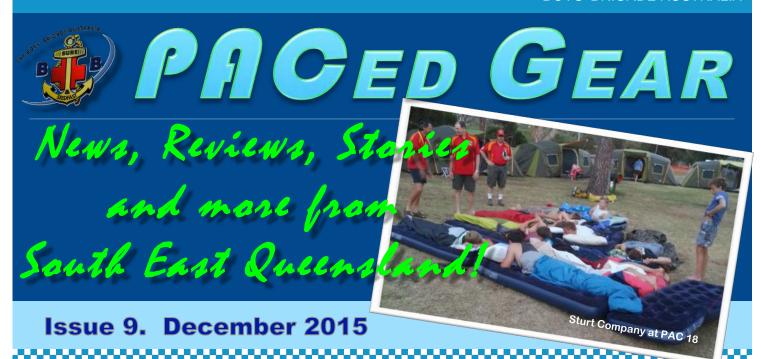
I have a feeling that we will be visiting PACed Gear's gear again in future editions to cover more gear.

Happy Bargain Hunting.

Ben H.

PAC 19 Promotion and Communication Coordinator.







facebook.com/groups/bbapac19



pacamp@brigadeaustralia.org



Boys Brigade PAC 19



pac19.brigadeaustralia.org



The Weather Edition

I've been leading up to this edition for a while. I was at PAC 18 Victor Harbor SA during the heat wave in 2014. Campers were disappointed because many electives were cancelled. It got so hot that South Australia basically shut down. It was all to try and minimise extreme heat related conditions in people and to try and prevent bushfires. PAC 18 organisers worked very hard to find alternate activities, so we still had a lot to do and see.

Anyone who lives in Queensland or has visited Queensland in the summer will know it gets hot. Some campers have expressed concern that heat and other weather phenomenon could see activity cancelations similar to what was experienced in South Australia.

All anyone can do is plan to manage the effects of the weather. If you're mentally and physically prepared, and willing to put up with a bit of discomfort from the heat, or rain, there shouldn't be too many cancellations at PAC 19. IF there are any weather related cancellations. Unusual weather can give you a very different expedition/activity experience. You'll discover an unseen beauty in nature, a toughness and resourcefulness you never thought you possessed and you will experience it with other campers that will have you looking back and asking, "how'd we get through that?!" The best stories are when campers have faced adversity. Campers sleeping outside or in common areas to escape cabin heat during PAC 18 is just one of those stories.

Heat, rain, canceled or changed activities have never spelt the end of a camp. Many topics is this edition are coving the 'what if's' of heat and rain.

PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

QLD – Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
NSW – Reece Newman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
TAS – Nicholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
ACT – Ron Vandergugten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org







<u>Barry Sims</u>

He is the Operations Director for Boys Brigade Australia and Captain of 48th Brisbane Company. That's him in the photo above taken during the Cape Woolamai hike (the PentaPAC Qualifying hike) at PAC 16, Philip Island where he was Camp Company CO for Boronia. He is the safety Coordinator for PAC 19 and was the safety coordinator for PAC 17 and PAC 18. Mr Sims was recently awarded the Doug Adam Medal, Queensland's highest recognition for leadership excellence. Being a true Queenslander, accepted his recognition in bare feet.

Barry's job wasn't easy during PAC 17 and was especially difficult



during PAC 18 because of heat related safety concerns. South Australia is the driest state in Australia and bushfire threats were everywhere during PAC 18. He was busy keeping everyone up to date with activities that needed to be changed or cancelled due to the number of bushfires around Victor Harbor and Adelaide.

experienced several 40+ degree-days. Heysen Company had the privilege of being in Adelaide the day it reached 45.2 degrees. The hottest city on the planet with a population over one million.

Cancelled Activities and Camper Safety

I won't deny it; there was disappointment during PAC 18 at the number of activities cancelled. It wasn't the first choice of the PAC 18 organisers or Barry to cancel some activities. They wanted to run the activities, but the heat-associated risks were too high. Most of the other activities were cancelled by the local operators who were following government regulations to try and prevent bush fires.

One such cancellation happened to Heysen Company on our way to Adelaide. We were given notice that our Flinders Range overnight elective was cancelled the afternoon prior to the activity starting. "Not another bush fire threat" one of the boys called out. Being Adjutant of Heysen, I replied "no it's not a fire threat this time, Flinders Range is actually on fire." There is not much you can do in a situation like that. Thanks to Barry's early warning system we had time to reorganise the boys onto alternate activities. The Water Park electives filled up very quickly, along with Adelaide zoo and the National Motor Museum

Heysen Company was blessed to visit the Mount Lofty lookout when we did, because the next day it too was also on fire.

I spent a few extra days in Tassie after PAC 17. All campers got to visit Cataract Gorge, Launceston as it appeared in the middle picture above. But after a massive rain event, it flooded. Not many campers realised the full extent of flooding in Tasmania towards the end of PAC 17. We were very blessed to be able to see and do what we did without too much interference from the weather.



The temperatures in SA were so high that the rails for the Cockle train in Victor Harbor warped and the locomotive came off the rails.

No camp Safety Coordinator or Organiser could have predicted this would happen. What makes the whole situation bizarre is that a week earlier Victor Harbor and Adelaide were in the middle of mid summer cold snap that had you pulling out your winter woolies.

PAC 19 organisers are all QLD locals and are aware of the atmospheric challenges that may be thrown at the camp. It's important to remember that if an activity is cancelled, it is for camper safety. It's not that organisers think you can't handle it. It's because there is a genuine risk and we want to get you back home in one piece at the end of the camp.



To my knowledge no one was physically affected by the heat thanks to Barry and the rest of the PAC 18 Leadership team.

There a plenty of activities that will happen at PAC 19 and campers shouldn't be too worried by moderate heat or rain. Rain bring forests to life, 4WD driving is more interesting in the mud and swimming holes become a prized oasis.

Since there are slopes in the campsite, I'm going to make a personal suggestion that there should be big rolls of plastic and detergent on standby. A giant slip and slide in the rain. That would be fun!

PAC 18 had been dealt a bad hand as far as extreme weather. But it wasn't the first PAC to have activities affected by weather.

PAC 13, Samford QLD, 1999. It rained heavily for the first 5 days of camp causing some activities to be cancelled or altered. But it sure made the off road go-carts more fun.

PAC 15. Bushfires around Sydney and the Blue Mountains meant some activities were cancelled or changed location. E.g. the advanced caving elective at Bungonia was shifted to Wee Jasper.



PAC 17, 2011, just outside Ulverstone. The storm system that ravaged SE QLD seemed to travel down the entire east coast of Australia. Towards the end of PAC 17 it rained so hard in Tasmania that two dams near the campsite burst and the campsite was in danger of flooding. Everyone was evacuated to the gymnasium in Ulverstone. No one was hurt, but some tents and gear got wet. Campers made the most of the wet conditions prior to the evacuation by having one of the muddiest PAC football games ever. A few days' earlier activity operators, who were Tassie locals, cancelled activities on Mount Wellington, just outside of Hobart due to the cold, wind and rain. This gave us extra time to look around Hobart.

Ben Harth Promotion and Communication Coordinator.



PAC 19 UPDATES

January 1st, 2016. Only 54 weeks until PAC 18 begins.

The committee apologies for the delay in sending though approval for stage 2 registrations. If you want to check on the status of your registration, or need help with going to step 2, your state liaison can help.

Don't forget the state contingent badge challenge is happening for all states. Come up with a design that represents your state that can be turned into a cloth badge to go onto your camp shirt. Let you state Liaison know if you have a submission.

Camper stories have been incredibly slow coming in. We know you come for the activities, but it's the stories about people that you remember. We want your stories, reviews and photos. Give us a laugh. We'll even print up decent jokes as well.

EASTERFEST 2011

I've written his story to emphasis the point that the weather doesn't only pick on Pan Australian Camps.

Event Coordinator's get mentally and emotionally involved in their job. No Event Coordinator likes seeing all their hard work get disrupted because of weather, other situation that's out of their control. Speaking personally as an event person, it brings joy to see others having a good time, despite all the hard work.

I had worked for Easterfest (may it rest in peace) for a number of years in different roles, including Assistant Event Coordinator. I faced my fair share of logistical issues and weather events. Often you could do nothing to prevent it. At best you try and coordinate man power to minimize the damage. The year that Switchfoot first played at Easterfest, a weather phenomenon unlike anything I've ever seen before, hit the festival site in Queens Park Toowoomba. Even now, when I hear "Dare you to move" I am reminded of that night.

A storm cell sat above the park for almost two hours causing localised flooding throughout the festival site as well as flooding the creek at the bottom of the park and flooding throughout the CBD. There was so much rain that the parks gentle grass slopes became waterfalls. Temporary plastic paths floated through the festival site and mosh pits became mud pits before turning into lakes. Water got so high that power had to be cut to most of the venues to avoid electrocution; thankfully we had emergency lights installed. The main festival precinct was evacuated. Camper tents collapsed under the weight of water. We all realised how bad it was when a section of the big 75m long, 25m wide main entry tent collapsed. Thankfully it had been evacuated in time. The section that collapsed was over the main festival shop and the area where the artists relaxed. What makes the story more incredible is that the airport, only 7km away, was bone dry. You can ask Josh Goss from 4th Logan, we were working on the same stage.

That year I was the Head Lighting Technician for the Circus Venue. A mate of mine was Assistant Event Coordinator. I found him wandering near the main entry tent towards the end of the evacuation. I had been in his position before, and I instantly recongnised the look of helplessness.

Now I still believe to this day that God put me there at the right time to comfort him. Because of previous trials and experience I had of previously being an Assistant Event Coordinator I was able to empathise. He has put so much effort into helping organise the festival, only to see it evacuated and parts of it destroyed. I remember him asking "What are you doing God?"

We couldn't remember the bible verse at the time, but we knew we were being tested. I found the verse a few weeks later.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sister, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish it's work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." JAMES 1: 2 - 4.

This verse has become a personal favorite.

The festival continued the next day in an extended street festival format. The vibe seemed stronger than ever because of the adversity that the festivalgoers and organisers had over come to ensure that the celebration of God would continue.

We do have some suggestions if your activity is affected by extreme heat or rain.

Things to do on a HOT PAC 19 day.

- 1. Sweat
- 2. Carry extra water and sunscreen.
- 3. Pick a different activity that is available.
- 4. World class Gold Coast beach's.
- Wet n Wild, White Water World, Cinemas or Ice-skating, if available.
- 6. Badge swap
- 7. Visit the PAC 19 camp shop for an icy cold beverage.
- Write an article for the camp newsletter about your PAC adventures.

Things to do on a WET PAC 19 day.

- 1. Get off the devices and talk to each other.
- 2. Catch up on devotions
- 3. Cards
- 4. Pick a different activity that is available.
- 5. Enjoys the relief from the heat. Go outside and get wet.
- 6. Get outside and have a muddy game of football.
- 7. Slip and Slide.
- 8. Put on your rain gear and experience what it's like to hike or camp in the rain. It's not that bad. You may not see the views from lookouts, but places like Lamington and Springbrook N.P. come alive in the rain.
- 9. Wet Volley Ball Competition.
- 10. Visit the camp indoor games area/café
- 11. Wet n Wild or White Water World (if available)
- 12. Badge swap.
- Write an article for the camp newsletter about your PAC adventures.

.....



'n



With the PACed Gear pet.

Grampa



One of the most common questions about any Pan Australian Camp is, "what will the weather be like?" That's a fair question. You'd assume that because PAC is in the middle of summer it would be hot. This is not always the situation. i.e. the middle of a Tassie summer means you should pack two jumpers. So here are a few questions and answer about weather in the sunshine state.



: How much does it Rain in Queensland?

For a state that is nicknamed the 'sunshine state', there can be a fair amount of rain. It flooded in 1974, 2011 and again in 2013. Big rain and flood events are rare occurrences. There's an average of 14 wet days around SE QLD/Tamborine Mountain during the month of January. It's what some may call Cockatoo Weather, dry during the day, wet at night. So pack a raincoat.



: What happens if my elective is cancelled because of the weather?

Hopefully this question has been answered this in this issue. There are heaps of potential activities in SE QLD, around 140. More than one person could do in their time at PAC. Not all possible activities will become electives. Some may be kept as back up in case of cancelations. Of course the weather may also affect what backup activities are available. You just might have to choose what is available.

What hasn't been mentioned is when an activity may be cancelled due to lack of camper numbers required to run the activity. If this happens you will be informed hopefully before camp starts.



Canoeing Lake Joyce in the Rain.





: How hot is S.E. Queensland?

My usual response is, it's hotter that a shearers armpit. But I've been told that won't help in preparing what to pack for PAC. Average summer high temps around the Gold Coast are around 39 degrees with lows of around 25 degrees. Tamborine Mountain has highs of around 38 degrees and lows of 17 degrees.

Depending on the activity and its location, you could experience temperatures just above 40 degrees. If you take the right precautions, heat shouldn't stop outdoor activities. We tested this in January 2015 with a hike to Barney Creek, (Read my review in PACed Gear Issue 5) where temperatures hit 40 degrees. The heat was uncomfortable but we put up with it because the destination was worth it. As long as you're prepared with the right sun protection and lots of Adams Ale (water to you townies), you should have plenty of fun in the sun

Don't forget the BO buster or you'll be off like a bucket of prawns in the sun.



: Will I need a jumper for PAC 19?

The main campsite in on top of the Tamborine Mountain has recorded lows of 11 degrees at night in the middle of summer. Yes, you may need a jumper for PAC 19. It's unlikely you'll use it, but it's best to be prepared.



: Will we get flooded at Mount Tamborine?

The campsite is on a Mountain; so I doubt this will happen. But water will pool anywhere the ground forms a bowl shape.







Spirit Filled Camp

Welcome to 2016. It's less than twelve months before PAC 19 begins.

Boys Brigade is unashamed about its object of the advancement of Christ' kingdom among boys, and men. PA Camps continue that mission. I said in the very first PACed Gear that PAC is programmed in a way to break you out of your normal routine and to challenge you.

A PA Camp is usually programmed and structured around 4-8 companies. Each company is divided into smaller cabin/tent groups. There is a cabin leader and an Officer who are the first point of contact for the cabin/tent group. Your cabin officer is also the one who usually leads your groups' devotions.

The spiritual side of PAC is never boring. A Spiritual Director (aka Head Chaplain) writes a special themed study for the camp.

Each camp company has it's own chaplain who can answer your spiritual questions, be there for a chat, or help you gain further insight into the spiritual directors studies. You never know where you could end up having devotion, or what insight and experience your fellow BBers will bring to these discussions. You may be challenged, or you may be the one whom God uses to challenge someone else or help someone understand Jesus a little bit better.

Marty was the chaplain for Heysen Company at PAC 18. When Heysen campers were asked what one of their highlight from PAC 18 was a lot of campers said Marty and his devotion's and conversations. A lot of the campers from Heysen Company will remember his nighttime 'Shake, Break and Glow' devotion on the Victor Harbor beachfront.

You may go for the activities, but you remember the people and conversations.

PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

QLD – Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org SA – Ollie Jackson. bbsapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org NSW – Reece Newman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org VIC – Craig Avery. bbvicpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org TAS – Nicholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org WA – Andrew Twine. bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org ACT – Ron Vandergugten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

Que Influential People

You never know the kind of people you'll meet at PAC. You may end up changed.

I met one of the most influential people in my life at a PAC 15, Stanwell Tops NSW 2005. His name is Rhys McFadden; he was the camp head chaplain, and a fellow Queenslander. In a nutshell, I was inspired by his passion for ministry and came to understand that it is important to have direction in life and 'Stand for Something,' Jesus.

He had a down to earth sense of humor and joked that he practiced the ministry of laying hands, repeatedly. It doesn't make sense until you learn he was a member of Gods' Squad Christian Motorcycle Club. He and the Squad ministered to those whom the general public would dismiss as too hard to reach. Rhys is a tough nugget, but not so though that he couldn't afford to care. I remember his passion about Christ and life in general. He gave the campers and the camp his all. His God inspired passion gave him seemingly limitless energy on camp. I think that helped him a lot because I don't think he got a lot of sleep during the camp. He always seemed to be up and preparing for the day before anyone else, and was almost always one of the last to go to bed because he was up late talking God and life with campers and leaders.



I was part of the property protection team, headed up by Nicholas Eduljee (PAC 19 Tassie SLO) I though we were the most sleep deprived team at camp, until I talked with Rhys and learned what he was doing on camp. I had no right to complain about lack of sleep.

Rhys brought with him the motto I've heard used in association with God's Squad, "Stand for Something or Fall for Anything." This was also the title of the study series he wrote for PAC 15. His studies and talks during camp worship sessions highlighted how the world can influence you without you realising. We are in a subtle battle. The world would influence you to believe that consumerism, worldly experience, peers and putting self first, amongst other influences are OK, when in fact they can have a negative influence in your life, unless you stand for something, and that something is Jesus.

Rhys' study inspired you that Jesus was worth standing up for. He wasn't just some hippie who wore sandals and a robe. He is savior for all who would receive him. Rhys also followed in Christ footsteps by creating relationships with people. Thus why he was up early and to bed late almost all the way though PAC 15. He was there for the boys, and fellow leaders. He did with boys brigade what he did with Gods Squad, he met with people where they were and ministered to them in a way they could understand. He only those precious few days at camp to carry out Gods Work. But that work will have influenced many for life as evidenced by the fact that I am writing this now, and by reading this you might also be influenced.

There is also something about motorcyclists that is a bit rebellious and countercultural that finds parallels when you think about Christian's living in this world. Oh, and speaking of motorcycles, he has definitely been an influence in my life when it comes to those beautiful and brutal chromed metal steeds of the roads.

Cheers. Ben H.

QLD A PAC 18 Spiritual Story

Leading up to PAC 18, I've been informed that I will be Adjutant for Heysen Company. It's a position that doesn't allow much sleep. Heysen Company was staying at Nunyara in Adelaide, and I had joined a group of boys, who

were from different parts of Australia and were engaged in a conversation regarding spiritual gifts, personality types and who makes a better evangelist.

Midway though the conversation it was time for lights out. As adjutant I knew I should see to my duties and make sure campers were going to bed. But my ministry experience told me I could not leave this conversation yet. I wasn't sure another leader could come in and continue the conversation without all the insight of what had already been discussed. These kids were on fire and if we postponed the conversation for another time, I doubt we would have been able to pick up the topics with the same intensity. Thank you Derek and the other Heysen Company officers for all your help in getting the campers to bed while I stayed in the conversation.

I'm not sure we concluded every topic in a way that satisfied everyone, but I'm pretty sure some point got accros while I hope the passion from that night inspired them to find answers in their own time. Introverts can be just as effective at ministry as extroverts; they just have a different way of doing it. The boys were surprised to learn that I am an introvert. It was a real world example that I know challenged their preconceptions about personality and ministry.

God gives spiritual Gifts to those who can use them to benefit Gods' glory. Many different parts make up a body and all have a different purpose for one goal. There is so much emphasis on Tongues that I pointed out that there are other gifts mentioned, 1 Corinthians 12: 28 speaks of gifts of administration, 1 Corinthians 12, of Wisdom, faith, knowledge, very common gifts that are used by followers of Christ that are often under rated because we attribute them to the doing of Man. I believe God was present that night and had granted the gift of wisdom. I had never been able to keep a conversation of that level going for so long while preventing kids from shutting down because they were having their preconceived ideas challenged. Despite my sleep deprivation we didn't finish until about 1:30am. I think I now have an idea of what Rhys went thought during PAC 15.

Cheers. Ben H.





Worship

There is always a rally at PAC.

They are one of the few times that PA Campers gather together as a single collective group. They are a great time for catching up with other campers and discovering what everyone has been up to.

Sometimes it's every night, sometimes it's only at the start and end of camp. These nights are usually lead by a local church band and are full of praise and worship and where the head camp chaplain speaks and gives further insight into the daily studies we do in our cabin/tent groups. Sometimes a special guest Band will perform. We were blessed to have Compliments of Gus for PAC 16 and The Lee Cunningham Band for PAC 18.









Devotions beside the Yarra

River, PAC 16













PAC 19 UPDATES

Less than 52 weeks until PAC 19 begins. It will be here before you know it.

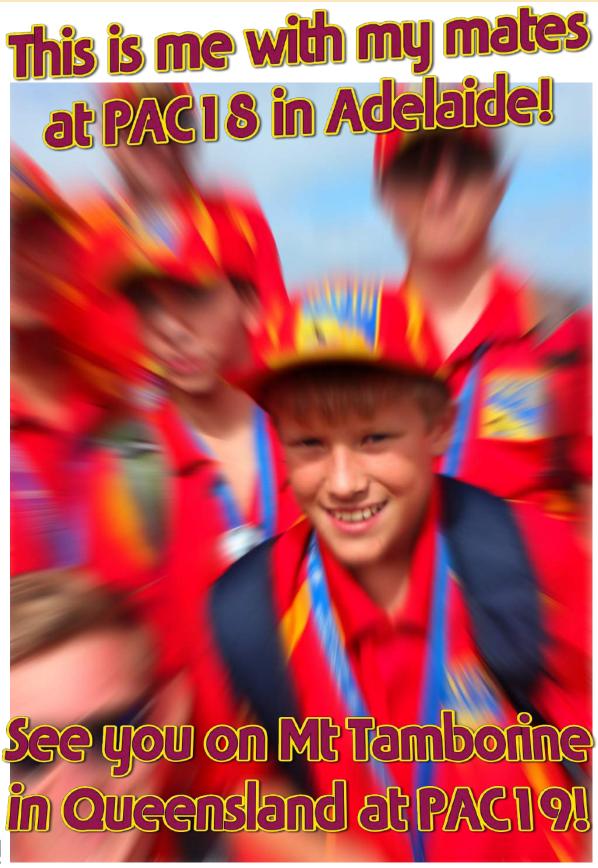
Don't forget the state contingent badge challenge is happening for all states. Come up with a design that represents your state that can be turned into a cloth badge to go onto your camp shirt. Let you state Liaison know if you have a submission.

Camper stories have been incredibly slow coming in. We know you come for the activities, but it's the stories about people that you remember. We want your stories, reviews and photos. Give us a laugh. We'll even print up decent jokes as well.





he Boys' Brigade Australia



19th Pan Australian Camp - January 13 to 22, 2017 pac 19. brigadeaustralia.org





Personnel Director Aaron Palmer and Camp Director Don Smith at the 2016 QLD BB Leaders Breakfast.

Have you ever done an assignment where you've completed most of it, but then you've had to rewrite it because you discover new information that changes everything. If this hasn't happened to you it's because you left the assignment until the last minute, again! Well, a similar thing happened to me with this issue. I was ready to release it, and then a whole bunch of information popped up at the QLD BB Officers Breakfast, forcing a rewrite. It's a good thing I set my own deadline each month. The great thing about this issue is we stop talking about PAC potential, and start talking PAC actual.

I want to thank Peter Wiseman, the BB Australia Website administrator. He isn't on the PAC 19 committee, but he has helped by putting PAC 19 forms and links on the website.

I also want to welcome John Hopper to the promo team. You've already seen some of his work including the Buddy the Elf PAC meme and most recent info brochure. He and I are also putting our heads together to bring you an upcoming PACed Gear video special highlighting the Gold Coast and Tamborine Mountain. Any Queenslander or Northern New South Welsh man who wants to be involved, contact me, Ben, your friendly neighborhood PAC man at bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org. We are aiming to do this over one weekend in April or May 2016.

If you've checked out the PAC 19 YouTube channel, you'll hopefully have seen the PACed Gear Special on Glengarry. In the video is Josh Goss from 3rd Gold Coast, aka "the Velociraptor guy." He is known locally for many things, including his involvement with BB QLDs Basecamp where he is an Adventurous Journey Supervisor. He is taking up the reigns as Coordinator for outdoor expeditions, and wait for it, OVERNIGHT EXPEDITIONS!!!

Camp Director Don Smith mentioned a piece of news so casually at the QLD BB leaders breakfast that I almost missed it. Don has put out a call for QLD Officers and leaders to help with the various PAC 19 roles, including the welcoming committee and the '**Open Day**.'

Catching up on registration has become number one priority. Assistant Camp director/Personnel Director, Aaron Palmer as been working on this area.

Cheers.

Ben Harth. PAC 19 Promotion and Communication Coordinator.

PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

QLD – Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

NSW – Reece Newman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

TAS – Nicholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

ACT – Ron Vandergugten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

PAC Planning Time Frame

The number one request regarding PAC 19, or any past PAC, has been we need more info, and the number 1 question is what activities are going to be at PAC 19? This won't be announced for a few months. We've got to be patient and wait because this is normal.

In this day and age we have access to almost everything almost immediately. Food, water and electricity at our fingertips; Worldwide information, entertainment and social media and commentary is available at the tap of a screen icon. Admit it, you've Twittered while sitting on the toilet, or at least updated your Facebook status. It's so easy to share information about events.

A champion person, or a group of champion people has been working hard to gather the information and plan that event that people are so keen to hear about and share. I think that in a world where everything seems to be ready and available right now, we sometimes forget that the good things in life take time. PAC 19 Program Director, Jason Knight has shared a media release with PACed Gear regarding PAC 19 programing. A lot of this is comeing out in the March edition of PACed Gear.

In preparation for this I've taken a look over past Pan Australian Camps and tried to put together a general time frame of event and announcements leading up to a PAC.

End of PAC. Announcement made, or hint given about location of

next PAC in 3 years time.

2 years before. State and general camp location confirmed,

Registration opens within 6th months. Camping deposit paid. Camp committee is researching camp

activities.

1 year before. Campers start organising travel arrangements.

Campsite Confirmed, a big announcement might be announced regarding a camp activity. Hints about camp activities and electives may be given. Regular camp payments are being made throughout this time.

3 – 4 months Electives list sent to campers. Camp roles are being offered to officers. Program info may be sent out.

2 – 3 months Elective choices and final camp payment due.

0 – 3 Months Electives, camp company, final timetable, may be

confirmed. Generally the busiest time when we see the most information being processed by camp organisers

and attendees.

Within 1 Month

Some campers start road tripping to PAC location.

Farplug sales skyrocket so people can sleep on the

Earplug sales skyrocket so people can sleep on the bus

bus.

13 January 2017 PAC 19 Tamborine Mountain Begins.

This is a general time frame based on my personal experiences with Australian Camps Since 1999. There will always be variations and exceptions with planning events i.e we will be announcing some significant program information in March 2016, almost 10 months before PAC 19 is due to start.

Below are camper numbers for those who have completed step 1 and 2. If you're still waiting for a reply, keep an eye on your inbox. Camper numbers as of $23^{\rm rd}$ February.

QLD	NSW	VIC	TAS	ACT	SA	WA	Total
38	16	6	4	3	0	9	76



Saw, Giant drop, Tower of Terror 2, Cyclone, Wipeout, Mick Doohan's motorcoaster and The Claw. I've only got Pandamonium and Tailspin to do, and then I can say I've done all 9. Mmm, I can taste the vomit in the back of my mouth already.





But it's not all adrenaline. There's Tiger Island, train and paddleboat rides, Dream Time Corroboree, DreamWorks areas featuring Shrek, Kung Fu Panda and Madagascar. The all-new V8 Experience that has just opened in 2016. There's even rides that might get you wet, like the Rocky Hollow log ride and Thunder Rapids. Actually that's a half-truth, depending on where you sit Thunder rapids will get you soaked. You could spend all day here and still not do everything. Why are we telling you this? Because





EVERYONE will get to visit this theme park, and it's included in your PAC 19 camp fee. Don't forget your day bag and some extra spending money for souvenirs. I wonder what is planned for the other themes parks?



The *Green* behind the *Gold*



We teased an image of the main campsite a couple of months ago. Now we have the pleasure of announcing,

!!!THE MAIN CAMPSITE!!!

The QCCC, Queensland Conference and Camping Centre

On Tamborine Mountain, 255 Beacon Road North Tamborine 4272. Nestled right on the edge of the mountain next to John Dickson Conservation Park. It is four Campsites in the one area that will come together to become Home base for the 19th Pan Australian Camp. There are 287 beds divided amongst the various cabins. Some of the cabins have ensuites while other have a shared amenities block. There are large areas for tent based camping and sports.



At the centre of the PAC 19 site is the 600+ seat W.E.C. auditorium.

So there is no shortage of room.





The choice of this campsite is a contributing factor to the cost of PAC 19. But it's quality and central location for activities around Tamborine Mountain, the Gold Coast and Scenic Rim make it an ideal location to establish home base for a camp.

It is also very close to spectacular views over the scenic rim as well as

close to the start of the Witches Chase Track, Witches Falls, lookout and Witches chase circuit. It's also a much shorter walk to the Main St shops than the previous PAC.







QLO

QCCC History

QCCC Tamborine started in 1971 as a youth camping site and in 1978 infrastructure was built to create the "Tamborine Baptist Convention Centre", one of the many partners with the neighboring Keswick Convention Centre. From its early days of hosting Baptist pastors and convention guests at Tamborine Lodge to the hundreds of school, church, and community groups that come through its venues today, QCCC Tamborine continues in the proud, centuries-old Christian tradition of caring for the weary and providing food and accommodation for the traveller.

Onsite Activities

We try and use our experience BB Leaders where possible to help run the activities and expeditions. Onsite activities are different because some may have specialist set up, and require specific training, awareness and equipment. Almost every campsite like QCCC has an arrangement for a outdoor adventure company to come in and facilitate these activities. For QCCC and PAC 19 this company is Vertec Adventure. Vertec Adventure is our outdoor education provider and their highly qualified instructors offer many activity options, making the most of Mount Tamborine's unique charms. Their activities are suitable for a wide variety of

skill levels, age ranges and group

types.

Vertec Adventure's activities include: Archery, Climbing Wall, Leap of Faith, Bushwalking/Bush Skills, Water Slide, Orienteering, Survivor Challenge, Team Building and GPS Challenge. There is also a campfire pit, Basketball hoops and ping-pong tables



Cheers. Ben Harth.

PAC 19 Promotion and

Communication Coordinator.

QLD PAC SLO.



NSW TRAVEL NEWS

To the NSW guys that are going on PA Camp, Qantas have now opened up the 13th January 2017 for flights and the others can be booked 9 months in advance so a few more months to decide. For the return though you would have to wait till the end of the camp for the flight costs.

We also should be running a coach up to the camp so that is another option. Stay tuned.

Also for the artistic guys State contingent badge designing can be sent to me and there will be a prize for the best design and do we want to also do a NSW shirt for everyone that is going to camp????

Reece Newman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org







Personnel Director Aaron Palmer at the PAC 18 Surf Elective

Have you registered for PAC yet?

Aaron has been calling up every captain in Australia and letting them know about PA Camp. In some cases it's like talking with old friends.

"Gee up some enthusiasm. Talk to someone who has been to a PA Camp, talk to someone who wants to go to a PA camp. Gee everyone up. PA Camps are a lot of Fun. It's all about creating a unique brotherhood, and sisterhood, of Brigaders across Australia and the world. There are Scotsman, Tongans, New Zealanders, and all sorts of people who are interested. Push yourself. It a lot of fun and definitely worthwhile."

-Aaron Palmer Assistant Camp Director and Personnel Director

Guys who have been on Pan Australian Camps have many reasons for going. The activities are usually a big incentive. Almost everyone who has been to a PAC will say it's a once in a lifetime experience and they are glad they went. It can be hard to describe what you get from PAC because everyone comes away from PAC having gained different, new life experiences, lessons, new personal bests, etc. I love seeing everyone getting in and having a good time regardless of age, state (football excepted) and country. I think the best thing

is seeing what the activities and discussions bring out of everyone who goes to camp. PAC is the perfect place to be challenged physically, mentally and spiritually while being surrounded by your brothers in Christ.

-Ben H.

PAC 19 Promotion + Communication Coordinator



PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

QLD - Ben Harth, bbgldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

SA - Ollie Jackson, bbsapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

NSW - Reece Newman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org VIC - Craig Avery. bbvicpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org TAS - Nicholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org WA - Andrew Twine. bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

ACT - Ron Vandergugten, bbactpacsto@brigadeaustralia.org

BOYS' BRIGADE AUSTRALIA

STRALIA From Program Director: Jason Knight

AMANOU

PAC19 STARTS

Campsite Registrations open @ 12:00pm please don't arrive before this time Transfers available from Gold Coast and Brisbane Airports - details out soon PAC19 Program starts @ 4:45pm

PAC19 FINISHES

PAC19 Program finishes @ 9:30am Transfers available to Gold Coast and Brisbane Airports - details out soon All campers must be offsite by 12:00pm



14 January 2017





WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY & THURSDAY, 19 JANUARY

ELECTIVE SELECTION FORMS AVAILABLE MID-2016!!!

Design a package of PAC Electives that suits you! Select from a suite of activities that offer a variety of experiences across the 4 sides of the BB program. PAC Electives can be packaged as:

4 HALF-DAY ELECTIVES

2 FULL-DAY ELECTIVES

1 TWO-DAY ELECTIVE

2 HALF-DAY + 1 FULL-DAY ELECTIVES

When available, Selection Forms will be released to Campers upon reaching the required payment threshold. Allocation sof activities will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

FRIDAY JANUARY ALPHAS GAUNTLET

A two-day program for Alphas, 12 - 14 BB Age, based at our Tamborine Mountain campsite

SATURDAY JANUARY

fun+challenge+Strive+friendShif

OMEGAS BREAKOUT

A two-day program for Omegas, 15 - 18 BB Age, based at BB QLDs Glengarry Education Centre Campsite, on the shores of Atkinson Dam.



UPDATED PAC 19 PAYMENT PLAN

If you're all ready registered and making payments, you don't need to worry about this new payment schedule. As a way of helping campers pay off their camp fees in a financially responsible manner (and not have to find the full \$990, in one hit at the end of November), and ensuring that the Camp Organising Committee have money to pay all of those bills that need to be paid before camp, we ask campers to be mindful of the following payment plan:

INSTALMENT 1 (Non-Refundable Deposit) ... **\$200** to be paid within one month of Registration Step 2 being finalised to confirm your Registration

INSTALMENT 2 ... **\$200** by 30 April 2016 INSTALMENT 3 ... **\$200** by 31 July 2016 INSTALMENT 4 ... **\$390** by 30 November 2016

Regardless of your progression through the payment plan, all camp fees (including any additional levies - like any extra fees for electives, orders for extra camp uniform items and airport transfers fees) must paid by 30 November 2016, We don't want to see you miss out, but if you miss the deadline you risk your place at PAC19.

Receipts will be issued for payments made - these will start to flow out soon.

Banking details are as follows:

Bank : Commonwealth Bank of

Australia

Account Name : Pan Australian Camp –

The Boys Brigade Australia

BSB: 062 262 Account No.: 1017 4377

Description: (Your camper number)



As we progress towards 13 January, there are a number of things we still need to lock down...you know small things like choosing electives, confirming your accomodation preferences, submitting medical forms, letting us know your shirt size and hat size, etc.

At our last PAC19 Organising Committee Meeting, we confirmed the following milestones:

- 1 **Elective Selection Forms** will by issued to campers <u>once they have paid \$350 of their Camp Fee.</u> As mentioned in the Program Announcement on page 2 of this PACed Gear, electives will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so make sure you hit the \$350 mark early to ensure you can choose from the full range of electives. Selections will be made electronically, via a Google Form so please make sure the email address on the system is correct. The first Elective Selection Forms will be distributed after the Easter School Holidays
- 2 **Accomodation Confirmation** ... When you registered, you were asked to indicate a preference as to whether you wanted dorm or tent accomodation at PAC19. When you have paid \$600 of your Camp Fees, you will have the opportunity to lock in an accomodation style. As is the case with elective selections, allocations will be made on a first come, first served basis, so if the available tent spaces fill before you get to the payment milestone, you will miss out and vice versa

Medical Forms + Shirt Size + Hat Size ... These will all be gathered via a form to be distributed on, or about, 1 October. This information, as well as the completion of you payments secures your place at PAC19.

THE PENTAPAC AW ARD

The PentaPAC is a really easy award to achieve on camp, if you give the camp everything you've got. You can only get one by attending a Pan Australian Camp. You have to complete all 5 parts for Gold, but only 4 (one of which has to be devotions) to get silver. See PACed Gear News issue 3 for more information.

PAGED GEAR SPECIAL

PAC 19 PACed Gear video Specials including the PAC 19 Promo video can be seen on **YouTube**. Just search for Boys Brigade PAC 19. As well as the promo video there is Blow carting, Barney Creek (paced Gear Special 1.2) a PAC 18 story told by two Toowoomba BB'ers, Paced Gear Glengarry special, 'What is Motorkhana?' and a few promos from past PA camps. There will be more to following including Tamborine Mountain and the Gold Coast

Contingent Badges

Don't forget the State contingent badge challenge is still happening. Draw, paint, or create a computer design of what you would like to see turned into a cloth badge to represent your state at the next Pan Australian Camp.



Right next door, two minutes walk from the entry gate of Dream World is White Water World. On Theme Park day you will be able to go between White Water World AND Dream world. And it's included in your camp fees!

I think Grampa "the Old Man Emu" was in charge of naming the slides here. With names like "The Bro," "The Wedgie," "The Little Ripper" and "The Rip.' The park has a very Occer flavor. Grampa reckons you'll have a beaut time hitting the slides while you try and stop your cheeks eating your boardies.



"The Green Room." Towering 20 metres above the ground, the specially designed 4 person cloverleaf tube accelerates riders from a 75-metre tunnel to a 15-metre funnel before literally dropping out! Riders are thrown into the upper hemisphere, off back-to-back "vertical" banks before a needle-nose splashdown that will give the most hardened of thrill seekers the chills.

Looking on line, "The Rip" appears to be unique to White water world. Launch from the 16-metre tower into 12 metres of pitch-black



terror before blasting into a massive bowl of White Water's best. After the massive whirlpool of high-speed revolutions, riders are sucked into the corkscrew core, blasted through a huge curtain of water to experience a



momentary weightlessness before launching into the plunge pool below

"The Triple Vortex" looks like another slide that is unique to White Water World. It is the hottest high capacity tubing ride on the planet! Its compact design and adventure riding experience winds riders

through dark serpentine tunnels and multiple open funnels! Of course there are plenty more slides as well as relaxing pools to help cool off on those hot Queensland summer days.



Below are camper numbers for those who have completed step 1 and 2. If you're still waiting for a reply, keep an eye on your inbox. Camper numbers as of 13 March.

QLD	NSW	VIC	TAS	ACT	SA	WA	Total
46	21	9	4	3	0	9	92



Join The Que!









Kajarabee Company. Brisbane Botanic Gardens

PAC 19 WILL BE MY FIRST PAC.

Year after year I've been watching my two older brothers and my father go off to Pan Camps and have all the fun, meanwhile I do jobs in a house full of girls, but next year the girls have to do my share of jobs. Now I don't have to watch my brothers and father have all the fun. I get to go and have the fun too. I will be old enough to go to Pan 19. I am looking forward to meeting new friends and seeing old ones. I am also looking forward to all the fun activities we are going to do.

I've already registered so next I will have to make sure I have the right equipment. Add that to my birthday and Christmas wish list. I'll be very busy this year with all the fundraising for Pacia. I also need to save up some extra money for my electives and spending while on camp. Can't wait for the elective list to come out so I can be even more excited for camp. Maybe I can check out what happened last time so I will have some idea as to what might be happening this time.

I can't wait till I get to stay awake pretty late!!

I am so excited I want to start PACking now.

I hope there will be things like Laser tag, Archery, Abseiling, Surfing, and I'm so happy they have booked us into Dreamworld and White water world.

Hopefully this year will go by really fast so that PAC is here sooner! Will I see you all there?

By Eli Jaedyn Eduljee. (camper number 42) BB 11, 2016

PAC 19 STATE LIAISON CONTACI

QLD – Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org SA – Ollie Jackson. bbsapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org NSW - Reece Newman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org VIC - Craig Avery. bbvicpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org TAS – Nicholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org WA – Andrew Twine. bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org ACT - Ron Vandergugten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org



PAC 19 ACTIVITY IDEAS



The committee has been searching for months, even years for activities to make this camp memorable for everyone who attends. Many have read of a list I typed up (see PACed Gear Edition 2. April 2015) with 140 activities on it. Here is that list of South East QLD activities that I thought would be awesome to have at PAC 19. I am assured by Program Director Jason Knight that many (but not all) of these activities will be part of the final elective list, along with extra surprises not found on this list. The final elective list will be announced sometime after the Easter Holiday's. (O.N. = Overnight expedition)

Rainforest Sky Walk

Thunderbird Park Treetop Challenge

Laser Skirmish

Tamborine Mountain Pony Trail rides

Mini Golf

Thunder egg fossicking

Witches Falls Circuit

Curtis Falls and Joalah Walk

Rainforest walk trail

Palm Grove and Jenyns Circuits

Knoll walking track

Cedar creek

Glow Worm Caves

Hot Air Balloon

Mt Barney West Peak

Hang Gliding

Pterodactyl Helicopters

Mt Greville

Mt Edwards

Mt French

Mt Marcon

Lower Portals

Mt May

Mt Barney Gorge junction O.N.

Mt Barney Upper Portals O.N

Mt Barney Rum Jungle O.N.

Skull Camp O.N. expedition

SPRINGBROOK N.P.

Twin Falls circuit

W arrie Creek Circuit

Best of All Lookout

Purling Brook Falls Circuit

The Cougals

Cougal Cascades

Natural Bridge

4 W heel Driving

Mount Warning

Springbrook Research Observatory

Paradise Country. Aussie Farm Tour

Museum of Australian Military Intelligence Section of Gold Coast Great Walk O.N.

Stretcher Track to Stinson Wreck O.N.

West Cannum Creek Circuit

Dave's creek Circuit

Gwongoorool Pool

Caves Circuit

Coomera Gorge

Illinbah Circuit

Mt Joyce rec Area Mountain Biking

Mt Joyce Hike

LAMINGTON N.P.

Flinders Peak Hike

W yarralong Dam Canoe O.N.

W yarralong Canoe day trip

Rock Climbing O.N.

Rock climbing abseiling day trip

Indoors rock climbing

Climb Q1

(tallest building on the Gold Coast)

Australian Outback Spectacular

Fish the Deep.

Game Over

Surf World Gold Coast Museum

Honey World

Tropical Fruit World

David Fleav Wildlife Park

Dracula's Haunted House

Ripley's Believe It or Not.

Currumbin Wild life high ropes

Infinity

W ax Museum

Adrenaline Park

Tîme zone

King Tutt Putt Putt

AMF Bowling

AMF Lazer Skirmish

Race Centre Simulator

Gold Coast Jet Boat

Gold Coast Botanic Gardens

Chus Super Stadium Tour

Metricon Stadium Tour

Mudgeeraba War Museum

Movies

Kingston Park Go Karts

Gold Coast Go Karting

Shopping

Skating/rollerblading

Aqua Duck Adventure Tour

Creek fishing

Golf

Hinze Dam

Learn to surf

Experienced surfing

Paint hall

Sea Probe Fishing Charters

Paradise Jet Boating

Bundall Ice Skating

Quack 'R Duck

Island Cruise and Snorkeling

Mt Lindsay Climb

The Steamers Q.N. hike

Australian Kayaking Adventures

Ghost Tour. Old Surfers Paradise

Burleigh Heads Ocean view and rainforest tracks

Canoe South Stradbroke Island O.N.

Eco Park Farmed fishing

Wave Break Island Snorkel tour

Beenleigh Historic Village and Museum

Fort Lytton NP

St Helena Island N.P. Historic Gaol

Bungee Jump

Workshops Rail Museum

Rosewood Steam train rides

Marburg Motorcycle Museum

QLD Raceway Tour

Jet Ski

Bubble Soccer

QLD Raceway V8 Hot lap

QLD Museum

Story Bridge Climb

Maritime Museum Southbank

Indoor Sky Diving

Indoor Trampoline

RAAF Amberley Aviation Heritage Centre

BEACH

Emu Gully

Golf

Planet Commando

Archery

High ropes Course

Low Ropes course

Blow Carting

Logan Cable Ski

Cambanoora Gorge 4W D

Tough mudder/Mud run

Waterpower jetpack tour

Guerilla film production

Ballooning

Computers

(Confirmed) Dreamworld (Confirmed) WhiteWater world











All activities will have a minimum and maximum group sizes. So make sure you help your friends register for camp. This will help ensure that we can run as many activities as possible.

Get online at Facebook PAC 19 and tell us what you hope will be on the official elective list when it is announced around the middle of 2016.

We really want you to came and join PAC 19 and be apart this unique experience.

Oh, and one more thing, there will be

EXCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL ONLY BE OFFERED AND ANNOUNCED AT CAMP!!



Motorkhana is the first confirmed Elective for PAC 19. I can hear Reece Newman, NSW PACSLO cheer from here.

Motorkhana is the 142nd Activity listed in this PACed Gear Issue. If Motorkhana is a confirmed elective, I think that means anything is possible. At the time of the article age requirement have not been announced, but I can give you this advice in preparation.

It is not a learn to drive activity. Learn to drive <u>before</u> you come on camp and learn to drive well. You'll also need to know how to drive a manual car with a centre console gearshift. This is a skilled activity. The goal is to drive around a course of witches hats on a dirt track, and do it in the quickest time possible. There will be 2x one-day sessions on offer at PAC 19with approximately 24 drivers per session. 1st Ipswich Boys Brigade is currently working on 3 Nissan Gazelles for this activity. Two of which are fitted with turbos. The one in the picture above is our flagship car. It is speced to Motorkhana rally standards with roll cage, race seats and harnesses as well as off road rally spec tires. It also doubles as 1st Ipswich Boys' Brigade's promo vehicle. It also feature in the opening titles for the PACed Gear special on YouTube.

There will be other cars available for the activity so you should get plenty of turns around different tracks. You'll learn the difference between front wheel and rear wheel drive vehicles and how they handle. There will be trained CAMS race officials on the day to help keep you safe and to keep the day running smoothly. http://www.cams.com.au/motor-sport/disciplines/auto-test/motorkhana

If you want a more detailed look at this activity, go to You Tube Boys Brigade PAC 19 and look for the 'What is Motorkhana?' PACed Gear Special.

RATINGS.

<u>FUN:</u> Driving rally cars on dirt, you betcha it's fun.

<u>CHALLENGE:</u> Mad Skillz required. Gear change, accelerate, pick your race line, slow down, speedup, don't hit the markers.

<u>ADVENTURE</u>: Not adventurous, Bear Grylls wouldn't approve. Petrol heads will though.

Camper number update as of 21st April 2016.



The race is on. Who will be camper number 119?

QLD	NSW	VIC	TAS	ACT	SA	WA	Nigeria	Total
61	24	14	4	4	0	10	1	118





With the PACed Gear pet. Grampa

These questions were trickier to answer compared to the last set of questions.

PAC 19 Program Director Jason Knight, is a top bloke and has stepped in to answer these questions.

How do PAC19 dates match against school holidays?

This issue was a key consideration for the Committee in settling on a final date structure. With a number of Committee members either

being, or having previously been, practicing teachers, it was vital to ensure that PAC had as minimal impact as possible on both students and teachers returning to school.

When looking at the published term dates for school in all Australian State and Territories, the state that is most impacted by the PAC

dates is Queensland with teachers returning to school for their Student Free Days on 19 January and students recommencing on 23 January. In all states, except Queensland, there is at least a week following the end of camp to the recommencement of teachers and students. Further to this, in regards to Queensland students and the tight turnaround between the end of PAC19 and the start of the school term, it was also recognised that this will only impact on high-school aged boys. Finally, many schools, across the various education sectors, have staggered restarts in Term One each year, with different year levels restarting on different days of the first week – the amount of boys having to turn around and start the day after PAC ends will, hopefully, be minimal.

When designing the overall camp program, the Committee was aware of the fact that we needed to build in opportunity for Queensland high-school aged boys to have as much time as possible to get home and prepare to restart school in the week directly following the conclusion of PAC19, if not specifically on 23 January. What this has resulted in is the formal closing of PAC19 being held on the evening of 21 January. There is a simple breakfast and final Camp Company meeting being held on 22 January..

We made it to he top of Cradle Mountain. PAC 17



Q

What about if I need to leave early because of school?

A number of options will be available to campers who need to leave PAC19 'early' due to teaching commitments or to accommodate the impending start of the school term, particularly for Queensland campers.

Firstly, as has been discussed in a previous section, the formal PAC19 program concludes on the evening of 21 January with the Sunday deliberately scheduled as pack-up and departure day. Therefore, in cases where campers need to leave following the conclusion of the Closing Ceremony on 21 January will be able to do so. Please note that no airport transfers will be provided on 21 January.

Similarly, campers will be able, where needed, leave before the end of the 'Camp Company Closing Session' on the morning of 22 January. In this scenario campers will be able to be picked up from the campsite from 7:00am (with prior notice) and airport transfers will be made available where necessary.

FOR QUEENSLAND TEACHERS the Organising Committee has hoped that, by advertising camp dates since early 2015, is allows teachers to discuss options with their school. In cases where teachers do need to return to work for 19/20 January, allowance will be made for affected people to leave camp for these days and to, if they so desire, return for night programs on both days and the concluding events on 21-22 January.

It is important to note that, under no circumstances will camp fee refunds be provided to people leaving PAC19 early. Under the terms of our contract with QCCC, we still will need to pay for accommodation and catering for all registered campers for all nights of PAC19.

VICTORIA UPDATE

VIC PACSLO Craig Avery has set a target of at least 50 campers from Victoria. "It would be great if we had boys from every single Victorian company attend. Not sure if that has ever happened before.

The majority of the 19 campers at PAC 18 Victor Harbor, came from two companies." Craig expects that's where the majority of the Victorian campers will come from for PAC 19.

"The regular newsletters have been really helpful, along with Facebook and YouTube information."

"BB Victoria has agreed to fund the production of a contingent badge for Victoria."

"A number of companies may soon have funds from the McLaren Trust to assist with subsidising boys attending the camp. To encourage some younger leaders (students, under 25) to go along, BB Vic is offering a travel subsidy of \$200 each for the first five who register."



Issue 14. May 2016

Stand for something or fall for anything







JOIN THE QUEUE!

I often enjoy solo expeditions. It's a good way to clear the head and get away from life's routines. It's also a great challenge and often I find myself in the most amazing places. While it's good to get away by myself, often I come back from a hike and wish others had been there to share the adventure. Seeing the awe and wonder on others faces is why I love to help organise the hikes and camps in my home company.

Queenslanders have a lot of great hikes in our own back yard. We could do them any time we like. But how often do we take advantage of that opportunity and who often do we share it with others?

To the Boys' Brigaders of Australia and the world, PAC 19 has 10 days worth of experiences and adventure that I can guarantee will be unique. We will never have same group of people doing the same activities and having the same conversations that go into creating once in a life time experiences.

The joy of watching someone discover something new isn't reserved for parents of small children. It is something we all can do, if we seize the opportunity when it is presented before us.

I would like to re-invite all Boys Brigaders in Queensland to be hosts for our interstate and international BB family. Everyone, from an Alpha attending their first PAC, to a veteran BB Officer has something to share and something be shared with. Come and Join the Queue and help reach our goal of **600** campers for the Greatest BB party that only happens once every 3 years.

PAC 19 Camp Committee

PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

Q LD – Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

N SW – Rhys N ewman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

VIC – Craig Avery. bbvicpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

TAS – Nicholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org WA – Andrew Twine. bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
ACT – Ron Vanderquaten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org



PAG 1e GAP



A lot of tips, news and reviews have come out over the last 13 issues of PACed Gear. What do we currently know?

The 19th Pan Australian Camp will be held from 13 – 22nd January 2017 at QCCC Conference centre on Tamborine Mountain. It is for all Boys' Brigaders who are turning 12 or older in 2017. Editions of PACed Gear News are available at

boys.brigadeaustralia.org (PACed Gear 1+2+6+11)

Pan Australian Camps are the only camp where Boys Brigaders can earn the PentaPAC award. You need to complete 4 sides for Silver and all 5 sides for Gold. (PACed Gear 3+12)

PAC 19 has a Facebook page, and You Tube Channel and website. (PACed Gear 4+5+12)

Bring your spare metal and cloth Boys Brigade badges to swap. (PACed Gear 4) The State Contingent Badge Challenge is on. Create a design that can be turned into a badge that will represent your state at PAC 19 that can. See you state liaison Officer (PACed Gear 4+12)

PACed Gear camp cost is \$990. (PACed Gear 6)

Updated camp payment plan and Banking details. (PACed Gear 12) Banking details on page 7 of this newsletter

We produced an early list of gear required for PAC 19. This was to give you as much time as possible to grab a bargain at the sales. (PACed Gear 8)

A review of climate at past PA camps and how it had affected activities as well as an overview of SE QLD summer Weather.
(PACed Gear 9)

Basic camp battalion structure (PACed Gear 10)

PAC Devotion, Worship and spiritual challenges. (PACed Gear 10)

Dreamworld is a confirmed activity for all PAC 19 Campers. (PACed Gear 11)

White Water World is a confirmed activity for all campers (PACed Gear 12)

The "Discover" activity is back and it will be bigger and more high tech than ever. (PACed Gear)

Open day. Invite your family and friends to see what is happening on PAC. (PACed Gear 11)

QCCC overview and some onsite electives. (PACed Gear 11)

A review from a QLD overnight hike. Heat will not stop us at PAC 19.

Registration DEADLINE 30 Nov 2016

Some of the onsite activities. (PACed Gear 11)

The Omegas Break out. Being held BB QLD's Glengarry campsite over two days (PACed Gear 12)

The Alpha's Gauntlet. While the Omegas are away, alphas get exclusive use of the QCCC campsite (PACed Gear 12)

Motorkhana is a confirmed elective. Update: You can learn to drive on this elective. Yay for Alphas. (PACed Gear 13)

The reason why the Dates for PAC 19 were chosen, and what do if I need to leave PAC early. (PACed Gear 13)

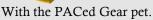
You will be challenged. (PACed Gear 1+2+5+7+9+10)



Basic

electives, and how they fit into a PAC Program. Early bird incentives for elective choices for those campers who have registered and paid \$350 before the electives list comes out. There will be overnight electives. (PACed gear 2+3+5+7+11+12+13)







Once again we bring you PACed Gear Q n A for the 19 Pan Australian Camp. The first one is a tricky Question. Once again I tip my hat to Program Director Jason Knight who has been able to shed some light with his answer for the first Question.



Q

Why is there not a cheaper rate for tent camping?

The short answer to this question is that our venue is charging us the same fee for all campers, regardless of the accommodation style.

The cost structure provided by our venue is based on the split between is a minimum number of campers and a cost price for every camper over and above that minimum, rather than the specifics of various subcamps within the venue.

This pricing structure has been a result of a number of factors...

At this PAC, accommodation will be made up of a combination of various styled cabins and tents. Our accommodation provider QCCC has strived to come up with a camp package to provide the same service standard, regardless of what style of accommodation a camper is in.

They will all be provided with a place to sleep, 3 meals, plus Morning Tea, Afternoon Tea and Supper, all coming from the same kitchens. Each Camp Company having their meals provided in high standard dining halls (tent campers will eat in one of the regular fixed dining, not in a tent), they all have bathroom facilities provided, etc) - i.e. the service provided by QCCC is the

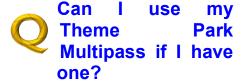


same - all that changes is the style/material of the roof over their head while they sleep.

Further, for a camp of our size to use multiple sub-camps within the venue, and to have exclusive use of the mountain top campsite, we calculated an average cost that leveled all of their price points into a minimum spend for us to make it viable for them to not take any other bookings. The Committee could have negotiated it differently, but it would have resulted in the locking in of actual numbers. This would have resulted in us paying for those numbers in each category (ensuited cabins, non-ensuited cabins, tents) regardless of registrations we received. It also would take away the ability to vary numbers in each based on camper category preferences. For example, if we said 50 tent campers, and 100 ended up wanting the option, we would not be able to cater for that, as Tamborine would be opening up empty spaces to other groups to

-Jason Knight. Program Director





Of course you can use your pass. It won't change the price of camp but you are welcome to bring it. Where it will really help is if you choose to go to one of the other theme parks as part of your elective choice. Check to make sure your card can be used for entry to the theme park of your choice, before you confirm your elective. Just don't forget to pack (or is it PAC) your multipass.





PAC FIT TIPS



Some people are born with a natural athletic ability. And then there are those of us, i.e me, who have to work to maintain their athletic ability. I'm sure the older I get the fitter I used to be.

If you're planning on taking on some of the more physically challenging and adventurous activities at PAC 19, it will benefit you to start training ASAP. A big hint for anyone aiming to be part of an overnight expedition.

You can choose to not train before an expedition and just aim to reach the finish, although you may find it a struggle along the way. Or you can choose to train and condition yourself and not just finish the hike, but enjoy yourself along the way and delight in the challenges and spectacular scenery you encounter.

It is important to condition yourself, both mentally and physically, BEFORE any hike or camp. You don't have to be a body builder or marathon runner, but you do need to be ready. It can takes weeks and months to physically ready. But it all starts by being mentally ready. That is why we are suggesting you start preparing now, 8 months before camp. This should be enough time to get you PAC Fit; and it will help go towards your BB physical award.



Being PAC Fit can help reduce potential injuries, and can allow you

to enjoy where you are by reducing physical struggle. Just remember every now and then, stop looking at the ground and rocks in front of you and look up and around at Gods great big beautiful world.



The standard for achieving PentaPAC at PAC 19 is going to be higher than previous PA Camps. The PentaPAC is not a camp participant award.

You need to earn it just as you would with any other BB award. You will need to complete all 5 sides to achieve gold, and 4 sides for silver. We said in past PACed Gear News that PAC is designed to challenge you and push you out of your comfort zone. If you are physically and mentally ready, and are prepared to throw yourself into the camp program, PentaPAC should be achievable.

If you do very little physical activity, i.e. sit in front of a screen all day; expect to find the physical element of the PentaPAC to be harder. Develop a sense of adventure and curiosity beyond your screens. This will help start your mental preparations.

I have started a weights routine to help get fit for PAC 19 focusing on all areas of the body, upper, core and legs, as well as liberal amounts of Cardio.

For younger campers I'd recommend cardio with low weight and high repetition workouts.

Don't forget to stretch before you work our, or hike, and have at least one rest day per week to allow your body to recover.

This work out is just a guide. If you've never done a weights/work out routine before make sure you get advice to ensure you get the most out of your work out and to ensure you don't hurt yourself.

Now that I've shared what I'm doing hopefully this will keep me honest and ensure that I'm PAC Fit for PAC 19.

Mt Barney National Park is calling.

Cheers

Ben Harth



STEP ONE: Register for the Boys Brigade website at boys.brigadeaustralia.org

Once you have registered with Brigade Australia you can then move onto step 2, which is to register for PAC 19.

PACI9 REGISTRATION STEP TWO: HOW TO REGISTER

STEP TWO: Part ONE
First up, you'll need to go to
https://pacamp.brigadeaustralia.org/



This is what the HOME SCREEN looks like. Now you'll need to CLICK on 'REGISTER' and fill in all the details (we've included a screen capture of what you'll need to fill in on the next page)

Once you've pressed the GREY register button on the bottom of the page. An email will be sent to the registrar who will email your company Captain that will inform them you want to go to PAC. This is make sure that all campers who come on PAC are part of Boys Brigade. This process may take a few days. Make sure you check with your captain to ensure he receives the email. Once your Captain has acknowledged the email, you will be sent another email with an invitation to Complete STEP TWO: Part TWO

Head back to https://pacamp.brigadeaustralia.org/ and CLICK on 'MEMBER' to get to the login screen. Log in and you'll find your Member Profile - make sure you update any items that change before you attend camp.

You are now ready to go to STEP TWO: Part TWO. On your 'MEMBER' page you'll find a link to the Upcoming Camp on the left hand side. Click on the link and let us know when and how you're planning to come to camp, how many extra camp shirts and camp caps you want for camp - AND YOU'RE DONE!! After this info is sent through to our servers, you'll be assigned a camper number auto-magically. Once you've paid your deposit, your place on camp will be confirmed.

Looking forward to seeing you at PAC19!!

HOME MEMBER CAMPER REGISTER NEWS PAM ALISTRALIAM CAN PAC19 Newsletter 12 March 2016 ... PA Camps are held every three years at various locations around Australia, even in Papua New Guinea in the early seventies. The Camps have always had an international PAC19 Newsletter 11 February 2016 .. PAC19 Newsletter 10 emphasis with Boys and Officers travelling from many parts of the B.B. world. January 2016 ... PAC19 Newsletter 9 December 2015 .. PAC19 Newsletter 8 **NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION** November 2015 ... PAC19 Newsletter 7 October 2015 ... PAC19 Newsletter 6 You must be a member of this site to register for camp. If already a member, click here to login. September 2015 ... PAC19 Newsletter 5 August 2015 ... PAC19 Newsletter 4 ACCOUNT INFORMATION July 2015 ... PAC19 Newsletter 3 May 2015 ... Username PAC19 Newsletter 2 Password April 2015 ... Confirm Passw PAC19 Newsletter 1 March 2015 ... Email Alternate Email FURTHER INFO PERSONAL INFORMATION Brochures, PACSLOs...Read First Name Last Name HSTORY Preferred Name Date of Birth - Day - \$ | - Month - \$ | - Year - \$ | Originally, the Camps were designed to be a low-cost holiday for B.B. Boys...Read CONTACT INFORMATION RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Street Address Country Australia Please select your state State Postcode POSTAL ADDRESS Postal Address is same as Residential Address Street Address Suburb Country State Please select your state Other Postcode Mobile After you fill in ALL the required information Press REGISTER GENERAL INFORMATION any is required or preffered company **Brigade Company** Please select your brigade company -- \$ Medicare Number Private Health Insurance Emergency Contact 1 Name - Email - Phone Relationship **Emergency Contact 2** - Email

PAC 19 PACed Gear Newsletters. News, reviews, tips and tricks from SOUTH EAST QLD

Follow the links to more PAC information.

Make sure you check with your captain so he knows that you have registered

Don't forget to write down your login and password details and keep them in a safe place.

Don't forget to make regular payments to ensure you stay on track and aren't left with a big bill at the end of the year

UPDATED PAC 19 PAYMENT PLAN

If you've all ready registered and are making payments, you don't need to worry about this new payment schedule. As a way of helping campers pay off their camp fees in a financially responsible manner (and not have to find the full \$990, in one hit at the end of November), and ensuring that the Camp Organising Committee have money to pay all of those bills that need to be paid before camp, we ask campers to be mindful of the following payment plan:

INSTALMENT 1 ... (Non-Refundable Deposit) ... **\$200** to be paid within one month of Registration Step 2 being finalised to confirm your Registration

INSTALMENT 2 ... **\$200** by 30 June 2016 INSTALMENT 3 ... **\$200** by 31 August 2016

FULL PAYMENT DEADLINE.INSTALMENT 4 ... \$390 by 30 November 2016 You should have paid \$990 by this date.

Regardless of your progression through the payment plan, all camp fees (including any additional levies - like any extra fees for electives, orders for extra camp uniform items and airport transfers fees) **must be paid by 30 November 2016**, We don't want to see you miss out, but if you miss the deadline you risk your place at PAC19.

Receipts for payments are already going out. They will be issued after a couple of days via email after each payment.

Banking details are as follows:

Bank : Commonwealth Bank of

Australia

Account Name : Pan Australian Camp -

The Boys Brigade Australia

BSB: 062 262 Account No.: 1017 4377

Description: (Your camper number)



As we progress towards 13 January 2017, there are a number of things we still need to lock down...you know small things like choosing electives, confirming your accommodation preferences, submitting medical forms, letting us know your shirt size and hat size, etc.

- 1 Elective Selection Forms. When electives are ready to be released, (with 6 months from start of camp) forms will be issued to campers once they have paid \$350 of their Camp Fee. Electives will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so make sure you hit the \$350 mark early to ensure you can choose from the full range of electives as soon as they are released. Selections will be made electronically, via a Google Form so please make sure the email address on the system is correct. The first Elective Selection Forms will be distributed within 6 months of the start of PAC 19.
- 2 **Accomodation Confirmation** ... When you registered, you were asked to indicate a preference as to whether you wanted dorm or tent accomodation at PAC19. When you have paid \$600 of your Camp Fees, you will have the opportunity to lock in an accomodation style. As is the case with elective selections, allocations will be made on a first come, first served basis, so if the available tent spaces fill before you get to the payment milestone, you will miss out and vice versa

Medical Forms + Shirt Size + Hat Size ... These will all be gathered via a form to be distributed on, or about, 1 October.

Congratulations

to Lachlan Brodie from 3rd Pine Rivers, QLD who scored camper No. 119. He joins Harrison Pilt, camper No. 19, in the 19 club.

Camper number update as of 13th May 2016.



The race is on. Who will be camper number 219?

QLD	NSW	VIC	TAS	ACT	SA	WA	Nigeria	Tota1
68	30	19	4	4	0	11	1	137

THE BOYS' BRIGADE AUSTRALIA

TO THE DOYS' BRIGADE AUSTRALIA

CANDON

C

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAC19 STARTS 13 JANUARY 2017

Campsite Registrations open @ 12:00pm please don't arrive before this time
Transfers available from Gold Coast and
Brisbane Airports - details out soon
PAC19 Program starts @ 4:45pm

PAC19 FINISHES 22 JANUARY 2017

PAC19 Program finishes @ 9:30am
Transfers available to Gold Coast and
Brisbane Airports - details out soon
All campers must be offsite by 12:00pm



14 January 2017





WEDNESDAY, 19 JANUARY
& THURSDAY, 19 JANUARY

ELECTIVE SELECTION FORMS AVAILABLE MID-2016!!!

Design a package of PAC Electives that suits you! Select from a suite of activities that offer a variety of experiences across the 4 sides of the BB program. PAC Electives can be packaged as:

4 HALF-DAY ELECTIVES

2 FULL-DAY ELECTIVES

1 TWO-DAY ELECTIVE 2 HALF-DAY + 1 FULL-DAY ELECTIVES

When available, Selection Forms will be released to Campers upon reaching the required payment threshold.

Allocation sof activities will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

20 JANUARY

ALPHAS GAUNTLET

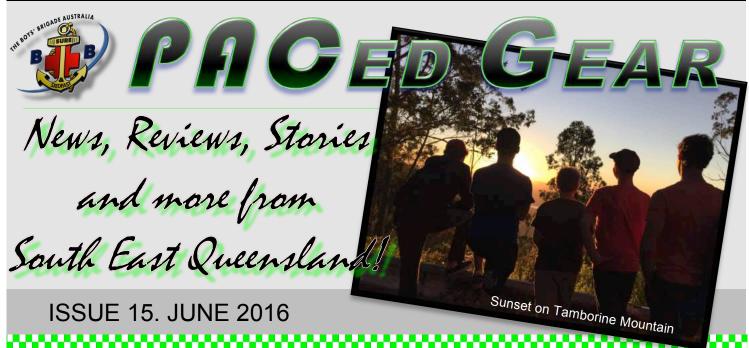
A two-day program for Alphas, 12 - 14 BB Age, based at our Tamborine Mountain campsite

saturday
21 JANUARY

FUN+CHALLENGE+STRIVE+FRIENDSHIP

OMEGAS BREAKOUT

A two-day program for Omegas, 15 - 18 BB Age, based at BB QLDs Glengarry Education Centre Campsite, on the shores of Atkinson Dam.





Sunrise at Broadbeach

A message from the Camp Director

On Saturday night at a recent BB Queensland Leadership Training Weekend, quite a number of participants were wearing the distinctive PACI8 (Adelaide) shirts. I asked them were they going to PACI9 and all enthusiastically said, 'YES'.

That said a lot to me about the essence and spirit of PA Camps. You go to one and you go twice and as you become a BB leader, you keep going. Why is that so?

Here they were, a dozen or more Omega Queenslanders with no thought of – 'why would I pay to go to something in my own backyard', or, 'I can go to Dreamworld anytime'. They had caught the spirit of PA Camp – it's not so important what you do or where the camp is held. What is important is new friends, old friends back together again – from interstate and even overseas, sharing, playing, praying, worshiping, seeing the sights and meeting the challenges together. PA Camp is your **BIG** BB experience – more than just your company or even your state; a **BIG** experience that takes us further along the pathway to becoming fine Christian men and women; great friends **DOING BIG** together. BB Leaders- your members (especially Alphas) need you to facilitate their getting to PA Camp – giving them the vision, planting the seed, telling them it is possible, selling the idea to parents, raising the camp fee, coming with them. If they come as Alphas, they will be back in three years' time as Omegas.

-Don Smith. Camp Director

PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

QLD - Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

NSW - Rhys Newman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

VIC - Craig Avery. bbvicpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

TAS - Nicholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

ACT - Ron Vanderquqten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org



GOLD COAST ADVENTURE

Those of you following PAC 19 progress on the PAC 19 Facebook page would know that a small group of Queenslanders went on a road trip to film a PACed Gear special. We've ended up with enough footage that we can make at least three videos to show our interstate and international BB family (and surprise a few locals) what we have here in South East Queensland.

It was still dark when we woke up so we could arrive at Broadbeach (Hint: remember this name) in time to film the sunrise. This alone was worth the 4 am wake up call.

7:30am. We arrived at possibly the biggest shopping centre in Queensland, PACific Fair, (Hint: remember this place.) in an attempt to find a café that sells huge cups of coffee. Sadly they were all closed. Neptune's Hotel down the road was open and we stopped there for breakfast. The boys attempted to steal QLD PACSLO's coffee. Not a good idea.

9:00am. We started walking, riding and driving around the Gold Coast trying to film as much as we could. It was like we were already at PAC doing the 'Discover' activity. A group of mates from different companies coming together to share the

experience. Except instead of collecting answers for questions, we were gathering footage while trying not to be distracted by each other's antics. You'll see what we discovered in the PACed Gear Gold Coast Special on the PAC 19 YouTube channel.

What YouTube can't show you is that Security at Sea World thought



we were part of some sort of "free the animals" protest happening down the road. We explain we are BB and we are filming for PAC. We are allowed to keep video footage.

Despite the long day and the job of filming, we ended up having so much fun. I guess you could say we did a brief trial of Discover South East QLD. It was gooood.

But we weren't done yet. It was time to head up the mountain to the QCCC. You can read about that that in the next PACed Gear edition.

Keep an eye on the PAC 19 Facebook page and You Tube for the upcoming PACed Gear Special.



The "Discover" activity will stretch accross the Gold Coast AND Brisbane. It is one of the activity's that goes toward earning your PentaPAC Award.

PAC 19 AIRPORT **TRANSFERS**

Campers travelling either from interstate or internationally will already be thinking through questions like: "How do I get from the airport to the campsite?" and "Do I have to fly to Brisbane or Gold Coast airport?"

While PAC19 is still 7 months away, we are pleased to be able to announce a whole heap of information surrounding transfers to and from the campsite...

GETTING TO PAC

- You can fly into either Brisbane or Gold Coast (Cooloongatta) Airports -Tamborine Mountain is, roughly, halfway between the two airports, this allows you to get the best deals and most suitable times, depending on where you are flying from
- Transfers will be provided from both airports, throughout the PAC Registration Day, Friday 13 January. The final schedule of transfers will be published in the lead up to camp and will be designed in light of camper arrival times.
- Prior to camp, at the same time we distribute Medical Forms in October, campers requiring transfers will be asked to provide their flight details so that our Transport Coordinator can design the transfer schedule
- To ensure that you are at the campsite and registered in time for our official kick-off, you need to make sure that you book flights that are scheduled to arrive at either airport by 2:30pm
- Regardless of which airport you fly into, a one-way \$20 Transfer Fee will be charged (to be charged as part of your 'Supplementary Charges' invoice just before camp) – this fee will be confirmed closer to camp, once our bus supplier is in a position to lock-down the price

GOING HOME

- Transfer will also be provided to both Brisbane and Gold Coast (Cooloongatta) Airports for the return trips on 22 January with the same arrangements (including pricing) remaining the same as above
- Please remember that PAC officially finishes at 9:30am on Sunday 22 January – so Campers are asked, where possible, to arrange flights for 11:00am or later on that day
- As per Paced Gear 13, campers who leave before 22 January will need to arrange their own transport to the airport, as the Shuttle Buses will only run on 22 January
- As has also been previously advertised, all campers are to vacate the Tamborine campsite by 12:00pm on 22 January so, the last shuttle will leave Tamborine at this time – please note this fact when booking return flights

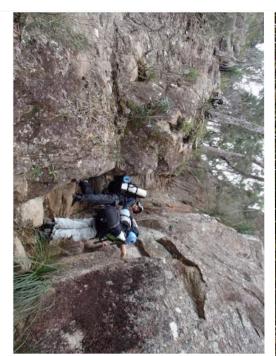
-THE PAC 19 COMMITTEE

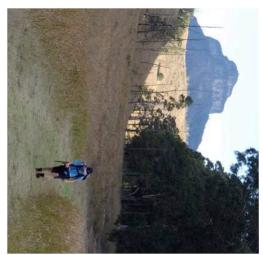


Camper number update as of 26th June 2016.

QLD	NSW	VIC	TAS	ACT	SA	WA	Int'l	Total
81	33	28	4	5	0	12	4	167

The race is on. Who will be 1 st GOAL = 219 CAMPERS camper number 219?













From the PAC 15 Chaplain

Back in PACed Gear 10 there was an article about influential people, specifically about the PAC 15 chaplain Rhys McFadden and how he had influenced me in regards to being a BB and my outlook as a Christian. In June I was surprised to find a message from Rhys hidden in an unknown messenger folder that he sent in May. With his permission I have included it below.

G'day Ben,

I just picked up an article you wrote reflecting on PAC15 regarding influential people in the PAC 19 promotion and I am totally humbled with the kindness you extend to me in all you recalled. I have reflected on PAC15 many times, for me it was perhaps one of the highlights/mountain peak experiences of my journey with God so far and it was the 470 young men that made it special for me. They deserved the best and I gave them the best I had...I am totally

grateful to God for the opportunity to serve BBA and that He blessed it so richly for us all.

I still remember young Beno Cowan (the young fella from Lismore/Casino way) who was wrestling with Leukemia, and the amazing responses of these young men to the Boxing Day Tsunami crisis. I still connect with Dan Dean the young fella from Boronia who came up with the idea to take up a dedicated offering, and the generosity of a bunch of young fellas who gave all they had available...amazing! and there are a number of others I still connect with. I remember the young guys who shared their cut lunch with a homeless guy in Hyde Park...and many, many more stories. God was, and is so good to us all.

-Rhys

It's amazing how God used PAC 15 and Rhys to impact lives 11 years ago. Rhys' letter had me thinking about what God has in store for Campers at PAC 19. I know the experiences at PAC 19 will impact and help shape campers lives for many years to come. –Ben. H

PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

Q LD – Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org SA – O llie Jackson. bbsapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org N SW – Rhys N ewman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org VIC – Craig Avery. bbvicpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org TAS – N icholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org W A – Andrew Twine. bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org ACT – Ron Vandergugten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org



BB QLD MUSEUM

Nestled in the middle of the PAC 19 Satellite campsite at Glengarry, is a very special building. From the outside it looks like it could be a cabin. But it actually houses the new Boys' Brigade Queensland History and Memorabilia Centre.

There is something fascinating about seeing the history of the organisation we are apart of. Even the young juniors at a recent Battalion camp found the displays interesting.

It's incredible to see how Boys Brigade has changed over the years. There is even a room dedicated to Pan Australian Camps. If you're around Glengarry on the 13 August 2016, visit the open day and see the museum for yourself.



Registration and camp fee DEADLINE 30 Nov 2016





QCCC. The Sequel

A group of PAC veterans got a first hand look at PAC 19 home base.



'Gold Coast The Adventure' story in the previous Edition of PACed gear had a companion video. This story also has a companion video. Actually it will have two. One about the QCCC facilities and one about the QCCC activities and some of the Tamborine Mountain Activities. The videos follow the same group of boys from the Gold Coast Special (with few new additions) as they continue to discover South East Queensland. These videos, and others can be sound on the Boys Brigade PAC 19 Facebook page and YouTube channel

It became clear that as the day wore on we became more like a similarly named motoring program full of payouts, tired cars, challenges and just simply having fun with mates.

QCCC is a bona fide conference centre. You could already imagine campers kicking a ball around on the grass, or groups scattered around under the trees for their morning devotions.

QCCC Client Liaison Stephanie Philpot, and Ben West (QCCC staff member and 4th Gold Coast Boys Brigade Officer) arrived to start our tour.



Jamie preparing for his leap of faith

Ben took us on a quick bush walk to show us one of the best views of the Scenic Rim region before leading us to

our first destination: onsite activities.

Sam from Vertec Adventure was waiting to give us a taste of what PAC 19 campers would experience. There are currently over 30 activities available on site including abseiling, survivor challenges, geocaching, giant swing and much more. We got to try a leap of faith to hit a big orange ball, mountain bikes and Archery.



But wait, there's more. QCCC is installing even more activities and are on track to have them finished and running in time for PAC 19. Good News for the Alphas Gauntlet activity.

The cabins are great. There are 287 beds available for campers. Most of the cabins come with ensuite facilities and some even have verandahs.

There was concern at the lack of cabin fans. Ben informed us that the weather around Tamborine Mountain is usually a moderate 24 degrees at night. I don't think heat will be an issue.



QCCC is ready to deliver good tasty food in one of its many spacious dinging rooms.

The area for tents looks fantastic. The committee is working on big tents with 6 campers each with air mats similar to PAC 17 and 18. I think some of us are having serious thoughts about opting for tent accommodation instead of cabins at PAC 19.

Campers can lock in their accommodation preference when they have paid \$600 of their camp fees.

Stephanie led us to the Massive 600 seat WEC Auditorium. This will be the main venue for full camp worship and meetings



If you want more information about the site have a look at PAC gear 10, or go to http://www.qccc.org.au/tamborine/

Camper number update as of 25th July 2016.

QLD	NSW	VIC	TAS	ACT	SA	WA	Int'l	Total
84	45	33	4	5	0	13	4	188

The race is on. Who will be 1 st GOAL = 219 CAMPERS camper number 219?

State Contingent Badge

contingent state badge challenge is still on. Come up with a design that can be turned into a cloth badge that will represent your state at PAC 19. Your State Liaison Offer will be responsible for helping to choose the winning design from each state. Don't worry if you can't come up with a design on a computer. Draw it; paint it, or what ever you can do to come up with a design. It doesn't need to be perfect. This was my initial attempt.

Ben H



PACed Gear Top Tip:

"It is a proven fact that campers who have a hot breakfast have a 91% chance of surviving a drop bear attack."

Weather Update

Just before PAC begins, everybody suddenly wishes they were a meteorologist and could predict what the weather will be like on PAC. You never know what the weather could be.

No record of Tamborine Mountain temperatures were available on the Bureau of meteorology website. That is why we have included reports from nearby stations and not Tamborine Mtn itself. Locals know that Tamborine Mountain it can get quite hot during the summer days, but is still cooler than surrounding areas; and you should always be ready for rain. Of course this should be taken as a guide only.

This was Gatton (station closest to Glengarry) Weather,

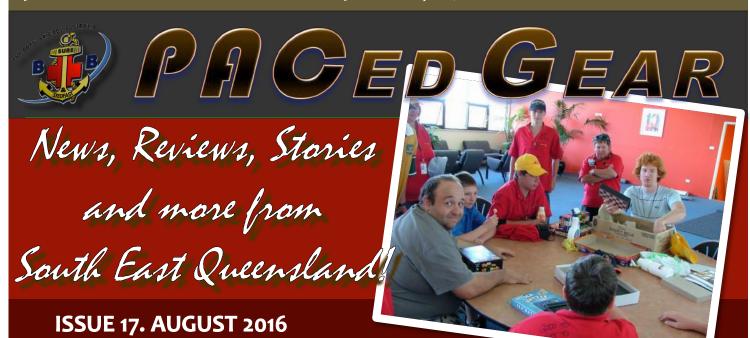
	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
Rain	0	0	0	0	.6mm	0	0	0	0	0
			210						2/2	
Max	36.5	35.5	34.9	25.2	30.5	30.5	33.6	36.1	36.2	37.1
Temp										
Min	19.2	16.3	17.4	17.9	16.6	16.3	15.1	16.2	16.0	17.9
Temp										

This was Beaudesert Weather, January 13 - 22, 2016.

	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17^{th}	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
Rain	0	0	0	2.6mm	.2mm	0	0	0	0	0
Max Temp	34.9	34.1	32.9	25.1	28.0	30.2	31.8	34.3	35.1	35.1
Min Temp	19.6	16.7	18.1	17.0	13.8	14.6	15.8	17.3	16.7	17.9

This was Gold Coast Weather, January 13 - 22, 2016.

	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17^{th}	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
Rain	0	0	0	.2mm	0	.4mm	0	0	0	0
Max	29.9	30.3	30.6	26	28.3	28.8	27.8	29.7	30.5	30.5
Temp										
Min	22.2	21.2	22.3	18.7	19.4	19.7	20.0	19.3	20.7	22.5
Temp										



The Hub

Will be the ultimate hangout for chills at PAC 19.

mates to table

Grab a copy of the camp newsletter, or chat with your mates about your adventures that day. Catch up with leaders, or company Chaplain and chat about spiritual and life matters.

If you're looking for something that's a little less active you could challenge your

mates to table soccer, cards, air hockey or any number

of the available games. The café has you covered for those hot Queensland days. The ever-popular slushie machine, along with other cold drinks, coffee and snacks will be available.

It case you have forgotten something the Hub also houses the camp store where you can pickup that forgotten tube of

toothpaste, toothbrush sunscreen, deodorant and other useful stuff. It will also house the PAC historical display and a WW1 display.



REGISTER NOW: PACAMP BRIGADEAUSTRALIA ORG

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/BBPACIS

PACAMP@BRIGADEAUSTRALIA ORG

PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

Q LD - Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

N SW - Rhys N ewman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

VIC - Craig Avery. bbvicpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

TAS - N icholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

W A - Andrew Twine. bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

ACT - Ron Vandergugten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

The **i 9**Club

ELECTIVE WATCH

What so special about having a camper ID with 19 in it? We are glad to announce that campers who a fortunate enough to join the 19 Club get \$19 credit at the camp café. That will buys a lot of slushies' on those hot days. Harrison Pilt (camper No 19) and Lachlan Brodie (camper No 119) will each receive a \$19 credit.

Several campers have already paid off their camps fee. The first campers to have done this will also receive a \$19 credit at the camps café.

Who will be the lucky campers to receive camper number 219 and 319 and receive the next \$19 camp café credit prize?



PAC 19 begins in less than 5 months, but Registration closes in less than 3 months. This means we have officially entered into the most anticipated time of PAC preparation, the time when electives will be announced. We mentioned in a previous newsletter that based on past trends, it is normal for electives to be announced 3 months out from the close of registration.

There're plenty of campers that are waiting for electives to be announced before they take the plunge and register. Don't be one of the campers that get's caught up in the elective announcement registration frenzy. The PAC registration website won't crash like the 2016 ABS census website, but registration will take time to process. Especially if a lot of potential campers all register at once. Mean while over 200 campers who have already registered and paid at least \$350 will have immediate access to elective choices, when they are announced. If you have registered but not reached \$350, you may be able to see the electives, but won't be able to choose them until you've at least paid \$350.

Some electives will only be run once and have limited group sizes, i.e Barney Creek and the Straddie Caper (overnight canoe trip) will only have about 20 places each. Motorkhana will run two sessions for about 25 - 30 places. Electives are only for two days and are a chance to customize your PAC experience, but don't let them be the only reason you come to PAC 19. There is so much more on offer. Register now!

Registration and camp fee DEADLINE 30 Nov 201



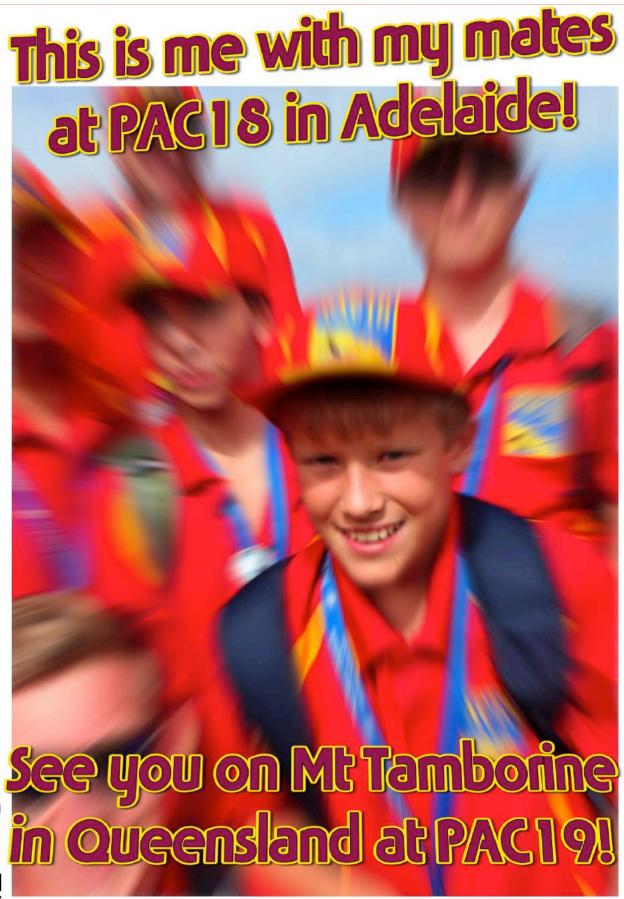
Camper number update as of 26th August 2016.

QLD	NSW	VIC	TAS	ACT	SA	WA	Int'l	Total
92	52	34	4	6	0	13	4	205

The race is on. Who will be 1^{st} GOAL = 219 CAMP camper number 219?



he Boys' Brigade Australia





19th Pan Australian Camp - January 13 to 22, 2017 pac 19.brigadeaustralia.org

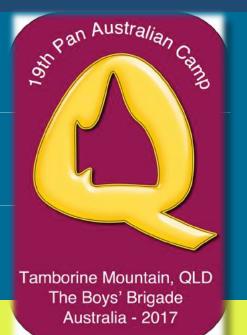
PAGED



GEAR

News, Reviews, Stories and more from South East Queensland!

ISSUE 18. SEPTEMBER 2016





Join the Facebook discussion and let us know what your looking forward to at PAC, or check out the videos on You Tube that show off the fun and activities of PAC 19.

State Liaison Officers are contactable to help with your PAC questions.

You'll want to start packing your gear for PAC 19 once you've read this edition.

Lets get the basics out of the way first.

Pan Australian Camp's (PAC for short) only happen once every three years. The previous 18th PAC was hosted in Victor Harbor, South Australia in 2014.

It is Boys' Brigade Australia's biggest event that gives Boys' Brigaders the opportunity to gather together from across Australia and overseas.

This time the 19th PAC will be hosted at The QCCC conference centre on the top of picturesque Tamborine Mountain. PAC 19 is \$990 and will run from the 13 - 22nd January 2017. Known as the Green behind the Gold, (Gold Coast that is) Tamborine Mountain is nestled in the heart of the Scenic Rim region of South East Queensland. It is a great central location for heaps of opportunity for Boys' Brigaders to discover something different. We apologise in advance for how big this issue is, but it shows what happens on a big national/international Boys' Brigade event.

PAC 19 State Liaison Officer Contacts

Q LD - Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

N SW - Rhys N ewman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

TAS - N icholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

W A - Andrew Twine. bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

ACT - Ron Vandergugten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org



255 Beacon Road, North Tamborine QLD The Home Base of the 19th Pan 42772. Australian Camp is nestled on the edge of

Tamborine Mountain with spectacular views over the Scenic Rim region. There's plenty of room to kick a ball around or just chill under the trees. This is where campers will be based throughout the course of camp. Accommodation will be primarily cabins with an option of tent based camping for the more adventurous.

GLENGARRY

Located on Watson Road, Mount Tarampa, Glengarry is Boys' Brigade Queensland's very own camping and

conference centre. It will play host to the Omegas Break Out, an Alphas elective and is also the home of the Boys' Brigade Queensland History and Memorabilia Centre.





CAMP FEES Camp fees for the 19th Pan Australian Camp are \$990. That is only \$50 more than the highest past PAC fee so far. This camp fee

includes all accommodation, catering, transport (excluding transfers to and from airports)an allocation towards electives, (more expensive options will require an additional payment), theme park entry, camp shirt and cap, plus much more.

The only things camp fees don't cover are souvenirs, munchies and some extras. I.e. extra camp shirt.

REGISTRATION

JOIN THE Q! This is by far the most important item to know about PAC,

after all how do we know your coming unless you register.

STEP 1: Go to https://pac19.brigadeaustralia.org and register your details. This page also has a FAQ tab for more info about PAC



This is a way of proving who you are, and not a bot before you move to the next step. An email will be sent to the Registrar who will then send an email inviting you to go to step 2.

STEP 2: Will have a link to a new page when you fill out your PAC 19 registration details. The email will also include banking details and your very important camper ID Number.

Registration and camp fee DEADLINE 30 Nov 2016



Camper number update as of 20th September 2016.

QLD	NSW	VIC	TAS	ACT	SA	WA	Int'l	Total
98	54	35	4	8	0	14	4	217

camper number 319?

The race is on. Who will be 1 st GOAL = 219 CAMPERS



CAMP FEE PAYMENTS

When vou register for PAC 19, (more

details about registration on the previous page) you will be sent a confirmation email that will include banking details as well as the all-It is important to include you camper important camper number. number with every transaction.

Banking details are as follows:

Commonwealth Bank of Bank:

Australia

Pan Australian Camp -Account Name:

The Boys Brigade Australia

BSB: 062 262 1017 4377 Account No.:

Description: (Your camper number) FIRST INSTALLEMNT (Non-Refundable Deposit) ... \$200 to be paid within one month of Registration Step 2 being finalised to confirm your Registration

FINAL INSTALLMENT ... \$790 by 30 November 2016 for a total of \$990.

Regardless of your progression through the payment plan. all camp fees (including any additional levies - like any extra fees for electives. orders for extra camp uniform items and airport transfers fees) must paid by 30 November 2016, We don't want to see you miss out, but if you miss the deadline you risk your place at PAC19.

As we progress towards 13 January, there are a number of things we still need to lock down...you know small things like choosing electives, confirming your accommodation preferences, submitting medical forms, letting us know your shirt size and hat size, etc.

The PAC19 Organising Committee Meeting has the following payment milestones:

- 1 Elective Selection Forms will by issued to campers once they have paid \$350 of their Camp Fee. As mentioned in the previous PACed Gear news letters, electives will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so make sure you hit the \$350 mark early to ensure you can choose from the full range of electives. Selections will be made electronically, via a Google Form - so please make sure the email address on the system is correct. The first Elective Selection Forms are imminent.
- 2 Accommodation Confirmation ... When you registered, you were asked to indicate a preference as to whether you wanted dorm or tent accommodation at PAC19. When you have paid \$600 of your Camp Fees, you will have the opportunity to lock in an accommodation style. As is the case with elective selections, allocations will be made on a first come, first served basis, so if the available tent spaces fill before you get to the payment milestone, you will miss out and vice versa
- 3 Medical Forms + Shirt Size + Hat Size ... These will all be gathered via an online form. This information, as well as t the completion of your payments secures your place at PAC19.

THE PENTAPAC AW ARD

The PentaPAC is the only Boys' be earned at a PAC.

Brigade award you can earn on a PAC, and can only be earned at a PAC. Campers who are prepared to risk a little and step outside their comfort zone and stretch themselves will have no problem earning wither Gold or Silver level. At PAC 19, Gold level requires the completion of five areas while silver only requires four. The areas usually include Devotions, the "Discover" activity, Omegas/Alphas Activities, Electives and something that is unique to the host camp.





ELECTIVES

An opportunity for campers to customise a little part of their PAC experience.



As of August 31st we entered a time unofficially known as elective watch. It usually begins 3 months before PAC registration closes. As this PACed Gear edition is distributed we are waiting the imminent release of the elective information pack and selection form. PAC 19 electives will run over two days and will include half day, full day and overnight electives. Each elective will be given a star rating. You will need to collect at least 5 stars to achieve Gold PentaPAC. We have tried to pick the most unique and exciting electives from a large list of activities available in South East Queensland. PAC 19 will have dozens of electives including the Straddie Caper, Barney Creek, Paintball, Go Karts and Motorkhana. Campers will



be sent an elective nomination form once they have paid \$350 of their camp fees. Campers who have already registered and paid the right level will be given preference to campers who register after electives have been announced.



SOME CONFIRMED ELECTIVES SO FAR:

MOTORKHANA

BARNEY CREEK

PAINT BALL

STRADDIE CAPER

See PACed Gear 13, more detail. for This is a skill-based activity. It's trickier than it looks. Alphas and Omegas will get the chance to get behind the wheel of Sr20 turbo a charged Nissan Gazelle. There will be two full day sessions for about 30 campers each session.

See PACed Gear 5 for in-depth an description of this event. It will only run once and will have space for about 20 campers. This will be a technical overnight hiking expedition and will be ideal for those who seek a good physical challenge amongst some very pretty scenery. Don't forget vour swimmers.

Despite the pain, this is a very popular elective when it is available and offered at every PAC. QLD law states that you have to already be at least 15 to play. So this will be Omegas only. This can be a great fun way to "get back" at that adjutant who always wakes you up early.

Imagine getting away with a group of your PAC buddies to one of Australia largest sand islands for an overnight camp full of fishing, swimming, driving and activities. other fun Make vou've sure registered this as elective will only run once and will have about 25 - 30 places.

The Discover activity has been part of PA Camps for a very long time. Normally Discover is about exploring a city/town, seeing the sights while answering questions and completing tasks. We are very exited to announce that the PAC 19 Discover activity will be the biggest and most modern so far. Instead of discovering one city as campers haves done in the past; campers will traverse two major Queensland cities. Starting in Robina on the Gold Coast and finishing at Roma Street parklands in Brisbane. We think that lives up to the "biggest" part of the description. As for modern, we want to leave some secrets until camp. But clues have already been given if you look back over some of the PACed Gear video specials and newsletters.

"DISCOVER"





DEVOTIONS

The heart and soul of PAC revolves around the friends you make a camp. You usually end up closest to those in

your cabin/tent group. Devotions are lead by your Cabin/Tent Officer. Devotions also tie in with worship/rally nights. Because we get to do devotions everyday, it gives you the opportunity to go deeper into biblical topics and how they relate to yourself and your mates around you.

Omegas BB age 15 - 19 will get

OMEGAS BREAK OUT

exclusive use of the PAC 19 satellite site at Glengarry. This will be an overnight activity with a range of activities; some unique to Glengarry and others that are similar to QCCC, but will be ramped up to give the Omegas more age appropriate challenges.











ALPHAS GAUNTLET

While the Omegas are away the Alphas will get to

play. Alphas BB age 12 - 14 will have exclusive use of the QCCC PAC 19 Home Base for two days and a night. It will be an exciting and unique program filled activities and challenges not available during the rest of PAC 19. The challenges will be specially tailored for the Alphas age range.

THE UNIQUE FACTOR

PentaPAC award requirements

change from camp to camp depending on what is available near the host campsite. The 5th area of the PentaPAC is a chance for the host state to offer a special challenge or set of challenges that is unique to the area. In the past PA Camps have offered hikes, photo scavenger hunts or a passport system of activities that need to be ticked off. The committee is working on a very good idea for PAC 19 that will be announced closer to the camp date.









ON SITE ACTIVITES The PAC 19 committee along with Vertec Adventures is

planning an exciting program

of onsite activities that will challenge everyone who comes on camp. Vertec facilitators and Boys' Brigade Officer's and leaders will be working together and making use of the purpose built QCCC onsite activity facilities. Vertec will also offer a range of specialist activities from survivor challenges though to high ropes and rock climbing. These activities will be woven into various team-building activities scheduled for each Camp Company, as well as the elective program.



WORSHIP AND RALLY NIGHTS

There are a couple of nights at PAC 19 where the full PAC 19 camp gathers as a BB family and worships God together. There is usually an insight into the devotions we are studying as well testimonies and Biblical life advice. There are updates on camp events as well as showcase of camp highlights, official ceremonies as well as other fun evens such as skits and bands.









The choice of DREAM WORLD or WHITE WATER WORLD is Included in PAC 19 camp fees.



fifty right fifty

This is Australia's Biggest Theme Park with fifty rides including the BIG 9 Thrill Rides

featuring some of the world's tallest and fastest rides. With names like Buzz Saw, Giant drop, Tower of Terror 2, Cyclone, Wipeout, Mick Doohan's motorcoaster and The Claw, you know your in for a day of thrills and fun. Mmm, I can feel the air rushing through my hair now, (if I had hair).

But it's not all adrenaline. There's Tiger Island, train and paddleboat rides, Dream Time Corroboree,

DreamWorks areas featuring Shrek, Kung Fu Panda, Madagascar and the all-new V8 Experience. There's even rides that might get you wet, like the Rocky Hollow log ride and Thunder Rapids. Actually that's a half-truth, depending on where you sit, Thunder rapids will get you soaked. Our Dreamworld Day will be the highlight of the 1st half of the PAC 19 program and will be a great chance fro campers to get to know each other. Don't forget your day bag and some extra spending money for souvenirs.

Right next-door to Dream World is White Water World. White Water World is included with your entry to Dream world.



Plenty of slides, rides and pools to keep you cool.

Gather your bro's and take a ride down "The Bro" or have yourself a good ol' time on "The Little Rippers." Have you ever wanted to try a hydro coaster or feel what it's like to go on "The Wedgie?" Have a visit to "Surf School or the

before spinning out on "The triple Vortex" "Temple of Huey" "The Green Room" "The Rip," "Pipeline Plunge" and many more When your done with all the excitement a and adrenaline just relax with your mates in the "Caves of Waves."





THE HUB

This is the main meeting place for chills at PAC 19 and will incorporate several specialised areas.

<u>CHAPPIES REST:</u> This is a relaxed quiet area if you need to catch up regarding devotions, have a spiritual question, life issue, or just want to chat.

<u>THE CAFÉ:</u> This usually has a better name that is revealed closer to camp. The café is a place that will have you covered on those hot days with the ever popular slushie machine. It will also have snacks, other cold drinks and hot beverages and is a main point for picking up a copy of the camp newsletter. It is also a place where you can come and relax, catch-up with mates about what you've done during PAC that day in a (sometimes) quieter setting. It will also house the PAC/BB historical display and BB QLD's "They enlisted at my age" WWI display.

THE GAMES AREA: After you've caught up with you friends you may like to challenge them to something a little less physical than a hike, flying fox or paintball. The games room is another great place to catch up for a chat where you can play games such as ping pong, cards, board games, table, soccer etc. Yay for alternative games that don't rely on a phone.

<u>THE CAMP SHOP:</u> PAC has your back if you've forgotten something in your pack. This is a service provided to campers who may have forgotten to pack certain gear in their haste to get to camp on time. The store will have souvenirs, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen etc.

THE PAC BANK: THE PAC BANK IS BACK MAC. (Try and say that 10 times) It's not wise to bring a lot of cash on camp. It may get lost. It's worth depositing a little extra money into your PAC fee account using your camper number as a reference so you have money kept in a safe place until it is needed on camp. PAC bank does have operating times that will be advertised when PAC 19 starts.

"Experience the Spirit in the Sun!"









Apologies

As a program for an event of this size is brought together, sometimes already announced program items have to be reworked, or even dropped. Some of you might remember the announced Kangaroo Island trip planned for PAC 18 having to be dropped due to cost.

In an earlier edition of PACed Gear, we announced the potential of an "Open Day" being held during PAC 19. As the program has evolved, it has become evident that, in the interests of packing as much as possible into the PAC program, we do not have a day where the whole camp is together onsite for a whole day and, therefore, we are unable to offer an "Open Day"

Because of how full the program is, it was decided that there will no longer be programmed secret activities in order to have free time to recharge. But random things do happen on PAC.

BEACH DAY



As part of the PAC program, each Camp Company will spend a day at one of our immaculate world-class beaches.

Take a walk along the beach, spend time in the surf, have a sand castle competition, bury your mate or just spend time with your feet in the water marveling at Gods creation. In the middle of summer it will be welcome relief from the Queensland heat. DON'T FORGET THE SUNSCREEN!!

I'm sure there will be Boys' Brigaders who'll be up for a game of beach cricket or football. If you don't like the feel of sand between your toes, then the newly renovated Pacific Fair, one of the largest shopping centers in Australia is a 15 - 20 minute walk away.

We have packed (or is it PACed) the program full of stuff that will keep you busy. But we know it's

FREE TIME

important to have down time to recharge and catch up. After all, a lot of activities are designed to take you out of your comfort zone and challenge you spiritually, physically and mentally. Free time can be spent with your Company, in The Hub, catching up on Devotions or doing PentaPAC activities, etc.



OMEGAS CLUB

An old PAC club is making a return to PAC 19. Being an

Omega requires a level of leadership and responsibility. But being an Omega also has certain privileges. This is place to have fun and hang out with old and new friends. It is also a place where Officers can quietly (only sometimes) advise our future leaders, away from busy PAC happenings.



BADGE SW APPING

This PAC tradition has been around since the early years of PAC. But lately this activity has taken a back seat to some of the bigger flashier

activities that happen at PAC. Boys' Brigade is a huge worldwide movement. Collecting badges is a great way to remind yourself how big the organisation is and how varied we are. Perhaps you only collect a certain type of camp badge

or you want to collect all the different kinds of sport or expedition badge. Perhaps you like metal BB Badges. Maybe you just want to collect the all. What ever it is, you never know what you find at a badge swap. It happens in The Hub.















STATE CONTINGENT BADGE

This is more of a pre camp challenge than a camp activity. Come up with a design that represents your state at PAC 19 that can be turned into a cloth badge. You State Liaison Officer will help pick the winner. The badges can then be made and sewn onto PAC 19 shirts. You can bring a few a few extra long and swap them.

Like the contingent badge, this is more of a pre camp challenge than a camp activity. For most of the activities you aren't required to undergo a training regime before you arrive at PAC. But there

PACFIT

will be some activities and electives i.e. hikes, where it will be advantageous to have some physical conditioning. There will be more effort required to achieve Silver and Gold PentaPAC this time compared to previous PAC's. But if you get in a give it your best enthusiast go, you might surprise yourself and achieve silver or even Gold. But beware, if your pre PAC workout consists of little more than starring at screens and giving your thumbs and fingers a work out, then maybe, just maybe you'll find achieving PentaPAC to be more challenging than you expected.









TRANSPORT TO AND FROM PAC 19

Plain trains, automobiles and

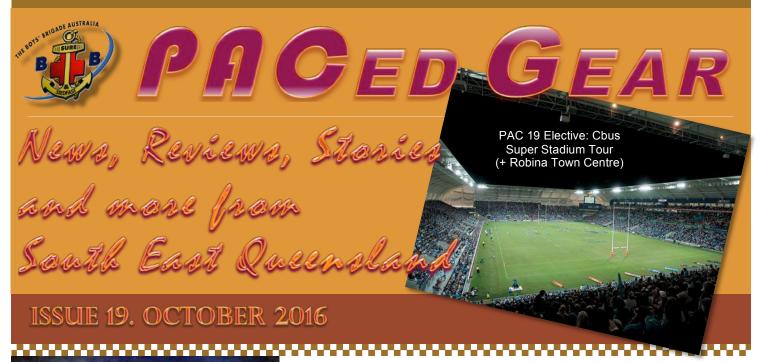


motorbikes. Everyone will need transport to get to PAC 19. PACed gear newsletter issue 15 has more in-depth details. Cars and bikes are have it pretty easy getting up the twisty Tamborine Mountain Roads. But be aware that like most camps parking will be limited so there may be a site for away from the camp for long-term parking. There are restrictions on the size of buses that can go up the mountain due to the twisty roads.

Campers arriving at either Coolangatta airport or Brisbane airport by plane can catch the PAC shuttle bus for a one-way transfer fee of \$20. Going to camp and leaving camp will therefore cost \$40.

You'll need to book flights that arrive in SE QLD by 2:30pm on January 13 so we can start camp on time.

PAC officially finishes on Sunday 22nd at 9:30am. Please try to arrange flights for 11am or later. Campers needing to leave before the 22nd will need to organise their own transport.







ELECTIVES HAVE BEEN RELEASED

We have two reasons to celebrate this month.

The first is that this is the 19th edition of PACed Gear for the 19 Pan Australian Camp. Hopefully the newsletters have given new PA Campers some useful info about Pan Australian Camps in general, as well as providing information about the up coming 19th Pan Australian Camp.

The second reason to celebrate is the release of the much-anticipated PAC 19 Electives Pack this month

Starting with a list of over 140 activities, the PAC 19 committee has come up with a final list of 35 electives. Some of these electives such as Paintball, abseiling, laser skirmish etc, have been available at past PAC's and we've included them again because they are so popular. We also have a bunch of activities that are unique to South East Queensland such as Warner Brothers Movie World, the Straddie Caper, Barney Creek, Cbus Stadium Tour (home of the Gold Coast Titans) and South Passage Adventure sailing, to name a few.

There are plenty of electives to choose from within your PACBux allowance, but some electives will incur additional fees. In order to achieve The Electives side on the Gold PentaPAC you will need to pick electives that reach a total of 5 stars. Make sure you check out the PAC 19 Electives Pack to get the full list of electives including brief descriptions, any additional costs and star ratings.

PAC 19 STATE LIAISON CONTACTS

QLD - Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
NSW - Reece Newman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
TAS - Nicholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
WA - Andrew Twine. bbwapacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
ACT - Ron Vandergugten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org



Registration and FULL camp fee DEADLINE 30 Nov 2016

PentaPAG

The PentaPAC is the only Boys' Brigade award you can earn on a PAC, and can only be earned at a PAC. Gold level requires the completion of five areas while silver only requires four; see 'Know your PentaPAC below.'

PentaPAC is not an attendance/participant award, it needs to be earned. Discussion after PAC 18 raised the issue that standards for achieving PentaPAC were too low. To bring prestige back to the award and fulfill the sense of achievement that should go with PentaPAC, it was decided, that the standards for achieving PAC 19 PentaPAC will be higher. Campers who are prepared to risk a little and step outside their comfort zone and stretch themselves should have no problem earning Silver level. However, earning Gold will be tougher, but will come with a real sense of pride and achievement in completing the 5 sides.

The principle of 'reasonable adjustment' is adopted for campers with a physical, intellectual or other disability. Alternate standards or activities will be set by the PentaPAC Coordinator in consultation with the Camp Director and will clearly set an alternate challenge for the camper, consistent with their abilities.

Know your Pentapho

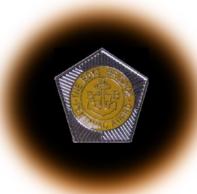
1. SPIRITUAL

Based on Participation and engagement in worship, devotions and other camp discussions.

VERY

2. DISCOVERY

Based on the Discover South East Queensland activity. Get all the collections points as you make your way from Robina to Roma Street Parklands. The exact percentage required will be revealed at camp



3. PASSPORT

Based on the completion of 80% (silver) or 100% (Gold) based on "catching" people and engagement with historical displays. The exact requirements will be in the passport booklet at camp.

4. PHYSICAL CHALLENGE

As part of the Alphas Gauntlet or Omegas Break out. This will involve teamwork, participation and meeting a timed challenge standard.

4. ELECTIVES

Based on quality of participation. Electives have been allocated star values. A total of 5 stars is required for Gold and 4 for silver.



Camper 219

Who is the legendary PAC number 219. Well NSW claimed bragging rights. 61st Carlingford Company in particular. Congratulations Mr Nate Hale.

When I told him he was very humble but is very much looking forward to an awesome PAC experience.

- Rhys Newman

Camper number update as of 23rd October 2016.

The race is on. Who will be camper number 319?



QLD	NSW	VIC	TAS	ACT	SA	WA	Int'l	Total
QLD	11011	VIC	1110	1101	011	V V Z L	1110	Total
109	57	40	4	10	0	19	11	250



Electives Continued

132 campers have already submitted their Elective Selections. If you haven't been sent the electives nomination form then you may need to double check how much you have paid off your camp fee.

Campers need to have paid at least \$350 of their camp fee before they will be sent the link to the elective selection form.

We have said in the past that those who have registered early would have first go at elective selection. All electives will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. So if you've already received the link, make sure you get your selection in ASAP.

We strive to give campers their first elective preference. But some activities require a minimum number of participants in order to operate. Some electives will be cut if they don't have adequate numbers to be run. So make sure you encourage your friends to register for PAC 19 and submit their elective forms ASAP. If campers have paid their \$350 but haven't received their link yet, contact camp admin pacamp@brigadeaustralia.org

Banking details are as follows:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of

Australia

BSB: 062 262

Account No.: 1017 4377

Description: (Your camper number)

Account Name:

Pan Australian Camp -

The Boys Brigade Australia

REG ISTER TO JOIN THE Q! This is by far the most important item to know about PAC, after all how do we know your coming unless you register.

STEP 1: Go to https://pac19.brigadeaustralia.org and register your details. This page also has a FAQ tab for more info about PAC

This is a way of proving who you are, and not a bot before you move to the next step. An email will be sent to the Registrar who will then send an email inviting you to go to step 2.

STEP 2: Will have a link to a new page when you fill out your PAC 19 registration details. The email will also include banking details and your very important camper ID Number.

pac fit

There was an article in May 2016, PACed Gear Issue 14 about being ready for camp by getting PAC fit. We want to encourage you to get active. Besides, it's good for you and can go towards your BB Physical Award and we want you to have fun pushing yourself at PAC 19 to do something you haven't done before. If you do very little physical activity i.e sit in front of a screen all day, you may find the physical activities more challenging than they should be. We'd hate for you to miss out a great adventure. But PAC fit is not about becoming an Olympic Level athlete either.

Hopefully by now you've already looked over the PAC 19 electives and have noticed there are a large variety of activities to accommodate different interests and fitness levels. Most of them don't require any particular fitness level. However, during the lead up to PAC 19 some campers have communicated their desire for more challenging adventurous activities. Now that we know the electives, we can help your PAC fit preparation by giving you a brief review about some of the fun physical PAC 19 electives, in particular the hikes. Each hike has been picked as it/they have something unique to offer within South East QLD.

HIGH LEVEL. Barney Creek overnight expedition, Mount Barney N.P.





Barney Creek was the first review we did back in early 2015 to show that SE QLD had more than beaches and theme parks. We also wanted to show that the QLD heat would not stop us doing some of the more challenging activities.

Why do you need to be PAC fit for this expedition? 8km over 5 hrs per day over 2 days while carrying 15 – 20kg overnight backpacks over rough terrain, scrambling up rocky slopes as well as rock hopping down a creek and

swimming while surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery.

This bush adventure is a personal favorite of the QLD PAC SLO and will require a good level of fitness and a never gonna give up attitude. This hike is more about negotiating natural obstacle than it is about distance. You'll be individually challenged and challenged as a group. There'll be time for exploration, and don't worry too much about the heat as they'll be time for chilling out in the water. If you're already used to carrying an overnight backpack, then you're probably already PAC fit for this adventure. Sounds like your kind of fun? You're going to have some great stories after this elective.

RECOMMENDED GEAR TO PACK: Sleeping Bag, Sleeping Mat (PAC can provide mat if needed, if you are flying to QLD and need to save space) Water bottles/bladder that can hold at least 3L, Hat, Sunscreen, Insect repellant, Comfortable light clothes, clothes that can get wet, sleeping clothes, Comfortable socks and shoes with good grip, Cooking pan set, plastic bowl + cup, spoon, fork, 3 x Industrial strength 100L garbage bags, torch/head lamp, personal hygiene gear: toothbrush etc. your sense of adventure.

PAC 19 will provide: Transport, Tents, Overnight Bags, Stoves and Fuel, Meals and Snacks, Water purifying tabs, toilet paper and trowel, First Aid Kit and an awesome experience.

HIGH LEVEL. 1 Day Hike. Mt Maroon, Mount Barney N.P.

So we decided a high level hike can only be to the top of a mountain, and one that has dramatic 360-degree views of the rugged mountains of the Scenic Rim.

Why do you need to be PAC fit for this hike? 6km return over 7 hrs. This hike is open to Alphas and Omegas, but you need to have a good fitness level and a sense of adventure.





You'll be travelling light, food, sun protection, solid shoes/boots, day bag, minimum 3L of water that will help free up your agility and still test your endurance and strength as you hike, climb and scramble up 600m to the summit. This hike has the steepest natural track (not climb) at PAC 19, but don't worry there are plenty of hand and foot holds and places to rest.

RECOMMENDED GEAR TO PACK: Day Bag, Water bottle/bladder that can hold at least 3L, Hat, Sunscreen, Insect repellant, Comfortable sock and shoes with grip, your sense of adventure.

PAC 19 will provide: transport, Lunch and Snacks, First Aid Kit and an awesome experience.

MID LEVEL. 1 Day Hike. Gold Coast Great Walk Day 1 Section, Lamington N.P.





The full Gold Coast Great Walk was officially opened in 2008 and is a 54km 3-day hike. The Day 1 section is from O'reilly's to Binna Burra in Lamington N.P.

Why do you need to be PAC fit for this hike? This is the longest hike at PAC 19, 21.4km over 6-7 hrs. We class this hike as mid level because of the length and is suitable for most

fitness and agility types as long as you're prepared to go the distance.

This section of the Great Walk track has quite a few features as it takes you though the worlds largest remnant of subtropical rainforest along the QLD/NSW Border and includes a free forest boardwalk near the start at O'Reilly's as well as spectacular lookouts towards The Tweed Valley, Mt Warning and stands of ancient Antarctic Beech trees. There will be some scrambling, basic creek crossings and muddy sections depending on recent weather. PAC 19 is a great opportunity to do this hike as the transport logistics are taken care off as you start and finish in different locations.

RECOMMENDED GEAR TO PACK: Day Bag, Water bottle/bladder that can hold at least 3L, Hat, Sunscreen, Insect repellant, Comfortable sock and shoes with grip, your sense of adventure.

PAC 19 will provide: transport, Lunch and Snacks, First Aid Kit and an awesome experience.

LOW LEVEL. 1 Day Hike. Binna Burra, Lamington N.P.







Low level doesn't mean boring. Starting and ending at Binna Burra, this elective will combine the Caves Circuit, Lower Bell Bird Circuit and Tullawalllal Circuit.

Why do you need to be PAC fit for these hikes? All these are all classed as easy. The shorter combined distance of 14 – 15km over a day allows time for all fitness levels to complete the hikes.

Please be aware that even tough these are easy hikes, the tracks are maintained natural tracks, and therefore they will have uneven surfaces, hilly sections and stairs. But this is all part of the great outdoor and getting out there in Queensland's great Gondwanna rainforests.

RECOMMENDED GEAR TO PACK: Day Bag, Water bottle/bladder that can hold at least 2L (no more than 3L) Hat, Sunscreen, Insect repellant, Comfortable sock and shoes with grip, your sense of adventure.

PAC 19 will provide: transport, Lunch and Snacks, First Aid Kit and an awesome experience.

<u>VOLLEY BALL COMPETITION IS BACK!</u>



The competition is open to companies with 6 campers BB age 18 or lower (this will not be varied). A team must consist of 6 players on court (though there can be substitutions to allow greater participation). A team must have at least 3 Alphas and therefore no more than 3 Omegas on the court at any one time. Sorry officers, you have to watch from the side.

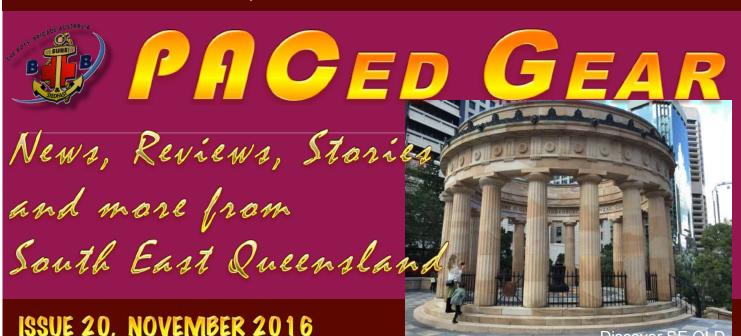
Entries are now open and close on 1 December 2016. A draw will be published and all preliminary matches are to be arranged by the companies involved during times they are

in camp, with the final being held later in the week when all campers are in-camp.





Discover SE Q





It's the Final Count Down.

PAC 19 Registration closes at the end of this Month.

Have you joined the Q yet?

If not, why not? C'mon it's going to be great fun.

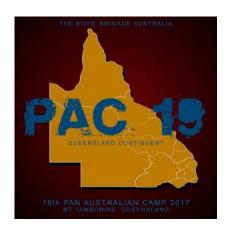
The 19th Pan Australian Camp is your Boys' Brigade Australia national event. PAC 19, 10 days of awesomeness based at the QCCC on Tamborine Mountain. 1 day at a world class, Gold Coast beach for all campers, 2 days of electives, 1 day at White Water World and/or Dreamworld, for all Campers, 2 days of alpha challenges at QCCC and 2 days of 0 megas Challenges at Glengarry.

The PAC favorite, "Discover" activity is back and will take campers on an 'Amazing Race' style day trip from Robina on the Gold Coast to the Roma Street Parklands in Brisbane.

There will be camp Company time where you get to experience the great onsite activities supplied by Vertec Adventures as well as free time, getting to know God better though devotion and worship and hanging out with your mates. Speaking of mates, don't let them miss out on this PAC experience. Get them to register so they can join in the fun. Don't forget to contact your Captain or State Liaison O fficer of you have questions about PAC 19.

PAC 19 STATE LIAISON CONTACTS





STATE CONTINGENT BADGES

The QLD contingent Badge challenge is wrapping up at the end of November. The winner will be announced in the December edition of PACed Gear. Come up with a design that represents your state at PAC 19 that can be turned into a cloth badge. The winner will be announced in the December edition of PACed Gear.

O ther state are wrapping their designs challenges as well so make sure you get in contact with you State Liaison O fficer if you want to be part of this challenge.

The badges can then be made and sewn onto PAC 19 shirts. You can bring a few a few extra long and swap them.

Keeping up to date while on Camp

Have you checked out the PAC 19 Facebook page? It's a closed group so you'll need to request to join.

Have you seen the PAC 19 channel on YouTube? It's doesn't just have current PAC promo videos, but also 'Blast from the Past' videos of some past PA Camps. You can be certain that a video will appear on the PAC 19 Facebook page and You Tube channel sometime after PAC 19 is finished featuring activities and campers at PAC 19.

Anyway, promo aside and back onto social media, if PAC 19 is anything like the last few PA camps, posts will appear from leaders on the PAC 19 Facebook page though the duration of camp.

But that's not all. PAC 19 is also planning to produce a Camp newspaper. This will be available at The Hub. Everyone who comes to a PAC has their own experiences and stories to tell, and we'd love to hear and share them.



We've tried to get more past PAC campers to write in and share their stories for PACed Gear, and we are thankful for those who have written in and shared their stories. Getting campers to write in was a way to lead up to the PAC newspaper as campers can submit an article that can be shared in the PAC 19 newspaper.

In the weeks following the close of registration at the end of November, you will be sent a PAC 19 information pack. It will include medical forms, essential and elective gear lists, elective confirmation, camp uniform selection forms as well as an invoice for additional costs e.g. electives, airport transport etc.



REG ISTER TO JOIN THE Q! This is by far the most important item to know about PAC, after all how do we know your coming unless you register.

STEP 1: G o to https://pac19.brigadeaustralia.org and register your details. This page also has a FAQ tab for more info about PAC

This is a way of proving who you are, and not a bot before you move to the next step. An email will be sent to the Registrar who will then send an email inviting you to go to step 2.

STEP 2: Will have a link to a new page when you fill out your PAC 19 registration details. The email will also include banking details and your very important camper ID N umber.

Banking details are as follows:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of

Australia

BSB: 062 262

Account No.: 1017 4377

(Your camper number)

Description:

Account Name: Pan Australian Camp -

The Boys Brigade Australia

PAC 19 LOGO OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS



Don't forget to pick your Electives ASAP!

Some electives require minimum number for them to operate, so make sure you mates have picked their electives as well.

Camper number update as of

The race is on. Who will be camper number 319?

16th November 2016.

QLD	NSW	VIC	TAS	ACT	SA	WA	Int'l	Total
118	63	44	4	11	0	24	11	275

Over the last the last 19 issues I've tried to be neutral about most articles and photos in PACed Gear as a way of showcasing an overall PAC perspective.

But I'm going to share a few extra personal recollections from my past 6 Pan Australia Camps.

PA camps have given me a lot of first time opportunities. PAC 13 (besides being my first PAC) was my first mountain hike, and possibly my first go at abseiling. PAC 14 was my first ever caving experience and first time to ever travel interstate. PAC 15 was my first slot gorge expedition as well as my first PAC as an officer.



Despite significant injuries, I made it to the Top of Cradle Mountain, PAC 17.

PAC's have also gifted me many 'one of' opportunity's that I would love to do again but haven't, mostly due to time and distance. i.e Hiking Kosciuszko, Tour of Parliament House, Slot Canyons, Anything in Tasmania especially Cradle Mountain, Port Arthur, etc.

But it wasn't just the programmed stuff that stuck in my head. A lot of the really silly stuff came from the non-programmed antics on camps. Like day 1 at PAC 16, our company were all in the pool and had created the best whirlpool I've ever been in. But we didn't stop there. The pool was figure 8 shaped so we made a double whirlpool. Even the adjutant was involved (Aaron Palmer) which is why we missed our first company meeting, but it was worth it. PAC 15 had the biggest thumb wrestling war I've ever scene, so big that it made the camp newspaper. PAC 17 had a campsite evac



PAC 18 Thank you Sturt Company for the lovely pool. Love, Heysen and Flinders Companies.

due to a burst dam. Not a good thing, but it stuck in the memories of all PAC 17 campers, AND we all got pizza for dinner that night. Speaking of food, I still believe PAC 15 had the best food so far. You can't go past a full buffet style breakfast, lunch and dinner.

I can't quite remember exactly why this happened at PAC 16. I think it was a challenge to see who could wear the most underwear.

As I've gotten older, (I'm not that old yet) I've come to appreciate quality time with people. Those who have read PACed Gear edition 10 will already know two of my stories, for those

who haven't go and have a quick read. But there a plenty of other stories including a young bloke struggling with whether or not to make a commitment to Christ because he was afraid of what his family would think. Walking along Cape Woolamai (PAC 16) and talking life and spiritual stories, Sam overcoming his fear (PACed Gear 17) to be able to abseil down a cliff.

That is just a brief recollection over some of my memories from the past 6 PACs. While I've been

sharing tips and stories for PAC 19 through PACed Gear I have personally been looking forward to a few things at PAC 19.

The discover activity intrigues me. I don't know of any local group that has attempted something of this scale, going from Robina to Roma Street. I know some of the secrets associated with this activity, but I I'm sure I'll still be in awe at how this is going to work. All the best to John Hopper and his team in organising this, it's going to be big.



We create our own amusement on the PAC 18 photo scavenger hunt.

The beach is only and hour and a half away but I rarely get to go there. It'll be great to just swim, dig a hole, build a sand castle with obstacles for a ball to roll down, or just chill.

White Water World. Again, it's only 1½ hours away, but I've never been there. So most of the water slides will be new to me.

Barney Creek/Mt Maroon/hiking in general. I'm looking forward to getting a group through this part of South East QLD. I've found in my walk with God and that some of the best ministry conversations I've had are in the great outdoors. This hike has plenty of chances for chatting about life and spiritual matters as well as just chilling, with a good portion of challenge thrown in to satisfy you physically. I've taken groups on this hike before and they almost always come out the end going "wow, I just did that!?"

Ben H. QLD PAC SLO + PROMOTIONS.



News, Reviews, Stories and more from South East Queensland

ISSUE 21. December 2016





See you all soon.

O ne of the more frequent question we get asked regarding PAC is, 'what will I/my child get out of it?" That is possibly the hardest question to answer, as there are so many reasons.

For example, leaders pay the same price as all other campers but rather than "what do I get out of it," they go because of what they can give back.



Most of you already have your reasons for going (some as simple as having fun) and don't need any more justification for your choice. But I've

recently posted an article on the PAC 19 Facebook page by Greg Stier from Dare2share titled "Dear Parents of Teenagers, here are 5 reasons you should keep your teens (and kids) involved in a youth group."

Teenagers need models and mentors.
 Teenagers need community.
 Teenagers need Mission.
 Teenagers need Theology.
 Teenagers need a safe place to confess and confide.

Chances are that you're already aware of these reasons. I think these are very good reasons not just for PAC, but Boys' Brigade and other Christian youth groups in general.

Ben H

PAC 19 STATE LIAISON CONTACTS

QLD - Ben Harth. bbqldpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
NSW - Reece Newman. bbnswpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
TAS - Nicholas Eduljee. bbtaspacslo@brigadeaustralia.org
ACT - Ron Vandergugten. bbactpacslo@brigadeaustralia.org

REGISTRATION EXTENSION



Extended Registration DEADLINE 14 Dec 2016

In the weeks following the close of registration, you will be sent a link to the pre camp information pack. It will include essential and elective gear lists. You will also receive elective confirmation, an invoice for additional costs e.g. electives, airport transport etc. and a request to provide your travel details (particularly if you want transport from airport to camp), medical, dietary, parental contact and other information

STATE CONTINGENT BADGES



Queensland has a winner for their PAC 19 State Contingent Badge challenge. A joint effort between two Officers, John Hopper and Ben Harth.

Victoria has also created a contingent badge.

The badges can sewn onto their respective states' PAC 19 shirts. You can bring a few a few extra long and swap them.



Victoria is closing in on our target 50 campers, we hope to sign up a few more by the new closing date. We have one company (21st Vic Mitcham) that has got 18 boys and 2 leaders coming so far! The majority of the Victorian contingent is on the one flight, VA323 to Brisbane, so it should be an interesting plane trip!

REGISTRATION EXTENSION



Extended Registration DEADLINE 14 Dec 2016

STEP 1: Go to https://pac19.brigadeaustralia.org and register your details. This page also has a FAQ tab for more info about PAC

This is a way of proving who you are, and not a bot before you move to the next step. An email will be sent to the Registrar who will then send an email inviting you to go to step 2.

STEP 2: Will have a link to a new page when you fill out your PAC 19 registration details. The email will also include banking details and your very important camper ID Number.

Banking details are as follows:

Commonwealth Bank of Bank:

Australia

BSB: 062 262 Account No.: 1017 4377

Description:

Pan Australian Camp -

The Boys Brigade Australia



Account Name:





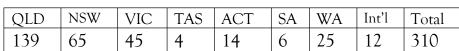


(Your camper number)



Camper number update as of 8th December 2016.

The race is on. Who will be camper number 319?





You know it's hot is Australia when....



- 1. The best car park is determined by shade, not distance.
- 2. Hot water comes from both taps.
- 3. You Learn that a seatbelt buckles makes a good branding iron.
- 4. The temp drops below 32 degrees C, and you feel chilly.
- You learn it only takes two fingers to steer a car
- 6. You develop a fear of door handles
- 7. You break a sweat at 7am.
- 8. You biggest bicycle fear is "what if I get knocked out and end up cooking on the road".
- 9. You realise asphalt has a liquid state.
- 10. Farmers are feeding chooks ice to prevent hard-boiled eggs.
- 11. The trees are whistling for dogs.
- 12. Shopping centers are a place where you worship air conditioning.
- 13. Sticking your head in Freezers is considered normal.
- 14. A cup full of ice is considered a great snack.
- 15. A blackout is life threatening because the air con and fans stop working.
- 16. You keep everything in the fridge, including clothes.
- 17. The effort of toweling off after a shower means you need another shower.
- 18. You worry the fan is spinning so fast it will fly off and kill you.
- 19. You set new land speed records moving though sand dunes to get to the surf.
- 20. You don't avoid the rain, you revel in it.
- 21. You can sunburn though the screen of a car.
- 22. You laugh because you know this list is so accurate.



Weather on camp.

A friend on mine recently said, "you know you live in SE Q LD wen you need to outrun a hail storm." Summer has greeted Q LD with a series of very powerful storm cells that were also incredibly beautiful.



We can't predict the weather so we can't be certain what the weather will be like over PAC 19. Ben West from the QCCC has told us the nights will be comfortable, staying around the 24-degree mark. The dates of PAC 19 usually have less dramatic weather events than at the start of summer. Just look at the weather report for key locations around Tamborine Mountain from Jan 13 -22^{nd} .

This was Gatton	(station	closest to Glengarry) Weather,
	January	13 - 22, 2016.

	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	$21^{\rm st}$	22 nd	
Rain	0	0	0	0	.6mm	0	0	0	0	0	
Max	36.5	35.5	34.9	25.2	30.5	30.5	33.6	36.1	36.2	37.1	
Temp											
Min	19.2	16.3	17.4	17.9	16.6	16.3	15.1	16.2	16.0	17.9	
Temp											

This was Beaudesert Weather, January 13 - 22, 2016.

	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
Rain	0	0	0	2.6mm	.2mm	0	0	0	0	0
Max	34.9	34.1	32.9	25.1	28.0	30.2	31.8	34.3	35.1	35.1
Temp										
Min	19.6	16.7	18.1	17.0	13.8	14.6	15.8	17.3	16.7	17.9
Temp										

This was Gold Coast Weather, January 13 - 22, 2016.

	$13^{\rm th}$	14 th	15 th	16 th	$17^{\rm th}$	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd
Rain	0	0	0	.2mm	0	.4mm	0	0	0	0
Max	29.9	30.3	30.6	26	28.3	28.8	27.8	29.7	30.5	30.5
Temp										
Min	22.2	21.2	22.3	18.7	19.4	19.7	20.0	19.3	20.7	22.5
Temp										