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Tasmanian views, news and events



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Note from the Chief

Welcome back to Scouting in 2012

Wild Dayz was a great success with everyone full of praise for how smoothly it all ran, the amazing range of activities and the high quality of the expeditions. For those who helped, January was flat out but **Tasmanians can all be proud of the fact that once again we have put on a high quality event.** There was wonderful publicity in the media during the event and everyone in the community seemed to know about Wild Dayz. Southern Cross and the Examiner were outstanding in their coverage. Already Branch has noticed an increase in calls from people making enquires about Scouting

Prior to an event like Wild Dayz, there are few people who realise the effort required to successfully hold such a large event. Looking after 1500 participants for eleven days is a significant task by any measure. Now there are a whole lot of us who know what is involved and some who are still hard at work finishing off all those little things that still need to be done including finalising financial statements. In the lead up to and during the event, **hundreds of Tasmanians were involved in some way or another.** A look at the list of those on site and those involved in the 28 Expeditions shows nearly 200 registered Leaders and over 40 Rovers provided significant help, as did several dozen parent/helpers. This is almost half of all the registered Adults in Scouting in Tasmania. As well as the work done by Venturer Leaders it was great to see Scout, Cub and Joey Leaders helping with tasks like catering, cleaning and security, sometimes husbands and wives or several generations from the same family worked side by side, and even Life Members of the Branch had their sleeves rolled up doing the dirty/hard work. A special mention needs to go to the unseen workers involved in the set up and pack up of Quercus Park and those who prepared camp sites and expeditions around the State. To all those who helped with any aspect of Wild Dayz I would like to extend my personal thanks and those of the Branch. **As always, we couldn't do Scouting without you.**

Because of the enormous work load involved I would like to extend a more public thank you to the Organising Committee, for what has been for some, a five year project.

Dot McCullagh	Director	Gerry Vogels	Finance Director
Donna McDermott	Deputy Director	Jeannette Vogels	Deputy Finance Director
Reg Williams & Robin Abbott	Expedition Directors	Lucas Bryan	Sites & Services Director
Geoff Hurst & Matthew Barwick	Activities Directors	Kim McCullagh	Deputy Sites & Services
Fiona Pearson	Admin Director	Kelvin Hinds	Transport Director
Julie Creed	Deputy Admin Director & Registrations	Andrew Thompson	Program Director
Kim Thompson	Marketing & Promotions Director		
Linda Seaton	Deputy Marketing & Promotions Director		

For Scout Groups around the State the task now at hand is to make 2012 a great success. As discussed in the last two Newsletters, some groups are already well underway with fun/exciting activities like Family/Summer Camps which serve to bring people together for a positive start to the year. A number of Groups from all around the State have let me know about their Summer Camps and I was able to visit the North Motton/Preston Group on their Camp (see page 17). It was especially pleasing to hear about Groups who combined to share equipment and Leader expertise in Water Activities because safety is always of utmost importance. A successful Summer Camp is something young people never forget and will have them excited about what is coming up in the rest of the year. It was also great to see a Scouting presence at Australia Day events around the State and Hellyer Venturers had a public face at the Wild Side Mountain Bike Race on the West Coast which is always good for our public image. Founders Day is the next big event and I hope that all Groups/Districts have something exciting and active planned for their Youth. Don't forget to let the press know what you are doing.

Final changes to the National Work Place Safety Legislation which will impact on the Legal Liability faced by all Volunteers around Australia have not progressed over the Christmas period. As quoted in the Mercury, we have been assured at briefings by public servants and by the

Minister that Scouting will not be disadvantaged by the legislation. **Branch will monitor the final legislation carefully and will share any information as it becomes available.**

The **Branch Registration Fee structure for next year** has been reasonably well received with only one Leader expressing concern.(see Decembers Newsletter for the details) Most people understand that there is a cost to running a modern organisation and that Scouting costs less than many other organisations. The last thing we want is for this increase to affect membership. We need Leaders to be positive when talking about fees and to talk to parents about the importance of a strong Branch and National structure if Scouting is to prosper. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to ensure that expenditure is minimised and funds are spent wisely.

As of March this year, Leaders registration will be \$90 per year (a reduction of \$6), **Youth registration will be \$115** (An increase of \$19) **and Fellowship Registration will be \$45.** (an increase of \$20)

In the natural cycle of things Branch Commissioners do a six year term. Two hard working members of the Branch Team, David Rhodes (International Commissioner) and David Chalk (Adventurous Activities Commissioner) have completed their terms with distinction and expressions of interest are called to fill these vacancies. Both have done a wonderful job and we are very grateful for their contribution over the last six years. While David Rhodes will be taking a small break from Scouting, David Chalk will direct his amazing energy to his many other roles in Scouting.

Finally, don't forget that **Adult Recognition Awards are due in by the end of March.** These are our way of thanking those who make a significant contribution to Scouting above and beyond what is expected from someone who is just doing their normal role. **The sort of people we are looking for may range from parents who do things like put in a great deal of effort to repair or build campsites or halls, to Leaders who do a great job with their own Section and get heavily involved in District and State Events, to Leaders or parents who really improve the fortunes of a group or section that might have been in difficulties, to young or new Leaders who have shown exceptional enthusiasm or effort.** These awards are above and beyond Long Service Awards which are also held in high esteem. **Anyone in the movement can make recommendations for Leaders and supporters to receive Adult Recognition Awards** so look around you and see who might be eligible. Full details can be found on our web page. All applications are considered by our Branch Adult Recognition Committee and then forwarded to National for final approval. Awards are presented at our Annual Meeting each year.

Mike Patten
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President's Report

Well the Wild Dayz Venture is over. The young folk have gone home having had a truly life changing experience. That the Venture has been "Wildly successful" is due to the efforts of our volunteers and supporters right across our Branch who provided the activities and services.

On behalf of the Branch Executive Committee may I say. "Thank you all for your part in contributing to a truly amazing event." In my view, it has been by and large, both an enjoyable and uplifting experience for all concerned. Enjoyable because of the team spirit which was so evident and uplifting because it is clear that Scouting is still relevant to today's young folk. Scouting in Tasmania has an assured future whilst we continue to engage Youth through great events staffed by dedicated and experienced Leaders and supporters.

Well done.

John [Pip] Cornish
Branch President



Training Report

Welcome

Welcome back to the new Scouting year. The Training Team is looking forward to another exciting year.

Changes to the Training Scheme for 2012

You will all be pleased to know that there are no changes this year. This would have to be a first for me since taking up this role!

2012 Training Calendar

Please note that the calendar was distributed in the December newsletter.

Leader Training – Overview

Last year I published the training overview and after some deliberation I have decided to insert it into the February newsletter.

All Adult Leader training is conducted by the Tasmanian Branch Training Team. Training is standardised across Australia and controlled by Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT). Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) is a Registered Training Organisation and offers Certificate III, IV and Diploma of Leadership & Business. Certificate II qualifications are available to Venturer aged young people.

Basic Training

Step	Who	Method
Sign-up	GL or Commissioner	One on one
Introduction to Scouting	GL or Commissioner	As above or at Field Day
Field Day (all new Leaders)	District	Workshop – one day
Basic core (all sections)	Self + PLA/mentor	E-Learning
Basic Sectional (sectional specific)	Training Team	Face to Face – weekend (residential)

NOTES

Basic training is very specific for either Leaders of Youth or Leaders of Adult.

Leaders of Youth are adults working in the Joey Scout, Cub Scout, Scout, Venturer and Rover Sections.

Leaders of Adults are typically Group Leaders, District Leaders and Commissioners. Their basic training is the same as Leader of Youth programme and GL or Commissioner specific skills training.

On successful completion of their training, Leaders gain the Gilwell Woggle and a Certificate of Adult Leadership.

Leaders who complete Basic Training may also be issued with the following;

Certificate III in Business – Frontline Management

Certificate III in Leadership (Workplace level 2 or equivalent First Aid qualification required)

New Leaders have 12 months to complete their training.

Training Report Continued

Advanced Training – Woodbadge

Woodbadge Training is the final stage of training. Some of the Advanced Core subjects are delivered using E-Learning. The remainder of the training material is delivered face to face over two residential weekends. A project is also included.

On successful completion of their training, Leaders gain the Gilwell Parchment, Scarf and Beads. Leaders also receive the following;

Certificate IV in Frontline Management

Certificate IV in Leadership (Workplace level 2 or equivalent First Aid qualification required)

Training costs

Sign up, Introduction and the Field Day are not charged.

Trainees require up to date books to complete their E-Learning. The Group will need to provide these books or they will be provided by BHQ and the Group invoiced. There will also be an E-Learning administration fee of \$30 per student.

Basic Sectional courses are residential at The Lea and are currently \$90. Advanced (Woodbadge) training is two weekends, a total of \$180.

For more information on training, please see TOPS chapter 5.

TOPS 2012

TOPS 2012 is in the final stage of editing and should be available in March.

Upcoming training

Course	Date	Closing	Location
Adventurous Activities – common core	4 th Feb	13 th Jan	The Lea
How to instruct	5 th Feb	13 th Jan	The Lea
Basic Kayaking	18 th – 19 th Feb	27 th Jan	North & South
First Aid + update	2 nd – 3 rd March	10 th Feb	South

Training bookings

Applications for training must be received at BHQ using the TOP 7 (Training application) by the closing date as shown on the training calendar.

If you have registered for training you will receive a course letter from our administrator at least a week prior to the course. If you do not receive a letter, please ring or e-mail the administration officer.

Training enquiries to:

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Yours in Scouting,

Mike Wilson

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development



Joey Report

Welcome back everyone, hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and now refreshed and ready to go for another Scouting year.

I would like to say congratulations to the "Wild Dayz" committee and helpers on a great Venture. I have heard great reports from parents, Leaders and children saying what a great time they had in Tassie.

Dates to remember for 2012

Saturday 4th February – Sectional Branch Council Meeting to be held at Campbell Town District High starting at 10am. All Leaders welcome. Lots to discuss and plan for 2012. Updates -Lenah Hop, Save the Tassie Devil Program, Regional Events etc. Mary Landers will hopefully be at the meeting and will pass on more information regarding the activities, finishing with a day outing to **Tasmanian Zoo in Launceston**. This will be classed as a **major event** and a special badge will be produced. The outing is planned for end of August.

Lenah Hop 18th/19th-20th May at Carnaroo – Launceston. Hopefully we will have Registration forms and more information to pass on in the March issue of the Branch Newsletter.

Southern Regional Event – 28th/29th July will once again be a sleepover at Orana Guide Camp. Theme for Regional events will be "**Circus**". All regions will have the same theme, so a badge will be produced.

Congratulations to the following Joeys who completed and were awarded the **Promise Challenge Badge** at the end of last year. **Charlotte Woollams – Exeter. Jesse Ovington and Caitlin McCrae – Mount Stuart, Georgia Elischer - Sandford and Monique Tuxworth of City of Devonport.**

Wendy Granger

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Mariners Trophy 2012

Seamanship Competition

St Helens

30th March - 1st April 2012

The 2012 Mariners Trophy will be held on Georges Bay St Helens. Camping will be at the St Helens Guide Property, Argunaught Road St Helens, camping fee is \$7.00 per person per night. Crews would be expected to arrive Friday evening. The event is to be self catered for. Competition entry cost will be \$35.00 per Crew .

Crews = 1 coxswain and 6 crew. This is not to discourage crews with lesser numbers as other groups may have spare members and composite crews are welcome.

The competition is run in 2 sections, a novice and senior section. Please advise the competing section that your crews will be competing in, either Senior Crew or Novice Crew.

Please forward expressions of interest to

Allan Butt

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Cub Report

Well I hope that you all had a great Christmas and New Year and are now looking forward to an exciting and busy 2012. Hopefully by now, most of you would have done your Programming for the year, however I have taken this opportunity to highlight the importance of this aspect of your roles and included some suggestions on how to go about programming.

Branch Council

I am meeting with all of the District Cub Scout Leaders this month to discuss our planning for the coming year. If you have not already done so, I encourage you all to speak with your DCSL about what you want to see happening this year. Please remember, we cannot fix things if we do not know what is broken.

Grey Wolf

We had 10 Grey Wolf awards completed during December. Congratulations to Sara Nicholls, James Winter and Georgia Brown all from Cressy, Charlie Potter and Amy Bain from Mt Stuart, William Zenke, Oliver Parnham, Laura Riseley, Kate Hutchinson and Benjamin Grove all from Taroom.

Palaver 2012

With no Woodbadge course scheduled this year, this would be a great opportunity to get your elective done. We have received some excellent suggestions already, but are still open to your thoughts. Don't forget to talk to your District Cub Scout Leaders about any ideas that you may have regarding what elective you, the Leaders, would most like to do.

I encourage you all to think about what a Palaver can offer, and urge you to promote it to your new Leaders.

Programme Ideas

Programming – See attached

That's it for me for this Report. I will no doubt have much more to say next month after I have met with the DCSL's. Please don't forget to send me your photos, programme ideas, or any other suggestions you have for inclusion in the Newsletter. Good Hunting.

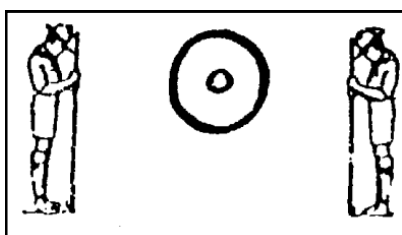
Terry Bryan

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Jonathan Allen

Dec 2011



He began his Scouting life with 2nd Burnie as a Cub and moved to Somerset Scouts. At 15 he joined Army Cadets. At 21 he will be sadly missed.

John Bennett

Jan 2012

State President 1969–1977 and 1983 –1995 and a long time supporter of Scouting in Tasmania. Instrumental in rebuilding The Lea after the 1967 bushfires.

Cub Program

This month I am going to abandon my individual programmes, and instead talk about the overall programming experience itself.

By now you would have realised that I am a great believer in programming, and it is the main reason why I started to include ideas for everyone to share. A more important activity could not be found. Having a good programme makes life so much easier for everyone concerned, (Leaders, parents, helpers), and leads to the Cubs having a much better "Scouting" experience. If you programme well, being a Leader becomes less of a chore, and you will find that the Cubs are having fun and learning at the same time.

Lets us start with Yearly Planning:

Steps for Yearly Planning

1. Yearly Planning should start in December/January and if you come prepared, should not take too long. Have on hand a couple of snacks, a hot beverage, and room for everyone to work.
2. Get as many of your Leaders/helpers to attend the planning meeting as possible
3. Have a copy of a Yearly Planner and highlight all of the School Holidays and any other Public Holidays (Show Days, Regattas, festivals and the like).
4. Enter any District or Group activities, Group Councils, Palaver, Training or other known events such as Founders Day, Harmony Day, Anzac Day, JOTA/JOTI, Cuboree, or similar.
5. Mark your Pack Nights and decide on a date and venue for your Pack Holiday (you need plenty of time to plan this and make sure that you have a venue).
6. Fill in any Pack Nights you already have special plans for such as Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Halloween, Theme nights, bring a friend, or the like, and remember to include Joint nights with your other Sections so that you can do linking sessions, or if none are due, treat it as a great way of getting to know the other Sections.
7. This should pretty much give you a basic skeleton for the year and a great place to start. Make sure all of the Leaders has a copy of this plan, and make sure that you take it to your term planning and keep filling in updates.

Steps for Term Planning

1. Term Planning should take place during the School Holidays and for convenience, I would recommend that you hold it on the same night as a normal Pack Meeting. This ensures that most of your team would be available. Once again have on hand some snacks, hot beverages and room for everyone to work.
2. Term Planning is also a great excuse to hold a Pack Council. Hold the Council for 30 minutes prior to your full programme meeting, and the Cubs can help you with themes, ideas and things that they want to do.
3. Brainstorm ideas indiscriminately to find your theme for the term and write everything on a list. What you can't use for Term 1, may be an option for Term 2 or 3. You will probably start to come up with related topics, which is good, so ensure you record every idea. Don't get bogged down on one line of thought though. If you do, stop and encourage everyone to come up with a completely unrelated idea.
4. Decide on the theme that most appeals to everyone and one that has a number of related topics. This is where you get creative and give your theme a name that will get the Cubs excited. Themes I have used in the past include Circus College, Secret Agent Training, Science Academy and In the Dark. For example, if your theme is Magic Carpet Ride, you may come up with camels, desert, sand, Middle East, then I am sure that your could come up with camel races, hiking in the hot desert sun or sliding magic carpets on the floor.
5. Once the Theme has been decided, come up with as many activities (indoor or outdoor) that you can think of. The most important thing about programming is to have fun. You can do anything that your imagination allows you to, and you do not have to stick to the theme to the letter. (Palavas are great for picking up ideas, completing training and relaxing and having fun).

Cub Program

6. Match activities with meeting nights. Remember that you don't have to do a plain old "Knotting" night. If your theme is Sports through the Ages, perhaps you could play volley ball over a net that has been tied using a sheet bend, or you could do a three legged race using ropes tied with a reef knot.
7. Think of games that you have read about, played or seen and whether these could be adapted to your theme. Again, if we use Magic Carpet Ride as a theme, the game "Steal the Keys" could become Ali Baba and his 40 (or many) thieves. (Steal the Keys involves one Cub sitting on a chair at one end of the Hall with a set of keys under the chair. The remaining Pack members have to sneak up and steal the keys without getting caught).
8. Fill in each week as you go, until the Term has been completed.

Steps for Weekly Programming

1. By this time the ideas would have stopped flowing and the snacks low. This is the time to get out you weekly programme sheets and fill in the time slots.
2. I always like to start with a game or activity that involves the whole Pack. I then finish with a quieter game or yarn.
3. Include two or three of your ideas into each night.
4. New Chums & Joeys should not be forgotten if you break up to do Boomerang Style activities.
5. Remember that Sixers & Seconds can and should assist in testing or instructing the Bronze Boomerang Level Cubs.
6. Use games to pass tests and remember to keep a record of attendance, badges earned, tests completed and subs.

DATE	THEME	DUTY SIX	
3 March 2012	Australiana	Black	
Time	Activity	Equipment	Leader
6.00pm	Opening Parade (Invest Jason & Emily)	Badges & Scarf	
6.10pm	Game – Australian Flag Relay. Each Six lines up in relay fashion, with pieces of the Australian Flag in a pile at the other end of the Hall. Taking it in turns, each Cub runs up to their pile, takes one piece and returns to the end of the line. As a piece is retrieved, it is fitted together to form a completed Australian Flag.	Australian Flag Jig Saw	Bagheera & Mang
6.25pm	Craft – Making Cork Hats	Corks, string, hats	Chil



Venturer Report

Whoa Hoo! What a ride! How awesome to be at an event like Wild Dayz and to be able to say "I helped put that together". Words cannot express my gratitude to all the Tasmanian Leaders, Rovers and Supporters who helped in so many different ways to put on this great event, and we could not have done it without you.

So now that I am coming off the high and starting to recuperate – I look to the future. What can I do now to help make the Venturing program all that it can be? How can we make Venturers a fun, worthwhile and memorable experience for our Youth members?

Well this is where I need your help again. This year I would like to get the Branch Venturer Council up and running again. So if you have a stand out Venturer, who wants to make a difference, get them along to their Venturer Council and put them forward for the BVC.

This year will also see the return of VETAPO, it's missing from the calendar but it will be there... What is VETAPO (Venturers Expressing Themselves And Partying On) a Seminar and then maybe a Ball? Or just a party...

Also, what to do in the September holidays – sailing or an expedition somewhere? Any thoughts?

Looking on from that, who would like to join me at the NZ Venture? If you are interested give me a call.

But first cab off the rank for the year is Regatta followed by Maritime Challenge, both provide a chance to challenge yourself and your unit, plus have fun at the same time.

Any questions, thoughts or reports? As always I welcome your input – drop me a line or email. I hope to see you at a Venturer event sometime soon.

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Missing from Wilddayz Water Activities

A Steve Walker Jib Sail. The sail is white with red tell tails and Steve Walker name on it. Could all Groups that lent boats to Wilddayz please check your gear.

Any information on whereabouts please to Allan Butt 0419009928





Gang Show Report

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. It seems hard to believe one month has already gone in the new year! January was certainly busy and I think those involved with running Wild Dayz are now wondering how they managed to get through the busy time ... but congratulations to all.

We are now getting further in the process, preliminary thoughts have been put forward and decisions made on characters / who they are / what they are like / how the Show will evolve and we are now up to the actual writing of the script for the 2012 Hobart Gang Show. If you have any interest in writing then this workshop is the one you want to attend. But if you don't attend a workshop, it most certainly doesn't mean you can't be in the Show and it also doesn't mean you have to be in the Show! The writer's workshop is for anyone who has an interest in this type of thing and/or want to be involved with writing the script for the next Hobart Gang Show.

I am pleased to advise that Andrew Taylor from Victoria is running our next writer's workshop and has been busy since the last one. Thanks to all those who have helped in any of the first three workshops – your efforts are much appreciated and it is so fantastic to think we have the theme, characters and basic plot already decided upon. Further information will be sent by Thursday 2nd February about the writer's workshop - if you want more information and have not received it, please contact me.

4th Writer's Workshop ... all welcome;

WHEN? ... Sunday 5th February, 2012

WHERE? ... Eastern Shore Rover Den, Corner Queen and Scott Streets, Bellerive.

TIME? ... 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING? ... enthusiasm, willingness to participate, ideas, pen and paper plus please bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks.

WHO? ... Anyone who is interested

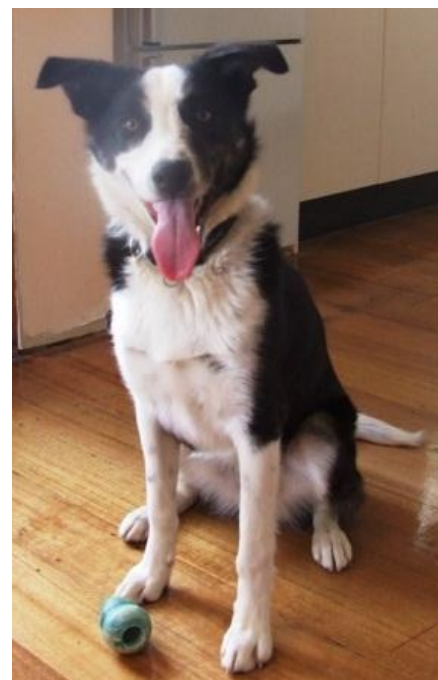
R.S.V.P.? ... Yes, an RSVP would be appreciated, but even if you don't RSVP you may still come along and don't forget, if you can't come for the entire day, just come for as long as you can.


I hope to see you on the 5th February.


**Denice Walter,
Project Commissioner Gang Show**


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Mopar 2007 / 2012

It is with sadness, Graham and Mari-
on wish to inform all in Scouting the
passing of Mopar on the night of the
16th January 2012. Unfortunately Mo
chased the wrong car. Mo will be missed for his good na-
ture and ball playing skills by many Leaders and Youth that
stay at The Lea.

Bye Mo, you will be missed by all.



Adventurous Activities

Happy New Year to all and welcome back to another year of Scouting.

Along with many other Tasmanian Leaders and supporters, I have been busy with WILDDAYZ – the 15th Australian Venture held at Quercus Park, Carrick. I took on the role of Risk Management so supported and helped in many of the Directorates, the main ones being Administration, Activities, Expeditions and Site and Services. I also undertook an Expedition – Abseiling in the South due to the overwhelming increase in participants. This Expedition was based on the Abseiling Courses in the South and venues used were The Lea, Blackmans Bay and University Quarry (Proctors Road).

Early reports indicate that the Venture was successful and I am sure that all had a great time.

My six year term as Adventurous Activities Commissioner ended in December and an expression of interest for my position is advertised in this newsletter.

Adventurous Activities Common Core Saturday 4 – Sunday 5 February

An Adventurous Activity Common Core is scheduled in February and has been added to cover those common sessions applicable to all Activities not covered in general Leader Training. Due to new training requirements any new participants will need to attend this course. **Applications are needed ASAP.**

Kayaking Flat Water - Saturday 18 Feb – South and North West

This course is still scheduled to be run in the South at the Lindisfarne Scout Hall and in the North West if enough applications. **Applications are needed ASAP.**

First Aid Course – South Fri 2 / Sat 3 March

There will be a Workplace Level 2 First Aid Course held in the South on Friday 2nd March (7.30pm-1000 pm) and Saturday 3rd March (0830-1600). An annual CPR update/assessment will take place on the Friday night to renew your certification. An Instructor from St John Ambulance will be taking the course. **Applications close 10th February.**

Activity Accreditation reminder

Many Leaders are applying for Activity Accreditation. Please keep them rolling in.

However there are Leaders that are not qualified or their qualifications have expired. You **MUST** have current qualifications to lead or assist the running of the Adventurous Activity. If your qualifications have expired and/or you believe you have sufficient experience then apply for accreditation using TOP Form 31 (formerly the Anchor Badge Application) along with a log of experience and it will be assessed. You may require attending a course to be assessed. You also must have a current First Aid Qualification.

REMINDER for Courses in 2012 – Please check the Branch Calendar for dates.

David Chalk

Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities

Grants Report

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for 2012, especially if you're applying for grants. Please let me know if you need assistance in choosing a suitable grant or submitting an application. Some Groups may have put applications in the too hard basket but I'd like to give you an example of a good luck story. Congratulations to Dot McCullagh, Venture Director of the very successful Wild Dayz 15th Australian Venture. Dot and her crew applied for many grants over a period of 3 years with some successes but raising many thousands of dollars, the biggest being \$33,000 to help build the climbing tower. Dot persevered and her determination was an excellent example of what can be achieved.

There have been a few enquiries in the past 2 months mainly to do with the **TCF Grant**. I did send out the grant process changes late last year. To summarise there will be **three levels of funding**:-

- 1. Small – up to \$10,000**
- 2. Medium – over \$10,000 up to \$90,000**
- 3. Large – over \$100,000**

Grant Round 24 (for small and medium applications, large - expressions of interest only) **opens on 4 February** with small closing about 6 weeks later and medium 8 weeks later. There will be **Grant Round 25 (for small & medium applications only) opening on 11 August**.

During December David Pears, Lindisfarne Group, had their box trailer stolen from a locked courtyard and wondered if there was a grant available to replace such an item asap. Unfortunately at that time not much is around and the TCF is the only one that could provide such funding. As they are thinking of submitting an application to build a new shed to store gear safely I suggested that they approach their local Service Club for assistance. As I'm a Lions Club member I made the initial contact with the Clarence Lions Club who is looking at ways of helping the Group out. I'm now waiting to hear from David if this has been successful. Have a look at your own area as there may be other Service Clubs willing to give you a hand.

I've been notified that some Grants still available are; Anna Wearne Memorial Trust Grant, Inger Rice Foundation Grant, Matana Foundation - some are ongoing + a few others. If you want info please let me know.

1. Sidney Myer Fund, ongoing, of various amounts worth a look, contact www.myerfoundation.org.au
2. Telstra's Kids Fund, closing 5 March, more details later

Local Councils Community Grants – George Town (ongoing), Meander Valley Council ongoing, Nth Midlands ongoing, Launceston City ongoing and Clarence Council now open – for Groups in this municipality, please contact the Council Chambers. Some Councils do not list – contact your local Council for info.

The next Grants info I'll receive will be on 9th February. If I receive information on any other suitable grants in the meantime I'll inform you through BHQ.

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Rover Report

Wild Dayz - 15th Australian Venture

The Australian Venture has kept many Tasmanian Rovers busy over the last few months. During the course of the event, 41 Rovers (43% of our membership) and 6 Rover Advisors across all Tasmanian Rover Crews have been involved helping in many different ways - including Roverscope, expeditions and other on-site and off-site activities. A special mention goes to Michael 'Macca' Green who facilitated the Roverscope base, which proved to be very popular among the Venturers. We were also assisted by a number of interstate Rovers, quite a few of whom have stayed on longer to enjoy our State and in some cases complete their Rambler's Badge.

National Rover Council 2012

Immediately following the Venture, the Tasmanian Branch Rover Council hosted the 30th meeting of the National Rover Council, attended by 45 Rovers and Branch Commissioners from around the country, representing all Branches, as well as the National Commissioners and some of the organising committee for WAM - the 19th Australian Rover Moot.

Many important decisions were made to develop Rovering in Australia, and the networking between states was also particularly beneficial. Watching the National Team perform skits at our Campfire was definitely a highlight! Our Tasmanian delegation comprised of Stuart Morse (Kingborough Rover Crew), Holly Stephens (Wellington Rover Crew), Tahlia Siddall (Eastern Shore Rover Crew) and myself. I'd also like to thank Dave Thomas (Mt Faulkner Rover Crew) for acting as Scribe for the event, and our two Venturer Observers Claire Boon and Alex Djacic for getting involved. Tamar Rover Crew provided us with some excellent catering, noted by our visitors to be better than other recent NRC meetings.



Summer Moot and Rover Reunion

If January hasn't already been busy enough, 'Back to School Moot' will have been held by the time you see this on the East Coast. Its unlikely to have been as wild as Wild Dayz, but still full of fun activities. Also some advance notice that the 2012 Rover Reunion will be held on May 26-27 in the North-west, all current and past Rovers are invited.

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Fellowship Report

OUR FELLOWSHIPS

Where are we up to ... ?

As we commence our fourth year since rekindling our Fellowships, we have a large membership approaching the century mark which continues to gradually increase. We have a good support-base - demographically it follows our population with two-thirds in the South, the other third in the North/North-West. Some members are happy to belong, others elderly, quite a few of us are still full time/part time workers and are pre-committed, some partially active, while others are more active. What matters most, which was proved by the Venture, is that we are 'Support Scouting' in whatever capacity able, be it active or otherwise, within local, District, State, or at National - eg. Cuborees, Jamborees, Ventures, Moots). Statewide our occasional Socials bring us together, so far all held in the South due to active support numbers. When a collective group is viable in the North, such as within a District, it would be good to 'branch out' there. . Those members who 'scarf up' anytime and do it individually, I'd like to hear further from you - we may have other members nearby who could share your own endeavours.

WILD DAYZ 2012

This event will no doubt be reported upon elsewhere, with echoes reverberating Nationally & Statewide for some years yet to come, stamping Tassie well and truly still on the Scouting map. Suffice to say, a grateful 'Thanks' to the many members who contributed to lend support to the Venture Committee with all and sundry tasks endured. A number of our State fellowship & Rover fellowship members served as "doubled hatters" on Committee, others members as permanent Leaders and regular day team members in full time capacities on site ensured it ticked along successfully in the 'big picture' ; also with the contribution being appreciated from members with limited time available, such as day/part time volunteers, assisting to make this a brilliant event. A few photos taken at WILD DAYZ are pictured.

FACEBOOK

If you are a Facebook person we are on it; Member, Randall Treloyn is now the contact person who is undertaking this function updating our Facebook site on behalf of the State Fellowship. Anyone interested with co-ordinating our Rover Fellowship Facebook site?

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BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
February				
4 th Feb	Joey /Cub/ Scout Councils	Campbell Town		BC's
4 th Feb	Group Leaders Seminar	Campbell Town		Mike Patten
5 th Feb	TAEDEL 301A	The Lea	Closed	BC Training
7 th Feb	Branch Property Meeting	The Lea		Richard Seeber
9 th Feb	Branch IT Meeting	The Lea		Neal Schulz
16 th Feb	B & F / BEC Meeting	The Lea		Branch Tres/Pres
25 th - 26 th	Training & Assessment	The Lea		BC Training
25 th -26 th	Venturer Leadership Course			BC Venturers

Environmental Report

What	Creative Recycle Craft Workshops
When	31 st March 2012 & 1 st April 2012.
Time	09.00- 12pm, 13.00 - 16.30 Saturday 09.00 - 15.00 Sunday
Where	Devonport
Cost	\$4 per workshop or \$10 for all 3
Who	Leaders and Youth Helpers and interested Rovers and Venturers
RSVP	BEFORE the 25 th March 2012

With the New Year comes a fresh start to our Scouting activities. For those Leaders and Youth Helpers interested I will be running some creative recycle workshops, with lots of craft ideas for all sections. Feel free to only come to the sessions you are interested in or come to all 3 of them. The first of these workshops will be in Devonport. On the Saturday you can get creative with some great ideas, (especially for Venturer and Scout sections towards their award schemes), with recycle paper making and other creative paper craft in the morning and screen printing in the afternoon. Sunday will be a range of other craft ideas especially suited to Joey and Cub sections and will cover all those special events such as Easter, Mother and Fathers day. I apologise for the short notice but if you are interested please contact me for the finer details BEFORE the 25th March 2012. Accommodation can be arranged if required.

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Excitement is running high for the next Scout Guide Regatta. Enthuse parents too – their help is needed to run the Regatta.

If your Troop is not registered, you can still take part in the Regatta by teaming up with an already registered Troop. Give Lyn Muir a call on 6229 4700 if you have any queries.

For troops already registered for the Regatta, you can add to the numbers registered until 1 March. Remember the fee increased after 15 December and increases again after 23 Feb.

	Youth member	Leader/ Parent	Children U/10
For additional registrations received before 23 Feb	\$85	\$75	\$40
For registrations received between 24 Feb and 1 Mar	\$95	\$85	\$40

When adding to your numbers, please use the Additional Entries Form. A copy of this form has been included in the mail out, or it can be downloaded from the Scout web pages or by phoning or faxing 62294700. Fill in the form and send it with your cheque to PO Box 36, Blackmans Bay, 7052. Remember that you cannot increase numbers after 1 March.

PR & Marketing Report

Welcome back from the Christmas break. I trust you are all well rested and raring to go for the coming year.

This did not apply to the Wild Dayz Committee though, as they were bringing to a head many years of hard work with the running of the National Venture at the Agfest site. Congratulations to Dot and her team for a magnificently run Venture which certainly showcased our wonderful state to the rest of Australia and the world. Dot's team certainly did our State proud and congratulations seems an inadequate word, but well done.

This event certainly has generated a lot of interest from the wider community about Scouting, with HQ fielding a number of phone calls and is a great launching pad for the start of the 2012 year.

To compliment and enhance this exposure a new competition has been started.

From now until the end of April we will be running a competition where any article or photo that is published in a council newsletter or any widely distributed newsletter about your Group will go into a draw to win a \$250.00 gift voucher at a place of your choice.

All you need to do is upload this to Facebook to be automatically entered into the draw.

The more you do the more entries you will receive.

If you have difficulty in doing this please email me a copy at nigel@ancatas.com.au.

This competition will give you the opportunity to show your local community what you are doing and will compliment nicely the huge exposure that the Wild Dayz has given the Scouting Movement.

All the best for the Scouting year and remember, if you need help of any kind please contact me on the above email or phone 0438 735275.

Happy Scouting for the 2012 year and beyond.

Nigel Clutterbuck
Chairperson of the PR & Marketing Committee.



Mike visiting the
Motton Preston
Scout Group
on Summer
Camp

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Hobart Bush Cabins

Are you coming to Hobart this Summer? Need a place to stay?

Don't forget the Hobart Bush Cabins—phone Graham on 0417 590 986 for availability.

For Scouting Members the rates are \$80 for 2 people and \$10 for each other person per night. Cabins are self contained and can sleep 6.



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