

Be Prepared ... for a new direction

Tasmanian views, news and events



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Clarence District Venturer Louisa Marmion being presented with her Junior Citizen of the Year Award by Clarence Mayor Doug Chipman.

Expressions of Interest:
BC Adventurous Activities
BC International
DC Kingborough
DC Wellington

Years of Service Awards – February 2012

There were no Service Awards issued this month

Each year many Rovers, Leaders and supporters have a meal at the Snug Tavern on the Saturday night of Regatta. If you would like to join us, and are not registered for Regatta as a Rover, please let us know so that our booking is accurate. Contact Daniel Riseley to book a seat - regatatarep@tasrovers.com or 0439 449 185.

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www.surveymonkey.com/s/8Y5M7WW

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Note from the Chief

Scouting is back at full swing, with lots of activities around the State to celebrate Founders Day.

As the New Year gets underway there are a number of administrative issues that need to be shared.

1. As part of a National initiative to ensure that only qualified Leaders are responsible for our Youth, new Leaders will have only 12 months to complete their basic training. If they are not able to complete training on time they will be changed to Adult Supporters until their paperwork including their C.O.A.L. is completed.
2. A new edition of TOP's (Tasmanian Organisation and Procedures) will be finalised this month and distributed via the Internet. Combined with the Scouts Australia P&R (Policy and Rules) these two documents are the basic rules that all Leaders must follow at all times. Failure to follow these documents leaves Leaders open to criticism and is a breach of the Mutual Agreement. I can't stress enough how important it is to read and understand these documents. If you have any questions about them please refer to the Line Leader above you (ie your Group Leader or District Commissioner) or your PLA. Please don't all phone Branch with simple questions that others could answer. The office staff members are already flat out with their own work
3. It will soon be Census time and it is really important that Group Leaders and LIC look out for and closely follow instructions that Jeannette sends out during March. Don't forget that all sections, Groups, Camps, Districts etc are expected to have their books closed on 31st March, and audited by a suitable independent person.

Many Leaders don't understand the importance and function of the Branch Council (BC) and the Branch Executive Council (BEC). BC is the body responsible for overseeing that Scouts in Tasmania function according to the TOP's and P&R. It consists of Uniform and Non Uniform members. Some like District Commissioners and District Chairman are appointed because of their positions and others are elected from interested members of the association. Only members of BC vote for both BC and BEC. In this Newsletter we are calling for nominations, but in the last few years there has been a shortage of Non Uniform candidates for BC and the constitution limits Uniform members to no more than 2/3 of the elected members. **We need your help to find suitable interested Non Uniform candidates for BC.** The BEC is the elected Executive that over sees the management of Scouting for BC (Like the Board of Management). In addition to various appointed positions there are three elected Non Uniform positions and three Elected Uniform positions. These positions are for three years and with a maximum of six continuous years. This year, both the President (Pip Cornish) and the Vice President (Nigel Clutterbuck) have completed their first three year terms and are eligible for re-election. There is also one Uniform (Fiona Pearson) and one Non Uniform (Harry Quick) position vacated and both members are eligible for re-election. As with any democratic process, others who feel they have the necessary skills and experience, are encouraged to nominate. Please see the attached flyer for the elections that will be held before 27th May. **Thank you to the retiring members of both BC and BEC for your excellent contribution over the last three years.**

Membership is an ever present consideration for us all. A new committee is being formed by BEC to investigate what can be done by us all. If you would like to be part of this committee, please get in touch with me. Every Leader needs to make sure that any Youth member who has not returned from the Christmas break is contacted and given a personal invitation to come back. It saves Leaders a great deal of effort if they can retain the Youth they spent so much of last year training. **There is a new green FRIENDFINDERS Badge for any Youth member who brings a friend along to join their section in 2012.** Leaders need to ask for the badge when they register new members.

Note from the Chief continued

Julie Creed has recently been appointed to the position of Branch Commissioner Youth Programs, a liaison role with National. As reported in last month's Newsletter **we are looking for expressions of interest for a new Branch Commissioner for International and a new Branch Commissioner for Adventurous Activities**. We have already had several expressions of interest in these positions and the closing date will be 16th March. **If you are interested, make sure you let us know**. Duty statements will be sent out to those who contact us.

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner

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President's Report

What a great start to the year we had with our successful Wild Daze National Venture. Of course success at this level doesn't just happen, it has to be carefully planned, tasks allocated and the results monitored. Starting the new Scouting year with fresh ideas and new programmes to excite interest in our youth members is a great resolution which every Group should take on board. As the Chief has stressed, retaining young people into this year's programme is one of your most important tasks. If Johnnie or Angela have not returned by the second week, then personal intervention is needed to find out why and rectify any problem the family might have. Please don't just leave this to chance.

At Branch your Executive Committee (BEC) has commenced 2012 exploring and defining how best to support and promote what you do at "the sharp end." Here are a list of the nine key issues which your representatives have agreed need special attention from the BEC this year, and beyond.

BRANCH STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2012 & BEYOND

ARRESTING MEMBERSHIP DECLINE

ENGAGING ADULTS IN SCOUTING

WORKSAFE COMPLIANCE

DEVELOPMENT OF COST CENTRED BUDGET STRUCTURES

ESTABLISH LONG-TERM STRUCTURE & REPORTING FOR FUTURES FUND

EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE FUNDING OPTIONS

SUPPORTING MARKETING INITIATIVES

ADVANCING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT

CONNECTING TO THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

Does your Group have a plan for advancing Scouting in your locality?

A good starting point is to make a list of the key issues which are holding back development.

Discuss these at your Group Council. Make a plan. You may not achieve all your goals but without a plan you are unlikely to make a difference. Here is this month's food for thought.

"If we keep on doing the same things the same way, why would we expect a different outcome?"

John (Pip) Cornish
Branch President



Training Report

E-Learning

Two new modules have been added to the curriculum.

Introduction to Basic Leadership Training

This is a 30 minute module to assist new Leaders with an overview to e-learning and basic leadership training. I have completed this unit and I would recommend all Group Leaders, Commissioners and PLA's do the same as it provides a good insight into e-learning and the training scheme.

Basic Scout Safe

This module is an introduction to Risk Management in Scouting and takes about 70 minutes to complete.

We must ensure that where possible all the risks and hazards have been identified, and as much as possible corrected, so all members have a safe and enjoyable time.

New Leader Training

When an adult joins the Movement as a prospective Leader, they have a number of steps to complete the Certificate of Adult Leadership. When they complete their application and have received their letter of welcome from the Chief, they have 12 months to complete their training. There are a number of trainee Leaders who have completed most of their training but have not submitted their final assessment. This is a joint responsibility of the Leader and the PLA/Mentor. If you are a trainee Leader in this situation, please contact your PLA/Mentor as soon as possible to arrange completion of your training. Please be aware that the Chief Commissioner will move trainee Leaders to Adult Supporters who do not complete their training within the prescribed time.

Upcoming training

Course	Date	Closing	Location
First Aid + update	2 nd – 3 rd March	Closed + waiting list	South
Basic sectional techniques	24 th – 25 th March	2 nd March	The Lea
Basic abseiling	21 st – 22 nd April	30 th March	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:

Training Administration Officer,
Mrs Marion Blight
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bhq.training@tas.scouts.com.au

Mike Wilson

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development



Joey Report

I would like to start my report by saying thank you to the Leaders who attended the recent Branch Council Meeting at Campbell Town. We have a busy year ahead so please make sure these dates are on your calendar.

Lenah Hop 18th/19th – 20th May. Closing date for Registration is 30th April 2012. No late entries will be accepted. Preparation is well under way for the weekend, with 1st Aid being the elective. We will be going to the Legana Hotel for dinner Saturday evening. A great weekend is planned. Registration Form & information will be attached to this newsletter so **“Don’t miss out,” get your Registration in now!**

Regional Events 2012 – Theme Circus: North/North West will be coming for a day activity. The date has been set for **Sunday 27th May;** a venue is yet to be decided.

Southern Regional Sleepover 28th -29th July to be held at the Orana Guide Camp, Roches Beach (Lauderdale). More details in April newsletter.

Save the Tasmanian Devil Program; Mary Landers has organized 4 to 6 weekly programs to be run in your Mob during the second term, (more details will be available at the Lenah Hop). Towards the end of Term 2 a Zoo day is planned at Tasmanian Zoo which is situated near Launceston. It is a fun event which will include all family members. The children will be encouraged to help build a habitat for the Tassie Devils. Proposed dates are Saturday 18th or Sunday 19th August.

Reunion – old/new Joey Leaders. A suggestion was made by Lee Cowan (Williams) (former BC who attended last year’s State Event) to hold a reunion of former and current Joey Leaders. After many discussions it was decided that the best time would be a luncheon prior to the Gilwell Reunion dinner with venue and date to be advised.

Promise Challenge Award: Congratulations to **Piper Catlin of Spreyton Joeys** for completing the challenge.

Wendy Granger
Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts
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BHQ NEWS

Friendfinder Badge 2012 is green. Please ensure the yellow badge from last year comes off the uniform when your Youth Members earn the new badge.



CENSUS 2012 is fast approaching. Please make sure that you contact all of your Youth Members who have not returned. If the Youth Member is not returning please make sure that you give their name to your Group Leader so that you won’t be charged at Census.



Cub Report

Hi again Everyone. After discussing programming last month in my report, I hope that you have all taken the time to sit down with your other Leaders and come up with some great ideas for 2012. I have heard some great ideas over the Christmas break, and hopefully I can pass a few along to you over the next few months. This month I have chosen Harmony Day.

But first, you may recall last month I mentioned that I would be meeting with the District Cub Scout Leaders in February to discuss the coming year. It was a very productive meeting, and I can now give you some of the highlights:

Palaver 2012

The Palaver will be held at Carnaroo on the weekend of Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th May 2012. The Programme will commence at 10am on Saturday and finish at approximately 2.30pm on Sunday. The cost of the weekend will \$30 (or \$40 if you wish to stay Friday night as well).

With no Woodbadge Course scheduled this year, this would be a great opportunity to get in some additional training. The theme for this year will be "Outdoor Scouting", and on Saturday we will be doing - How to set a Compass Course, how to make Simple Gadgets for Cubs and Ideas for Outdoor Cooking. Sunday will have a Games Ideas session, First Aid and a presentation on the Environment.

If you are interested in attending, please let me know. I will send out application forms later this month.

Again, I encourage you all to think about what a Palaver can offer, and urge you to promote it to your new Leaders. Please note that this is the same time & venue as the Lenah Hop, if you would like to travel with your Joey Leader counterpart.

Active Cub Award

This year the Commissioners Challenge/Quality Cubbing Award will be known as the Active Cub Award 2012. The criteria for this Badge will be very similar to last year and again I will send out full details shortly.

Pathfinder Camp

It has been decided that we will continue with the tradition of holding a Pathfinder Camp for all 10 year olds looking to link with Scouts. The Camp will be held on a Regional Basis, but all camps will be held on the first weekend of the September School Holidays.

As this camp is for the 10 year olds only, more emphasis will be placed on Scout activities and accordingly, many of the Scout Leaders have volunteered to assist and we will once again be asking the Patrol Leaders for their assistance.

More information on this will be released in the coming months.

District Cub Scout Leaders

Here is a photo of the District Cub Scout Leaders at our meeting in February. From left to right they are:

Cub Report continued



Stephen Locke (Hellyer District), David Henwood (Clarence District), Daphne Mitchell (Launceston & Tamar District), Jillian Parkinson (Launceston & Tamar District), Pam French (Leven District), Debbie Wells (North Midlands District), Robyn Russel (PC Environment).
Absent – Marian Ellul (Huon District) & Peter Cross (Mersey District)

Programme Ideas

Harmony Day – Travelling Around the World – See attached

That's it for me for this report. 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

Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts

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BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
March				
2nd-3rd	First Aid Course	Moonah		D.Chalk
4 th March	Commissioner Conference	Ross		Mike Patten
8th March	Branch IT Meeting	The Lea		Neal Schulz
10th-12th	Scout Guide Regatta	Snug		Regatta Chairman
11th March	TBRC Meeting & AGM	Snug		BC Rovers
15th March	B & F / BEC Meeting	The Lea		Branch Tres/Pres
17th-18th	National Ops Meeting			National
21st	Harmony Day			
24 th -25 th	Mariner's Trophy			BC Water Activity
24 th -25 th	Basic Sectional Training	The Lea		BC Training



Scout Report

Scout Section Journey Policy

At the last Branch Council the DSLs approved amendments to the Tasmanian Scout Section Campcraft Journey Guidelines.

The main changes are:

- It is now Policy, not Guidelines
- Supervision of Explorer & Adventurer Level – 15 mins and 1 hour behind respectively
- Hikes must be on Walking Tracks – there is no provision for off track walking
- Hikes not listed as pre approved must be OK'd by Branch Council before being added for the future
- Adventurer Level Journeys can now include a Plan B to save resubmitting if circumstances prevent the 1st planned to occur. (eg weather)
- Water Journeys are now hours per day on the water, not distance
- Cycling, it is now mandatory to have support vehicles on public roads

Your DSLs have the updated version. I will provide an electronic copy on request.
(bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au)

Corroboree 2012

Approx 360 Scouts, Leaders and Parents have advised they are attending. With final numbers now due and Registrations to be paid by Regatta, we may well exceed 400. We will have a Registration Point at Regatta for payment and lodgement of Applications, look for Adrian or myself.

Scoutfest 2012

August 4th & 5th at Carnaroo (near Launceston)
The elective will be Patrol Boat rowing to be held on Trevallyn Dam.

For anyone who hasn't been to Scoutfest, it is worth making the effort as it is really a Scout event without the distraction of Scouts. It is a great opportunity to meet other Leaders in a social environment and learn and exchange ideas with others.

I will send out more details nearer the date, but put it in your Program/Diary now.

See you at Regatta (or Corroboree – or both)

Phil Harper
Branch Commissioner Scouts

	<p style="text-align: center;">Leon Boeusma 1959 –2012</p> <p>Somerset Scout Leader from 1991. Also assisted at Boat Harbour. He passed away in Victoria.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He will be sadly missed.</p>
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Venturer Report

Am guessing all units are now out of hibernation, and hopefully I will get to catch up with most units at Regatta. So to kick us off for the year...

Regatta: I have some breakfast provisions and tea, coffee etc that will be available for Saturday morning in the Venturer Sub Camp. Entertainment will be 2 themed movie nights... Saturday will be an 80's retro night and Sunday is still being signed off, but I will advertise it as soon as I know. So pack your bean bags for a couple of comfy nights.

Maritime Challenge (14-15 April)

It is being hosted by the North of the state – information should be out shortly.

Branch Venturer Council (Sunday 6 May)

Will be in Launceston, I am looking for 3 reps from each of the Venturer Councils. If you have been appointed I would love to catch up with you quickly at Regatta.

Other new dates

Vetapo (2-3 Jun) that's right it's back – put it in your diary...

Leadership Course (6-8 July)

GLOW (21-22 July)

Other than that, keep an eye on your emails – it's time to update some contact lists and send out some programming tools for your units. If I've missed anything – give me a call.

Donna McDermott

Branch Commissioner Venturers

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"WE NEED YOUR HELP – COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AT WILD DAYZ" AND YOU DID!!

Wow!!! What a great 10 days!!!! Thank you to all Tasmanian and Interstate Leaders, Rovers and Supporters who made Wild Dayz one of the best Ventures yet.

We had 996 Venturers and Guides from around Australia, New Zealand, UK, Timor Leste and Saudi Arabia with a further 500 Leaders, Rovers and Supporters, including a Rover from France, who worked tirelessly to make this event happen.

We have positive reports from around Australia and the world with one Venturer saying that Wild Dayz was better than the World Jamboree! You can't get much better than that!

All Tasmanians who participated in Wild Dayz can feel proud to be part of this fantastic event. And for those who were unable to be part of Wild Dayz, you can also be proud to belong to the Tasmanian Branch. It was a huge effort. Congratulations and thank you to all involved.

Dot McCullagh,

National Venture Director

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Gang Show Report

Gang Show preparations have now well and truly got under way. Our script is currently being drafted ready to see how it all looks ... so far, so good and WOW what a great effort everyone has put into helping write the script. This year's Gang Show will have you searching for clues to solve the mystery. You will meet some very interesting characters ... Dr. Useless (is he really as useless as his name says?), The Parakeets (mmmm, can you trust a Parakeet?), Timmy and his teddy, Julia, Dan, Kat, Storm and Sam to name but a few.

I am pleased to announce this year's Director is Tim Swann with Dave Henwood as an Assistant Director. Lance Cowled is once again the Musical Director and David Mayhead is our Stage Manager.

Want to be part of the 2012 Hobart Gang Show? Well, NOW is the time to think about what area you would like to be involved with. You may like to be part of the crew, or you may like to audition and be part of the cast. Whatever it is, let me know.

Auditions for cast members will be held on Sunday 29th April at The Lea. See **the audition notice in this newsletter**. Leaders - **please give a copy of the audition notice to all youth members** in your troop, unit or crew.

Gang Show performance dates are 23rd, 24th and 25th August;
Rehearsals will commence on 3rd June and will be held weekly between 1.00 – 6.00 p.m. at the Lenah Valley Scout Hall. Longer or specific extra rehearsals will be advised if required. There is also a Gang Show camp 4th & 5th August at The Lea.

I hope to see you on the 29th April.

Denice Walter
Project Commissioner Gang Show
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INTERNATIONL REPORT

Pen Pals

As you may be aware I have stepped down in the role of Branch Commissioner International, but I have been asked by Kelly Johnson, National Pen Pal coordinator, if I could pass the following information on to all sections.

There are currently the following Internationals looking for links

- 37 Joey aged sections including UK, Canada, Brazil, NZ and the UK
- 16 Cub Packs including UK, USA and Canada.
- 28 Scout Troops including UK, Canada, Poland Kenya and the USA
- 47 Youth Members aged 8 to 12.

If you could get this information out to the relevant Leaders in all sections I would really appreciate it.

Register Via the website <http://www.international.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iMenuID=17658023>

Check out the National web site, www.scouts.com.au and click on the international link for additional information.

David Rhodes
Branch Commissioner International (Retired) 0418 339 042

AUDITIONS – 2012 HOBART GANG SHOW

**Sunday – 29th April, 2012 at The Lea
from 9.00 a.m.**

The 2012 Hobart Gang Show is looking for a cast of 1,000s ... well maybe not quite that many, but certainly anyone interested in being in a great show written by YOU (our youth)! Without the cast the production would be rather boring! So, come one, come all! Anyone interested in being a member of the cast for the 2012 Hobart Gang Show needs to make contact. If you can act, sing or dance then come along, if you are not sure you can act, sing or dance – still come along – you won't know if you don't come! Preference will be given to youth members over the age of 10, however anyone may show an expression of interest in auditioning.

You must contact Louise Patterson (phone: 0419 138 130 after 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday) to secure your audition time. Louise will be the contact person until 4th April, after this date you will need to contact Denice Walter. Actual auditions will be in groups of 10 – 20 people. Why not get together a group of friends and audition together? The following audition times are available;

- 1) 9.00 – 10.15 a.m.
- 2) 10.30 – 11.45 a.m.
- 3) 12.30 – 1.45 p.m.
- 4) 2.00 – 3.15 p.m.

If for any reason you genuinely are unable to attend an audition on 29th April, please make contact to advise your difficulty and discuss an alternative option.

Everyone is to arrive 10 minutes prior to the audition time. If you auditioned last year, you will be requested to fill in an updated audition form. If this is your first time auditioning please bring a recent photo and Scout/Guide résumé. The résumé needs only to be a dot point list of what you have done/are doing in Scouting or Guiding and any experience with theatre, acting, singing or dancing. Remember auditions are just part of the process for any stage production, there is no need to be worried about anything, but if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Denice Walter
Project Commissioner Gang Show

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Mail – 34 Hillborough Road, South Hobart. Tas. 7004

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Rover Report

Back to School Moot

As mentioned last month, Rovers from around the state gathered in Orford the weekend after Australia Day, for our 60th Summer Moot. The theme led to a number of old school uniforms making an encore performance, and all crews who participated were awarded a 'Bachelor of Mooting' by the end of the weekend. Thanks to Mt Faulkner Rover Crew and especially Dave Thomas for organising this event.

Regatta

Regatta will soon be upon us again, and once more it appears that Regatta will be one of the most popular events on the Rover calendar. Look out for the Rover Tug of War on Sunday evening and possibly some Canoe Jousting once more! If you would like to join us for a meal at the Snug Tavern on the Saturday Night, please let us know per the separate item in this newsletter (front page). Our TBRC AGM will also be held at the Regatta, so a big thanks to everyone who has contributed to Tasmanian Rovering while I have been Chairman, with your help we have achieved many things during the past year. Best of luck to the new TBRC Executive who will take us into 2013.

Chris Ballard

Chairman, Tasmanian Branch Rover Council

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JOTA / JOTI

Participation in last year's event was down on previous years, with a total of 330 participants made up of :- 23 Joey Scouts; 111 Cub Scouts; 114 Scouts; 5 Venturers; nil Rovers; 63 Scouters (Leaders) and 14 Parents, from 17 Groups. Well done to those Groups taking part.

A spread sheet will be available shortly on the Branch web page: - www.tas.scouts.com.au and under 'JOTA/JOTI' in a PDF format. This report was sent to the National Co-ordinator along with the Groups that sent in reports, and I would like to convey his thanks for the reports.

I would like to include one of these reports in each of my JOTA reports.

This report is from the **Exeter Joey Mob**

The Exeter Joey Mob participated in JOTI with Burnie, Spreyton, City of Devonport and 2nd Devonport St. John whilst on a sleep over camp at Paton Park. Skype contact was made with Howrah Joeys. The Joey Mobs talked with each other and discussed what they had been doing during their sleep over camps. One of the Howrah Joeys was celebrating their birthday so all participating Paton Park Joeys sang 'Happy Birthday'.

Also on Saturday they were talking to Guides, Scouts and Rovers from Sydney, Beechworth (Vic), Malaysia, New Zealand and England.

My thanks to Mrs Gwen Grosvenor for submitting this report.

If any Groups/ Sections that took part in 2011 JOTA / JOTI and have NOT yet submitted their Badge Order and Participation Report, please do because I have a limited number of badges left.

Robbie McKay

Project Commissioner Radio and Electronics

Heritage Centre Report

While my first year as Project Commissioner for Heritage has been a learning curve, it has also been very successful and fulfilling. Our small museum has become one of over 60 around the state to receive visits from Sue Atkinson—a museum consultant who advises volunteers on many matters as well as organising seminars on museum related topics with experts from the mainland.

I have been on a two day seminar on Significance and one on Mounting an Exhibition. We have also had a textile conservator along to advise us on the preservation of our many textile items such as our rare silk and wool flags, uniforms, scarves pennants etc.

We applied and were successful in gaining a Community Grant which has enabled us to buy a high speed laptop to replace the old computer at the centre. We are also in the process of buying a software program called Mosaic which will allow us to move our already extensive records onto an updated system which is compatible with other museums.

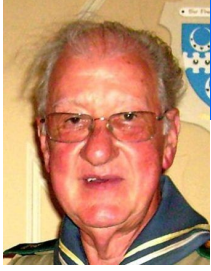
This process will be very time consuming and we are looking for volunteers who may have a few spare hours on Wednesdays to help my husband (who has been roped in to help, as many husbands of Scouting people are!) with the task. We would really appreciate any help with this and any other areas of work at the museum- it is very addictive!

Last year the museum room was set up to exhibit the 5 sections of Scouting with an emphasis on Cub Scouting as it was their 95th anniversary. Many Groups visited including 6 in term 3 alone. This year we are setting up a display on the 10 Corroborees that have been held in the state since 1927. It will portray how things have changed in certain aspects, such as food and cooking, travel, activities and tents and equipment. There will be a small standing display at the Easter Corroboree in April but we hope Leaders will program a visit to the centre on their Scouting evening and come along to see the full exhibition.

A recent addition to the museum is the Cornwell Medal which was awarded to Scout Ian Larsson in 1947 for showing strength of character in overcoming a debilitating condition while living life to the full as a Cub, Scout, Senior Scout and Rover. It was named after Jack Cornwell, a Scout in the WW1 who wouldn't leave his post beside a gun during the Battle of Jutland even though mortally wounded. It has only been awarded in Tasmania once. This, along with the world's first woggle and the BP Dispatch Box, means we have fascinating and often unique and rare Scouting memorabilia right here.

We recently had the Sandy Bay Historical Society visit. If you know of any adult groups who would like to be enlightened and informed on Scouting and social history from 1900 onwards, please tell them to book a visit.

Susan Gardner
Project Commissioner for Heritage
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Grants Report

Our most successful grantee, the **TCF Grant (Round 24)**, has only attracted 4 possible applicants to date. This is a bit disappointing as the new changes were sent out late last year and again last month. To refresh your minds there are **three levels of funding:-**

- 1. Small – up to \$10,000, closing 21 March**
- 2. Medium – over \$10,000 up to \$90,000 closing 4 April**
- 3. Large – over \$100,000, expressions of interest closed 29th February.**

If you miss out on this round or haven't got time to apply, **Grant Round 25 (for small & medium applications only) is opening on 11 August.** If you need help in putting in an application please let me know as I'll be happy to spend time with you to put in a submission. During the past month I've also sent out notices (thanks to Jeannette) of other Grants now available, the Small Grants for Small Rural Communities (FRRR) closing 30 March, Clarence City Council Community Grants closing 15 March, My State Foundation Grant closing 6 March and Southern Region NRM Naturally Inspired Grants closing 23 March. Also the Telstra Kids Fund Grant is closing on 5 March but I haven't heard of any applications for any of the above. If you have applied PLEASE let me know & send me copy.!!

I've had a few queries if there are Grants available to defray cost of sending Scouts to Jamborees. Unfortunately I have not been able to find a grant that fits this category as it's deemed to be a personal issue and a challenge to the Scout to raise his/her own funds. However I'm told that in certain circumstances assistance can be given through the BP Society, contact BHQ for more information.

Due to the Telstra crash on Thursday I've had a lot of problems with my Broad Band Wireless connection. It corrupted quite a few files which I've lost, including all my Inbox & Grant information. Luckily my Disk Master has managed to get me back online.

So from memory Grants still available are; Anna Wearne Memorial Trust Grant, Inger Rice Foundation Grant, Matana Foundation, Sidney Myer Fund, Mazda Foundation, NAB Grant - some are ongoing. If you want info I'll try and get it from my source I hope!

Local Councils Community Grants – George Town (ongoing), Meander Valley Council ongoing, N Midlands ongoing, Launceston City ongoing and Clarence Council now open see above. Some Councils do not list – contact your local Council for info.

The next Grants info I'll receive will be in early March and I will send out information on any suitable grants through BHQ.

John Hughes OAM JP
Project Commissioner Grants
 P.O. Box 100, PORT SORELL, 7307
 ph/fax 6426 9334
 email nan.john7@bigpond.com

Tassie Devil Project

We are officially underway with the project now, having had the launch at the opening ceremony of the Wild Dayz Venture at Querkus Park. There was a lot of interest from visitors to the state who were very interested in what was happening to the Devil and the efforts of Tasmanian Scouts to support research. Many contributed by purchasing the badge (pictured) and by contributing small change. Some visitors had a chance to get up close and personal to the Devils at Tasmania Zoo where they have an insurance population.

Locally, Joey Scouts are busy planning for a program in second term to feature the Devil and to finish with an outing to Tasmania Zoo, just outside Launceston in August. As an ex-Scout Rob is keen to assist.

We still need youth members to front the project and adults to assist with organising events. Upcoming events – March – Car Racing at Symmons Plains – Scouts can support fundraising by assisting with collections on the weekend.

Mary Landers
Special Projects Commissioner
 0419545237



Members of the Saudi Arabian Contingent with baby devils at the Tasmania Zoo



Riverside Scouts with baby devils from the insurance population

BRANCH IT REPORT

Subscribe to the Branch Calendar

By now you will probably have seen the new Scouts Tasmania website. If not, go have a look... tas.scouts.com.au. One of the many new features is the ability to subscribe to the calendar. Click on the "Subscribe to Events" link above the Calendar on the website



Choose whether you have a Mac or Windows computer.



This means the Branch Calendar will show up in the calendar on your computer or smart phone without you having to enter a single date. It will also update if anything changes. Brilliant.

Members Site

As a part of the redevelopment of the website the IT Committee decided to separate out resources for members from the public website. As such we have created a new site just for members. It requires a login so we can keep our internal documents out of the public domain. The intention is to place TOP and other resources for leaders on this site. To gain access;

- go the members site at <http://in.tas.scouts.com.au>.
- select the "Contact Form" link in the "Main Menu" on the left hand side.



- Fill in the form with your details and a message requesting to be registered on the site.

Fields marked with (!) are required.

Name (!)	<input type="text" value="Fred Bloggs"/>
Email (!)	<input type="text" value="fred@bloggs.net"/>
Phone	<input type="text" value="04 1234 5678"/>
Subject (!)	<input type="text" value="Registration"/>
Message (!)	<input type="text" value="Please register me so I can access the new member site."/> <input type="text" value="Regards,"/> <input type="text" value="Fred"/>

You have 430 characters left.

- Send a copy of this message to yourself

Please enter the following security code:



Not readable? [Change text.](#)

Tasmanian Scout Branch

The Lea Scout Centre

Address:

330 Proctors Road
Kingston TAS Australia 7050

Telephone: (03) 6229 9385

Fax: (03) 6229 9387

- Don't forget to fill in the "security code" to prove you are human. You can also send a copy of the message to your email address by selecting the checkbox.
- Click the "send" button.
- Once you submit the form your details will be checked to confirm you are a current Member of Scouting in Tasmania.
- You will then be registered on the site and receive an email at the address you specified in the contact form. The email will contain further instructions and a link to the site.

If you have any trouble, simply use the "Contact Form" to send us another message or phone Branch.

WILD DAYZ

15TH AUSTRALIAN VENTURE - TASMANIA JANUARY 2012

Wild Dayz Merchandise is now available for purchase at cost price. Check out the website www.wilddayz.com for full item details and prices or come and see us at the Regatta. We are taking pre orders for collection at the Regatta. Email Kim Thompson at execassistant@wilddayz.com to place your order for collection.

We have all merchandise available including shirts, hats, scarf, badge and heaps more.



Attention All Joey Scout Leaders

Lenah Hop 2012

*“JP at the Beach -
We hope for Sunshine??”*

Carnacoo Scout Camp
19th - 20th May



The Lenah Hop is a weekend of friendships, new ideas, and plenty of fun, and also satisfies all of your training requirements for the year! Don't miss out - apply today!

Cost is \$65 per person for two night's accommodation (in bunkrooms) plus meals, with arrivals from 7pm Friday night, **or \$50** per person for one night's accommodation plus meals with arrivals before 10.00am on Saturday morning.

The Lenah Hop counts as a part of Leaders' ongoing training, so Scout Groups are encouraged to pay attendance costs. Payment can be made by cheque or money order (payable to Joey Scouts Tas Branch) or deposited direct into the Joey Scouts Tas Branch account 067028 10080379 (Commonwealth Bank) using your mob name as reference.

Please complete the form below and forward **with your payment (or receipt if direct deposited) and Health Information Sheet to Ellen Tiller 18 Wyett Street West Launceston TAS 7320 no later than 30th April**. **THOSE WHO REGISTER LATE WILL MISS OUT!**

Further details about the venue and what you need to bring will be forwarded to applicants later.

Special note – *A minimum of two weeks notice must be given if anyone is unable to attend the Lenah Hop. Failure to give sufficient notice will mean being fully charged for the weekend.*

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APPLICATION FORM – Lenah Hop 19th – 20th May 2012

Name: Phone:

Address: Email:

Mob Name: District:



Cheque / Money order enclosed for \$ (payable to Joey Scouts Tas Branch)

Please forward a Health Information Sheet (Form 16a) with your application to:
Ellen Tiller 18 Wyett Street West Launceston TAS 7320 **by 30th April 2012**.

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA TASMANIAN BRANCH

Tasmanian Branch Elections 2012

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, nominations are called for the following elected positions:

Branch President

Branch Vice President

Elected Members of the Branch Executive Committee (Uniformed)

Elected Members of the Branch Executive Committee (Non-Uniformed) 2 positions

Elected Members of the Branch Council (Uniformed)

Elected Members of the Branch Council (Non-Uniformed)

Elected positions are for the term of 3 years with the option to be re-elected for a further 3 years.

Branch President

John 'Pip' Cornish as Branch President completes his first 3 year term of office at the AGM in August. He is eligible to be re-nominated for a further 3 year term.

Branch Vice-President

Nigel Clutterbuck as Branch Vice-President completes his first 3 year term of office at the AGM in August. He is eligible to be re-nominated for a further 3 year term.

Elected Members of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

Harry Quick as a non-uniformed member completes his first 3 year term of office at the AGM in August. He is eligible to be re-nominated for a further 3 year term.

There is also 1 vacancy on BEC for elected **non-uniformed member** for a one year term.

Fiona Person as a uniformed member completes her first 3 year term at the AGM in August. She is eligible to be re-nominated for a further 3 year term.

Elected Members of the Branch Council (BC)

The constitution allows for up to 50 members of the Branch Council but uniformed members are not to exceed 2/3 of the total. At this point in time in order for there to be more than 2 uniformed vacancies we need at least 1 non-uniformed candidate.

Fiona Person & Marion Blight as uniformed members complete their first 3 year term of office at the AGM in August. They are eligible to be re-nominated for a further 3 year term.

Adult members wishing to be elected to any of the above positions should complete a nomination form and lodge it with Branch Headquarters. A form is attached for your convenience and additional copies may be obtained from Branch Headquarters on request.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5pm Wednesday 13th April 2012

Jeannette Vogels
State Office Manager

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA, TASMANIAN BRANCH
Branch Elections 2011

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE OFFICE OF:

- Branch President – For the term of 3 years
- Branch Vice-President – For the term of 3 years
- Elected Member of the **Branch Exec. Committee (Uniformed)** – For the term of 3 years
- Elected Member of the **Branch Exec. Committee (Non-Uniform)** – For the term of 3 years
- Elected Member of the **Branch Council (Non-uniformed)** – For the term of 3 years
- Elected Member of the **Branch Council (Uniformed)** – For the term of 3 years

✓ **Please tick relevant box (boxes)**

PLEASE NOTE THAT SHORTER TERMS MAY ALSO BE FILLED FROM THESE NOMINEES.

In accordance with Section R1 of the Branch Regulations we hereby nominate:

(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr) Given Names Surname

of _____

_____ Phone _____

Proposed by: _____ Position in Movement: _____
PLEASE PRINT

Signature _____ Date _____

Seconded by: _____ Position in Movement: _____
PLEASE PRINT

Signature _____ Date _____

I am a resident of Tasmania and subscribe to the Aims and Policy of the Scout Movement. I hereby accept nomination for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

To assist Council members when voting, nominees are asked if they would kindly provide relevant details of qualifications and experience with the Scout Movement and/or full particulars of work interests outside the Movement. If you need more room please attached another sheet.

Nominees CV that will be printed as an addendum with the ballot paper:

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5pm Wednesday 13th April 2012

POST IN ENVELOPE MARK CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH ELECTIONS
SCOUTS TASMANIA, 330 PROCTORS RD, KINGSTON, 7050

Jeannette Vogels
State Office Manager

PR & Marketing Report

Competition

Remember this is still on and running to the end of April.
 Showcase your group to your community.
 If you have difficulty in doing this please email me a copy at nigel@ancatas.com.au.
 Full details in last newsletter.

Committee Members

We are still on the lookout for Committee Members.
 Desperately need someone with a bit of flair on the computer as looking at designing some brochures.

Advertising

We are currently reviewing our stationary and looking at opportunities to advertise.
 Thought process so far is to have half a dozen sponsors paying \$500-\$1,000 as a once off.
 For this they will be named on our stationary, face book, website, membership cards and have access through our newsletter.
 Do you know of anyone we should approach? Thinking that this would suit a state-wide company.
 Contact me on the email above.
 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.



Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania

Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta

PO Box 36, Blackmans Bay, Tasmania 7052 email: sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au
 Phone / fax: 03 6229 4700



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 23 February. Remember the fee increased after 15 December and increases again after 23 Feb.

	Youth members	Leader/ Parent	Children U/10
For additional registrations received before 23 Feb	\$85	\$75	\$40
For registrations received between 23 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.



Scouts Australia-Tasmanian Branch & Guides Tasmania

TASMANIAN SCOUT GUIDE REGATTA 10 – 12 March 2012



ADDITIONAL ENTRIES FORM

Valid from 16 December 2011
to 1 March 2012

A) REGISTRATION DETAILS

Section (*Troop/Unit/Crew*) Name

Leader in Charge at Regatta

B) FULL CATERING – ADDITIONAL TO THOSE ALREADY REGISTERED

Scouts/Guides/Venturers/Rovers	Male	Female	Total.....	@ \$85	(\$95 after 23 Feb)	\$ _____
Number of Leaders and parents	Male	Female	Total.....	@ \$75	(\$85 after 23 Feb)	\$ _____
Children under 10 years of age			Total.....	@ \$40		\$ _____
Number requiring vegetarian meals		Number requiring gluten-free meals				

OWN CATERING (*Rovers and parents only*) - ADDITIONAL TO THOSE ALREADY REGISTERED

Rovers	Male	Female	Total.....	@ \$15	(\$25 after 23 Feb)	\$ _____
Parents			Total.....	No charge		

TOTAL \$ _____

TOTAL NUMBERS NOW REGISTERED FOR THE REGATTA

Youth members..... Rovers Leaders/Parents Children Self catering others

Please enclose one Unit/Group {not personal} cheque payable to 'Scout Guide Regatta to arrive by 3 March. Post to PO Box 36, Blackmans Bay 7052

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.



If undelivered return to:
SCOUTS TASMANIA
The Lea Scout Centre
330 Proctors Road
Kingston TAS 7050