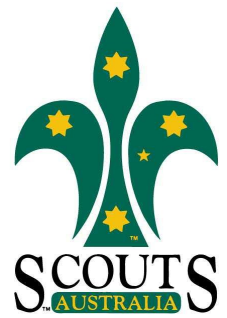


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Tasmanian views, news and events



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Years of Service Awards – March 2012

5 Years

Tania Harland	Trevallyn
Cindie Tenteye	Riverside
Brendon Archer	George Town
Shari Odgers	City of Devonport
Teresa Barker	Wynyard

10 Years

Tina Crellin	Glenorchy
Kathy Barry	Derwent

15 Years

Philip Rand	Mersey District
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20 Years

Barry McIndoe	North West Bay
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25 Years

Reg Williams	Smithton
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55 Years

Barry Dudman	Hellyer District
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**DC Kingborough
DC Wellington**



Note from the Chief

It only seems like a blink of an eye and a quarter of 2012 has gone already. The Scout Guide Regatta was a resounding success. The weather was fantastic and the participants had a great time. It was great to see so many people making an effort to get recycling working properly. Congratulations to the organising committee for another great effort. Planning is already under way for a really memorable 50th Regatta in 2013. I hope every Group makes a real effort to attend the Regatta next year

In the middle of March I attended the Chief Commissioners Meeting in Canberra. A number of interesting things were discussed.

- One upcoming event that has slipped under the radar a little is the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in June. One suggestion is a series of bon fires around the country similar to other celebrations in the past. This is a good fun family friendly activity which groups might like to consider. Unfortunately the date is mid week but if your group is interested more information is available on the National web page.
- Another big National issue is the decision to expect Leaders to complete their COAL within a year of signing up. Letters have gone out reminding those Leaders affected. Unfortunately those who don't complete their paper work, will have their position changed to Adult Supporter, until the paper work is completed. This will be an inconvenience for some but reflects our modern responsibility to ensure our Leaders are properly trained.

April will be very busy with a series of big events coming up. Firstly we start the month with Mariners Trophy at St Helens and it is great to see the St Helens Group getting active again and supporting the weekend. This will be followed by the Corroboree at The Lea at Easter and Easter Moot at Charlottes Cove. The Corroboree is a highly anticipated event for many Groups and the Jamboree Team has organised a great program. It will be great to see so many people using The Lea the way it was intended. I hope the residents of Charlottes Cove don't get too big a shock when the Rovers arrive for their Winter Moot dressed as their favourite Board Game character. Next there is the Maritime Challenge in the middle of the month followed by Anzac Day. Anzac Day is a major event for many Groups and is one of those occasions when Scouting is before the public eye. This is definitely one occasion when our Youth need to be reminded about correct uniform. Dark blue or black pants or shorts are our uniform. Multi coloured or brightly coloured pants or shorts are not appropriate on formal occasions.

On the 9th April, my wife Margot and I will be heading to Europe for nine weeks. As well as visiting friends and sightseeing, we will have two weeks on a house boat in Southern France, which should give us a chance to unwind. I will do a little bit of Scouting while we are there but only a little bit. While we are gone, Jos McKenna, our Deputy Chief Commissioner will be Acting Chief Commissioner. With the use of modern technology and a courier, Jos will carry out her duties from Ulverstone with only occasional trips to Hobart. My thanks to Jos for covering for me while I am away. I hope everyone will make her welcome when she attends events in my absence.

I will be back on 10th June. By then everybody will have completed their Census, had their Annual Meetings, and all Treasurers will have had their books audited and sent a report to Branch Office. I will be thinking of you all as you make Scouting happen.

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner
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Training Report

I am sitting in my caravan in Wilpena Pound in the Flinders Ranges writing this report. It is quite a surreal situation with breathtaking views, peace, quiet and no television! I can however get the most amazing phone coverage throughout the park.

This brings me to the point about communications or lack thereof within our association.

The Training Team keep hearing tales of trainee Leaders being told "that's not how we do things around here" when they come back from training.

Let me be quite frank, the Trainers do not tell new Leaders a load of nonsense.

Our Trainers are highly qualified with many years of experience plus they must hold a second position in their specialist field.

So I say to the large number of Leaders who have been around for a number of years and not attended any additional training, please log on to e-learning and update your skills. Secondly, please be supportive of new Leaders and not put them down. Knowledge is not power!

Basic Leadership Training

Basic Sectional Techniques Training was run at The Lea on the weekend of 24th – 25th March. Just for a change this was a small course of 4 Joey, 6 Scout, 6 Venturer Leaders and 2 Group Leaders. Feedback from the trainees was very good.

Mentoring

All new Leaders require help and support during their training. This may continue after they have received their Certificate of Adult Leadership.

So, what is mentoring?

The mentor's role should be to help the trainee to find the answers for him/her/self, not give answers.

The trainee will experience their own attempts, failures & successes.

They will develop their own natural strengths and potential.

The mentor also needs to provide feedback.

In the Association mentoring is provided by the PLA or where unavailable a suitably qualified and experienced Leader

Upcoming training

Course	Date	Closing	Location
Basic Abseiling	21st-22nd April	30th March	South
Basic Seamanship	28th -29th April	6 th April	North
Basic Seamanship	29th April	6th April	North

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

6229 9385

bhq.training@tas.scouts.com.au

Mike Wilson

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development





Joey Report

Founders Day 2012 – What did your Group / District do for Founders Day? Hellyer District celebrated by having a BBQ at Somerset. Clarence District had a cryptic Course around Richmond finishing at the Richmond Maze.

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 and Mary Landers talk about the Tassie Devil program. We have a change of plans and we will be having dinner Saturday evening at the **Exeter Tavern**. A great weekend is planned. For the Registration Form & information please refer to last months newsletter so **“Don’t miss out” get your Registration in now!**

Regional Events 2012 – Theme Circus: North/ North West will be combining 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). Planning is now under way with lots of fun activities proposed. Badges have arrived for our Regional Events and they look great.

ANZAC Day is fast approaching. Don’t forget that Joeys can earn **“Their Service our Heritage”** badge by attending an ANZAC day ceremony, having a veteran come to visit and talk to the Joeys or arrange a visit to the Army Barracks. Badges are available from Branch.

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.

Promise Challenge Award: Congratulations to **Anna Rawson and Sean Wilson** of **Clarence Sea Scouts** for achieving this award.

Wendy Granger
Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts
 s-wgranger@bigpond.com

Environmental Report

I have been busy visiting Mobs and Packs in the North West talking about recycling and how we can all help the environment. I was invited to participate with Penguin Joeys and Cubs for their Clean Up Australia Day activities. The Joeys collected rubbish from the beach near the Scout Hall. The Cubs helped by a Venturer, and 2 Rovers, collected rubbish from the rock bank and beach outside the Scout Hall.

I would still like to hear from Groups that are planning an environmental activity - simply send me an email with the details.

Robyn Russell
Project Commissioner Environment
 helga@exemail.com.au

To All Cub Scout Leaders

Palaver 2012

"Cubs Outdoors"

**Carnaroo Scout Camp
19th – 20th May**



For those not familiar with a Palaver, you are in for a treat this year. Palavers are a gathering of Cub Leaders (Assistant Cub Leaders, Helpers, etc) from all over the State, coming together to learn new things, meet old friends (and make new ones) and of course have plenty of fun in the process. It is also a way of obtaining your training hours for the year, all in one week-end away from your Cub Pack.

This year, our Palaver will be all about taking Cubs outside. Accordingly, we will be sharing ideas on Outdoor activities, including Outdoor cooking, simple construction ideas, how to set a compass course and of course ideas for wide games.

The cost this year will **be \$45** per person for two nights accommodation & meals (in bunk-rooms), with arrivals from 7pm on the Friday night, **or \$35** per person if you are only able to stay Saturday night, with the programme starting at 10am on Saturday morning.

If you are interested, please complete the form below and forward with your payment and Health Information Sheet (TOPS 16a) to Terry Bryan, 72 Mirramar Park, Blackmans Bay TAS 7052, by no later than 30th April 2012. **APPLY NOW** or you will miss out.

Further details will be sent out to all applicants after the close off date.



APPLICATION FORM – Palaver 19th – 20th May 2012

Name: Phone:

Address: Pack:

E-mail: District:

Cheque enclosed for \$ (payable to Cub Scouts Tas Branch)

Please forward this Application Form together with a Health Information Form (TOPS 16a) to:

Terry Bryan, 72 Mirramar Park, Blackmans Bay TAS 7052 **by 30th April 2012**



Cub Report

Hi again Everyone. Easter will soon be upon us, so the Cubs will have their break for the year. This is a great opportunity to review what you have done so far this year, and a good chance to hold a Pack Council meeting with your Sixers & Seconds.

For this month's Programme I have chosen an Anzac Day theme – Simpson & his Donkey – an ideal example of Do Your Best.

Speaking of Anzac Day, please let me know if you are participating in the various Anzac Day events around the State, and send me some photos of the event. It is always great to see Cubs out and about.

Palaver 2012

I have sent out the Application Form for this years Palaver (to be held at Carnaroo on the weekend of Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th May 2012). Please remember that applications close on the 30 April. I have already received a number of applications, so please get yours in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The Programme will commence at 10am on Saturday and finish at approximately 2.30pm on Sunday. 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 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.

Grey Wolf Award

This Months Grey Wolf recipients are: Ollie Walker – Mt Stuart, James Rawson – Clarence Sea Scouts, Savannah Anderson – Motton - Preston, Travis Brown – Motton – Preston, Veronica Anderson – Motton – Preston, Anthony Sward – Lenah Valley

The Lea

During March I was invited by Nigel Clutterbuck to have a look at the changes that have been made to The Lea over the past few months, and for those who have not seen it yet, you are in for a real treat. The transformation is nothing short of astounding and well worth considering for future Cub events. An Obstacle Course has now been built, with between 6-8 activities for the Cubs to do. The "oval" area has been levelled, and is now a great place to run a wide game. When I was there, the Flying Fox was undergoing renovations, and a new launch platform was nearing completion. The Lea Management has also started work levelling an area just behind the Storm Hut, that when completed will be ideal for the Cubs to set up their own Camping area.

I would like to thank Nigel for showing me what they have achieved, and would now encourage you all to have a look for yourselves to see what is now available.

Programme Ideas

Anzac Day – Simpson & His Donkey – 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

Terry.bryan@associatedmarine.com.au

Cub Program

Theme - Anzac Day - Simpson & his Donkey

This month there are obviously two themes available to us. I have chosen Anzac Day, and in particular the story of Simpson & his Donkey.

6.30pm Opening Ceremony (Akela & all Leaders)

6.35pm Game 1 - Crossing the Trenches (Bagheera)

It is World War 1 and trench warfare. There is mud everywhere. Your Six has to cross from one side of the battlefield to the other without touching the ground. All Cubs will have to work together to achieve the goal. If someone touches the ground, they must start over again.

Equipment - 4 chairs per every six Cubs (three chairs for every 4 or 5 cubs/ two chairs for 3).

6.55pm Anzac Story - Simpson & his Donkey (Baloo)

Ask Cubs if they know the story. Fill in unknown details (only at Gallipoli for 24 days before he was killed. Rescued over 300 wounded soldiers in that time. Started as a part of a 2 man stretcher bearer team, but found a stray donkey. Used more than 1 donkey but best known was "Duffy" (also Murphy, Abdul and Queen Elizabeth). Because of the donkey, he had to walk upright and was therefore the target of enemy snipers. Was aged 23 when he died. Was very strong as he worked as a Stoker on Merchant Navy ship.



7.10pm Boomerang Work (Test 1 - First Aid) - All Leaders

Point to point (5-7 mins each)

Tie a sling

Bleeding nose

Treating cuts

Recovery position

Alternate - Could do First Aid Kit Game/Cleanliness Quiz or discuss how to make an emergency call using a mobile phone to a Leader or Parent.

7.40pm Game 2 - Battlefield Obstacle Course (Chil and all Leaders)

Set up an Obstacle Course along the Hall (under tarpaulin, over chairs, walk along pole). Each Cub carries a stick (to represent a rifle) and this also acts as a relay baton. Alternate - May specify to do course in silence to avoid enemy fire (blind folded Leaders with bean bags throwing at any noises they hear).

7.55pm Closing Parade



Scout Report

AJ2013

Registrations for AJ 2013 are now being accepted.

The Jamboree is a highlight of a Scouts time in Scouting and they will tell you that it was a great event on both an activity level and also a social level with the opportunity to meet Scouts from around Australia and the World.

It is a fact that Troops with a Leader either attending or actively promoting Jamborees have a much higher participation rate than those where the Leader is either lacking experience or is not "switched on" to the Scouting opportunity a Jamboree offers.

What can you do?:

- Please encourage your Scouts & fellow Leaders to be a part of AJ 2013
- Have Scouts (Venturers) come and talk to your Scouts soon.
- Have a Jamboree Registration Night at someones' house who has Internet access
- Get in touch with me if you need any more information (bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au)

We need applications on line by 30th April 2012 so please put this on your program now.

Applying is easy:

Go to www.aj2013.scouts.com.au – find the orange Click here to Register tab and enter Work through the pages – you will need your Scout Rego No., Medicare card, Health Insurance details and a jpeg photo.

Once you have completed it, hit submit and then print out a copy (for the signatures required) Send the signed application to Tas Contingent.

Contact Adrian Harwood (aj2013@tas.scouts.com.au) if you have any questions about the form or payment options.

If you are having trouble meeting the 30th April registration date then also contact Adrian.

Come on....Live it Dream it....come to AJ2013 (and the Theme parks afterwards!!)

Phil Harper

Branch Commissioner Scouts

Regatta Lost Property

I still have a large amount of unclaimed lost property from the Regatta including 2 sleeping bags. I can't imagine that someone hasn't noticed they are missing!

Please contact me by email hilaryjharris@internode.on.net or by phone (evenings) on 62296970 and help me tidy my spare bed!

Any property not claimed by Easter (or shortly thereafter) will be donated to charity.

Hilary Harris



Venturer Report

Future events:

Maritime Challenge (14-15 April)

The Northern Leaders are currently working to put Maritime together and it will be on the Tamar River.

Branch Venturer Council (Sunday 6 May)

Will be in Launceston. I am looking for 3 reps from each of the Venturer Councils.

Other new dates

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

Leadership Course (6-8 July) – to be held at The Lea

GLOW (21-22 July) – will be in the North West Coast

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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BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
April				
3rd April	Property Meeting	The Lea		R.Seeber
6th—9th	CORROBOREE	The lea		BC Scouts
7th– 8th	Easter Moot– TBRC Meeting	TBA		BC Rovers
12th April	Branch IT Meeting	The Lea		N.Schulz
14th –15th	Venturer Maritime Challenge			BC Venturers
19th April	B & F / BEC Meeting	The Lea		Branch Tres/Pres
21st—22nd	Basic Abseiling	South		BC Advent
28th-29th	Basic Seamanship / Update	North/South		BC Training
28th-29th	TAE 401 Module 2 / 3	The Lea		BC Training
29th April	Gang Show Auditions	The Lea		PC Gang
30th April	Jamboree Applications Close			BC Scouts

AJ 2013

In less than 10 months an ocean of eager Scouts and Leaders will be flying into Brisbane and travelling up to sunny and picturesque Maryborough to partake in the 23rd Australian Jamboree.

Are you ready to *Dream It- Live It*? Have you got your application in online? Are you encouraging your Scouts to participate? Have your Scouts completed the required Badgework?

For all Scout members & Leaders AJ2013 Australian Jamboree will be a unique, life changing 10 days of FUN filled activities, attracting participants from across Australia and the world. It hardly seems possible, but in less than 10 months this great Scouting opportunity can be experienced by the Scouts from around Australia at Maryborough in Queensland.

Come and "Live the Dream" at AJ2013.

To give you an insight in the activities the Aj2013 Program team has released these snippets so you are aware of the activities which will be on offer. We advise you to keep checking out the AJ2013 website to learn more. We can tell you that there will be six Onsite Activity Zones and four Offsite activities, night activities and of course amazing evening entertainment in a custom built Arena!

On-site activities include:

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| • Dream It Live It ... Smash It! | Dream It Live It ... Make It! |
| • Dream It Live It ... Tag It! | Dream It Live It ... Clown It! |
| • Dream It Live It ... Climb It! | Dream It Live It ... Challenge It! |
| • Dream It Live It ... Soak It! | |

The site is a very large property owned by the Fraser Shire of QLD. It's regularly used by many organizations. Much of the basic infrastructure is already in place. What's it like? Those who went to AJ2010 (the previous Jamboree at Cataract) might understand when we describe Maryborough Park as, "Just like Cataract, only reasonably flat and with trees and no dust!". Maryborough Park is a fantastic location, flood free zone and promises a once in a lifetime experience for everyone.

Check us out on -Face book: www.facebook.com/aj2013tas

Financial Support Grants

The Lord Baden-Powell Society (LBPS), a donor society and division of Scouts Australia, is planning to provide grants to assist Australian Scouts to attend the 2013 Australian Jamboree in Queensland. If you know of a Scout member/or Leader who is keen to attend AJ2013 and is in need of assistance to attend, please advise them of this opportunity for financial assistance from a LBPS Grant. The needs basis will be considered with preference going to the most deserving applicants.

Applications will close on 18 May 2012, to be eligible for consideration for a grant.

For an application kit please email: aj2013@tas.scouts.com.au

Geoff Reynolds
AJ2013 Tasmanian Contingent Leader



Rover Report



We now have about 100 Rovers in the state, and it was great to see many of them at the Regatta. A Special Thanks to Georgina Carr for facilitating a Rover Flash Mob as part of the Scouts Own, it seems that at least some Rovers can dance!

New Executive

Tasmanian Branch Rover Council held our AGM at the Regatta, and new members were elected for 2012-13. I was elected as the new Chairman (contact details below), and thanks to all the outgoing members for their efforts. The TBRC executive also comprises
 Vice-Chairman: Richard Guy (Northern Area Rover Crew) - vicechair@tasrovers.com
 Secretary: Tahlia Siddall (Eastern Shore Rover Crew) - secretary@tasrovers.com
 Treasurer: Vacant until our next meeting - treasurer@tasrovers.com
 Rodney 'Squiz' Squires continues as Branch Commissioner for Rovers.

Officers and Wardens were also appointed at the AGM (contact details available through the Executive):

IT Officer: Brendan Pilcher (KRC)
 PR Officer: Chris Ballard (Wellington)
 Training Officer: David Thomas (MFRC)
 Marquee Warden South: Richard Chatterton (MFRC)
 Marquee Warden North: Adrian Forrester (Tamar)
 Marquee Warden NW: Bek Dudley (LDRC)
 Marquee Coordinator: James Watkins (MFRC)
 Raft Warden: Richard Guy (NARC)
 Activities Trailer Warden: Sophie Kelly (NARC)
 Tas Contingent Leader WAM 2014: Michael 'Macca' Green (MFRC)
 Regatta Committee Representative: Daniel Riseley (KRC)

Launceston & Tamar District

Results of the Swimming Carnival

Joeys

1st - 4th Launceston 2nd - Newstead 3rd - Tamar

Cubs

1st - 4th Launceston 2nd - St Helens 3rd - Riverside

Scouts

1st - Riverside 2nd - Tamar 3rd - 4th Launceston

Venturers

1st - Rivallyn 2nd - Tamar

Andrew Thompson
District Commissioner



Jota / Joti Report

This is the second in the series of reports from Groups that took part in last year's JOTA /JOTI. These reports were forwarded onto National.

This report was submitted from the 1st 2nd Ulverstone Scout Group and my thanks go to Fiona Champion for sharing their Jota / Joti with us.

The Leven District hosted JOTA camp at Paton Park. Attending were the Cubs and Scouts of the Leven District.

1st 2nd Ulverstone Troop had 12 Scouts and 3 Leaders attending, Penguin Scout Troop had 5 Scouts and 1 Leader, Turners Beach sent 5 Scouts and 3 Leaders and Motton/Preston sent 5 Scouts.

We used this camp as a relaxed but light practice for our Trophy camp coming up.

We all arrived Friday night and set up camp and we mixed up all the Scouts and made new Patrols for the weekend, so they had to learn to work with new Scouts and also make new friends.

We planned on navigating by the stars....they didn't come out to play, so we modified the program, played a wide game then sent them off to bed.....it rained.

Saturday morning the Scouts started to move around at 4:30am so a Leader got up and took them into the training room and started to do some back splicing so the rest of the Group could sleep longer!! Through out Saturday as Scouts were taking it in turns going into the radio room, the rest of the Group members were practicing First Aid, GPS, codes, construction, packing a back pack, damper cooking and lots of games. It was raining so we modified an already modified program!!! The GPS course had to change as well after all the setup, as we came across a narky tiger snake.

We had Scouts talk to other Scouts from New Zealand and around Australia through the day. We played another wide game on Saturday night, but by 9pm the kids were tired.....so off to bed they went.....it rained!!!!

On Sunday we had closing parade at 11am because of the Jamboree Road Show coming to town. A great weekend was had by all, and it was great to see the whole District enjoying the weekend together.

Please visit our web site page (www.tas.scouts.com.au) and then go to Events on menu bar and click on JOTA/JOTA or alternatively, click on JOTA /JOTI in the 'Latest News & Updates'. There is a wide range of information to help you in planning and running JOTA / JOTI.

Robbie McKay

Product Commissioner Radio and Electronics



Helen Stewart 2012

Was a Cub Leader at Somerset and an Asst. Scout Leader with Burnie. RIP

Anthony Gerald Flint 1926 –2012

Joined Cubs at 8 and was a King Scout.

Moved to SA in 1967 and in 1981 was Vice President SA then President in 1989. When he returned to Tasmania he came a member of Tasmanian State Executive Committee . RIP

PR & Marketing Report

Have you been to your local campsite lately?

Scouts Tasmania own a wide range of properties throughout the state and unfortunately they get missed as camping or even alternative nights entertainment.

The Lea has recently undergone a major upgrade and maintenance program thanks to some external help.

They have been hard at work and now the following is available for your use.

Only 5 minutes from the heart of Hobart.

Contact the local Manager on 6229 6292

Camp areas have been cleared making them more accessible.

An obstacle course has been installed with its use designed around programs from Joeys to Rovers depending on the level of skill.

It even has a tree with relevant ropes and safety equipment that you can climb and note your name in a book for future reference.

The flying fox has had a platform built for easy access.

Climbing tower all but finished.

A large area has been cleared in the middle for a wide range of games and activities.

Even a billy cart track has been graded.

Newly installed fire pots and trenches make the area safer and easier for use.

A large bonfire pit has been created for those special group nights.

Fire wood is not an issue and is strategically placed around the site.

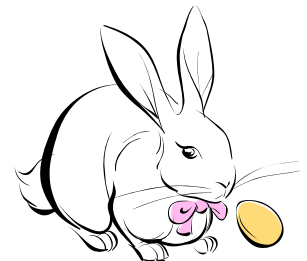
The Rotunda now has power and water access.

Remember check Tops for what you can and can't do.

Why not visit your scout site in this years program.

Refer to the website for your nearest campsite.

Nigel Clutterbuck
Chairman Marketing Committee



Tassie Devil Project

Wild Dayz provided a great opportunity to raise the awareness of the plight of the Tassie Devil amongst Youth members from all the states and from some overseas countries. We were able to raise some funds there that will go to the Appeal to assist research into the cause of the tumour that is affecting the Devil. Scouts are gearing up (literally) to take on some fundraising at the V8 Supercars at Symmons Plains to assist the Appeal Program by collecting funds from racegoers. This is an opportunity to raise awareness in the Community of the partnership between the Appeal and Tasmanian Scouting.

Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers are wanted to assist with promoting the partnership. You could earn a badge for wildlife conservation, art, photography or this could be an opportunity to contribute to the Grey Wolf Award, Scout Medallion, Queen Scout Award or Duke of Edinburgh. Want to know more? Ask your Leader or phone Mary Landers 0419 545 237

A devilish fact. Have you ever wondered why Devils are black and white? Some predators in the wild (like Orcas) have a black and white pattern. The "flash" patterning is thought to be a way of breaking up the colours, a form of camouflage as it breaks up the shape of the animal.

Mary Landers, Project Commissioner Special Events



Fellowship Report

FELLOWSHIP OUTING

Here is a personal challenge to all Fellowship members - come and get fitter than you are now ! "C'mon, you can do it"

There will be a familiarisation "History, Hike & Heritage" bushwalk around The Lea campsite grounds, on Sunday 15th April 2012 in conjunction with visitors from the Pandana Walking Club.

This is an opportunity to mix with non-scouting personnel who are in an organisation akin to us. After a visit to the changing profile of the Tasmanian Scout Heritage Centre situated at BHQ, we will be guided up some of the older bushwalking tracks not trodden for quite some years to the Top area of The Lea, view the recently developed course facilities and high ropes area which all 'youth' members (reads : young and old), then hike back to the HQ area to enjoy a refreshingly provided afternoon tea to round it all off. This event will be held irrespective of weather conditions.

Qualifications : Be reasonably fit and healthy.

Cost : \$5 per head.

Times: 9.30am assembly, car park at BHQ; Expected finish mid-afternoon (4pm latest);

Bring : Own lunch, water, nibbles, scroggin, etc.

Wear: Suitable bushwalking gear, hiking boots, raincoat.

RSVP : No later than Thursday, 12 April to my email/phone below, please.

FEE RESTRUCTURE.

Some members may be wondering why the 2012 increase in our Annual fees to \$45. In actual fact, this is a reality check necessary for us to catch up, or, put simply, there has not been an increase with our Fellowship membership registrations for around 12 years now.

I did a 'spot check' Nationally to see how we fare and here are a few sample comparisons for all to consider - in NSW, Fellowship members (because they are officially the sixth Scouting section) pay at least \$110 yearly; ACT members pay \$132 yearly; and in Victoria it is \$70 yearly. Incidentally, while NSW & Victoria may outdo us number-wise, there are only 27 Fellowship members in the ACT. As such, we retain the most inexpensive Fellowship registration within Australia.

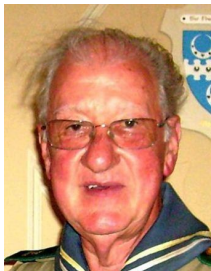
ROVER REUNION.

This years Reunion is being held on 26/27 May, hosted in the North West by Leven Crew (contact Renee). Please check closer the time on the Rover Fellowship Facebook page for details concerning the program, dinner for Saturday evening, and barbecue for Sunday.

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GRANTS REPORT

The **TCF Grant (Round 24)** has only one applicant in category 2 closing on 4 April. The usual problem has arisen again in that it always takes longer to prepare applications that involve building. Each year I implore Groups to start planning for **building approval at least 6 months** before the due date of the Grant as they need planning permission (from local Council) which includes plumbing (if applicable), water & sewerage connections etc. and these take time! To compound the problem, and I'm guilty of not emphasising this fact, is that TOPS states clearly that all Scout properties are registered in BHQ's name and any **building, alterations etc to Scout properties MUST go through a District Exec. Committee for endorsement. If granted then the proposal will be forwarded to BHQ for submission to the Branch Property Committee** who meet every month.

After approval from the Property Committee THEN the project can be submitted to Council. The Groups, who are going through this process now, if approved, COULD have their TCF submission ready by the 11 August Grant Round 26.

There are quite a few applications to various Councils Community Grant programs in the pipeline and hopefully these will be successful.

During the past month I've also sent out more notices (thanks to Jeannette) of other Grants now available, the Southern Water Community Grant (this may also apply to other regions; CMW is to offer rebates for water & sewerage to NPO soon?), Mercy Foundation and the free Grant writing workshops for N & NW areas. I haven't heard of any applications or a report from anyone attending the workshop. If you have applied/attended PLEASE let me know!!

Grants still available are; Inger Rice Foundation Grant, Matana Foundation, Sidney Myer Fund, Bendigo Bank (details not clear!), Shanahan Foundation Grant closing 13 April, Ian Potter Foundation Grant closing 28 May - some are ongoing.

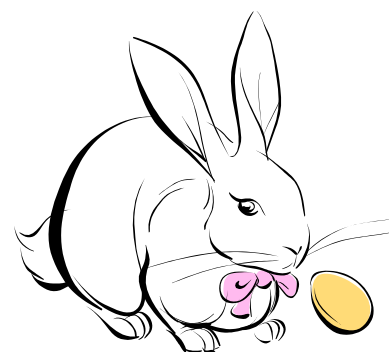
Local Councils Community Grants – George Town (ongoing), Meander Valley Council ongoing, N Midlands ongoing, Launceston City ongoing, Central Coast Council (closes 13 April), Burnie Council (closes 18 April)

Some Councils do not list – contact your local Council for info.

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

Sincerely

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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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