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30 Years

Lex McIndoe North West Bay

40 Years

Dugald McDougall Tas. Branch



Chief Commissioner's Report

I know some of you hadn't even noticed that I was gone but it's nice to be back in Tasmania after over two months in Europe. Thank you to Jos McKenna who stood in for me as Acting Chief Commissioner and Jeannette and Marion who so ably looked after things at BHQ. I really enjoyed the break and took the opportunity to visit Gilwell Park near London (home of Wood Badge Training) and Kanderstag in Switzerland. (an

International Camp Site). Both are fantastic facilities with lots to do and are available for any Scout to visit with a range of good affordable accommodation. While I was away we experienced a slight increase in membership and a very smooth Census prompting some to suggest I should go away more often. I just got back in time to see the announcement that **Dugald McDougall and Barry Dudman were honoured with OAM's on the Queen's Birthday Weekend.** Both men have achieved an enormous amount for both Scouting and their local communities through a lifetime of service to others and they fully deserve to be recognised in this way. Now that I am back however there seems to be plenty of work to catch up on, including the registration this week of a new Group on Flinders Island. It's great to have a group reform on Flinders Island after a long break and we welcome Jeremy and Claire Blyth, Mick and Shannon Barret and Trish Hepburn to the family of Scouting. Some of you may know the Barret's as Mick was a long time Cub Leader in the Launceston area.

Those who attended the Corroboree at Easter, will have had the opportunity to use our long awaited Climbing Tower and lots of people of all ages had a great time. To make such a large expenditure worth while we need to be proactive about building up the skills of our Leaders so that as many people as possible can learn to abseil. We have some qualified instructors, and we are a registered training institution so we can recognise what people learn. What we need now is a group of interested Leaders/older Youth who want to become involved. In some other States, campsites have formed Fellowship Crews who manage their Climbing Towers and provide training. I would like to see a similar thing happen at The Lea. If you enjoy abseiling and want to be part of this new group at The Lea please give me a call and let me know.

Our Training Team has a very important role in ensuring that our Training is of a high standard. Mike Wilson is nearing the completion of his six year term as **Branch Commissioner for Adult Training and Development** and we need to find a suitable person to take his place at the end of the year. So that there is time to undertake training and learn the ropes we will be calling for expressions of interest in next month's Newsletter. This is a very significant job and will require a very committed person. If you think you might be interested in applying, take the time to talk to Mike Wilson or myself about what is involved during July, so that you know if it is the job for you. Kim Thompson has also completed her initial three years as District Commissioner of North Midland District and has unfortunately decided to step down. I will be sad to see her go but she has promised to continue in another capacity. If you would like to be District Commissioner of North Midlands or know somebody we should approach, please give me a call or get a duty statement from BHQ. Expressions of interest will close at 5pm on 20th July and should be no more that 300 words plus a CV. Of course we have our ongoing call for expressions of interest for both DC Kingborough and DC Wellington.

As I reported earlier, membership is slightly up this year but we all need to be mindful of both our promotion role and our recruiting role. So far this year only 10 groups have requested FRIENDFINDER badges when they have registered new members. This is a very successful strategy if it is promoted within Groups and Sections. Remember 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. Challenge your Youth to bring their friends along and grow your section.

The Annual Meeting is on 10th August at Longford. **Put the date in your diary**. There is no excuse for people from the North and North West not to be there. The Governor and a Gang Show team will be there and nearly 80 people will receive awards. It should be a great night.

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Training Report

Tasmanian Training Team Conference Report

On the weekend of June 23rd – 24th, the Training Team held its Annual Conference at The Lea Scout Centre.

Paul Parkinson, the National Commissioner for Adult Training and Development attended on Saturday.

Paul provided some valuable information on the National scene, enhancements to E-learning plus, Scout Central and the Training of Trainers and PLA's.

Scouts Australia is supporting Scouting in Timor-Leste. This is the second visit to the island by trainers from Australia.

Paul Parkinson, Bryan Brown (Qld) and David Cossart (ACT) went to Timor-Leste on the 25^{th} of May 2012, where they ran a specialised Train the Trainer Course for Training Team personnel.

There is a new standardised Learner Questionnaire form in use across Australia. This is a requirement of the regulator and is used to assess training quality. More information from the conference next month.

New Leader Training

Last month I spoke about the requirement for new Leaders to have completed their Elearning prior to attending Basic Sectional Training.

Please take note that this is strictly enforced. We do not want to waste the time of the Training Team, the trainee and other course participants by accepting trainee Leaders who are not fully prepared to undertake training.

Upcoming training

Course	Date	Closing	Location
Basic Sectional (all sections)	30 th June – 1 st July	8 th June	The Lea
Advance bushwalking	27 ^h – 29 nd July	29 th June	Carr Villa (Ben Lo- mond)

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.

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Training Administration Officer,
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Mike Wilson Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development



Joey Report

North West/Northern Regional Event Report:

At the end of May I attended the North West/Northern Regional event which was held at Wesley Vale State School. What a great venue to hold such an event. Even though the weather was cool, it was a lovely sunny day. Over 80 Joeys and siblings joined in from Burnie, Rubicon, Penguin, City of Devonport, Spreyton, 1st Tamar, 4th Launceston, Cressy, Newstead Baptist and Exeter Mobs The Joeys

enjoyed making popcorn (and eating it), cup staking, making clown faces etc., just to name a few activities. Thank you to all the Leaders involved, especially Sue Cooper and Naomi Lancester for making it such a great event. Special thank you to Wesley Vale State School for letting Scouting use their great school facilities.

Southern Regional Sleepover Event: is to be held on 28th/29th July at Orana Guide Camp. Don't forget the next meeting is to be held on Friday 6th July at the Clarence Sea Scouts Hall, Montagu Bay at 7.30pm. This will be our final meeting before the event, to tie up the loose ends and to make sure we have a successful Sleepover. We need everyone's input. Look forward to seeing you there.

Lenah Hop 2013: The Lea Scout Centre has been booked for $17^{th}/18^{th}$ & 19^{th} May 2013. Make sure you put it in your dairies for next year.

Scouts in Action Week: By now all Joey Mobs should have registered for this great event. – www.scoutsinactionweek.com

Branch Council meeting: Saturday 14th July, Campbell Town Town Hall. All Leaders welcome.

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



Joey Leaders at the Lenah Hop in Launceston



Cub Report

Second term is now well under way, and half the year has already gone. But it is not all doom and gloom. The days will start to get longer, and before we know it, the warm weather will have returned.

Scouts in Action Week

If you have not registered for this, or even if you have, please remember to check out the website for some great ideas on the theme of International Scouting. (www.scoutsinactionweek.com)

Grey Wolf Award

This months Grey Wolf awardees are:

William Sargent and William Merrit both from Lindisfarne, also Samantha Fowler from Sandford.

Pathfinder Camps

Keep your eyes out for more information about our 10 year old Pathfinder Camps. A separate e-mail will shortly be sent to all leaders with information about the camps in each Region.

Award Scheme Update

Our Branch Commission for Youth programmes, Julie Creed, has passed on the following update to our Award Scheme:

To keep our award schemes up-to-date (including appropriate language for our youth) it has been decided to update the requirements of the following badge:

Art and Design - Level One

Choose one part from each section.

- 1. Drawing and Painting all stays the same
- 2. Design and Mixed Media
- A). Stays the same
- B). Create an artwork to tell a story or make a poster. Use one of the following techniques: collage using textured and printed papers, art/brass textured rubbings, or montage using magazine pictures or photographs.
- C). Stays the same
- 3. Stays the same

The change will be added to all future publications and is available from the Scouts Australia website and Scout Central very soon.

Branch Councils

The next Branch Council meeting will be held in July. If you have any questions, suggestions of comments, please do not hesitate to talk to your local District Cub Scout Leader.

Programme Ideas

There are any number of different programme ideas that we can use for July, notwithstanding the most obvious being the Olympic Games. However, whilst I would encourage you all to look at incorporating this into your Term 2 programmes, I have already covered the general idea of this back in September 2011, when I gave you a programme for the Rugby World Cup. You should be able to adapt a lot of this for an Olympic programme, by changing some of the events. In addition, please also remember, that this years Scouts in Action Week theme is International Scouting, so it seems to me that you can have a month long theme incorporating both the Olympics & International Scouting. The Scouts in Action Web site has some excellent ideas on programmes relating to this, so instead, I will use this month on a very popular theme from my own pack for this time of year, being games that can be played "In the Dark". I hope that you have some fun with it.

Terry Bryan

Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts

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Cub Program

Theme: In the Dark

As it gets dark a lot earlier this term, it is ideal to have a night where all of the activities are done "In the Dark". A reminder however, that it is essential to stress to all of the Cubs the importance of safety in some of the games.

6.30pm Opening Parade

Akela & all Leaders

6.35pm Game 1 – Candle Relay

Mowgli

Sixers form up in lines. The first person in each six is given a standard wax candle. When everyone is ready, each candle is lit, and Cubs take turns running from one end of the Hall to the other, ensuring that the candle does not go out on the way. If it does go out, they return to the front of the line, where one of the Leaders/helpers will relight the candle and they start again.

6.50pm Game 2 – Lighting a Match

Bagheera

A second relay event. This time, a Leader/helper is placed at the end of the Hall, one for each six. At the call of "Go", the first Cub in line races to the Leader, who gives them a single match and matchbox. The Cub must light the match, and then light a candle. They then extinguish both, and run and tag the next person in line. Continue relay until each Cub has had a chance to light a match & candle.

7.05pm Game 3 – Find the Shoe

Baloo

The Cubs form at one end of the Hall and remove their shoes. All of the shoes are then placed at the other end of the Hall, and the Leaders mix them up. The lights are extinguished, and the Cubs try to find their own shoes. For fairness, there are a couple of things to remember for this game: a) Turn on the lights every 60 seconds or so for no more than 1-2 seconds so that the Cubs can orientate themselves. Alternately, have a torch on hand and occasionally spot light someones shoe; b) Don't let the Cubs throw shoes away that are not theirs, if this occurs, stop the game; c) As the Hall is pitch black, remember also safety first.

7.25pm Game 4 - Drawing

Rama

Each Cub is given a blank A4 or A5 piece of paper and a pencil. They then find a space where they can sit on the floor. The lights are once again turned off, and the Leader describes a picture for the Cubs to draw (one object at a time). Examples could be 1) a face (draw a face shape in the centre of the page, add two eyes, now add two ears, did I mention to put pupils in the eyes, draw a smiling mouth, draw a witches nose, did you remember to put earrings in the ears, draw some wicked teeth in the mouth, draw some eyebrows, add some hair, add some glasses, draw a neck); or 2) a Country House (orient the page sideways (landscape) and draw a square on the left hand side of the page. Add a roof. Now add a door and 1 window, did you remember to put a chimney on the roof. Draw a path from the front door. Now draw a tree on the right hand side of the page. Draw a sun in the top centre of the page. Did you draw smoke coming out of the chimney, Did I mention that there is a bird standing on one of the branches of the tree)?

Cub Program continued

7.40pm Game 5 – Spot Light

Kaa

All of the Cubs stand at one end of the Hall. One of the Leaders/helpers stand on a chair at the other end of the Hall and is blind folded. A torch is given to the blindfolded Leader and a set of keys (or bells or anything that will make a noise when moved) is placed under the chair they are standing on. The lights are turned off and the Cubs attempt to steal the keys. If the Leader hears something they point the torch towards the noise. If it lands on a Cub, they are sent back to the other end to start again.

7.55pm Closing Parade

Reserve Game

If you are running ahead of time, or just want something else to try, another game you might like would be Glowing Balloons.

Glowing Balloons

There are many different rules to this game, but they all involve the use of a glow in the dark balloon (or two). To make one, activate a Glow Stick and place it in a balloon (larger balloons work best). Inflate the balloon and tie it off. Now this balloon can be seen when the lights are turned off. Here are some of the ones I have used, but there are many more you could try.

Version $1 - A 2 \times 2$ grid is drawn or marked on the floor. The Cubs are split into 4 teams and each team occupies one of the grid squares. The object of this version is to not get caught with the balloon in your grid square.

Version 2 – Balloon Netball. The name says it all. Two teams. One person from each team is sent to the opposite end of the Hall and becomes the goals for their team. Using Netball rules, the object is to get balloon to your goals.

Version 3 – Relay. Use your imagination and have the Cubs do different things whilst getting the balloon from one end of the Hall to the other in relay fashion.

Branch News

Are you up for a challenge? Have we got a job for you!

Here is your chance to make a life changing decision.

Expressions of Interest are being called for the position of Manager of The Lea Scout Centre. If you are interested in the position please email Branch for a Position Description on tas.bhq@tas.scouts.com.au

Internal Website:

All Leaders and Committee members are encouraged to register on our internal website: in.tas.scouts.com.au

This is where you can find a copy of TOPS and relevant TOP's Forms.

Scout Central

Be Prepared for New Adventure as Scouts Australia revolutionises Scouting for Leaders around Australia through **Scout Central.**

Check out Scout Central at http://central.scouts.com.au

Watch the Scout Central Launch video on http://central.scouts.com.au/launch and Log- in using your membership number and e-Learning password. If you have never used e-Learning, simply enter your date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) and you will be asked to create a new password.



Scout Report

Scoutfest: 4th – 5th August – Carnacoo

The program has now been finalised and distributed via e mail to all the SLs and ASLs on my e mail list.

If you have not received it send me an e mail at bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au and I will send it to you.

Cost has been set at \$25, with an additional \$7 if you wish to stay at Carnacoo on the Friday night.

It will be a fun and informative weekend, so if you haven't been to a Scoutfest before, make this your first (of many).

We will have Scout Central up and running on line at Scoutfest.

Scout Central:

This program resource is now available on line and will provide a valuable reference for all Leaders.

If you haven't had a look yet, hop on line and explore.

Check out Scout Central at http://central.scouts.com.au

AJ 2013:

We now have over 260 applications on the go for AJ2013 so it is shaping up for another successful Contingent.

While applications have officially closed, don't forget **Tasmania will continue to accept applications up to 31**st **August 2012**, so if you have any Scout, Leader or Parent who wished they had applied, then it's not too late. Just remember they have to catch up to current payments on lodgement of the application.

Phil Harper

Branch Commissioner Scouts

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BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSE	CONTACT
July				
30 th -1 st July	Basic Sectional Techniques	The Lea	8th June	BC training
30 th - 1st July	National NEC Operations	National		
8th July	Scouts Unplugged	Launceston		DC Andrew
14th July	Joey/Cub/Scout Councils	Campbell Town		BC's
14th July	Group Leaders Conference	Campbell Town		Chief Commissioner
14th July	Jamboree Troop Leaders	Campbell Town		BC Scouts
19th July	BEC/ B&F Meeting	The Lea		Branch Tres/Pres
27th-29th	Advanced Bushwalking	Carr Villa		BC Adv.Act.
28th 29th	GLOW Venturer Leaders			BC Venturers



So half the year has gone already, can someone please let me know where it went?

On Friday the 22nd of June I was delighted to attend the presentation of 7 Queen Scout Awards for: Matthew Broadfield (Leven), Annastasia Bedford (Cygnet),

Samuel Crean (Blackmans Bay), Sophie Allwright (Cygnet), Bonnie Rose Ross (Cygnet), Georgina Hall (Pittwater) and Alex Djakic (Tamar).

Coming up in July we have our Leadership Course, and it is shaping up to be great, with nearly 30 Venturer applications.

Also in July is our Annual Venturer Leader weekend (GLOW). If you are wondering what is happening, information should be out shortly. The weekend will be in the North West. It normally comprises of Saturday being dedicated to group activities, then an evening meal together. Sunday morning is a Leader meeting. The weekend aims to accommodate Leaders bringing partners along and making them feel included.

18-19th of August is the revised date for Teniswood. It is being run by the Southern Leaders. The main thing Leaders need to keep in mind for the teams is that the weather may be brutal and groups need to be adequately prepared.

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.

Donna McDermott Branch Commissioner Venturers

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Rover Report

FDC Red Boo

Eastern Shore Rover Crew recently 'booted' three active mem-Service Challenge Adventure bers of their Crew - Justin Bloomfield, Camilla Dahl and Cassandra Wise. Amongst a variety of red costumes, those present

heard some great tales of their lively time in Rovers. We wish them well with life after Rovers.

Rover Reunion

As mentioned briefly in last month's newsletter, the Rover Reunion was held in Ulverstone at the end of May. It was fantastic to see approximately 100 current and former Rovers, and their families, in attendance. A big congratulations to Leven District Rover Crew for organising the event. Next years Rover Reunion will be in the south.

Stuart Morse Chairman, Tasmanian Branch Rover Council ch.tbrc@tas.scouts.com.au 0400 278 662

PR & Marketing Report

The **competition to have an article in a community publication** closed at the end of April. We waited awhile so Groups that had an article in April had a chance to get some in. Unfortunately due to the different formats it wasn't possible to get all of them onto face book. Anyway the winner was St Helens. Some Groups had more than St Helens two entries but they were the lucky ones drawn out of the hat. Prize will be on the way shortly.

Re the **new membership cards** please get your entries in soon as this closes end of August. Leaders I ask that you pass on to our Youth info that is relevant to them so they don't miss out.

On **community media** if you need any help please email me, as I am happy to help. When Groups have done this and some do it very well their Groups are full with waiting lists. We are not just advertising for Scouts but also Leaders and Committee people. As one Group told me it made it much **easier** to get a local Government grant.

Following on from this we have written to every council in the state asking if they have newsletters, how often and who is the contact.

We would like to talk with different Groups and help them lodge an article in your local paper/ newsletter.

The responses we received were overwhelming in that they are interested in receiving stories. If you would like assistance please email me on nigel@ancatas.com.au.

Next year is a very important date for the **50**th **Scout/Guide Regatta**; very few events of this type reach the amazing 50th. Separate information will be coming out with tasters to see if you like what is planned.

I was lucky to attend the Queen Scout/Guide awards tea a few nights ago.

Well done to the worthy recipients, also well done to the Groups that had articles in their local papers. These things are certainly worthwhile celebrating and telling the wider community about.

Fire pots. Yes we received a few, (lots of requests). We will now be playing catch up and get them out to you.

The AGM is not too far away and we would like to have a slide show of Scouts being out and about.

If you have a recent article please email to me so we can include.

As always please contact me on 0438735275 or email nigel@ancatas.com.au

Nigel Clutterbuck

Save The Devil Badges are available from Branch for \$3.00 each plus postage



Environmental Report

Now that Wild Dayz is over I have been able to concentrate on my role as Project Commissioner for the Environment. I ran a recycle craft workshop in March, presenting 2 days of ideas and creation. The activities included paper making, paper crafts, screen printing and craft in general. Attendance was a little disappointing but those attending (GL, VSL, CSL's & JSC's) went away with many new ideas to incorporate into their programs and towards award schemes.

Viv Russell and I attended the National Environment Commissioners Conference in Adelaide, coming away with some great ideas to get Tasmania's Environment Program up and running. Under the enormous environment umbrella there is so much scope for groups and sections to incorporate environmental goals into their programs, and by doing so it will hopefully encourage and assist both, Youth and Adult members to fulfil their promise of the 10th Scout Law.

Robyn Russell Project Commissioner Environment



Following on from my June Branch Newsletter item, I am yet to hear from Groups or Leaders interested in participating in McHappy Day 2012.

All Group Leaders have been sent from me (through Branch Headquarters) all relevant information you need to know for participating in McHappy Day 2012. (If you have not received this information please ask your Group Leader).

As I am your Branch Co-ordinator it is important you keep to the timelines as per information from National Office to make the day a success for your Group.

It is important the contact name of your Group with email and home address, mobile and/or phone numbers and the name of the McDonald's Restaurant you will be attending on the day, is emailed to me no later than 30 July 2012 to louisepatterson@bigpond.com

This is a requirement from National Office for the ordering of badges and to ensure I am able to get them to you prior to the day, also the restaurant you intend participating at is notified of your intention, to contact the restaurant event manager well in advance of your involvement on the day.

Louise F Patterson McHappy Day Co-ordinator

Tasmanian Branch Mobile 0419138130 Email louisepatterson@bigpond.com



Gang Show Report

The cast of the 2012 Hobart Gang Show is now almost half way through rehearsals! These dedicated young people need an audience and YOU are the people who can do something about this. Bookings are now open. If you haven't seen or have misplaced the postal/advance bookings form you

may contact me for a booking form. Please note however that the early bird postal/advance bookings close on 15th July.

Prices are as follows;

Thursday 23rd August and Friday 24th August - \$13.00 adult / \$7.00 concession Special offer group bookings - \$10.00 adults / \$7.00 concession plus registered Leaders \$0 and 1 free Youth admission for every 10 tickets.

Saturday 27th August, matinee - \$10.00 adults / \$7.00 concession Special offer group bookings - registered Leaders \$0 and 1 free Youth admission for every 10 tickets

Saturday 27th August, evening - \$13.00 adults / \$7.00 concession

Contact - Louise (ph: 0419 138 130 after 5.30 p.m.)

- Advance postal & Special offer bookings close 15th July, 2012
- · Post to GS Bookings, 56 Tolosa Street, Glenorchy. Tas. 7010

I am looking for sixteen Scouts/Guides/Venturers interested in ushering at one of the performances. They will of course be allowed to watch the Show for free on the night they usher. To apply they must be willing to work as part of a team, wear their Scout/Guide uniform with pride, have a welcoming attitude to all who come along to see the Show and their Leader supports the application. (This of course should apply to all Scouts/Guides/Venturers)! Please pass this information on to your Troop/Unit. The first sixteen who apply and "pass the above test" will have the job!

A little about the Show ... It's Regatta time, but what happens when thunder and lightning strike? Who could imagine the strange turn of events as Scouts, Guides and Leaders get thrown by the strange happenings during a board game. Now is the time to get game and come along to see if you can solve this mystery with its many twists and turns.

Get your tickets now for the 2012 Hobart Gang Show being held at the Mt. Nelson Theatre (Olinda Grove, Mt. Nelson) – 7.30 p.m. on 23rd, 24th and 25th August, plus a 2.00 p.m. matinee on 25th August. Remember early bird sales close 15th July. After this date prices will increase.

Denice Walter Project Commissioner Gang Show 6224 1105 pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au

Fellowship Report

WINTER ACTIVITY.

A social activity for both Fellowships will have a maritime theme to one of our Tassie 'secret' locations, this being arranged mid-winter at an indoors venue.

Through courtesy of one of our stalwart members, "Dic Doc" Geeves, we have previewed it and recommend it as a worthy visit, in that it is housed in an old historic Bank building, is open to the public mainly By Appointment, and is a little-known former Mainland National Museum, although established 1963, is now removed back here by a Tasmanian.

Registered officially as a 'Warships & Marine Corps Museum', at Franklin, (www.warshipsmuseum.com) this centre covers many centuries of Naval, Marine and Tasmanian Maritime aspects. As there are limited numbers for each viewing in groups of 8, we may need to organise timings for different parties to view.

Here are the details for your Diary:

Date: Sunday 12 August 2012

Place: Navy Museum (shown above front door), Franklin. two doors up from Post Office in main street, Franklin.

Times: First group commences 12 noon; second group from 1.30pm, etc.

Cost: \$6.00 per person donation.

As this is non-uniform, it is suggested members may wish to car-pool with others, bring family, spouse, partner or friends and just enjoy a Sunday drive out. Even if inclement weather, we will be mostly indoors. (Within the centre though, no animals allowed and younger children would need to be supervised).

Dependant upon our group numbers, there are several cafes adjacent at which we can adjourn for meals prior/after the visit. There is the Village Antiques of Franklin, also the Wooden Boat Centre and other venues to visit in this historic waterside village.

RSVP with definite numbers, by *no later than Thursday 9 August 2012*, please.

There have been no requests for support of our Fellowships from Scouting formations throughout the state.

Tony Peck
Project Commissioner Fellowship
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2012 TASMANIA TOGETHER YOUTH CHALLENGE

Tasmania *Together* is a long-term, community driven plan that aims to bring about change for the better. The Youth Challenge gives Tasmania's Youth an opportunity to connect with their communities and to explore the community's vision for Tasmania as expressed in the Tasmania *Together* plan.

The competition is a fun and educational experience and there are also some great prizes available.

More information about the competition can be accessed on their website at www.ttyouthchallenge.com.au



GRANTS REPORT

I've been invited to participate in the 2012 Grants in Australia Survey that will help understand the present and define the future of Grantmaking in Australia. The results will be used by Our Community's best practice grantmaking division, The Australian Institute of Grants Management, to inspire and build better grantmaking across the country. Some of the grant statistics are amazing, such as,

there is **over \$10 Billion in grants available in Australia every year** for thousands of projects from the ridiculous (in my opinion) to the very worthwhile. Unfortunately, as a Scout Association, we cannot tap into many as we can only, up to a point, target those that cater for Youth and Community Services and Development.

The past 5 weeks has seen a plethora of grants being announced which seems like an end of financial year sale! This is a pity as there's too many (to date I have 23 grant alerts apart from the ongoing ones) which makes it difficult to choose which grants to tell you about. I've picked out what I feel are the most important alerts in the past month and sent out via Jeannette (thanks again) especially the TCF and even more so now the VG 2012 Grant closing on 25 July. I have a template for this grant so if you're going to apply please let me know & I'll send you a copy and I'll help you complete it. The TCF Grant R 26 opens on the 11 August (contact www.tascomfund.org for info & application form).

The Following Grants are available:-

- 1. **Junior Landcare Grants Program.** Various funding and ongoing. For more details contact www.juniorlandcare.com.au/grants-2 or ph Ms Sheena Martin (02) 9412 1040
- 2. **Sport Incentive Program** various amounts, ongoing. Open to Community Groups. Worth a look. Website www.asf.org.au/how_register/apply Ph 02 6214 7808
- 3. **IOOF Foundation** various, closes 3 August. Info www.iooffoundation.org.au Submit Expression of Interest form via email first.
- 4. **ANZ Staff Foundation Grants** various closes 15 July. Worth a look as ANZ staff can be used as Volunteer workers info www.anz.com/resources or ph 1800 808 910
- 5. **NAB Employee Volunteer Grant Program** various, ongoing. Similar to above, info www.nab.com.au & follow leads.
- **6. Cheaperthanhotels Fundraising Program** max \$25,000, min \$250 ongoing. This is an innovative idea where you can generate \$8/sale for a hotel booking through the website Cheaperthanhotels which are cheaper than booking the hotel directly. Worth a look contact www.cheaperthanhotels.com/sponsorship or email susan.daniel@cheaperthanhotels.com

Local Councils Community Grants – George Town (ongoing), Meander Valley Council ongoing, N Midlands ongoing, Launceston City ongoing. Contact your local Council for info if not listed.

The next Grants info will be in mid? July 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 me at nan.john7@bigpond.com



The President of Scouts Australia Tasmanian Branch Mr John [Pip] Cornish Requests the pleasure of your company at the Annual General Meeting and Presentations to be held on Friday 10th August 2012 commencing at 7.30pm at the Longford Baptist Church 159 Wellington Street Longford Tasmania

In the presence of

The Chief Scout

His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania

The Honorable Peter Underwood A C.

Presentation of Awards

Good Service Awards
Scout Medallions
Queen's Scout and Baden-Powell Awards
(acknowledged).

Dress: Uniform or Lounge suit (ladies after 5 wear)

Decorations may be worn:

Light refreshment will be served at the conclusion of the presentation ceremony.

RSVP by 3rd August 2012 to Branch Headquarters Phone 6229 9385

or email:tas.bhq@tas.scouts.com.au

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.

