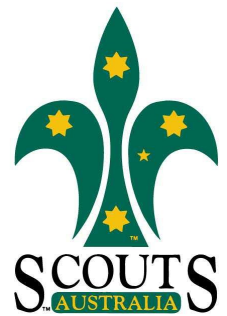


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Chief Commissioner's Report

August is an exciting month because on the first of August each year we announce the names of those amongst us who have been awarded Good Service Awards by the Governor General, Quentin Bryce. These awards are for service well above what is expected of Leaders just doing their job. A new Adult Recognition Awards Committee was formed two years ago to make sure that the people who are the back bone of our organisation are suitably thanked with these Awards. This year there are 43 Awards to be presented and I would like to extend my congratulations to everyone concerned. Please have a look through the list on page 19 to see those amongst your friends and acquaintances who have received Awards.

This year there will be additional Awards to be presented. Chief Commissioners Achievement Awards and Achievement Certificates are being presented to those who were heavily involved in running Wild Dayz. Wild Dayz was an enormous amount of work for a great many people. Their biggest thanks would have been the wonderful time the Venturers had and the great success of the whole event. It is however also nice to be able to formally thank the Committee who did so much, with an Achievement Award that can be worn on their right sleeve and an Achievement Certificate for those who put in long hours in support. Hopefully in the future, these Awards for specific tasks undertaken in a variety of settings, will be as highly regarded as all our other Awards. Have a look at the recipients on page 20.

It would be great if as many people as possible are able to make it to the Annual Meeting at Longford on 10th August to see all these Leaders and Supporters receive their Awards. We are very fortunate that the Governor has been prepared to travel to the North, so I hope there is a big turn out to justify his support.

On a few occasions lately, including the recent Group Leaders meeting, I have been made aware that many Leaders and Committee members have not read P&R or TOP's. It is even sadder when Leaders don't know what those initials stand for. Policy and Rules (P&R) is a National document that all State Branches have agreed to follow and Tasmanian Operational Procedures (TOP's) are the additional procedures written to guide operations in Tasmania. These two documents contain a great deal of information. Nobody is expected to know them by heart, but when planning Events or Activities Leaders have an obligation to read through the relevant sections. This is going to become even more important with the new Work Safe Legislation because these documents stand us in good stead as a responsible organisation.

My call for Leaders in the South who are interested in forming a Fellowship Crew at The Lea to provide abseiling training and manage the new Climbing Tower resulted in several offers of help. **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. I hope to get things happening this month.**

In last month's Newsletter I also gave advanced notice that 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. We are now formally **calling for expressions of interest** which close on 24th August. Applications should be no more than a page, along with a CV and two referees. This is a very significant job and will require a very committed person. The successful applicant will need to attend a National meeting on 22nd - 23rd September as an observer.

We are still looking for suitable applicants for the positions of **District Commissioner of North Midland District**, DC Kingborough and DC Wellington. It is an embarrassment that several of these positions have been in caretaker hands for some time. District Commissioners do have to be prepared to do some work, but for a good people person, the role is rewarding and makes a significant contribution to good Scouting in your District. If you are the right person or you know somebody who is, please give me a call.

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner

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Chief Commissioner's Report Continued

A statement about Group Support Committees in Tasmania

A change of name but the role remains as it is set out in P&R and TOP's.

At the recent National Annual Meeting in July 2012, a motion was passed that changed the name of Group Committee to Group Support Committee. This is to more accurately describe how Scout Groups are designed to function. When I discussed this change at the Group Leaders Conference there was a great deal of confusion as to what is actually in Scouts Australia Policy and Rules (P&R) and Tasmanian (Branch) Organisation and Procedures. (TOP's). These documents are available from the Scouts Australia web site and our internal web site, should you like to have a look for yourself.

Scouting is unique amongst Youth organisations in that it has been established by act of Parliament. In Australia these acts were passed in the Tasmanian Parliament in 1954 and in the Australian Parliament in 1967. Under Lord Baden-Powell's guidance, rich Scouting traditions were established worldwide and these are reflected in the two major documents mentioned above which have their authority directly from the acts of Parliament. There have of course been changes over time but the basic structure at Group level has been built around the role of the Group Leader. There is a very good book, Group Leaders and Group Committee Handbook which is currently being reprinted but copies are available from BHQ on request.

The Group Leader is responsible for everything that happens in a Group and this has been confirmed in the extensive Australia wide review of Adults in Scouting undertaken in 2005. There are high expectations of a Group Leader that include planning for Youth activities with the **Group Council** which consists of all the Uniformed Leaders in the Group and planning all the support activities for the Group with what will now be called the **Group Support Committee**. The Group Leader has always been the only Uniformed Leader who attends Group Support Committee meetings (a small number of Groups also have an Assistant Group Leader). Any requests from Leaders for funding of facilities and equipment are to be first discussed at Group Council meetings and then go to the Group Support Committee via the Group Leader. The role of the Group Support Committee is in planning with the Group Leader for the provision and maintenance of facilities and equipment and to support him/her in any way they can. It is the Group Leaders' responsibility to ensure that suitable people are appointed to Group Support Committees. In TOP, Chapter 1.12.6 there is allowance to hold elections as one way to do this, but elections are not automatic. Most Groups struggle to fill positions let alone have multiple candidates for elections.

The one big cross over in all of this is that in Groups without a Group Leader the Group Support Committee has a significant role in working with the District Commissioner to find a replacement. When a Group is without a Section Leader, the Group Support Committee also has a further task to work with the Group Leader to help find a replacement. This does not infer any power by Group Support Committees over Uniformed Leaders and at all other times the Group Leader is responsible for issues related to Leaders. Group Support Committees have no hire or fire rights with regard to Leaders or Group Leaders. Any concerns Parents have about Leaders must be raised with the Group Leader and only after that can they be raised with the District Commissioner. BHQ should never be the first port of call for complaints or concerns.

A summary and comparison of the differences between the role of the Group Council and the Group Support Committee can be found on p65 of the Group Leader and Group (Support) Committee Handbook. A copy of this summary will be sent to all Groups along with a copy of this statement.

Regards,
Mike Patten



Training Report

Tasmanian Training Team Conference Report



New Leader Training

Over the last two months I have written about the requirement to complete E-learning prior to attending the Sectional Training weekend. So here is a timely reminder that the final Sectional Techniques weekend is coming up in November, which gives new Leaders sufficient time to complete E-Learning.

Please take note that completing E-learning prior to attending training 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.

Anchor badge update

Just a reminder that the Anchor badge is only valid for three years. The Leaders must also keep a log book of their activities during this time. For those Leaders whose Anchor badge has expired or is about to expire, there is an opportunity on the 23rd of September to have their qualifications re-endorsed. See TOPS for further details.

Upcoming training

Course	Date	Closing	Location
Basic Seamanship	21 st – 23 rd September	31 st August	South
Seamanship update	23 rd September	31 st August	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.

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Mike Wilson

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development

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Joey Report

I would like to start this report by saying thank you to the Leaders who attended the recent Branch Council Meeting. We discussed plenty and checked out the Campbell Town Show Grounds as a possibility for our Joey State Event next year.

Southern Regional Sleepover – July 2012. Planning is now in its final phase. We have over 100 children and parents, so a very busy weekend is ahead.

Save the Tassie Devil outing: Planning for the big day out is now well under way in all regions, with the **Northern Region** planning a visit to **Mole Creek** on **Saturday 18th August**. **North West Region** is planning a visit to **Wings Wildlife Park** on **Saturday 18th August**. **Southern Region** will be **visiting Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary** on **Saturday 18th August**. A reminder that a Badge is available from BHQ for \$3.00 each.

Scout/Guide Regatta: Will be celebrating its 50th year. Joeys have been invited to join in the big day with beach activities and games on the Saturday. More information will be sent out in the near future.

Lenah Hop 2013: Will be held at The Lea and the Elective will hopefully be the "Sleepover".

State Event 2013: A tentative date has been set for Saturday 17th August. Our planned theme is "**Endangered Animal Safari**".

Mob Hoppennings: Ellen Tiller will be in charge of our next edition. Can you please forward your articles to Ellen as soon as possible, planned publish date is 30th August. Reports on Regional events and outings for Save the Tassie Devil, along with photos, programs etc would greatly be appreciated. It would be great if someone could also write an article on the recent Lenah Hop at Carnaco. Ellen's email address is **etiller@internode.on.net**

Have you checked out the new National Website Scout Central? It has valuable resources and programs, ideas etc. All you have to do is to Google for **Scout Central Australia** .

Promise Challenge Award: This month I would like to say congratulations to **Mitchell Fleming of Clarence Sea Scouts** and **Lachlan Matthews of Spreyton Joeys**. I have had the privilege of seeing both Joey's projects and I must say they were of a very high standard, so well done.

Please note my new email address is **wendy.granger@bigpond.com**.

Wendy Granger
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Cub Report



August is certainly a very busy month for Scouting in the State, as we have both the AGM in the North, and Gang Show in the South. Whilst on the subject of the AGM, congratulations to all of the Leaders who received awards this year, they are certainly well deserved.

Scouts in Action Week

August is also the month that we run the Scouts in Action Programme. I hope that you all registered for this event this year and have checked out the website for some great ideas on the theme of International Scouting. (www.scoutsinactionweek.com)

Grey Wolf Award

This month's Grey Wolf recipients are: Stephanie Smith from Mt Faulkner, Lachlan Tuxworth from City of Devonport, Lily Pursell and William Pursell both from New Norfolk.

Active Cub Award 2012

Over the years, this award has been known as the Commissioners Challenge and the Quality Cubbing Award. This year we have decided to call it what it really is, and that is an award for Cub Scouts that are out and about and enjoying being a Cub.

The award this year is only applicable for activities that have been done during second & third terms, and accordingly, the points required to obtain the badge have been reduced to 60. Having said this however, there is still plenty of scope for the Cubs to earn these points before the end of November. A separate e-mail has been sent to all Leaders explaining the details on how to earn the necessary points and where to get the badges when completed. If you did not receive this e-mail, please contact your District Cub Scout Leader or myself.

Pathfinder Camps 2012

Preparations for the Pathfinder Camps are well under way, and you will be receiving notifications about the various camps shortly. In the North & North West, the camps will be held at Blythe Park & Skemps respectively, on the weekend of 8th & 9th September 2012, whilst in the South, the Camp will be held at the Top of The Lea, on the weekend on 3rd & 4th November 2012.

As you are aware, the Pathfinder Camp is a 10 year old only camp, for Cubs who will shortly be linking to Scouts. The Pathfinder is a Scout "Taster" camp, and is designed for the Cubs to sample some of the things that they will encounter when they move up. It is not a mini Cub-oree. As a result, we would like to see the Cub Leaders look for the support of their Scout counterparts, and we hope to see the Leaders working together to set up camps & dining shelters. Patrol Leaders are essential for these types of camps, so please take advantage of their knowledge.

Programme Ideas

With the Olympic Games coming to an end, our attention turns to the fact that it is still dark and cold outside, so what can we do? Well, how about some great indoor activities instead, such as Science Experiments, a perennial Cub favourite. Scientific Experiments – See attached.

Whilst on the subject of Programming Ideas, have you looked at Scouts Central yet? There is now a great selection of programmes on a lot of different themes, with more on the way all the time. Check out the site at www.central.scouts.com.au. If you need help, talk to your District Cub Scout Leader who will show you how to find them.

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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Scout Report

CLARK TROPHY 2012: 24th – 25th November at Fulton Park

I have been receiving details from the DSLs of those Troops who participated in their District Camps, and thereby qualifying to take part in Clark Trophy 2012.

As soon as I am receiving them, I am sending out the Instructions and Information to each Troop eligible to participate in Clark Trophy.

So far Kingborough, Clarence, Wellington, North Midlands & Launceston/Tamar have held their Camps with Hellyer, Leven & Mersey to complete theirs.

For those Troops that have not had the opportunity to take part in the CT, it is well worth the effort as not only do the Scouts have an opportunity to participate, compete and learn Scouting skills, you as Leaders will be involved in the running of the Camp and therefore be able to gain an insight into all the aspects of not only camping, but many elements of the Award System. CT is as competitive as the Patrol wants to make it, but an equal learning opportunity for all.

So if you have taken part in your District Competition but were in two minds about CT, then give it a go, it's well worth the effort.

Don't forget that I need entry numbers by **30th October** at the latest, with the earlier the better for my planning purposes.

Phil Harper
Branch Commissioner Scouts
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BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSE	CONTACT
August				
4th -5th	Winter Moot /TBRC Meeting			BC Rovers
4th -5th	Scoutfest	Carnaroo		BC Scouts
7th	Branch Property Meeting	The Lea		Richard Seeber
9th	Branch IT Meeting	The Lea		Neal Schulz
10th	Branch AGM	Longford		Branch President
16th	BEC / B & F Meetings	The Lea		Branch Tres /Pres
23rd -25th	Gang Show			
25th-26th	Commissioner Conference	The Lea		Chief Comm.

Cub Program

Scientific Discovery

A few months ago, my monthly programme concentrated on some of the Cub's favourite activities, Cooking & Campfires. Therefore, for this month, I thought I would look at some more of their favourites – Science Experiments & Discovery.

These are simple experiments that can be completed in about 10-15 minutes each. For my own Pack, we usually do these over two Pack nights on a point to point rotation, and do about 4 experiments on each night. You might like to do the same, or you may want to turn an afternoon at your next Pack Holiday into one of Science (Cue the song "She Blinded me with Science" by Thomas Dolby and let's get going).

Making a Volcano

What you'll need:

- Baking Soda (make sure it's not baking powder)
- Food Colouring
- Vinegar
- A container to hold everything and avoid a big mess!
- Paper towels or a cloth (just in case)

Instructions:

1. Place some of the baking soda into your container
2. Add some food colour
3. Pour in some of the vinegar
4. Watch as the reaction takes place!

What's happening?

The baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) is a base while the vinegar (acetic acid) is an acid. When they react together they form carbonic acid which is very unstable, it instantly breaks apart into water and carbon dioxide, which creates all the fizzing as it escapes the solution.

For extra effect you can make a realistic looking volcano. It takes some craft skills but it will make your vinegar and baking soda eruptions will look even more impressive!

Making Quicksand

What you'll need:

- 1 cup of cornflour
- Half a cup of water
- A large plastic container
- A spoon

Instructions:

1. This one is simple, just mix the cornflour and water thoroughly in the container to make your own instant quick sand.
2. When showing other people how it works, stir slowly and drip the quick sand to show it is a liquid.
3. Stirring it quickly will make it hard and allow you to punch or poke it quickly (this works better if you do it fast rather than hard).
4. Remember that quick sand is messy, try to play with it outside and don't forget to stir just before you use it.
5. Always stir instant quicksand just before you use it!

Cub Program continued

What's happening?

If you add just the right amount of water to cornflour it becomes very thick when you stir it quickly. This happens because the cornflour grains are mixed up and can't slide over each other due to the lack of water between them. Stirring slowly allows more water between the cornflour grains, letting them slide over each other much easier.

Poking it quickly has the same effect, making the substance very hard. If you poke it slowly it doesn't mix up the mixture in the same way, leaving it runny. It works in much the same way as real quick sand.

Creating Static Electricity

What you'll need:

- 2 inflated balloons with string attached
- Your hair
- Aluminium can
- Woollen fabric

Instructions:

1. Rub the 2 balloons one by one against the woollen fabric, then try moving the balloons together, do they want to or are they unattracted to each other?
2. Rub 1 of the balloons back and forth on your hair then slowly pull it away, ask someone nearby what they can see or if there's nobody else around try looking in a mirror.
3. Put the aluminium can on its side on a table, after rubbing the balloon on your hair again hold the balloon close to the can and watch as it rolls towards it, slowly move the balloon away from the can and it will follow.

What's happening?

Rubbing the balloons against the woollen fabric or your hair creates static electricity. This involves negatively charged particles (electrons) jumping to positively charged objects. When you rub the balloons against your hair or the fabric they become negatively charged, they have taken some of the electrons from the hair/fabric and left them positively charged.

They say opposites attract and that is certainly the case in these experiments, your positively charged hair is attracted to the negatively charged balloon and starts to rise up to meet it.

This is similar to the aluminium can which is drawn to the negatively charged balloon as the area near it becomes positively charged, once again opposites attract.

In the first experiment both the balloons were negatively charged after rubbing them against the woollen fabric, because of this they were unattracted to each other.

See Website for more programs.—www.in.tas.scouts.com.au



Venturer Report

Wow, what a month! Why is it that when it hits winter and all you want to do is hibernate on the couch, all the camps roll round?

July saw the largest Leadership Course that I can recall; 32 Venturers from round the state attended the Leadership Course at The Lea and what a great weekend it was. Apart from torturing the Venturers with marshmallow towers, paper bridges, Lego towers and one metre drinking straws, it was a great learning weekend. A big thank you to Andre (from SA), Julie, Robin, Geoff, Baggy, Murat, Ian, Chris, Kim and the Kingston Scout Group for catering. Without your help the course would not have happened.

It is great to know that a lot of these Venturers are actively working on their Queen Scout award, which begs the question "what as a unit can we do to help them achieve this goal?"

The answer, support them. Have a unit night where you sit down as a unit and look at the award. Make sure each Venturer has a passport, get feedback on what each member thinks they can do. Get feedback on what each member still needs to do, or wants to do (they may not be interested in badges, but might like the sound of an activity someone is planning).

Then work out the priorities and work them into our program. Have a multi-cultural night, or plan a weekend activity for outdoors. What will this get you? A chance to help out a team member, run some fun activities and develop a good program that will encourage participation. Of course life can't all be about the award, but it will provide some balance to your program.

Also in July we had our annual Venturer Leader weekend. Reg and the North West Leaders hosted us to a tour of the Julie Burgess, dinner at the Mallee Grill in Burnie and a night at Blythe Park. We finished our weekend with a productive meeting which looked at next year's calendar, looked at the Award scheme and the Branch Venturer Council. Expect to see some developments, which I will email out to groups.

Applications are now out for Tenniswood Trophy on the 18-19th of August. The location will be near Bothwell. There are some changes around the meal preparation and judging, so make sure you read all the information carefully.

Any questions, thoughts or reports? As always I welcome your input – drop me a line or email. I look forward to catching up at Tenniswood.

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Rover Report

Winter Moot

The 2012 Winter Moot will be held on the first weekend of August, at the Arm River Camp. Tamar Rover Crew will be hosting the event, with an Irish theme. Major activities will be 4WDing and Caving in the caves near Mole Creek.

Leader Awards

TBRC would like to extend our congratulations to the current and former Rovers who have received Good Service Awards this year, as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Response from Groups throughout the State to participate in McHappy Day this year has been fantastic.

Knowing there are Leaders willing to involve as many members of their Group together with families to raise funds for seriously ill children, to help other people as part of our Promise, is rewarding.

Groups participating will be New Norfolk, Sandford, Summerhill, City of Devonport, Spreyton and Hellyer District.

Participants will receive a badge for their camp blanket or camp shirt on McHappy Day.

Louise F Patterson
McHappy Day Co-ordinator
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Fellowship Report

WINTER ACTIVITY.

As notified in last month's Newsletter, members of both Fellowships are invited with family, spouses, partners and friends to attend our Winter activity at the Maritime Museum in Franklin, **Sunday 12 August**. The site is two doors up from the Franklin Post office in the main street where we are assembling at 12 noon.

As numbers are limited with viewing, this may require a second group viewing around 1.30pm. Cost is \$6 per head and is non-uniform. Within the centre no animals are permitted and younger children would require supervision.

Afterwards there are cafes nearby for a social meet, also other venues to visit in the township.

Please **RSVP** with numbers **no later than Thursday, 9 August 2012** direct to me, please.

Tony Peck
Project Commissioner Fellowship
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Gang Show Report

Gang Show 2012 is almost here! Come along to the AGM and you will get a little taster of songs from the Show – some you will know while others are new (written especially for the Show).

After a lot of effort it is exciting to know that Gang Show Bookings are now on line. You can select and book your own seats and pay on line. To book this event, please go to <http://www.trybooking.com/BQB>

ON LINE SALES CLOSE 24 HOURS BEFORE EACH PERFORMANCE.

DOOR SALES AT THE VENUE - CASH ONLY

Prices ... Adults \$14; Concession/Children ... \$9;

Group ... 15 tickets to same performance (i.e. \$10 per ticket)

Thursday & Friday only ... Family Ticket available \$40.00 (2 adults & 2 children)

Saturday Matinee only ... All tickets \$9.00, Family Ticket available \$32.00 (2 adults & 2 children)

Note - booking fee of \$0.30 per seat for all performances

Performance dates and times ...

Thursday 23rd August - 7.30 p.m.

Friday 24th August - 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 25th August - 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

SEE YOU THERE.

Denice Walter,
Project Commissioner Gang Show

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The Golden Regatta

Planning is underway for the 50th Regatta. Start getting your Troop involved now! Look for the Registration form and information in next month's *Branch News*.

Commemorative badge competition

Thank you to those who have sent suggestions for the artwork for the Regatta pennant and commemorative badge. If you or anyone else would like to submit artwork, then time is running out. Remember you should email your design or post it **by the end of August**.

Regatta memorabilia

We are still on the hunt for old/interesting/amusing photos from past Regattas. Please contact me if you have any – or know someone who has. If you mail original photos, I promise they will be returned to you.

Regatta pennants

Pennants from the 1990, 1999 and 2002 Regattas are missing from Scout archives. If you are able to donate any of these to the archives, then please let me know.

Please give me a ring or send an email if you have any questions about the Regatta.

Contact information

Email: sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au

Phone: 62294700

Mail: PO Box 36, Blackmans Bay, 7052.

Lyn Muir

Environmental Report

I have been very busy exploring ideas for some really great environment programs for Cubs and Joeys. Thanks to Rubicon Cub Pack for an invitation to attend their camp recently where we had some really great environmental activities exploring the habitat and flora at Fulton Park and working on Landcare and Nature Craft badges.

Not to be left out, Spreyton Joey Mob have had a great time exploring the grassed area around their Scout Hall. They spent time crawling around with a magnifying glass and bug catchers to see who was "living there rent free".

There has been a lot happening with Joeys everywhere and the lead up to their 'Devil' experience in mid August. Joeys have made Tasmanian Devil habitats, put on a Devil puppet show and listened to Devil facts along with many other Devil activities.

Do you have a special interest in the Environment? - do read on.

I am forming an environment team to assist in Scouting environment activities throughout Tasmania and would love to see 2 or 3 **Venturers/Rovers** and 2 or 3 **Leaders** with an interest in the environment (from any section/position) as part of an ongoing environment team.

The purpose - to assist with the planning, implementation and ongoing work for an environment interpretation centre and associated activities throughout the state.

The duties - will include

- Helping with presentations and activities for Youth members.
- Helping to set up the team requirements, (research into equipment such as microscopes, digital cameras, computer equipment, bug catchers and anything else we may require in order to present exciting and interesting environment programs to Youth members).
- Creating activities.

I see this as a great opportunity for Venturers who are looking for ideas for their Queens Scout Award (will fit in several places), Rovers and BP Award. This is also a good opportunity for anyone doing Woodbadge next year and needs a project idea.

Closing date for expressions of interest to be part of the team is the 7th September (end of this school term) and can be emailed to me.

Robyn Russell

Project Commissioner Environment

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You are invited to

A DEVIL PARTY

*Bring your family, and invite your friends
and their families*

Bonorong Wildlife Park

593 Briggs Road, Brighton

Saturday 18th August:

Gates open at 10am : Close at 4pm

**Cost: Family two Adults and Two Children \$57.00 (under 4 free),
Adult \$22.00 Child \$9.00**

In a sports team? Why not come after your game, join us for lunch and activities, or before your game.

As this is a Scouting Activity, Scout Members please wear your uniform.

Join in the fun, Hourly Devil Tours, General tour 11:30 or 2:30pm,

Face Painting, Lucky Door Prizes, B.B.Q, Give Aways,

Information and activities stands plus much much more

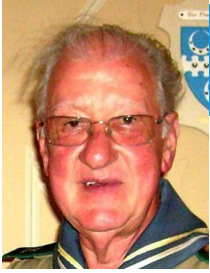
This is a registered **Save the Devil Day**, all profits from the day will go to the **“Save the Devil Fund”**

We would like to thank our major sponsor Greg from Bonorong Wildlife Park.

Want to know more, email Susanne with an **estimate** of your group numbers including their guests and receive a lucky door ticket (will need validating on the day), plus updated program. sehovington@hovo.id.au

Estimations of numbers are needed for both catering and activities resources.





GRANTS REPORT

The past month has been crazy with grant applications coming from all directions! In total there have been over 31 applications of which 24 were for the Volunteer Grant 2012 Program and 4 for the 2012 CBA Community Grant Program, a few Council Community Grants and others. If all these are successful in excess of \$74,000 will be available to our Groups and young people. However, a word of warning from our State Office Manager, Jeannette. Groups, especially GL's & LIC's, **MUST keep a close eye on the "use by date" for the money to be spent** and not leave presentation of accounts to the last minute despite reminders from Jeannette. This is usually 12 months from receipt by BHQ and can easily be forgotten in the busy active life of a Group. If the money is not expended then there is a possibility that it will have to be returned, a big loss to the Group concerned.

I am very pleased to see that a few Groups have been lucky enough to be able to appoint a Grant Co-ordinator to overcome some of the problems outlined above. Cressy's Group, Justine Woore, is one such person and congratulations to Lloyd Chugg's wisdom in her appointment. They are very lucky in getting such a talented lady. She asked me to look at what she thought her role should encompass. I thought it was excellent & with her permission I've reproduced it below:-

I see my role as Grants Co-ordinator to:-

- * Research suitable Group projects,
- * Obtain all relevant information,
- * Obtain quotes,
- * Notify relevant people/bodies of actions taken,
- * Uphold the integrity of the Scout Group and Scouts Tasmania,
- * Uphold the integrity of the grants awarded,
- * Maintaining accurate records of grant expenditure,
- * Ensure the successful completion of grant projects,
- * Submit a final report in a timely and professional manner

I hope you might be able to put this to good use in your Group.

REMINDER - TCF Grant R 26 opens on the 11 August Up to \$10,000 closing 26 September, \$10,001 to \$90,000 closing 10 October (contact www.tascomfund.org for info & application form). Plus the ongoing grants from last month's report, Junior Landcare, NAB Employee Grant, CheaperthanHotels Fundraising Program + others sent out courtesy Jeannette.

Just received news of the following Grant:-

Small Grants for Small Rural Communities (FRRR) – max \$5,000, closing 30 September – contact http://www.frrr.org.au/cb_pages/small_grants_for_small_communities.php for info. 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 mid (?) August which will be in the next Newsletter. If I find any suitable grants from other sources I will inform you through BHQ.

John Hughes OAM JP

Project Commissioner Grants

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Save the Tassie Devil Project

A lot has been happening this month with many Mobs starting their Tassie Devil program in readiness for the outings to be held regionally later in August. All areas are having their outings on Saturday 18th August. Venues will be Bonorong Park at Brighton in the South and Trowunna Wildlife Park in the North. North West are travelling out to Wings Wildlife Park at Gunns Plains. A big thank you to all the people who have been working to organise the regional outings. Don't forget to let me know the numbers in order to get badges to you.

It is great that some Cub Packs will also join in on the outings. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE "SAVE THE TASMANIAN DEVIL PROGRAM" DIRECT. If you have any questions I can be contacted by mobile phone or email. By the time you are reading this I will have been in touch with Wendy and the area coordinators to firm up the program of activities for the day. Collection boxes will be available in each of the regions for the money to be put into. I will collect the boxes from the North and North West on the day. The South should return theirs to Nigel Clutterbuck at Branch Headquarters.

Hoping your Joeys and Cubs are enjoying the program. Let's make the outing a day of fun and learning for all concerned.

On the day a cheque will be presented to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal Program with proceeds from the sale of the badges and money collected at the Wild Dayz Venture.

GUINNESS World Book of Records attempt the longest cricket net session

Jade Child is attempting to face more than 12353 balls in a 24 hour period from the 10-11th of October 2012. The record is currently held in the USA. Jade needs our help. Leaders/Adults to help with the official recording and 2/3 Youth to help field the balls. People can also take an active part by bowling balls at times during the session at a cost of \$1 per ball or 6 balls for \$3.

Jade is donating all proceeds to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal Program.

The venue is the Riverside Indoor Cricket Centre (near Launceston). However, wherever you live, come and help us out.

Please let me know if you would like to assist by phoning me on the number below.

Mary Landers
Project Commissioner Special Projects.

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International Report

It has been a busy time for me. I have been to Grenada also known as the "Island of Spice".

Grenada is an island country and Commonwealth realm consisting of the island of Grenada and six smaller islands at the southern end of the Grenadines in the south eastern Caribbean Sea.

The Grenadines is a Caribbean island chain of over 600 islands in the Windward Islands. Grenada is divided into 6 parishes: Saint George, Saint John, Saint Andrew, Saint Patrick, Saint David and Saint Mark. Scout Groups are run within each parish district as part of the private school system. Funding is very limited although the Government does provide some funding to assist with the running of head office and coordination of Scouting Groups and events. Grenada is celebrating 100 years of Scouting this year. They have all sections represented within Scouting. I was pleasantly surprised to have Youth come and assist me or just chat to me in supermarkets and various other locations as they recognised the Scouting emblem on my WildDayz shirt. Grenada Scouting is looking for pen pals – so more on that later.

I gave a presentation on opportunities within International Scouting to the Venturer Leadership Course recently held at The Lea as well as to the Wellington District Scout Leadership Course. As I could not attend the Glow weekend for Venturer Leaders I emailed a list of useful links and information to be distributed.

Scouts Australia International <http://www.international.scouts.com.au>

All Venturers attending the New Zealand Venture or school trips etc. could be interested in the following:

<http://www.international.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iMenuID=17658019>

International Explorer Award

<http://www.international.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iMenuID=19933165>

SISEP – Scouts International Student Exchange Program

<http://www.international.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iMenuID=17658024>

If you have an event coming up or would like me to come and give an information session on International Scouting and the opportunities available please just let me know.

The position of National Co-ordinator for JOTA/JOTI is currently advertised.

Full details including a position description are on the website <http://www.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iStoryID=16923623>.

Applications close on 17 August 2012 and should be endorsed by the Branch Chief Commissioner before being forwarded to **Wendy Freeman**, Executive Assistant, International Office Scouts Australia, 89 Kitchener Street, GARRAN ACT 2605 AUSTRALIA
Tel: +61 2 418 365 664 Email: int.com@scouts.com.au

Pen-Pals

This program continues to be popular with demand exceeding supply. Registrations are needed from more Cub Packs and Scout Troops to allow all overseas registrations to receive a link. Please contact int.penpals@scouts.com.au for more details.

There are lots of other programs and opportunities available please see <http://www.international.scouts.com.au> for more details.

International Report continued

Scouts in Action Week - theme is International Scouting 20th to 26th August.

PROGRAMS.

Visit the Scouts in Action Week 2012 website and download International themed programs for your section of Scouting. No planning, just download and run the program. Previous year's programs available as well – just do it. It has been described to me as a brainer – great programs with ideas you may not have thought of before – check it out now.

SCOUTS IN ACTION WEEK BADGE.

The ever popular Scouts in Action Week badge is available and can be ordered online via the Scouts in Action Week webpage. Badges are \$2.20 each including postage. Order yours today.

REGISTER TODAY.

Stay in the loop with program and website updates and other great info by registering your Group or Section TODAY and you can immediately access the 2012 programs. Don't forget that the 2010 (First Aid) and 2011 (Disability Awareness) programs are all there for you to access and use anytime.

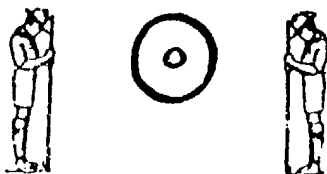
If you have any questions, queries, are curious, or just want a chat, please contact me.

Fiona Pearson

Branch Commissioner International

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John Oliver Carter 3rd May 1929—22nd July 2012

He had been involved with Glenorchy District as Group Leader, 2nd Princes of Wales Bay , then DC of Glenorchy District. He also held the position of Branch Commissioner International, and South Regional Commissioner. He will be sadly missed.

William Eric (Ric) Burgess died 25th July 2012.

Southern Regional Commissioner, also Deputy Chief Commissioner of Tasmania, during Graham Hall's role as Chief Commissioner. He was also a member of the Branch Executive Committee. He will be sadly missed.

SCOUT GOOD SERVICE AWARDS

1st August 2012

Scouts Tasmania is pleased to inform you that the Chief Scout of Australia **Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia** has awarded 43 Good Service Awards to Leaders in recognition of their excellent service to Scouting.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Mrs June Flood Branch

SILVER EMU

Mrs Marion Blight Kingborough District
Mrs Susan Gardner Branch
Mrs Dyanne Turner Hellyer District

SILVER KOALA

Mr Robin Abbott Perth
Mr Kim McCullagh Perth

Mrs Dot McCullagh Branch
Mr Gerard Vogels Branch



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Mr Graham McKenna Leven District

SILVER WATTLE

Mr Ian Ball Rubicon
Mr Robbie McKay Branch
Mr Andrew Thompson Laun. District

Mrs Lois Evans Somerset
Mr Philip Smith Mt Faulkner
Mrs Kim Thompson Nth Midlands

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Mr Lance Cowled Gang Show

SILVER ARROWHEAD

Mrs Helen Ball	Mersey District	Mr Michael Brown	Westbury
Mr Lucas Bryan	Hellyer District	Dr Stephen Crean	Blackmans Bay
Mr Ivan Dolbey	Mersey District	Mr Aaron Frith	Blackmans Bay
Mrs Kerri Gray	4 th Launceston	Mr Eunice Horne	Turners Beach
Mrs Kate Howe	Nth Midlands Dist.	Mr Ricky Kaye	Nth Midlands Dist.
Mrs Margaret McIndoe	North West Bay	Mrs Glenys McKay	North West Bay
Miss Kate Nichols	Wellington District	Mr Timothy Robinson	Westbury
Mrs Debbie Wells	Nth Midlands District	Mrs Rozlyne White	Leven District
Mrs Kathy Winduss	Mersey District		

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mrs Claire Bradley	Blackmans Bay	Mrs Suzanne Denholm	North West Bay
Mr Peter Hatters	Westbury	Miss Naomi Howe	Perth
Mr Steven Jones	Riverside	Ms Elene Jonson	Blackmans Bay
Mrs Maree Kemp	Blackmans Bay	Mrs Jenny Monks	4 th Launceston
Mrs Lyn Rush	Derwent	Mr Kim Webster	North West Bay

Chief Commissioner's Achievement Award

Dot	McCullagh	Donna	McDermott
Robin	Abbott	Fiona	Pearson
Matthew	Barwick	Robyn	Russell
Michael	Brown	Dianne	Seaton
Lucas	Bryan	Linda	Seaton
David	Chalk	Andrew	Thompson
Julie	Creed	Kim	Thompson
Bruce	Harper	Scott	Thomson
Kelvin	Hinds	Gerard	Vogels
Naomi	Howe	Jeannette	Vogels
Ola	Howe	Reg	Williams
Geoffrey	Hurst	Bruce	Williams
Kim	McCullagh		



Chief Commissioner's Achievement Certificate

Murray	Allen	Andrea	Heap
Kathy	Barry	David	Heap
Peter	Bishop	David	Henwood
Robyn	Bishop	Kate	Howe
Bob	Blaauw	Simon	Hughes
Marion	Blight	Meredith	Hurst
Jeremy	Bonnice	Elizabeth	Koolhof
Greg	Boon	Fred	Koolhof
Jenny	Brown	Ian	Marmion
Allan	Butt	Judi	Marshall
Murat	Djakic	Tony	McDonald
Lois	Evans	Daphne	Mitchell
Malcolm	Evans	Brendan	Pilcher
Marian	Ellul	Damian	Poke
Joel	Ellul	Kristie	Poke
Michael	Fenton	Tim	Robinson
Mary-Anne	Ford	Neil	Ruut
Wes	Ford	Stuart	Sargent
Michael	Green	Rodney	Squires
Rob	Green	Simon	Stephens
Anna	Greener	Rance	Swinton
Andrew	Hardman	Jan	Tuxworth
Phillip	Harper	Debbie	Wells
Geraldine	Harwood	Allen	Wells
Leigh	Kemp		

HAVE WE GOT A JOB FOR YOU!!!

Marion and Graham Blight who have managed The Lea for the past 5 years are moving on to greener pastures in Sorell so we need new Managers to take over.

This is a live-in position and a 3 bedroom house on the property will be provided which includes the cost of electricity. A mobile phone will be supplied and cost of calls included.

Ideally suited to a retired couple who have a passion for Scouting.

A Salary Package will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

We are calling for applications for this position to be sent to BHQ by 24th August 2012. Please either phone or email Jeannette at BHQ for a Position Description.

Scouts Australia's Digital Revolution takes Leaders to new heights!



2012 is a great year for Leaders!

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

Following on from the huge success of e-Learning, Scouts Australia's new digital platform, Scout Central, has been created, solely to provide the best possible resources for Leaders, helping them save time, become more efficient, effective and better informed in delivering great Scouting!

Through Scout Central, Leaders around Australia can finally use a single system log-in. Using their e-Learning credentials, Leaders can now access Scout Central and catch up with the latest news from National and their Branch; read Facebook and Twitter Feeds; update their knowledge about the Areas of Personal Growth; find out everything they need to know about the Award Scheme from Joey Scouts to Rovers; and much more.



Using the brand new Program Finder, Leaders now have access to hundreds of Activities, Games and complete Programs for their Section, for nights and camps. To make things even better, each Program is linked with the Areas of Personal Growth and the Award Scheme. Leaders can now rate and provide feedback on the Programs listed and even share new, exciting Programs they might have with other Leaders around Australia.

Through the Online Library Leaders can now download numerous free publications and through the Advertising and Promotions page, find resources helping them to promote Scouting better. Leaders are even able to access e-Learning via Scout Central.

Scout Central is just the first stage of Scouts Australia's Digital Revolution in the online and mobile sphere, aimed to make Scouting better, more efficient and more effective for Leaders and Youth around Australia.

Find out all about Scout Central by watching the [Scout Central launch video](#) and become part of the Scouting Digital Revolution today!

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

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.

Tell all your friends, members and Leaders about Scout Central! Ask them to watch the [Scout Central video](#) on <http://central.scouts.com.au/launch> and visit [Scout Central](#) today!

Scouts Australia Teaches kids Important life Skills

The Adelaide Advertiser reports that latest findings by the University of South Australia (UniSA) indicate that organisations like Scouts Australia, teach children how to understand and negotiate social situations, making them better prepared for life.



UniSA Research fellow Dr Anne Glover says, "Lots of parents will say to me 'My child is four and they can count to 100' or 'My child is five and they know the alphabet backwards', but I'll ask them if their child can make friends...We all say we want our kids to be happy and they can only be happy when they know how to make friends and how to have long relationships. If this isn't in place by the time they are six or seven, then there's a real risk of them not being able to maintain friendships and marriage down the track."

That is where organisations like Scouts Australia offer young children a vast range of opportunities.



Scouts SA chief commissioner John Derbyshire says the almost 7000 young people who take part in Scout activities throughout the state learn in a way that is "not forced or classroom taught".

"They learn in such a way that they don't realise they're being taught," Mr Derbyshire says.

"We do this by encouraging them to enjoy and respect the outdoors, undertake adventurous activities that's not always canoeing or abseiling. Some are hall-based and creating motivation. No matter how long someone's association was with Scouts or what they did, it's been of benefit to them later in life."

To read the full article by the Adelaide Advertiser click [here](#). To join Scouts call 1800 SCOUTS or go to the Scouts Australia website.

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:
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The Lea Scout Centre
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