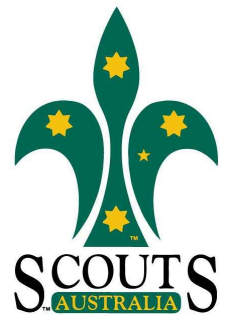


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Years of Service Awards – August 2012

5 Years

Emma Riseley

Taroona

10 Years

Colin MacKenzie

Allen Wells

Peter Hatters

Fiona Pearson

Campbell Town

Nth Midlands

Westbury

Branch

15 Years

Chris Smith

Leven Vents

20 Years

Paul Leitch

Chris McKenna

Wellington Rover

1/2 Ulverstone



Chief Commissioner's Report

The three big events this August all went very well. The **Annual Meeting at Longford** was attended by over 250 people with over 80 people receiving awards. Thank you to all those who made the effort to be there. Our Chief Scout, Governor Peter Underwood, again entertained and charmed those present with his easy and friendly manner. It was great to be joined by a number of local Mayors, and State and Federal members for Lyons who clearly hold the work we do in Scouting in high regard. We in turn appreciate their ongoing support. **A big congratulations to our two new Life members, Michael Hovington from Sandford Group/ Clarence District and Peter Cross from Latrobe Group/Mersey District.** Both have made amazing contributions to their Groups, Districts and the Branch. **Teniswood Trophy** was also a great success with 13 Venturer Units from around the State competing in a wide range of initiative, bush walking and camping challenges. Congratulations to Kingston, Blackmans Bay and Clarence District Units who were placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The weather was cold but manageable and the campsite was perfect for the activity. One of the many challenges was cooking tea on Saturday evening with limited ingredients. It would be safe to say that some Units ate better than others which is the ultimate accountability for your efforts. Well Done to the organisers. The Third big event was this year's **Gang Show, Without a Clue** which told of the unexpected consequences of a violent thunder storm at a Scout/Guide Regatta with a mystery murder to be solved. The script and music were great and there were many, many stand out moments. I don't think Guide recruitment will ever be quite the same again. The whole cast and the adults who support them, should be very proud of what they have been able to achieve.

Also in August we had our Commissioners Conference and a number of issues we discussed are worth of mention. The most obvious of these is the **ongoing battle with Communication between all levels of Scouting.** This is not someone else's job, but is the responsibility of every single member. Please don't say nobody told me or I didn't know the details. Anyone who is actually reading this newsletter can look up the Branch Calendar, read P&R and check TOP's to see what they need to know. Other issues discussed include:

1. Public statements about operational issues by members of Scouting, is a very complex issue made more complex by the various forms of social media. P&R 2008 is out of date on this issue and is in the process of being rewritten. It currently states

"P9.3 PUBLIC STATEMENTS

No member of the Movement may express opinions in the public press, or on radio or television on matters of Scout policy or principle without the prior approval of the Chief Commissioner of Australia or a Branch Chief Commissioner or their delegates."

As Chief Commissioner I have authorised a great many people including Group Leaders, District Teams and the Branch Team to make positive statements to the press and in the social media because we need to take every available opportunity to promote Scouting in a positive light. I do however retain the right to be consulted before any statement is made on contentious issues. While we work on a Social Media Policy I would ask that members of our Movement refrain from making contentious, negative or inappropriate comments that portray us in a poor light, about any aspect of Scouting, on any form of Social Media. Once photos or comments are in the public domain they are very difficult to remove.

2. Every Leader is expected to complete an elective each year that will increase their knowledge or expertise as a Leader. While some do this very well, many others find it a struggle. In addition to the usual First Aid, Adventurous Activities and Crafts, there are now a whole range of E-Learning options available. These can be accessed through Scout Central but if you have difficulties please contact Marion at BHQ.

Chief Commissioner's Report continued

3. The New School Year in 2013 will have a major impact on our Branch and District Calendars, with many events needing to be held at different dates to what we are used to. Every District and Group will need to meet before the end of this year and re-look at their own plans so that 2013 goes as smoothly as possible.

September means spring time and a whole range of exciting camps and activities. Big amongst these will be the regional Pathfinder Camps at the start of the School Holidays, Rover Rafting and lots of Group Camps. It is always great to see in action the OUT in SCOUT.

The Southern Climbing Tower Fellowship Crew at The Lea looks set to get underway with a meeting planned for Wednesday 12th September at The Lea. This group will provide abseiling training and manage the new Climbing Tower and **if you enjoy abseiling and want to be part of this new group it's not too late to join them.** (see my contact details below)

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner

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Joey Report

Southern Regional Sleepover

Congratulations to the Leaders who helped organize a very successful event. With over 120 people in attendance it was very busy and hectic at times. The children rotated around bases enjoying games and activities associated with our theme "Circus".

Branch AGM

I attended the recent Branch AGM at Longford; it was great to see so many people in attendance. I would like to say congratulations to the people who received awards.

Save the Tassie Devil Outing

It was pleasing to learn that the recent outings in the three regions were very successful with the proceeds going to help support Save the Devil program. Congratulations to all who were involved in the three regions.

Promise Challenge Award

Congratulations to **Dylan King of Blackmans Bay Joeys** for obtaining this award.

Wendy Granger

Branch Commissioner - Joey Scouts

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Judith Portors 1947 - 2012

Judith was the President and Treasurer of Boat Harbour before becoming an assistant Cub & Cub Leader of the Group in the 80-90's. Sadly missed. Condolence to Elvis.

Recently two former Scouts both aged in their 30's have passed away. Huw Horswill Geilston Bay Scouts and Matthew Watson 3rd Moonah Scouts. RIP.



Training Report

Electives

In the sign-up process for new Leaders and in the Mutual Agreement, it clearly states that the Leader agrees to complete Basic Training within 12 months and also complete one Elective annually. Since the introduction of E-learning, completing Electives has never been so easy.

The most popular electives are Anger Management and Assertiveness.

So congratulations to Karinda Anderson, Ian Ball, Kathryn Bayles, Ian Brunker, Cherylee Szoka, Robert Hird & Jos McKenna for completing these modules.

Diploma of Leadership

Adults in Scouting who have completed and are experienced as Wood Badge Leaders are able to start work on the diploma course. To gain the Diploma of Leadership, seven core units and two elective units need to be completed. For further information please feel free to contact me via email at mike.wilson@tas.scouts.com.au.

In Tasmania one Leader has gained the diploma. A number of Leaders have completed units but progress is very slow.

Basic Training

I have on a number of occasions stated that trainee Leaders should only complete Basic Core and Sectional material in E-learning. **Please do not attempt Advanced Core and Sectional material.** Sorry to be a cracked record! PLA's and Mentors please take note.

Basic Sectional Techniques Course

E-learning modules must be completed by Sunday the 21st of October or you will not be able to attend the course.

Upcoming training

Course	Date	Closing	Location
Basic abseiling	3 rd – 4 th November	12 th October	North
Basic Sectional Techniques	10 th – 11 th November	19 th October	The Lea

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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Mrs Marion Blight

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Mike Wilson

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development

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Cub Report

September is upon us, and already the Term is over and School Holidays are about to start. On the positive side, day light savings is just around the corner, and the warm weather can't be too far behind.

I hope that you have organised your planning sessions for Term 3. I have previously written about planning techniques, and I would urge you all to remember that pre planning now will save you a lot of time later.

Grey Wolf Award

This months Grey Wolf recipients are: Amelia Ruut Blackmans Bay and Reid McGuire Somerset.

Active Cub Award 2012

Great news, the badges for the Active Cub Award have arrived and are ready to be sent out. I have already issued the first ones to Mount Stuart. To obtain the badges, please remember to complete the Application Form and return them to me with your payment. Badges are \$2.00 each.

Pathfinder Camps 2012

If you are in the North West or North of the State, your Pathfinder Camps are very nearly upon us, with the camps being held at Blythe Park & Skemp's respectively, on the weekend of 8th & 9th September 2012. Applications for these camps have closed, and I hope you all have a great time.

For those in the South, the Camp will be held at the Top of The Lea, on the weekend on 3rd & 4th November 2012. The Application Forms have been sent out via e-mail, and Applications Close for this camp on Friday 28th September. If you did not receive the original e-mail, please contact me.

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

As I mentioned above, we are now in Spring, and Term 3 programmes are being written. So how about we do a Camp Programme this month instead.

Camp Programme – 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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Cub Program

Army Camp

Friday

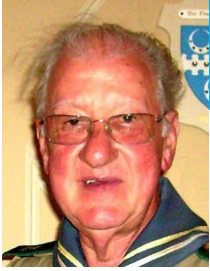
7.00pm	Leaders arrive and set up
7.30pm	Cubs arrive - Bunk Allocation
8.00pm	Opening Parade
8.10pm	Split into Platoons - Organise Corners. Cub Scouts to come up with their platoon name (ie Reds, Rangers, etc) and draw a poster with their team colour and motto.
8.30pm	Tour of Camp Site & Wide Game (Spies & Generals – Standard Rules)
9.15pm	Supper
9.45pm	Bed 10pm Lights Out

Saturday

7.00am	Reveille
7.30am	Breakfast
8.30am	Boot Camp Exercise Circuit - Set up a number of different exercise bases such as skipping, shuttle runs, ball throwing & catching, etc. Can also be used to sign off Boomerang Work (Fitness) Long March – 30 to 35 minute Bush Walk Tyre Carry – Have a Car Tyre for each Platoon. Give them a number of ropes and a wooden spar. The Cubs then have to carry the tyre through a winding course set up by the Leaders
10.30am	Morning Tea
10.50am	Kitchen Patrol (KP) – Camp Cooking with Potatoes – Refer to previous programme for ideas.
11.50am	Clean Up for Lunch and prepare Cooking Fires
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Tracking (35 mins each base) Track Signs. Split Platoon into two groups and have one group set a course for the other to follow. Reverse Building Stretchers. Have each platoon build a racing stretcher that can carry one of their platoon members. Endless Ropes – Cubs build an endless maze using ropes supplied. The purpose being that at the end, the stretchers will run races through the ropes course.
3.30pm	Evacuate the Injured Soldier - Stretcher Race from above
4.00pm	Surviving in the Bush – Building Bush Shelters
5.30pm	Free Time
6.30pm	Dinner
8.15pm	Camp Fire
9.15pm	Supper
9.45pm	Bed 10.pm Lights Out

Sunday

7.00am	Reveille
7.30am	Breakfast
8.30am	Scouts Own
9.00am	Preparing for Battle – Platoons take the morning to prepare for the War Games after lunch.. Use your imagination here to decide if it will be a water fight or flour fight. Can include pre preparing Water Balloons, a Water Slide, plus the Cubs building their home base
11.30am	Clean Up Camp Site & pack
12.30am	Lunch
1.15pm	War Games – Issue each of the platoons a flag and then set them loose
1.45pm	Depart



GRANTS REPORT

Over the past 3 months I am pleased to report that there have been 5 successes, Rubicon Sea Scouts \$1,124 from Latrobe Council, Riverside \$1,974 from W Tamar Council, Pittwater \$475 from Sorell Council and 2 from the Commonwealth Bank 2012 Community Grant of \$10,000 to 10th Hobart and \$8,400 to New Norfolk. Congratulations to all. **I am very disappointed that there are still some Groups applying for Grants, and being successful, but DO NOT have the courtesy of letting me know.** In my last Newsletter I praised some Group Committee members for their fine efforts in applying for Grants. This time I'd like to praise the many Scouters over the years that have done a wonderful job in combining their Scout activities, family and work and finding time to write successful submissions - many Groups and kids are forever indebted to you. I wish I could name them all but it would be embarrassing if I left one out, so please forgive me but you and others know who you are!!

Apart from the Volunteer Grant 2012 Program applicants there are still quite a few others in the pipeline. I'd like to mention Scout Leader Roger Cox (10th Hobart) for his innovative entry to the Medibank Active Tasmania Award which fitted the criteria well and some very good photos. Also thanks to Deputy Chief Commissioner & Assistant District Commissioner Leven, Jos McKenna, for passing on to me information she obtained of a Forestry Tas Community Assist Volunteer Program. She has applied for assistance to remove dangerous trees at the Paton Park Campsite and clean up etc. This scheme would be very useful to Groups that have Campsites, including The Lea, as well as giving advice on trees and their health and even participating in the National Tree Day Program for community groups. I'll send out details later.

REMINDER AGAIN - TCF Grant R 26 is now open.

Up to \$10,000 closing 26th September, \$10,001 to \$90,000 closing 10 October (contact www.tascomfund.org for info & application form), plus the ongoing grants from last month, Junior Landcare, NAB Employee Grant, CheaperthanHotels Fundraising Program, Small Grants for Small Rural Communities (FRRR) - max \$5,000, closing 30 September + others sent out courtesy Jeannette. There could also be some good news concerning another grant source soon I hope - watch this space!!

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

I've also started working on "**Top 10 tips for getting Grants**" which I will send out separately through BHQ.

The Grants info promised for mid (?) August has not arrived and this + the September issue info will be in the next Newsletter. Or, if I find other suitable grants from other sources I will inform you through BHQ.

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International Report

I hope you all have had a fantastic month. **Scouts in Action Week** - theme is International Scouting was held between the 20th to 26th August. As at the 16th August 826 Tasmanians had registered, a great effort. I hope you all enjoyed running the program(s) and have received your badges (I have mine). I would love to hear what program(s) you ran; how they went etc—just email me your stories.

I am going to attend the International Commissioners Conference so will report on the conference next month. I have written a report from Tasmania and have a collection of Flags to take up with me, consisting of 2 x Tasmanian State, 2 x Australian, 2 x Aboriginal and 2 x Torres Straight Island flags.

I have had several enquiries about the **International Letter of Introduction** for those travelling overseas. This is available through BHQ, contact Marion Blight – you will need to complete a TOPS 18 and if you would like an International Scarf and Name tape to take with you they are available from BHQ for \$23.

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

There are lots of other programs and opportunities available. Please see the above web site for more details.

If you have any questions, queries, or just curious, and would like a chat, please contact me.

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175th Royal Hobart Regatta

The 175th Royal Hobart Regatta will be held over the weekend of February 9th -11th 2013.

On Saturday the 9th there will be an attempt to break the Guinness book of records for the most number of kayaks in a race.

We need approximately 400 kayaks to beat the record, so we need the help of Scouts, Guides and canoe clubs to make the attempt.

I will provide more details next month.

Should there be any questions, please contact me at mike.wilson@tas.scouts.com.au

Mike Wilson

JOTA / JOTI

With the 55th JOTA and the 16th JOTI to be held over the weekend of the 20 – 21st October fast approaching, I trust that your Section / Group by now have your plans well under way. All the information should now be available on the Branch's web site page (www.tas.scouts.com.au) and then go to Events on menu bar and click on JOTA/JOTI 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.

Earlier in the year I ran two of the four JOTA/JOTI reports that were submitted from Groups / Sections and in turn were forwarded on to National.

This is the third in the series of reports from Groups that took part in last year's JOTA /JOTI and some of their activities etc. may be helpful while running your JOTA/JOTI.

Howrah Cub Scout Report

In total this year 17 participated in JOTA. The majority of these were e-mail bases and a couple did live conversations / chats.

Contacts were made all over the world, both Cub Groups, Leaders and Girl Guides. We learnt about Scouting in different countries, what their scarfs were like and what they liked doing best in Cubs.

All the Cubs that participated really enjoyed the opportunity to chat to other Scouts in the world.

Howrah Joey Mob Report

Due to the age restriction, Joeys did "meeting" based activities. We have done work with codes over the past weeks on our program and will be 'Skyping' with some Joeys at our sleepover coming up.

Overall, a great event once again.

My thanks go to the Leaders that took the time to share their JOTA/JOTI experiences with me.

Robbie McKay

Product Commissioner Radio and Electronics

Rover Report



Winter Moot

Winter Moot was held on the first weekend of August, at the Arm River Education Camp. Tamar Rover Crew did a great job of hosting the event, with an Irish theme. Activities included caving, white water rafting, 4 wheel driving, watermelon rugby, leprechaun gold search, table tennis and cards. A TBRC meeting was held on the Sunday morning. Thanks Tamar for a great

event!

National Program Meeting

Rodney Squires (BC Rovers) and I attended the National Youth Programming meeting for Rovers in Adelaide. It was great to be able to have discussions with chairmen from the other states' Branch Rover Councils and find out how things are different (and the same) in the different states. Some positives that have come from this meeting are a National Rover Social Media Policy and a National Rover Bullying and Harassment Policy.

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Fellowship Report

WINTER FELLOWSHIP OUTING

Our recent Winter Outing held at the Maritime Museum in Franklin was very successful. Supported by a good number of 16 "Fellows" with partners and friends, the Centre was of much interest to 'Swampies' just as much as the 'Land Lubbers'. We were conducted on tour by host Brian Morrison, shown many amazing displays also restoration work underway, including Archives and collections of vast Naval and Maritime memorabilia, this being a former National Museum from the Mainland.

Being a sunny day, we made the most of it and adjourned afterwards taking in a leisurely social afternoon at the nearby Aqua Grill Seafood Cafe, Franklin, which catered to all our tastes. Then, onward to the nearby Franklin community-based, Living Boat Trust Building to see the latest hand-built craft being restored and recreated, prior to departing home.

Thanks to "Dick Doc" Geeves for his assistance with this. A most enjoyable day appreciated from feedback received – keep an eye out with our further activities.

STATE ABSEIL TEAM

After consultation with various Adventurous Activities personnel, you may read elsewhere an invitation from our Chief Commissioner, Mike Patten, to form a specialist Abseil Team.

I thoroughly endorse this and expect this appeal would be suited more so to members from within our Rover Fellowship who are active and adventurous-minded.

This Team will not be a separate Fellowship, but rather involve talents of existing and external Adult members by contributing, at intervals when required, with Abseiling Activities.

Rover Fellowship members may wish to update or undertake current qualifications for abseil prospects, in conjunction with their team membership at the same time.

If interested to join this Team in a suitable Adult capacity, eg. current or past Leader, Rover or State Fellowship member, 'outside Scouting' Specialists, etc. you are invited to attend initial meeting/s for your chance to participate.

SCOUT HERITAGE CENTRE FELLOWSHIP

As a Support Team to Scouting within Tasmania, yet another new recent development with our Fellowships has been received - an Invitation to now join in a proposed *Scout Heritage Centre Fellowship*.

In recent discussions with the PC – Fellowship, Susan Gardner, this Fellowship allows that any existing Fellowship member, external non-Scouting interested specialist Adults (such as the Heritage Librarian now assisting at the Centre), and family members, etc. from anywhere within the State may wish to join/participate with this group.

If viable, a separate Fellowship could be mooted in its own right; alternatively it could be feasible to form internally from within current Fellowships. This depends upon feedback with response and interest shown from Fellowship members themselves.

Membership would primarily lend itself to providing a form of practical, or remote, assistance. By remote, this may involve members anywhere within the State undertaking locality research on Scouting, or casual projects of a practical nature (section/group/district/activity history), or actually attending at the Heritage Centre at The Lea, Hobart on a basis of weekly (each Wednesday), or fortnightly, or monthly, or Ad Hoc.

In recognising that we have many Fellowship members already experienced in their own fields, in order to actually apply individual skills, here is an (incomplete) list of suggested capacities where you just may be able to help out :

Librarian, Cataloguer, IT Support, Web site, Restorer, Display team, Writer, Visit collector, Publicist, Researcher, Roving Curator, Group history Co-ordinator (especially your own), Trophies researcher, Oral history recorder, Photographer, Centre Tour guide, General hand, or your own Specialist talent which progresses the centre.

This proposed Fellowship would only require a minimum of six or so members to format, would not have a formal structure outside the Heritage Centre itself, and still allow participation in any other Fellowship activity held.

I would appreciate hearing members' interest and/or feedback direct, please.

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Project Commissioner Fellowship

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"The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."

– Lord Robert Baden Powell

The Lord Baden-Powell Society Helps Young People To Achieve Their Full Potential

The Lord Baden-Powell Society is a not-for-profit donor society, started in 1984 by a group of Scout Leaders. Its aim is to seek private funding from members to provide financial assistance to youth members of Scouts Australia both directly and indirectly.

Through their financial contributions, the Members of the Society have helped thousands of Scouts experience the benefits and joys of Scouting whilst developing essential life skills such as self-reliance, discipline, high moral values, team building, respect for others and the environment and many more.

Today, the Society has over 1,000 members, many of whom were Scouts themselves in their youth.

Contributions from Society members are distributed to States and Territories annually to assist with keeping member fees low, providing training, maintaining equipment and sites, and much more.

In addition, the Lord Baden-Powell Society conducts an annual Jamboree Appeal where members and their colleagues are invited to contribute funds to assist young disadvantaged Scouts to attend major Scouting events locally or internationally.

In 2012, the Lord Baden-Powell Society allocated \$150,000 to support 250 Scouts who would not otherwise be able to attend the Australian Jamboree in Queensland in 2013.

Please join today! Your financial support will directly assist young people to experience the life changing benefits only Scouting can offer.

Join Now [programme link to LBPS webpage http://www.scouts.com.au/lbps_membership.asp]



Gang Show Report

The curtain is down on "Without a Clue" - well done EVERYONE.

Gang Show cast & crew get together **Saturday 8th September**, Howrah Scout Hall 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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TAMAR SEA SCOUT GROUP

In June 2013 1st Tamar Sea Scouts (formerly 18th Launceston) will be celebrating our 50th anniversary. We currently have a committee of parents and Leaders working to ensure that this significant milestone is appropriately marked. Over the past 5 decades thousand of Tasmanians have been directly and indirectly involved in 1st Tamar activities and we are positive that there are many stories and images to be shared in the telling of the 1st Tamar story. It is planned that a book and documentary style DVD will be produced, along with the staging of a commemorative event and open day. To this end we are putting out an invitation to the broader Scouting community to become involved. You can do this by:

- Letting us know of any 1st Tamar stories, images or other memorabilia you have or know of which may be of interest.
- Attending our weekend of celebrations, planned for June 2013.

To participate in our journey over the next year and keep updated on the upcoming events visit www.facebook.com/tamarseascouts. You DON'T need to be a Facebook user to view this site, but if you are and you 'like' the page you will be sure to get regular updates.

Alternatively, join our mailing list by sending an email to roscon@southcom.com.au. Use this same address to contact us if you have anything you think may be of interest in the telling of the 1st Tamar Sea Scouts story.

BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSE	CONTACT
September				
8th—9th	Pathfinder for Cubs			BC Cubs
10th-13th	Venturer Activity			BC Venturers
13th	Branch IT Meeting	The Lea		Neal Schulz
20th	BEC / B & F Meetings	The Lea		Branch Tres /Pres
21st- 23rd	Basic seamanship / Update	South		BC Training
23rd	All Leaders / Parents going to Jamboree Meeting 10.00am	Campbell Town		Geoff Reynolds
29th	Brent Gaffney Memorial Raft Race			BC Rovers
30th	TBRC Meeting			BC Rovers
2nd Oct.	Branch Property Meeting	The Lea		Richard Seeber

As part of the work they are doing towards their Citizenship badges, members of the Blackmans Bay Cub and Scout Group recently toured Parliament House with David O'Byrne MP, Labor Member for Franklin.

“I really enjoyed taking the group around Parliament. They were a great bunch of young people, with plenty of interesting questions.” David O'Byrne said.

The Cubs and Scouts were shown the Public Gallery, Long Room, and Parliamentary Museum, as well as the House of Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers.



David O'Byrne explaining the machinery of Parliament to members of the Blackmans Bay Scout Group in the chamber of the House of Assembly.



Venturer Report

The main event for August was Tenniswood. Congratulations go to Kingston Venturers who won the event by 2.5 points in front of Blackmans Bay, with Clarence Venturers coming in 3rd.

The event was held near Bothwell. Geoff and his team should be congratulated for running a great event with some brilliant new initiatives that I hope will be continued in the future. A big thank you to the Rovers for supporting Tenniswood, also your help was invaluable and we hope this will also be continued at future events.

The Southern Venturer Council is running a Unit Management Course on Sunday the 30th of September, so if you are interested please contact Geoff.

The major changes for 2013 calendar will be:

- Tenniswood is moving to the end of February, for this to work the information needs to be out at TV12
- A combined Unit Management and Leadership Courses over the June long weekend.

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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URGENT HELP REQUIRED – 15 Leaders needed now for the Venture South Australian Contingent to the 12th New Zealand Venturer

Particularly a Leader with Doctor or Medical qualifications required.

Please contact **Gary Steinhardt** Contingent Leader mobile **0418 545 325**
or email Gary gary.nzv2013@scouts.com.au ASAP if you can go.

Your assistance in attending will be appreciated.

Link to Venture South Website <http://www.nzv2013.scouts.com.au/>

Gary has kindly agreed to Tassie Venturers still being able to go if they wish to.
Contact Fiona Pearson Branch Commissioner International Tasmanian - home
62734409, mobile 0427249576

Devil Day at Bonorong Park



PR & Marketing Report

Hi to everyone, as promised our marketing kits are now ready.

Photo of brochure and rope are below. We have prepared some 600 kits to start.

The kits are designed for the purpose of promoting Scouting, but in a targeted way, unlike rulers and biros in the past which were handed around in large numbers.

An example would be if you are running a sausage sizzle at your local Bunnings, have some on hand to hand out to the few that you feel are more than an enquiry.

The kits are designed in a standard form with ropes, brochure and some other info from organisations i.e. fold up fire truck or a police car and Tassie Devil information.

This will change from time to time when other interesting and useful info becomes available.

This plastic bag and its contents then go into a Scouting bag.

We then don't have a problem, for example. if you were at the Smithton Show, and had some of your own information included in the Scout bag.

Also we have a lot of material and brochures that can be added, depending on your target audience, Joey, Cub, Scout etc.

Now here's a challenge for you. Let's try and get our posters on Scouts in every Shopping centre, Council notice board etc. Spread the word. Put down your local Group's details meeting times and contact. Heaps available at Headquarters.

The Marketing Committee hope that this will be of assistance to you in promoting Scouting to the wider community. For the kits please contact Marion at HQ.

Fire pots- we are receiving some more shortly. If you want some contact me.

We have started contacting some Groups with the view of assisting them in having articles produced in their local Council newsletter. We would appreciate anyone in the state who has been successful in this area to contact me so we can enlist your support to assist other Groups. The majority of Councils we have contacted have been overwhelming in endorsing this initiative.

Membership card competition closed on the 31st August. Some great entries have been received.

Mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, but well done to everyone involved in Save the Tassie Devil weekend. We received great exposure in the Mercury, Examiner and Southern Cross TV. Well done to Mary Landers, Project Commissioner and everyone involved.

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

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Hobart Bush Cabins

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

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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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