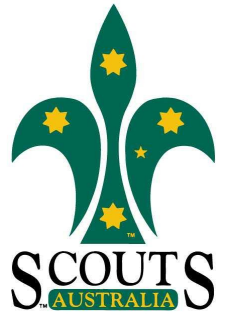


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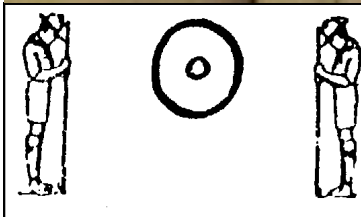
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Years of Service Awards – September 2012

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Penguin

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Kate Munting

Joel Ellul

Derwent

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Chief Commissioner's Report

It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Ray Christie on 6th September in his 80th year. Ray was a great Scout, Leader and friend to many in Tasmania. Ray was a Scout in Queensland and a Leader in NSW and Queensland before he moved to Tasmania in the 1960's. He was a Leader at Lindisfarne Group for over 30 years, District Commissioner, Regional Commissioner, Branch Commissioner of Scouts Chief Commissioner of Tasmania 1988 – 1993 and Branch Life Member. The wide cross section of people at his funeral, including his past Scouts from over four decades, is a testament to the achievements of a life well lived. Ray was at the forefront of many significant changes in Scouting including the membership of girls in Scouting and changes to the retirement age of Leaders. He is remembered for his strong leadership, his attention to detail and the high standards he set for himself and those around him. Few Leaders have ever had as many of their ex-scouts follow in their footsteps and become Leaders. The whole Scouting community extend their sympathy to Beryl, their children and their extended family. Ray will be greatly missed.

September has been a quieter month as we work around the School Holidays. I hope that Leaders had a chance to recharge their batteries in preparation for the busy time ahead. The Pathfinder Camps were the exception to this, with all systems go in the North and North West on 8th and 9th. Thank you to all the dedicated Leaders who made these camps possible. One thing we did achieve in the South during the holidays was to find time for the first meeting of a new abseiling team at The Lea. This group will meet again on Sunday 14th of October between 1 - 4 pm. If you would like to be part of this team or would just like to know more about what they are doing, turn up on 14th and have some fun abseiling with them.

September 22nd was a big day for Cressy Group, with the opening of their new Garage funded by a Tasmanian Community Fund Grant and the North Midlands Council with help from local sponsors. Local Politicians and Councillors were amongst the guests to watch Hon. Michael Polly MHA open the building. The Country Courier, the Examiner and Win Television all attended and the Group Support Committee put on a great morning tea. The Joeys, Cubs and Scouts who attended had a great time. The Cressy Group followed this up on 30th September with an open day for the local community, a great example of building community support for Scouting.

October is Yankee Auction time in Leven District when all the Groups get together to raise funds. I am looking forward to being there on 13th October and being part of the fun and excitement. During the Launceston Show on 11th October, there will be a big fundraiser for the Save the Tassie Devil Fund and we need as many people as possible to join in. (see report p 16) The next weekend, 20th and 21st is JOTA/JOTI Weekend where we celebrate being part of a World Organisation, with things happening all over the State. October is also the business end of the preparations for AJ13 with many aspects of the Jamboree being finalised. This year we have a record number of youth heading off to Queensland for the experience of a lifetime. Lots of Groups have done an amazing job of fundraising so that as many of their Scouts as possible can attend.

Recruitment of District Commissioners is an ongoing problem and probably reflects the large amount of work many of our DC's do on our behalf. Don't be put off though, it is a rewarding job and gives Leaders a chance to make a real difference to Scouting. If you have an interest in finding a new role for yourself or know someone who would be a good DC, please contact me. We are looking for new DC's at Kingborough, Wellington, North Midlands and Hellyer.

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner

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Training Report

Course Reports

TAE40110

Three students are progressing through the modules at a steady pace. They have completed module 1. Module 2 training was over the weekend of 14th – 16th September. Module 3 training will be in early October.

I will be running Module 1 again in November for Trainers and Adventurous Activities Leaders.

Basic Seamanship training was run over the weekend of 21st – 23rd of September with approximately 20 participants. The feedback from the course was very good.

National Training Committee

The National Training Committee conference was held in Canberra over the weekend of 21st – 23rd September. The Committee is responsible for Adult training in Australia and is directly responsible to the Chief Commissioner of Australia. Some of the outcomes of the conference were:

E-learning. Modules that reference "Areas of Personal Growth and the Scout Method" are currently being updated.

The electives on motivation, human relationships, bullying and time management are set for release.

Five new Advanced core and section modules are under development as well as a number of Adventurous Activities common core modules.

Most of these modules will be available before December.

I am pleased to announce that we can now train and assess Module 1 of the TAE40110 in house. The units of competency are; TAEDEL301A Provide work skill instruction, TAEASS401A Plan assessment activities and processes, TAEASS402A Asses competence, TAEASS403A Participate in assessment and BSBCOMM401A Make a presentation. This module is an essential requirement for all Trainers, Adventurous Activities Guides and Instructors.

There is also new training material for PLA's, but more about this next month.

Basic Sectional Techniques course reminder. E-learning modules must be completed by Sunday the 21st of October.

First Aid Training – change of date

Please note the **new dates** for the First Aid course

Gilwell Reunion

Please note that the Gilwell Reunion will not be run in 2012. We hope to run the event in 2013.

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
First Aid	30 th Nov – 1 st December	9 th November	Moonah

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.

Mike Wilson

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development



Joey Report

Joey State Event 2013

Date is Saturday 17th August 2013. The venue will be the **Ross Recreational Sports ground** at Ross. Discussion was held at the Branch Council meeting and it was agreed that "**Animal Safari**" would be the Theme for the event. We then discussed what country each region would represent and it was decided that:

Clarence District	Australian animals
Southern – other districts	Africa
North West Region	Asia
Northern Region	Oceans

Lenah Hop 2013 – to be held at The Lea 18th/19th – 20th May. Message to all Leaders in the South we need Leaders to volunteer to be on the organizing committee for this event. First meeting needs to be in November so there is information to pass on in the February Branch Newsletter.

Joey Scout Adventure Booklet – we now have new supplies of the booklet. Please send your orders to Sue Cooper for processing. The cost of the booklets remains at \$5 per copy.

Wendy Granger,
Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Cub Report

There are a few things to report on this month, so I will keep my own comments nice and short.

Grey Wolf Award

This Months Grey Wolf recipient was Carmen Bennet of Blackmans Bay.

Active Cub Award 2012

I have started to receive a number of applications for the Active Cub Award for this year. Please remember however, that to obtain the badges, you must complete the Application Form and return them to me with your payment. I have had to return a couple as the form had not been completed, and this delays me sending out the badges to you. Badges are \$2.00 each.

Pathfinder Camps 2012

Successful Pathfinder Camps were held in September in both the North West and North of the State. Here is a quick report on the Northern Pathfinder from Jillian Parkinson (DCSL Launceston & Tamar):

The Northern Districts held their Pathfinder Camp at Skemps, near Myrtle Park. We had 5 patrols attend. The patrols set camp in near freezing conditions, and it was no surprise when snow fell during the evening. Luckily it did not settle, although there was a good frost on the tents the next morning. With the fantastic assistance of some of our Scout Leaders the patrols constructed dining shelters and kitchen tables on Saturday morning. In the afternoon the patrols rotated around several activities including woggle making, first aid, toasting fork construction, a compass trail and a short walk to observe the "chimney" of the native Engaeus, or Burrowing Freshwater Crayfish. Then each patrol had to set and light their own cooking fire, and cook a two course meal for themselves and their Leaders. After tea we had a campfire. After another cold night the first task on Sunday was to take down their constructions. We then allowed them some free time to explore the property or just relax and mix with the other patrols.

Cub Report continued

After a BBQ lunch cooked by the Leaders they all went home to enjoy their school holidays (and defrost). It was a fantastic weekend, and our thanks must go to Faye Whiting and the Scout Leaders from the participating groups for their assistance in making the camp such a worthwhile activity for our older Cub Scouts

For those in the South, the Pathfinder 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 urgently.

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.

Hobart Christmas Pageant

This year's Hobart Christmas Pageant will be held on Saturday 17th November. Danny Munting has once again agreed to organise our entry this year and he will shortly be sending out details to all southern Cub Packs.

Programme Ideas

This month my Programme is all about getting Parents involved for night with their Cubs. Parent & Cub Night Programme – See page 6 & 7.

Don't forget to check out Scouts Central for a lot more Programme ideas, with more being added weekly. The Web site is 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 month. 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

BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSE	CONTACT
October				
2nd	Branch Property Meeting	The Lea		Richard Seeber
11th	Branch IT Meeting	The Lea		Neal Schulz
13th-14th	Leven Dist. Yankee Auction			
15th	TBRC Meeting			BC Rovers
18th	BEC / B & F Meetings	The Lea		Branch Tres /Pres
20th –21st	JOTA / JOTI			
27th-28th	Jamboree Camps			

Cub Program

Theme: Parent & Cub Night

A great idea to get Parents involved in your Pack is to have a Parent & Cub night. Whilst Mothers Day & Fathers Day are always a good time to do this (ie Mother/Cub or Father/Cub nights), in this age of more and more single parent families, it is sometimes a good idea just to do it for no other reason but a fun night for the Cubs to show off what they are doing each week. Accordingly, a "Parent" can be a mother, a father, a grandparent or even an adult relative.

Try to do activities & games that you have done with the Cubs on previous occasions and let the Cubs explain the rules to the Parents as you go along. Here are a few ideas

- 6.30pm Opening Parade Akela & all Leaders**
Ask Parents to form a circle behind their own Cubs after Grand Howl but before you break the flag
- 6.35pm Game 1 – Find Your Parent Mowgli**
Have everyone form into a circle, with the Parents & their Cubs next to each other. Now have the Cubs move into the centre and form their own circle inside the first. On command, the parent circle starts walking clockwise, whilst the cub circle walks anticlockwise. The Leader in Charge then blows a whistle. One blast means change directions, whilst two blasts means that the parent & cub must find each other. Last to do so is eliminated and you start again.
- 6.45pm Game 2 – Hot Rods Bagheera**
Have the Parents line up at one end of the Hall and the Cubs line up at the other so that each Parent is lined up with their own Cub. Go along the line and number each pair from 1 to however many people you have on the night. Draw a large figure 8 in the centre of the hall with chalk and place a tin can (or any other object that can be pushed with a stick) at two opposite points on the 8, and place a stick next to it. The Leader then calls a number. The corresponding Parent & Cub run to the nearest can and have to push it around the figure 8 back to its starting point and be the first to return to their line. Continue until everyone has had a turn.
- 7.00pm Game 3 – Ropes Baloo**
A bit of a quieter game for the Parents to get the breaths back. Have the Cubs teach their Parents how to tie a number of different knots including a reef knot, a clove hitch and something else you have done recently.
- 7.15pm Game 4 - Mimes Rama**
This one is Parents verses the Cubs. Have a number of different activities printed out on two separate sheets. These could include different sporting activities, household chores, professions, etc. Make sure that the ones for the Parents are harder of course. The Parents then have to mime their activities for the Cubs and the Cubs have to guess what they are doing. Repeat the process, this time with the Cubs miming for the Parents to guess their activity. Most number of correct guesses wins
- 7.30pm Game 5 – Obstacle Course Kaa**
Set up a number of obstacles around the hall, including a tarpaulin that you have to go under, ropes and chairs that have to be climbed over or through. Now join Parent & Cub together (either by the hand, or in a three legged race style) and have the pairs complete the obstacle course via a relay style race.
- 7.45pm Supper.** Provide the Parents with tea and coffee, served by the Cubs. Other food can be supplied by the Cubs.
- 7.55pm** Closing Parade

Cub Program continued

Some other activities you may like to try:

Skits or Songs – Have the Cubs sing to some of their camp fire songs to the parents, or perform one of their skits.

Senses Training – Have the Cubs prepare a number of tasting cups (sauce, vegemite, custard powder, salt, etc) and blind fold the parents and ask them to name each item.

Message Relay – Cubs verses Parents or Parent to Cub

Cub Carry – The parents have to carry the Cubs in a relay style race. How they carry them is up to you.



Scout Report

CLARK TROPHY FINAL 2012: 24th – 25th November – Fulton Park (NW)

The majority of Troops have now taken part in their District competitions and all those who have done so will have received the CT2012 Information & Instructions from me via e mail.

If you have not received them, please contact me at (bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au) and I will get them to you by return e mail.

Don't forget to let me know you are coming as soon as possible and no later than the **30th October**.

Regatta:

To help celebrate the 50th Scout Guide Regatta the Scout Section is going to run a Regatta Sideshow on the Saturday night.

Each participating Troop will run a small activity adjacent to their camp area.

These can be anything you choose remembering you need to supply all the materials to run the activity.

Regatta money will be distributed to each Troop to divide between their members who can then go and spend that on activities.

You are aiming to earn as much "income" from your activity as possible with the winning Troop getting a small prize.

Your District Scout Leader will be coordinating this and will be talking to you over the next few months to get things rolling and to try and avoid too many of the same activities.

It therefore follows that if you have a good idea, let your DSL know straight away so you can "book" that in.

Youth Council:

The Scout and Venturer Sections, together with BC Youth Program (Julie Creed) are working on implementing a sustainable and worthwhile State Youth Council which will in turn provide Tasmania's' representatives on the National Youth Council.

Please make a point of reading Julies' section in this Newsletter.

Phil Harper

Branch Commissioner Scouts

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Venturer Report

So life has been pretty quiet for September.

In October we have two Venturers attending the National (Mawson) Leadership Course, Becky Barry and Lauren Caulfield.

TV2012 (Tasmanian Venture): 30 Nov to 2 Dec

Information should be out soon TV12, the location should be Fulton Park. Reg and his team have been working hard to put this event together, so keep an eye out for registration information.

Teniswood 2013: 22 to 24 February 2013

That's right Tenniswood next year should not be frosty or in the snow! Information will be out by TV12.

Any questions, thoughts or reports? As always I welcome your input – drop me a line or email.

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Rover Report

Bootings

Two dedicated Tasmanian Rovers have recently been farewelled from our section. Linda Seaton of Northern Area Rover Crew was booted at a Black and White themed night at Carnaroo. Linda has been in Scouting for 19 years and a number of stories were told of her many adventures. Georgina Carr (nee Boon) of Eastern Shore Rover Crew was also recently booted at a Barn Dance Boot

on Bruny Island. Georgina completed her Baden-Powell Award last year and has represented Australia at the World Scout Youth Forum in Brazil in 2010. We wish both Linda and Georgina all best for their future Scouting and non-Scouting adventures.

Amazing Race Month

The four southern Rover Crews (Wellington, Kingborough, Eastern Shore and Mt Faulkner) have been involved with running Amazing Race Month throughout September for southern Venturers and Ranger Guides. The "race" has consisted of a series of events (up to three nights a week), ranging from Master Chef in a moving wheelbarrow to soccer to a Kiddies Party Games night. Venturers have participated from Wellington, 10th Hobart, Sandy Bay, Derwent, Blackman's Bay/Kingston, Clarence, Mt Faulkner and North West Bay. Points have been awarded for attendance and placings in activity challenges, with the winner to be decided at 'Midnight Express' on 12th October. A big thanks to Wellington Rovers who have done the majority of organization for the event.

Stuart Morse

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JOTA / JOTI

By now most of the Groups and in some cases Sections would have their plans in place for this year's JOTA/JOTI to be held over the weekend of the 20 – 21 October 2012.

I have now received the badges from National and there was a slight increase in the cost of the badges, but at the moment I will NOT be passing on the increase to you, and therefore the badge cost still remains the same of \$1:50 each.

Forms and 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/JOTA or alternatively, click on JOTA /JOTI in the 'Latest News & Updates'. There is a wide range of information to help you in planning and running JOTA / JOTI.

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

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

The Glenorchy Scout Group Report

Glenorchy Scouts and Cubs participated in this years (2011) JOTA/JOTI camp at Curringa Farm. Leaders and their families arrived on Friday evening and set up camp ready for the two vigorous days ahead. The Leaders 10 man tent was the first to go up, while the Scouts worked out what went were on their 6 man tents. Shortly after the girls had their 6 man tent up in close competition with the boys.

Once the trailer was unloaded, Scouts and Leaders set up their tents for the nights ahead. Then we needed an additional shelter for the Scouts, so out came the auto tent and with some direction from the Scout Leader in charge we soon had this up and double pegged just in case the weather got nasty. All that over it was time for bed to get an early start on Saturday and Jota/Joti.

Saturday came sooner than expected. The remaining Groups began to arrive and set up as well as our Cubs. Scouts and Cubs participated in most activities; Patrol Boat, Kayak, Abseiling, Jota, Joti, Echolink, Billy cart race, Rovers activity trailer, Movie night and a chance to catch up with friends made from other previous activities.

Our radio operators:- VK7VKV Ray and VK7HDM Danny were set up next to Joti in a 12x12 auto tent with a small gas heater for when it became cold and they did an awesome job to get to some out of the way places.

Joti was set up by David Chalk and assisted by me (Noel VK7FLCN) at the last minute. Originally I was going to play radios, but a Leader was needed to supervise the Jota component. We started off with 4 Jota terminals, but due to the wet weather we got the laptops out and increased this to 6. The kids were getting chats from China, Australia wide, New Zealand, USA and a few other places.

Lenah Valley took out the revamped Billy Cart trophy this year from last year's winners Glenorchy. New Norfolk excelled as usual and I heard no kids complain about the catering or being bored. Hats off to all involved in setup and admin, a good weekend hopefully had by all.

See you all next year.

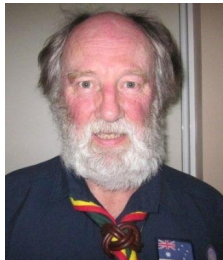
Noel Gadd – GL – Glenorchy Scout Group (VK7FLCN)

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

Have a Great Jota/Joti this year, and I look forward in reading your reports.

Robbie McKay

Product Commissioner Radio and Electronics



Adventurous Activities

Greetings to all Scouters – as this is my first article for the Newsletter as Branch Commissioner for Adventurous Activities, there are quite a few items which have arisen and require further discussion and explanation.

Firstly, I would like to express my thanks to David Chalk as the previous Branch Commissioner for Adventurous Activities for his continuing help and assistance whilst I am getting into the complexities and requirements of the position. David's knowledge and experience gained from his term as Branch Commissioner is considerable and hopefully will be available to the Scouting Movement for some time yet. Thanks again David.

As David undertook in his term, I intend to ensure that as many Scouters and Youth Members within the Tasmanian Branch have as many opportunities as possible to undertake as many Adventurous Activities and where possible, to achieve and further any relevant qualifications. Of recent times, approval has been granted for Scouts Australia, as a registered Training Organization, to be able to conduct and qualify participants to Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation. Accordingly, Venturer Scouts can undertake training up to Cert. III level as part of their Award Scheme with Scouters being able to complete the Cert. IV in Outdoor Recreation. If there are any Leaders who are interested in looking at the requirements, then by all means don't hesitate to contact either myself or the Training Team.

The Training Calendar for 2013 has been virtually completed with courses being planned for abseiling, bush-walking and canoe/kayaking throughout the year. Most of the courses as planned are at around the same time of the year as those conducted this year but will be advertised in the Newsletter on a regular basis.

One course which is planned for early in 2013 is the Adventurous Activities Common Core and How to Instruct – it would be great to see as many Leaders as possible at these courses as it would be good start to the Scouting Year.

It is also intended to conduct an Abseiling Instructor Course next year over several weekends, which will qualify those Leaders who wish to further their knowledge/experience and obtain a qualification.

In January, 2013, Girl Guides Australia is conducting a nation-wide camp based at Quercis Park at Carrick with approximately 1,500 participants of all ages. Included in their activities will be the usage of the abseiling/climbing tower which was used for Wild-Dayz in January this year for the Australian Venture.

The dates on which the tower will be operating will be 7th January to 11th January, 2013 and will be manned by Scouting personnel. If there are any Leaders who would like to improve their abseiling/climbing skills or who are looking at increasing the log-book requirements for further qualifications, then please do not hesitate to contact me as I will be assembling the team to operate the tower soon. If people are available even for a single morning or afternoon session (without committing to the whole of the period), then I would most certainly like to hear from you.

Finally, as an advance notice of up-coming events, it is proposed that there will be the first National School in Adventurous Activities to be conducted at Cataract Scout Park in New South Wales between 13th January and 25th January, 2014. It is proposed as a 2-week camp for Venturers, Rovers and Leaders to achieve nationally accredited qualifications in Outdoor Recreation – Certificates II, III or IV or partial completion, depending on competency. Cost is \$995 plus transport to site. More information will be provided as the event comes closer.

Adventurous Activities continued

With winter coming to a close and day-light saving due to start fairly soon, it is hoped that the various Sections are looking at their respective programmes and building into the programmes the opportunities to be out-doors and undertaking some adventurous activities, either for the sheer enjoyment of participating in those activities or as part of the on-going Award Schemes.

I look forward to meeting as many Leaders and Youth Members in my travels.

Tony McDonald
Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities.



Fellowship Report

ABSEIL TEAM FELLOWSHIP

It was most pleasing to see that recently a number of persons met and have now formed a new Fellowship which will be undertaking Abseil activities. Further meetings are now in progress to plan formative arrangements for the benefit of those primarily in the south of the state, with future options to establish Abseil Team/s for the north of Tasmania.

Although mentioned previously that it would not be a Fellowship, this Team will comprise personnel from both within, and outside, of Scouting who will provide a Specialist activity base and as such will remain/become members of the Tasmanian Scout Fellowship.

Some initial members are already registered as Leaders and will be undertaking Abseil tasks in a secondary role; by the same token if you know of any adults outside Scouting who may be interested in joining this specialist team, please refer them directly to Chief Commissioner Mike or myself for further details.

If you are someone who is looking for a new challenge yourself and would like to join this new Team but do not have formal Abseil qualifications as an adult, you are welcome to participate with the Team whilst "learning the ropes".

SCOUT HERITAGE CENTRE FELLOWSHIP

With the Golden Anniversary State Regatta approaching early 2013, if you are attending for just a limited time capacity and are interested in assisting with the Heritage display to be manned there, would you kindly contact myself soonest, please. Any duration of just an hour, half day or whatever time, is appreciated in support of this huge event.

Tony Peck
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International Report

I attended the International Commissioners Team Conference which was very exciting to hear about all the projects other States and National are currently involved with. Teams going to East Timor, the Solomon's Island, Vanuatu and other locations to spend time building schools or other community buildings or assisting there they can to make life easier, healthier and safer for the people who live there. This is done with the village consent and agreement. The villagers work with the Scout members so they have some ownership of the project as well. Scout student exchange programs and Scouts working overseas are well supported as well. Tasmania had the largest increase in Pen Pals requests and links for the year to date. Well done everyone on promoting Pen Pals.

You may or may not be aware that Scouts Australia has an arrangement with Amex that enables youth members and Leaders travelling abroad with Scouts Australia to purchase foreign currency, and to return left over foreign currency (notes only) without commission.

We have 4 Ventures attending the New Zealand Venture in January 2013. Thank you to any Leaders who respond to the urgent request for leaders attend.

A quick reminder that there are a limited number of available vacancies for youth members to attend the 2013 Boy Scouts of America Jamboree. Youth members are to be aged between 14 and 20 during July 2013. Further information can be found at www.bsa2013.scouts.com.au and www.bsajamboree.org

Through the Australian Youth Ambassador for Development Program (AYAD) there may be an opportunity for a Rover or young Leader (18-30 years) from Scouts Australia (or elsewhere) to work for 12 months with the Fiji Scout Association. The 12 month assignment is expected to start in March 2013 and be based in Suva with travel anticipated throughout the Islands. For more details of the AYAD program, go to <http://www.ayad.com.au>. If our application is approved in the coming couple of weeks, the assignment will be advertised on the Austraining website on 1 October with applications closing on 21 October.

I have more details available relating to: arrangements with Amex, 2013 Boy Scouts of America Jamboree and the Australian Youth Ambassador for Development Program please contact if interested.

There are lots of other programs and opportunities available please check the web site for more details. Scouts Australia International <http://www.international.scouts.com.au>

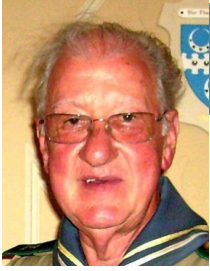
If you have any questions, queries or just curious and would like a chat please contact me.

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Branch Commissioner International

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GRANTS REPORT

In July's Newsletter I reported that I'd been invited to participate in a Grants in Australia Survey. There were over 550 responses to more than 50 clauses in the survey. I've chosen 6 results that were given in detail reports. These results are in brief:-

- **That grant making is an absolutely central element in the Australian economy [VALUE FOR MONEY].**
- **That every grant should be an improvement on the last grant [EVALUATION].**
- **That Australia needs more and better professional grant makers [PROFESSIONALISM].**
- **That grant makers should listen to the communities they serve [RESPONSIVENESS].**
- **That grant makers should be efficient [EFFICIENCY].**
- **That grant makers should be ethical [ETHICS].**

If you are interested I can provide you with more detailed information.

There have been further Grant successes with congratulations firstly, to 4th Launceston, who received \$5,617 from the Commonwealth Bank 2012 Community Grant. Secondly, to Turners Beach who received \$1,703 for kayaks and tents plus a further \$500 for their Jamboree Funds from the **Apex Club of Ulverstone**. The latter was due to the foresight of GL Eunice Horne who saw a Newspaper advert and wrote to Apex with a great result – this is a first as far as I know - well done. (Some nice pics but sorry no room to include in this report, see page 19

Quite a few Grant Alerts have been sent out (courtesy Jeannette), one for a FREE Grant Writing Workshops (courtesy DPaC) to be held state-wide, starting 25 September in Exeter through to 26 October on Flinders Island. If anyone is going to attend a session I would appreciate a feedback as such offers are few and far between.

There are still a few ongoing grants from last month, Junior Landcare, NAB Employee Grant, CheaperthanHotels Fundraising Program. Others Grants such as Telstra's Kids Fund, Bell Bay Aluminium (Pacific Aluminium), St George Funding were sent out courtesy Jeannette again. Still waiting for some good news concerning another grant source which I hope is soon. 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.

Still working on "**Top 10 Tips for getting Grants.**" I will send these out separately through BHQ when completed.

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

John Hughes OAM JP

Project Commissioner Grants

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Gang Show Report

Many thanks to the all who supported by coming to see "Without A Clue", if you didn't see the show then you missed something great and it will be 12 months before you get a chance to see the next show. There are SO many people who put in SO much work that I never like to list names for fear of missing someone. The full list was in the program – and what a long list it was. I will mention just a few – Tim Swann (Director), David Henwood (Assistant Director), Lance Cowled (Musical Director ... and congratulations to Lance on a well earned Award received at our AGM), Jenni Pyefinch (Voice Production Director), Georgie Carr (Choreography Director) and David Mayhead (Stage Manager). I also thank every single person who helped in some way, no matter how small, to make 2012 Hobart Gang Show a success. Audience numbers were up again from last year with around 800 ticket sales. Using on-line bookings for the first time I was pleased with how things went. This system will be continued next year, but will also be improved upon.

The final curtain has gone down on "Without a Clue" however work has already begun on the 2013 Hobart Gang Show! Yes, the final curtain goes down, everyone celebrates (excitement for the cast, relief for the crew), then "bump out" and to many they think that's it for another year ... not so, the first brainstorming session has already been held with great ideas being put forward and discussed, a basic theme idea being decided for the next show and the first writers' workshop where idea was expanded upon and so the 2013 Hobart Gang Show already starts to take shape. All interested are welcome to attend the next writers' workshop being held on Sunday 14th October at the Eastern Shore Rover Den (corner Queen & Scott Streets, Bellerive) 11.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

2013 Hobart Gang Show positions vacant - I welcome expressions of interest from Rovers, Leaders, parents and interested parties for the following positions – Director, Assistant Directors (up to 5 needed), Technical Director (oversees all things technical), Lighting Director, Audio Director, Musical Director, Singing Director, Choreography Director, Stage Manager, Back Stage Crew, Scenery Manager, Props Manager, Front of House Manager, Costume Manager, Publicity Team (up to 6 needed). In the interests of forming a team with stability and certainty, once appointed the above positions will be for term of up to three years. Please forward applications to Denice Walter, PC Gang Show, via E-mail to pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au or via post to 34 Hillborough Road, South Hobart. Tas. 7004. When applying, please give details of address, contact numbers (phone and E-mail) along with position/s interested in, brief details of theatre experience, what you envisage for the position, your reason for applying for the position, together with advice if you would accept up to a three year term. **Applications close 19th October, 2012.** Successful non Scouting or Guiding members will need to complete Adult Supporter Induction Forms.

Exciting News; Hobart Gang Show will be performing in the Clarence Eisteddfod! There will be three groups; 12 years & under (9th October, around 10.30 a.m.), 16 years & under – 2 groups (10th October, at 6.00 p.m.). All performances will be at Citywide, 400 Cambridge Road, Mornington. If you are free, please come along and support.

Denice Walter
Project Commissioner Gang Show

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E-mail: pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au



Blackmans Bay Scout Group turns 50

Calling all ex Youth Members, Leaders or Parents

The first record of any Scouting activity at Blackmans Bay was when a Robin Charles Petrie was appointed Scoutmaster on the 4th October 1962. At that time the Scouts met in the old boxing club rooms on Wells Parade, a building which has since been demolished.

To celebrate 50years, the Blackmans Bay Group is hosting a reception on Saturday 13th October at the Scout Hall and all ex Youth Members, Leaders, Parents and Supporters are invited to participate.

If you have a past involvement with the Blackmans Bay Group, we would love to hear from you as you are part of our history. Please contact us via e-mail at bbsg50@gmail.com or phone Janice on 6229 6984.



Save the Tassie Devil Project

Save the Tasmanian Devil Outings

Outings to finish off the Save the Tasmanian Devil programs were held in each of the three regions of the State on the weekend of the 18th and 19th August. I was lucky enough to attend those at Trowunna Wildlife Park in the north and at Gunn's Plains in the north west. An outing also occurred at Bonorong Park in Hobart. The outings were well attended with Joeys and Cubs and the odd Scout, their siblings and parents. At each of the parks a range of activities was provided from guided tours by the keepers, scavenger hunts and craft activities. Not only were Joeys, Cubs and Scouts able to see the Devils being fed and to learn about the facial tumour disease but had the opportunity to see a range of other Australian animals. The leeches were an added extra apparently (NOT MY FAVOURITE).

A big thankyou to all the Leaders involved in the planning of the days' programs. Sue and Kath in the North West and Ellen and Kathy in the North, Susanne Hovington and Cameron in the South, along with the teams of helpers. I know you put a lot of effort in. The parks all went over and above to make the day a special event.

On the day containers of coins that had been raised from the Joey Mobs to assist with the appeal were handed over. Members of the Penguin Mob must be congratulated for their efforts in raising \$126 in funds due to the efforts of the parents baking goodies to sell. All this money will be presented to the Appeal in the future.

We also managed to get good coverage in the Sunday Tasmanian and the Examiner and on Southern Cross Television, presenting a cheque to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal for \$1500 (money raised at Wild Dayz).

I must congratulate the Joeys, Cubs and Scouts who did us proud. The reports were all about how well behaved and respectful to the animals they were.

Now for the next event. On Launceston Show Day, 11th October, Scouts will assist with the Longest Net Session in Cricket to assist with a Guinness World Record Attempt. This will take place at the Riverside Indoor Cricket Arena in Launceston. We wish Jade all the best. Many helpers are needed to assist with fielding balls and helping to keep the speed up. We also need adults to assist with record keeping. Come along and help us.

Mary Landers

Project Commissioner 0419 545 237



Scout Central

- **What is it?**
- **Have you heard about it?**
- **Most important of all – are you using it???**

Scout Central is an online program which has been created solely to provide the best possible resources for Leaders. Scout Central will help Leaders become more efficient, more effective and better informed in delivering great Scouting.

Using Scout Central Leaders can catch up with the latest news from both National and Branch, read Facebook and Twitter feeds, update their knowledge about the Areas of Personal Growth, and find out everything they need to know about the Award Scheme for their Section.

Using the brand new Program Finder, Leaders now have access to hundreds of activities, games and complete Programs for their Section, for both 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.

So become part of the Scouting Digital Revolution today.
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.

Julie Creed
Branch Commissioner Youth Program

Branch News

A very big Thank You to everyone from Jeannette and Marion. Not ringing us until 11am has meant we can get a lot of extra work done. So again Thank You.

National Youth Council

Applications are now open for the National Youth Council. The National Youth Council (NYC) provides advice and recommendations directly to National Committees and Councils on a range of issues which affect young people in Scouting.

The NYC consists of 25 young people selected to represent a cross section of Scouting across Australia. There is representation from all Branches as well as from the Scout, Venturer and Rover Sections. We currently have two NYC members in Tasmania.

In order to be eligible to apply –

- You must be a registered member of Scouts Australia
- You must be aged between 13 years and 23 years (inclusive) at the time of your appointment (1st March).
- You must have regular, reliable computer and internet access and be able to attend and contribute to monthly online meetings. Meetings are normally held via Skype, and the NYC makes extensive use of Dropbox, and Google Drive, SurveyMonkey, and other Scouts Australia online resources.
- You must be available to attend two conferences held on a weekend in March and September. (The cost is covered by Scouts Australia).

Your application, along with your three references, and other information needed, will be sent to your Branch Chief Commissioner to check and approve.

Applications close at midnight on Friday, 2nd November.

If you have questions about the Council, or applying, feel free to contact the *National Adviser – National Youth Council & Youth Forums*, Steve Tyas, by email to nyc.adviser@scouts.com.au or the *National Youth Council Chair*, Chris Neilsen, by email to nyc.chair@scouts.com.au

Online applications can be found at tinyurl.com/scouts-nyc-app-2013

Julie Creed
BC Youth Program



The Cressy Group at the Opening of new shed purchased through a Grant.

Crunching the Numbers of AJ2013

When hosting an event as large as the 23rd Australian Scout Jamboree (AJ2013), there's going to be huge numbers involved, not only regarding the people. The 11,500 Scouts and Leaders won't have to worry about getting hungry at all with the amounts of food they are being supplied. With 114,000 eggs being sent to the site, they can enjoy a lovely breakfast while toasting some of the 22,500 loaves of bread – for a traditional baker's dozen, that's 292,500 slices! Wash that down with a portion of the 48,900 litres of fruit juice and you're ready for they day. During the day they don't have to fret about being peckish with approximately 340,000 snack bars being sent and another 340,000 juice poppers as well. Come dinnertime, to refuel the participants for the night's events, they have on option 1,400 kilograms of spiral pasta or even 6,510 plus kilograms of baked beans. That's a lot of gas – 9,000 kilograms in 1,000 gas bottles to be precise.

Don't worry about the germs and contagions that you fear may be around, with 10,000 bottles of hand sanitizer onsite, there's no reason for uncleanliness. As the night winds down and everyone returns to their campsites, why not mix up a batch of hot Milo using some of the 700 tins available. For all this food there needs to be a place to store it. There are 550 x 73 litre eskies with another 550 x 70 litre plastic food crates – plenty of room! To keep it chilled in the expected warm weather, why not take advantage of the 16,000 plus bags of ice that will be used. So when you take this all into perspective you can see how bulky an event like AJ2013 is – lots of people, lots of food, lots of fun. ***Dream It Live It.***

If you have any queries please feel free to contact Robyn Devine, Marketing and Communications Director, at marketing@aj2013.scouts.com.au or 0448 822 066.



Turners Beach receiving their grant from the Apex Club see report on page 13.

The Golden Regatta

Essential information for registering

Please contact Lyn Muir on phone/fax 62294700, email sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au or PO Box 36, Blackmans Bay, Tas 7052 if you have any queries, or later to increase or decrease numbers. There are some special things happening to celebrate the milestone of 50 Regattas. See you at Snug!

Remember that the fee increases for entries received after 13 December. If increasing numbers after 13 December please use the Additional Entries Form.

A REGISTRATION DETAILS

The term 'Section' on the Entry form refers to a Troop/Crew/Unit. Please complete a separate registration form for each section. Because of organisational deadlines (catering, rosters, printing etc) **sections must register by 13 December.**

B ENTRY/ FEE DETAILS

The FULL CATERING fee includes catering from Saturday lunch to Monday lunch (7 meals), all activities, evening entertainment and administration costs. The catering fee is for a standard menu. Vegetarian meals or gluten-free meals are available for those registered as requiring them. If you have any queries about the menu or specific dietary requirements, please ring 62294700 or email sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au The OWN CATERING fee includes activities, pennant and administration costs. Only Rovers and parents, or Youth members who require a specific diet because of a medical condition, may cater for themselves.

C ASSISTANCE DETAILS

Please list the names and phone numbers of any medical practitioners associated with your section who will be attending the regatta and are willing to be on call for emergencies. The Regatta Committee will contact them.

We would like to involve more parents and others associated with your Troop/Unit in assisting with in-shore safety on the water. If you know of someone who has small boat experience, who is willing to help, and who has a small dinghy or rubber ducky with an outboard motor, then the Committee would like to contact them.

D CONSENT

The 'Leader in Charge at Regatta' needs to sign and date this section.

Youth members under the age of 18 must have at least one adult for every 10 Youth members or part thereof camping with them. Scout and Venturer Units with male and female youth members must have both male and female Leaders. Participating Youth members must be at least 10 years old at the time of the Regatta. Endeavour to have at least two parents for every 10 Youth members available during the Regatta for the duties and security shifts which will be allocated to your section.

E OTHER DETAILS

We appreciate numbers may change after your section has registered. Please advise Lyn Muir of changes to your entry numbers up to 1st March by filling in the Additional Entries form. Remember that for entries received between 16 December and 23 February the fee increases by \$10. The additional fee for entries received between 24 February and 1 March is \$20. We cannot accept entries after 1st March.

F REFUNDS

The Regatta Committee will approve refunds for reduced numbers after the Regatta. Generally a decrease in numbers advised by 23 February will be refunded 100% and if advised by 1 March there will generally be a 50% refund. Changes to the numbers registered cannot be made at the Regatta.

G CAMPING

Please plan to arrive after 6pm and be set-up by 11pm on the Friday night. All tent pegs must be 'tagged'. Electricity will not be available. Please do not connect to existing outlets. Generators are prohibited. The Regatta site is an 'alcohol, smoking and drug free zone'.



Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania



Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta

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

This Regatta – the 50th – will be special!

It's now time to start enthusing your Youth members about the Regatta which will be held at Snug on 9 –11 March, 2013. Look for information in each copy of the Branch Newsletter.

If your Troop hasn't been to a Regatta, it is easy to enter and lots of fun. You don't need to bring boats or have expertise in water activities. Many events are shore based and you can share equipment with other Units or Troops. Participants can 'have-a-go' at patrol boat rowing, kayaking or learn to sail a Pacer dinghy – the Regatta makes craft available and provides experienced help. Talk to other Leaders who know the ropes.

The Registration form needs to be completed and posted to reach me by Thursday, 13th December. You can register additional Scouts, Leaders and parents after 13 December using the Additional Registrations form. There is a fee increase to do this. The Additional Registrations form will be available after 15 December.

We offer a standard menu with options of vegetarian or gluten-free meals. If any of your Scouts has a medical condition which requires a specific diet, then please ring or email me.

When you see what is offered, the Regatta is fantastic value for money. The fee for Youth members who register before 13 December is \$80. Youth members who register after this date will be charged \$90 and for those registering between 21 February and 28 February there will be an additional \$10 late fee. Please encourage early registration to avoid late fees.

Encourage your Youth members to come to the Regatta. If you are not able to come as a Troop, then consider joining with another Troop, or put your Scouts into contact with a Leader who will take them to the Regatta.

Parents enjoy the Regatta and contribute to its success by participating in some events and helping to run others. Remind them they can camp with the Regatta participants and be catered for. An alternative for parents is to camp in the grounds of nearby St John's Church. There are basic facilities – toilets (no showers), and access to the kitchen and hall. A small donation is appreciated. In past years parents who indicate they are associated with the Regatta when booking accommodation in the Snug Caravan Park have not always been able to do so.

If you would like a copy of a short promo DVD to share with your Troop or with other Leaders, or have any other queries, please email sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au or give me a ring on 6229 4700.

Lyn Muir
Secretary/Registrations



TASMANIAN SCOUT GUIDE REGATTA 9 – 11 March 2013



REGISTRATION FORM

Valid to 13th December 2012

Please complete and post with full payment to
PO Box 36, Blackmans Bay 7052
to arrive by 13th December

(to add to your numbers after 15th December please use the Additional Entries Form)

A) REGISTRATION DETAILS - See information sheet – sections must register by 13 December

Section (*Troop/Unit/Crew*) Name
Leader in Charge at Regatta
Postal address
..... Postcode

Email contact
Phone (ah)
Phone (bus).....
Mobile

B) FULL CATERING – a standard menu (vegetarian or gluten-free options available). Other dietary requirements - please ring 62294700

Scouts/Guides/Venturers/Rovers	Male	Female	Total.....@ \$80	\$
Leaders and Parents	Male	Female	Total.....@ \$70	\$
Children under 10 years of age			Total..... @ \$45	\$
Number requiring vegetarian meals	Number requiring gluten-free meals			

OWN CATERING (*Rovers and Parents only*)

Rovers	Male	Female	Total.....@ \$15	\$
Parents			Total.....No charge	

(please enclose one Unit/Group {not personal} cheque payable to 'Scout Guide Regatta') **TOTAL \$ _____**

If you are likely to increase Regatta numbers please indicate the approximate **final** numbers youth members adults

C) Name and phone number of medical practitioners associated with your troop/unit and attending the Regatta - see "Essential Information" sheet

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D) CONSENT

My section agrees to provide:

- security, catering and event staff as rostered
- assistance as required setting up and maintaining the regatta program
- full adult supervision of under 18 youth members at all times

I also confirm that:

- all youth members being registered by this form are registered members of either Girl Guides Tasmania or Scouts Australia - Tasmanian Branch
- all participating youth members are at least 10 years old.
- all adults are either warranted leaders or parents of registered members.

I CERTIFY THAT SIGNED PARENT CONSENT FORMS FOR EVERY YOUTH MEMBER UNDER 18 YEARS ATTENDING THE REGATTA WILL BE COMPLETED AND HELD BY ME.

Signature

Date / /

The Tassie Devil Outing

Pictures from Launceston and the North West Coast



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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Kingston TAS 7050