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Tasmanian views, news and events

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Cygnets Group at a Fun center after Jota.

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Years of Service Awards – October 2012

5 Years

**Graeme Gifford
Ursula Harrison**

**Kingston
Tasman**

10 Years

**Tania Harbottle
Heidi Richardson**

**Blackmans Bay
Old Beach**

15 Years

Judith Cornwall

Hellyer District

Expressions of Interest:

**DC Kingborough
DC Wellington
DC North Midlands
DC Hellyer**



Chief Commissioner's Report

Scouting is again in full swing with all sorts of things happening around the State.

- Scouts in Launceston had a big day on 11th October, assisting cricketer Josh Childs break the world record for the most cricket balls faced in 24 hours. In all he faced 15,000 balls and set a new record. This was in no small part thanks to the efforts of Scouts and Venturers who bowled to him and collected all the balls every ten minutes or so. All proceeds from the event went to the Save the Devils fund which as you would know, is sponsored by Scouting. A big thankyou to Sam Van der Wijngaart and Ed Darke for helping Mary Landers organise the day.
- The Yankee Auction in Ulverstone was another resounding success. It was great to see almost everyone from Leven District involved and they have an amazing team of helpers who put in weeks of effort to make it all happen.
- Blackmans Bay Group celebrated their 50th Anniversary on 13th October. It was a great success with a wonderful mix of current members, past members and Leaders from the Community. There was lots of action and a great display of 50 Years of Scouting. A wonderful way to celebrate the achievements of this very successful Group.
- The following weekend was JOTA/ JOTI with something different happening in nearly every District. This was an opportunity for Leaders and Youth to contact likeminded members of the Scouting movement from around the World. I sometimes show my age by thinking that personal contact by voice over the Radio has a special appeal but technology marches on and we do need to change with the times. Thank you to all those Leaders who put time into the event.
- The Jamboree Camps around the State were another great success with close to 300 people participating. With only a couple of months to go before the big event, everyone is starting to get excited. Fundraising Committees around the State and the AJ13 Organising Committee have mostly done their part. Now it will be up to everyone going to have a great time.

The big events in November will be the Southern Pathfinders Camp at The Lea and the Clarke Trophy at Fulton Park.

I hope that as many Groups as possible have a Family Camp organised at some time over the summer. This is a great way for Groups to bond and have fun and adventure together. It is also a proven retention strategy and it can make it easier to recruit new Leaders from amongst the Parents. If you haven't already thought of having one it is not too late to do so. The adults will have as much fun as the kids!! It is true that the group that plays together stays together.

Last month we went through a selection process to find a new Branch Commissioner for Training to start at the beginning of 2013. As a result of this process, I have asked Geraldine Harwood to take on the role and she has agreed. I believe that this is an excellent appointment for Scouting in Tasmania. Geraldine has had a long involvement in Scouting and Training and brings a great deal of experience to the role. Because we are such a small State, many of you know Geraldine and will join me in congratulating her on her appointment.

The biggest news of the year is that massive change is taking place at The Lea Scout Centre. Marion and Graham Blight are retiring from the Camp Site after two extended periods as Managers. They have been part of almost every change or improvement that has taken place at The Lea in the last 15 years and were awarded Bravery Awards for saving the buildings from the 1998 Bushfires. Graham is also retiring as District Commissioner of Kingborough, but Marion is staying on in her Headquarters role and you will still be greeted by her cheery voice when you call BHQ. The new Managers are Wes Talbot and Rose Crane who are not a Scouting family but bring lots of industry experience to the role. The camp contact details will not change.

Chief Commissioner's Report contd.

On 1st December there will be a big farewell party for Graham and Marion at The Lea. This will also be an opportunity to meet Wes and Rose. Please spread the word as I hope that all past and present members and supporters will be able to attend.

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner

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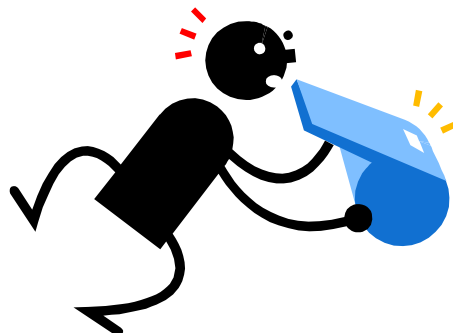


Goodbye and Hello with Bells and Whistles **Afternoon Tea** **Saturday 1st December 2012** **2pm – 5pm** **The Lea – Rowallan Hall**

Graham & Marion have left The Lea and this is your opportunity to thank them for all of their hard work over the past 6 years.

Wes Talbot and Rose Crane are the new Managers so come along to meet and welcome them to the Scouting family.

For Catering purposes please RSVP to Jeannette Vogels
at tas.bhq@tas.scouts.com.au or phone on 6229-9385
by Monday 26th November 2012.





Training Report

Scouts Australia Institute of Training has won an award.

Scouts Australia Institute of Training won The Brisbane City Council Award for Outstanding Achievement (Organisation).

This category is open to clubs, organisations and enterprises which can be characterised as possessing professionalism and high standards of conduct, that have made a valuable contribution to the outdoor community at large.

Recognition of Prior Learning (SR)/Skills Recognition (RPL)

Over the last 12 months we have had a number of requests for RPL. I have reproduced below the SAIT policy on RPL.

Please note that the candidate must fill out the form and provide the evidence. Please note that the evidence submitted must be:

Valid - Evidence collected is relevant to the activity and demonstrates that performance criteria have been met.

In many cases, producing copies of qualifications plus currency is all that is required. Requesting RPL for all of basic training would be rather difficult and time consuming and it would be easier to attend the required training courses.

Policy

All candidates (Leaders) shall have access to, and be offered Skills Recognition (RPL).

In the first training session, the trainer shall make candidates aware of the SAITs Skills Recognition (SR) (RPL) policy. Trainers will remind candidates of this policy at the beginning of each new program and provide opportunities to engage in the SR (RPL) process.

When approached by a candidate seeking Skills Recognition (RPL), trainers will:

- provide the candidate with copies of a Skills Recognition (RPL) Application Form
- provide the candidate with information about the types of evidence that can be used to support an SR (RPL) application
- make a prompt decision and notify the candidate of the outcome of the SR (RPL) process
- update the candidate's records if SR (RPL) is granted

Technical Training Tasks and In-Service Workbook

Please note that this is mandatory for new Leaders to complete the workbook and have it signed off by the PLA. Leaders changing sections may need to complete some of the workbook. For example a Joey Leader moving to Cubs will need to be able to correctly demonstrate this skill. The PLA and the Leader will need to discuss exactly what needs to be completed.

First Aid Training – change of date

Please note the new dates for the First Aid course

Upcoming training

Course	Date	Closing	Location
Basic Sectional Techniques	10 th – 11 th November	19 th October	The Lea
Basic flat water kayaking	17 th – 18 th November	26 th October	North/South
First Aid	30 th Nov – 1 st December	9 th November	The Lea
Training Team Meeting	18 th November		Campbell Town/Ross

Mike Wilson

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development



Joey Report

Lenah Hop 2013

To all Southern Leaders there is a meeting planned for Friday 30th November at the Clarence Sea Scout Hall at 7.30pm. This will be a short meeting to outline our program for the event next year.

Scout/Guide Regatta 2013

Joey Scouts from all over the State have been invited to attend the Regatta next year to help celebrate 50 years of the event. Joeys will join in the opening parade on Saturday and activities will follow afterwards.

Joey Scout Adventure Booklet

\$5 is the cost of the booklet. Please send your orders to Sue Cooper for processing.

Wendy Granger

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSE	CONTACT
November				
2nd-4th	Basic Abseiling Course	The Lea	Closed	Tony McDonald
8th	Branch IT Meeting	The Lea		Neal Schulz
10th-11th	Basic Sectional Courses	The Lea	Closed	BC Training
15th	BEC / B & F Meetings	The Lea		Branch Tres /Pres
17th -18th	Kayaking Course	TBA		Tony McDonald
18th	Training Team Meeting	TBA		BC Training
24th -25th	Sir Ernest Clark trophy Final			BC Scouts
30th -1st Dec	First Aid	Moonah		BC Training
1st 2nd Dec	State Venturer	Fulton Park		BC Venturer

The 175th Royal Hobart Regatta

On Saturday the 9th of February 2013 there will be an attempt to break the Guinness book of records for the most number of kayaks in a race.

This is open to all Leaders, Parents and Youth members. More details next month.

Participants can now register at: <http://regatta-record-attempt.eventbrite.ie>

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

Cub Report



We are now entering November, which can only mean that Christmas is just around the corner.

Hobart Christmas Pageant

Speaking of Christmas, this years Hobart Christmas Pageant will be held on Saturday 17th November. Cub Packs should assemble no later than 9:30am (at an entry number to be advised by HCC) dressed in full uniform with their float decorations (see the attached outline for a suggested design.) Packs may also wish to use a Tasmanian Devil Theme, such as a mask or the like.

The circuit around the street from 10am usually takes no more than 30 minutes, and Cubs can watch the parade with their families at the conclusion.

Please contact Danny Munting to let him know that your group will be in attendance with approximate numbers. Danny.Munting@education.tas.gov.au

Grey Wolf Award

This Months Grey Wolf recipients are:

William Grant 10th Hobart, Katherine Jordan Howrah, Stuart Carey Howrah, Tasman Inglis Mt Stuart, Liam Mei Mt Stuart, Brendan Harland Trevallyn, Connor McQuaid Trevallyn.

Active Cub Award 2012

Don't forget to get in your 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. Badges are \$2.00 each.

Programme Ideas

One of the things that we talk about at advanced training is the use of a Special Cub Night Programme. A special programme is one where we go that little bit further with our programme, and use it as a dress up night, concentrating on one special theme. This month therefore, thanks to Nichole Harbottle (ACSL Blackmans Bay), the Programme is a Special themed night called: CSI - Cub Scouts Investigate.

For this night, I would encourage the Leaders to dress up in Character, and have the Cubs dress up as police or detectives. As this programme has a number of attachments, we cannot print it in the hard copy of the Newsletter, but it will be a separate attachment for those who receive the Newsletter by e-mail, or it can also be found on the Tas Scouts website at www.tas.scouts.com.au.

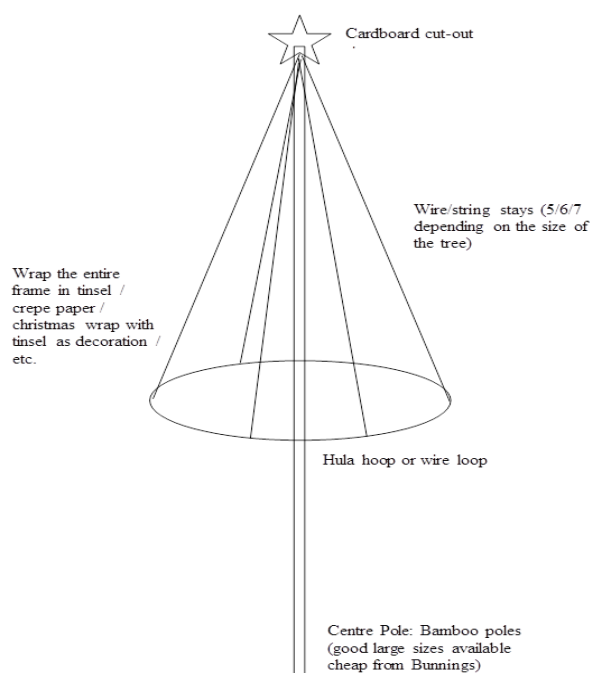
Don't forget to check out Scouts Central for a lot more Programme ideas, with more being added weekly. The Web site is www.central.scouts.com.au. If you need help, talk to your District Cub Scout Leader who will show you how to find them.

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

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Venturer Report

TV2012 (Tasmanian Venture): 30 Nov to 2 Dec

By now everyone should have received the information for the Venture. Applications close 9th November, they should be sent in as a unit. The Venture is also open to linking Scouts aged 13 ³/₄ at the time of the event, if they attend with a Venturer Unit.

Teniswood 2013: 22 to 24 Feb

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

Areas of Personal Growth (AoPG)

I have just emailed out some information for units. I would like to challenge each unit to undertake the Unit Health Check, and then use the data to concentrate on areas they can improve their program to provide a better experience for their members.

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

Donna McDermott Branch Commissioner Venturers

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Rover Report



Rover Activities

All Rover Crews appear to have been quite active in the past month with a large variety of activities in their local areas. In the south a number of Rovers attended the 'Midnight Express' scavenger hunt hosted by Wellington Rover Crew as well as amazing race month, a month of fun activities for Southern based Venturers and Guides.

Unfortunately the Brent Gaffney Memorial Raft Race had to be cancelled this year.

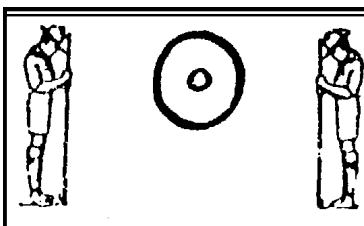
New Website

Tasmanian Rovers now has a brand new website to complement our new TasRovers logo. Go to tas.rovers.com.au to find out about each of our seven Crews, and our equipment such as the Activities Trailer (available to use by all groups), Marquees, Carr Villa, and our Rafts.

Stuart Morse Chairman, Tasmanian Branch Rover Council

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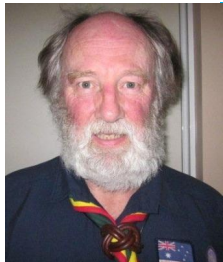
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Richard Milnes 31/1/1947— 6/10/2012

Richard was a member of Scouts in England before emigrating in 1963. In 1975 –76 he was the Cub Leader at Turners Beach Scouts. He was also a representative on the North Western Regional Scout Council, and in the 90's he was a member of The State Executive

Committee. He will be sadly missed.



Adventurous Activities

Greetings to all Scouters – with the commencement of Daylight Saving, hopefully most Troops/Venturer Units and Crews are now “out and about” doing more activities outdoors with the longer day-light hours now available.

A White-Water Rafting Course has been successfully completed in September and was based at Gowrie Park in Northern Tasmania with a good attendance of Rovers and Leaders enjoying the course.

A Basic Abseiling Course is planned for 3rd- 4th November based on the tower at The Lea together with a day at Blackmans Bay. The course is intended as a general introduction to abseiling and hopefully will enthuse the participants to further their knowledge and qualifications.

As has been reported elsewhere, an Abseiling Team has been established based at The Lea in order to staff the tower and use the facilities now available. The Team has met several times with some training being undertaken together with the allocation of equipment. It is hoped that the Team will be using the tower for abseiling for Scouts generally within a short period of time. If anybody is interested in joining the Abseiling Team, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Branch as the Team will always be looking for members to share the work-load.

The Girl Guide Fantastic Camp is the next major event on the horizon with the Abseiling/climbing tower at Quercis Park being in operation between 7th to 12th January, 2013. Scouting personnel will be staffing and operating the tower over that period so if any Rovers or Leaders would like to assist in order to expand their knowledge and or experience in order to gain further qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

Registrations through the Guides for the event has to be concluded together with Police Clearances etc, so the sooner those people who are interested in helping can be registered the better. General information also indicates that camping will be available on site with general facilities showers, toilets, entertainment being available. General cost of \$30.00 per day will be applicable with meals being provided.

Once again, please contact me ASAP if anybody is available to help for this event, even for just possibly half-a-day or whatever time span people have available.

Early in the New Year, training courses planned include several Canoe/Kayaking Courses in both North and South. The dates and locations for these courses will be available in the Training Calender when released.

For those Leaders who are seeking to have their experience recognized for possible qualifications, please remember to enter all of the activities which are being undertaken in the respective log-books to substantiate your knowledge and competencies.

Also, please remember that a First Aid qualification is almost mandatory for most qualifications for activities. With the start of the New Year fast approaching, it may be worthwhile to assess whether your First Aid qualifications are either non-existent or requiring up-dating and so, plan the appropriate course of action so as to ensure compliance. There are several First Aid courses listed in the forth-coming Training Calender.

Once again, if anybody has any queries or interest in any of the up-coming events, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tony McDonald
Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities
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DATE	WEEK-END	HOLIDAYS ETC	NATIONAL / BRANCH EVENT	DISTRICT EVENT	TRAINING COURSE	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
JANUARY								
1st* Tues		New Years Day						
3rd-13th 5th-6th	J1		Jamboree 2013 Queensland					
8th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting					
12th-13th	J2							
19th-20th	J3							
26th-27th 27th	J4		Summer Moot - TBRC Meeting TBRC Meeting 1			TBA	N/A	BC Rovers
28th* Mon		Australia Day Holiday Substitute				TBA	N/A	BC Rovers
FEBRUARY								
2nd-3rd 2nd	F1		Joey/Cub/Scout/Group Leader Councils Slate Venturer Leader Meeting			Campbell Town	N/A	Respective BCs BC Venturers
4th Mon/5th Tue 5th Tues		School First Term Commences	Branch Property Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	BP Chairman
8th-10th			National Rover Council Meeting			Brisbane		BC Rovers
9th-10th-11th** 10th	F2	Royal Hobart Regatta /Wooden Boat Festival Launceston Festivale						
12th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting			The Lea		IT Chairman
16th-17th 17th	F3		Commissioner Conference Lea Board of Management Meeting		Basic Flat Water Kayaking /Canoeing	South + North Campbell Town	25th Jan N/A	BC A.Activities Chief Comm
18th Mon						The Lea		Chair LBOM
21st Thur			Branch Business & Finance/Executive Committee Meeting			The Lea		Branch Treas/Pres
22nd			(Founders Day)					
23rd-24th	F4		Venturer Tenniswood Trophy			North		NVC
MARCH								
2nd-3rd	Mr1							
9th-10th-11th** 9th	Mr2	Eight Hour Day	Scout Guide Regatta Branch Youth Council Meeting			SG Regatta	11th Dec.	Regatta Chairman BYC
10th Sun			TBRC Meeting 2 (including AGM)			SG Regatta		BC Rovers
11th Mon			Queen Scout Applications Close					BC Venturers
12th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting			The Lea		IT Chairman
15th-16th					First Aid Course + Annual CPR Update	South-Moonah	22nd Feb	BC A Activities
16th-17th 18th Mon	Mr3		National Operations Meeting - The Lea Hobart Lea Board of Management Meeting			The Lea The Lea		National Chair LBOM
21st		Harmony Day	Branch Business & Finance/Executive Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	Branch Treas/Pres
22nd-24th			National Youth Council Meeting			TBA		BYC
23rd-24th 23rd 24th	Mr4				Adventurous Activities Common Core How to Instruct - TAED301A	The Lea The Lea	1 st Mar 1 st Mar	BC A. Activities BC Training
29th		Good Friday						
30th-31st	Mr5	Easter	Easter Moot			TBA		BC Rovers
APRIL								
1st		Easter Monday						
2nd		Easter Tuesday						
9th Tues			Branch Property Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	BP Chairman
6th-7th	Ap1		Mariners' Trophy			North		BC Water Activities
9th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting			The Lea		IT Chairman
13th-14th	Ap2		Venturer Maritime Challenge			South		SVC

Notes
indicates within state school holidays
* indicates public holiday statewide
** indicates public holiday south only
*** indicates public holiday north only
All Sections include J/C/S/V/R/LOA

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13th-14th					Basic Sectional Techniques (All Sections - subject to r	The Lea	22nd Mar	BC Training
15th Mon			TBRC Meeting 3 - If required (Tele-Conference)					
15th Mon			Lea Board of Management Meeting			The Lea		Chair LBOM
18th Thurs			Branch Business & Finance/Executive Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	Branch Treas/Pres
19th Fri		School First Term Ends						
19th-21st					Basic Seamanship/Seamship Update	TBA	28th May	BC Training
20th-21st	Ap3				Basic Abselling	South	28th May	BC A.Activities
25th* Thurs		ANZAC DAY						
26th-28th			National Youth Program Meeting (Joeys and Cub BC's)			Sydney		BC Joeys/Cubs
27th-28th	Ap4							
MAY								
2nd-4th		AGFEST						
4th-5th	My1				Advanced Abseiling Course - Weekend 1	Paton Park	12th April	BC A.Activities
6th Mon		School Second Term Commences						
7th Tues				Wellington District AGM				
8th Wed				Huon District AGM				
10th Fri			Queens Scout/BP Award Presentations			Gov.House	TBA	Respective BCs
11th-12th	My2							
12th		Mothers' Day						
13th Mon			Lea Board of Management Meeting			The Lea		Chair LBOM
14th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting			The Lea		IT Chairman
16th Thurs			Branch Business & Finance/Executive Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	Branch Treas/Pres
18th-19th	My3		Lenah Hop			TBA	TBA	BC Joeys
18th-19th			Cub Scout Palaver			TBA	TBA	BC Cubs
18th-19th					Adventurous Activities + BC Training National Meeting	South Aus		BC A.Activities
18th			Gang Show Skills Workshop 1 (movement & singing)			TBA		PC Gang
20th Mon				Leven District AGM				
21st Tues				Hellyer District AGM				
22nd Wed				Mersey District AGM				
24th-26th May			National Youth Program Meeting (Scout and Venturer BC's)			Sydney		BC Scouts/Venturers
25th-26th	My4				Advanced Abseiling Course - Weekend 2	North		BC A.Activities
25th			Rover Reunion				N/A	BC Rovers
26th			TBRC Meeting 4				N/A	BC Rovers
26th			Branch Council Meeting			Campbell Town	N/A	Branch President
JUNE								
1st-2nd	Jn1				Training Team Conference	The Lea		BC Training
1st-2nd			Branch Youth Fest / BYC Meeting			Carnaroo		BYC
1st-2nd			Gang Show Skills Workshop 2 (acting)			TBA		PC Gang
4th Tues			Branch Property Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	BP Chairman
5th Wed			World Environment Day Activities			everywhere	N/A	PC Environment
8th-9th	Jn2		Unit Management/Leadership Course				19th May	BC Venturers
10th Mon		Queens Birthday	3 day course					
11th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting			The Lea		IT Chairman
14th-15th					First Aid Course + Annual CPR Update	TBA	9th May	BC A.Activities
15th-16th	Jn3		National NEC, Operations, AGM					
16th			Gang Show Auditions			The Lea		PC Gang
17th Mon			Lea Board of Management Meeting			The Lea		Chair LBOM
20th Thur			Branch Business & Finance/Executive Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	Branch Treas/Pres
22nd-23rd	Jn4			Tamar Scout Group 50th Anniversary				
23rd			Hobart Gang Show Rehearsal			Lenah Valley Hall		PC Gang
29th-30th	Jn5							Chief Comm
29th			Commissioner Conference - as required					
30th			Joey/Cub/Scout Councils			Campbelltown	N/A	Respective BCs
30th			Group Leaders' Conference			Campbelltown	3wks prior	Chief Comm

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30th			Hobart Gang Show Rehearsal			Lenah Valley Hall		PC Gang
JULY								
5th Fri		School Second Term Ends						
6th-7th	J1		Hobart Gang Show Rehearsal			Lenah Valley Hall		PC Gang
6th-7th				Scouts Unplugged (Northern District)		Launceston	N/A	
6th								
9th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting			The Lea		IT Chairman
13th-14th	J2							
13th-14th			Hobart Gang Show Rehearsal			Lenah Valley Hall		PC Gang
15th Mon			Lea Board of Management Meeting			The Lea		Chair LBOM
18th Thur			Branch Business & Finance/Executive Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	Branch Treas/Pres
20th-21st	J3		"GLOW" - Venturer Leader Activity Weekend			South		SVC
20th-21st					Youth Helpers Course	The Lea	28th June	BC Training
21st			Hobart Gang Show Rehearsal			Lenah Valley Hall		PC Gang
22nd Mon		School Third Term Commences						
27th-28th	J4				Advanced Bushwalking	BP Lodge	5th July	BC A.Activities
28th			Hobart Gang Show Rehearsal			Lenah Valley Hall		PC Gang
AUGUST								
3rd-4th	Au1		Scoutfest			Carnaroo	13th July	BC Scouts
3rd-4th			Winter Moot & TBRC Meeting			TBA	N/A	BC Rovers
4th			TBRC Meeting 5			TBA	N/A	BC Rovers
4th			Hobart Gang Show Camp			Orana		PC Gang
6th Tues			Branch Property Committee Meeting			The Lea		BP Chairman
9th			Branch AGM			South		Branch
10th-11th	Au2							
10th			Hobart Gang Show Rehearsal/Marketing Launch					PC Gang
12th Mon			Lea Board of Management Meeting			The Lea		Chair LBOM
13th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting			The Lea		IT Chairman
15th Thur			Branch Business & Finance/Executive Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	Branch Treas/Pres
17th-18th	Au3							
17th			Joey State Event					
17th-18th			Hobart Gang Show Move into Mt Nelson Theatre			Hobart		PC Gang
22rd-24th			Hobart Gang Show - Mt Nelson Theatre			Hobart		PC Gang
24th-25th	Au4							
SEPTEMBER								
30th-1st					Woodbadge 1 J/C/S/N/R/LoA (Weekend 1)	The Lea	9th Aug	BC Training
31st-1st	Au5							
7th-8th	S1		VETAPO (Seminar & Ball)			North West		NWVC/BCV
7th-8th			Brent Gaffney Memorial Raft Race			TBA	N/A	BC Rovers
8th			TBRC Meeting 6			TBA	N/A	BC Rovers
10th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting			The Lea		IT Chairman
12th Thurs				Wellington District Show Time		Lenah Valley Hall		DC Wellington
13th-15th					Basic White Water Rafting Course (Rovers)	TBA		BC A.Activities
14th-15th	S2							
14th-15th			Commissioners' Conference (1 or 2 days TBA)			TBA	N/A	Chief Comm
16th Mon			Lea Board of Management Meeting			The Lea		Chair LBOM
19th Thur			Branch Business & Finance/Executive Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	Branch Treas/Pres
20th-22nd			National Youth Council Meeting			TBA		BYC
21st-22nd	S3							
21st-22nd					National Training Team Meeting ???			
21st-22nd								
25th-28th								
27th Fri		School Third Term Ends						
28th-29th	S4		Cuboree			Hobart		BC Cubs

TASMANIAN SCOUT BRANCH CALENDAR 2013			FINAL					
DATE	WEEK-END	HOLIDAYS ETC	NATIONAL / BRANCH EVENT	DISTRICT EVENT	TRAINING COURSE	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
OCTOBER								
1st Tues			Branch Property Committee Meeting					BP Chairman
4th Fri		Burnie Show (NW)						
5th-6th	O1		Gilwell Reunion	Leven District - Yankee Collection		The Lea		BC Training
8th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting			The Lea		IT Chairman
5th-12th			Tour de Tassie Bike Ride					
10th*** Thur		Launceston Show Day (North)						
11th Fri			Clark Trophy entries close					
12th-13th	O2		Venturer Water Activity			North		NVC
12th-13th				Leven District - Yankee Auction	Basic Seamanship/Seamanship update	South The Lea	20th Sept	BC Training Chair LBOM
14th Mon			Lea Board of Management Meeting					
14th Mon		School Fourth Term Commences						
17th Thur			Branch Business & Finance/Executive Committee Meeting					Branch Treas/Pres
19th-20th	O3		JOTA/JOTI					
20th			Branch Youth Council			Campbell Town		BYC
24th** Thur		Royal Hobart Show Day (South)						
26th-27th	O4				Basic Sectional Techniques (All Sections - subject to m	The Lea	4th Oct	BC Training
28th Mon			TBRC Meeting 7 - If required (Tele-Conference)			TBA	N/A	BC Rovers
NOVEMBER								
1st-2nd					First Aid Course + Annual CPR Update	South/NW	The Lea	BC A.Activities
2nd-3rd	N1				Basic Abselling	North	11th Oct	BC A.Activities
4th***		Recreation Day (North)						
9th-10th	N2				Wood Badge 2 J/C/S/V/R/LoA (Weekend 2)	The Lea		BC Training
9th-10th			National NEC, Operations Meeting			TBA	N/A	National
12th Tues			Branch ICT Meeting			The Lea		IT Chairman
16th-17th	N3							
16th					Basic Flat Water Kayaking/Canoeing	South	25th Oct	BC A.Activities
17th					Training Team Meeting	TBA	N/A	BC Training
18th Mon			Lea Board of Management Meeting			The Lea		Chair LBOM
21st Thur			Branch Business & Finance/Executive Committee Meeting			The Lea	N/A	Branch Treas/Pres
23rd-24th	N4		Sir Ernest Clark Trophy - Lightweight			North	11th Oct	BC Scouts
29th		Devonport Show (Local)						
DECEMBER								
30th-1st	D1		Tasmania Venture (TV13)			South	TBA	BC Venturers
2nd Mon			TBRC Meeting 8 - TeleConference			TBA	N/A	BC Rovers
7th-8th	D2							
12th Thur			Combined Branch Committees Meeting			The Lea	N/A	Branch Treas/Pres
14th-15th	D2							
19-20th Thur/Fri		School Fourth Term End						
21st-22nd	D3							
25th Wed		Christmas Day						
26th Thurs		Boxing Day						
28th-29th	D4							



Hi everyone, as you are reading this article you will notice that this month is McHappy Day.

The Groups that are participating this year are Glenorchy, Sandford, New Norfolk, Summerhill, Riverside, Trevallyn Cubs, City of Devonport Cubs, Spreyton, Hellyer District, 1st Penguin Scout Group, and Turners Beach Cubs.

Ronald McDonald House Charities make a positive difference to the lives of seriously ill children and their families.

We as members of Scouts Australia Tasmania Branch will be assisting with all activities at various McDonald Restaurants throughout Tasmania giving valuable time assisting other people.

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

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McHappy Day Co-ordinator

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Your input needed please

Do you know anyone who helped with the first few Regattas or who has had a long term association with the Regatta?

As this is the 50th Regatta, the Committee would like to acknowledge these people by inviting them to the Opening Ceremony and to a get together afterwards. If you do, please let us know by email or phone - name and contact details please.

Registration

Remember that you have until 13 December to register your group for the Regatta. Start collecting the fees now. A copy of the Registration Form was included previously, or is available from the Scout web pages. After 13 December you can add to your numbers using the Additional Registrations form. There is a fee increase to do this.

Get your youth members fired up for this special Regatta:

The sail past competition is for craft which reflect the theme of the Golden Regatta. There will be a special prize this year.

We are encouraging groups to have a decorated sign with their troop/unit/crew name to bring to the Opening Ceremony and to display at their camp site.

If you have any queries about the Regatta, feel free to give me a ring on 62294700 or email sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au

Lyn Muir



International Report

Last month I was a member on the selection panel for a new National Pen Pal coordinator - the field of applicants was strong. Great to see so many dedicated Scouting volunteers. Mehru Roshan from NSW is the selected applicant. Congratulations to Mehru. Kelly Johnson will be on hand to guide and assist Mehru. Kelly's email is int.penpals@scouts.com.au if you have any pen pal requests. Some information about Pen Pals for Joeys -

JOEY SCOUTS



Hands Across the Water

Aim of the Badge

To make two overseas contacts with Joey Scout-age children, swap Scouting items and run a typical meeting provided by the overseas Mob.

How to Register:

1. Let your BCJS know if you have current contacts that you would like to use, and provide all contact details of the overseas Mob.
2. BCJS will register with Kelly Johnson for contacts overseas on your behalf. She will require that the contact is a current financial member with an Australian Branch. BCJS will forward these requests immediately to The Pan Pal program for registration. Name, postal address, group and email address must accompany this request.
3. Kelly Johnson will then contact you with your new Link. As soon as you receive the new details, you can start contacting and swapping!

Requirements for the Badge:

1. Swap badges, name tapes, flag, mascot or whatever your Mob decides.
2. Write "postcards" from your Joey Scouts to the overseas children - use pictures, photos, collages (only use first names please).
3. Leaders to swap a typical program and try to run true to that program. You need to supply all rules for games, describe parade, words to songs, send craft templates or photos of the finished article to assist the other Leaders. You should expect similar in return. Let the other Mob know how much you enjoyed it all.
4. Create an A4 album of your experience.

Requirements for Registration with the Pen Pal program.

1. All links must be willing to maintain regular Pen Pal correspondence with their overseas Mob for no less than 12 months.

International Report continued

How to Apply:

1. After you have made the two contacts as above, contact your BCJS and display your Album at your District Training Meeting.
2. Use Completion Form (see link below) and enclose payment (\$1:50 per badge).
3. BCJS will supply your badges as soon as possible.

(Click here for details on how to register)



This month a group has requested a Pen Pal contact in Scotland as that was the country they were currently looking at within their program. Grenada (in the Spice Islands) will be coming on board soon as I initiated this contact. It would be great if some Tasmanian groups or individuals could request Pen Pals from Grenada.

I have signed off on several Letters of Introduction for overseas contacts this month. It is pleasing to see so many Scouting people going overseas for various reasons and making contact with other Scouting groups overseas. I have emailed information relating to Award scheme opportunities, Letters of Introduction and AMEX currency discounts to the Tasmanian Venturers attending the New Zealand Venture in Jan 2013.

There are lots of other programs and opportunities available so 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, would like a chat, please contact me.

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Branch Commissioner International

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Gang Show Report

Gang Show successes at Clarence Eisteddfod

Song & Action; 12 years & under - 2nd; 16 years & under - 1st & 2nd.
Some of the adjudicators comments "Very well rehearsed, move and sing well, performance was excellent, performed with style, vocally strong, very neat movement sequences ..." Congratulations to all concerned.

Please see the Branch Calendar in this newsletter for all Gang Show dates for 2013. Please note due to a number of major difficulties (AFL Grand Final/ Theatre availability) I had to make changes to the dates originally planned.

Next writer's workshop is Sunday 18th November, 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Eastern Shore Rover Den.

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GRANTS REPORT

Things have now settled down after the frenzy of applications to the TCF and others. I've been very impressed with the standard of submissions and the thorough research and compilation of data etc involved. I hope that all the hard work, in some cases over many months, will reap benefits to all concerned. Also, thanks to Jeannette for putting together the Financial Viability Statement necessary for the TCF over \$10k applications.

We now have to wait for the results of all the applications the first of which will be the VG2012 early next month maybe! Only a couple of Grant Alerts were sent out, the last being the RACT Community Grant. Unfortunately some of these did not leave much time to submit which means that prior preparation was imperative. I've only had ONE report (courtesy & thanks to Mary Figg, Howrah Group) on the FREE Grant Writing Workshops (DPaC) that were held state-wide. She said & I quote, "I felt the session was run well by a lady who went through the handbook they provided and gave useful tips and hints throughout. But we found out that we don't have a strategic plan and we don't plan ahead far enough for anything, which in turn means that when a grant comes up, that we think is suitable, we scratch our heads wondering how we can fit the criteria. **What we should be doing is having discussions about where we see ourselves as a Group in the long and short term and how we plan to get there, what tools will we need and what sort of assistance is available. Once we have some answers to that, we can 'mould' ourselves into applying for grants with like minded providers**". She also comments that it was a positive experience and would highly recommend it to Groups if it's offered again. I'm still working on "**Top 10 Tips for getting Grants.**" I will send this out through BHQ when completed & strangely the first one is very similar to what Mary found out at the Workshop!

The great news this month that I promised last Newsletter has been the statement, received 18th October, from the Department of Sport & Recreation Tas. (sent out in a separate announcement). Briefly, it states that, "**Sport & Recreation Tas has removed the blanket exclusion of charitable organisations ... which makes us eligible to apply for funding to support projects that have a sport or recreation purpose taking effect for the 2012-13 Major and Minor Grant Programs**".

There are still a few ongoing grants, Junior Landcare, NAB Employee Grant, CheaperthanHotels Fundraising Program. Other Grants such as Telstra's Kids Fund, Bell Bay Aluminium (Pacific Aluminium), St George Funding sent out courtesy Jeannette.

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.

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

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Branch Youth Council

Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch Branch Youth Council

Applications are now open for the newly formed Branch Youth Council. Eligible applicants can opt for either a 12 month or a 24 month term when they apply.

What will I get out of joining the BYC?

- You will get the opportunity to discuss Scouting issues relevant to young people
- You will get the opportunity to work with other young people from around the state
- You will get the opportunity to develop leadership skills
- You will get the opportunity to work with members of the National Youth Council

Member Eligibility

- Members of the Branch Youth Council must be members of the Scout, Venturer or Rover Section of Scouts Australia, Tasmanian Branch
- Members must be **at least 12 years** and **at most 24 years of age** on the closing date for the successive Branch Youth Council term

Expectations of Members

- All BYC members will be expected to attend three (3) meetings a year –
 - An evening meeting on the Saturday night of the Scout/Guide Regatta
 - A mid year weekend at Youthfest – 1st/2nd June in 2013
 - A third meeting in mid October
- BYC members will need to have Internet access to ensure reliable and regular communication takes place among BYC members
- BYC members will need to access teleconferencing facilities if required

Role of the Branch Youth Council

- The Branch Youth Council will discuss issues of importance to Scouting at a Branch level and report on its recommendations to the relevant Scouting group or position
- Topics of discussion can come to the BYC from a number of avenues. It may be through discussions held at Youthfest, VRC meetings, or TBRC meetings, follow-up requested by a Commissioner or issues identified by a youth member in Tasmania
- The BYC is all about youth members and their ideas and opinions. It's about discussing and acting on things that could do with some improvement and making positive changes happen!

Application forms are available from BHQ and, once completed, they should be addressed to Julie Creed, Branch Commissioner for Youth Programs and posted to Scouts Australia, Tasmania Branch at The Lea, 330 Proctors Road, Kingston 7050 NO LATER THAN **Friday, 30th November, 2012.**

For queries or any additional information please contact jcreed8@bigpond.com

Branch Youth Council

APPLICATION FORM

(Please print all information)

Full Name

Preferred name

My first preference is for a term of 12 months /24 months (we will contact you if we are unable to meet your first preference)

Postal Address

Home phone number

Mobile phone number

Email address

Scout membership number

Date of birth

Age at 30th November, 2012 years

Current Section (Scout, Venturer, Rover) and name of Scout Group

Scout applications need to be endorsed by the SL and approved by the DSL

Venturer applications need to be endorsed by the VL and approved by the Regional Venturer Co-ordinator

Rover applications need to be endorsed by the RA and approved by the TBRC Chair

Supportive comments by Scout Leader, Venturer Leader or Rover Adviser –

Name and Signature of SL, VL or RA

Approved by DSL, RVC or TBRC Chair

ALL applicants need to include a brief (1/2 page) statement outlining the following -

- Why do you want to join the Branch Youth Council

If there is one thing you would change in Scouting, what would it be? (we are planning to use these suggestions as a starting point for our BYC discussions)



Blackmans Bay 50 years celebrations & Kingston Cub Pack on their Visit to the Heritage Centre.



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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