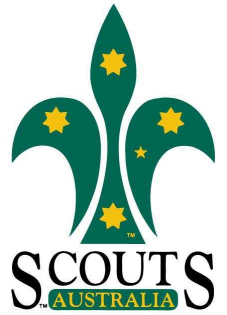


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Merry Christmas



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Expressions of Interest:

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Years of Service Awards – November 2012

5 Years

Lynda Crawford

4th Launceston

Sandra McNeair

Wynyard

20 Years

Mark Norris

Huonville

25 Years

Fiona Roberts

Howrah

30 Years

Helen Chick

Clarence Sea Scouts



Chief Commissioner's Report

To start with, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a successful completion to 2012.

For 53 Leaders and Parents, the New Year will start with a real BANG !! at AJ13 the Jamboree in Queensland. Without the involvement of these Adults, the 194 Youth members who have registered would not be able to attend. The program for AJ13 promises an amazing, action packed and fun time for everyone who participates. I hope you all have a great time. A special thanks to the hard working Committee who have done all the preparation.

Many of the same people have just run the Clark Trophy at Fulton Park on 24th-25th November. The Clark Trophy is the premier camping trophy for the Scout section and is always closely contested. This year, Phil Harper reported that the camping and cooking were of a very good standard which is a credit to the Leaders of the 20 Troops who competed. Clarence District continued their strong performance with Lindisfarne 2nd, Sandford 3rd and Howrah 5th place, but this year 1st/2nd Ulverstone produced the winning performance. This is the first time for many years that a NW Coast troop has won the Clark Trophy. Congratulations to the Leaders and the Patrol members for a job well done. Congratulations also to the Fulton Park team who prepared everything so well and presented participants with a near perfect campsite for the competition.

As you will all know from the press coverage it has generated, Scouting will most likely be involved in the Royal Commission looking at Child Abuse and we fully support any action designed to improve the provision of Child Protection in Australia. Some information has been distributed from National via Group Leaders and Scouting has indicated to the Prime Minister, our full cooperation with whatever terms of reference are finally agreed on. Scouting has since 1961 had a policy of full cooperation with the police, and since 1996 all new Leaders have signed a mutual agreement based on our code of conduct. This should stand us in good stead in any inquiry. If the Royal Commission finds that more needs to be done Scouting will implement whatever change is necessary. If you are talking to parents about this matter please make them aware of how seriously Scouting treats the protection of children in our care.

Don't forget that from 2-5pm on 1st December there will be a big farewell party for Graham and Marion Blight at The Lea. This will also be an opportunity to meet the new managers Wes Talbot and Rose Crane. There will also be a Lea Service Crew BBQ at Lunch time on 12th December and Christmas drinks at BHQ for all members of Scouting on the afternoon of Friday 21st December. Please come along if you can.

My final message to Leaders is that the best way to start 2013 on a strong note is to end 2012 on a strong note. Make December an enjoyable experience for your Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers or Rovers and make sure you make contact with them early in the New Year. Recruiting new Youth members is never as rewarding as building on the strengths of those you already have in your Group. Retention is the secret to having a strong Group or Section.

Have a Happy New Year

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President's Report

Those members who attended the Branch AGM in Longford last August or who may have perused the Annual Report might remember that I mentioned the work which the BEC had undertaken in forming Working parties to address two key areas of challenge for our Branch namely; Arresting Membership Decline and Engaging Adults. I am pleased to be able to tell you that the respective Chairman, Gordon Luckman and Harry Quick have now presented their reports, the findings of which will be reported widely in early 2013.

The Chief and I are encouraged by the proactive recommendations which highlight the need to develop new and innovative strategies to recruit, train and retain Group Leaders in every Group and to reinvest energy and resource to re-engage with broad acre housing developments in the Northern suburbs of both Hobart and Launceston.

Successful development and implementation of strategic responses in both these key areas are vital if we in Scouting are to maintain our relevance and influence in our communities through the next decade. As has been said by this commentator many times. "If we keep doing things the same old way, why would we expect to get a different result?"

On behalf of the members of your board the Branch Executive Committee may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I look forward to working with you all as we find new ways to tackle old challenges.

Yours in Scouting

Pip

John Cornish
President

Scouts Australia, Tasmanian Branch



**Branch Headquarters is
Closing on Friday 21st Dec.
At 3pm.**



Re Opening 21st January 2013 at 11.00am

**Jeannette and Marion wish everyone a Merry and Safe Christmas
and a Great New Year.**

**Office Drinks will be on Friday 21st Dec from 3.00pm to 7.00pm.
You are all welcome to share in our Christmas Cheer. Please RSVP
for catering numbers.**



Training Report

2012 was another year of challenges to the Training Scheme and the Team. Back in January 2011 we implemented an on-line training system that allows Leaders to complete much of the theory of leadership in their own time. The first year of E-Learning was also a learning experience for the Training Team and we learned many valuable lessons. For 2012 we made a number of small changes to the training material to allow for more hands on practical training. The Team will review 2012 ready for 2013.

During the year we ran three Basic Sectional courses. The March and November courses were reasonably full but the June course was fairly small. We have scheduled three courses for 2013 but we reserve the right to cancel a course if there are insufficient numbers.

As part of the on-going review of training it is interesting to note that since the implementation of E-Learning, Leaders are getting through their training much faster than in previous years. For example the average time for new Leaders to go through is: induction and core training (including E-Learning) 3.4 months, complete sectional 4.8 months and 10 months to gain their Certificate of Adult Leadership (COAL). During 2012, 37 new Leaders started in the Association, of these 21 have completed their basic training and five have their COAL.

Woodbadge training was not scheduled for 2012, a decision I was reluctant to make. In retrospect it was the correct decision as at the time of writing this article, the full suite of Advanced Core and Sectional material was still to be delivered. Secondly there would not have been sufficient numbers to run the various sections.

During 2012 we also ran the TAE40110 Certificate 4 in Workplace Training and Assessment. Andrew Thompson, Helen Skeggs and Allan Dolbey have worked very hard to complete the course and should have their certificates next month.

2013 Training

We have scheduled three Basic Sectional courses during the year. Please note that the courses will run subject to minimum numbers and also be aware that not all sections will run on those dates. There are sufficient courses to enable new Leaders to complete their training within 12 months of joining the Association.

We have scheduled a Woodbadge course for the second half of 2013.

PLA's will be required to attend an update course during 2013. This was to have been run during 2012 but was cancelled as the training material was only made available during October. We will be contacting PLA's personally to arrange a suitable date.

Please find attached the training calendar for 2013.

Sincere thanks to all the trainers for their hard work and dedication during the year. A big thank you to Marion & Jeannette at the Branch Office.

This will be my last report as the BCATD as I will be handing over the reins to Geraldine Harwood in January.

As I look back on the last six years and think how quickly it has gone and secondly, all the changes to Training! Hopefully the Training Scheme will be stable for awhile. It has been a pleasure and a challenge to serve as the Branch Commissioner. Thank you all for help and support during the last six years.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mike Wilson
Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development

Joey Report



Reminder Lenah Hop meeting; Lenah Hop meeting is planned for Friday 30th November, at the Clarence Sea Scout Hall at 7.30pm. There will also be a short discussion regarding what is happening at the Scout/Guide Regatta.

Scout/Guide Regatta - 2013 – the following are answers to questions that have been asked.

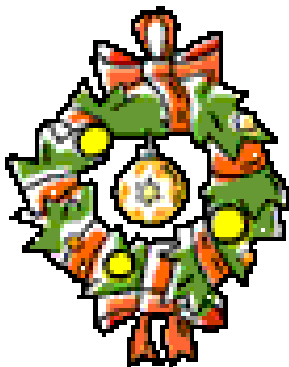
- No registration charges for Joeys
- All Joeys will receive a badge and a pennant at no cost
- Opening Parade combined with Scouts Own 10am, arrival time 9.45am
- Sail Past about 11.45
- Bring your own lunch

Branch Council Meeting: Saturday 2nd February, venue to be advised.

Promise Challenge Award: Congratulations to **Matthew Mackinnon** and **Sasha Cassidy** of **Rubicon Joeys** and **Toby Nolan** of **Exeter Joeys** for achieving this award.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you all for your support throughout the year and look forward to another busy year. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Look forward to catching up early in the New Year.

Wendy Granger,
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Cub Report

Merry Christmas. I hope that you all have had a fantastic year, and judging by what I have seen, and by what I have been told, there are some fantastic things happening in our Cub Packs out there in Tasmania. I hope that the Cub programmes that I have put together over the year have been useful to you, and, space permitting in the Newsletter, I hope that we can continue with these next year. Please let me know if there are any areas that you would like covered.

Here are a few things to finish up the year:

Southern Pathfinder Camp

Despite an unfortunate double booking of The Lea Camp site, the Cubs enjoyed a fantastic camp on the 1st weekend of November. There were 71 Cubs, 15 Patrol Leaders and 24 Leader/parents who attended, and they all participated in some great activities, such as setting up their own camp sites and cooking their own lunches, before moving onto Adventurous or Traditional Activity bases. I am still receiving the feedback forms, and so far they have all been very positive. Many thanks to Scout Leaders who helped the Cubs on Saturday morning, the Venturers who came and ran some of the Traditional Bases, and the Abseiling Team, who managed to put all 86 Cubs & Scouts down the wall on Sunday morning. Many thanks also to our Caterers, Security, Sub Camp chiefs and of course our overall Camp Chief, Chris Ballard for all his hard work as well.

2013 Cuboree

Now that all of the Pathfinder Camps have been run, our minds must now turn to the 2013 Cuboree, which will be held in the South of the State in October. Accordingly, I am now calling for an organising committee from the Southern Leaders, who can help to plan the Cuboree next year. If you are interested in assisting, we will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 5th December at 7pm at The Lea Training Centre, in the Seminar Room. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Cubs at the Regatta 2013

As this will be the 50th Anniversary of the Scout Guide Regatta, the Cubs have been invited to participate in the Celebrations, with a Regatta Taster on the Saturday. Accordingly, we will join in with the Opening Parade, before participating in some of our own events, such as a Water fight, Tug of War and Sand castles, and even our own Kayak event in the afternoon. All Cubs who attend, will receive a Regatta Badge and a pennant.

So that we don't miss out on anything on Saturday, the Cubs will be setting up their own Camp Site at the Snug School. Opening Parade will be at 10am, so we will need to start setting up camp at about 8.30 on the Saturday morning. We will then break camp at about 1pm on the Sunday. Costs are still to be decided, due to Catering and we will advise as soon as possible. There is no need for Cubs to complete the Regatta Registration Forms, but I will need TOPs 16 (Consent Form) & 16a (Health Form). I will send out a separate e-mail shortly confirming these details.

Grey Wolf Award

This months Grey Wolf recipients are: Heath Dimsey- Sandford, Lily Carroll- City of Devonport, and Jamie Willson- Derwent.

Active Cub Award 2012

This is the last month for me to receive your applications for the Active Cub Award for this year. Please complete and return the Application Form to me with your payment by no later than 15 December 2012. Badges are \$2.00 each.

Cub Report continued

Programme Ideas

Being Christmas, there are a lot of great ideas out there regarding Christmas Craft, but instead, I wanted to concentrate on another aspect of Christmas, and indeed, one of the areas of personal growth (AoPG) that is sometimes sadly overlooked, and that is spirituality or Duty to my God.

Therefore, in my programme this month I am talking about the Scouts Own. Please remember the following extract from the Leaders Manual.

- The policy of the Scout Movement, which includes members of many different forms of religious belief, is that all members should develop a relationship with the spiritual values of life, by adhering to spiritual principles, through loyalty to the religion that expresses them by acceptance of the duties resulting there from.
- The privilege of adult leadership carries with it the obligation of encouraging the spiritual growth of the Youth Members so that they may gain a deeper understanding of their duty to their God as they progress through the Movement.
- The growing spiritual relationship can be encouraged by the regular use of carefully selected, meaningful prayers/reflections for every day occasions.
- Members of a Scout Group, composed of adherents to various denominational religions, should be encouraged to attend the services of their own denominations.
- Leaders should ensure that a Scouts Own is held during any weekend activity, camp, hike or pack holiday. Such a function should be held at an appropriate time and not in competition with other events/activities (ie. avoid distractions).

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
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The Scout's Own

A "Scouts Own" is an inspirational time, usually built around a central theme, such as friendship, or an appreciation of the world around us. Just about any topic consistent with the principles and program goals of Scouting is appropriate. A "Scouts Own" can range from lively to sombre. The intent is generally serious, however, and usually reflective.

It is very hard to be prescriptive about a Cub Scouts' Own as they are intended, by definition, to be personal; however, if you can get the Cubs to become a little more aware about themselves, the world around them, the role of Scouting and God, then you should be well on the way.

Suggestions:

- Avoid prayers with "thee's" and "thou's" in them – If you don't know what they mean, you cannot expect Cubs to understand them.
- try not to be hypocritical - they will follow your actions much more than your words
- Keep the formalities for church - make this casual, inviting and enjoyable
- Use action songs rather than hymns, They get the blood flowing and reinforce that listening to God is fun
- Avoid preaching - this is Scout's Own, not sinners conversion.

A Simple format for a Scouts Own could be as follows:

Opening Prayer

Opening Song

Yarn or teaching

Reflection

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Try telling a yarn while Cubs have their eyes shut (keep it short - don't want them to fall asleep)

Tell a joke (relevant to the focus of your talk of course)

Avoid talking in the context of one religion, talk about the generic God instead.

Use Sunday School songs or Christmas carols rather than Church Hymns - Cubs are more likely to know and remember them

Baden-Powell yarns are useful.

Here are some useful items to use in a Scouts Own:

Opening Blessing

Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city, and the heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow where mention of God has been made and His praise glorified.

From Baha'i Writings

Closing Thought

This may be the end of our Scouts Own. This is the beginning of a brand new day. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place what I have traded for it.

I want it to be gain - not loss, good - not evil, success - not failure, so that I shall never regret the price I paid for today.

From Cub Scout Expo 2001

"Amen"

What does "Amen" mean? It means "So be it", coming from the Hebrew for "certainty". Think of it like "I agree".

When you pray, or hear a prayer, and say "Amen" at the end, you are agreeing with the prayer and accepting that what has been requested to happen.

Don't let the world get you down

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

Finally he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbours to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well.

At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw.

With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbours continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up!

God can only help those who help themselves

There was once a woman, Jenny, who was down on her money, she had none left and if she didn't find some money by the weekend, she would not be able to pay her bills. She prayed to God: "Please God, let me win the Lotto".

She checked the Lotto results and nothing happened. She prayed again "Please God, let me win the Lotto so I can pay my bills".

Next day she checked the Lotto results, but still she hadn't won.

She prayed again, "Please God, let me win the Lotto, I have many bills to pay and not enough money". She said amen and suddenly a loud booming voice responded "Jenny, work with me on this, buy a lotto ticket".

What you give is what you deserve

A very wealthy man employed a carpenter for 20 years and one day the man said to the carpenter "I am going on an overseas trip. I will be away for 3 months. While I'm away, I want you to build for me the biggest and finest house you can - include everything - spa, swimming pool - don't spare the expense." The man gave the carpenter a pile of money and left for overseas.

The carpenter, who was getting close to retiring, thought to himself - I will build this house for him, from the outside it will look good, but I will cut some corners and be able to keep some money for myself. So he used second grade timber, cut reinforcing out of the slab, and used every trick in the book. Soon the house was finished - from the outside it looked first class but the carpenter knew what was hidden behind those walls.

The next day the carpenter went to the airport to pick up his employer. "Did you finish the house?"

"Yes I did" said the carpenter.

"Take me to it - I must see it". When they arrived, the man looked at the big house in its landscaped gardens with paths and big swimming pool. "Beautiful!" he said. Only the carpenter knew what was hidden behind those walls. The employer then turned to the carpenter and said "For twenty years you have worked for me with no complaints, you have been faithful and loyal. I have a wonderful surprise for you."

Handing the keys to the carpenter, he said "The house is yours".

Song Suggestions

Kum Ba Yah
It's a Small World
If You're Happy and you Know it
All Thing Bright & Beautiful
I've Got that BP Feeling
The Crest of the Wave
Father Abraham
23rd Psalm



Scout Report

STOP PRESS

1st/2nd Ulverstone take out Clark Trophy 2012.

20 Patrols took part in CT2012 at Fulton Park on the weekend 24th – 25th November.

About 125 Scouts and 50 Leaders took part and we were treated to a magnificently prepared Campsite which did justice to a very high standard Camp.

It was great to see the standard of Dining Shelter being so good this year, and it was just as well because in typical CT weather we got our share of rain on the Saturday afternoon and all were able to keep the Patrols dry while they prepared their home made soup, meat and vegies casserole and "flour and fruit" dessert.

The meal judges certainly dined well that evening, followed up by scrambled eggs and bacon for breakfast on Sunday; they all volunteered for judging again next year.

Well done to all the cooks.

1st/2nd Ulverstone scored the most points across the areas of Camping, Cooking, Hygiene, Challenges and Point to Point, followed closely by Lindisfarne, with Sandford taking 3rd place. Sandford was the highest scoring Patrol for Point to Point.

Many thanks to Allan Dolbey, Helen Ball and their awesome Mersey District Team and the Leaders and parents who turned up to assist in making it such a great success.

Only a bit over a month and AJ2013 will be here....Wow.

Phil Harper
Branch Commissioner Scouts



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Time is running out to register your Troop/Unit for the Regatta. The deadline is 13 December. For more information please go to the Scout web page, to previous newsletters or email me at regatta@tas.scouts.com.au.

Remember:

you will need parent help at the Regatta

for Troops/Units who have registered and wish to increase their numbers after 13 December, do so by using the Additional entry form.

Stop press: To help build excitement, encourage your youth members and parents to watch the YouTube video. Go to the Scout web site and follow the links.

Lyn Muir



Venturer Report

As the year winds to a close, it's a good chance for reflection. This time last year our state was gearing up for WildDayz, then after a very successful event and start to the year we slowly recovered. By the time you read this, TV2012 will be over and done and then it's time to look to 2013.

We start the year with Teniswood on the 22-24 February and for the first time I can say "It should not snow and we should not experience the normal frosty mornings – YAY!"

However, have a think about the heat (make sure to pack your hat and sunscreen), maybe buy, find or borrow some gaiters. Because when we sat down and thought about the risks, we came up with heat, fire and snakes. Other than that prepare for a party – because it's BP's birthday, so it would only be fair for us to celebrate it, now wouldn't it?

So my final thoughts for 2012; Thank you! Thank you for supporting, helping and participating in the Venturer Program. Thank you for coming along to Wild Dayz and helping us show off our great state to the rest of Australia – you've done us proud.

I wish you and your families a magical Christmas and New Year with lots of laughs and I look forward to catching up in 2013.

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Rover Report



Rover Activities
All Rover Crews appear to have been in a little bit of a lull this month for uni exams after the busy month of October. Things should start ramping up again before the Christmas break, with most Crews having Christmas dinners to finish off the year.

New Website

A reminder that Tasmanian Rovers has a new website, 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.

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International Report

Attention: Rovers and Young Leaders. Through the Australian Youth Ambassador for Development Program (AYAD) there is an opportunity for a Rover or young Leader (18-30 years) from Scouts Australia (or elsewhere) to work with the Fiji Scout Association to develop Scouting in that country. The 12 month assignment is expected to be advertised on the AusAID website on Saturday 1 December, with applications expected to be due on Friday 21 December (including references). The assignment is likely to be advertised in the AYAD-Timor-Leste category, as "Youth Program Development Officer".

The assignment includes:

- develop and implement a plan to extend Scouting to the broader Fijian community (i.e. beyond school based Scouting)
- develop a robust membership and registration system, drawing on the template provided by the Asia Pacific Region Office of World Scouting, and
- develop strategies to attract and retain more Youth in Scouting.

Whilst the opportunity will be available to all young people (18-30 year old) across Australia, I would encourage our own Rovers and young Leaders to apply for this unique opportunity. Note that, as there is expected to be tough competition, I would encourage our interested Rovers and young Leaders to familiarise themselves with the detailed application form, and to start organising their referees, etc.

For full details of the program, go to <http://www.ayad.com.au/about-ayad/what-is-ayad>. Applicants can contact the International Office should they require any assistance. Neville Tomkins <int.comm@scouts.com.au>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

RISGO CENTENNIAL JAMBOREE, SRI LANKA 17th – 23rd FEBRUARY 2013

The Sri Lankan Scout Association, the organising team of the RISGO Centennial Jamboree and Scouts Australia have extended an extraordinary scholarship opportunity to two Youth members and one Adult Leader of Scouts Australia.

This scholarship covers the airfares, jamboree fees (including food, accommodation, activities) and ground transportation for two youth members and one adult leader of Scouts Australia to attend the RISGO Centennial Jamboree in Kandy, Sri Lanka from 17th – 23rd February 2013, with additional home hospitality available. All additional costs must be borne by the scholarship holders.

The RISGO Centennial Jamboree is a celebration of Sri Lankan Scouting and activities will be centred on the theme of "Towards Global Leadership". The Jamboree will be held at a Scout camp called Lake View Park which is modelled on the famous Gilwell Park in London.

More information about the event is available on the website: <http://www.risgo.info/>

Scouts Australia is now accepting applications for this scholarship. Applicants must meet the following selection criteria:

Youth members must be aged between 14 and 18 at the time of the event, and adult Leaders must be over 18 and hold a Wood Badge. All applicants must be registered members of Scouts Australia.

International Report continued

An outstanding ambassador of Scouts Australia, able to promote Scouting as an organisation that is focused "Towards Global Leadership," representative of a wide range of Scouting experiences.

Available for the duration of the event, as well as for a small period before and after to undertake home hospitality.

Scouts Australia operates a merit based selection process where applicants are required to establish their claims against the selection criteria above in the questions on the application Form.

Applicants must complete the application form and forward it to the International Commissioner, Neville Tomkins by 5th December 2012. Please contact Fiona Pearson for application form contact details below.

Saturday 1 December we will see not one, but two, young Leaders from Scouts Australia start work at the iconic Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC), Switzerland, as long-term employees.

David Langron, a Rover/Venturer Leader from 1st Berowra Scout Group, NSW Branch, will be engaged as a High Adventure Assistant for 3 months, followed by a 9 month stint as Assistant Program Director. Last year, David spent 3 months volunteering as a short-term staff member (Pinkie) at KISC.

A Victorian Rover, Lisa Picking, has also been appointed as a long-term staff member to KISC. She will be a Reception Assistant for 12 months, also starting on 1 December. Lisa was Australia's Contingent Leader to the New Zealand Moot earlier this year, and showed tremendous skill and obvious commitment. She holds the Baden Powell Scout Award, and the Gold, Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

I hope you will all join me in wishing David and Lisa all the very best in their new roles.

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>

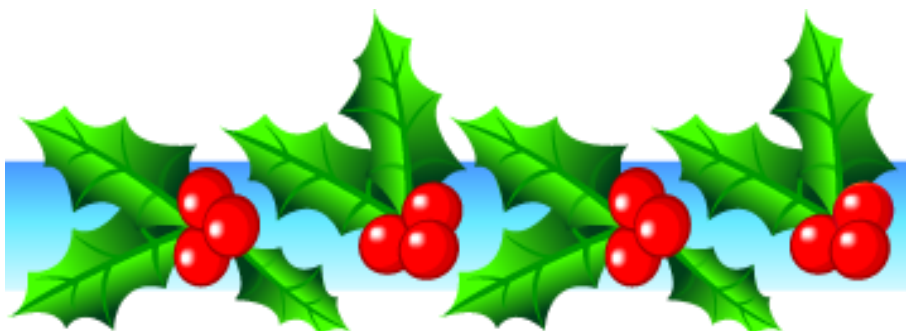
If you have any questions, queries, just curious, or would like a chat, please contact me.

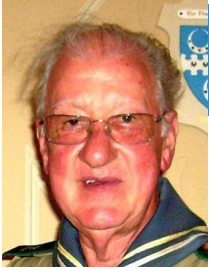
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GRANTS REPORT

I was delighted to get the results of the VG2012 Grant, Dept of FHCSIA, before I had a break in Queensland visiting my family. What a success it was and congratulations to 17 Groups/Branch and campsites, out of 24 applicants, receiving \$62,490. Of the 24 some were re-submitted from last year who did not succeed.

My thanks again to Jeanette Tremayne, in conjunction with Chief Mike, who submitted 8 applications with 4 successes one of which was the newly formed Flinders Is. Group. Using the template I prepared made applying easier for all concerned as they all came under the "sponsorship" of the not-for-profit organisation (BHQ) and using their ABN and Bank details. As I was away I could not explain to groups how to deal with the Letter of Offer and the problem was compounded by an email response first! As bank details were at BHQ I informed everyone when applying that the money, if successful, would go to Branch and the offer signed by them. You should by now have received details from BHQ re the process to access the funds. There were 6 TCF applications, 4 over \$10,000, and the results should not be far away and we hope to get some successes with these. There are a few other grant applications in the pipeline with results expected before Christmas & I hope a nice surprise for those that applied!

The "**Top 10 Tips for getting Grants**" is almost completed & I will send this out through BHQ which should help planning for next year. **A reminder that the TCF Grant R26 opens in February next (wholly on line); the Sport & Rec. Minor Grant, Round 3 (\$500 - \$10,000) closes 27th March and the Major Grant (\$15,000 - \$80,000) closes 4th February 2013 (applicants are expected to contribute at least half of the project funding).**

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 December Grants info has just been received and relevant info has/will be sent out through BHQ before close of the year.

Finally, a big thank you to all the Groups who applied for grants over the past 12 months and more importantly contacting me first (most of them!) before applying!! It's good to get feedback, both online and verbal, and makes my task easier setting up great rapport with applicants resulting sometimes in a chance to meet them face to face.

My grateful thanks again, to both Jeannette and Marion who do a marvellous job in keeping tabs on grant deeds, sorting out invoices, paying out grant money and many more tasks that go on behind the scenes that many are not aware of as well as putting up with me! Thank you Nigel for keeping in touch constantly always with good advice and a chat when I need it.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and all the best for 2013. I look forward to working with you again next year so that we can achieve further success with Grant applications which will assist our young people get quality Scouting.

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Fellowship Report

SCOUTING ON THE MOVE:

It never ceases to amaze me where Scouting types turn up. Having returned recently from a rather long journey through Egypt, Turkey, Israel, also Singapore with the Australian Light Horse commemorative peace ride to Re-Charge Beer-sheba – currently in the news for less conspicuous reasons - it was great to rub

shoulders with adults who were past Scouts.

I found we could converse and understand on like-kind issues, much more easily than with some other fellow travellers who were unaccustomed to this exposure. This was borne out at an International basis with respect to cultures, food, traditions, friendships, etc. which are taught to our Youth members from a young age.

Line Leaders should sleep well and rest assured their training with the Youth of today is not wasted. Our values which Scouting holds firm live on long afterwards into adulthood.

23rd AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE:

A number of our Fellowship members will be journeying up to Maryborough, Queensland early January 2013, in support roles as Activity Leaders, staying in the Retreat campsite. Jamborees are always the pinnacle of any Scouts' career. I must admit, having missed only two National Jamborees since the 8th National Jamboree in 1967, I have developed that lovable disease, "Jamboreeitis", now on the cusp of my 14th such experience. At that "Dawn Of Friendship" little was I to realise that it was to become a form of lifestyle - now it's back to Queensland for their fourth hosting with a National Jamboree. No doubt from within the Tassie Jamboree Troops and Venturers attending, their Leadership and fun experiences gained will spill over to benefit them as future community citizens.

NEXT FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY:




Already we have had some Fellowship members indicate their support for the 50th Tasmanian Regatta in March next year with the Scout Heritage Centre historic display. Basically, it just requires display manning for the Regatta, not a great deal of organising to boot. To spread the load so we can all join in, I would like to have several more Fellowship members available on that weekend to provide staffing.

If you are available even for a short time, or even if just visiting for an hour or two, or maybe half a day, full days, or whatever I would appreciate if you could *please contact me direct at 6243 1500 (home)* with your availability so we can arrange for the event. This is not an onerous task, it's a good days outing, always a bit of fun as well.

Wishing a Safe and Happy Christmas & New Year to you all,

Tony Peck
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			<p>ROBERT EVANS (ROBBIE)</p> <p>31/1/1943—24/11/12</p> <p>Robbie was a Scout Leader with Kingston Sea Scouts for 16 years. A wealth of knowledge which he freely offered. He will be sadly missed.</p>
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Save The Devil Fund

2012 has been a busy year for the Scouting partnership with the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal Program as opportunities both planned and incidental have come up. Our latest effort was to support Jade Child to achieve the Guinness World Book of Records attempt for the longest net session. Jade raised over \$1650 with the support of local Scout Groups and a cheque was handed over to the appeal.

The success of the partnership has been reliant on the Youth members and Leaders of the Groups statewide and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for their efforts and support over the year. Thanks especially to those who stepped in at short notice when I was unwell.

Planning for next year has begun for a major fundraiser for the Appeal in conjunction with Threatened Species Day. If you would like to be involved please contact Nigel Clutterbuck or myself or provide contact information to Branch and I will contact you.

If you know of a young person or a group of young people who would like to be the face of our partnership please encourage them and let me know.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year

Mary Landers
Special Project Commissioner



Members of Scouts Tasmania in the North and South together with their families have once again shown support by participating in McHappy Day held on 10 November.

I enjoyed my visit to the Northwest Coast.

Devonport and Spreyton Groups welcomed the public with their archway and information stand and received appreciative comments at the drive thru at McDonald's Devonport.

A visitor to McDonald's on the day has offered Ron Davey and Jan Tuxworth a stall site on the waterfront at Devonport from December for the Summer Festival Market – well done.

Penguin, Turners Beach and North Motton Groups were looked after by Pam French and her team of adult helpers at Ulverstone McDonald's. The face painting area was well patronised by the public and Scout members.

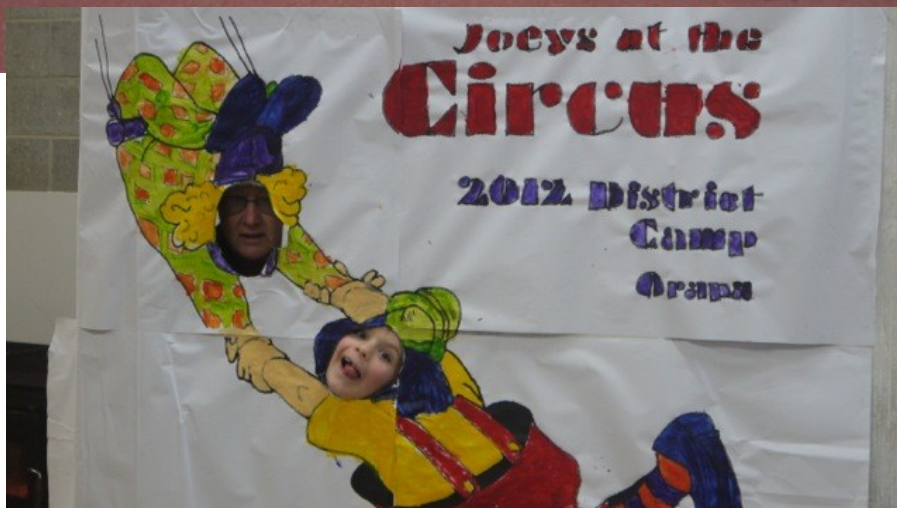
Hellyer District had magnificent weather as their services for McHappy Day was done outside washing cars. Adult and Youth members washed approximately 70 cars during the day. Fantastic outcome.

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McHappy Day North West Coast



Joey Scout Southern Region Sleepover



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Joey Scouts from all around Southern Tasmania went to Orana in Lauderdale for a 'Circus' sleepover.

The six- and seven-year-olds arrived with their parents before lunch on Saturday 28 July, one of the wettest weekends of the year.

After settling in, 'Ringmaster' and Clarence District Leader, Caroline Corrigan, led the 58 Joey Scouts and their parents in the Opening Ceremony snake.

Over Saturday afternoon, the Joeys participated in twelve different circus-themed activities, such as: making juggling balls and clown masks, tightrope walking, hula hoops, and jelly eating.

A break from the rain allowed the Joeys to tackle the adventure obstacle course, climbing over and under a variety of obstacles.

Before dinner the Joeys played Monkey Madness, where they had to find the 20 circus monkeys, drawn on cardboard by the parents, that had escaped and hidden around the oval at Orana.

The parents prepared a fabulous feast for dinner, which was followed by ice cream cones decorated with the Joeys' choice of lollies for dessert.

The rain returned shortly after dinner, so the campfire singing ably led by Platypus, Jenni Pyefinch, was held indoors.

The hit of the night was "The Baby Shark Song," which had all of the Joeys and their parents joining in with much gusto.

Joeys watched the Disney classic *Dumbo*, before heading off to bed for a sound night's sleep.

They started next day with a great breakfast, packed up their sleeping bags, before having a go at more activities, such as, ten-pin bowling, fishing, popcorn panic, and horse shoe throwing.

Scouts' Own was held indoors due to the bad weather.

It cleared enough for the Joeys and their parents to head to the nearby beach to build some creative sandcastles, and to make a Joey sign.

All of the Joeys received a Show Bag, including their badge, at Closing Parade.

Everyone went home before lunch after a fun weekend.



2013-Training Calendar

Course	Date	Closing	Location	Course Leader
Training Team Meeting	3 rd February		TBA	G. Harwood
Basic Kayaking	16 th - 17 th February	27 th Jan	South +North	D. Chalk
First Aid Update	15 th March	22 nd Feb	Moonah	M. Jacobson
First Aid	16 th March	22 nd Feb	Moonah	M. Jacobson
Adventurous Activities (AA) - Common Core	23 rd March	1 st Mar	The Lea	D. Chalk
TAEDEL301A (for AA)	24 th March	1 st Mar		M. Wilson
Basic Sectional Techniques (all sections-subject to min numbers)	13 th – 14 th April	22 nd Mar	The Lea	G. Harwood
Basic Abseiling	20 th – 21 st April	28 th Mar	South	D. Chalk
Basic Seamanship	19 th – 21 st April	28 th Mar	South	A. Reavell
Seamanship Update	19 th – 21 st April	28 th Mar	South	A. Reavell
Advanced Abseiling W'end 1	4 th – 5 th May	12 th April	TBA	T. McDonald
Nat Adventurous Activities and Training Committee Meeting	18 th May		Adelaide	
Advanced Abseiling W'end 2	25 th – 26 th May	12 th April	TBA	T. McDonald
Training Team Conference	1 st – 2 nd June		The Lea	G. Harwood
First Aid Update	14 th June	9 th May	TBA	M. Jacobson
First Aid	15 th June	9 th May	TBA	M. Jacobson
Youth helpers	20 th 21 st June	28 th June	TBA	
Advanced bush walking	27 th 28 th June	5 th July	BP Lodge	D. Chalk
Woodbadge 1 J/C/S/V/R/LoA	30 th August – 1 st Septem-	9 th Aug	The Lea	G. Harwood
Basic White Water Rafting Course (Rovers)	13 th – 15 th September		TBA	D. Chalk
Basic Seamanship Course + update	12 th – 13 th October	20 th Sept	South	A. Reavell
Gilwell Reunion	5 th October		TBA	
Basic Sectional Techniques all sections	26 th – 27 th October	4 th Oct	The Lea	G. Harwood
First Aid Update	1 st November	11 th Oct	South	M. Jacobson
First Aid	2 nd November	11 th Oct	South	M. Jacobson
Wood Badge 2 J/C/S/V/R/LoA	9 th – 10 th November	9 th Aug	The Lea	G. Harwood
Basic Flat Water Kayaking	16 th November	25 th Oct	South	D. Chalk
Training Team Meeting	17 th November		Ross	G. Harwood

LOA=Leader of Adults = all Commissioners, District Leaders, Group Leaders

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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.



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