

# Be Prepared ... for new Adventure

Tasmanian views, news and events

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New Leader for St. Helen's Group Stephen Yam (China Mug) being Invested. Welcome back.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have made changes to the Youth Membership Form (TOP 13) and Adult Member Application Form (TOP1) due to the new database "MY SCOUT".

Tasmanian Police have also made changes to the Police Check Form which now requires 100 points. For further information talk to your Group Leader or District Commissioner.

More information on page 15

**PLEASE DO NOT USE OLD FORMS.**



## *Chief Commissioner's Report*

Hopefully you have all had a good break over Christmas and you are ready for a great New Year. Well done all those Leaders who made the time to hold activities and camps over the holidays and stayed in touch with their Youth members.

BHQ has been a hive of activity almost all of January with the introduction of My Scout being a major time consumer for Jeannette and Marion. Jeannette will advise the web address details once everything is up and running. Chris Wise in South Australia (many of you met him when he took the Roadshow around the State in November) has been a great help and the whole system is close to fully operational. Group Leaders will be given Training in how to use Tas Myscout this Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb at their meeting in Campbell Town. Every Leader is reminded that many of our basic forms including Youth Registrations and Leader Registrations have changed to suit the new format. Please check your forms with your Group Leader or on the Tas Scout web page and don't use out of date versions.

In December I talked about the National Youth Program Committee which has just launched its new web page to get Scouting all around the country involved in providing ideas on what changes are needed to Scouting. If you want your say get on line and find the link on the home page of the National website to the YPR website ([www.ypr.scouts.com.au](http://www.ypr.scouts.com.au)). It is inevitable that there will be changes put forward so make sure you have your say about what form they take.

There are a couple of new Branch appointments to announce. The new Branch Commissioner for Joeys is Sue Cooper from Burnie. She has been a very successful Joey Leader and has been very active in State events so she will quickly slot into the role. Our thanks go to Wendy Granger for her great six years BC Joeys. Phil Harper, the BC Scouts, has had his term extended for a further three years. Phil has been very active in this role and still has lots of new ideas and plans for the Scout section. Phil has also accepted the additional role of Chairman of The Lea Board of Management. Contingent Leader for AJ16 at Cataract Park will be another old hand known to you all, Geoff Reynolds. Impossible as it seems, plans are already well underway for AJ16 because it is now less than two years away. All three people are attending Saturday's meeting in Campbell Town. Members of the Fellowship should note that the new PC Fellowship is Harry Quick and his contact email is—[hqsctf@gmail.com](mailto:hqsctf@gmail.com) See page 11

As we near the end of the Scout financial year it is timely to remind all section Leaders and Group Leaders that you are expected to arrange and have audited all bank accounts held by Scout Groups and sections. Group Treasurers have been invited to this Saturdays meeting so that we can explain what is required. Group Accounts should be audited by someone with at least one degree of separation from the Group and Section accounts should be audited by the Group Leader or someone else they nominate. This is not negotiable. These books along with all relevant receipts and deposits must be made available on request. Group Reports must be forwarded to District Commissioners and to Jeannette at BHQ. This is not as difficult as some people seem to think. If you are having difficulties getting books done talk to Jeannette or your DC and get some help. Groups that fail to do this are being followed up.

I am looking forward to 2014 being a very productive year. Membership numbers are up and there are new projects going on all around the State. Please let me know if you have any special activities planned and if I can I will join in.

**Mike Patten**  
Chief Commissioner

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# Joey Report

Welcome to the 2014 Scouting year, and my first report as I take over the role of Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts. I hope you have all had an enjoyable break and are now energised for another successful year in the Joey Scout section.

I would like to say a huge thank you, on behalf of all in our section, to Wendy Granger for everything you have done over the last six years while holding the position of Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts. Well done!

## Promise Challenge Awards

Congratulations to **Jamey Irwin – Spreyton Joeys, Samuel Collins – Mount Faulkner and Emily Cowen – Burnie** for achieving this special award at the end of last year.

## Commissioner's Challenge 2014

Details of the requirements for this award have already been distributed but please contact me if you need a copy. The badges have arrived and look good so make sure you include plenty of the eligible activities into your term programs to give your Joey Scouts (and yourselves!) plenty of opportunities to earn this badge.

## Friendfinder Badge

A reminder that Youth members can earn these each year by encouraging their friends along to join in the Scouting fun and adventures. If you haven't held a 'Bring a Friend' night in your Mob for awhile, doing so for one of your first Mob meetings of this term can be a great way to start off the year.

## Upcoming Branch events ...

**Joey Scout Branch Council Meeting: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at the Town Hall, Campbell Town**

**Basic Sectional Techniques Training Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at The Lea.** Those who wish to attend this course need to make sure their applications are in well before the closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**Regional Joey Scout Events 2014** To be held on a minerals and mining theme 'Rock & Roll'.

**North- West—Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March** venue to be advised.

**North—Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at Scout Island**

To be held in conjunction with the Launceston & Tamar District Event.

**South- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September at the top of The Lea / Storm Hut.**

**Lenah Hop 2014: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Paton Park Scout Camp, near Ulverstone**

The theme this year is "Joey Scouts – Making Connections" and includes an elective on 'Effective Communication'. Registrations need to be in by 15<sup>th</sup> April – the registration form is in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all at one or another of these events over the coming months.

**Sue Cooper**

**Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts**

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## Cub Report

Welcome back for 2014. I hope you are all well rested and are looking forward to another fantastic year. I have said this before and I will continue to say it, without you (the Leaders), Cubs would not happen. But we still need the Cubs to be enjoying themselves, and to do this, we have to provide them with quality programing. Your 2014 planning should be well advanced by now, however if you are having trouble, I have revived (and updated) an article that I wrote 2 years ago on planning, which hopefully will assist you. We are in the middle of Daylight savings. Are you planning on being out and about in the community this year?

### Scout/Guide Regatta Cub Taster 2014

A number of people have asked me if we will be doing a Regatta Taster this year for the Cubs. The answer is of course - yes we will be. We will be going back to the original format for this event, and only attending the Saturday only. We will be meeting at the oval at 10.30am on the Saturday morning for the Opening Parade, and finishing at approximately 5pm that afternoon. Cubs will be predominantly involved in their own activities, however, we will also be participating in some of the Regatta events, such as the greasy pole, the come & try Kayaking and boot toss. Cubs are asked to bring their own lunches. There may also be a small charge to cover equipment costs, but I will advise this next month and it can be paid on the day if required. Please come dressed in Full Uniform for the opening parade, but be prepared to get wet during the day. The Cub person in charge for the day will be Jo Maddock from Sandford and I thank her for her assistance.

### Palaver 2014

Due to a clash of dates with the National Training Team, we are no longer able to use The Lea so this years Palaver will now be held at the Orana Guide Camp (Seven Mile Beach) from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 (please note that we have booked the Friday night as well for those wishing to come down early). Cost, times and more information will be available next month, but please note these dates in your diaries.

### Active Cub Award 2013

If there are any final requests for the Active Cub Award for 2013, please let me know immediately.

### Grey Wolf Award

This months Grey Wolf recipients are: Faith Bartlett and Noah McBrien from Mt Stuart, Beau Malkin from Riverside, Benjamin Champion from 1st 2nd Ulverstone, Xavier Bates from 4th Launceston, Georgia Hallam from Penguin and Sam O'Doherty from Glenorchy.

### Program Ideas

By now you would all have realised that I am a great believer in programing, and it is the main reason why I started to include these program ideas for everyone to share. A more important activity could not be found. Accordingly, as mentioned above, this months attachment on page 16 is all about Programing.

Don't forget however, that you can find a lot of Program ideas on Scouts Central ([www.central.scouts.com.au](http://www.central.scouts.com.au)). If you need help getting access, 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, program ideas, or any other suggestions you have for inclusion in the Newsletter. Good Hunting.

**Terry Bryan**

**Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts**

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# *Mariner's Trophy*

## **Mariners Trophy 2014**

**St Helens**

**12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

The 2014 Mariners Trophy Competition will be held on St Georges Bay at St Helens .

Crews would be expected to arrive Friday evening the 11th April. Camping will be at the St Helens Guide Camp Site Argonaut Road St Helens and the camping fee will be **\$7.50 per person per night**.

The event will be self-catered for .

Competition entry cost \$35.00 per Crew.

### **Crew information.**

Crews: 1 Coxswain and 6 Crew members. This is not to discourage Crews with lesser members as other Groups may have spare members and composite crews are welcome.

The competition is run in 2 sections Senior and Novice sections .

The opportunity for observer crews exists for crews with little experience. These crews would be coxed by an experienced helmsperson .

### **Entries close 4/4/2014**

Please forward entries / expressions of interest to

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# *Training Report*

Welcome back to a new Scouting year, filled with challenges, training and FUN!

I am waiting on confirmation from St John as to how First Aid Training will be made available to Scouts Tasmania Leaders this year. Scouts Australia has an agreement with St John but we do need clarification for anyone approaching St John in Tasmania to ensure there are no misunderstandings or hiccups. I am hopeful I can confirm this in the next Newsletter.

While there will be some changes to the Training that is delivered this year, due to changes in the requirements for both the Certificate 3 and Certificate 4 and the greater availability for electives in the on-line Training environment, please be assured that we are focussing on even greater emphasis on practical skills and reinforcing the OUT in ScOUTing.

The Training Team is looking forward to meeting many new Leaders at the Basic Training weekend on the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please make sure you have completed a TOPS 7 and had it signed by your Group Leader well in advance of the closing date on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Geraldine Harwood**

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## Venturer Report

Welcome back to Scouts – here's hoping that 2014 is a great year for Tasmanian Venturers.

### Regatta

Be prepared this year to help transport your Unit to the entertainment. This year the Groups will be split up and going bare foot bowling (along with some other activities). The remainder of the Group will have entertainment options back at camp.

### AV2015 (Heaps Good) 16<sup>th</sup> Australian Venture

We have set up our contingent fee. It actually contains a pre-tour (as this was around the same value as flying). We'll be setting off on the Spirit on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December, having a day/night of fun in Melbourne. Then on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December we hit the Great Ocean Rd. We are planning to arrive in Adelaide on New Years Day. On the way home we have an overnight stay around Ballarat area.

Venture Fee:	\$1,040	(Leader: \$730)
Contingent Fee:	\$1,100	

I'm in the process of putting together an information pack, which I hope to email out to all eligible Youth members.

### Queens Scout Awards

Reminder that the close off for this year's presentation is at the Regatta.

### Maritime Challenge - 29-30<sup>th</sup> March (South)

Information should be out for this event shortly.

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

**Donna McDermott**

**Branch Commissioner Venturers**

## Branch Registration fees for 2014/2015

The fees are from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, as recommended at the November Meeting of the Business and Finance and approved by the Branch Executive Committee.

	Youth	Leaders	Fellowship	Adult Supporters
2014/2015	\$120	\$96	\$48	\$24

The Adult Supporter fee will rise to the same as Fellowship the following year.





## International Report

Welcome to another exciting year for Scouting. I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year break. I hope everybody who attended Scouting events during the holiday season had a fantastic time. I approved lots of International passports and I know we had Tasmanian Scouts attending all sorts of International Scouting events including the 20<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Jamboree over the holiday period.

Congratulations to Taliha Siddall who received the International Explorer Award for attending the ARP Youth Conference and completing the associated requirements to earn the award.

The Tasmanian Mascot exchange story (which has been mentioned before in my newsletter reports) is now on the worldwide Messages of Peace database in the Scouts Australia section. 1st Spreyton Joey Scout Mob from Australia has a unique connection with the 1<sup>st</sup> Yardley Gobion Beaver Scouts and the 12<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Beaver Scouts from England. The unique connection was started when they became Pen Pals through their National Scout Organisations, and they have continued the friendship also through JOTI. Well done to Kath Milburn and 1<sup>st</sup> Spreyton Joey Mob. Read more <https://www.facebook.com/JoeyAndJoseysHoppingGoodFunTourOfEngland?ref=hl>

23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree July – August 2015 – Currently Tasmania has 5 applicants registered to attend the World Scout Jamboree. The Lord Baden Powell Society has some grant money available to Tasmanian applicants received before 7 April 2014. Use TOPS 24 Grant for Tas Scouts 2013 or contact Fiona as listed below. To attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Jamboree - Applications must be submitted online, have deposits paid, and required recommendations completed before 31 March 2014!

Hurry for this one - Fiji National Jamboree. Applications close 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Full details are not yet available for this event, however we have suggested an order of costs around \$2000 - \$2200 per contingent member would be an appropriate figure to advise interested scouts and leaders at this time. This will vary dependent on the location from within Australia the applicant resides from. For more details contact Phil Cornish National Contingent Leader Fiji Jamboree [fiji.contingent@sa.scouts.com.au](mailto:fiji.contingent@sa.scouts.com.au)

Look at [www.international.scouts.com.au](http://www.international.scouts.com.au) for more events and details.

Date	Event	Country	Age Range	Applications	Contingent Leader/Web
August 2014	<b>Fiji National Jamboree</b>	Fiji			Phil Cornish (SA)
April 2015	<b>ANZAC Centenary Celebrations</b>	Turkey			Attila Ovari (ACT)
July-August 2015	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> World Scout Jamboree</b>	Kirara-hama Japan	14-17 year olds + adult Leaders/ IST	NOW OPEN! Contingent Website	Aaron Wardle (NSW)

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## *Branch Youth Program*

I am very pleased to announce that Sophie Taylor from Cremorne is the newest member of the Branch Youth Council. Other members are -

Sophie Allwright  
Tahlia Siddall  
Narelle Ball  
Tahni Champion-Peakman  
Erastus Dover  
Emily Ezzy  
Emma Roberts

Sophie and Tahlia are members of the National Youth Council and are therefore automatically members of the BYC.

This year the National Youth Council Executive is going to work very closely with the Chairs of Branch Youth Councils to provide support and to give BYC's an idea of what happens with the National Youth Body. In order to do this all BYC Chairs from across Australia are meeting in Sydney in April with the NYC Executive. Narelle Ball is taking on the role of the BYC Chair this year, so Narelle and I will be travelling to Sydney for the weekend.

The first meeting of the BYC will be at the Scout/Guide Regatta in March. We 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.

If you have any Youth members in your Troop, Unit or Crew who are interested in joining the BYC, please contact me and I'll send out the information package and application form.

In mid-year the BYC will again be assisting with the running of Youthfest. This was run very successfully in June 2013. The BYC will be looking at this event at their first meeting. Please read my articles every month in the newsletter to make sure that you are aware of Branch Youth events which are coming up.

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## *Gang Show Report*

Happy New Year to everyone and I trust all are looking forward to another year of great activities for the Youth. When programming it is important to get dates set early and it is with this in mind that I encourage Leaders to include Hobart Gang Show in their program of activities for the year. I'm not sure how many realized the error I made in my December report with the dates, but this was because of a number of difficulties being faced with getting a date set. Please disregard the dates written in my December report and program in for third term attendance at one of the performances of Hobart Gang Show which will open at Hobart College, Mt. Nelson Theatre at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2014. Other performances are – 7.30 p.m. on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August, plus a matinee at 2.00 p.m. on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Of course there can't be a Show without cast and crew ... so if anyone aged 11 or older is interested in being part of the cast – auditions will be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April and rehearsals commence on 10<sup>th</sup> May. If being on stage is not your thing, there are plenty of other opportunities to be involved. Myself or Alec Reavell would love to hear from Leaders, Parents or Venturer/Ranger aged Youth interested in being involved in set/scenery construction and painting. This would be a wonderful opportunity for those working on their Queens Scout or Queens Guide Award.

At the time of writing this report it is 5 days away from a workshop where sets and costume design ideas are to be discussed along with selecting music for the Show. I wonder what will be the main commercial piece of music for this year? This year a small group of our Youth will also be writing their first piece of music for the Show. Script writers are currently writing the script.

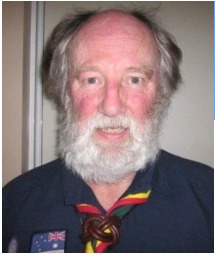
Now, don't forget to put Hobart Gang Show dates in your calendar and come along to one performance (or more) and see what a fantastic job the Youth members are doing in so many areas of theatre and theatre production.

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**Project Commissioner Gang Show**  
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## *Marketing Report*

We will soon be refreshing stocks of marketing material : I will keep you posted.  
As always contact me on 0438735275 or [nigel@ancatas.com.au](mailto:nigel@ancatas.com.au) : If I can help in any way.

**Nigel Clutterbuck**  
**Marketing Chairperson.**



## *Adventurous Activities*

Welcome back to all Leaders for 2014 which hopefully will be full of adventure and fun for both Leaders and Youth Members.

I trust that everybody has had a good break over Christmas and the school holidays and are suitably relaxed and prepared for the coming year. I am sure that the Training Program planned for 2014 together with the individual Group programs will present good opportunities for learning and development for everybody.

As at the time of writing, there has been no report back from the participants of the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Adventurous Activities School in NSW in mid-January, but I am sure that the event went well and we will be informed of the out-comes in due course.

As from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2014, new regulations were introduced by the State Government through MAST regarding Lightweight Crafts , PWC (jet skis) and owners of Inflatable Life Jack-ets.

These are now regulated through MAST and must be adhered to by all sectors of the community. Thus, the Scout Association and all members conform to these new regulations.

There are several major items within the new regulations which all Scout Groups should be aware of and are required to act upon. These items generally are summarised below with more expansive information being available from the MAST website.

### 1. Lightweight Craft users (Kayaks, Canoes, Stand-up Paddle Boards)

MAST is aware that more people are paddling further offshore in canoes and kayaks and whilst many carry safety equipment voluntarily, it is essential all paddlers carry equipment that would enhance their chance of survival in an emergency.

The new legislation requires the carriage of specific safety equipment on these crafts. When there is a group of paddlers, these requirements are reduced to one in every three paddlers carrying the required safety equipment.

Mandatory equipment required for craft going more than 2 nautical miles off-shore now consists of White Strobe Light at night-time, tethering device, EPIRB or PLB, VHF – Handheld, bailer or bilge in craft unless hull is permanently enclosed, compass and flares.

As stated, this equipment is now mandatory. However, within the Scout Association, canoe/kayaking in coastal or open waters is not an approved activity and is not to be undertaken as a Scouting Activity.

However, for canoes and kayaks which are operating in smooth or sheltered waters, it is now mandatory that a tethering device be used on the craft when more than 200 metres from the shore or bank.

The actual definition of a tethering device has not been prescribed but generally is accepted as the equivalent of a leg-rope as used for surf-boards or similar.

# *Adventurous Activities continued*

After discussions with MAST, it is now generally agreed that a tethering device for sit-on plastic kayaks should attach the **PADDLER** to the actual craft as the possibility of the craft drifting away from the paddler in the water, either due to current or wind is extremely high and can occur relatively quickly.

Conversely, for sit-in kayaks (generally accepted as older-style fibre-glass or similar materials), it is now generally agreed that a tethering device should attach the **PADDLE** to the actual craft so that if the paddler has to exit the craft in the occurrence of a capsize, then the possibility of the paddler being entwined or caught-up in cords either around legs, arms or torso, should be significantly reduced.

It is essential that these regulations be understood and implemented as soon as possible as the regulations have been advertised generally throughout the media.

It is imperative that all Scout Groups etc who are planning on attending the Regatta at Snug in March are aware of the new regulations and take the appropriate action to ensure that all craft participating at the Regatta are duly in correct formation with the correct equipment as the regulations will be enforced.

It is also imperative that any boat examinations being undertaken must be done with the above regulations in mind and that if the crafts being examined do not have the appropriate tethering devices, then the craft must be rejected for registration until such time as the craft is made compliant.

## 2. PWC (Jet Ski) Owners/users

For PWCs (jet skis) the new legislation prohibits the use of an inflatable PFD to be worn by the operators or passengers. Jet Ski operators and passengers frequently enter the water and it is imperative that positive buoyance is immediate.

## 3. Inflatable Life Jacket owners

Under the previous legislation it was the responsibility of the owner of the boat/craft to ensure that inflatable PFDs were serviced according to the manufacturer's instructions. With so many people owning their own inflatable PFD, the new legislation now makes this the responsibility of the owner.

An exemption has been granted for a person on a lightweight craft from wearing a PFD (Life Jacket) when the sole purpose of operating the lightweight craft is to ride the crest of a wave in a surf zone towards the shoreline. This in essence means that surf-board riders are not required to wear a PFD (LIFE Jacket).

Once again, all of the new regulations can be found on the MAST website which is [www.mast.tas.gov.au](http://www.mast.tas.gov.au) or if anybody has any queries then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Branch.

Welcome back to everyone and I hope that 2014 is a successful year for everybody.

**Tony McDonald**

**Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities**

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## *Grants Report*

Several grants which have been successful for Scouts Tasmania in the past are closing in the next few months. These grants are:

### **Tasmanian Community Fund**

The Tasmanian Community Fund provides grants for a variety of community projects including buildings and equipment but not maintenance of existing facilities.

**TCF Grant Round 28** will open on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and will include three levels of funding. Expressions of interest for large grants (\$100, 000 to \$300, 000) will close on 12 March 2014. Applications for small grants (up to \$10,000) will close on 2 April 2014. Applications for medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) will close on 16 April 2014.

### **Sport & Rec. Minor Grant**

Through its Grants Program, Sport and Recreation Tasmania provides financial assistance to organisations towards equipment purchases and the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and active recreation clubs.

Round 3 Minor Grant (\$500 - \$10,000) closes 26 March 2014 and is still open to applicants but the Major Grant (\$15,000 - \$80,000) closed on 29 January 2014 (applicants are expected to contribute at least half of the project funding).

### **Local Councils Community Grants**

I am currently researching community grants provided by Local Councils. If your Group is located in the following municipalities, it would be well worth checking out the Councils website for details: Kingborough, Clarence, George Town, Meander Valley Council, Northern Midlands, Launceston City, Devonport City and Burnie City. Contact your local Council for info if not listed.

I have forwarded a detailed fact sheet to Group Leaders and this includes hyperlinks to the relevant websites.

I look forward to working with you this year so we can achieve further success with Grant applications which will assist our young people with their Scouting activities.

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The Scout Guide Regatta is fast approaching!

For Leaders who have already registered and wish to increase the number of participants from their Troop/ Unit, please do so by filling in the Additional Entries form.

You are reminded that there is a cost increase of \$10 for registrations made between 13 December and 19 February, and an additional \$10 for registrations made between 20 – 27 February. Registrations close on 27 February.

Please let parents know that there has been a change of management at the Snug Caravan Park and we have been advised that bookings over the March long weekend from those associated with the Regatta are welcomed. Of course, parents can camp on the oval with your Troop/Unit and be part of the Regatta catering if they wish.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Regatta, email Andrew Hardman - [andrew.hardman@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:andrew.hardman@tas.scouts.com.au) or Lyn Muir - [sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au) - or ring 62294700.

Lyn Muir

## BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
<b>February</b>				
1st	Group Leader Conference & Joey, Cub, Scout Councils	Campbell Town		Respective BC's
4th	Branch Property Meeting	The Lea		BP Chairman
8th-10th	Regatta	Snug		Regatta Chairman
11th	ICT Meeting	The Lea		IT Chairman
16th	Commissioner's Conference	Campbell Town		Jeannette Vogels
15th-16th	Kayaking Course			BC Advent. Activities
17th	LBOM Meeting	The Lea		LBOM Chair
19th	Training Team Meeting	Teleconf.		BC Training
20th	B & F / BEC Meetings	The Lea		Branch Treas/ Pres
22nd	Founders Day			



# *St Helens Regatta*



The recently restarted St Helens Group provided Fun and Activities at the St Helens Regatta.



# *Fellowship Report*

A month of 2014 has passed us by and most of us wonder where it has gone. We have recently shared the Christmas and New Year celebrations with family and friends - real fellowship.

Now a New Year of Scouting activities confronts us, with real possibilities of dreams being fulfilled, new Groups being formed and established ones continuing to grow and prosper.

In order to succeed we need to strengthen the bonds between us and realise the potential of each member. Not an easy task in this hectic world we live in!

Fellowship, mate ship, friendship, companionship; call it what you will, that's what makes Scouting so successful and so rewarding.

Don't keep your successes hidden to one Group, one Region; we all want to share in your wins, as they are a stimulus for us to work harder and do even better.

hqscf@gmail.com has been set up especially for this purpose. To continue the fellowship, the sharing and the building of stronger bonds between us all. Email me so that we can strengthen the fellowship and build a stronger Scouts Tasmania.

**Harry Quick**

**Project Commissioner Fellowship**

## **"MY SCOUT" blasts off in February**

During the past 12 months Branch has been working hard on a new database called 'My Scout'. This will replace the old Tigernet database and comes from our SA Branch.

As stated on the front page we have had to make some changes to membership forms. The one you will mostly use is the Youth Membership form (TOP13). This form will not be available in pad format anymore, you can just photocopy it. The form is double sided and now requires more information from the parents and allows for 2 guardians to sign. All this information can be entered on the database and retrieved if required. All Group Leaders/Leaders in charge have been given an electronic version of the form.

The other form with changes has been the Adult Member Application form (TOP 1) which new Leaders or Adult Helpers must fill out and sign. This form is still available in booklet format from Branch. In the booklet there is also the new Police check form which now requires each person to reach 100 points with their ID. The person is also required to have all ID certified before sending in. We have different booklets for new Leaders and new Adult Helpers. You just need to ring or email BHQ with a request and we will post them to you. They are not available electronically.

**It is very important that you clear out all of the old forms in your hall and replace with the new ones.**

All Youth Membership forms are now going to be processed by Branch so you need to make sure you pass them on to your Group Leader as soon as the child is invested.

Every Leader will have access to My Scout through their position. As an example if you are a Joey Scout Leader you can go into the database and see your record and all the children in your Mob. The same would be for any section Leaders. Group Leaders will be able to see everyone in their Group. District Commissioners will be able to see every Group in their District etc. The position you hold gives you the access you need.

TOPs and all forms will be available in My Scout. You will be able to see the Branch Calendar and make up your own. It has many uses which you will learn as you use it. All very exciting!!!

**You will be advised once the database is up and running for everyone to use and how to access it.**

**Jeannette and Marion**  
**Branch Headquarters**

# Cub Program

Having a good programme makes life so much easier for everyone concerned (Leaders, Parents, Helpers), and leads to Cubs having a much better “Scouting” experience. If you programme well, being a Leader becomes less of a chore, and you will find that the Cubs are having fun and learning at the same time.

Lets us start with Yearly Planning:

## Steps for Yearly Planning

1. Yearly planning should start in December/January and if you come prepared, should not take too long. Have on hand a couple of snacks, a hot beverage, and room for everyone to work.
2. Get as many of your Leaders/ helpers to attend the planning meeting as possible.
3. Have a copy of a yearly planner and highlight all of the School Holidays and any other Public Holidays (Show Days, Regattas, festivals and the like).
4. Enter any District or Group activities, Group Councils, Palaver, Training or other known events such as Founders Day, Harmony Day, Anzac Day, JOTA/JOTI, Cuboree, or the like.
5. Mark your Pack Nights and decide on a date and venue for your Pack Holiday (you need plenty of time to plan this and make sure that you have a venue).
6. Fill in any Pack Nights you already have special plans for, such as Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Halloween, theme nights, bring a friend, or the like, and remember to include Joint nights with your other Sections so that you can do linking sessions, or if none are due, treat it as a great way of getting to know the other Section.
7. This should pretty much give you a basic skeleton for the year and a great place to start. Make sure all of the Leaders have a copy of this plan, and make sure that you take it to your term planning and keep filling in updates.

## Steps for Term Planning

1. Term Planning should take place during the School Holidays and for convenience, I would recommend that you hold it on the same night as a normal Pack Meeting. This ensures that most of your team would be available. Once again have on hand some snacks, hot beverages and room for everyone to work.
2. Term Planning is also a great excuse to hold a Pack Council. Hold the Council for 30 minutes prior to your full programme meeting, and the Cubs can help you with themes, ideas and things that they want to do.
3. Brainstorm ideas indiscriminately to find your theme for the term and write everything on a list. What you can't use for Term 1, maybe an option for Terms 2, 3 or 4. You will probably start to come up with related topics, which is good, so ensure you record every idea. Don't get bogged down on one line of thought though. If you do, stop and encourage everyone to come up with a completely unrelated idea.
4. Decide on the theme that most appeals to everyone, and one that has a number of related topics. This is where you get creative and give your theme a name that will get the Cubs excited. Themes I have used in the past include Circus College, Secret Agent Training, Science Academy and In the Dark. For example, if your theme is Magic Carpet Ride, you may come up with camels, desert, sand, Middle East, then I am sure that you could come up with camel races, hiking in the hot desert sun or sliding magic carpets on the floor.

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5. Once the Theme has been decided, come up with as many activities (indoor or outdoor) that you can think of. The most important thing about programming is to have fun. You can do anything that your imagination allows you to, and you do not have to stick to the theme to the letter. (Palavers are great for picking up ideas, completing Training and relaxing and having fun).
6. Match activities with meeting nights. Remember that you don't have to do a plain old "Knotting" night. If your theme is Sports through the Ages, perhaps you could play volley ball over a net that has been tied using a sheet bend, or you could do a three legged race using ropes tied with a reef knot.
7. Think of games that you have read about, played or seen and whether these could be adapted to your theme. Again, if we use Magic Carpet Ride as a theme, the game "Steal the Keys" could become Ali Ba ba and his 40 (or many) thieves. (Steal the Keys involves one Cub sitting on a chair at one end of the Hall with a set of keys under the chair. The remaining Pack members have to sneak up and steal the keys without getting caught).
8. Fill in each week as you go, until the Term has been completed.

## Steps for Weekly Programming

1. By this time, the ideas would have stopped flowing and the snacks low. This is the time to get out your weekly programme sheets and fill in the time slots.
2. I always like to start with a game or activity that involves the whole Pack. I then finish with a quieter game or yarn.
3. Include two or three of your ideas into each night.
4. New Chums & Joeys should not be forgotten if you break up to do Boomerang Style activities.
5. Remember that Sixers & Seconds can and should assist in testing or instructing the Bronze Boomerang Level Cubs.
6. Use games to pass tests and remember to keep a record of attendance, badges earned, tests completed and subs.

DATE	THEME	DUTY SIX	
3 March 2014	Australiana	Black	
Time	Activity	Equipment	Leader
6.00pm	Opening Parade (Invest Jason & Emily)	Badges & Scarf	Akela
6.10pm	Game – Australian Flag Relay. Each Six lines up in relay fashion, with pieces of the Australian Flag in a pile at the other end of the Hall. Taking it in turns, each Cub runs up to their pile, takes one piece and returns to the end of the line. As a piece is retrieved, it is fitted together to form a completed Australian Flag.	Australian Flag Jig Saw	Bagheera & Mang
6.25pm	Craft – Making Cork Hats	Corks, string, hats	Chil

Hey Joey Leaders...

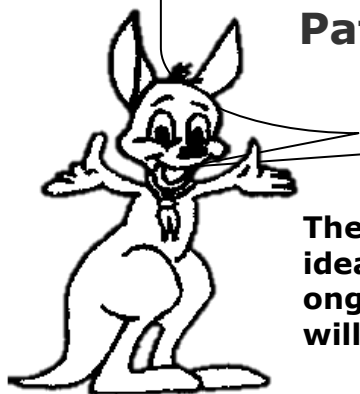
Please join us at

# ***Lenah Hop 2014***



## **"Joey Scouts – Making Connections!"**

**Paton Park Scout Camp, North Motton  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May**



**The Lenah Hop is a fun weekend of networking and friendships, new ideas and resources for the Joey Scout Section, and covers leaders' ongoing training requirements for the year. This year's elective topic will be 'Effective Communication'.**

**Leaders will gain points towards their Commissioner's Challenge badge too!**

Paton Park Scout Camp is in a bushland setting beside the Leven River, south of Ulverstone.

**Cost is \$65** per person for two night's accommodation (in bunkrooms) and all meals with arrivals from 7pm Friday night, **or \$50** per person for one night's accommodation and all meals with arrivals before 10.00am on Saturday morning, and as part of leaders' ongoing training, Scout Groups are strongly urged to cover these costs.

Payments can be made by cheque payable to "Joey Scouts Tas. Branch Council" or direct credit to this account - 067115 10225921 at the CBA Bank with your surname as reference.

***Don't miss out - register today!***

Name: .....

Phone: .....

Address: .....

Email: .....

Joey Mob: .....

District: .....

✓ I will arrive ☐ Friday night (2 nights - \$65.00)

**OR** ☐ Saturday morning (1 night - \$50.00)

✓ I have attached my completed Health Information Sheet (Form 16a) ☐

✓ Payment has been direct credited \_\_/\_\_/14. A photocopy of the receipt is attached ☐

**OR** Our Cheque/ Money Order is attached ☐

Please complete all details and forward this form (with Health Form and payment/receipt) to:  
**Sue Cooper, 27 Blackwood Parade, Burnie TAS 7320 no later than 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

The weekend's program and what you need to bring will then be sent to those registered.  
Contact [sue.cooper@westnet.com.au](mailto:sue.cooper@westnet.com.au) if you have any questions prior to registering.



**TASMANIAN  
SCOUT GUIDE RGATTA  
8 – 10 March 2014**



**Valid from 12 December 2013  
to 27 February 2014**

Section (*Troop/Unit/Crew*) Name .....

Leader in Charge at Regatta .....

Scouts/Guides/Venturers/Rovers	Male .....	Female .....	Total.....	@ \$95	(\$105 after 19 Feb)	\$ _____
Number of Leaders and parents	Male .....	Female .....	Total.....	@ \$85	(\$95 after 20 Feb)	\$ _____
Children under 10 years of age	Total.....			@ \$45		\$ _____
Number requiring vegetarian meals .....		Number requiring gluten-free meals .....				

Rovers	Male .....	Female .....	Total.....	@ \$15 (\$25 after 19 Feb)	\$ _____
Parents	Total.....			No charge	

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth members..... Rovers ..... Leaders/Parents ..... Children ..... Self catering others .....**

Please enclose one Unit/Group {not personal} cheque payable to 'Scout Guide Regatta to arrive by 27 February. Post to PO Box 36, Blackmans Bay 7052

## **Hobart Bush Cabins**

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

**Don't forget the Hobart Bush Cabins—phone Wes on 0417 590 986 for availability.**

**For Scouting Members the rates are \$70 for a couple 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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