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Chief Commissioner's Report

We started February with a rush. The Joey, Cub, Scout and Group Leaders meeting at Campbell Town on 1st February was well attended by District Leaders and Group Leaders. Lots of information was shared and decisions made. It was particularly good to meet the 18 Group Treasurers who made the trip. Our organisation really depends on the support parents give our Groups. If you were meant to be at the meeting and couldn't make it, please make sure you catch up with what happened.

Newsletters are an amazing and frustrating concept. They are meant to be both informative and a means of communicating to our membership. When we have dumb things happening or Leaders are not doing what we ask in the Newsletter we often wonder to ourselves if anyone actually reads our Newsletter. Unfortunately the same people who don't read the newsletter don't read our emails so we continue every month in the hope that at least some people will know what is happening. **A reminder for those who didn't read the February edition, the following administrative arrangements and forms have changed and we can't accept old ones. Copies can be found on our Tas Scout web site**

- The police have changed the Police Check form so you must use the new one available from BHQ.
- Tasmanian Branch has changed the computer data base to My Scout. We are no longer using the Tigernet system so if you want information from the data base, log on to www.tas.myscout.com.au and enter your registration number and date of birth to gain access.
- Youth and Adult Registration Forms have changed because of the new computer system.

A further reminder from last month is that at the end of March all section Leaders and Group Leaders are expected to arrange and have statements prepared for all bank accounts held by Scout Groups and sections. Group Accounts should be prepared by the Treasurer and be audited by someone with at least one degree of separation from the Group and Section accounts should be prepared by each section and 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. 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.

As an incentive for those who do read the Newsletter, there is a bottle of wine on offer for one lucky person who uploads something interesting involving their Group on the Scouts Tasmania Facebook page. The lucky person/group will also be featured in next month's Newsletter.

If you have had trouble contacting BHQ this month we extend our apologies. We were without power for five days because of wind damage in a big storm and that caused further problems with our computer server and our phone system, both of which refused to work when the power was reconnected. This combined with all the extra work in getting My Scout on line has left Jeannette and Marion heavily over worked. (Flowers and chocolates are always well received). We hope that March is a little less hectic.

Founders Day on 22nd of February is always an important day and interesting activities were held around the State. I didn't attend any myself this year because the 22nd was also my 40th Wedding Anniversary which I spent having some enjoyable family time.

Apart from the Scout Guide Regatta next week, the most important thing happening in Tasmania in March, is the State Election. **If you are talking to any politicians, from whatever party, take the opportunity to remind them of the importance of Scouting to the community and ask them what their party plans to do about implementing the Working with Vulnerable People Card. This card will go a long way to increasing the security/safety of our Youth members. Legislation has been passed by both Houses of Parliament but we have not heard anything about implementation from any of the parties. We need this card to be available as soon as possible.**

I hope to catch up with as many of you as I can at the Scout Guide Regatta. If you see me about, say hello.

Mike Patten

Chief Commissioner

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Years of Service Awards- February 2014

5Years

Matthew Barber	Tamar	Derek Beaumont	Port Cygnet
Rosemary Beswick	Mt Stuart	Julie Cubit	Pittwater
Robert Dobie	Huonville	Nicole King	Port Cygnet
Matthew Paine	Lindisfarne	Michael Verrier	Pittwater
Gary Weiley	Port Cygnet		

10 Years

Daniel Blades	4 th Launceston	Tim Robinson	Westbury
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15 Years

Wendy Granger	Howrah	Adrian Harwood	Kingborough District
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20 Years

Andrew Baylis	Tamar	Henry Nugteren	North West Bay
Michael Roach	Derwent		

25 Years

Peter Bishop	Port Cygnet		
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30 Years

Ian Hart	Northern Area Rover Crew	Gerald Harwood	Derwent
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40 Years

Daphne Mitchell	Exeter	Stuart Sargent	Burnie
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Breaking the Cycle – Bullying, it's not part of Scouting.

Scouts Australia has launched a Messengers of Peace project called Breaking the Cycle – Bullying, it's not part of Scouting in July 2013.

While our goal is simple – that we want to break the bullying cycle that can occur within our organisation – we need to take action to ensure the widespread incorporation of bullying prevention tools into our Youth Program.

The project aims to promote ways to break the cycle whilst minimising bullying and harassment using simple tools, and strategies that can easily be used by Leaders and Youth members. Awareness of how to break the cycle of bullying and harassment will be embedded into our Youth Program through resource materials which will be available for Youth members, Parents and Leaders from each Branch to access. You can follow the development of this project on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/ScoutsBreakingtheCycle>, and contribute to it by emailing your ideas to breakingthecycle@scouts.com.au.

We also now have a place on the Scouts Australia website - <http://www.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iMenuID=26922884>.

Updates of the project will appear on this site as well as the Scouts in Action website for 2014.

Members who need to raise issues about bullying and harassment who have gone through the line structure of your group can make contact via: stopbullying@scouts.com.au



Joey Report

By now all Mobs are well into their term 1 program and hopefully enjoying a good variety of interesting activities both in the hall and outdoors. This term offers plenty of opportunities for Joey Scouts and Leaders to earn quite a few points towards their Commissioners' Challenge Award.

Our Joey Scout Branch Council Meeting was held at Campbell Town in early February. Thank you to all the Leaders who attended this. A couple of items that came out of this meeting include...

- A Joey Scout Leader contact list is to be compiled (mid-March) and distributed to make it easier to get in touch with each other. Before then, please check that your contact details are correct on your Group/District database. If you don't want your phone number and email address included on this list, please contact me ASAP.
- Our Joey Scout Leaders' "Mob Hoppenings" Newsletter is to continue with an issue due out soon and another due in third term so all can see what is happening in our section around the State. Thank you to those Leaders who have already sent in their 'news' – if you have also done some interesting outings or activities in your Mob or District over the last two terms that you would like included, send me an email this week about it all. Any photos of the activities are also welcome.

2014 "Rock 'n' Roll" Regional Joey Scout Events

Please note the changes in dates for the Northern & Southern events below. All three events will be run on a minerals and mining theme, and we would like to see all Leaders involved in the planning and running of these.

- **North-West: Saturday 29th March at the City of Devonport Scout Hall**
Notices have gone out to parents with RSVPs and payments due by 7th March. The next planning meeting is at the venue on 15th March at mid day (Bring lunch and event registrations and payment for your Mob).
- **North: Saturday 5th April at Scout Island** (Not 12th April as previously advised). This event is to be held in conjunction with the Launceston & Tamar District Event, and planning for this is now underway.
- **South: Saturday 20th September at the top of The Lea / Storm Hut**
Note the change of date. The first planning meeting will be on 9th May at the Clarence Sea Scout Hall, Montagu Bay.

Lenah Hop 2014 - "Joey Scouts – Making Connections"

This weekend of fun, friendships and learning for Joey Leaders will be held on 17th & 18th May at Paton Park Scout Camp, near Ulverstone. Registrations close on 15th April so get your forms completed and payment organised well before this date. Lenah Hops are always enjoyable - just ask anyone who has been to previous ones!

I hope to see you all at one of the Regional Events and/or the Lenah Hop.

Sue Cooper

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Cub Report

Straight into it this month

Scout/Guide Regatta Cub Taster 2014

Don't forget our Regatta Taster day for the Cubs at the upcoming Scout/Guide Regatta at Snug. We will be going back to the original format for this event, and attending the Saturday only. We will be meeting at the oval at 10.00am on the Saturday morning for the Opening Parade (please note the change in time as I got this wrong last month), 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 will be NO charge for the day. 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 again thank her for her assistance.

Palaver 2014

Details of the 2014 Palaver have now been finalised and the Application Form can be found elsewhere in this months Newsletter. As I mentioned last month, the Palaver will be held at the Orana Guide Camp (Seven Mile Beach) from Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th May, 2014 (please note that we have booked the Friday night as well for those wishing to come down early). The Cost will be \$50 if you are staying two nights or \$40 if you are only staying on the Saturday. As this is classified as a Training weekend, we urge you to contact your Groups to ensure that they pay for the weekend for you. The programme will kick off at 10am on the Saturday morning, and we will be covering a wide variety of topics, including a session on Bullying, the current Royal Commission, running a Campfire, programme ideas, games, plus a time for all Leaders to ask any questions that they have on Cubs and have always wanted to ask. Please return your forms to me as soon as possible to ensure your place for the weekend. We will be staying in the bunk rooms at the camp site and all meals will be supplied.

Commissioners Challenge Award 2014

Shortly I will be releasing details of the new Commissioners Challenge for Cub Scouts in Tasmania. This year, I have decided to set the Cubs a challenge around the Tasmanian Devil and the Environment. More details on this in next month's newsletter.

Grey Wolf Award

This months Grey Wolf recipients are: Vincent Weinreich from Newstead Baptist, Sapphire Knowles from Sandford, Liam O'Sullivan and Caleb Reader from Old Beach.

Programme Ideas

This month's attachment is a programme called "Have a Go".

Don't forget however, that you can find a lot of Programme ideas, on Scouts Central (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, programme ideas, or any other suggestions you have for inclusion in the Newsletter. Good Hunting.

Terry Bryan

Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts

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Cub Program

Theme: Have a Go

This programme is designed to get Cubs to do something that they may not have tried before

6.30pm **Opening parade** **Akela & all Leaders**

6.35pm **Game 1 – Target Practice** **Mowgli**

Have a bucket that is big enough to fit the ball that you use. This can be as small as a tennis ball or as big as a basketball. Place this on the floor at approx. 5m in front of each team. Taking it in turns, each Cub has to try to get the ball into the bucket. Score 10 points for in, 5 points for near miss. Move the bucket to 10m and try again. Then try 15m if you are feeling adventurous.

6.45pm **Game 2 - Candle Relay**

Line the Cubs up in their Sixes – relay fashion. Give an unlit candle to the first person in each six. At the other end of the hall, have a Leader or a Parent with a box of matches. In turn, each Cub has to run to the end of the hall, light a match and in turn, light their candle. Having extinguished the match, they then have to run back to their Six with the lighted candle, blow it out and give it to the next Cub to have their turn. If the candle goes out on the way, they have to run back and light it again.



7.00pm **Pikelet Challenge** **Baloo**

Have the Cubs bring along a tin can (this can be any size but this activity works best if it is a large Milo or Coffee Can). Cut the can as shown in the accompanying picture and add some holes around the top using a hole punch. Pre make some pancake mixture, enough for one or two pikelets per Cub. In an open area, have the Cubs collect and build a small fire in the base of the can. The Cub can now put the batter on the top of the can to cook their pikelet. (Note. 2 Tea light candles can be substituted for the fire if required to do this activity indoors)

7.45pm **Supper** **Kaa**

Have some hot chocolate prepared and serve it with the Cubs' pikelets. You may also like to have some jam or other toppings for the pikelets.

7.55pm **Closing Parade**



Scout Report

A trip through the years this month, with the following exciting activities coming along.

Youthfest 2014 – 13th – 15th June 2014

Great feedback from last year with many Scouts wanting to come again, which is a great advertisement. However, Youthfest is a one off opportunity for any Scout in their time in the Scout section to give the maximum number of Scouts the chance to go. The only ones that get to have two Scoutfests are those who choose to join Youth Council.

Julie Creed will provide information as it becomes available. Make sure you read her Youth Council section of the Newsletter.

Clark Trophy 2014 – 22nd – 23rd November 2014

This year Clark Trophy will be at The Lea.

The format will be Challenges on Saturday, with the emphasis on the PL and APL managing the Patrol to get their campsite set up and a number of Challenges. Sunday morning will be Point to Point.

Cooking this year will be on wood, with the only acceptable fireplace being a half barrel on legs.

Your District Scout Leader will have a copy of the Instructions by the end of March, and each Troop that takes part in their District Competition Camp will receive their instructions after that camp.

Scoutfest 2014 - 9th & 10th August 2014 .

Attendance numbers has shown that Carnacoo is consistently the best venue for Scoutfest, so we will be holding it there this year.

Allen Wells & Geoff Reynolds will be organising, and you can expect something from left field from Allen, so put it in your diary now and watch this space.

Clark Trophy 2015 – 21st – 22nd November 2015

It's hard to believe we are planning that far ahead, however following discussions with most Leaders at the last Hike Clark Trophy, the DSL's have agreed to modify the lightweight form further to include all activities within the hike.

It will be a fun, challenging and exciting format giving plenty of learning opportunities, using all technologies from the Sun, to UHF radios and GPS (with maps and compasses in between).

This will finally fully differentiate a Hike from a Standing Camp for Clark Trophy by removing the Point to Point from Day 2.

It means all Scouts will be able to qualify for their Pioneer Journey by doing a hike Clark Trophy.

It might even free up another weekend that you would had to program in for a Pioneer Journey . (yay! .. a weekend off!)

Corroboree 2015 – 3rd – 6th April 2015

Easter 2015 will be the time for our next Corroboree. The DSL's are currently investigating sites and will make a decision at the Regatta.

Promotion will start at the Regatta, with every Scout getting a sticker to tell them.

"It's On in 2015"

AJ2016 – 3rd – 14th January 2016 – Cataract Park (Sydney)

Corroboree year means that Jamboree is near, so start thinking about promotion within your Troop.

Geoff Reynolds is the (very experienced) Contingent Leader and will start getting information to you as soon as possible following a meeting due in April.

That's probably enough to digest this month.

Phil Harper

Branch Commissioner Scouts



Venturer Report

Well, this year has definitely kicked in, 2 unit management courses have been run.

Regatta:

I won't be at this year's event; Geoff Hurst has kindly agreed to take on the sub-camp.

A couple of reminders:

- 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.
- Please check in with Geoff prior to setting up your camp on the Friday night.

Queen's Scout Awards:

The close off for this year's presentation is at the Regatta. I won't be in attendance so if you need to catch up with me – please contact me prior to arranging something. I am pleased to announce that this year we already have 8 Awards.

Maritime Challenge: 29th –30th March (South)

Information has been emailed out for this year's Challenge... Pack your warm clothes and hot water bottles – it's going to be COLD... The venue is at Arthurs Lake!

AV2015 (Heaps Good) 16th Australian Venture:

We have set up our contingent fee set – 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 29th of December, having a day/night of fun in Melbourne. Then on the 31st of December we hit the Great Ocean Road. We are planning to arrive in Adelaide on New Year's Day. On the way home we have an overnight stay around Ballarat area.

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

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

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The Youth Program Review is advertising for a full time paid position to work at National Headquarters.

We need a suitably qualified Project Officer who can help lead our review.

This is probably not relevant to most of you but you never know who might be looking for a job in Sydney within your Branch! Jan (especially). Please promote far and wide so that we can find an outstanding candidate to fill this vacancy.

The person does not have to be a member of Scouting.

<http://www.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iStoryID=16923623>

John Clarke

NATIONAL COMMISSIONER YOUTH PROGRAM



Branch Youth Program

Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch
March 2013



Yes, it's on again! In June 2013 a very successful Youthfest was held in Launceston. I've already had several inquiries about Youthfest for 2014 – so here is the information you need!!

What is Youthfest?

Youthfest is a fun, challenging and social weekend for 13 & 14 year old Scouts. Youthfest is part of the Branch Youth Council Program and gives Scouts the opportunity to find out more about joining either the Branch or National Youth Council.

Scouts will be working in Patrols over the weekend. As the weekend is all about Youth, there will be very few Adult Leaders there. During the weekend Scouts will have the opportunity to have their say on Scouting in both Tasmania and across Australia via both BYC (Branch Youth Council) and the NYC (National Youth Council) members.

When and where will it be?

It will be held from Friday 13th June – Sun 15th June 2014 at the Tamar Scout Hall in Launceston.

Who else will be there?

There will be other 13 & 14 year old Scouts from all around Tasmania as well as Venturers from the Branch Venturer Council and Rovers from the Tasmanian Branch Rover Council who will act as Patrol Coordinators.

What will the Scouts be doing?

The main thing is that they will be having a great weekend. On Friday night Scouts will arrive and settle in, be given an overview of the weekend, organised into Patrols and then have some social time getting to know their Patrol and planning their Saturday night meal.

On Saturday Scouts will work in their Patrols and have a day out in the Launceston area doing a Geocaching trail, interspersed with challenges and activities. On Saturday night Patrols will be cooking their evening meal to an International theme and working on a powerpoint presentation from their day's outing.

On Sunday morning Scouts will be in their Patrols discussing Scouting issues that are important to both Youth and Scouting in Tasmania.

How much will it cost?

The cost is \$50 per person all inclusive.

To apply?

Contact Julie Creed on – jcreed8@bigpond.com

Applications close on 23rd May

**Julie Creed
BC Youth Program**



Gang Show Report

Hobart Gang Show is a wonderful way for the Youth to get a wide variety of opportunities within the field of The Arts. A group of 20 cast members will be or will have performed a selection of songs at Relay for Life. Thank you to all those involved.

Music, set design and costume ideas have now been discussed and are underway. The script is nearing completion and we are seeking copyright approval for commercial music being used. For the first time this year, one song being performed by Gang Show will have been written by a small group of cast members. It is fantastic to think the Youth members are not only writing the script, but also beginning to write music. It is with thanks to Angus Davison that Gang Show has been able to explore this area.

A reminder about auditions – the date is getting closer. Anyone aged 11 or older, interested in being part of the cast need to attend auditions which will be held on Sunday 13th April and then rehearsals commence on 10th May. Auditions will be conducted in groups, so why not start getting together a group and book in an audition time.

If you are interested in receiving more direct information about Gang Show, please make contact with me and I will put contact details on my list

I hope all Southern Mobs/Packs/Troops/Units have now put the Hobart Gang Show into their programs and will be coming 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.

Denice Walter

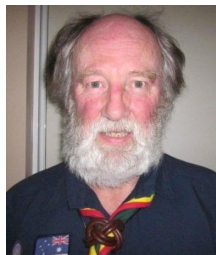
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BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
March				
2nd	Gang Show Writers Workshop			PC Gang
8th-10th	Regatta	Snug		Regatta Chairman
11th	Branch ICT Meeting	The Lea		IT Chairman
16th	Gang Show Writers Workshop			PC Gang
17th	LBOM Meeting	The Lea		LBOM Chair
20th	B & F / BEC Meetings	The Lea		Branch Treas/ Pres
21st	Harmony Day			
22nd-23rd	Basic Sectional Techniques All Sections subject to numbers	The Lea		BC training
22nd 23rd	Adenturous Activities Common Core How to Instruct—TAEDEL 301A	The Lea		BC Adevnt. Act.
29th -30th	Venturer Maritime Challenge	South		SVC



Adventurous Activities

Now that school has re-commenced for the year, most Scout Groups should also be back in action, hopefully with a full programme planned for at least the First Term.

With the good summer/autumn weather still with us and day-light saving still being applicable, it is the ideal time for Scouts and Venturers to be out on the water undertaking canoe/kayaking activities and training hopefully for the up-coming Scout/Guide Regatta.

As a reminder from the direction from MAST provided in the previous month and applicable from 1st January, 2014, the requirements regarding tethers for canoes and kayaks which are likely to be more than 200 metres from shore will be enforced at the Regatta. The general concepts that have been developed are for tethers for sit-on kayaks to be attached to the paddler and for tethers for sit-in kayaks to be attached to the actual craft and not the paddler.

For standard open canoes, it is expected that bow and stern painters would be attached to the craft as a basic requirement and possibly tethers attached to paddles.

It is most important that the new MAST requirements be understood by all those personnel who are undertaking boat examinations for the annual inspection and registrations of craft to be used within the Scouting Movement.

If there is anybody who requires more information or clarification of the requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me, as Scouting must comply with these requirements as a respected Community organization.

From all accounts, all attendees at the First National Adventurous Activities School held in New South Wales in January, 2014 had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, together with significantly increasing their individual knowledge and skills.

Hope to see everybody at the Regatta

Tony McDonald

Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities

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JOTA / JOTI REPORT

My thanks go to all who participated in last year's Jamboree On The Air and Jamboree On The Internet.

Fifteen Groups participated in last year's JOTA/JOTI, made up of: 39 Joey Scouts; 66 Cub Scouts; 74 Scouts; 4 Venturers; 0 Rovers; 55 Scouters (Adult Leaders) and 15 Parents with a total of 253 members, compared with 443 members and 20 Groups in 2012.

A special mention to all the radio operators who give up their time to assist Groups and make available their equipment so JOTA/ JOTI can be enjoyed by all the members of Scouting.

If your Group or Section has not participated in JOTA/JOTI please give it a go. You do not have to do it by yourself, you can join in with another Group / Section if one wishes to do so. Start planning NOW, all the information is on the Tasmanian Branch web site - www.tas.scouts.com.au and then go to Events on menu bar and click on JOTA/JOTA or alternatively, click on JOTA /JOTI in the 'Latest News & Updates'. There will be a wide range of information to help you in planning and running JOTA / JOTI. This will be updated closer to this year's JOTA/JOTI.

I would like to hear back from the Groups or Sections that used the New 'Electronic Participation and Badge Order Form', ie – was it easy to use with the auto calculation; the layout and electronic banking transfer facility and if you have any suggestions?

If any Groups / Sections have not yet ordered their 2013 JOTA/JOTI badges, could you please do so, because I still have plenty left.

Robbie McKay

Product Commissioner Radio and Electronics

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International Report

The ANZAC Centenary Jamboree Contingent to Turkey, which was to be in April 2015 I mentioned in last month's newsletter, has now been cancelled

23rd World Scout Jamboree.

This is the last month to register for 23rd World Scout Jamboree July – August 2015. 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. Applications must be submitted online, have deposits paid, and required recommendations completed before 31 March 2014.

Scholarship to 12th World Scout Youth forum.

Applications are now being accepted for Youth observers to the 12th World Scout Youth Forum to be held in Rogla, Slovenia 4th – 7th August 2014. The World Scout Youth Forum is the peak Youth representative body in Scouting and allows Scouts from around the world to gather and discuss their ideas about the future of our great movement. The World Scout Youth Forum makes submissions directly to the World Scout Conference and the World Scout Committee, allowing Youth members to impact the highest levels of World Scouting. Scouts Australia will be offering two 50% open scholarships for observers to attend this event. The theme of the forum will be *One tree, many branches* – symbolising the unity and diversity of Scouting. The theme will be complemented by three key concepts, *Our Movement, Our Community, Our Future*. More information on the Forum is available: <http://www.wsc2014.si/home/> <https://www.facebook.com/wsc2014?fref=ts> or on Twitter @Slovenia2014. In addition to the World Scout Youth Forum, the successful recipients will be able to remain in Slovenia for the 40th World Scout Conference, 11th – 15th August 2014, and an international event hosted by the Slovenian Scout Association between the two major events. For selection criteria and application form contact Fiona (see details below) or the Assistant International Commissioner, Andrew Cooper. Completed applications must be submitted by 11th March 2014 via email to int.assistantcomm@scouts.com.au.

2016 New Zealand Contingent Leader Applications.

Applications for the position of Contingent Leader to the next New Zealand Venture to be held in January 2016 are now being accepted. The New Zealand Venture is an important event on the Scouts Australia calendar. The last time the event was held in January 2013 it culminated in the largest ever Scouts Australia contingent departing our shores with over 500 members. We hope to be able to repeat that success in 2016. Applications close on 1st April 2014. For application form contact Fiona (details below) or the Assistant International Commissioner, Andrew Cooper int.assistantcomm@scouts.com.au. Or go to <http://www.international.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iMenuID=17658019>.

Please pass the information contained in the Tasmanian Branch Newsletters on to Scouting Youth and Leaders as some members may be interested in the opportunities, events and information offered by Scouting to its members.

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1st National Adventurous Activities School

11 Tasmanian Scouters (5 Leaders and 4 Venturers) had the fantastic opportunity to attend the first ever National Adventurous Activities School at Cataract Park, NSW during the first couple of weeks of January. The simplest way to put it is – it was like a Jamboree for adults (OK with a few not so exciting theory sessions just to bring us back to the real world).

The Tassie adventurers participated in bushwalking, canyoning, abseiling, canoeing and sailing. For this participant there were certainly many highlights, such as –

Canyoning in Serendipity which included abseiling down waterfalls and water pools that seemed to have no bottoms which shows the benefits of racks over figure of eights.



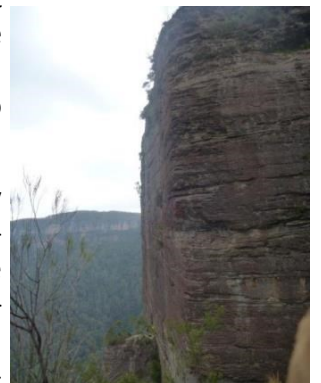
Multi-pitch abseiling at Boars Head and Malaita Walls where the bottom of your rope disappeared into the clouds (we had faith that there was somewhere to land but having been made proficient in transferring ropes and abseiling over a knot in the previous days you do wonder what these mad Rover guides may be up to!!).

Vertical Rescue with the ROCKSCHOOL even though Tammy left me hanging in a near unconscious state for over 15 minutes, we all know about “harness hang” now don’t we Tammy!! (Tammy was my Tasmanian rescuer on the top of the cliff and I knew none of those mainlanders would care about a poor Tasmanian hanging on to their last sign of life.

The Hypnotist – Entertainment on the middle weekend, I have not laughed that much for a long time. Ask someone that was there about – Peter Rabbit!!!

The fellowship, fun and new friends made, we even took the two poor little ACT Leaders under our wings.

Almost 130 Leaders and Venturers from around Australia attended to work towards industry recognised qualifications in Outdoor Recreation. Phil Harrison, Deputy Principal of Adventurous Activities at the Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) said the school was unique as it was the first of its kind to involve members of Scouts Australia from every state and territory, in industry recognised training through courses like abseiling, bushwalking, canoeing, canyoning, caving and sailing. He added the school also held vast opportunities for career development in outdoor recreation.



"Scouts Australia as a training organisation has SIS20210 Certificate II, SIS30410 Certificate III and SIS40310 Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation in scope. That means we can deliver accredited training and full qualifications to our members in these areas. So a lot of the people here at the National School have the opportunity to come away at the end of two weeks, with an industry recognised qualification in Outdoor Recreation.

Today, within the broader outdoor industry, there is a growing need for qualified staff and many employers are struggling to find people who have the qualifications and the experience to fulfill these roles. Scouts Australia is providing a unique opportunity for our members to gain a national qualification, which if they so choose could lead to direct employment in the outdoor industry.

Scouts Australia will be organising numerous National Adventurous Activities courses throughout the year to up skill its members with these qualifications. In July, the ACT Branch will host an alpine winter school at the Jindabyne Adventure Base in NSW, focusing on activities like cross country skiing, snow camping, snow shoeing and ice climbing. This will be a particularly exciting course as Scouts Australia's National Ambassador, Andrew Lock OAM, who has climbed all 14 of the world's 8000 metre peaks, will be conducting training in ice climbing for members. The Western Australian and Tasmanian Branches are looking at the possibility of national sailing schools in 2015

If you are looking to update your skills and just want one hell of a good time, seriously consider getting involved in these courses.

Ross Smith
Tasmanian Contingent



Grants Report

Applications for Round 28 of the Tasmanian Community Fund grants have opened and will be progressively closing over the next seven weeks. If your Group is seeking financial assistance to purchase buildings and equipment (but not maintenance of existing facilities) I would encourage you to consider applying for a TCF grant which is available in three levels of funding:

Large grants (\$100,000 to \$300,000) – closing on 12 March 2014

Small grants (up to \$10,000) - closing on 2 April 2014

Medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) - closing on 16 April 2014

I would expect that applications for large grants to be well advanced by this stage. Please note that three quotations are required for items over \$50,000 in value and applications are now done online. There is still plenty of time to prepare applications for small and medium grants.

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 who are expected to contribute at least half of the project funding. This is a useful grant for Groups wishing to purchase items such as kayaks where SRT grant money can be used to supplement Group funding.

The latest Commonwealth Bank Community Grants round is now open and individual funding up to \$10,000 is available for Youth-focused community organisations across Australia. Applications close on 14 March 2014.

Please contact me if you require any advice regarding grants.

Graeme Nichols

Project Commissioner Grants

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Environment Report

Well, a new year and most of us will find we are rather busy in our first term back. I have been doing quite a bit of research to find environment ideas for Youth members to participate in and over the coming months I hope to share some of the ideas with you.

This activity took 3 tries before I got it to work really well. A great idea for after dark at a Pack or a Mob Holiday!

Requirements-

- 5 excited children (or more per sheet)
 - 1 light coloured double bed sheet -wet
 - 4 large tent pegs
 - Hammer to bang pegs in
 - A small handful of vegetables and an apple cut into pieces (I used carrot & celery).
 - A print out of a wallaby, possum and maybe a bandicoot's foot prints (Mr Google helped with this.)
1. Find a spot that is far away from buildings (don't want to encourage them to come looking for food).
 2. Have a child take hold of each corner of the sheet and the 5th child place the food in the middle of the sheet.
 3. Still holding the corners step back until the sheet is taut, place it on the ground and bang pegs over the corners of the sheet to hold it tight in place on the ground.
 4. Leave the area and come back in about an hour to see if any food has been taken and if there are any foot prints on the sheet.
 5. We continued to revisit about every hour and to get the children to guess what food would be taken first and to work out who had been to the sheet.

I found that a grassy spot where there was likely to be night dew (so they had wet feet), and with dirt between any bush and the sheet worked because the animals need to have dirty feet for this to work. I failed the first time because I didn't have dirt so I resorted to a couple of buckets of red dirt sprinkled around the sheet (worked a treat).

They discovered that the apple went in a flash, then the carrot and the celery was finally gone by morning. It was a fun activity and created considerable discussion at what was sharing the campsite with them. We used this activity to lead into our program on native animals.

Robyn Russell

Project Commissioner Environment

Attention all Cub Leaders

You are cordially invited to join us at the

2014 Cub Palaver

Having fun in the Yellow & Blue



Orana Guide Camp
146 Roches Beach Rd, Roches Beach

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May, 2014

For those not familiar with a Palaver, you are in for a treat this year. A Palaver are a gathering of Leaders (CSL's, Assistants, Helpers, and the like) from all over the State, coming together to learn new things, make new friends (and meet old ones) and of course have plenty of fun in the process. It is also a way of obtaining your Training hours for the year, all in one weekend away from your Cub Pack.

This year, our Palaver will be all about having Fun in the Yellow & Blue. Accordingly, we will be sharing ideas on Games (Outside Games, Wide Games & Old Fashioned Games), reintroducing you to running Campfires, having fun with Skits & Self expression and lots more. Our Guest Speaker will also present a session on Bullying, which is very relevant in this day & age.

The cost this year will **be \$50** per person for two nights accommodation & meals (in bunkrooms), with arrivals from 7pm on the Friday night, **or \$40** per person if you are only able to stay Saturday night, with the programme starting at 10am on Saturday morning. As this is a training weekend, these costs should be covered by your individual Scout Groups, and we strongly encourage you to talk with your Group Committees.

If you are interested, please complete the form below and forward with your payment and Health Information Sheet (TOPS 16a) to Terry Bryan, 72 Mirramar Park, Blackmans Bay TAS 7052, by no later than 15th April 2014. **APPLY NOW** or you will miss out.

Further details will be sent out to all applicants after the close off date.



APPLICATION FORM – Palaver 17th – 18th May 2014

Name:	Phone:
Address:	Pack:
E-mail:	District:

I will arrive on Friday (2 nights - \$50.00) or I will arrive on Saturday (1 night - \$40.00)

Cheque enclosed for \$ (payable to Cub Scouts Tas Branch)

Please forward this Application Form together with a Health Information Form (TOPS 16a) to:
Terry Bryan, 72 Mirramar Park, Blackmans Bay TAS 7052

by 15th April 2014

“My Scout” has arrived!

Every adult member of the Association can now access our new database “My Scout”. This includes all Leaders, all Committee Members, all Fellowship Members, all Rovers and Venturers.

Just go into <https://www.tas.myscout.com.au>

You need to type this address in your web browser address line. Do not try to Google it!

To gain access you need your Member number and Date of Birth.

Your Member number is our Registration number (you will find this on the back of your Membership card) and your Date of Birth needs to be entered as DDMMYYYY. As an example if your Date of Birth is 1st January 1970 you would enter 01011970.

My Scout works on the position you hold. If you have more than one position it will take the higher position. As an example if you are a Scout Leader you will be able to see everyone in your Troop. If you are the Group Leader you will be able to see everyone in your Group. As a Treasurer you need to see everyone in the Group to send out invoices so that's the access you will be given.

DO YOU NEED ACCESS TO TOP'S OR TOP FORMS?

You will find TOPs and all forms under the Resources tab on the left hand side. If you use a particular form all the time don't forget to bookmark it. Once you have done this the form will appear on your Home page each time you log in.

We will also be placing the Branch Newsletter under Resources.

There are still some parts of My Scout to come so make sure you keep your eyes open in the future. We will send you a message through My Scout to advise changes so it is important to keep logging in on a regular basis.

If you have any problems with gaining access or your password needs resetting please give BHQ a call on 6229-9385 (11am to 5pm Monday to Friday.)

Even though the Database comes from South Australia please do not contact them. Please contact us at Tasmanian Branch.





The YPR Gathers Momentum

2014 will be an Adventurous year in Scouting as the Youth Program Review picks up pace and begins development on a revolution to Australian Scouting, all based on deep research into the role that Scouting can play in Australian Society to meet the needs of Youth this Century.

www.ypr.scouts.com.au

Scouts Australia's Youth Program Review has moved up a gear in 2014 as it starts to get stuck into some important research that will guide the thinking of the Review when it comes time to develop a revolutionary Youth Program for Scouting in Australia.

The goal is to design one developmental program across the sections, with one developmental award scheme that continues across the sections. Ensuring that the Areas of Personal Growth (AoPG) are central to our program, and that the Scout Method is how the program is implemented, is critical to the success of the Review.

So far, this is what's happened:

- Research has been completed on the Burning Issues that the review should cover. Check out the final report on the website!
- Work on surveying former Youth members about why they have left Scouting is almost complete. Keep an eye out for the report on this.
- Professional, external research into the developmental needs of young people in Australia, and how it might relate to Scouting, has begun.
- Reviewing Scouts Australia's Aims, Mission, Principles, Promise and Law is well underway.
- A team of expert advisors in the fields of Child and Youth development, resilience, and social and emotional issues, is coming together to provide advice to support the Review, led by Scouts Australia's National President, Professor John Pearn AO, RFD.
- The YPR Coordinating team has done lots of reading about relevant issues – past review reports, WOSM Youth Program Policies, Youth development papers, and the like.
- Our Youth Program Commissioner, John Clarke, has developed a network of contacts from other National Organisations who are working on, or have completed, similar reviews, as well as key advisers on Youth Programme from WOSM, the world body of Scouting.
- Already over 150 members have provided feedback on our website, 130+ have signed up for regular email updates, and 20+ Youth members and Leaders have been a part of our initial planning teams.

Plans for this year include:

- To determine our target market. Do we want all young people to experience Scouting? Or is there a particular kind of Youth member, with particular needs, that we should be targeting?
- To analyse the strengths and weaknesses of other National Scouting Organisations that have a similar demographic to ours and see what we can learn.
- To do a similar analysis of other organisations that compete with us in Australia.
- To use all of the background knowledge we have pooled to determine what the fundamentals of Scouting in 21st Century Australia are, ensuring we work towards 'one program'.
- Later in the year the Review will begin working on the details of the AoPG, The Scout Method, a leadership development model, age ranges, and the concept of adventure in the program.

GET INVOLVED AND BE A PART OF A TEAM! In April we will start advertising for Youth members and Leaders from across Australia to be a part of strategic planning teams. If interested, register at the YPR website for our updates so that you receive the latest YPR news.

Finally, we would like to thank the Youth members, Parents, and Leaders who have left their thoughts and ideas on the website to date. Keep on doing this, we want to know what you think!

Spread the word – the YPR is on! And it affects everyone in Scouting!

Beware – the YPR is ADVENTUROUS – in thinking, in approach, in outcomes.

Key YPR Communications:

- Visit www.ypr.scouts.com.au
 - o Subscribe to our email list
 - o Check the latest in the News Blog
 - o Connect to our RSS feed (ypr.scouts.com.au/news/rss.php)
- Email yp.review@scouts.com.au
- Like [facebook.com/ScoutsAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/ScoutsAustralia)
- Read articles (like this!) in branch periodicals



Cressy and St Helens Groups join together for the Longford Harvest Festival.

Hobart Bush Cabins

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

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

For Scouting Members the rates are \$80 for a couple and \$10 for each other person per night. Cabins are self contained and can sleep 6.



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