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20 Years

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25 Years

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35 Years

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40 Years

Richard Geeves The Lea Service Crew

50 Years

John (Pip) Cornish Branch

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Chief Commissioner's Report

The 51st Scout Guide Regatta was once again a wonderful success. 800 Youth members and nearly as many adults experienced excellent weather and great activities, enjoyed and challenged themselves and made new friends. People from outside Scouting and Guiding can't believe how smoothly the whole event happens. The new chairman of the Regatta Committee, Andrew Hardman, was full of praise for Leaders, parents and the stalwarts of the Regatta Committee, who make this event the success it is. Thanks also to the very well behaved Youth members who make us proud to be part of Scouting and Guiding.

Census and Annual Meeting time will soon be upon us with all the extra work that involves. I hope that **MyScout** makes the process easier for Group Leaders and Group Support Committees as they do the time consuming but necessary work to keep our growing organisation fully operational. If you haven't checked out MyScout please check your password with your Group Leader. If your Group is having a celebratory type Annual Meeting, and highlighting your years successes, please invite me. If I can possibly get there I will.

Recruiting the new Leaders that make Scouting possible is an ongoing task for every Group, but it was wonderful to meet the 32 new Leaders who completed their Basic Sectional Technique Training at The Lea last weekend. I hope you all enjoy your time in Scouting.

Thank you to those Leaders who responded to my comments in last month's Newsletter. As well as comments of support and some good jokes sent to my email, there were some excellent photos on our Facebook. Winner of the bottle of wine was Glenorchy Scout Group on their family walk. There were also some great photos of the Regatta and a nice one of Summerhill Group doing hands on bike safety. **With so much happening in April we will extend this competition for another month, this time for the best OUT in ScOUTing photo on our Facebook page.**

Our long standing campaign to have a Working with Vulnerable People Card available in Tasmania has finally reached fruition. Those involved in Childcare will start their phase in period on 1st July 2014 and Clubs and Associations like Scouting will phase in from 1st October 2014. Further details on how this will be implemented will be made available closer to the date. The extra protection this will provide children will be a huge bonus. The one stumbling block is the possibility that this card might cost Volunteers up to \$75 every three years. At the time of going to press the new ministers in the Liberal Government were not confirmed. **During the election Will Hodgman took the time to write to Scouting indicating he supported a low cost card,** so as soon as the election results are confirmed we will contact him again to put the case that the card should be heavily subsidised for Volunteers who are doing such valuable work in the Community. I will keep you all informed of our progress.

The Lea Scout Camp is now under the Chairmanship of Phil Harper and the caretaker is again Graham Blight. The Lea Board of Management is undertaking a review of how it is operating and its future directions. We need experienced Scouting people to step forward to help in this process by **joining The Lea Board of Management or the Service Crew.** If a regular commitment is not your thing, we also need people to assist with one off building projects and with things like repairs to the road. If you are even a little bit interested please read Phil Harper's item in this newsletter (p15). **We need people with a whole range of experience so there is sure to be a job for you.**

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner

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Training Report

What a wonderful weekend for the first Basic Sectional Training weekend for 2014. With 8 Joey Scout Leaders, 13 Cub Scout Leaders, 8 Scout Leaders and 4 Venturer Scout Leaders, the future is certainly looking bright. From across the State from as far afield as Smithton, Queenstown, Cygnet and all areas in between, Trainee Leaders came to The Lea to start on what will hopefully be a long association with Scouts Tasmania. Since the advent of e-learning, most of the face to face training is now very much based on the practical skills required to be a Scout Leader, and with the weather being fine and clear after a wet Friday all Sections spent most of the weekend outdoors, cooking, building, experiencing and most of all having fun and meeting new people. All participants were fully engaged in all the activities, with a lot of laughter and a lot of learning. Hopefully the next Basic Skills in October will be even better. Thank you to the Howrah Venturers who catered for the weekend. It is terrific to see our Youth members taking on other roles within the Association such as this, or the Rovers taking on Leadership roles.

I was hopeful that I would be able to advise you of the future of First Aid training by this Newsletter, however discussions are continuing with St John and it now looks as if it will be the May Newsletter before final arrangements can be advertised.

Earlier in March the National Operations Committee met in Perth and unanimously endorsed a National Training Program. This is exciting and we look forward to advancing this at the National Training Team Meeting which will be held at The Lea in May. It will greatly facilitate the transfer of Leaders between Branches and ensure that all Leaders across Australia receive the same Training. This has been a long time coming, and in the words of the National Training Commission, *this momentous decision now sets in place a truly National Curriculum for us all to follow for Basic Training.*

Until next month, continue to enjoy your Scouting.

Geraldine Harwood

Branch commissioner Adult Training & Development

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Cub Report

The year is progressing quickly with Term one finishing shortly. Easter is a great time to do some great craft activities, as well as doing some map & compass activities when doing an Easter Egg Hunt. I am sure that you can come up with some great activities and I look forward to hearing about them.

Scout/Guide Regatta Cub Taster 2014

Once again I would like to thank Jo Maddock from Sandford for organising what I hear was a great day for the Cubs and this year's Scout Guide Regatta. Jo has sent me a report on the day and I note some extracts as follows:

100 Cubs/Guides and their siblings attended this year's Regatta Taster. We were in for a long day but planned to fit as much as possible in. We attended the Opening Ceremony, then gathered to have a tug-of-war challenge. We then watched the Sail Past realising the enormity of the Regatta.

Once sun screened and armed with a map and available activities we hit the beaches and oval. Greasy pole was a huge hit, with the Rovers generously spending 2 hours in the pool for us. Come and have-a-go kayaking was the next biggest hit with all Cubs and Guides having a chance to try this activity, with supportive Leaders there to help them. Squirty bottle battles were held throughout the day by each Group with a few great ideas being shared for games with the squirty bottles. Bucket relay was one of the most commented on activities with all participants enjoying this simple activity. Not sure how the inner tube relay worked but fun was had I heard! With such awesome weather the designated swim area was a hit. One Group found a range of crabs to play with and set up their own race tracks and just enjoyed the freedom of being able to play together. We finished our day with half an hour of sand sculpting and then had our HUGE WATER BOMB BATTLE! I am not sure who enjoys this the most the Rovers or the Cubs/Guides! The Rovers were responsible for filling over 400 water bombs for us and I thank them very much for that.

All in all a very enjoyable and successful day.

Palaver 2014

We have had a great response to the first notification of this year's Palaver. There is still plenty of time to get your Applications to me. 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. If you need a copy of the Form or you just want more information, please contact me on the e-mail address shown below.

Commissioners Challenge Award 2014

I am still putting the final touches on this year's Challenge and will announce more details shortly.

Grey Wolf Award

This month's Grey Wolf recipients are: Abbey Badcock and Rohan Ponting both from Motton-Preston Group.

Programme Ideas

I have provided you with 2 programmes this month, however, I should note that these programmes were written by the participants of the last Basic Sectional Training Course that we held at The Lea on March 22nd & 23rd. It was a great course, with 13 very excited new Leaders, and they came up with some great ideas. I hope that you enjoy them.

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.



Cub Report continued

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

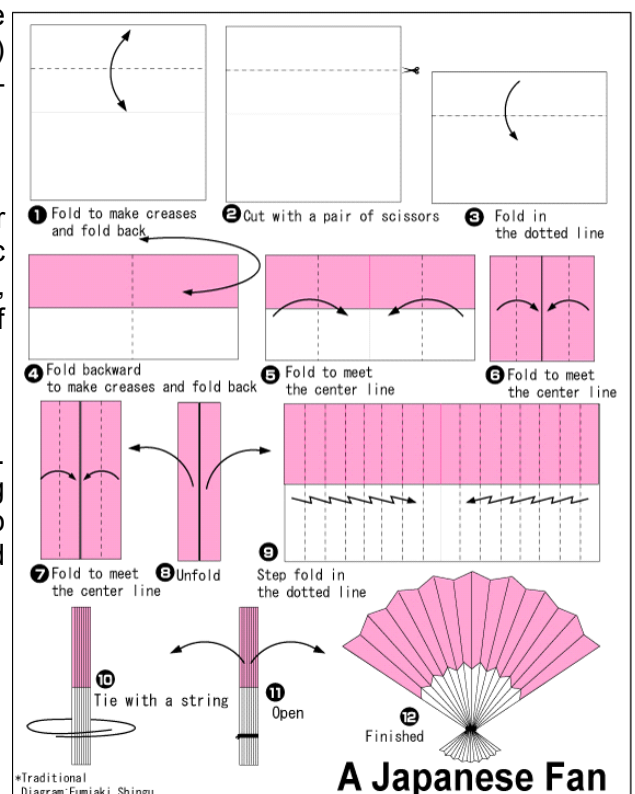
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Cub Program

These programmes were written by participants of the March Basic Sectional Training Course, held at The Lea Scout Camp in March 2014.

Theme: Wind

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| 6.30pm | Opening Parade | Akela & all Leaders |
| 6.35pm | Game 1 – The Westerly Wind
This game is based on the NSEW running game, and is designed to make the Cubs think a little more about where they have to run. It works best if you have signs on the walls for them to refer to if they get confused. Explain to the Cubs that if a wind is called a Westerly, (or a Northerly, Southerly, etc), rather than blow to the West (or North or South, etc) it actually comes from the West and therefore blows East. Therefore, if you call North, the Cubs have to run to the North wall. However, if you call Northerly Wind, they have to run to the South wall..After a few tries, the Cubs will quickly pick up on the difference and you can start eliminations. When they get the hang of the 4 cardinal points, then you can introduce a Nor Wester. | Mowgli |
| 6.50pm | Craft 1 – Paper Plane Construction
Give all of the Cubs a piece of A4 paper and using the instruction found at this website - http://www.mediadump.com/hosted-id188-how-to-build-the-world039s-best-paper-airplanes.html , have each Cub build a paper plane. (you may get them to build an easy one, and a more complicated design to see which flies best.. | |
| 7.10pm | Game 2 – Paper Plane Race Baloo
This is self explanatory, however, do the race inside (no wind) and then outside (with wind) to see if there is any difference in the performance of the planes. | |
| 7.30pm | Craft 2 – Paper Fan Kaa
Give all of the Cubs another piece of A4 paper and this time they will be constructing a basic paper fan. Please see the attached design, but feel free to keep it basic for your Cubs if required. | |
| 7.40pm | Game 3 – Using Wind Power
The Cubs line up into the Sixes relay fashion. Each team is given a ping pong ball. Using their fans, the Cubs have to move their ball up the end of the hall, around an obstacle and return for the next Cub to go. | |
| 7.55pm | Closing Parade | |



Cub Program

Theme: Earth Hour

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| 6.30pm | Opening Parade | Akela & all Leaders |
| 6.35pm | Game 1 – Power Sources
This game is based on the Fruit Salad running game, with all names being used based on our current power sources – Solar, Wind, Gas, Coal & Nuclear. | Mowgli |
| 6.50pm | Discussion on Earth Hour and what it is.
Earth Hour was founded by WWF in Sydney in 2007 and has now been embraced by 7001 cities and 152 nations across the globe. And in 2014, Earth Hour will focus attention on one of the world's most iconic and threatened places: Australia's Great Barrier Reef.
On Saturday 29th March, Earth Hour supporters will get together at small and large gatherings around the country, before turning out the lights to remind the world that it's lights out for the Great Barrier Reef, if we don't stand up to protect it. | |
| 7.00pm | Game 2 – Black Out
Cubs are paired up, with one Cub being blindfolded. Obstacles are laid around the floor of the Hall. The blindfolded Cub has to navigate around these obstacles, being guided only by the voice of their partner. Swap over and do it again. | |
| 7.15pm | Game 2 – Finding Things in the Dark
This is self explanatory. Start by having all of the Cubs take off their shoes and piling them up in the centre of the Hall (mix them up and make sure the Cubs don't tie their own laces together). Turn off the lights and have the Cubs find their own shoes. Next show the Cubs some additional items that you will put out when the lights are off. Bonus points awarded to the Cubs that find these items as well. | |
| 7.30pm | Demonstration – Lemon Powered Light Bulb
A lemon powered light bulb is a great science project or even a great green solution for camping or power outages. Lemons are able to power many small electronic devices including light bulbs. The acid in the lemon causes a chemical reaction with the two metals inserted into the lemon, resulting in an electrical current. The following article outlines the process of powering a light bulb with a lemon.
Read more: http://www.ehow.com/how_5145738_make-lemon-powered-light-bulb.html#ixzz2wpzd2wJl | |
| 7.45pm | Game 3 – Candle Relay
Cubs line up in relay fashion. The first Cub is given an unlit candle. On the command of go, each Cub takes it in turns to run up to the end of the Hall, where a parent or assistant will have a box of matches. The Cub has to strike the match and light their candle. Once lit, they run back to their team, blow out the candle, and the next Cub in line has a turn. | |
| 7.55pm | Closing Parade | |





Venturer Report

Queen's Scout Awards are now closed off for the 2014 presentation. This year I am pleased to say we have 8 recipients.

On another good note, our Basic Leader Training in March saw an additional 4 Leaders complete the Course.

Maritime Challenge is due to run on the end of March at Arthurs Lake. The southern Leaders have been working hard on the weekend and it is sure to be a good time for all that attend... Maybe a little cold, but FUN!

Applications have been emailed out for this year's Teniswood Trophy. It is due to run on the weekend of the 16th of May, applications close on the 30th of April.

AV2015 (Heaps Good) 16th Australian Venture:

Just a reminder – now is the time to finish your application for AV2015 in South Australia. 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	(includes Pre-Tour)

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

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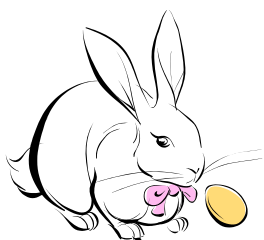


Venturer Tent Challenge

A challenge round Launceston pitching a tent in an unusual spot ...
It was part of the Northern Venturer Council meeting/activity night.

The combined unit of Perth/4th Launceston Venturers won the event.

From left in the Hotel Grand Chancellor, on a street in Launceston, in a shop, and at the Princess Theatre while Phantom of the Opera was running.





Joey Report

At the time of writing this report, the **North-West Joey Scout Regional Event** is fast approaching with final preparations being made. Planning of the **Northern Regional Event** is also underway, and will be held on Saturday 5th April in conjunction with the Launceston & Tamar District Event on Scout Island. A report on both of these events will be included in the next Newsletter.

The first planning meeting for the **Southern Regional Event** will be on 9th May at the Clarence Sea Scout Hall, Montagu Bay. The actual event will be held on Saturday 20th September at the top of The Lea and Storm Hut.

A successful **Basic Sectional Techniques Training Course** was held recently with 8 Joey Scout Leaders attending what was, from the sound of it, a good weekend. We have had quite a few new Joey Leaders joining us recently which is great – we hope you have many enjoyable years in Scouting. It is also pleasing to see Mobs re-starting after having a number of years in recess. Let's hope this trend continues.

Lenah Hop 2014

A reminder that this year's Joey Leaders' Lenah Hop weekend will be held on a 'communication' theme on 17th & 18th May at Paton Park Scout Camp, near Ulverstone (arrivals from 7pm Friday night). These weekends are always enjoyable and a great opportunity to meet and get to know other Joey Leaders, gain new craft, game and program ideas for your Mob, and ask your Joey related questions. If you would like to know more or need a copy of the Registration Form please contact me, but do get those forms completed, payment organised, and in the post very soon, as registrations for this event close on 15th April and no late registrations will be accepted. After this date more information about the venue, our weekend's program and what you need to bring will be sent out to those registered.

Commissioner's Challenge 2014

There have been quite a few opportunities for Joey Scouts and Leaders to earn points towards this challenge so far this year, and more opportunities are coming up, so make sure your Mob gets involved in all aspects of the program whenever possible, as we would like to see all Joeys and Leaders being eligible for this badge by the end of the year.

Promise Challenge Awards

Congratulations to David Wilkins and Samuel Esson from the 1st Tamar Mob and to James Bentley from the Howrah Mob for achieving this top award. Well done!

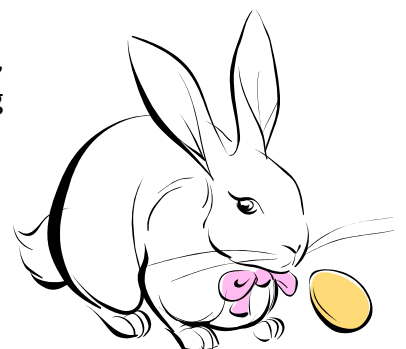
A **Joey Scout Leader Contact List** is now underway and will be distributed shortly, and hopefully an issue of our section's **Mob Hoppenings Newsletter** will be sent out soon afterwards.

In the meantime have fun in your Mobs, get those Lenah Hop registrations in, and I look forward to catching up with you all soon at one of our upcoming events.

Sue Cooper

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Gang Show Report

IT'S AUDITION TIME!!!!

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

WHERE – Lenah Valley Scout Hall, Corner Bromby Street and New Town Road, New Town

WHEN – Sunday 13th April, 2014

Times available (a) 1.00 – 2.00 p.m.

(b) 2.15 – 3.15 p.m.

(c) 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.

(d) Additional times if required

- Those who have auditioned before – please bring along any relevant updated information about yourself.
- Those attending an audition for the first time – please bring along a resume advising of your singing, acting and dancing experience plus any other relevant experience you may have had.
- The audition is an important part of Hobart Gang Show. What you do at the audition will help the directors, choreographers and voice directors work out what sort of role you would be best suited to, your voice range as well as possibility of solo/small group work.

Please make immediate contact with Denice Walter to book an audition. If you really are unable to attend an audition at any of the above times, please advise so an alternative may be arranged.

It is important that anyone interested in auditioning contact to arrange an audition.

Denice Walter

Project Commissioner Gang Show

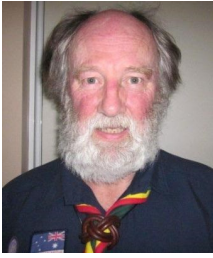
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BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
April				
1st	Branch Property Meeting	The Lea		BP Chairman
5th-6th	Northern Plains Bike Ride			Branch President
8th	Branch ICT Meeting	The Lea		IT Chairman
12th-13th	Mariners Trophy	North		BC Water Activities
13th	Gang Show Auditions			PC Gang
14th	LBOM Meeting	The Lea		LBOM Chair
17th	B & F / BEC Meetings	The Lea		Branch Treas/ Pres
18th– 22nd	Easter			
25th	Anzac Day			



Adventurous Activities

With the successful completion of Scout/Guide Regatta for another year (with it being my first time to the event), I consider that there is a major issue which should be addressed regarding boat/craft registrations and the usage of suitably registered boats for Scouting water activities.

Being involved with the inspection of canoes/kayaks and dinghies on the Saturday morning of the Regatta, it became very evident that a number of craft being submitted for usage for the weekend were not in actual fact suited for usage on water, either for the Regatta or for other Scouting activities throughout the balance of the year.

It must be pointed out that the inspection of the craft on the Saturday morning of the Regatta **DOES NOT** constitute a registration of the craft for Scouting usage for normal water activities throughout the balance of the year, yet it appears that a considerable number of Groups are acting on this basis, with craft not being properly or correctly registered through Branch.

It concerned me considerably to see the general condition of a relatively small number of boats presented on the Saturday morning at the Regatta, and whilst accepting that some boats presented are intended to be used only for the Regatta (ie., only once a year), this doesn't reduce the responsibility of the Scout Association and duty of care to our members that all craft at all times must be sea-worthy and not to place the user (s) at risk.

After some discussions and considerations, it would be beneficial for the Branch Training Team to conduct a Boat Examiners Course so that there are suitable qualified Boat Examiners throughout the State, as it seems that there are mixed standards being applied to the registration of boats throughout Tasmania.

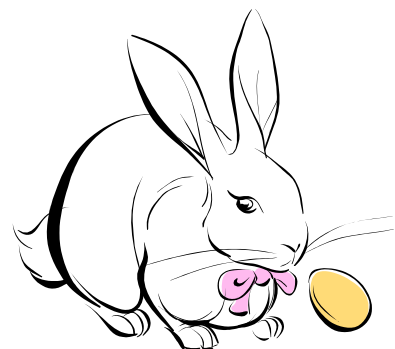
It is envisaged that this Course will be conducted later in the year and probably somewhere in the middle of the State so that travelling for those involved can be shared equally. I consider it would be beneficial if there is at least one qualified Boat Examiner located in each District (possibly even several qualified examiners in some of the larger Districts particularly in the southern area of the State where there are larger numbers of craft to be inspected) and that all of the Examiners are being consistent in the standards being applied in the registrations of craft with Branch.

The Course hopefully will be conducted before September as, for those who are aware of the requirements under TOPS, all craft are expected to be inspected annually and registered with Branch during September. If the requirements of TOPS are met regarding the registration of craft, then the incidence of un-seaworthy craft presenting at the Regatta hopefully would be reduced.

I hope everybody has a safe and Happy Easter with a well-earned break at the end of a busy First Term and encourage as many Groups to be involved in the local ANZAC Day activities as members of their local communities.

As I will be away for a period of time on a trip to Wales and England, I will catch up with everybody on my return in the middle May. Until then, I hope everybody enjoys their Scouting.

Tony McDonald
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International Report

Wow, the Regatta was a great event – enjoyed by all. It was great to see and catch up with Scouting members not often seen.

SISEP (Scouts International Student Exchange Program).

SISEP (Scouts International Student Exchange Program) provides an International Scouting experience for Venturer aged Youth where Scouting, schooling & home life are experienced. 14 Youth went on exchange to Japan (1), Denmark (5) & England (8) for 8 weeks during the Australian summer holidays. The Youth came from Queensland (2) NSW (3) Victoria (6) & SA (3).

Your assistance is needed - Home stays are required for Danish Youth arriving at the end of June.

So far there have been profiles received for the 9 UK & 13 Danish Venturers who are planning to come on exchange in the middle of the year. State co-ordinators are looking at the most suitable matches for the host families from those that have shown interest in an International experience of hosting , thus providing a family, Scouting and school experience, whilst also looking for more host families. Hopefully soon there will be details for those from Japan as well.

Currently we have one family in Tasmania agreeing to host an International Exchange Student this year. Ideally we would have at least two International Exchange Students hosted in Tasmania. The preference is for at least two students to be hosted in the same State or area. Please consider hosting an International Exchange Student. Further details are available at scouts.com.au/sisep. Tasmanian Coordinator is Dot McCullagh tas.sisep@scouts.com.au

Scouts Australia Pen-Pal Request Form

Now available as an electronic form found at <http://www.international.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iStoryID=17658056>

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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Heritage Report

Our small team is growing! Peter McCarthy, a retired bookbinder, is now coming twice a month and the singular Doc Dick Geeves has joined our team. We have a merry time on Wednesdays; telling stories, imparting news and most importantly doing useful work towards the preservation of our Scouting history. Peter is teaching Noelle, our book expert, a repertoire of book binding and repairing skills- she is thrilled! Many of our books, journals and bound magazines have been repaired and recovered as a result. They look magnificent.

Our enlarged archive now houses all our textile items; the uniforms are sorted and are on shelves and hanging racks. Tony found some for \$2 each at the tip shop and I bought one at Ikea in Brisbane. The scarves have been sorted and in the process of being named and we are sorting the best two of the Jamboree and state scarves and putting them into special bags. The duplicates may be available to Leaders in the future. We still have many group scarves to name as there are many defunct groups in the state and we have no records of their scarf colours. We still have the flags and pennants to do.

Tony and I continue to sort out the items in the 12 remaining boxes as well as rearranging shelves to make the best possible use of space- it is amazing how quickly we filled the extension! Items continue to be donated from past and current Leaders, which is great. If you know of anyone who wishes to sort out their Scouting Memorabilia please think of us. We can hold items as a loan if you wish to have them back.

We have a Cub Pack and a Rotary Group booked so far this year. Please remember to add us to your program some time this year.

Susan Gardner



Environment Report

I have recently had a busy weekend with our Group Camp and this was one of our activities. The idea was great fun as a spare time activity and was enjoyed by Joeys, Cubs and Scouts (and Parents had a play too!). Magic foam stamps - you simply heat the *foam* blocks with a heat gun or hair dryer, press on a textured object, like a leaf or twig, and the image will be "engraved" and is ready to use as a *stamp*. I purchased my foam stamps on eBay in a pack of 4 for less than \$5 and a water based inkpad from a craft shop.

What you need:

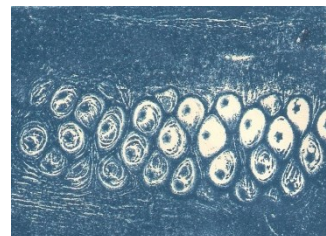
Magic Foam Stamps

Assortment of items, such as leaves, ferns, moss, flowers etc

Ink pad

Paper to stamp on

Hot soapy water and cloth to clean up with.



Heat one side of foam block with the hair dryer and while it is still warm press it down onto item you wish to create an image of. Then simply use the foam block as you would a normal rubber stamp and use it like a regular rubber stamp. The beauty of these is that you just need to apply the hair dryer again and the design is removed ready and for a new design.

Don't forget to put National Tree Day, Sunday 27th July (or it can be any day you like) onto your mid-term program to plant trees. Make contact with your local Landcare Group and plant trees with them and earn your Landcare Badge at the same time.

Robyn Russell

Project Commissioner Environment

Launceston Swimming Carnival

On the 28th February the Launceston & Tamar District held their swimming carnival, everyone had a great time on a mild, wind free evening. There was some top competition but even more fun was had just having a go which also included the water slide. Everyone warmed up with a barbeque during the night, thanks to the barbie crew, mostly from Tamar. The commentary and marshalling was carried out in expert style by the 3 Davids from Riverside with assistance from numerous other Leaders. Thanks to all of the Leaders and Parents who came along and helped make it a fantastic night.

We plan to introduce a Leaders trophy for next year, so start training!!!.

The trophy winners for 2014 are;

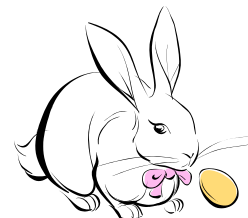
Joey's – 4th Launceston 1st, Summerhill 2nd with Newstead & Exeter equal 3rd.

Cubs – Trevallyn 1st, Riverside 2nd and 4th Launceston 3rd

Scouts – Riverside 1st, 4th Launceston 2nd and Trevallyn 3rd

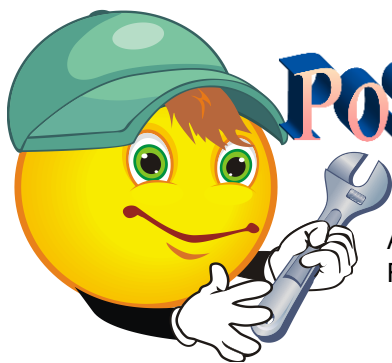
Venturers – 4th Launceston 1st (a boost from linking Scouts), Tamar 2nd and Rivallyn 3rd

Leaders – Female Tamar, Male 4th Launceston (all 4 swimmers were all from 4th Launceston)

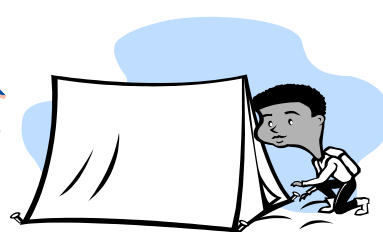


Andrew Thompson
District Commissioner





Positions Vacant



Are you interested in the Bush, Camping
Finance, Management, People and Scouting ?

The **Lea** offers all these

There are a limited number of opportunities to be a part of

The Lea Board of Management

We are looking for people with the interest and skills to develop The Lea into a facility that offers Scouting in Tasmania a premier Activity and Camping area. Plus utilise the other facilities to help sustain Scouting in Tasmania by generating a profit from other income sources such as accommodation and conference facilities. These profits mean that many of the operating costs of Scouting can be generated without the need to rely on Scout Subscriptions.

We meet once a month, but communicate regularly to keep the wheels turning.

Interested? - contact Phil Harper - phil.harper@tas.scouts.com.au or phone 6243 5229

Next meeting is Monday 14th April at 5:30pm - 7:00pm at The Lea.

Branch Easter Closure



The Office will be closed from
5pm Thursday 17th April to
11am Monday 28th April
Due to Easter and Anzac Day

Happy Easter from Pip,
Mike, Jeannette & Marion

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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