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Anzac Day with City of Devonport Youth Members laying wreaths

Years of Service Awards

5 Years

Simon Hall

Mt Faulkner

10 Years

Claire Bradley

Blackmans Bay

Leanne Caunter

Howrah

Bruce Harper

Rivallyn Venturers

Geoff Hurst

Mt Faulkner

15 Years

Phil Sulzberger

Tamar Sea Scouts

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Lots of events happening this month. See page 7 so you don't miss out.

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**Important Regatta Notice
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Chief Commissioner's Report

The Royal Commission on Institutional Child Abuse has delivered its first findings in NSW where it investigated an ex Scout Leader who was managing an Aboriginal hostel. NSW Community Services and Police were found wanting in the report but so were the Scout processes in the 1990's. It was noted that Scouts have strengthened their processes since then. Scouts had made a report to the police in the 90's but only a vigilant co-worker in 2012 brought the abuse to an end. This is a timely reminder that Child Abuse is everyone's problem and we all need to be vigilant at all times. It is very important that everyone follows the code of conduct and we must all report any incidents to our GL/DC/BHQ. In this Newsletter there is a very informative letter to all members of Scouting from the Chief Commissioner of Australia which will help to keep you all up to date on this issue.

Everyone will be wondering how Geoff Reynolds is recovering from his car accident. The good news is that he is back in Hobart and making good progress. Geoff has been very surprised and pleased with the support he has received from his many friends. He will be shortly moving to St John's Hospital for six weeks rehab., so I am sure that he will be happy to have visitors.

Many of you will be pleased to know that past Chief Commissioner, Lyn Harvey, is back in Tasmania after her four years doing volunteer work in Cambodia. She has been in to The Lea to catch up and is gradually making contact with individual members. I hope we will see her at Scout events in the future.

Mt Stuart Group has had some excitement when Cub Leader Chris Ballard was a finalist in the Southern Cross Young Achievers Award and was successful in the Community Service section. Chris does a great job with everything he does and as well as his role as Cub Leader, his Scouting achievements include his work as a Rover at a local, State and National level and his commitment to the Australian Jamborees. Group Leader Suze Schulz is to be commended for finding a way to recognise the wonderful contribution Chris makes to Scouting. **Well Done Chris Ballard.**

Rodney Squires (Sqiz) has recently completed his successful six year term as Branch Commissioner for Rovers. He is held in high regard by the Rovers and happily he will be continuing his role as Rover Advisor to Mt Faulkner Rovers. Ian Hart from NARC will be the new Branch Commissioner for Rovers. Our recently appointed Project Commissioner for the Scout Fellowship, Harry Quick, has had to resign due to unexpected time constraints, so we need to again call for expressions of interest. If you or somebody you know has mostly completed their commitment to working with Youth members but want to stay connected to Scouting, then I urge you/them to consider this role as a good way to continue in an important support role. I know you won't believe me if I say it is only "a couple of hours a week" but call me if you would like to know more about what is involved. Applications will close on Friday 6th June.

This month's bottle of wine **for the best OUT in ScOUTing photo on our facebook page** goes to City of Devonport for the Anzac Day photo on the front page of this Newsletter. Thank you to all those who contributed. This year's Anzac Day photos were all great. It is nice to see so many Youth OUT in uniform providing a community service and learning more about their community.

On a personal note, I was recently informed that my wife and I were successful in the national lottery to attend next year's Anzac Day Ceremony at Gallipoli. I would love to hear from anyone else who will be attending, to compare notes on travel requirements etc.



Cub Report

The end of term is a great time to take a breath and review what you have completed over the last 10 weeks. When you are doing your planning for the next term, don't forget to review what you have done, so that you can continue to refine what you are offering to your Cubs. Remember what Lord Baden-Powell himself wrote in 1916:

The child wants to do things, so let us encourage him to do them by pointing him in the right direction and allowing him to do them how he likes. Let him make mistakes; it is through making mistakes that his experience is formed.

Palaver 2014

We have a few places left for the Palaver. If you would like to be part of this great social event, please let me know ASAP. 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.

Commissioner's Challenge Award 2014

Finally, I am very pleased to announce the release of this year's Commissioner's Challenge. Our theme is the Environment, with a special emphasis on the Tasmanian Devil. As you know, Scouts Tasmania has a very special relationship with the Save the Tasmanian Devil Fund and this is our chance to do something for the devils. A separate email has been sent to all Group Leaders from around the State with the information, and they have been asked to pass it on to all their Cub Scout Leaders and assistants.

A special badge has been designed for this year's challenge, and will cost \$2.00 each.

Please get behind the Challenge and I look forward to hearing how you get on. If you have any questions, please let me know straight away.



Old Badges

Speaking of the Commissioner's Challenge Badge, this is just a quick reminder that these badges (along with any other Cub Badge that we have done over the years) can only remain on the uniform for a maximum of 3 months (in accordance with P&R), before they should be removed and put on your camp blanket. I am starting to see a lot of very old badges still on uniforms, including some dating back to 2010, and we need to fix this as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Grey Wolf Award

This month's Grey Wolf recipients are: Alex Beames of Lindisfarne, Oliver Lancaster of Rubicon, Liam Rode-mann, Henry Burnett, Nyah Inglis of Mt Stuart and Elise Chrisoulakis of Blackmans Bay.

Programme Ideas

I have not provided you with a programme this month as we have provided two within the Commissioner's Challenge package.

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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2014 Clarence District Camp

Sandford win 50th Anniversary Clarence District Camp .

The Clarence District Competition Camp, first held in 1964 was held on the 12th & 13th April. This year it was held at a new venue, Richmond Park, a farm on the edge of the Richmond township. Seven Patrols competed, representing Pitt Water, Sandford, Howrah, Clarence Sea Scouts and Lindisfarne Troops.

District Scout Leader, Geoff Reynolds, was missed. He was in hospital recovering from injuries sustained in a serious car accident in late March. But he was included via a phone call at Closing Parade when all those attending yelled out “Hi Geoff”.

All Scouts competed hard over the weekend, being judged on camp craft, cooking, Scouting skills such as navigation, knots and First Aid as well as teamwork and the leadership of the Patrol Leader & Assistant Patrol Leader.

Sandford ended up first, Lindisfarne and Clarence Sea Scouts drew for second and one of the three competing Howrah patrols came in third. Patrols from the Troops represented at the Camp will compete in the statewide Clark Trophy competition camp at The Lea, Kingston in November.

Ian Marmion—Acting District Commissioner



Winning Sandford Patrol at the Clarence District Camp.



International Report

I hope everyone had a GREAT Easter and ANZAC holiday break. I am looking forward to hearing the stories and seeing the photos of what you did during the holiday break.

Sri Lanka Jamboree – July 31st to 11th August 2014 Cost\$1,100.

Open to Scouts, Venturers and Rovers between the age of 12 & 18 and Scout and Venturer Leaders. Expressions of interest are being called for now. The Sri Lankans would love to have at least a troop of Australians at this auspicious event and they are great hosts. Please email Shane Earnshaw - Contingent Leader Sri Lanka Jamboree 2014 dcc.operationssupport@scoutswa.com.au if you have any questions in regards to this trip. Shane apologised for the late notice.

23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan 2015

The closing date for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree has now passed. Of the 10 members to register online, a total of 4 applications have now been confirmed. Congratulations to the four Tasmanian Youth members attending the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan 2015.

There are a limited number of positions available in the nominated Troops that will allow the contingent to continue receiving forms for the immediate future. This is so as not to disadvantage any Youth members who had completed their applications on time, however their forms and/or money have been delayed in passing between their Group Leader and the Contingent. Contact Aaron Wardle Australian Contingent Leader, 23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan 2015 email - Aaron Wardle WSJ2015 wjcontingentleader@scouts.com.au

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Mariners Trophy 2014

St Helens 12th/13th April

Saturday

The 2014 Mariners Trophy was held at St Helens with eight Crews and Patrol Boats. On the Saturday Crews participated in rowing and sailing skills on Georges Bay.

Saturday Evening saw Rotating Point to Point skills competition,. Crews showed their proficiencies in Nautical skills, Rules of the Road, Weather, Water safety Parts of boats and Riggs, Parts of sails and First Aid. Crews were judged on projects handed in (ie) a working compass, weather profile for the week up to Saturday night, a fancy knot board.

Sunday

Skills in Knotting, Splicing, Whipping, Line Heaving were tested.

An hour long initiative test was conducted with a dismasting scenario and recovery rescue.

Results

Winning Crew: Esperance Northwest Bay Scouts

Winning Crew: Novice Section the AB Tamar Scouts

Top Cox : Jackson Bowen Tamar Scouts

Allan Butt

Branch Commissioner Water Activities



Branch Youth Program



Just a reminder about Youthfest. Following a very successful weekend in June 2013, we are running the event again on the 13th/15th June at the Tamar Scout Hall. For more details check in the March 2014 Newsletter. Applications close on the **23rd May**, which only gives you three weeks to get those applications in to me. The weekend is limited to 36 Scouts from around the State. To register your Scouts please email me on jcreed8@bigpond.com

Branch Youth Council - Over the last weekend in April Narelle Ball, the Branch Youth Council Chair, and I went to Sydney. It was the occasion of the inaugural meeting of the NYC Executive and BYC Chairs and Advisers from around Australia. The weekend was an opportunity for all of us to share ideas and learn from each other. Branches are at different stages of developing their BYC's – some are well established, whereas Tasmania, like some other Branches, are relatively new.

Narelle and I have come back enthused with ideas and hoping for support from Leaders of the Branch. Initially we need to promote the BYC – at Youthfest last year, many of the Scouts who attended had never heard of the BYC. All the information goes into the Newsletter – so please pass this on to your Youth members.

The newly formed Branch Youth Council was set up just over 12 months ago and we are looking for more members.

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 change. Its purpose is -

- To give a voice to young people in the decision making process of Scouting
- To develop leadership skills at a different level to Scouting Sections
- To give BYC members opportunities to work with the NYC (National Youth Council)

Eligibility -

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

For further information, or application forms, please contact me.

Julie Creed

Branch Commissioner for Youth Program

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BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
May				
9th	Queen's Scout Presentations	Govt. House		BC Venturers
9th-10th	Advanced Abseiling W/e 1			BC Advent. Act.
11th	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
12th	LBOM Meeting	The Lea		LBOM Chair
13th	Branch ICT Meeting	The Lea		IT Chair
15th	B & F / BEC Meetings	The Lea		Branch Treas/ Pres
14th	LBOM Meeting	The Lea		LBOM Chair
16th-18th	Basic Seamanship	South		BC Training
17th –18th	Lenah Hop	NW		BC Joeys
17th-18th	Cub Palaver	South		BC Cubs
17th-18th	Venturer Teniswood Trophy			BC Venturers
17th-18th	National Training Meeting	The Lea		BC Training
18th	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
24th-25th	Commissioners Conference	Campbell Town		Branch
24th	Rover Reunion			BC Rovers
25th	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
30th	Rover Review Plan Meeting	Clarence		Georgie Carr
30th-1st	Advanced Abseiling w/e 2	South		BC Advent. Act.

The contact number for the Regatta has changed.

**It is now 0488 964 817. The email address remains the same:
sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au**



Scout Report

Adventurer Cord / Explorer level Cord Walks:

It has been great to see the increasing number of Scouts progressing through the Award Scheme to earn their Australian Scout Medallion.

Scouts and Leaders are to be congratulated for the effort being put in to achieve this, as both need to be “on the ball” to complete all the requirements.

What has been evident is that there is still some confusion regarding the process of organising the Green Cord walk. There is a Campcraft Journey Policy booklet that clearly gives the options and requirements for all Level Hikes and some pre approved walks. As long as all these requirements are met, you don’t need specific permission to journey in that area or for a Pioneer level Hike.

The bit that most Scouts & Leaders are missing is the requirement when preparing the Adventurer/Explorer level Journey Plan, is that the District Scout Leader or qualified Assessor need to approve the Plan at least 3 weeks before the hike. This is to ensure that the DSL is aware of what is happening and that the Scouts are sufficiently organised and capable to undertake the Journey.

If you do not have a copy of these documents, then email me: bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au and I’ll send it to you.

Youthfest:

I recently sent an email to all Scout Leaders reminding them to nominate their Scouts for this challenging and fun event. Hurry as places fill fast and we are limited to 36 Scouts.

If you need any more details, send me an email.

Phil Harper

Branch Commissioner Scouts

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Flag bearer from Derwent Sea Scouts.



COUNT ME IN!

A Comedy Variety Show

Presented by

Rover Revue

Picture: Outnumbered by Ian Ball

Peacock Theatre Salamanca Arts Centre

8:00pm each night

Directed by Georgina Carr

Musical Direction by Angus Davison

Tickets \$15 Group Booking Discounts

Book online at www.trybooking.com/EMSP

**May 8, 9
and 10th**

Contains some coarse language and sexual references

Hey you! Yes, you - hiding behind that smart phone, ever wondered why you're sooo in need of being included in everything? Right down to the tiny details of what we didn't eat for breakfast, or who just declared their undying love for a neighbour they've never met? What if we told you ... we don't know why either! But, we sure as hell can highlight the random things we do everyday to try and fit in. Go-on, conform some more, come to the show and laugh at the sticky situations we get caught in!

The Rover Section of Scouts Australia provides opportunities for young adults between seventeen and twenty-six years to offer service to the community and the Scout Movement, to develop their personal abilities and to equip themselves to lead active and satisfying lives as responsible citizens. Tas.rovers.com.au



Anzac Day 2014



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Letter from Australian Chief Commissioner

Dear Members of Scouts Australia

I am taking this opportunity to speak with all members of the Scouting Community about the incredibly important matter of child safety and welfare.

Just a few days ago the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse submitted its first case study report – looking into systems and circumstances that were in place when Steven Larkins, who was a Scout leader during the 1990s, abused children. Even after Scouts had lodged a report with police, Larkins went on to work as the CEO of the Hunter Aboriginal Children's Service and in 2012 he was found guilty of a number of charges in court.

In review of the Larkins case and, in particular, the child protection system that Scouting had in place during the 1990's, the Royal Commission's Report found that we did not have an adequate system in place. Scouts agrees with the Report's findings in this regard.

As noted in the Report, Scouts changed its procedures and by 2000 the Scouts' Behaviour Management Procedure had altered to require the immediate suspension of an adult member who was the subject of serious allegations, without investigating the matter beforehand.

Today, a specific step-by-step process is used to respond to child abuse allegations. In cases of criminal abuse it includes a complete suspension of the accused adult member and immediate reporting to police and/or other relevant external child protection authorities. **Scouts encourages an environment which fosters the immediate reporting of any abuse, and recognises that any delay in reporting can have an impact on everyone involved, especially the victims.**

Scouts has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse. It does not conduct any type of investigation for allegations of criminal child abuse and hands any concerns directly to the police for a full, professional investigation.

As recognised by the Royal Commission, Scouts is a very broad, grass-roots and volunteer-run organisation thriving in local communities. But this is no excuse not to adopt the best possible child protection practices uniformly across the country.

Scouts' child protection procedures are now nationally coordinated. All adult members comply with relevant statutory requirements in regard to working with children. Examples include working with children checks, police checks, as well as rigorous vetting and reference check processes.

Different laws do apply in different states, and Scouts looks to the Royal Commission to recommend a single national system so that all Scouts checks, records, recruitment and training programs can focus on building a single, centralised and uniform national system that all community groups can use effectively.

These days, Scouts does not wait for absolute proof of wrong doing. If an issue involving criminal child abuse is raised, we immediately report to the police and suspend the person involved from all Scouting activity.

Scouts would rather err on the side of caution until police have cleared people named in a report. We work closely with the police during this process to ensure the investigation has access to all the information available.

The safety and protection of young people is Scouts' highest priority. We have zero tolerance for any form of abuse.

The Royal Commission's Report looked at the other organisations that Steven Larkins had manipulated, for instance by falsifying working with children checks.

Scouts was extremely disappointed that Larkins only received a light sentence after being found guilty of two counts of aggravated sexual assault of children. In fact, he has not served a day in prison for these crimes. Yet for the charges of possession of child pornography, falsifying working with children's checks and statutory declaration documents he was given a 19 month custodial sentence.

Scouts believes that Larkins should have served substantial custodial time for aggravated sexual assault of children and we raised the issue with the NSW Government in 2012 and are participating in a review of NSW sentencing at the moment.

From the very beginning, Scouts has been a vocal supporter of the role of the Royal Commission. We hope that by studying these complex cases, the Royal Commission can build a better national system which coordinates the many organisations working with children to ensure their protection, safety and well-being.

From youth groups to police, from government departments to local health services, and of course always in every aspect of Scouting, we must all operate under a coordinated and rigorous child protection system.

Scouts will keep you updated on any outcomes from the Royal Commission which involves Scouting, or which will impact our tough and unbending child protection processes.

Regards

**Reg Williams
Chief Commissioner
Scouts Australia**

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA TASMANIAN BRANCH

Tasmanian Branch Elections 2014

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, nominations are called for the following elected positions:

Elected Member of the Branch Executive Committee (Uniformed)
Elected Member of the Branch Executive Committee (Non-Uniformed)
Elected Member of the Branch Council (Uniformed)
Elected Member of the Branch Council (Non-Uniformed)

Elected positions are for the term of 3 years with the option to be re-elected for a further 3 years unless otherwise stated below.

Elected Members of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

David Henwood as a uniformed member completes his first 3 year term of office at the AGM in September. He is eligible to be re-nominated for a further 3 year term.

Harry Quick is moving into a uniformed position from a non-uniformed position and is eligible to be re-nominated for a further 2 year term.

Douglas Thomson as a non-uniformed member with the position of Branch Treasurer completes his first 3 year term of office at the AGM in September. He is eligible to be re-nominated for a further 3 year term.

There are also 3 vacancies on BEC for elected **non-uniformed members**, one for a 3 year term, one for a 2 year term and one for a 1 year term.

Elected Members of the Branch Council (BC)

David Henwood and Dy Turner as uniformed members complete their first 3 year term of office at the AGM in September. They are eligible to be re-nominated for a further 3 year term.

John Rogerson and Michael Hunt as non-uniformed members complete their first 3 year term of office at the AGM in September. They are eligible to be re-nominated for a further 3 year term.

Adult members wishing to be elected to any of the above positions should complete a nomination form and lodge it with Branch Headquarters. A form is attached for your convenience and additional copies may be obtained from Branch Headquarters on request.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5pm Wednesday 28th May 2014

POST NOMINATION FORM IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH ELECTIONS TO
SCOUTS TASMANIA, 330 PROCTORS RD, KINGSTON, 7050

Jeannette Vogels
State Office Manager

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA, TASMANIAN BRANCH
Branch Elections 2014

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE OFFICE OF:

☐

Elected Member of the **Branch Exec. Committee (Uniformed)** – For the term of 3 years

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Elected Member of the **Branch Exec. Committee (Non-Uniformed)** – For the term of 1/2/3 years

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Elected Member of the **Branch Council (Non-uniformed)** – For the term of 3 years

☐

Elected Member of the **Branch Council (Uniformed)** – For the term of 3 years

✓ Please tick relevant box (boxes)

PLEASE NOTE THAT SHORTER TERMS MAY ALSO BE FILLED FROM THESE NOMINEES.

In accordance with Section R1 of the Branch Regulations we hereby nominate:

Title

Given Names

Surname

Address

Telephone

Email address

Proposed by

Position in Movement

Signature

Date

Seconded by

Position in Movement

Signature

Date

To assist Council members when voting, nominees are asked if they would kindly provide relevant details of qualifications and experience with the Scout Movement and/or full particulars of work interests outside the Movement. If you need more room please attach another sheet.

Nominees CV that will be printed as an addendum with the ballot paper:

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Jeannette Vogels
State Office Manager

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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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