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Queen's Scout & Queen's Guide Awards 2014 with HE Peter Underwood and Mrs Underwood
Back Row LtoR- Lucy Smith, Stephanie Jefferies Alex Crean, Danielle Brown, Molly Williams and Lauren Caulfield
Front Row L to R- Nicole McKillop, Amberlei Beresford, Allan Jameson, Alexandra Ford, Louisa Marmion and BP Award Chris Ballard

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Years of Service Awards

5 Years

Neal Schulz	Mt Stuart
Suzanne Schulz	Mt Stuart

10 Years

Renee Cowen	Burnie
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15 Years

Bob Blaauw	Sandford
Elizabeth Koolhof	Derwent

20 Years

Stephen Yam	St Helens
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Chief Commissioner's Report

It is very sad to hear that Keith Mollineaux, a Life Member of our Branch and a long time stalwart of Bellerive Group, has passed away. His funeral will be on Thursday 29th May and will, I am sure, be a celebration of his life time of commitment to his community. He will be sadly missed. On a happier note, Geoff Reynolds is well on the way to recovery at St John's Hospital in Macquarie St.

May is a full on time for annual meetings and it has been good to catch up with many Leaders around the State. At Mersey District it was great to see Mayor Steve Martin at the meeting to present Leaders with awards to recognise Volunteer service to the Devonport Community. It was great to also see ex Scout Adam Brooks MHA at the same meeting to check out his old Scout Group at Spreyton. How did he survive having Jan Tuxworth as his Scout Leader??

A highlight of each year for me is the presentation evening for the Queen's Scout and BP Awards. This year there were eight Queen's Scouts and one BP Award (please see the front of the Newsletter). The evening is a wonderful opportunity to showcase just some of the wonderful young people we have in Scouting and Guiding and also an opportunity to thank the parents, siblings, grandparents and Leaders who make it possible for them to complete the awards.

During May we had the Rover Review which was again a great success. It is great to see the creative arts as such a prominent part of the Scout program. The Joey Lenah Hop and the Cub Palaver were a great experience for those who attended but difficult to organise because of the Tasmanian habit of leaving bookings to the last minute. The Teniswood Trophy was a great success despite the heavy rain. Well done the Leaders on the NW Coast who did a great job of organising the event. The National Training Team also came to Hobart as part of their meeting rotation and as always, they were impressed with The Lea as a venue and with the Tasmanian hospitality. The month was rounded off by a meeting in Campbell Town of our hard working Commissioner and the Rover Reunion in Launceston.

BHQ is hoping that Groups will remember to send in their full Annual Reports so they can be filed as part of the valuable history of each Group in the Heritage Centre. About half of our Groups have already sent Jeannette their audited Annual Financial Report so there are still quite a few outstanding. As I do every year, I remind all GL's and LIC that sending in this report is a requirement of their role. The audit part is not meant to be expensive or extensive, it is really intended to be a verification of the financial records by a competent person so that everyone can have confidence in the process. Anyone having trouble completing this should call Jeannette and ask for her help.

As I reported last month, 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. Nobody has been in touch with me about this role yet so call me if you would like to know more about what is involved. Applications will close on Friday 6th June.

The departure date for my vacation in Europe and my attendance at the WOSM World Conference in Slovenia in August is uncertain because of family ill health, but when I do leave, Jos McKenna will be Acting Chief Commissioner and Geraldine Harwood will be Acting Deputy Chief Commissioner. I will confirm these details when my departure date is set. I know that the Branch will be in good hands during my absence and both Jos and Geraldine will only be a phone call away if anyone has any concerns while I am travelling.

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner

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Training Report

The National Training Team met in Hobart in mid-May for its first meeting of 2014, with the theme *One Team – One Training Program*. This is an exciting time in the Scouts Australia Training sphere with Basic Training being portable between Branches for the first time, and Advanced Training next on the agenda. The weekend would not have been so successful without the terrific catering by Marion and Maria and the transport by Chalky – many thanks to my Tassie Training Team Members for their assistance.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the very enthusiastic affirmation by the Chief Commissioner, Reg Williams, who sees the growth in opportunities for Scouting through the development of Training especially for Youth members. The idea, now demonstrated in practice in January in NSW of National School for Adventurous Activities has been warmly accepted, with future Schools being held in such areas as mountain biking, water activities, archery and alpine sports as well as the more broad-based school similar to that in NSW where many participants received their Certificate 2 or Certificate 3 in Outdoor Recreation. The Young Leadership pilot programs in South Australia and Western Australia, as well as the Venturer Unit being part of the school program at Sydenham College, all provide potential new pathways for our Youth members.

The vision is starting to be realised and within ten years Scouting could and should be the leading organisation for Leadership for young people. We need to follow up with good mentoring and support, as we do for our Adult Leaders when they undertake their Leader of Youth or Leader of Adult Training. Training, particularly qualified training is crucial in today's world and while we would like to move more quickly we need to operate within our limitations and ensure we do it properly.

A major project to be implemented this year is an appropriate student management system as we will need to have Unique Student Identifiers in place by 1 January 2015.

It was fantastic to hear of the positive response from NSOs around the world in response to Scouts Australia's E-Learning, with some 70 organisations expressing interest in perhaps utilising some or all of our program. There is already in-principle agreement with Mindvision to trial it in Malta and Iceland.

For those who have not yet completed workbooks or E-Learning **from the last Basic Training** could you please contact Marion and ensure it is completed as soon as possible.

Geraldine Harwood

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development



Cub Report

At the time of writing my report this month, I have just come back from our Palaver and what a great weekend it was. Leaders from all over the state came to the Orana Guide Camp here in Hobart and enjoyed some fantastic food and wine, learnt a wide variety of games & activities and best of all, got to know each other a lot better. Thank you to everyone who came, and thanks also to the Glenorchy Scout Group who did our catering for the weekend. I have written a brief summary of the weekend below.

Palaver 2014

I started the weekend with a “getting to know you” game, and asked the Leaders to answer several questions about themselves, including; what’s the best thing you have done in Scouting?, if money was no object, where in the world would you take your Cub Scouts?; and finally to tell us something that not many people knew about you. Judging by the answers that came back, Cub Scouts has some fantastic Leaders. We then did a session on the Area’s of Personal Growth, which was followed by a discussion on the proposed changes to the next Cuboree.

After lunch, we were joined by our Chief Commissioner, who gave a great presentation on Bullying in Scouting and gave us all some key strategies on dealing with this growing problem. The weather had improved by this stage, so we managed to get outside and we did two sessions, one on skits & self expression, the other on old fashioned games. Watching a group of Leaders doing hopscotch & elastics was reason enough to attend the weekend. After dinner we did a session on running a campfire and then had the chance to put that information into practice.

Sunday was just as busy, starting with a talk on running a Scouts Own, then discussing the Royal Commission on Institutional Care and finally, we finished with a Q&A with the Branch Commissioner. This was a great opportunity for the Leaders to ask me questions, and they didn’t hold back. Hopefully I was able to answer everything to everyone’s satisfaction.

Next year we will be taking the Palaver North, so get your thinking hats on and let me know what you want on next years agenda.

Commissioner’s Challenge Award 2014

The Commissioner’s Challenge is up and running, and already Cub Packs have told me that they are including the theme into their upcoming programmes, with one changing the theme for their upcoming camp.

The badges have arrived and will cost \$2.00 each. Details on how to get the badges are included in the Activity Packs.



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.

Pathfinder Camps 2014

Another thing that came out of the Palaver was the reintroduction of the Pathfinder Camps. Everyone thinks that they are a great idea, and hopefully we will be able to run these later in the year. Look out for more information on this shortly.

Grey Wolf Award

This months Grey Wolf recipients are: Imogen McKinnon from Glenorchy and Mia Fryer-Robertson from Sandford.

Cub Report continued

Programme Ideas

Following on from something that we did at this years Palaver, my programme this month is on Old Fashioned Games, and is designed to show Cubs that you can still have fun without having to go on line or onto a gaming devise. How many of us remember games like Hopscotch, Marbles, Hoola Hoops or Elastics. What about games that I have not included in the programme such as Yo-yos, Frisbees or pick up sticks? Why not keep some of these items in you Camp essentials for free time play.

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

Cub Program

Theme: Nothing Electronic

This programme is designed to get Cubs active and away from the electronic devices. The night can be used as a dress up (old fashioned clothing) or simply as a point to point evening.

Warning, you may need to do a bit of practice before hand so that you learn the rules for some of these games.

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

6.35pm **Begin Point to Point (10 – 12 minutes for each base)**

Base 1 – Hopscotch

Standard rules here. Draw a 10 or 12 square hopscotch board using chalk. Have markers ready and Cubs can do the rest.

Base 2 – Jacks or Knuckles

The standard rules for this game vary, however here is the simplest that I know. Start with all 5 jacks in you hand. Throw them in the air and try to catch as many as you can on the back of your hand. Then throw them back in the air and try to catch them again in your palm. Any that are caught are captured for that turn. Next we start with onesies. Use one of the captured jacks and throw it in the air. Whilst it is in the air, pick up one of the remaining jacks off the ground and catch the air borne jack before it hits the ground. If successful, that jack is captured and you go again until all 5 jacks have been recaptured. Start again, and this time do twosies (ie pick up 2 jacks at a time). And so on.



Cub Program continued

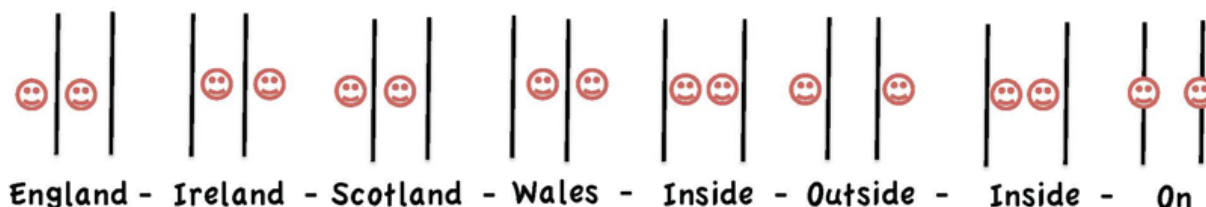
Base 3 – Hoola Hoop

Simple rules here. The first objective is to keep the hoola hoop going for a set amount of time. You can then get more difficult, using more than 1 hoop, or moving the hoop to different parts of the body.

Base 4 - Elastics

There are many chants for this game, however I have shown one of the most common. For Elastics, 2 Cubs start with the Elastic around their ankles. Each of the remaining Cubs in the team take turns to do the chant. If successful, the Elastic is moved to knees, then below the bottom, waist and finally neck. Don't forget to change the Cubs who are holding the Elastic.

2. England Ireland Scotland Wales



Base 5 – Marbles

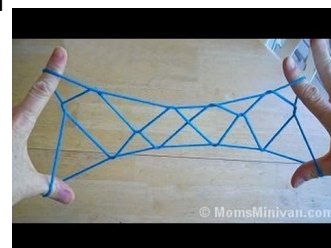
Draw a chalk circle approximately 2 metres in diameter. Place 13 marbles in the centre, in the shape of a cross, with all marbles being at least 10cm away from each other. The Cubs now take turns to shoot a marble from outside of the circle to get one of the inside marbles to go outside the circle. If successful, they keep that marble. The Cub who gets the most marbles out of the circle wins. Note that any shot marbles that do not go outside the circle on the shooters turn become a target for the next shooter in line.

Base 6 – String Games

For best results here you start with a piece of string that is about 1 metre long. Tie the two ends together and then watch this video on Youtube:

Witches Broom, Teacup & Eiffel Tower -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMpH5cAld6M>



Once you have mastered that one, there are several others that you can try:

Jacobs Ladder - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXV1rX-PvR0>

Hammock - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvVW64cLJds>

BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
June				
30st May-1st June	Advanced Abseiling w/e 1	Paton Park		BC Advent. Act.
1st	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
1st	Group Leaders Conference	Campbell Town		Branch
3rd	Branch Property Meeting	The Lea		BP Chairman
5th	World Environment Day	Everywhere		PC Environment
8th	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
10th	Branch ICT Meeting	The Lea		IT Chair
15th	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
16th	LBOM Meeting	The Lea		LBOM Chair
19TH	B & F / BEC Meetings	The Lea		Branch Treas/ Pres
21st	Training Team Conference	The Lea		BC Training
20th-22nd	National NEC & Ops AGM			
22nd	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
26th	Wellington District Show	Lenah Valley		DC Wellington
29th	Joey/Cub/Scout/ Councils	Campbell Town		Respective BC's
29th	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show

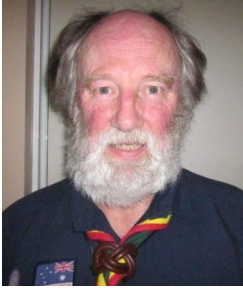


Keith Leslie Mollineaux

18 June 1926—25 May 2014

Keith has served 45 years in Scouting as a Scout and Group Leader of 1st Bellerive Group, also as a Branch Life Member

Our thoughts are with Mabs and his family. He will be sadly missed. Rest in Peace



Adventurous Activities Report

After my trip to Wales and England, it is indeed good to be back home and to a more normal pace of life.

I trust that everybody had a safe Easter and enjoyed the break by doing some out-door activities.

The proposed Basic Abseiling and first week-end of the Advanced Abseiling Courses are planned for the last week-end in May at Paton Park in the North-West. Current course numbers for both courses appear to be good with lots of training and sessions planned for the Courses.

It is planned that another Basic Abseiling Course will be conducted down South later in the year, so if there are any Leaders, Rovers or Venturers who are interested, then please refer to the Training Calender.

The proposed Advanced Bush-walking Course has been scheduled for Carr-Villa in the North in late July, so if there are Leaders who are interested, then please submit the Training Application as soon as possible as it is a requirement under TOPS that any Scouting walkers who are doing alpine (or above snow-line level) walks including winter trips into BP Lodge at Cradle Mountain must have a suitably qualified person within the party.

A Corroboree is planned for Fulton Park in the North at Easter next year with several adventurous activities planned for the camp. If there are any Leaders who wish to assist at the Camp (as a warm-up event for the Jamboree in 2015) and wish to further their knowledge/experience with adventurous activities, then place the event into your diary for next year or contact either Branch or myself.

We will be looking for Leaders to assist particularly with canoeing and abseiling and other activities yet to be finalized, so would appreciate as much help as possible.

With winter now almost on us, hopefully the Scout and Venturer programmes are now adjusted to different activities and everybody has a full programme in front of them for the next term.

Tony McDonald

Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities

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Gang Show Report

Sorry I missed writing a report last month – but hey that means I was so busy with getting rehearsals under way for Gang Show!! Yes, that's right Gang Show is underway and is already set to be a great show.

We have a cast of over 50 young people aged 10 ½ - 23 who have now completed their fourth rehearsal. There are more new and exciting things happening with this year's Show. This year it is exciting to note that we have a team of directors – each will bring something different to the Show and will no doubt bring out different qualities in the cast.

So, what do I tell you about this year's Show? Well, you will discover much "BEHIND THE RED DOOR" ... however, I can't tell you what as that would give away too much. Mobs, Packs, Troops, Units, Crews ... whoever you are, will have to make a group booking and come along to the Mt. Nelson Theatre for one of the Shows to discover exactly what is behind the red door.

Bookings open on 2nd June, so now is the time to plan for your Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew to come and see the 2014 Hobart Gang Show. "Behind the Red Door". To make a booking go to www.trybooking.com/FBAI.

GS PERFORMANCES at Mt. Nelson Theatre – 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th August
7.30 p.m. each night plus a 2.00 p.m. matinee on the Saturday.

Tickets remain at the low price of;
Adults - \$15.00
Children/Concession - \$10.00
Groups of 12 or more @ \$9.00

Up to four Leaders attending Gang Show with their Mob/Pack, Troop or Crew will not pay to get in.

If you are interested in receiving more direct information about Gang Show, please contact me.

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Project Commissioner Gang Show
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Environment Report

World Environment Day is the 5th June and this year aims to raise awareness about the impact of climate change on small islands states around the world.

Rather than me suggest an activity visit <http://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/earth/wed.htm> for some great program ideas for this special day (which happens to be everyday really).



For those wishing to take part in National Tree Day 27th July 2014 there are 2 sites registered. For those in the North West there is a registered site at Spreyton organised by the

Devonport City Council - Visit <http://treeday.planetark.org/site/10003764> Local s

Mersey District has been assisting on this site for several years and has planted over 500 trees as part of a Burrowing Crayfish Project. They would love to have others join them this year to plant more trees, do a little weeding, have fun and finish off with a free BBQ **but you must register online if you are planning on attending.**

In the south the **Seven Mile Beach Coast Care** <http://treeday.planetark.org/site/10002947>

For details hop online and register your Scout Group for participation at these events.



Scouts Tasmania Community Aid Initiative is running a planting program on the 21st and 22nd of June based from Dunalley (see details below). A great start to any Award Scheme environment projects, Landcare Badges or World Environment Badge.

But remember any day is a good day to plant a tree!

Robyn Russell (Chips)

Project Commoner Environment

Tree Planting in Fire affected Areas

Scouts Tasmania Community Aid initiative is running a planting program on the 21st and 22nd of June based from Dunalley. The program will assist farmers, property owners and community with the replanting of trees in fire affected areas throughout the peninsula.

We expect to plant out over 2000 trees during this weekend and activities will be held on both days, with all sections from Joeys through to Rovers, Leaders, Family etc. able to participate. There are plans to complete one to two days a month between June and December, including National Tree Day in July and there are already tentative dates scheduled for August, September and October.

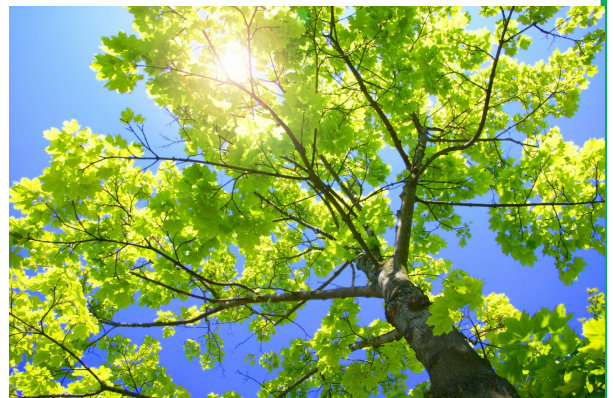
A program is underway to provide younger sections with seeds to enable them to grow out seedlings for replanting in community areas in the fire affected zones of the peninsula later in the year for homes, fore-shore areas and shelter belts for farming properties.

All sections can utilise this program towards their awards scheme. For more information join our face book page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scoutstas/> or contact

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Venturer Report

Queen's Scout Awards were held at Government House in May, and big congratulations to this year's recipients: Alan Jameson, Stephanie Jeffreys, Danielle Brown, Alex Crean, Lauren Caulfield, Louisa Marmion, Alexandra Ford and Molly Williams.

Teniswood Trophy was held at Paton Park over the weekend of the 16-18 May... The event was won by the combined Perth/Rivallyn team (pictured below) followed closely by Kingston and Leven coming in third. The North-West Leader team did a great job putting on the event.

GLOW – VENTURER LEADER WEEKEND (17-19TH JULY)

This year's Venturer Leader weekend is due to be hosted by the Northern Leaders, and the information will be out in the next few days.

The weekend is most likely to be run at Strathgordon and will entail a power station tour (along with some more adventurous activities). There will be a Leaders meeting on the Saturday afternoon/evening and a variety of accommodation options will be on offer. The evening meal on Saturday will be at the Chalet. (Partners are more than welcome to come and join in the weekend).

AV2015 (Heaps Good) 16th Australian Venture:

It's not too late!! There is still 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 Rd. We are planning to arrive in Adelaide on New Year's Day. On the way home we have an overnight stay around the 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.

Donna McDermott
Branch Commissioner Venturers





Grants Report

Applications for Round 28 of the Tasmanian Community Fund grants are currently being assessed and results will be known mid-June. Applications for Round 29 will open on 2 August 2014 for small (up to \$10,000) and medium (\$10,001 to \$90,000) grants only.

If you are considering writing a grant application soon, I would encourage you to apply to attend one of the following free Planning and Grant Writing Workshops being organized by Department of Premier and Cabinet over the next few months. These workshops are designed to assist community groups to plan successful projects, identify a range of grant funding sources and prepare grants submissions. Additional optional sessions are being presented by Australian Bureau of Statistics and Regional Development Australia.

Hobart	Wednesday, June 4
Longford	Tuesday, June 17
King Island	Wednesday, June 25 (via teleconference)
Port Sorell	Wednesday, July 9
St Helens	Wednesday, July 9 (10am to 1pm)
St Marys	Wednesday, July 9 (3pm to 6pm)
Stanley	Tuesday, August 12

If you wish to attend one of these sessions, please email me and I will dispatch the information sheets and registration form. Please contact me if you require any advice regarding grants.

Graeme Nichols

Project Commissioner Grants

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International Report

Pen Pal

I have received several requests about Pen Pals from Leaders. The on line Pen Pal application form is found in My Scout under the Recent Documents heading.

Scout International Student Exchange Program

I wanted to share with you the wonderful news that one of our colleagues, Barb Brook National SISEP Coordinator, has just been announced as the winner for the Individual Volunteer Award, Banyule City Council, Melbourne.

The Individual Volunteer Award is presented annually to a person who has made a significant contribution to not-for-profit organisations working within Banyule. Criteria considered by the selection panel include the impact the person has had in the course of their volunteering in the local community, and the integrity and professionalism demonstrated by the volunteer. As well as being the winner of the Individual Volunteer Award, Barb was nominated as the Banyule Citizen of the Year. Congratulations Barb!

Tasmania has had (it first ever that I know of) a SISEP application accepted. The process is still being completed. Thanks to Dot McCullagh Tasmania's SISEP coordinator.

I attended a very informative Commissioners Conference held on Saturday 24th May in Campbell Town. It was great to catch up with all the other Commissioners during the break as well. Lots of new and exciting ideas and projects were discussed. Thank you to the Chief Commissioner Mike Patten and Jeannette Vogels for organising the event.

If I can be of any assistance please let me know. I would appreciate any stories, photos etc. relating to any of your International projects, program and so forth. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Fiona Broadby -

Branch Commissioner International

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YOUTH PROGRAM REVIEW

Stage 3 – get involved today!

The Scouts Australia Youth Program Review is looking for up to 50 people to join one of 8 teams that will meet, plan, research and then make recommendations on the following topics –

1. *What should be the fundamentals (purpose, principles, method) of Scouting in 21st Century Australia?*
2. *Fundamentals – Spiritual Development (AoPG) and Duty to God – Why are these difficult concepts to program?*
3. *The Areas of Personal Growth (AoPG) – the key skills we develop in young people to develop character. What should be the AoPG in 21st Century Australia and how do we develop these skills in our Youth members?*
4. *The Scout Method – how we implement our program. How do we adapt the Method (as prescribed by WOSM) to meet the needs of our community?*
5. *Leadership for all. How do we create a developmental model of Leadership for Youth that is world standard?*
6. *Adventurous – in content and activities – What would make our Scouting program adventurous in the 21st century?*
7. *What is an appropriate age range that meets the needs of our members and ensures progression occurs at the right time?*
8. *Define the characteristics of a dynamic and adventurous advancement (award) scheme that meets the developmental needs of our Youth members.*



The YPR needs people who are open minded, creative and have suitable research and report writing skills.

TEAMS

Each topic will have its own unique team consisting of –

TEAM LEADER Current or recent member of Scouting under 30 years of age

TEAM MENTOR Current or recent member of Scouting with the key skills, knowledge and experience relevant to the topic and able to support the Team Leader

TEAM MEMBERS Varied sized groups (depending on topic) of Youth members, Leaders and community members with a variety of skills and backgrounds to achieve a task

Do you have the skills and abilities to help shape the future direction of Scouting? For detailed information about the YPR, role descriptions and more head to www.ypr.scouts.com.au



Not interested, but you know someone that should be on a team? Then direct them to the website and encourage them to apply.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE MAY 28th

Rover Report

It's been a busy month or so since I have taken on the role as TBRC Chair. For those of you who don't know me I am from NARC and have been involved in the Scouting movement since joining Rovers in 2009. I have a strong background in Guides after being in the Guide movement for thirteen years with one of my highlights being presented with my Queen's Guide Award. I have enjoyed the challenges that Rovers and the Scout movement overall have provided thus far and look forward to my role as TBRC Chair for the coming year.

Recent Rover events have included a successful Mexican Easter Moot at Bagdad that was run by Wellington Rovers. Both on and off-site activities were held with a car rally seeing us exploring the area on Easter Sunday.

Many Rovers participated in ANZAC service events across the state, thank you to all who provided assistance throughout the day with ceremonies and various activities that groups ran.

The recent Rover Revue performance that had a cast of past and present Rovers was well attended and I'm sure all of you who saw the show will agree a huge amount of work went into the show – well done all!

Rover Reunion was held in May, which was a lovely evening with about forty people attending. Thanks to all who attended the night in Launceston. It was good to see old faces and current Rovers at the Reunion.

In regards to growing Rover numbers all Crews have been working with Venturer Groups and we always look at ways we can maintain numbers through having Venturers move up as well as other ways to reach those who may be interested in joining Rovers... NARC and Tamar have been running the Northern Venturer Council over recent months with many activities to build relationships with all Launceston Venturer groups.

Upcoming events will keep us busy in months ahead with Rovers assisting at Youthfest in Launceston, the annual Eastern Shore Cocktail Party, Midnight Express which is this year being held state-wide to finish at Kingborough Den, and Mining themed Winter Moot to be held on the West Coast to mention a few.

On a National level Rovers are working on ensuring the new BP Award Scheme all falls into place smoothly with current Rovers in Tasmania working on both the new and old scheme. A big congrats to Chis Ballard for his Recent BP Award Presentation.

With some new faces involved both in the TBRC Chair position and with Ian being appointed as BC for Rovers we are excited to be getting out and meeting people in the movement especially with some exciting things to come in the next few months – watch this space!

Sophie Kelly
TBRC Chair

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.



If undelivered return to:
SCOUTS TASMANIA
The Lea Scout Centre
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Kingston TAS 7050