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Youth, Leaders, and Parents plant over 1,300 trees in the Dunalley area. Well Done to all concerned. Scattered through the newsletter are other photos taken on the weekend.

Important message for DC's, GL's, and LIC's see page 2.

Tree Planting at Dunalley see page 18. What a great effort.

Gang Show Tickets on Sale see page 11.

Interesting reading in the Heritage Report see page 13.

Branch Update a must read see page 10

Years of Service Awards

5 Years

Michael Lijnzaad	Sandford
Tony Lumley	Howrah
Ellen Tiller	Tamar

25 Years

Rodney Squires	Mt Faulkner
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40 Years

Malcolm Grant	Branch
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Something new see page 19

First report from BC Rovers Ian Hart see page 8.



Chief Commissioner's Report

NEWS FLASH

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD COMMENCES ON 1st OCTOBER

The most **SIGNIFICANT** change to Volunteering in 20 years was announced in just a few paragraphs in the back pages of the Mercury. Such is the fate of good news. Once it has been implemented, the Working with Children Card will provide much greater protection for Children than anything we have ever had in the past. BEC has decided that Scouting will aim to be the first organisation in Tasmania to be fully registered. Everybody with a position in Scouting who is 16 years or older will require a card by December this year. Full details will be sent to Group Leaders as soon as they are confirmed and will be published in next month's Newsletter. Keep an eye out for this important news.

Since our last newsletter we have had more sad news, this time that John Rogerson, another Life Member of our Branch, has passed away. He was very active on BEC over a long period of time and was at one time Vice President of our Branch. At the time of his death he was still a member of Branch Council and he was always very supportive of what was happening in Scouting. He had a private funeral.

On the other hand, the news regarding Geoff Reynolds, recovery is always good. In typical Geoff style he was home in record time and with help he is already back at Scouts and back part time at Motors. It will be ages before he is fully recovered but he won't let that stop him doing what he wants to do.

Earlier this month our Chief Scout, Governor Peter Underwood was in hospital for an operation. As he was himself a Cub Scout, Cubs were given the opportunity to send him get well messages. Thank You to the Cub Packs at Sandford, Trevallyn, Summerhill, New Norfolk, 10th Hobart/Sandy Bay, Mt Stuart, Cressy, St Helens, Rubicon, Riverside, 4th Launceston and Blackmans Bay for their quick response in preparing lovely get well cards. I am sure His Excellency will be delighted when he reads them.

This message in *italics* appeared in last month's newsletter but seems not to have been noticed, so I have copied it in **bold** and included an explanation of what it means. **Could all DC's, GL's and LIC please read it and those who have not yet done so need to act on it asap.**

BHQ is hoping that Groups will remember (this actually means it is a job that has to be done as set out in TOP's) **to send in their full Annual Reports so that 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.** (this means that 25 Groups haven't done it yet). **As I do every year, I remind all GL's and LIC that sending in this report is a requirement of their role.** (this means if you haven't done it by the AGM I will be calling you to let you know that I am not happy). **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.** (this means we don't want to make it too hard for people but we do need to have financial records verified by an independent person). **Anyone having trouble completing this should call Jeannette and ask for her help.** (this means Jeannette actually can help if you let her know what the problem is).

If GL's do as I have asked they will be making our Branch Treasurer, Doug Thomson a happy man and our PC Heritage, Sue Gardner will for the first time ever, actually have a record of how every Group in the Branch is travelling, to put in her files.

My holiday departure date is now set for 7th July and I will be attending the WOSM World Conference in Slovenia in mid-August. The Conferences are held every three years and you can follow what is happening through the link on Scouts Australia's web page. While I am away, Jos McKenna will be Acting Chief Commissioner and Geraldine Harwood will be Acting Deputy Chief Commissioner. **See you all at the Branch Annual Meeting in Launceston on Friday 12th September.**

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner

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Joey Report

Although there hasn't been a report in the Newsletter these last couple of months, our section has still been busy none-the-less. The **North-West Regional Event** was held at the end of March, the **Northern Regional Event** was held in early April and our **Leaders' Lenah Hop** weekend was held in mid-May. Reports on these enjoyable and successful events have been passed on to Joey Leaders, and are available if anyone is interested. Photos of all three events are included in this newsletter.

Our Lenah Hop was held on a Communication theme, and as a result of our weekend's communications a **Facebook group 'Tassie Joey Leaders'**, has now been set up as another option for Leaders to keep in touch with each other. So far we have around 30 Leaders as group members and any other Joey Leaders who use Facebook are welcome to join the group and get involved in the conversations too.

Our **Leader Contact List** has been updated and now includes some Scout Group and Mob websites/Facebook pages. Hopefully this list can be added as a document on My Scout but please get in touch if you would like a copy in the meantime. Remember to let me know of any changes to your Mob listing, and to check your My Scout records and make any changes there also.

Our **Joey Scout Leader Newsletter 'Mob Hoppenings'** was sent out recently - please let me know if you haven't received this or had difficulties opening the file. I look forward to receiving your comments or suggestions as well as more of your Mobs' news and photos in the coming weeks for the next edition.

Program Ideas

Would you like a resource file with over 60 program ideas ready for you to use in your Mob? If each Leader sends me one program (complete with all of the required resources) as Westbury JSL Kiowa Fenner suggests, that is what we'll end up with. Send your program with your other Newsletter contributions and make it happen!

Commissioners Challenge Awards

A number of Joey Scouts and Leaders have now earned this award. Completed record sheets can be forwarded with the payment (preferably as a batch) to Wendy Granger (address is on the form). Once earned, the badge can be worn on the front right hand side of the uniform for 12 months. For those who haven't reached 100 points yet, you still have until 30th November so there are plenty of opportunities yet.

Promise Challenge Awards

In the last couple of months we congratulated David Williamson – Howrah, Emily Hyland – Clarence, Erin Callaway and Alice Maddock - Sandford and Liesa Alvin - City of Devonport, and this month our awardees are Isabelle Huxley – Mt Faulkner, Bethany Boyd – Burnie and Carys Howatson—Mt Stuart. Congratulations to you all for achieving this special award.

Our **Joey Scout Branch Council Meeting** will be held at the Ross Town Hall on Sunday 29th June from 10am. As well as the District Leaders, any other interested Joey Leaders are welcome to attend and if at all possible we would like at least one representative from each district to be there.

That's it for this month. Please contact me anytime if you have any questions, suggestions, Contact List updates or items for our "Mob Hoppenings" newsletter.

Sue Cooper

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Leaders enjoying the Lenah Hop

Northern Regional Event





Cub Report

Six months of the year have gone already, and we are just about at the end of second term. This is the time of the year to review what you have done so far and to look forward to what you have in mind for the remainder of the year. It is important however, that when doing your programming, to always remember the Areas of Personal Growth (AoPG), and that a good programme takes into account a mixture of all six areas of growth (Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, Social & Character) as well as the Scouting Method (Symbolic Framework, Games, Team System, Promise & Law, Nature and Service). If anyone is uncertain about these AoPG's, please do not hesitate to send me an e-mail and I can send you further information.

Get Well Card for Chief Scout

A very big thank you to all of the Packs who sent in a Get Well card for our Chief Scout, his Excellency the Honourable Peter Underwood. For those of you who are not aware, Mr Underwood underwent surgery on June 3rd to remove a kidney tumour. He is recovering very well, but needed to spend a few weeks in hospital and will be laid up for some time after that. As his Excellency was a Cub Scout, I thought that it would be a good idea if all Cubs, Statewide, could do something special for him whilst he was recovering, and so, I sent a request for all Cub Packs to make a 'Get Well' card, signed by each of them, that we could send to him. As of Friday 20th June, I had 13 responses. They were: Sandford, Trevallyn, Summerhill, New Norfolk, 10th Hobart/ Sandy Bay, Mt Stuart, Cressy, St Helens, Rubicon, Riverside, 4th Launceston & Blackmans Bay. I will present these cards to his Excellency shortly, and report more next month.

Commissioner's Challenge Award 2014

Please do not forget the Commissioners Challenge for this year.

The badges cost \$2.00 each, with details on how to obtain them included in the Activity Packs sent to each Leader.

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.



Grey Wolf Award

This month's Grey Wolf recipient is : Jack Beard from 1st 2nd Ulverstone Group.

News from around the Packs

This is a new section of my Report that I am starting this month. If you have anything to include, please do not hesitate to send them to me.

Ron Davey from the City of Devonport Cubs sent me in a picture of some of their Cubs manning a collection table at the local Woolworths for the public to donate cans of tinned food for them to pass on to Devonport's Gran's Van, that helps feed the needy in their community 4 nights a week. They collected over 300 cans in just 4 hours! They also held a coooold Winter Sleep Over at their Scout Hall and had a visit by Gran's Van to collect them. Great Work.

Programme Ideas

The programme for this month is all about our Cub Scout Traditions. There are a number of attachments for this programme (a list of Jungle Book Names together with a photo montage of some of the most common Jungle Book Characters), and these can be obtained from the Tas Scouts Web site.

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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Scout Report

Scoutfest 2014 - 9th & 10th August 2014 . – Carnacoo (Paper Beach)

This year looks like being a potpourri of experiences of the mind and taste buds. The theme/s will be geocaching, cooking (followed by gourmet meals!) and team work and being good leaders. I'm sure there will be plenty of friendly competition involved. Details will be emailed to all Scout Section Leaders shortly. Get yourself a "patrol" of fellow Leaders organised and make sure you put that weekend aside, it will be great fun.

Corroboree 2015 – 3rd – 6th April 2015

Tasmanias' own mini Jamboree will be held at Fulton Park (Forth) and the organising committee is hard at work to ensure another high quality event is provided.

Remember that Corroboree is a Scout Section Family event and activities will be available for everyone to take part in.

Scouts will be working in patrols to achieve their Corroboree award and it reflects the way a Jamboree operates. So your Scouts will get a real taster for the big event, AJ2016 (Sydney).

Some promotional information was included with the 1st AJ2016 mail out in May and application forms will be sent out in September with the 2nd mail out.

Arrangements while I am away

I will be away from 30th June to 5th October and Geoff Reynolds will be doing the BC Scouts role. The bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au will be redirected to Geoff.

Phil Harper

Branch Commissioner Scouts



Scout Leadership Course at Carnacoo 2014

BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
July				
5th-6th	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
8th	Branch ICT Meeting	The Lea		IT Chair
13th	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
14th	LBOM Meeting	The Lea		LBOM Chair
17th	B & F / BEC Meetings	The Lea		Branch Treas/ Pres
18th	Branch Council Meeting	Teleconfer- ence		Branch Pres
19th-20th	GLOW	North		BC Venturers
19th	Youth Helpers Course	The Lea		BC Training
19th-20th	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
25th-27th	Advanced Bushwalking	Carr Villa	4th	BC Adv. Act.
26th-27th	Gang Show Camp	Orana		PC Gang Show



John Joseph Rogerson

Passed away 9th June 2014. He was a long standing member of the BEC and had served as Vice President of the Branch. He currently held the position of Branch Council Member and Branch Life Member. He will be sadly missed. RIP

Look out for the Scout Advertisement in the Mercury
 “160 Year Souvenir” supplements
 on Wednesday 25th June and Friday 4th July.

Rover Report

Well, here goes - the first Newsletter report as your Branch Commissioner. Firstly, a big thank you to Squiz for an excellent job done over the past six years or so, best wishes and good health for the future. Of course we will continue to see him about as RA.

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure to attend the Scout & Guide Awards Presentation and the associated dinner. It was particularly pleasing to see Chris Ballard be awarded his BP Award. This on top of his recent community award makes Chris a true ambassador for Rovering (and of course Scouting).

By the time you are reading this, the 2014 Rover Reunion will have come and gone. Thanks to Jarve and Sophie for their efforts. More on this from Sophie. It was also good to achieve a quorum at the TBRC meeting on the following morning, something that couldn't be done at the Easter Moot. A reminder that all Crews are to provide two delegates to meetings. We all know what teleconferences are like - however we will have to schedule more of them should we not get the support from Crews at meetings.

Prior to the reunion, Sophie and I attended the state Commissioners' Conference at Campbell Town. It was pleasing to see that many of the agenda items involved the Rover section in some way. Watch this space for some new initiatives that should have a large and positive impact on the section.

A reminder that Police Check forms for Rovers should all have been returned to BHQ by now. If you are reading this and haven't done one, then it would be an excellent idea to either get in touch with your RA or BHQ directly.

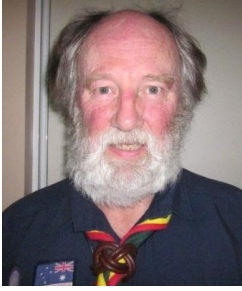
Finally, a reminder that all Scout business places (including campsites and places such as The Lea), have requirements under WHS legislation for caretakers / staff to know who is on the site and when. In the case of The Lea, the caretaker Mr. Graham Blight is contactable during business hours and up to 7pm. Graham needs to know whenever Rovers will be on-site, and in particular when trailers and other equipment are taken and returned, as he cannot provide a security function for our gear otherwise.

Should you have any queries about anything in this report, please contact me directly for clarification. My door will always be.... Open! Well most of the time anyway.

Till next time, bye for now.

Ian. Hart
Branch Commissioner Rovers





Adventurous Activities Report

Greetings to everybody as we arrive at the middle of the year and the end of Term 2. Due to it being winter- time and programmes in place for activities associated with the wetter and colder period of the year, it is to be hoped that those activities are well-planned and are following all of the general safety guide-lines.

The recently completed Basic Abseiling Course at Paton Park (and the first weekend of the Advanced Course) was well attended with 12 participants and a further 7 attendees for the Advanced Course.

The combined Courses represented one of the largest Courses undertaken for Adventurous Activities with plenty of training and activity being undertaken over the weekend. I hope that all of the participants continue on with abseiling and present themselves at various abseiling activities in the future in order to further their knowledge and skills, particularly those Venturers who may be looking at using abseiling as part of their Queen's Scout Award Scheme.

The second weekend for the Advanced Course is planned for the end of August and will be conducted in the south at Proctors Quarry.

A reminder for those Rovers/Leaders who are interested in obtaining qualifications for Advanced Bushwalking (a requirement for those intending to undertake bush-walking in Zone 2 or alpine areas) that the Advanced Course is planned for the end of July with closing date for applications being at the end of the first week of July.

It is still planned that a Boat Examiners Course will be conducted later in the year so that each District can have duly qualified examiner(s) to issue boat certificates. Date and location will be advised once those items have been determined.

It is good to report that a relatively constant flow of applications for Activities Qualifications (or re-endorsements) have been received and duly processed. It is important to remember that all such qualifications sought are dependent upon evidence of a current First Aid qualification, so please ensure that First Aid qualifications are up-to-date.

Tony McDonald

Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities

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Environment Report

Well, World Environments Day has passed. Did anyone do anything special? I was busy running a range of activities for the Penguin Scout Group with all sections participating. Activities started with the Joeys and Cubs; they made some wonderful leaf creations, then we made jumping frogs and had a talk about frogs and how to entice them to your backyard. Then the Scouts arrived and after a game Joeys and Cubs left and the discussion turned to bushwalking and the environment. All in all a very busy environment night that finished off with a birthday cake.

Local Joey Mobs planted bulbs as part of their Caring and Sharing badge.

The weekend of 21st & 22nd of June was an exceptionally busy weekend of tree planting and weeding. (see Neil Ruut's report).

National Tree Day is the next thing on the environment calendar - 27th July. So consider lending a hand with the next tree planting session in the Dunalley area. Still lots of trees to plant and lots of seedlings to raise for planting next year.

I look forward to seeing lots of Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and maybe even a Rover at the Tree Planting in Clayton Reserve, Spreyton on the 25th July. (Check out the website <http://treeday.planetark.org/site/10003764> Local s)

Robyn Russell (Chips)

Project Commissioner Environment.

Branch Update

My Scout

Training Courses for the rest of the year are now on the Calendar in My Scout.

You can go into My Scout and on the left hand side you will see Resource click on that – Click on Calendar- find the course you want to enrol in- Click on course – click apply. You are now enrolled in the course **BUT** not accepted until we receive a Training Form **signed** by your Group Leader.

Invoicing

Groups are sending cheques in with the Youth Top 13 form. Please don't.

Please wait until you receive the invoice to pay in My Scout. Yes we appreciate your efficiency but we cannot pay until the invoice is raised.

It is important to send in a copy of the invoice you are paying whenever making a payment. We do have a crystal ball in Branch but sometimes it is a bit foggy, and we can't read your minds.

Sun Shade

We are missing one of our Sun Shades that we lend out. Do you have it or know who does? Please contact Branch so we can make arrangements to have it returned.



Gang Show Report

Have you bought your tickets yet to see Hobart Gang Show 2014? If not, why not? Tickets are now available on line. To book go to www.trybooking.com/FBAI

"BEHIND THE RED DOOR"

Come and see Heath, Jeanette, Meg and Tom along with the twins Toby and Shelley, step through the red door! What is behind it - who knows? What will happen - who knows? Only time will tell.

Program planning should be underway now for Term 3 and supporting Hobart Gang Show should be part of your term plan. Scouts, Guides, Venturers and Rovers are all involved.

The following Groups/Units all have cast members;

Pittwater, Howrah, Mt. Faulkner, Blackmans Bay, Kingston, 10th Hobart, Tarooma, Mt. Stuart, Sandford, Old Beach, Camerieve Guides, Clarence District Venturers, Wellington Venturers and Rovers, Discovery II Ranger Guides and Eastern Shore Rover Crew.

As well as the above cast members, there are also many of the above Groups/Units with members involved in other areas of Gang Show - directing, stage crew, props, sets, coaching in singing or choreography. Once again this is only a small amount of work which is happening. I hope and think every Group/Unit (certainly from the South of Tasmania) should be supporting all these people. Gang Show is put on for you to enjoy. It takes a lot of time and effort and no Gang Show is complete without an audience.

GANG SHOW WANTS YOU! YES YOU! COME AND SEE WHAT THE YOUTH ARE DOING – the script has been written entirely by them, the characters have been developed by them. The Youth of Scouting and Guiding are involved every step of the way, parents are involved taking the cast to and from rehearsals. With a cast of over 50, there are approximately 2 – 3 times that number helping in some way.

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

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, Unit or Crew will not pay to get in.

All matinee tickets are \$10.00 each.

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

Denice Walter

Project Commissioner Gang Show

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Grants Report

Congratulations to 10th Hobart and Kingston Scout Groups who were successful in the latest round of Tasmanian Community Fund Grants. 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 applying for this round of grants please start preparing your application soon. It is worth noting that, of the 330 odd applications for Round 28, over 100 were started in the last week and 150 did not proceed to detailed assessment because of errors particularly in the financial section. Allow plenty of time to prepare your application and get it checked before submission.

I am happy to check any grant applications. Please send me the application electronically as a pdf file or provide me access details so I can check it online. Allow 2-3 days for my reply.

Please inform me if you intend to use the Tasmanian Branch ABN in your submission. The letter of notification is sent directly to Branch HQ and it is not always easy to determine which Group has been successful or not.

More southern Planning and Grant Writing Workshops are being organised 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.

Triabunna
Oatlands
Cygnet
Geeveston
Dunalley
Nubeena

Wednesday, 6 August (5:30-8:00pm)
Wednesday, 17 September (5:30-8:00pm)
Tuesday, 23 September (5:30-8:00pm)
Thursday, 25 September (5:30-8:00pm)
Wednesday, 8 October (10am to 12:30pm)
Wednesday, 8 October (2:00pm to 4:30pm)

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.

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Heritage Report

Running a museum doesn't always mean working with musty books, old documents and diverse items of memorabilia. Over the last two months, it has meant getting out in the bush (my favourite place) to look for historical Scouting sites.

It all started with a request for further information on a Scout Arboretum which existed on Mt. Wellington in the 1920s. I was sent a photo of a ring of stones amongst thick bushland and a link to an HCC website which lists all natural and manmade structures on the mountain.

The document listed a BSA (Boy Scouts Association) Arboretum in the 1920s and a reference name. Thanks to the valuable help of Keith Wells, an old Scouter and member of The Lea Service Crew, I was able to source a document in the State Library which told me about the site as well as its location.

In 1926 Boy Scouts would walk up the mountain to tend to plants- larches, firs and natives- in an arboretum which had been set up in an old stockade originally used in the 1880s to house prisoners working on Pillinger Drive.

One sunny morning, with husband and dog in tow, I walked up the Fingerpost Track and found the site. It was fascinating to see the ring of stones plus the remains of an old fireplace. This discovery led Keith to asking if I could find the location of "Pickie's Campsite". Sir Alfred Pickford was sent to the countries of the empire by Baden Powell to promote Scouting in 1923.

He spent three weeks in Tasmania and during that time chose a campsite at the foot of the mountain to be used for training and camping. On another sunny morning, using Keith's directions, also with husband and dog, I walked up beside the Hobart Rivulet and found the site. It is very overgrown now but was once a place of activity and camping fun!

Susan Gardner

Project Commissioner Heritage





International Report

After a competitive selection process for a scholarship opportunity to attend a Scout camp in Azerbaijan, I am delighted to advise that Scouts Australia has formally appointed Annastasia Bedford from the Tasmania Branch for this opportunity. Congratulations Annastasia. Looking forward to hearing all about your experience.

Some details of this opportunity are listed below to encourage other Scouting members to consider attending these events. The Scholarship Annastasia applied for was: **Azerbaijan Wonderland Scout Camp 2014** 3rd–17th JULY 2014. The Scout Association of Australia, in conjunction with the Asia-Pacific Scout Region was offering one scholarship to an 18+ member to attend the 2014 Azerbaijan Wonderland Scout Camp in Lerik, Azerbaijan as a member of the International Service Team.

The scholarship covered 50% of the economy airfare Australia – Azerbaijan, and event cost PLUS an additional EUR600 subsidy from the Asia-Pacific Region towards these costs. It is expected that Annastasia will need to make a personal contribution of approximately \$520 towards airfares and the event fee, and will also be responsible for the cost of passport, travel insurance, and a Scouts Australia International scarf. Activities on the camp include pioneering, water activities, as well as hiking to a medieval village. Lerik is in southern Azerbaijan, located in the Talysh mountains close to the Iranian border. Applications included a brief summary of their Scouting experience, and a brief paragraph of no more than 150 words outlining why they are interested in travelling to Azerbaijan. Not too difficult so consider applying for these opportunities. Details of events <http://scoutsausinternational.wordpress.com/>

To register for International News

<http://www.international.scouts.com.au/news/register-for-international-news>

The International Explorer Award is a belt and buckle that can be worn in place of the standard belt buckle on the uniform belt. This award can be earned by any registered member of Scouts Australia who travels to an officially recognised International Scouting event overseas and participates in two of the following activities:

1. Service (minimum 4 hours), 2. Camping (minimum 1 night), 3. Training (minimum 1 complete day), 4. Attend at least three meetings (minimum 3 hours). Upon their return from overseas, the candidate is required to complete at least three reports or presentations. Applications for the International Explorer's Award must be completed within 12 months of returning to Australia from the overseas trip associated with the International Scouting event. This International Scouting event must be approved by the Scouts Australia International Commissioner. The details of the application procedure and form are on the web site (address below) or from Fiona - contact details below



International Report continued

Scouts of the World Award

Peace – Development – Environment Exploring ~ Responding ~ Taking action

The Scouts of the World (SoW) Award provides the opportunity for Venturer Scouts and Rovers to “create a better world” by facing the three main challenges of the future as identified by the UN Millennium Development Goals: PEACE, security and disarmament, DEVELOPMENT and poverty eradication, Protecting our common ENVIRONMENT.



The Scouts of the World Award is granted to individuals who successfully complete:

1. SoW Discovery. An adventure at a SoW base lasting four days with a focus on Peace, Development or Environment. It comprises three steps:

- 1) Exploring: What is the issue/problem about?
- 2) Responding: What does it mean for me? This should include developing a feeling of personal commitment towards the issue/problem.
- 3) Taking Action: What can I do? Develop a personal project of action which contributes to solving the problem.

2. SoW Voluntary Service. A period of voluntary service of two weeks in order to contribute to solving a problem related to the MDGs, ideally the issue focused on during the Discovery.

3. Report on their SoW experience. Complete a report on the SoW experience (Discovery + Voluntary Service). This can be a log book, a report, a photographic record, a blog, a website, a video or other form of report as agreed with your SoW base.

The SoW Award can be completed in partnership with a section of the BP Award or the World Scout Environment Badge as long as appropriate approvals for each of the Awards have been received. The guidelines for the SoW Award and the SoW Passport are available through your Branch Rover Council and Branch Venturer Council. **SoW Projects** Email the Scouts of the World Project Commissioner to get organiser details. There are many fantastic SoW Projects that have happened around the world. You can find out all about them and other information at the Scouts of the World website.

Want to run a SoW Project? Do you have a great idea for a project? Or have an existing project that meets the SoW criteria? We are here to support you in running SoW and making it a part of the program that Scouts Australia offers our members. We can provide you with: Passports for all your participants, Certificates for all the participants that complete the Award, Support on Discoveries, Support on Projects, Possible partners, Documentation from previous SoW projects. Contact for assistance.

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For information on Awards that can be obtained while overseas see:

<http://www.international.scouts.com.au/awards-badgework/international-explorer-award>

Upcoming Events and Contingents

<http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/events-and-contingents>

If I can be of any assistance please let me know. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Branch Commissioner International

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Breaking the Cycle - Bullying, it's not part Of Scouting



This is the theme for Scouts in Action Month – August 2014.

As a Youth organization with a membership of 65,000 spread across a wide age range of Youth, Scouts Australia believe that the issue of bullying and harassment needs to be addressed at a policy and at a program level. To do this Scouts in Action and the Breaking the Cycle National Team have joined together to provide activities and strategies to help us address what are good relations in our Scouting community.

"Trust should be the basis for all our moral training.

The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others."

Robert Baden-Powell

Our aim is to provide training for Leaders at every sectional level of Scouting. By Leaders we mean the patrol leaders, the unit council and crew leaders in our Youth members. Naturally this will mean that our adult leaders will also understand about the importance of leadership and building positive relationships with everyone in the Scouting family.

As our members begin to understand issues related to bullying and harassment adults, as well as Youth will have the skills and strategies to overcome any negative aspects and turn them into good deeds that are based on the Scout Promise and Law. In some cases it will be necessary to call on skilled professionals and teams to provide knowledge about the varied aspects of bullying and harassment in order to embed the concepts into Youth programs, training schemes and the award scheme.

Today, Scouting Youth have a better knowledge of issues related to bullying than their Scouting Leaders. Our Leaders need to be provided with the tools to recognize, confront and then deal with bullying in a suitable and timely manner.

We look forward to posting more information on how to break the cycle of bullying as the year progresses and there will be activities for Youth to work through as part of Scouts in Action in 2014.

Scouts in Action Month Badge

The badge originated from an idea which involved having many people from the different states of Australia join together in one project. This was the Messengers of Peace project which has since become known as Breaking the Cycle; Bullying, it's not part of Scouting.

We had a group of Mawson Venturers together in Bay Park in Victoria and had each individual lay their scarf in a circle depicting the coming together into a central point. As the idea developed we needed the Scouts Australia logo and the Messengers of Peace insignia with its fluid lines behind the logo so these were added.

To break down the complexity of too many colours we decided to look at having one scarf represent each of our Scouting sections. The brown of the Joeys, the yellow of the Cubs, the green of Scouts and the maroon and red of Venturers and Rovers. Hence the five outlines. The colours changed according to some designing advice and the banner with the project title was placed across the centre. In time we hope that everyone knows what Breaking the Cycle is about and we can eliminate any instances of bullying. Perhaps then we simply have BTC but for now lets celebrate our badge.

Breaking the Cycle Team

For more information go to - <http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/>

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Over the weekend of 13th/15th June the second Youthfest weekend was held. Thirty Scouts from all over Tasmania came together by bus and car to the Tamar Scout Hall. The weather was glorious, the food was plentiful, the fire alarm didn't keep going off and a great weekend was had by all.

Friday night was a getting to know you evening – Patrols were formed, the team was introduced, beds were set up and an overview of the weekend was given.

Saturday morning saw everyone up bright and early ready to go. After breakfast, and some time for making and packing lunches, it was time for the briefing session. Cindie Tenteye explained the day's activity – a geocaching activity around Launceston. In addition to the geocaching Patrols had to take a series of photographs of their journey – and be prepared to put them together in a presentation for the Saturday evening. By 9am all five Patrols had headed off for the day.

Cindie, Donna McDermott and Phil Harper set off to 'shadow' the Patrols, while Allen Wells, Gordon Luckman, Jenna Lumley and I set up the tables and gas cookers and prepared the food ready for the evening's meal. We also set up all the computers ready for the Patrols to download their photos and prepare their presentations. We then headed off around Launceston catching up with several Patrols at the Aquatic Centre.

All Patrols were back at the Tamar Scout Hall ready for afternoon tea. While some of the Patrol members prepared their powerpoints others started dinner preparations. Patrols were allocated countries – India, Mexico, Japan, Thailand and Italy – and prepared an International meal. The Leaders made up platters of fresh fruit. Our Chief Commissioner, Mike Patten, arrived in the midst of all the dinner preparations, but was unable to join us for the meal.

The food was delicious – and many Scouts sampled other Patrols cooking. After cleaning up it was time for the Patrol presentations. Patrols were marked on their geocaching results, including self portraits drawn at the museum, their cooking and cleaning up of their meal and their Patrol presentation.

Sunday was spent on the Youth forum – the main purpose of the weekend. There were 8 questions, which the Patrols discussed and answered -

- What are the six best leadership opportunities Scouts have provided you?
- How has Scouting benefited you as a person?
- What is the best thing you have done in Scouts – at Troop, State and National levels?
- Do you discuss Scouting with your friends at school? If so, how? If not, why not?
- What does Duty to God mean to you in Scouting?
- You notice in Scouting that there are some large troops and some that are small. Why do you think this is so?
- As a Scout have you had many activities with Venturers or Rovers? If so, what were the best? Do you think you will become a Venturer or a Rover?
- What is the one thing you would do to make Scouts better?

Following the Patrol discussion – led by Rover and BYC member facilitators – there was a general Group discussion. The results make very interesting reading. If you would like to see a copy, please contact me and I'll send you out a result sheet.

Patrols were also asked to plan a **State event**. They were given a list of things to think about –

Who is it for?	How much time is needed?	What do you want to do – activities?
Where would you have it?	What would you call it?	When would you have it?
How much should it cost?	How do people get there?	
How do they feed themselves?	• Catered for all?	• Own cooking?
Are there facilities available?	• Toilets?	• Shelter?
	• Camping sites?	• Huts?
Is the site big enough?	And lots of other things you can think of!!!!	

The responses gave us much food for thought. This information is also available for anyone who would like a copy. Many thanks goes to Phil, Donna, Allen, Cindie, Jenna and Gordon – without their help the weekend would not have run.

Tree planting in Fire Ravaged Areas

Scout Aid in Dunalley June 2014

What a successful event on the Tasman Peninsula, we had over 50 participants from Joeys to Rovers that attended the weekend. We worked on 6 properties planting out over 1,300 native tree seedlings, removing over 3,000 pine tree “weeds” generated due to the fire and helped out a very grateful number of landowners and communities.

Our Scouting teams earned huge praise from the landowners and community. They were a credit to the Scouting movement, their families and themselves.

Our next event is on Sunday 27th July (National Tree Day) and will be based at Dunalley, where we will continue to revegetate the Dunalley beach and community areas, along with local farming properties that are still heavily affected by fire damage.

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The Lea Scout Centre & Hobart Bush Cabins

**Want to help Scouting?
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The Lea needs help.

The Lea Board of Management is working hard to improve income from the accommodation and conference facilities we have at The Lea.

The aim of this is to provide an income which will enable Scouts Tasmania to be sustainable into the future without having to significantly increase Membership costs to Youth and Leaders.

At present we employ a Caretaker, Graham Blight, who has a long association with Scouting and is a Life Member of Scouts Tasmania. We are indeed lucky to have someone who knows how Scouting works and is prepared to balance the paid position with volunteer work to ensure the centre functions.

But of course Graham will not be there forever and we may well have to look outside the Scouting family for future caretakers.

What's this got to do with you? Well the only way we will be able to employ someone within acceptable Employment Award conditions, is to have some means of providing a back up to the Caretaker to enable them to have some time off as stipulated by the Award.

We need volunteers, preferably with a Scouting background, who have an interest in The Lea. (Couples are easier but not essential). The days you would work are negotiable and could be either mid-week or weekend depending on your availability. If you live in Hobart we will provide accommodation during your stay.

And if you live outside Hobart, have we got an offer for you!

We will provide up to 5 nights free accommodation at The Lea in one of the Hobart Bush Cabins in return for your being a Volunteer Caretaker for 2 days. This will give you 2 days in Hobart and 2 days looking after clients at The Lea. This could mean for example, you could come down to The Lea on a Thursday night, have Friday to relax in Hobart and surrounds, have Saturday & Sunday looking after The Lea, then Monday free for more play, and off home on Tuesday.

Interested?

Give Jeannette a call at Headquarters – 6229 9385 (11.00—5.00) to find out more.

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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