

# Be Prepared ... for new Adventure

Tasmanian views, news and events

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Over 100 members turned up on National Tree Planting Day to help the community at Dunalley. Pictured are some of the workers and the trees planted as the fog hangs around the hills. See report on page 14.

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## Years of Service Awards

### 5 Years

Ron Davey

City of Devonport

### 15 Years

Max Melton

Clarence Sea Scouts

# *Acting Chief Commissioner's Report*

Since Mike left we have had to deal with very sad news with the passing of The Honourable Peter Underwood AC. We were well represented at the State Funeral which was a very fitting and moving tribute to an extra ordinary man. Please read Pip's tribute to him.

I travelled to Hellyer District for their District Cub Scout International night, which featured so many varied costumes and games to match. Tossing the caber was great fun and the food from all the countries represented was well worth the taste and all the Youth members enjoyed themselves.

The Friendfinder badge is a great way for all Youth members to earn a badge and for Groups to increase numbers. Make it a challenge for a Six or Patrol, where the other Sections should make this a good way to grow your Sections. If we increase numbers it will keep the costs down, as it costs the same to run Branch with large numbers.

A copy of electricity & water accounts for Scout owned halls & camp sites, where you are billed directly needs to be sent to Branch, so we are able to try to broker a deal to try to decrease our costs. This could save quite an amount of money if everyone puts in a copy of their accounts. This has been asked for previously, so please help and save Jeannette time and paperwork.

An inventory of equipment owned by Groups & Districts must be forwarded to your District Commissioner every year. If you have a fire or it is lost the Insurance Company may need to see an inventory as proof. If this is kept at the hall it may be lost in a fire, so please make sure your DC has an up to date copy so you are covered. (ref to TOPS 1.13.1) Make sure all audited financial statements are sent to Branch as per last month's newsletter and required of TOPS. If any Groups have a problem please contact Jeannette at Branch.

**Joscelyn McKenna**

**Acting Chief Commissioner**

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**The Honourable Peter Underwood AC Governor of Tasmania  
Chief Scout Tasmanian Branch**

It is with a real sense of loss that I advise of the death of our Chief Scout Mr. Peter Underwood. Our Branch has been most fortunate to have a close relationship over many years with Government House and the holders of the office of Governor of Tasmania. Many of you reading this will have fond memories of our Chief Scout becoming actively involved with young people at our annual Regatta, presenting Queen's Scout Certificates at special ceremonies at Government House and chairing our Branch Annual Meeting. Peter Underwood was extraordinarily gifted, able to interact with people across the full spectrum of the Tasmanian community. Our Chief Scout didn't make "small talk;" he was genuinely interested in each of us and asked insightful questions expecting frank honest answers. He set a great example for all of us as a Scout, prepared to share his knowledge and understanding to advise the community, sometimes taking quite a different point of view on serious issues than that being spun by the media.

We have been fortunate indeed to have the interest of the Governor as Chief Scout and his premature death is a great loss to the Tasmanian community. On behalf of the Branch I extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Underwood and the family.

**John (Pip) Cornish**

**President**

**Scouts Australia Tasmanian Branch**



## Joey Report

Two terms of the year are already behind us, and I hope everyone had the chance for a short break over the holidays, and are now back in action with your 3<sup>rd</sup> term programs with renewed enthusiasm.

So what has your Mob been up to so far this year? A few Leaders have already shared some of the interesting activities they have been enjoying in their Mobs recently, and this information and some photos were included in our last “Mob Hoppennings” newsletter, but we would love to hear from other Leaders too so please send me your ‘news’ – just a few paragraphs is fine, and any photos you would like to share, and I’ll include those in our next edition due out in the next couple of months.

Our Joey Scout Branch Council meeting was held in late June and as only a very small group of us attended, we held our meeting in the Ross Bakery (instead of the Town Hall) – very nice! I would like to thank Wendy, Sam and Robyn for making the effort to attend, and for your contributions to the running of our section.

### Commissioners Challenge Awards

Joey Scouts from Clarence Sea Scouts, Mount Faulkner, Exeter and New Norfolk Mobs have received these special badges so far, and by now others will be close to achieving their 100 points too. Completed forms are to be forwarded to Wendy Granger, together with your cheque payment or alternatively the payment can be deposited direct into the Joey Scout Branch Council account with “CC” and your Mob name as the reference. More details can be found on the form.

### Promise Challenge Awards

This month we congratulate Seth Thomson – New Norfolk and Declan Kelly – City of Devonport for achieving this special award. Well done!

### Scouts in Action

August is Scouts in Action month and the theme this year is “Breaking the Cycle – Bullying is not a part of Scouting” so we all need to be involved with this one. If your Mob or Group isn’t already registered, you can do this, order the badges and check out the Joey section program ideas at [www.scoutsinactionmonth.com](http://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com).

The **Southern Regional Event** is also coming up for those in the South of the State. Planning is well underway and the final planning meeting for this event will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at the top of The Lea, with the Regional Event itself being held a fortnight later – on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at the same venue and I look forward to seeing you all there. Mob registrations for this event need to be in to Wendy Granger by 29<sup>th</sup> August at the latest.

More Joey Scout Adventure booklets and Welcome to Joey Scouts brochures have been printed and are once again available for purchase. Please contact me if you need more of these.

That’s it for now. Remember to send in your Mob news and photos, and to contact me any time if you have any questions, suggestions or contact list updates.

**Sue Cooper**

**Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts**

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# Cub Report

Unfortunately I have to start with some sad news this month.

## Our Chief Scout - Peter Underwood

It was with a saddened heart that I learned of the passing of our Governor & Chief Scout Peter Underwood. This came as a shock to us all, as he was in such good spirits when our Chief presented him with the get well cards that we made just a few days before.

It has been evident from all of the stories about him in the last few days that in all he did, Peter Underwood thought clearly, acted with integrity, was sensitive to the needs of others, was strong in service and held a global perspective. He also was a man who saw Peace and Justice as a way forward in the world and promoted this vision.

I was fortunate enough to have met Mr Underwood on several occasions, including the time I was able to take our Cub Pack to Government House, and was struck by his genuine ability to connect not only with the Leaders, but also with the Cubs themselves. Both Peter & Frances spent time with the Cubs on that night and explained in simple terms, how Government worked, and the role of Tasmania's Governor.

In the words of The Friends School Principal, Nelson File, "As Quakers say, we hold Frances Underwood and the entire extended Underwood family *"In the Light"* as they progress through this very difficult period".

He will be missed by the Scouting Community.

## Commissioners 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 recipients are: Zachary Smith of Mt. Faulkner, Madeline Fenner of Westbury and David Boret-Surtees of Sandford.

## Hobart Christmas Pageant

For all of the Cub Packs in the South, please note that we will once again be putting in an entry into this year's Hobart Christmas Pageant. Danny Munting will be the Leader in Charge of this event. Our theme for this year will be Santa's Lolly Factory (huge sweets on poles). More on this next month.

## Programme Ideas

The programme for this month is all about the Commonwealth Games. Due to the large content of this program you will find it on our website.

Don't forget however, that you can find a lot of Programme ideas on Scouts Central ([www.central.scouts.com.au](http://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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## Training Report

Having spent a fascinating weekend in Adelaide considering the Youth Program review, it was daunting to realise the potential impact on Training once the review is finalised and the recommendations accepted and implemented. To ensure that all our Leaders understand the changes, should they be agreed, will provide a considerable logistic exercise for the

Training Team to pass on any changes and how they will/may impact on the delivery of Scouting programs. One thing is certain, and that is we must address the reasons why Youth members leave the organisation. In Ireland, Canada and Australia the prime reasons are a boring program and impact of Leaders.

Leaders should all review their programs to ensure they are delivering what we promise in our branding and marketing – excitement, leadership, involvement, service and adventure. In addition it is important that Youth members are involved in developing the program, not just at Venturer level but from Joeys up. Pack Councils and Troop Councils have been part of the formal program, but often get neglected in view of all the other demands on our time as Scout Leaders. Now would be a great time to implement them, particularly with two more terms of Scouts for 2014.

The Training Team is also offering the TAE (Training and Assessment Certificate IV) and working through Module 1 with Trainers and Rovers and those involved with Adventurous Activities. Please let either Marion or me know if you require this training so it can be organised prior to that time of the year when we are more likely to be out supporting our Youth members with adventurous activities.

**Geraldine Harwood**

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## Venturer Report

### **GLOW – VENTURER LEADER WEEKEND (17-19<sup>TH</sup> JULY)**

This year's event was held at Skemps Field Centre, Myrtle Park (near Launceston). We were treated to lovely weather and a fine day to explore Mt Barrow. Saturday afternoon saw our annual Leaders meeting, with a variety of topics – Minutes have been emailed out. Thank you to the Northern Leaders for putting on the weekend.

The last six months has seen me talking with TBRC and District Scouters about ways to get more Scouts up to Venturers & then in turn more Venturers up to Rovers. We spoke about this at length in our meeting. In short it's up to all of us. Venturer Units, ask your DSL for help with program ideas, and Leaders help out Crews with linking activities up to Rovers.

Other topics, the new Leadership course and the likely format; award scheme & initiative courses, along with next year's calendar. If anyone has any questions from the meeting minutes, please give me a call.

### **LEADERSHIP COURSE – 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER at CARNACOO**

The cost will be \$55 and applications have been emailed out. The closing date is Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. Please make every effort to get the applications in on time, after all 'time management' and 'planning' are part of the Queen's Scout Award.

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

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## *Rover Report from BC*

Well, the month kicked off with Sophie and I attending the National Rover Youth Program meeting at the National Office in Chatswood over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July. More on this from Sophie. I also had the opportunity to once again visit BP Lodge on the following weekend and as always appreciated this magnificent facility. Even though the weather was typically winter, when well-prepared it still remains a pleasurable experience traversing the world-class scenery up to the Lodge. It was also one of the very few (if not first) occasions when I have made the trip in daylight.

All in all it has been a very busy month for most Crews, continuing into August with the Winter Moot this coming weekend. A timely reminder that TBRC will meet on Sunday and it would be great to see representatives from all Crews make the trip to Macquarie Heads – after all it's not very often we get over to the west!

Thanks to all who have participated in any of the numerous activities over the past month – as it is your participation that ultimately renders each individual activity a success or failure. Till next time, enjoy Rovering and stay safe!

**Ian Hart**

**Branch Commissioner Rover Scouts**

## *Rover Report*

The last month has been fairly jam-packed for all Rovers with August and September also looking busy with Wintermoot, Hut Weekend at Carr Villa, the Brent Gaffney Memorial Raft Race and Raft Training all on the calendar.

Early in July Ian and I spent a weekend in Sydney for the National Rover Youth Program Review. This was a valuable weekend for both Ian and I. We met with other Branch Rover Council Chairs and Branch Commissioners. The weekend was laid back at National Head Quarters with casual attire and bean bags well received by the group. The Rover Youth Program Review was a great opportunity to look at the Rover program on a National scale as well as outcomes that we can adopt on a grass roots level. The weekend included discussing; successful weekly programming, outcomes of Moots, training needs for Rovers, the Rover Award Scheme, pathways for Rovers after their booting and the image of modern Rovers as a brief outline of the agenda.

Some of the immediate actions I'd like to consider after the event are getting stuck into the Scout in Action month with Rovers participating in the Breaking the Cycle program. I also aim to look at pathways for Rovers post 26 years and would like to re-form the fellowship as well as have some direction Rovers can take if they'd like to be involved in the Scouting Movement with a Leadership or Committee role.

Early July we said goodbye to the old Eastern Shore den with the Annual Cocktail Party. The Medieval themed event saw most in costume and it was a wonderful night enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks Eastern Shore for another great night!

Recent Rover events have kept everyone busy with the latest being a highly successful Midnight Express. Thanks to Kingborough Rover Crew for a great event! This year saw some changes to allow for Rovers state-wide to be involved rather than just southern Crews. This saw six of the seven crews plus an Olave team join in which was a brilliant outcome. Many challenges were undertaken in the 12 hours from mid-night till mid-day, that including obtaining scavenger hunt items and getting photos and videos of your crew in many locations to gain points. Well done to Wellington for a great win followed by NARC and the Olave team.

## *Rover Report continued*

A special thanks to Glenn and Jo for allowing the Rovers to 'borrow' your girls for the day, NARC and Wellington got some great points for this (despite the 6:30am wakeup!) and we hear the girls had a ball. The Maddock girls enjoyed a visit to the Westpac Rescue helicopter, played twister in a lift, raced around warehouse stores finding scavenger hunt items and enjoyed some time catching up with the Rovers.

The annual Rover Bender weekend has just been held and this year's theme was fairy-tales and legends. A great night was had by all who attended the event.

A bit late but thank you to all Rovers who helped with the first tree planting at Dunalley in June. This was followed by some Rovers helping with National Tree Day events at various locations around the state. Great to be helping out and work with other Scouting age groups.

### **Upcoming events for Rovers:**

As mentioned upcoming events include Winter Moot with a Mining theme, a Carr Villa Hut Weekend as well as Rafting events in September.

Mining Moot on the first weekend of August will see Rovers heading west. With Leven Rover Crew running a Mining themed Moot, the West Coast is a perfect fit for the moot location. Rovers will camp at Macquarie Heads and no doubt some fires at the campsite will be keeping everyone warm. Look forward to telling you about the mining activities Leven has planned for us in the next edition.

In September 2014 a National Alpine Camp will be held at Jindabyne. This will be a great lead-up event to anyone wishing to attend the BP Peak trip in Nepal in September 2015. For anyone wishing to attend the National Alpine camp applications close on Sept 1. Check the Scouts ACT website for details. Follow the BP Peak Facebook page to stay updated on the event.

January 2015 will see another the second Adventurous Activities School being held in Queensland. Would be great to get some Tassie Rovers and Venturers attending this camp. Activities include abseiling, bushwalking, canoeing, kayaking plus climbing, mountain biking and archery. Certainly some great skills to be attained that can lead to great employment opportunities. Venturers can earn Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation with Leaders and Rovers earning units towards Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation and 'Guide' level competency. Email any expressions of interest to [bc.aa@qldhq.scouts.com.au](mailto:bc.aa@qldhq.scouts.com.au)

**Sophie Kelly**

**Tasmanian Branch Rover Council Chair**

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# International Report

Well, there was lots of information in last month's International report. Did you register to receive your copy of the International News? To register for International News go to <http://www.international.scouts.com.au/news/register-for-international-news>

Did anyone decide to work towards the Scouts of the World Award? I would appreciate a note / email listing your thoughts and plans to earn the SoW award. Contact for assistance.

Project Commissioner, [scoutsoftheworld@scouts.com.au](mailto:scoutsoftheworld@scouts.com.au) for more information and completed projects see the Scouts of the World website.

An application for a Short Term Staff member for Winter 2015 has been received from a Tasmanian Venturer to work at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre. Hopefully this application will be accepted – this is a great opportunity and experience for anyone to have. I have listed below some information on this and other opportunities to work overseas within the Scouting organisation.

## **Broaden your horizons by working overseas.**

<http://www.international.scouts.com.au/work-or-volunteer>

There are many opportunities to work overseas through the worldwide brotherhood of Scouting. To apply for these positions you generally need to complete the staff application form for the location where you'd like to work, and have the application .

Provide services endorsed by your Branch and the International Commissioner. To visiting Scouting members from around the world and participate in over 140 exciting activities by working for a term at Kandersteg International Scout Centre in the mountains of Switzerland!

What about working the summer at a camp in the USA? Each year, the Boy Scouts of America invites Scouts and Scout Leaders to spend the summer as an International Camp Staff member of a BSA summer camp or Cub Scout day camp. The days are long and hard but the trip and what you see and do can be the most exciting time of your life. You will receive a small wage and accommodation all while helping run and work with Youth members at the camp.

You could help out at one of the five Scout Activity Centres in England - Downe (Kent), Gilwell Park (near London), Hawkhurst (Newcastle), Youlbury (Oxfordshire), or Baden-Powell House (London).

The Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre (SAPSC) in Korea offers programs in English based on the Scout method of "learning by doing" - a hands-on experimental learning process in the outdoors. The SAPSC is staffed by young adults from National Scout Organisations around the world. Learn about Korea's rich history, culture, and tradition while you share the brotherhood of Scouting with participants and visitors!

The Kakani International Training Centre (KITC) in Nepal runs education and training programs for Scouts from Nepal and all over the world. Environmental, adventure, and computer workshops are open to all ages, and longer training programs are offered in subjects such as HIV prevention, teaching and advanced computer skills. KITC offers a Short Term Staff Exchange Program for members of National Scouting Organisations.

The World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM) and the Asia-Pacific Region of the World Scout Bureau also regularly advertise paid and volunteer positions.

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

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# Adult Support

## Electives

To quote from the E-Learning pages:

“Electives are short, self-contained learning modules that present topics of direct relevance to various roles in Scouting. Many of them will also help you in your professional life as well.”

This month I will review the elective called Anger Management. This module takes approximately 55 minutes to complete.

“Anger is a normal part of everyday life and it is important that we know how to manage it effectively.”

“In this module you will learn what anger is, how we respond to anger and how it affects us. We will then identify some ways of coping and managing that anger so that we can resolve situations without making them worse.”

“Finally, we will discuss how and where we can get professional help with managing anger, be it for ourselves or others.”

### Induction of new members

Over the last few years I have developed a number of packages to assist Group Leaders and Commissioners induct new Leaders and adult supporters into the movement. The induction package is designed to give new people an understanding of the movement and their roles and responsibilities. This may take up to an hour to complete. The new member should also complete the attached forms during this time. Please ensure that the new member takes the pack with them for future reference.

A few tips:

Ensure that there is sufficient time for question and answers.

A potential new Leader **must** commit to the Law & Promise and our basic principles.

The induction happens **before** Training and that includes the Field day!

Induction Training does not happen at a Field day.

I hope this helps.

**Mike Wilson**

**Branch Commissioner Adult Support**

**Quote:** "Knowledge is learning something every day. Wisdom is letting go of something every day." (Zen Proverb).



**Ella Crawford**

1935 – 2014

Ella was the Assistant Cub Scout Leader of the Ravenswood Group. Ella along with husband Tony (Group Leader) and daughter Annette (Cub Leader at Riverside) all were heavily involved with Cubbing. Condolences to the family. May she rest in peace.



## Grants Report

Each month I receive newsletters from the Funding centre and Department of Premier and Cabinet detailing available grants. Some of the grants listed under the general heading of community grants target socially disadvantaged groups and hence are not available for the purchase of kayaks, boats, hall extensions and the like. Some Scout Groups have had success obtaining these type of grants to help pay subscriptions and buy basic Scouting equipment, and expand Scouting into areas of the community unable to participate in Scouting due to financial restraints. Two organisations providing grants for socially disadvantaged Youth are NIB Foundation and Hyundai Motor Company.

The Tasmanian Community Fund recently ran a targeted round of funding for 16 to 25 year olds to build resilience and increased life skills in a number of areas. One enterprising Group has submitted an application for funding and intends to offer adventure camps for Venturer age Youth. They hope to provide Youth with a taste of the Scout outdoor life with the long term hope that some might join the Scouting movement to experience more of the same. A great application was written and I wish them the best of luck.

Jetstar has a round of funding available at present (which closes on 30 September 2014) which will be of interest to groups of Scouts travelling to the mainland to attend major Scouting events. Jetstar is inviting community groups in Tasmania and Victoria to apply for a grant for \$30,000, made up of \$15,000 cash and \$15,000 worth of travel with Jetstar.

Just a reminder that 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.

Please contact me if you require any advice regarding grants.

**Graeme Nichols**

**Project Commissioner Grants**

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## Tassie Devil Report

Apologies for not submitting Newsletter items in the past few months. Life and work tend to impact on meeting deadlines in the volunteer sector. That does not mean that the Devil Project has been inactive. Far from it. It has been a fun time of contacting groups in America and the UK as well as the ACT. Interest has been shown in the badges we produced to support awareness raising amongst the Youth members who have been undertaking badges and activities and outings with a devil theme.

Thanks to all those groups who have committed some of their programming to this. By now you will have information in regard to the Commissioner's Challenge for Cubs. Thanks Terry and the Branch Council for making Devils the focus of the Challenge.

How about posting the efforts of your groups on our Tasmania Branch Facebook page with photos of activities. Share your program ideas and activities with other groups.

Threatened Species Day is coming up in September - try and make an outing or event to focus on our Tasmanian Devil.

There is room for helpers for the project, north, northwest and south. If you have an interest or can offer creative ideas, are good at organising events, please contact me through Branch.

Have a Devil of a time.

**Mary Landers**

**Project Commissioner Special Events**

<b>BRANCH CALENDAR</b>
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DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
<b>August</b>				
3rd	Gang Show Rehearsal	Lenah Valley		PC Gang Show
5th	Branch Property Meeting	The Lea		BP Chairman
9th	Youth Helpers Course	Ulverstone		BC Training
9th-10th	Scoutfest	Carnacoo		BC Scouts
9th	Gang Show Launch	Lenah Valley		PC Gang
12th	Branch ICT Meeting	The Lea		IT Chair
17th	Joey State Event Regional			BC Joeys
16th-17th	Bumpin-Hobart Gang Show	Mt Nelson Theatre		PC Gang
18th	LBOM Meeting	The Lea		LBOM Chair
21st	B & F / BEC Meetings	The Lea		Branch Tres/Pres
21st-23rd	Hobart Gang Show	Mt Nelson		PC Gang
30th-31st	Woodbadge 1 Rovers Only			BC Training

## Branch Elections

The results of the Branch Elections recently held and ratified by the Branch Council were:-

Elected to Branch Executive Committee:

### Uniformed

David Henwood      3 years

Stuart Morse      2 years

### Non-Uniformed

Nigel Clutterbuck      3 years

Harry Quick      2 years

Ben Walker      1 year

The decision was made that we did not need to hold an election for the Branch Council positions as the 2 uniformed positions vacated were filled by the 2 members who applied. The same occurred for the non-uniformed positions. We welcome the following:

### Non-uniformed

Nigel Clutterbuck      3 years

### Uniformed

David Henwood      3 years

Stuart Morse      3 years



The President of Scouts Australia

Tasmanian Branch

Mr John [Pip] Cornish

Requests the pleasure of your company at the  
Annual General Meeting and Presentations to be held on  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014 commencing at 7.30pm  
at the Punchbowl Christian Centre  
100 Punchbowl Road, Punchbowl

In the presence of

**The Lieutenant Governor**

**His Excellency**

**The Honorable Chief Justice Alan Blow OAM**

**Presentation of Awards**

Good Service Awards and Scout Medallions will be presented.  
Queen's Scout and Baden-Powell Awards acknowledged.

Dress: Uniform or Lounge suit (ladies after 5 wear)

Decorations may be worn:

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

RSVP by 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 to Branch Headquarters on

Phone 6229 9385 (11.00am- 5.00pm) or

Email: [bhq.training@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:bhq.training@tas.scouts.com.au)



# SCOUT ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS

## 1<sup>ST</sup> August 2014

Scouts Tasmania is pleased to inform you that the Chief Scout of Australia, **His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd), Governor –General of the Commonwealth of Australia** has awarded 30 Good Service Awards to Leaders in recognition of their excellent service to Scouting.

### Special Service Award (old Certificate of Merit)

Stuart Bennell	Turners Beach	Amanda Berryman	Westbury
Philip Berryman	Westbury	Pamela Brown	Westbury
Ian Bruncker	Mt Stuart	Jay Fitch	4 <sup>th</sup> Launceston
Stuart Johns	The Lea Service cCew	Gordon Luckman	Howrah
Jenna Lumley	Howrah	Tony Lumley	Howrah
Jeffrey Mitchell	Nth. Dist. Property Com.	Kylie Morgan	Glenorchy
Leon Rawson	Clarence SS	Jason Sanderson	Newstead
Ian Steele	Glenorchy	Jodie Treloyn	10 <sup>th</sup> Hobart
Tim Wood	4 <sup>th</sup> Launceston	Justine Woore	Cressy

### Meritorious Service Award (old Arrowhead)

Fiona Champion Leven District  
Rebecca Norris Huonville



### Silver Wattle Award

Susan Cooper	Hellyer District
Bronwyn Crean	Blackmans Bay
Peter Dodd	Evandale
David Henwood	Clarence District
Chris McKenna	1 <sup>st</sup> 2nd Ulverstone
Harry Niekamp	Perth
Alec Reavell	Blackmans Bay

### Outstanding Service Award

Harry Quick Branch

### Distinguished Service Award

John Hughes Branch

### Silver Kangaroo Award

Lex McIndoe North West Bay



# *Tree planting in Fire Ravaged Areas*

Congratulations to Neil Ruut, Leaders, Parents and all the Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers who worked hard at the Tree planting on Sunday 27th at Dunalley. They planted 1080 plants in 4 hours work. A Mighty effort. Please remember that all sections have environment and service to community as part of their Award schemes. Please make sure the Youth who attended have their Award section signed off appropriately .





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## National Adviser Environment

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### Job Description

#### Job Purpose:

The National Adviser Environment, in conjunction with the National Commissioner Youth Program, is responsible for the integration of the World Scout Environment Program (WSEP) into all Sections of the Youth Program. The National Advisor is also the principal consultant on the National Team with regard to environment issues and Government policies that impact or are likely to impact the Australian environment.

#### Key Accountabilities:

- Integration of WSEP into the respective Youth Section Programs and the evaluation of its effectiveness (shared accountability with NCYP)
- Development, implementation and evaluation of special environment programs and projects as agreed by the National Operations Committee
- Development of material and resources necessary to support National Environment Projects and Programs, in particular leader training and Scout Central program resources
- Encouragement and support of Branches in the development of SCENES
- Liaison with specialist Environment agencies/organisations to coordinate actions/activities that will assist in the delivery of the Scout Environment Program.
- Supporting Branches to develop Environment Teams and Environment Training facilities. Conducting workshops and training as required, but within resource allocation
- Monitoring of Australian Government and Community Environment Policies and Projects to ensure that the Scout Program is in concert with both statutory requirements and community expectations. Seeking opportunities for Scouts to be involved in significant projects or complimentary programs.
- Development of national policies and statements on important community environment issues
- Recruitment and management of a small team to assist in the management of the Environment Portfolio ( currently 2 assistants)
- Provide National leadership to Branches in environment matters
- Must be an advocate of the Scout of the World Award (Environment).

#### Requirements for Appointment:

- Must have a keen interest in Environment matters, preferably with tertiary qualifications and/or experience in this area.
- Must be highly motivated with an ability to work with the minimum of direction
- Must have good communication skills and an ability to motivate others.
- Experience in developing and managing curriculums is highly desirable
- Experience in preparing and delivering training to youth is highly desirable
- May be either uniformed or non-uniformed, but preferably an adult member of a Branch.

#### Reporting

The National Adviser Environment reports to the Chief Commissioner Australia but is responsive to the National Commissioner Youth Program

#### Term of Appointment

Initially 3 Years from 1 October 2014, with further appointment, subject to mutual agreement, for a maximum of 6 years

#### Indicative Commitment

- 3 x National team meetings (weekends) per year
- 1 x National Workshop (weekend) per year
- 1 x International workshop (one week) per two years
- 2-3 Branch Environment workshops/meetings (weekends) per year
- 4 x National Teleconferences per year ( usually at night)
- 1-2 nights a fortnight at home reading/preparing

#### Enquiries

Reg Williams, Chief Commissioner Scouts 0488303599 or [chief.comm@scouts.org.com](mailto:chief.comm@scouts.org.com)

Expressions of interest by email (with CV) to Reg Williams by 31 August 2014.



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# Working With Children Card

24<sup>th</sup> July 2014

All Leaders  
All Supporters and Committee Members  
All Rovers  
All Fellowship Members

Dear All

## Scouting takes the lead in the introduction of the Working With Children Card in Tasmania

As you will be aware from the press and from our monthly newsletter the Working With Children Card (WWCC) is in the process of being introduced in Tasmania. This is a very important step towards protecting young Tasmanians and has the total support of the Scouting Movement as we strive to provide the safest and best Youth program in Australia.

The legislation to set up the WWCC was passed by Parliament last year and the regulations supporting the introduction of the card were announced recently. Full details can be found on the Justice Department web page. ([www.justice.tas.gov.au/working\\_with\\_children](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children)) The card will be available to volunteers from **1<sup>st</sup> October** and will involve an online form and a visit to Service Tas for a photo much the same as getting a drivers licence. After that there will be a one to four week wait for it to arrive in the mail. The card will belong to the individual and all Scouts will get from the card owner is a number and an expiry date which BHQ will then record on in your file and check on a Government data base. The card will last for three years and will be very portable in that they can be used to join multiple organisations where children are involved. After each of the phase in periods are completed, no adult will be allowed to continue to work or be a volunteer with children. To assist volunteers, the Government has decided to subsidise the cost of the card by approximately \$60 per volunteer but the card will still **cost \$17.76 per person**. Later in the cycle people working with children will have to pay \$103.60 for a workers card which can be used for volunteering as well, so those who register now will save money in the first 3 years.

This is an important opportunity for Scouting to seize the initiative and demonstrate our strong commitment to child protection. **We have decided to bring forward the introduction stage and have all adult members of Scouting hold a Working With Children Card by the middle of December.** This will mean Scouting will be the first organisation in Tasmania to have every adult fully compliant. After the Christmas break, any Adult who has not notified BHQ of their registration number will be stood down from Scouting until they comply. This will only be bringing forward what would have been the case on 1<sup>st</sup> April when it will become unlawful to continue volunteering to work with children without a card. Although the legislation allows some minor exceptions, they require monitoring and additional safeguards. Scouting has decided that in the interests of protecting children there will be no exceptions for any of our adults holding positions in the Movement.

Leaders for whom this will be a financial burden should discuss options with their Group Leader or LIC.

Those immediately affected by this new legislation will be every registered Adult member (18 or over) of Scouting

- All Adult Leaders
- All members of Fellowship
- All Rovers
- All Adult Helpers

# Working With Children Card

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All adult executive committee members of Branch Council, District Committees and Group Committees. (note this will be a new requirement but is essential if we are to give children the full protection of the legislation)

The Legislation also requires those over 16 and volunteering to work with children, to have a card. This will include all Youth helpers, but not all Venturers, so this will be dealt with in a yet to be finalised stage 2 which will be communicated at a later date.

In the initial stage the Working with Children Card will only screen for behaviour of a sexual or violent nature. Serious driving offences and crimes involving finances will not be checked. For this reason we will also need to continue in the foreseeable future, with the current Police Check.

Anyone concerned about the impact past incidents in their life, will have on their ability to get a Working with Children Card, will have access to a review process where they will be given the opportunity to explain their situation to the WWCC Registrar. Ordinary parents just visiting a meeting, attending a family day or transporting their own children to camp, will not need a card.

From **1<sup>st</sup> October** any new adult joining Scouting will need both a Working With Children Card and a Police Check before they are registered and Registration forms will be amended accordingly.

This is a very significant change to how we do business. Scouting in Tasmania has been recognised as a major player in the introduction of this much needed initiative and it will be a great outcome if we can be the first organisation to have every adult with a card. I hope that everyone will come on board and get behind what we are trying to achieve. Whatever reservations anyone in the public might have about this legislation, remind them that we are doing this for the children and we can't be too careful when we are dealing with children's safety.

Thank you for your understanding. I won't be available to talk to you if you have any concerns, until after I return from overseas on 5<sup>th</sup> September, but feel free to send me an email which I will be monitoring as I travel.

Yours in Scouting



**Mike Patten**  
Chief Commissioner

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