

Be Prepared ... for new Adventure

Tasmanian views, news and events

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New Norfolk Scouts invited Cassie Whitehill to talk to them about "Chloe's Law".
Scouts in Action theme for the month is Breaking the Cycle- Bullying it's not part of Scouting.

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Years of Service Awards

There were no Service Awards
given out this month

Acting Chief Commissioner's Report

This month I went to the Mersey & Leven Trophy Camp. It was great to see so many young eager Youth members there. I know they all put in a top effort with their cooking and point to point activities. I would have liked to see more Patrols there even if they thought they were not up to the level required as there were plenty of Leaders to help them along the way.

1st 2nd Ulverstone won the Neil Coates Trophy as well as the Leven District Allan Wood Trophy. Rubicon won the Mersey District Steven Lawrence Trophy. Well done to all who attended & congratulations to the winners. Thank you to all the Leaders who organised this event and helped along the way.



It is sad to say I went to the funeral last week of Neil Rawson OAM. Neil was the last member to be presented with his King's Scout Award in 1949 in the Leven District. Over the years he was a very active community minded gentleman, Secretary of the Leven District Association, on the board of management for the Scout Hall for many years and still audited many Group books up until 2 years ago. He was

involved in many organisations and everyone always spoke well of this gentleman who gave his time so freely.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 12th September at 7.30pm, please be seated by 7.15pm. Awardees for your information please remember that we have quite a few visiting guests so dress smartly in your uniform and have your scarf rolled correctly. Don't forget to remind any Youth members who may be coming along with you.

Hope to see many of you at the AGM.

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Acting Chief Commissioner

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Working With Children Card

I refer you all to Mike's letter which stated that the Working With Children Card would be available to Volunteers **from 1st October.**

I have heard that several individuals have already been onto the Justice site and registered for the card. **Please do not do this until after 1st October as the first wave from 1st July is for Child Care workers only.**

Just to clarify how the system works here are the steps you need to take to receive the card:-

Step 1 Visit the Justice Department site at www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

Step 2 Fill in the information required on the site. You will be given a reference number, please write down the number.

Step 3 Take the above reference number with you to Service Tasmania. You will also need to take with you Identification worth 100 points. They will take your photo (same as your licence) and you pay them \$17.76.

Step 4 Once you have received the card (approximately 4 weeks later) please take a photocopy and send it in to Branch for us to verify. Once this is completed the number will be placed on your My Scout record.

Remember to complete the above after 1st October 2014.

If you have any queries on the above please contact me at Branch (between 11am & 5pm Monday to Friday) to discuss.

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Joey Report

Thank you to those Leaders who have sent in their Mob news and photos recently for the next edition of our **Joey 'Mob Hoppennings' Newsletter** which I hope to have out by the end of this term. Of course I would love to hear from other Mobs too, particularly those which weren't featured in our last edition.

August was **Scouts in Action month** and a good number of Mobs have been running programs on this year's theme "Breaking the Cycle – Bullying is not a part of Scouting" in recent weeks. If your Mob hasn't taken part yet, it isn't too late to register at www.scoutsinactionmonth.com and use this theme in your programming. Some program ideas are provided on the website, but please contact me if you need help with this as the aim is to have everyone in Scouting involved.

September is **Southern Regional Event** time and 29th August is the cut-off date for all Mob registrations for this. A reminder that the final planning meeting for this event will be held on Saturday 6th September at 2pm at the top of The Lea, with the 'Rock 'n' Roll' Regional Event itself on Saturday 20th September at the same venue.

The next **Basic Sectional Training Course** is also coming up, and the closing date for applications for this is 12th September so if you are planning to attend this course on the weekend of 4th & 5th October at The Lea, please make sure your Leader Training Application is signed off and submitted well before this closing date.

Promise Challenge Awards

Congratulations to Ashton Kai Harris – Summerhill, Sophie McNeil and Natasha McMaster – New Norfolk, and Jessie Boxall – Mt Stuart for achieving this special award this month.

I also need to pass on my (very belated) congratulations to Callum Williams, Noah Tatnell and Emmanuel Bates from the 4th Launceston Scout Group who I have recently been informed also completed their Promise Challenge badgework last year, but it seems their paperwork went astray so no awards were presented at the time. Although there has been quite a delay, and all three moved up to Cubs some time back, their well-deserved Promise Challenge Badges and Certificates have now finally been presented – well done boys, and this month's awardees too.

Commissioners Challenge

How is your Mob going with achieving the 100 points for this award? Quite a few Joeys and Joey Leaders now have earned this badge. Any other completed forms can be sent to Wendy Granger (until 30th November), 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.

That's it for this month. I hope to catch up with many of you at the Branch AGM and at the Southern Regional event. In the meantime, remember to contact me any time if you have any questions, suggestions, newsletter items or contact list updates.

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Cub Report

My report this month is all about next years Tasmanian Cuboree. Please circulate to anyone who has an interest in our Cuboree, as we need everyone to get involved.

23rd Tasmanian Cuboree – September 2015

Greetings to all Cub Scout Leaders, Assistant Cub Scout Leaders and Parent Helpers

Ever since I started my role as Branch Commissioner for Cub Scouts back in 2011, I have been conducting an informal review of our Tasmanian Cuboree. I have looked at the timing of the Camp, the duration of the Camp, the activities being conducted, the various venues that the Camp has been held, and most importantly, the organisation of the Camp year by year. During this review, I have spoken with a large cross section of the movement whilst attending different functions around the State, as well as looking at how similar Camps are held around Australia. As a result of this review, I have formulated a number of changes that I would like to see implemented to our Cuboree over the next few years and with the 23rd Tasmanian Cuboree only a year away, now is the time to start our planning for this Camp.

At present, we rotate the Cuboree between the North, North West & South of the State. Whilst this means that everyone has to travel at some stage to attend the event, it also means that the organising committee changes each time, and there is little or no continuity between one Camp and the next. It also means that we cannot invest in any infrastructure for the Camps (such as a Cuboree supply store), as with a constantly changing venue, we would need two or three versions of the same thing. The other problem, which has only just started to cause us an issue, is the timing of the Camp during the year. Currently, we need to hold the Camp on the first weekend of the September School Holidays, so as not to clash with other Scouting events. Due to the change to 4 terms however, this means that we will constantly be in opposition to the AFL Grand Final weekend, and whilst this does not necessarily affect everyone, it affects enough of you to mean that several critical people or sections will not be available to help us on that weekend.

Accordingly, there are three things that I would like to see changed immediately.

The Venue - I would like for us to look at the possibility of adopting a single venue for each Cuboree going forward. There are currently 2 venues that I see that would suit our purposes for this, taking into account the size of the area, and the availability of activities that we need. The 1st is in the South (The Lea Camp Ground - both Top & Bottom) and the other is in the North (Fulton Park). By adopting a single venue, not only can we be certain of having everything we need at a single venue, we can also use some of the savings that a single venue will give us to allocate funds towards either subsidising or paying for buses to take Packs to and from the Camp. In addition, by having a single venue, we could then adopt a single, Statewide, organising committee.

Organising Committee - Having one organising committee from all three regions around the State, means that everyone gets to have a say in how the Camp will be run. It also means that there will be more ideas on what activities can be run, what theme the Camp should have and of course, the right person is then available to do the right job. It also means that there is a larger pool of people to draw on for the individual activity bases, as we could then allocate the organisation and running of one base to one region (for example, the Southern Region does water activities, the Northern Region does pioneering and the North West does adventurous activities*. We can then still have another base organised by the Venturers, and straight away we have more choices for the Cubs to do. And, by having more choices:

** Please Note that I am not proposing that we do Adventurous activities, I am only using it as an example to emphasise my point. This could just as easily be a games base, or craft base etc.*

Cub Report continued

Camp Duration - If we have more activities for the Cubs, we can extend the Camp for an extra day, meaning that the Camp could go from Friday night to Monday afternoon. As we are in School holidays, this shouldn't affect the Cubs' participation but it would mean that we could extend the length of time that the Cubs take on each base, giving them more time to do the activities and time to do some activities twice, if they want to.

Other changes that we could look at a later date could include moving the Camp to early January, thus taking advantage of the warmer weather and day light savings. Doing this however, would mean that the Cuboree would be held every three years rather than every two.

Having said all this, I am now calling for volunteers to go on the first ever interim Statewide organising committee for the next Cuboree. We will need between 15 to 20 people. The first meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, 11th October, starting at 1.30pm. For those in the South, we will meet at the Seminar Room at The Lea, whilst for those in other areas of the State, you too can join us in person if you like, or you can join by phone (free call), and I will advise of the phone in details shortly.

For the record, the 23rd Tasmanian Cuboree has currently been booked to be held from Friday 25th September to Sunday 27th September at The Lea.

I look forward to hearing from you on this and hope to see many of you join in and become part of the 23rd Tasmanian Cuboree organising committee.

Commissioner's Challenge Award 2014

Please do not forget the Commissioner's 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

There were no Grey Wolf Awards awarded this month.

Programme Ideas

The programme for this month comes to us courtesy of the Western Australian Branch and deals with the environment. I thank my WA counterpart for his kind permission for me to use this programme. You will find it on the website along with the newsletter.

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

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Training Report

Firstly, congratulations to all those who will receive awards at the 2014 Scouts Tasmania AGM. Nomination for an award speaks highly of the commitment and enthusiasm displayed by each and every recipient – well done everyone.

In particular a special well done to two long term members of the Training Team – David Henwood from the Cub Section and Alec Reavell from the Scout Section. Both have continually exhibited what is best about our Leaders and especially members of the Training Team, which requires considerable additional effort, time and energy as well as commitment to additional training to become an Assistant Leader Trainer. Both Alec and David are very worthy recipients of their awards and on behalf of the Tasmanian Training Team – well done and thank you for your past, present and future involvement.

The next (and last) Basic Sectional Training Course for 2014 will be held at The Lea on the weekend of the 4th and 5th of October. Please ensure that you have put in the appropriate forms as soon as possible as the closing date is three weeks prior to the course. As a reminder it is imperative that the E-Learning component of the training be completed prior to the hands-on sectional weekend, so that you have the relevant underpinning knowledge to get the most from the weekend. We have tried to accommodate Leaders who have not fully completed the E-Learning, but this was not a success due to not fully understanding some of the underlying concepts and ideas as well as some Leaders not following through by completing the E-Learning after the course.

We have two new E-Learning Units which have been added – Child Safe and Work Health and Safety. These will now form part of the requirements for all new Leaders. Scouts Tasmania is very committed to having all Leaders understand the importance of the policy and practice within Scouts Tasmania for keeping children safe. Don't forget to apply for your Working with Children card as soon as possible so that Scouts Tasmania can be the first organisation in Tasmania that can be confident all adults working with children have received their card.

I will be away for the next newsletter.

Geraldine Harwood

Branch Commissioner Adult Training Development



Venturer Report

LEADERSHIP COURSE – 12TH TO 14TH SEPTEMBER at CARNACOO

The cost will be \$55 and applications have been emailed out. The closing date is Friday the 29th of August. I'm pleased to say I have some applications, so the Course will be running.

VENTURER WATER ACTIVITY – 10TH TO 12TH OCTOBER

Murat is busy organising this Training for Venturers. The hope is that participants will come out with an Australian Yachting Federation Level 1 & 2 as well as their Scouting Sailing Proficiency.

TASMANIAN VENTURE – 5TH TO 7TH DECEMBER

The Northern Leaders have been busy working on planning for this year's Venture. The location will be Mt Cameron (North East Tasmania), with activities around this area. The event will wrap up on Sunday with a cryptic challenge heading back towards Launceston for a BBQ lunch.

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

This month it's straight down to business. Firstly a note about Training Courses. With the recent Advanced Course slipping us by, we should be now getting fully behind the upcoming Basic Course. But... before you can enrol with Branch, you must have completed at least 90% of the E-Learning modules as listed below. For those who have already started, there may be more modules listed than you were expecting. Yes, National has added some!

The complete schedule is as below:

- E ROVERS – Introduction to Rover Scouts
- BINTRO - Intro to Basic Leadership Training
- BCORE HIST – How Scouting Began
- BCORE FUND - Basic Scouting Fundamentals
- E USP -The USP of Scouting
- BCORE LEAD - Basic Leadership
- BCORE SKILLS - Personal Skills Development
- E PATROL - Introduction to the Patrol System
- BCORE SAFE - Basic Scout safe
- BCORE WHS – WHS and Scouting
- BCORE CHILD - Child Safe Scouting
- Basic Sectional Techniques for Rover Scouts (4 Modules)
- BSK ROVERS- Basic Sectional Knowledge for Rover Scouts
- BPROG ROVERS – Basic Programming for Rover Scouts
- BOM ROVERS – Basic Organisational Management for Rover Scouts
- BOU ROVERS– Basic Outdoor and the Environment for Rover Scouts

So... let's get cracking and challenge ourselves to get this Course up and running!

Finally, our Branch AGM is rapidly approaching. This year it is in the North, and as with past years the Rover Section has been requested to perform a couple of tasks that Rovers do best! Directing vehicular traffic to the car park (marshalling); and directing pedestrian traffic into the auditorium (ushering). The date is the evening of Friday 12th September and the venue is the religious centre in Punchbowl Road (the old zoo - if you're old enough to remember that far back!). We will need a minimum of 10, but as per usual - many hands... well, you should know the rest!

Until next month, stay safe,

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International Report

40th World Scout Conference

The 40th World Scout Conference was held from 11-15 August 2014 at Ljubljana, Slovenia. Delegates were Reg Williams, David Jones, Neville Tomkins, Marty Thomas, Ryan Beeby and Johnathan Morey. In addition, a number of Commissioners and Leaders from various Branches attended the Conference as observers including the Tasmanian Chief Commissioner Michael Patten.

The Chief Commissioner of Australia Reg Williams and the Australian International Commissioner Neville Tomkins would like to advise that Scouts Australia is nominating Peter Blatch from Queensland for election to the World Scout Committee, and Chris Neilsen as Youth adviser to the World Scout Committee. Neville Tomkins is absolutely delighted to advise that Peter Blatch has been elected to the World Scout Committee.

Neville stated "I could think of no better qualified, hardworking, and more deserving person." We are all pleased for Peter and know he will do a fantastic job for Scouting worldwide over the next 3 years.

13th New Zealand Venture, January 2016

Phillip Britt of the Victorian Branch has been appointed as Contingent Leader for the 13th New Zealand Venture. The social media and website presence will go live on 1st September 2014. The website can be found at www.nzv2016.scouts.com.au or www.nzv2016.com

Kandersteg 2016 - Keep this opportunity in mind for the future

To enable more of our young people to experience Kandersteg, we are forming a national contingent of Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders to visit KISC from 24 June - 10 July 2016. The expected cost is \$3,000, including flights, accommodation, food and international adventures. With this excellent value, interest is expected to be high.

The Contingent Leader will be Gary Steinhardt of the Victorian Branch who led Australia's highly successful contingent to the 12th New Zealand Venture in 2013. Andrew Cooper, Assistant International Commissioner and former volunteer/staff member at KISC, is providing excellent advice. Formal promotion will start later this year, with applications closing early 2015. Contingent Leader Gary Steinhardt, contact for more information. Kandersteg International Scout Centre.

Contingents to other celebrations

Scouts Australia will be facilitating 2 National Contingents to other celebrations. The first is to the Western Front in 2015, with a focus on France (including Villers-Bretonneux); the second is to Gallipoli in 2017. A Contingent Leader for the Western Front 2015 will be announced in the coming weeks.

International Day of Peace, September 21, 2014

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21st September each year. Peace education and peace building have received a new boost in World Scouting since 2011, when the Messengers of Peace (MoP) initiative was launched. The initiative has two components, the MoP Support Fund and the MoP Global Network. Through the Support Fund, MoP offers support and resources especially for those National Scout Organizations of WOSM in need of such support to help start projects and initiatives for their Scouts to be engaged in peace building. The Global Network of MoP aims to reach out to 20 million Scouts coming from all corners of the world to gather through Internet communities and to inspire each other to engage in small actions of social services and peace building in their local communities, as individuals and in small local groups.

International Report continued

Members of the Network subsequently share each of these achievements on the Internet, thereby continuing to inspire others and creating a ripple effect. In these initiatives by World Scouting, peace is defined in broad terms, not just from the perspective of the absence of war, but more so to have a strong, cohesive society, working together for what they see as best for their future to co-exist peacefully. **World Scouting**



Messengers of Peace

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

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BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
September				
6th-7th	Brent Gaffney Raft Race			BC Rovers
6th	Regional Joey Event	South		BC Joeys
9th	Branch ICT Meeting	The Lea		IT Chair
12th	Branch AGM	Punchbowl		Branch President
12-14th	White Water Rafting Course			BC Advent.Act.
12th-14th	Venturer Leadership Course	Carnacoo		BC Venturers
13th	Commissioners Conf.	Harry Abbott		Chief Comm.
18th	B & F / BEC Meetings	The Lea		Branch Tres/Pres
26th -28th	Basic Seamanship Course			BC Training
27th-28th	Regional Pathfinder Camps			BC Cubs
27th-28th	Branch Youth Council			BYC



Grants Report

The following grants are currently available, but applications close in September/October 2014:

Tasmanian Community Fund

The Tasmanian Community Fund provides grants for a variety of community projects that best demonstrate benefit to the Tasmanian community and meet a number of TCF criteria. Grant Round 29 is now open for small (up to \$10,000) and medium (\$10,001 to \$90,000) grants only. Application for small grants close on 10 September 2014 and for medium grants on 24 September 2014. Applications are made online and must be numerically accurate.

Grant Round 30 will open in February/March 2015.

RACT

Twice annually, the RACT Community Fund offers small grants of up to \$2,000 to non-profit community groups to assist with local, community-building projects. The next round opens in October 2014.

Kingborough Council

Community Grants Program - each year Council provides funding of up to \$5,000 to community groups through its Community Grants Program. Round 2 is now open and applications close on Friday 26 September 2014.

Clarence

Community Support Grants of up to \$1,500 are available to support groups or not-for-profit organisations for activities or one-off events or projects that benefit the Clarence community.

Applications for grants are now open and must be submitted by close of business Monday 15 September, 2014.

Meander Valley

Grants up to \$3,000 are available to community organisations for projects that address community needs through special events, sport and recreation and/or community development. Applications close on 30 September 2014.

Please contact me if you require any information or advice regarding grants.

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McHappy Day 18th October is fast approaching.

If you would like to be involved in this great event for Charity please notify Jeannette at Branch straight away. Please send an email to:- tas.bhq@tas.scouts.com.au

with the top 2 store choices you would like to participate at and the likely number of participants.

You have until Friday 5th September to notify Jeannette.

Youth Program

Youth Program Review NEWS

Sharing ideas with Scouts from Overseas

As one of 162 National Scout Organisations in the world, Scouts Australia is not alone in reviewing Youth programs! A number of these countries have done similar reviews in recent years, including Scouts Canada and Scouting Ireland. Over a weekend in July, around 50 Scouting Youth and adults from all over Australia had the chance to meet with key representatives of these National Scout Organisations at Scouts SA HQ. The weekend was the perfect opportunity to find out all about these countries' efforts to make their organisations as relevant and contemporary as possible in the changing world and bring the mission of Scouting to as many young people as possible.

Brains were working on overtime and excitement grew and grew as those present imagined the possibilities for Australian Scouting. A report from the SA Branch and National Youth Council members who attended highlighted some of the biggest messages to come out of the weekend. These included the idea of "One Program", working to build better connections throughout Scouting sections and organisational levels with the Youth program at the centre.

Another major highlight was the idea of "Youth-led, Adult supported": the concept that Scouting needs to be driven and led by Youth as much as possible in order to remain interesting and relevant to Youth in a quickly changing society.

"Plan, Do, Review" was another approach that was often referred to; something we can use in all areas of Scouting to be really aware of the great things we are learning by doing.

YPR Stage 3

Eight teams around Australia made up of Venturer and Rover Scouts, and Adult Leaders from various Scouting backgrounds, are now embarking on several months of thorough research on different Review topics. Check out the website as below to find out more about the topics they are investigating.

Keep your eyes out for online surveys from these teams in the coming months. Any feedback you provide through the website as below will also be directed through to them to include in their research.

Interested in the latest news, being involved with the YPR, or just having your say?

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VALE Peter John Phipps
Chief Commissioner Tasmanian Branch 1982 – 1988
President Tasmanian Branch 1995 – 1997

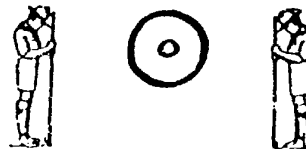
For the majority of our Leaders and supporters the name of “John Phipps” may be unfamiliar, but to those who have served Scouting in various capacities over the last 30 plus years the memories come flooding back of our friend “John” known to many of us irreverently as “Phippsy”.

I first met John Phipps when I was a raw, brash and sometimes bumptious young Assistant Senior Scout Leader helping John Teniswood at 1st Sandy Bay Group in the early 1960's. John Phipps was Scout Leader at 2nd Sandy Bay and part of our Nelson District. At that time I was completely unaware of the fact that I would find in him a mentor and friend who would help me to mature as a Leader of both young people and adults. John had all the qualities of a great mentor. He was unquenchably enthusiastic about improving the chances of young folk to grow and become effective citizens in the widest sense. As a DC and then Chief Commissioner he was approachable and very attuned to the needs of line Leaders, his listening skills were of a very high order indeed. He was both a team leader and team player, prepared to “Get in and get dirty!” as he proved often at Jamborees and pretty well any activity where “kids” and fun were to be had. There are photos in the Branch Heritage room which attest to “Phippsy” and his positive approach to life. The “Scout Law” of earlier years stated, “A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout”. John Phipps carried that into his life and was a great example to all who came into his sphere of influence.

I know that I echo the feelings of fellow Life Members and many in the Branch when I say that it has been a privilege to serve with John.

R.I.P “Phippsy” who has now “Gone Home”

John (Pip) Cornish
President Tasmanian Branch



National News

REPCO ‘DAD OF THE YEAR’ CAMPAIGN

This campaign provides tremendous opportunities for Scouting, both at a local and national level via a fund-raising and recruiting platform. In return for the opportunities provided to Scouting, via the sale of a mug, proceeds of which will go to Scouts Australia, and fundraising for local Scout Groups at a Repco store; we have been asked to promote their ‘Dad of the Year’ campaign within the local community. Please see details of this campaign via the link below. If you could please strongly promote this, it would be greatly appreciated.

W: <http://www.scouts.com.au/repco-dad-of-the-year-campaign>

Scout Groups wishing to participate in fundraising at a local Repco store are requested to register via the following online form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1F22einAbZK8wmqQ9DaPBCi2yaRSCtf5QeKM1ixeNn04/viewform>

McHAPPY DAY— Please see the report on page 10.

Latest Information on Scout Central 2.0: <http://www.scouts.com.au/scout-central>

This exciting new platform, which is currently undergoing a second round of beta testing, will be released at the end of the year. Please help us with generating awareness of this platform to all our Members.

National Adviser, Environment Vacancy: <http://www.scouts.com.au/our-people/vacancies>

Please promote this exciting volunteer position far and wide. Resumes and expressions of interests are to be emailed to Reg Williams, Chief Commissioner on chief.comm@scouts.com.au.

Jota / Joti Report

With only a couple of months to go and JOTA / JOTI is upon us again, and by now your Group / Section should have your plans well underway, ie A venue, Radio operator/s organised or internet equipment and some planned activities or you may be having a camp.

This year the JOTA / JOTI badges will remain at \$3:50 each.

Please note. I have to pre-order these badges from National, and they are non-returnable, therefore any badges left over just go into stock, even though I order a few hundred badges each year, and if I run out of badges unfortunately I cannot re-order any more.

You will now have a choice on how you would like to fill out the 'Participation Report and Badge Order Form'. I have designed Two New Forms which are in a PDF Format and can be read and completed in Adobe Acrobat Reader version 9 and above – available from Adobe – Free download

So what else is New? – Last year I introduced 'Electronic Banking' - (do electronic bank transferee - therefore no cheques) and was very successful and again it will be available.

How does it work - With this Electronic Banking PDF version you must put my e-mail address in your address book (rmckay@southcom.com.au - *this e-mail address may be changing soon, I will keep you advised when and if it does change before JOTA.*), then open the form and complete it as you have done in the past, but electronically. It is important to provide a banking reference so that it will match up with the TREAT statement. No badges will be sent until payment is made. After completion click the '**Send by E-mail**' and follow the prompts, don't forget to open your e-mailer before sending, otherwise it will sit in your e-mailer until it is opened.

Please Note: You will have to have internet banking to use this form of payment.

The other form is the same layout and again can be completed on the computer / laptop, but you must print this completed form and post with your payment. Both of the above forms do the calculations for you.

All forms and JOTA – JOTI information for this year, should be available soon on the Branch Web Page (www.tas.scouts.com.au) and then go to Events on menu bar and click on JOTA/JOTA or alternatively, click on JOTA /JOTI in the 'Latest News & Updates'. There will be a wide range of information to help you in planning and running JOTA / JOTI.

Robbie McKay

Product Commissioner Radio and Electronics





Gang Show Report

Thank you to all those who supported Hobart Gang Show 2014 by either being in it, helping behind the scenes or coming along to watch. Gang Show needs you all to be successful. "Behind the Red Door" saw Meg, Jeanette, Heath, Tom, Shelley and Toby adventure back in time to cavemen, a nineteenth century ballroom and ancient Egypt in Act 1. During Act 2 they ran into Pirates, had fun dancing Pegleg on the Dance Floor, found themselves on an imaginary Titanic and in the future before the final resolution where they finally worked out how to get back home. If you missed seeing the show, look at the photos in this report and see something of what you missed, but make sure you come next year.

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Taroona Scout Group

Please join us in celebrating our

60TH BIRTHDAY

When: Sunday 14th September 4 -8pm

Where: Taroona Scout Hall

**Cake, Activities, Fire Sculpture, Displays of
photos and memorabilia, Light
Refreshments, Commemorative badge for
sale**

Please contact Janet Stephens if you have any photos or memorabilia you wish to loan on the night. Ph: 6227 8204 OR jasstephens43@gmail.com

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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