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Years of Service Awards
September 2014

5 YEARS

Damian Harper	Glenorchy
Kylie Morgan	Glenorchy
Owen Rees	Mt Stuart

10 YEARS

Debbie Wells	Trevallyn

20 YEARS

Lloyd Chugg	Cressy

Youth Program Review—very Important. See the Chief's report page 2. Also pages 8 & 13. Leaders please advise all Parents as requested on page 13 to be a part of the review.

McHappy Day will be held on Saturday 18 October 2014. McDonald's will be promoting Scouting via a tray mat in all their 900 stores between 3 December - 27 January . See back page.

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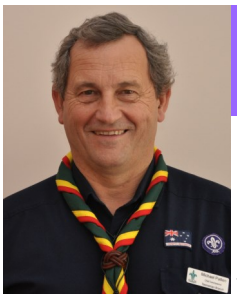

Chief Commissioner's Report

Well, I am back from my holiday in one piece and straight away I was back at work again with our Annual Meeting six days later. The highlight of the trip was the opportunity to attend the World Conference in Slovenia. Although it is only a small country they did a great job as our hosts. Everything was well organised and Ljubljana is a beautiful city. There will be lots of details on the WOSM web site but a couple of things worth noting are:

- Peter Blatch from Queensland was elected one of twelve members on the WOSM Committee which governs World Scouting. This is the first time for many years that an Australian has been elected.
- Our region is by far the biggest by number of Scouts but Europe is the most powerful voting block.
- Boy Scouts of America pay the largest membership fee (more than all of Asia Pacific) but only get six votes like every other Country.
- Great Britain pays the next largest fee for the same six votes.
- The new world (WOSM) headquarters is now in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia with six regional offices around the world.
- Our Asian Pacific office is in Manilla in the Philippines.

My personal thanks to Jos McKenna and Geraldine Harwood for covering for me in my absence and to Jeannette and Marion at BHQ who as always, kept things operating smoothly.

The Annual Meeting was a great success with about 180 people attending. Congratulations to all those Leaders and supporters who received Adult Recognition Awards. It is always wonderful to see the L/Governor present such hard working people with some recognition for what they do for us all. We are grateful to Craig Perkins Mayor of Meander Valley, Guy Barnett MHA for Lyons and Andrew Nikolic MHR for Bass, for joining us on the night and mixing with members during supper. Thanks also to Tamar Sea Scouts and 4th Launceston for their help on the night. For those of you who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting there were a few major points made in the various speeches that mark such occasions.

- The Treasurer is worried that we are not meeting our Governance requirements because so many Groups and Camps do not send their Annual Financial Reports to Branch.
- Child protection is an ongoing issue with the Royal Commission in full swing. The Working with Vulnerable People Card (Children) will help in this regard.
- There is real potential for conflict with the Government over changes to our leases from Crown Land and the Education Dept. BEC will keep you informed on our progress in these negotiations.
- The biggest thing happening in Scouts at the National level is the Youth Program Review. If you want your say in how Scouting develops in Australia get on the Scouts Australia web site and find out what is happening. The two countries being closely looked at are Canada and Ireland, so also have a look at what changes they made after their reviews.

A few things for everyone to remember this month

1. **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD COMMENCES ON 1st OCTOBER. Scouting aims to be the first organisation in Tasmania to be fully registered. Everybody with a position in Scouting who is 18 years or older will require a card by December this year. Full details were sent to Group Leaders. Now is the time to go into Service Tas and register. You will need a one hundred point check and it will cost $17.60 so BE PREPARED. At Branch level we are very serious about this.** Anyone who does not have a card by January will be stood down until they get one, which may mean your section can't start up again in February. Please don't leave it to the last days of December to register.

2. **Group Leaders and Leaders in Charge**. Half of our Groups have still not sent in their **Annual Reports**. If you are one of those Groups please arrange to do so now. This is serious, BEC has a certain responsibility under our constitution to collect and verify this information every year and some Groups have a terrible record of non-compliance.

Mike Patten 0439 919 234
Chief Commissioner mike.patten@tas.scouts.com.au

Joey Report

At the time of writing this, I have just returned from a trip to the South of the State where I attended the **'Rock 'n' Roll' Regional Event** held at the top of The Lea in lovely fine weather. Ten Mobs were represented with around 80 Joeys and another 30 odd siblings able to have a go (in their own Mob groups) at the different activities on offer, once the Opening Ceremony was complete. These included creating pet rocks, following a gem trail, planting mini rockeries, being creative with story stones, learning about minerals, using their senses, negotiating an obstacle course, open cut mining, making edible rocks, and building and firing rockets, as well as some spare time activities, so all were kept very busy!

During the lunch time break, most Leaders and families made the most of the BBQ ran by the Howrah Scout Group to help fundraise for their Cub Pack's upcoming trip to the Victorian Cuboree, then it was back into the activities once again. Closing Ceremony came around a bit too quickly for some, but all in all it was a great day.

I wish to thank all of the Leaders who were involved in helping make the event very successful (including those Cub & Scout Leaders who came along and helped). It was also good to be able to catch up with you all.

I also enjoyed catching up with some Leaders at the Branch AGM, and the Commissioners' Conference, in Launceston recently.

Commissioners Challenge Awards
A good number of Mobs are now proudly wearing their badges for this award, and for some attendance at the Southern Regional Event (or helping with the organising) will provide those extra points needed to be eligible. If your Mob hasn't quite earned 100 points yet there is still time to plan some relevant activities into your 4th term program. Remember any completed forms need to be sent to Wendy Granger by 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) so that the badges can be returned for presentation before the end of the year.

Promise Challenge Awards
This month we congratulate Caidyn Leeder, Mitchell Jackson and Jakob Anderson, all of the 4th Launceston Mob, for achieving this special award. Well done to all of you.

Working with Children Card – Just a reminder that from 1st October we all need to apply for this card, and once received, it needs to be sighted by your GL who will provide the details to BHQ.

Youth Program Review – Quite a lot is happening with this at present, with a number of surveys on a variety of topics being conducted. If you haven't already, subscribe to receive updates and check the website http://ypr.scouts.com.au regularly so that you can have your say on each topic whenever the opportunity arises.

Well, yet another term is now behind us, and final plans and preparations are underway for the final term of the year. Remember to ask the Joey Scouts to help you review your previous term's program and to give their suggestions for activities to be included in future programs. That's it for this month. Please contact me any time if you have any questions, suggestions, newsletter items or contact list updates.

Sue Cooper
Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts
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Cub Report

We are now entering into the final term of 2014, and Daylight Savings will start again this weekend. That means getting out of the Hall and enjoying the extra hour of sunlight. It also means that Christmas is just around the corner. Was that a groan, or an exclamation of excitement?

The programme for this month, being October, is something that I haven't done for a few years – Halloween. The reason that I haven't done this theme for a while is that I always get a lot of comments from Leaders about Halloween not being an Australian Holiday. Whilst I understand this, in this day and age of the internet, more & more Australian children are becoming involved with this traditionally American celebration. Therefore, use it as a way of learning about other countries and have some fun with it. I know the Cubs love to dress up, and this is a great way for them to let their imaginations run wild.

23rd Tasmanian Cuboree – September 2015

In last months report, I ran through some of the proposed changes to the Tasmanian Cuboree. Hopefully, you looked through what I said and came up with your own thoughts or ideas about this important camp for the Cub Scout Section. As I mentioned, I am now looking 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 2014, 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). I have sent out the phone in details to all the Cub Scout Leaders and asked them to forward to all the Assistants, parents and anyone else who may have an interest in assisting in the next Cuboree. If you haven't received a copy, let me know ASAP (terry.bryan@tas.scouts.com.au).

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

STOP PRESS – We now have 4 Packs who have earned their Commissioner's Challenge badges for this year. Congratulations to Burnie, City of Devonport, Trevallyn & Sandford. Well done to each of you and I look forward to seeing the badges on your uniforms.

There is still plenty of time for you to complete the challenge. Closing date is not until the end of November. Remember that 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.

Hobart Christmas Pageant

Groups are invited to participate in the Hobart Christmas Pageant 15th November, meeting at 9:30am (meeting place to be confirmed), with the parade starting at 10:00am. The event is a chance for us to show ourselves to the community and this year's theme is Santa's lolly factory. Please contact Danny Munting at Danny.Munting@education.tas.gov.au to register and for more information.

Cub Report continued

2016 – 100 years of Cub Scouts Celebrations

Whilst 2016 seems like a long way away right now, it is actually closer than we think, and already we have began preparations of how we are going to celebrate our 100 year Anniversary. Nationally, there are a number of great things planned, and more information about them will be released to you during the next 6 to 9 months. Locally however, we also have plans for a great year of celebrations. At this stage, we have three Statewide activities planned for various times during 2016, so mark your calendars with the following dates:

Sunday (21 February 2016)	Statewide "Do Your Best" Day. A whole day activity for all Cub Packs at a single location (Campbell Town).
Sunday (31 July 2016)	Three Directions Walk. A morning or afternoon activity for all Cub Packs to be held in 3 locations simultaneously (Hobart, Launceston & Devonport).
Saturday (10 October 2016)	A Special Secret Activity. A morning activity for all Cub Packs to be held simultaneously in 4 locations (Hobart, Launceston, Devonport & Burnie).

Grey Wolf Award

This months Grey Wolf recipient is: Darcy Allen of Mt Stuart.

Programme Ideas

The programme for this month is Halloween, and can be found on the Tas Scouts Website, with this months 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
Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts
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Joey Southern Regional Event.

Scout Report

Scout Leaders from around the state had a great weekend at Carnacoo Scout Camp, Gravelly Beach in August for Scoutfest 2014. Scoutfest is an annual statewide get together that is a relaxing, informative, fun weekend of Scouting without the distraction of Scouts! Scout Leaders come together to learn new skills, socialise and discuss current issues relating to Scouting in Tasmania. Major topics covered at this years event included geocaching, international cooking and Youthfest.

Venturer Report

LEADERSHIP COURSE – 12TH TO 14TH SEPTEMBER @ CARNACOO

A successful Leadership Course was run at Carnacoo with 25 Venturers completing the course. It is great to see so many Venturers actively working on their Queen's Scout Award. A big thank you to the Leader team that helped with the course.

TASMANIAN VENTURE – 5TH TO 7TH DECEMBER

This year's Venture will be at Mt Cameron. Saturday will offer participants the choice of full or half day activities, ranging from abseiling, 4 wheel driving, kayaking, hiking, gem fossicking, ropes course plus many others. On Sunday we will be leaving the site early morning and doing a cryptic challenge back toward Launceston for a BBQ lunch.

The cost will be $65 Venturers and $50 Leaders.
The Venture is open to Venturers and Linking Scouts (to attend with a Venturer Unit).

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

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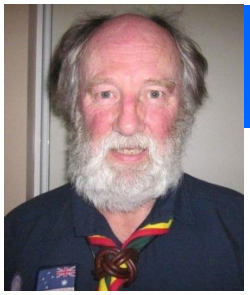

Adventurous Activity Report

With the end of winter and the colder months, the days are now getting longer with the promise of renewed outdoor activities as we head towards summer.

Over the previous few months, advanced courses in bush-walking and abseiling have been conducted in various localities around the State. Participants in the Advanced Bush-walking course have been assessed whilst the participants in the Advanced Abseiling Course are being assessed for the required competencies.

With the end of September upon us, it is now time for all boats which are to be used for Scouting activities to be inspected for the annual issuance of boat certificates as per the requirements of TOPS. These certificates are recorded and issued from Branch and signify that the boats are in a water-worthy condition for usage by Scouts. If there are any Groups which require these annual inspections and do not have access to a qualified or experienced boat examiner, then please contact Branch for advice about engaging such a person. It is expected that these certificates will be issued at this time of the year rather than the week leading up to the Regatta.

It is pleasing to note from data from BP Lodge located at Cradle Mountain National Park that the Lodge has seen significant increase in usage over the last few years, with the current year heading towards the highest recorded usage of approximately 1,180 bed nights. It is also significant to note that for the first time ever, every Saturday night in the year was booked for the Lodge.
Of the Scout Groups using BP Lodge over the last five years, Riverside Scout Group represents the Group using BP Lodge the most with the second biggest user being Tamar Sea Scouts.
With Scout Groups using BP Lodge, it is a requirement that there be at least one person within the party that has Advanced Bush-walking qualifications as the Lodge is located within an alpine area. This is a requirement which must be met and should be included in the formal paper-work prior to the trip being undertaken into the Lodge.

Preliminary information has been listed regarding the next proposed National Adventurous Activities School in January, 2015 in New South Wales with more information to come.

With the warmer months now approaching, hopefully next term's programmes for all Sections will contain more out-door activities and providing some good experiences for our Youth members.

Tony McDonald
Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities
Ph: 0417 305 485

Emergency Snow Shelter from Advanced Bush Walking Course

International Report

I attended the National Tree Planting Day organised by Neil Ruut on Tasman Peninsula along the coast line and at the Golf course. A great day was had by all and the weather was kind to us. It was good to see so many Scouting members turn up to help from near and far. A tasty BBQ was provided for those who attended. I understand that well over 1,000 trees were planted – fantastic.

The Gang Show was an excellent performance again this year. I enjoyed seeing all our talented Scouting members and Guides perform and entertain us. Well done all. I hope you are all having a well-earned rest from rehearsals. Looking forward to seeing next year's productions.

The AGM was well attended. Congratulations to all who received Recognition Awards this year. I unfortunately lost my voice and could not catch up with as many of you that I would have liked to.

I attended the National International Commissioners Conference 19th to 21st September. Some very exciting events and projects are planned for the future. I will write some more about the conference in next month's report.

STOP Press

23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan 2015

There are now a few vacancies in the Australian Contingent for Youth members to join our journey to Japan following some recent withdrawals. Any interested members should be advised to contact Aaron as soon as possible. Aaron Wardle WSJ2015 <wjcontingentleader@scouts.com.au> Mobile: 0421 076 497 Website: www.wsj2015.scouts.com.au Please pass this information on to any Scouts / Venturers who were or maybe now interested in attending the World Jamboree ASAP.

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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Youth Program Review

With a new survey almost every week over the coming weeks, there are loads of opportunities to have your say.

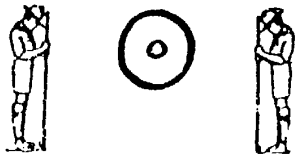
Be sure to watch social media and regular Scouting communication channels, or remember to check back to http://ypr.scouts.com.au/current-surveys.php for the latest surveys.

Scout Method Survey - *ends Monday 06 Oct*

Areas of Personal Growth & Leadership for All - *available very soon!*

BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CLOSES	CONTACT
October				
4th 5th	Basic Sectional Techniques-	The Lea		BC Training
7th	Branch Property Meeting			BP Chairman
10th	Clark Trophy Entries Close			BC Scouts
11th-12th	Yankee Auction	Leven		Jos McKenna
13th	LBOM	The Lea		LBOM Chairman
14th	Branch ICT Meeting	The Lea		IT Chairman
16th	B & F / BEC Meetings	The Lea		Branch Tres/Pres
18th—19th	Jota / Joti			
20th	TBRC Meeting			
25th -26th	Basic Abseiling Course	North		BC Adv. Activities



Walter Douglas Pinkard 1929—12 Sept 2014

While the Branch AGM was being held, my former Group Leader, Walter Douglas Pinkard (known as Doug) passed away. Doug was 85 years old.

Doug was a Scout with the then 5th Launceston (St Paul's) Scout Group - he joined as a boy in 1940. He said that after Scouting some nights bullying occurred and as he wanted to continue with Scouting, he approached the Minister to start another Troop - they later became the 4th Launceston, St Marks, Scout Group.

Doug left Scouting for awhile and returned as an active parent after his son Iain joined 4th Launceston - he took over the role of Group Scout Master in 1967. Through Doug's leadership, the Group Committee and Leaders agreed to fundraise and build a hall of our own.

He will be remembered by many Scouters and Scouts State-wide. Rest In Peace

Joy Bracken Cub Leader 4th Launceston Group.

Grants Report

Applications for Round 29 of the Tasmanian Community Fund grants have now closed and best wishes go to those Groups who have applied for small and medium grants. Round 30 opens in February 2015.

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

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 2104.

SPORT AND RECREATION

MINOR Grants Program – closes 29 October 2014

The Minor Grants Program offers financial assistance towards equipment purchases and the development/ improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and recreation clubs and improve opportunities for Tasmanians to participate in sport and active recreation.

The Program provides grants of between $500 and $10,000 to clubs, associations, local government and other not-for-profit providers of sport and active recreation. Eligible projects must benefit sport and/or recreation clubs including Scout Groups. Applicants must contribute at least half of the project funding.

The Grant program guidelines and application forms are available from the Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania website.

The Major Grants Program provides grants of between $15,000 and $80,000 and is offered on an annual basis through one funding round, closing on 4 February 2015.

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

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Project Commissioner Grants
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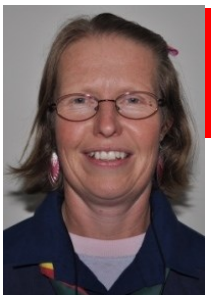
National News

Appplications are being called for the National Chief Commissioner's position and Scout Central 2.0 should be launching soon. Further information is available via the links below.

National Chief Commissioner Vacancy: http://scouts.com.au/our-people/vacancies
Closes 10th October 2014.

Scout Central 2.0: http://scouts.com.au/scout-central



Gang Show Report

Congratulations must go to a smaller, but dedicated team of Gang Show cast members who performed in the recent City of Clarence Eisteddfod. Gang Show had one entry in the 12 years and under. Only eight cast members were available to participate, but what a great job they did of the original song "Cavemen". Comments from the adjudicator included "Really good voices in this 'troupe' - dance effective and 'David' was acted well with humour. Alas it was short ... I would have enjoyed much more!" The group was awarded 2nd. In the 16 years and under we had three entries and while Gang Show had the only entrants, it should be remembered that an adjudicator does not have to give an Award if the performance is not up to standard. It was pleasing to receive 1st and then equal second (something not often given). Comments from the adjudicator; "A good vocal 'chorus line', colourful and use of stage excellent, actions well rehearsed and the performance both entertaining and slick - words came across well"; "What good costumes! The movement was good and the voices had a good blend" (these from the equal second entries). The third piece was original music by Angus Davison & the Gang Show song writing team - the comments from the adjudicator were ... "That was certainly an opening! Bright and energetic. The movement was very well rehearsed - good solo lines - 'dialogue' could be heard and the actors had character - A show stopper - well done"

Hobart Gang Show may be over for another year, but not so the commitment to getting things going! We have held our first “brainstorming” ideas workshop and now have a short list of theme ideas. I am just working out when the next workshop will be, but it will definitely be in October where the theme idea will be decided and then work will commence on plot ideas etc. for the next Show.

Now that the Show is over for this year, many positions are vacant for Gang Show 2015. If you would like to apply for a position, I welcome expressions of interest from Rovers, Leaders, parents and interested parties. Please forward applications to Denice Walter, PC Gang Show, via E-mail to pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au or via post to 34 Hillborough Road, South Hobart. Tas. 7004. Expressions of interest will close mid November. Positions available are Director, Skit Director and Assistant Director. Teams you can join are technical, lighting, audio, band, music, singing, choreography, back stage crew, scenery, sets, front of house, costume and publicity.

Please give details of your address, contact numbers (phone and E-mail) along with position/s you are interested in, what your experience in that area and/or theatre experience is, what you envisage for the position/team and how you would like to see Gang Show move forward next year. Successful non Scouting or Guiding members will need to complete Adult Supporter Induction Forms.

So, come along, join the Gang – it only takes an E-mail or phone call to get you started.

Denice Walter
Project Commissioner Gang Show
Ph: 6224 1105
E-mail: pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au

WANTED FOR THE LEA SCOUT CAMP

200 OLD STYLE SOLID BRICKS TO HELP REDEVELOP THE ROTUNDA.
Contact Mike Patten 0439 919 234

Jota / Joti Report

By now all the forms and JOTA – JOTI information for this year, should be available 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.

Just a recap and please note my e-mail has changed to:- robjmckay@optusnet.com.au

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.

How does it work - With this Electronic Banking PDF version you must put my e-mail address in your address book (robjmckay@optusnet.com.au) , 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 and have drop down boxes.

If you have any photos and reports over the JOTA/JOTI weekend and are willing to share your experiences with other Groups through the JOTA JOTI Reports, please e-mail or post them to me as they would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great 2014 JOTA/JOTI

Robbie McKay
Product Commissioner Radio and Electronics

Scouts Australia Tasmania Branch

Be Prepared...

for new adventure!

Email Bulletin

Dear Scouting Parents,

I write to you with an important invitation to meaningfully contribute to a vital part of the development of Scouting in Australia.

You may be aware that Scouts Australia is currently undertaking a major review of our Youth program. This process is one that aims to develop Scouting to maximise its relevance to Youth in 21st Century Australia and to attract, retain and best-develop the potential of a greater number of young Australians.

As part of our ongoing research for the Youth Program Review (YPR) we are conducting a national study of Australian families to better understand the needs, desires, and values they hold towards engaging in a Youth development program. Having already completed a survey of over 1,000 parents outside Scouting, the next step is in gathering data to compare this against the needs, desires and values of Scouting parents of Youth aged 6-18. A key part of this process is this survey, in which I invite you to participate.

The independent research organisation *McCrindle Research* has been commissioned to conduct this research and your assistance in completing this survey will greatly assist our strategic directions to the above. This survey is completely anonymous; all answers will be combined and not identifiable to any individual. This survey will take an estimated 12-14 minutes to complete and can be accessed by following on the link below.
mccrindle.asia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0TEdeCUNR0cbvHD

We appreciate the value of your time and efforts, and will be very grateful for your participation. With your completion of the survey, you can opt to receive a special blanket badge for your Scouting children. Please rest assured your responses will remain anonymous, and personal details safe.

Scouting Youth and adult members will have separate opportunities to participate in smaller surveys focused on different topics and prepared by our volunteer teams over the coming weeks and months. Scouting members with children aged 6-18 in Scouting are also able to participate in the McCrindle survey.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to fill in this survey on behalf of Scouts Australia. For more information on the YPR, please visit ypr.scouts.com.au.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Dylan Hunt, Project Officer YPR at po.ypr@scouts.com.au or 02 8440 5904.

Warm Regards,

Mr Reg Williams RFD
Chief Commissioner of Australia

Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania

Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta

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The next Regatta will be held at Snug on 7-9 March, 2015. It's time to enthuse your Youth members! Look for information in *Platypus* or the Branch Newsletter and on the web site.

Please note the changed phone number: 0488964817. We no longer have a fax machine. The Regatta email has not changed: sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au

If your troop/unit hasn't been to a Regatta before, it is easy to enter and lots of fun. You don't need to bring boats or have expertise in water activities. Many events are shore based and you can share equipment with other units or troops. Participants can 'have-a-go' at patrol boat rowing, kayaking or learn to sail a Pacer dinghy – the Regatta makes craft available and provides experienced help. Talk to other Leaders who know the ropes, or give me a call on 0488964817.

The Registration form needs to be posted to reach me by Tuesday, 16 December. The Regatta is value for money and the Committee works hard to keep inevitable increases to a minimum. The fee for Youth members who register before 16 December is $95. The cost for Youth members who register after this date is $105 and for those registering between 19 February and 26 February there will be an additional $10 late fee. Please encourage early registration to avoid late fees. The fee for Leaders/Parents who register before 16 December is $75.

We offer a standard menu with options of vegetarian or gluten-free meals (when notified in advance). Only Rovers, Olaves, parents, or Youth members who require a specific diet because of a medical condition, may cater for themselves.

Encourage your Youth members to come to the Regatta. If you are not able to come as a troop/unit, then consider joining with another group, or contact a Leader who is prepared to take your Youth members to the Regatta.

Parents enjoy the Regatta and contribute to its success by participating in some events and helping to run others. Remind parents they can camp on the oval with the Regatta participants and be catered for if they wish. Alternatively, they may wish to book at the Snug Caravan Park - the new Manager is very happy to take bookings from parents associated with the Regatta.

Lyn Muir
Secretary/Registrations

Regatta Information

Essential information for registering

Please contact Lyn Muir on 0488964817, email sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au or post to PO Box 36, Blackmans Bay, Tas 7052 if you have any queries about the Regatta. See you at Snug!
Remember that the registration fee is for entries received before 16 December. If increasing numbers after 16 December please use the Additional Entries Form.

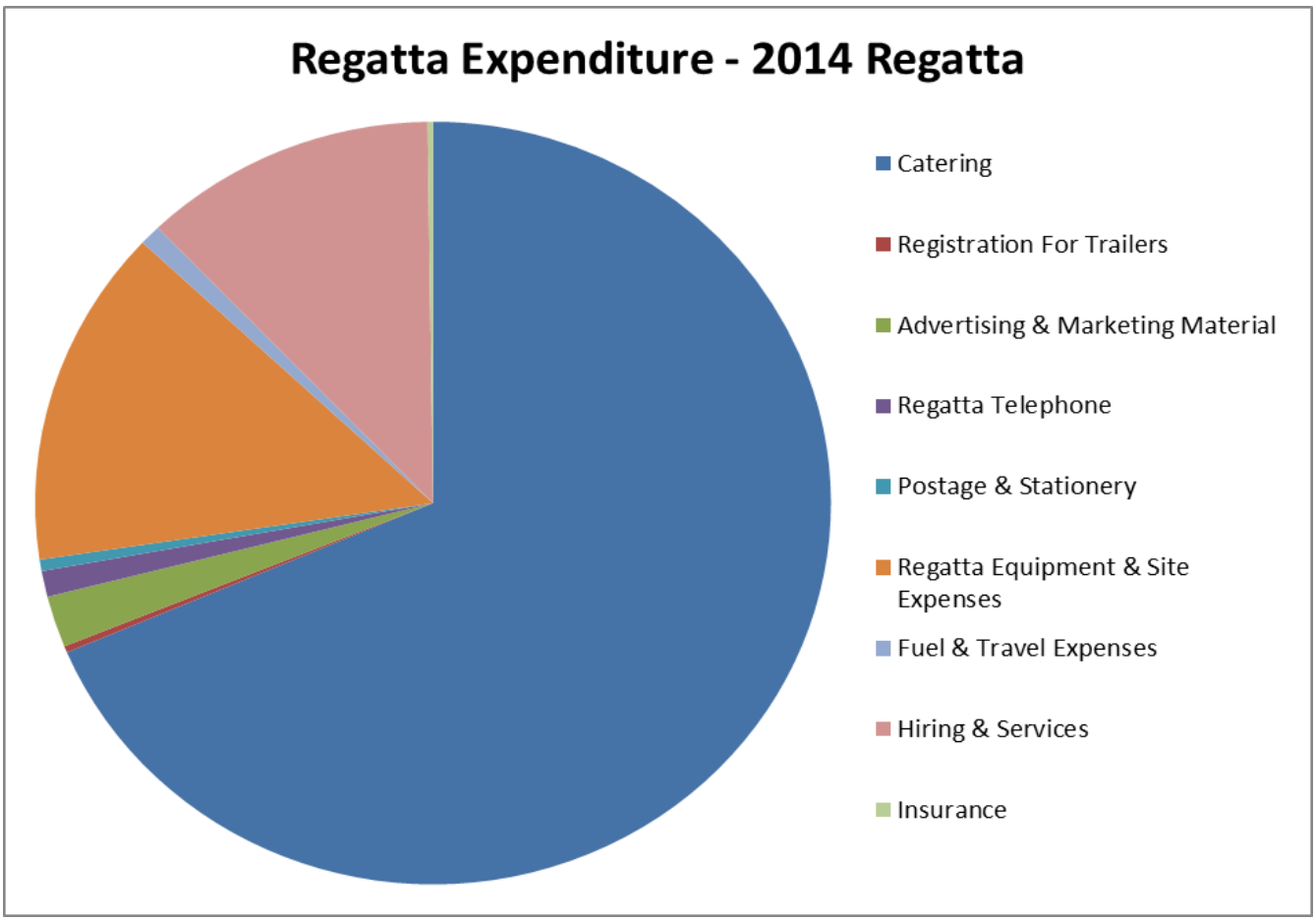
A REGISTRATION DETAILS

The term 'Section' on the Entry form refers to a troop/crew/unit. Please complete a separate registration form for each section. Because of organisational deadlines (catering, rosters, printing etc) **sections must register by 16 December**.

B ENTRY/ FEE DETAILS

The fee has increased for Youth participants this year. This allows for the annual increase in the catering cost, for rising on-going costs and to enable maintenance and replacement of Regatta infrastructure. The Regatta needs to make a small surplus each year. This will be used at the coming Regatta, for example, to design and have built a container for all the washing up facilities so that these can be more easily transported and managed. In addition, there are considerable costs associated with the new shower blocks and for transporting these; there are costs associated with OH&S and additional requirements for First Aid.

How is your Regatta fee used?



Regatta Information

C CATERING

The FULL CATERING fee is for seven meals from Saturday lunch to Monday lunch. Regatta catering provides a standard menu with vegetarian meals or gluten-free meals available for those registered as requiring them. Do you have a query? Please ring 0488964817 or email sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au The OWN CATERING fee includes activities, pennant, administration costs and a small amount set aside for infrastructure maintenance and repair. Only Rovers, Olaves and parents, or Youth members who require a specific diet because of a medical condition, may cater for themselves.

D ASSISTANCE DETAILS

Please list the names and phone numbers of any medical practitioners associated with your section **who will be attending the Regatta** and are willing to be on call for emergencies. Someone from the Regatta Committee will contact them.

We would like to involve more parents and others associated with your troop/unit in assisting with in-shore safety on the water. If you know of someone who has small boat experience, is willing to help, and who has a small dinghy or rubber ducky with an outboard motor, then please let us know.

E CONSENT

The 'Leader in Charge at Regatta' needs to sign and date this section.
Youth members under the age of 18 must have at least one adult for every 10 Youth members or part thereof camping with them. Scout and Venturer units with male and female Youth members must have both male and female Leaders. Participating Youth members must be at least 10 years old at the time of the Regatta. Endeavour to have at least two parents for every 10 Youth members available during the Regatta for the duties and security shifts which will be allocated to your section.

F OTHER DETAILS

We appreciate numbers may change after your section has registered. Please advise Lyn Muir of changes to your entry numbers up to 26 Feb by filling in the Additional Entries form. Remember that for entries received between 17 December and 18 February the fee increases by $10. The additional fee for entries received between 19-26 February is $20. We cannot accept entries after 26 February.

G REFUNDS

Generally a decrease in numbers advised by 19 February will be refunded 100% and if advised by 26 February there will generally be a 50% refund. Changes to the numbers registered cannot be made at the Regatta.

H CAMPING

Please plan to arrive after 6pm and be set-up by 11pm on the Friday night. All tent pegs must be 'tagged'. Electricity will not be available. Please do not connect to existing outlets. Generators are prohibited.

Remind all those associated with your section that the Regatta site is an **'alcohol, smoking and drug free zone'.**

Scouts Aus -Tas Branch & Girl Guides Tas

TASMANIAN SCOUT GUIDE RGATTA

7-9 March 2015

REGISTRATION FORM

Valid to 16th December 2014

Please complete and post with full payment to
PO Box 36, Blackmans Bay 7052
to arrive by 16th December

(to add to your numbers after 16th December please use the Additional Entries Form)

A) REGISTRATION DETAILS - *See information sheet – sections must register by 16th December*

Section (*Troop/Unit/Crew*) Name ..... Email contact ……..

Leader in Charge at Regatta..... Phone (ah) .....

Postal address ..... Phone (bus).....

..... Postcode ..... Mobile .....

B) FULL CATERING – a standard menu (vegetarian or gluten-free options available). Other dietary requirements - please ring 0488964817

Scouts/Guides/Venturers/Rovers	Male	Female	Total..... @ $95	$
Leaders and Parents	Male	Female	Total..... @ $75	$
Children under 10 years of age			Total..... @ $50	$

Number requiring vegetarian meals ……. Number requiring gluten-free meals …….

OWN CATERING (*Rovers and Parents <u>only</u>*)

Rovers & Olaves	Male	Female	Total..... @ $15	$
Self-catering Parents			Total.....No charge	

(please enclose one Unit/Group {not personal} cheque payable to 'Scout Guide Regatta') **TOTAL $** _____

If you are likely to increase Regatta numbers please indicate the approximate **final** numbers _____ youth members _____ adults

C) Name and phone number of medical practitioners associated with your troop/unit and attending the Regatta - *see "Essential Information" sheet*

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D) CONSENT

My section agrees to provide:

security, catering and event staff as rostered
assistance as required setting up and maintaining the regatta program
full adult supervision of under 18 youth members at all times

I CERTIFY THAT SIGNED PARENT CONSENT FORMS FOR EVERY YOUTH MEMBER UNDER 18 YEARS ATTENDING THE REGATTA WILL BE COMPLETED AND HELD BY ME.

I also confirm that:

all youth members being registered by this form are registered members of either Girl Guides Tasmania or Scouts Australia - Tasmanian Branch
all participating youth members are at least 10 years old.
all adults are either leaders or parents/carers of registered members.

Signature Date / /

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR FAMILY FUN

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The Lea Scout Centre
330 Proctors Road
Kingston TAS 7050