

# Be Prepared ... for new Adventure

Tasmanian views, news and events

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## Years of Service Awards November 2014

### 5 YEARS

Ian Brunker

Mt Stuart

Jonelle Ungerhofer

George Town

### 10 YEARS

Steven Penton

Mersey District

### 15 YEARS

Shane Pitt

Queenstown

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## Chief Commissioner's Report

Putting my comments in last month's Newsletter in large print doesn't seem to have increased the number of people who actually read what I said. I still had phone calls and e-mails this month asking me what they had to do to get a Working with Vulnerable People Card. The step by step outline of what Leaders and those on Group Committee Executives need to do to get a card, is on p2 of last month's Newsletter.

**Remember if you don't have a WWVP Card by January you will be stood down until you 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.**

If you are having any problems getting your WWVP Card, get in touch with Jeannette or me immediately because we may be able to help you.

Those who have been in Scouting for a long time will have known John Robertson who was the very dedicated and well respected General Secretary of the Tasmanian Branch in the 1980's. Sadly he passed away last week and our thoughts are with his family.

The Royal Commission started public sessions in Tasmania last week. (See press coverage for more details) We can all be very grateful that Scouting was years ahead of other organisations in trying to protect children from abuse. Those who don't like having to follow all our policy and procedures and think there is too much paper work will have to admit that innovations like our Code of Conduct since 1993, Police Checks since 1994, referee checks on all new Leaders since 1948 and our policy of reporting suspected incidents directly to the Police have all kept us ahead of other organisations. There have been and will be future things happen that shock us but we have and are doing everything we possibly can to protect our Youth members from harm. Don't be afraid to spread the word if you are asked what Scouting is doing. We are also looking at new ways to improve what we do. There are two new units of work on E-learning, a Work Safe module and a Child Protection module and all Leaders are asked to find time to do them when they can. It is expected that all Leaders will have done both units by the end of next year.

The Youth Program Review (YPR) is ongoing so look it up on the Scouts Australia web page. More details are in last month's Newsletter.

With all the other things that are happening we must not forget about the importance of Occupational Health and Safety and the whole issue of Risk Management. At the recent National Meeting, it was suggested that every meeting in Scouting including District and Group Meetings as well as Troup Councils and Unit Meetings should have both these topics on their agendas. Related to this is the need for every accident and incident in Scouting to have the appropriate paper work filled in and forwarded to BHQ.

The Clark Trophy held at The Lea on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November was a great success with many Groups showcasing the high quality of Scout Craft we all like to see. One area of improvement that is especially interesting is the improvement in cooking skills which probably results from the large number of cooking shows on television these days. Clarence District had a particularly good weekend with the competition won by Lindisfarne Group followed by Sandford and Clarence Sea Scouts. It was great to see the North West represented by Motton Preston, Turners Beach, 1st 2nd Ulverstone and City of Devonport Groups. It is a long way to come but worth the effort. Phil Harper and his team did a great job, but I would like to especially thank the many Leaders and parents who made the weekend such a great experience for the nearly 100 Scouts who participated. It was also great to be able to present three Scout Medallions at final parade.

I will finish up this month with a message for Pip Cornish who has just returned home from a painful nearly two weeks in hospital. Get better quickly; there is too much work to do to have you laying around doing nothing. Seriously Pip, we all hope you have a speedy recovery.

**Mike Patten**

**Chief Commissioner**

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## Joey Report

As we approach the end of another Scouting year, I'm sure most will be keeping busy with participation in Christmas parades and Mob, Group and District break-ups. As usual, I welcome any reports and/or photos of these activities and will include them in the next Newsletter.

Another issue of the Joey Scout Leaders' "Mob Hoppenings" Newsletter was distributed via email earlier in November – if you didn't receive your copy or were unable to open the document, please get in touch. I would also welcome any comments, questions or suggestions regarding the Newsletter and/or its contents.

### Commissioners Challenge Awards

Applications for this special award close at the end of November. Congratulations to all the Joey Scouts and Leaders who successfully completed this challenge and can now proudly wear this special badge. Thank you to Wendy Granger for organising everything for this award.

### Promise Challenge Awards

This month I would like to extend my congratulations to Taylor Honey – Old Beach, Lily Jarman and Diesel Davis – George Town, and Jessica Stanley – Clarence Sea Scouts, for achieving this special award.

We are endeavouring to streamline our application process for this award due to a few issues with applications which have resulted in delays in the presentation of some awards. Details of this and some clarification of the award guidelines were included in the November issue of our Joey Leaders' Newsletter so please have a look at this information.

### Next Year's Events

The Joey Scout section has some celebrating to do **in 2015 – it's our 25<sup>th</sup> birthday!!**

A badge will be available to commemorate '25 Years of Joey Scouts' and I am open to any suggestions of special activities which could be included on our Joey calendar as part of these celebrations. So far our planned events include...

### Lenah Hop 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May at Carnaroo Scout Camp, Paper Beach

This is being organised by the Northern Leaders on an environment theme and registrations will be open 1st February to 20<sup>th</sup> April so register early for a weekend full of fun!

**A Reunion of Past and Present Joey Scout Leaders** – the date and venue is yet to be confirmed for this but once finalised we'll need your help to spread the word! Hopefully this event will also give us the opportunity to build on our section's history at the Heritage Centre.

### The Joey Scout State Event - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August at the Ross Town Hall

For all Joey Scouts and their siblings, this event will be run on a 'Possum Magic' theme so promises lots of interesting activities. Registrations will be open 20<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

"Birthday Party" themed Mob meetings being held around the State on the last week of Term 2 are also being considered. Once again it looks like we have another busy year ahead! In the meantime I would like to thank you all for your efforts this year, and to wish you a safe and happy time over the Christmas and holiday season.

**Sue Cooper**

**Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts**

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## Training report

As another busy year for the Tasmanian Training Team comes to an end, firstly let me thank all members of the Team for an outstanding effort. We only have a small team, but one that achieves great outcomes. Hopefully all those who have attended Training this year enjoyed it as much as the Trainers did – we always learn something new from participants, no matter the length of time we have been involved with Scouting – something I think that highlights the strength and commitment to Scouting by so many.

In the past month I attended the National Training Meeting in Sydney and this weekend had the opportunity to feed back to the Tasmanian Team. There are many exciting changes occurring, not least the launching of Scout Central 2.0, which should make the lives of all Leaders simpler, and also increase the involvement of our Youth members in programming and using the latest technologies available. This is an amazing tool, and as we all learn together on what it can do, sharing that information will benefit everyone.

Next year we will be running Wood Badge Courses for all sections. There have been some changes National-ly to the Wood Badge (Advanced) Training, but we will still be able to keep some of the traditional aspects of what makes Wood Badge in Tasmania so memorable. It will still be over two weekends to enable the practical aspects of the program to be the basis of enhancing the initiative and leadership skills of Leaders. Much of the 'theory' will be done as E Learning. If you are intending to participate then please let Marion know you are starting the E Learning. Applications can of course be submitted at any time.

I will take this opportunity to wish all members and supporters of Scouting in Tasmania a very Happy Christmas and a safe, healthy and exciting New Year. I look forward to catching up in 2015 whether at an event or at Training.



**Geraldine Harwood**

**Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development**

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## First Aid Training

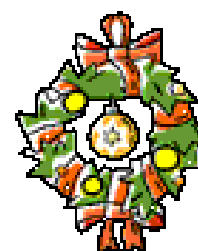
St John Ambulance Australia has a partnership agreement with Scouts Australia to deliver First Aid Training. The course leads to the qualification "Provide First Aid".

St John offers the following training:

- Full course (2 days) and valid for 3 years
- Yearly refresher (6 hours)
- Three year re-accreditation (1 day) and valid for 3 years

The cost for all courses is \$100

Please note that you will be trained in a public course.



### How to book

Please contact **your local St John branch** to book the course. You will require your Scout Group details, your details and registration number.

You do not have to pay at the course as **St John will invoice BHQ. BHQ will invoice your group.**

St John will send the First Aid certificate to BHQ who will enter the details into the database.

BHQ will then send the certificate to the participant.

Questions or problems? Please contact Mike Wilson by email

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## Venturer Report

### TASMANIAN VENTURE – 5<sup>TH</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Applications have been rolling in and this looks sure to be a great event to finish the year off. The Venturer Section is set to invade South Mt Cameron for a weekend packed with activities; 4wding, hiking, mountain bike riding, ropes course, kayaking just to name a few.

### AV2015 - 16TH AUST VENTURE - WOODHOUSE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

On the 29th of December the Tasmania Contingent head off on our road trip to Adelaide to attend the Australian Venture. The Venture is an awesome experience of 10 days (5 off on an expedition of their choice) of action packed adventure. Look out on the Facebook page to see what we are getting up to.

Make sure you check out next year's calendar and schedule in our Venturer Activities and Adventurous Activities that you or your Venturers might like to attend.

A big thank you to all the Leaders, Helpers and Venturers for helping to make this year a great one to be part of. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday period and look forward to catching up with you all at an event in the New Year.

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



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**JOHN ROBERTSON, 3 May 1927 - 12 November 2014**

Other than for a short stint by Peter Manton, John succeeded the legendary 'Zem' Lane as General Secretary, Tasmanian Branch, in the early 1980s; his term coming to an end in the early 1990s. He was a dedicated and well respected member of Scouting. He will be sadly missed. Condolences to the family.



## Cub Report

Would you believe it, but it is Christmas already. The year has flown by. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Parents, Helpers and of course all the Cubs, a very Merry Christmas and a very successful New Year. This month's programme is not so much a programme, but ideas for Christmas, including Christmas cards, Christmas cooking, Christmas stories, Christmas trivia and of course those old favourite Christmas jokes (for example, what do you call Santa when he stops moving – Santa Pause (Boom Tish)).

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Tasmanian Cuboree – September 2015

Finally some good news in respect to the Cuboree. We now have a committee, and our camp Chief has been elected. Congratulations to Jon Bentley from the Howrah Pack who has agreed to take on the role for next year's camp. I can also advise that the theme for the camp will be 100 years of the Anzac, but more on this next year. I would like to remind you all that the Cuboree will be held on the last weekend of September (25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September) and will be at The Lea Camp Ground in Hobart. The cost of the Cuboree will be \$95 per Cub and \$85 per Leader /Adult. A full information brochure on the camp will be available early next year, and we will also have a Website page where this information can be found.

The next meeting of the Statewide Committee will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at The Lea Seminar Room commencing at 7.30pm. Please continue to promote the camp to your Cubs and Parents, and I look forward to seeing many of you join in and become part of the 23rd Tasmanian Cuboree organising committee.

### Commissioner's Challenge Award 2014

**STOP PRESS** – Another 4 Packs have earned their Commissioner's Challenge badges for this year. Congratulations to Wynyard, Sandy Bay, Ulverstone & Exeter Packs. Well done to each of you and I look forward to seeing the badges on your uniforms.



The completion date for the challenge was 30 November, however I will extend this for a further 2 weeks, so please get your applications in by no later than 14 December. The badges only cost \$2.00 each, with details on how to obtain them included in the Activity Packs sent to each Leader.

### Working with Vulnerable People Card

My card arrived in the mail the other day and it prompted me to remind you all of Mike's comments from last month, that he expects everyone to have their card by December 31st. Accordingly, let's make sure that the Cub Section, the first to have all their Leaders with their cards, and that the Cubs are the Leaders as usual.

### Grey Wolf Award

This month's Grey Wolf recipients are: Amos Champion—Peakman 1st 2nd Ulverstone, Natalie Fowler Sandford, Olivia Neubauer 10th Hobart and Cameron McMaster New Norfolk.

### Programme Ideas

This month it is all about Christmas. Once again the programme can be found on the Tas Scouts Website, with this month's Newsletter.

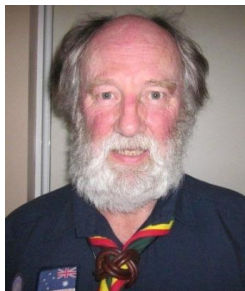
Don't forget however, that you can find a lot of Programme ideas, on Scouts Central ([www.central.scouts.com.au](http://www.central.scouts.com.au)). If you need help getting access, talk to your District Cub Scout Leader who will show you how to find them.



**Terry Bryan**

**Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts**

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## *Adventurous Activity Report*

As we approach the end of the year, I hope that the final events planned for the year are coming together well with the programmes ending on a relatively high level.

The proposed Training Calendar for 2015 has now been completed and will be released soon so that anybody who needs/wants to complete or undertake further Training can plan their programmes for next year. Training Courses which are proposed for next year include Basic Canoe/Kayaking, Basic Abseiling and Advanced Bush-walking Courses together with a Basic Bush-walking Course which will be conducted as a part of the Basic Sectional Course for the Scout, Venturer and Rover Sections.

Included in the proposed Calendar for early in the year is Adventurous Activities Common Core Unit together with TAEDEL301A Unit. It is expected that if there is a Leader who is active in any Adventurous Activities within the Group/District, then that person should have the appropriate Training/qualifications for that position/activity.

It is also planned that a weekend will be set aside for the assessment of such Leaders for recognition of experience/qualifications together with explanations for the process whereby Leaders can achieve the required qualifications through Participant, Guide and Instructor Levels. Details of this weekend will be released early in 2015 so if anybody has an interest in these Activities, please be aware that this weekend is proposed.

As a reminder also, if there are any Leaders who have various qualifications either about to expire or have just recently expired, then please submit logs for the last 3 years of activities so that the qualifications can be assessed appropriately and be re-issued if deemed to be at a satisfactory level.

The second National Adventurous Activities School is planned for late January 2015, with information available on the National Scouts Website, or from Branch.

By now, annual boat examinations should have been undertaken by all Groups so that proposed water activities over the summer months can be duly undertaken with appropriately registered crafts.

With the warmer months now present and bush-walking activities being undertaken in multiple locations around the State, it is imperative that the requirements for bush-walking particularly in Zone 2 be adhered to, with specific reference to Leaders taking Groups above the snow-line eg. to BP Lodge at Cradle Mountain. The requirement is for a Leader in the Group undertaking the trip to hold the Advance Bush-walking qualification for alpine areas and that the qualification be current (ie., not expired). It is imperative that this requirement be foremost in the planning of such expeditions into Zone 2 areas with evidence of qualifications being supplied to the relevant Group Leaders, District Commissioners, etc, as required.

With particular reference to BP Lodge, it has now become relatively important that sufficient wardens are in place for the operation of the Lodge, with several wardens retiring or vacating the position in recent times. If there is anybody interested in applying for such a position, particularly non-uniformed members, then please do not hesitate to contact me for more information.

I trust that everybody has a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year and enjoy the well-earned break and hopefully will see everybody back in 2015.

**Tony McDonald**  
**Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities**  
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## Gang Show Report

Sorry I didn't get a report done last month, but things had been a bit hectic. Gang Show 2015 is underway with two workshops now having been held and the theme is set, some great characters thought of with their own individual characteristics worked out. Gang Show 2015 is set to be another great night's entertainment. If you missed it this year, please don't miss it next year.

My most exciting news is that I can advise and confirm the dates for Gang Show next year. There were a number of difficulties, but these have now been overcome and the Hobart Gang Show will be held at the Mt. Nelson Theatre, Hobart College - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2015. Please include the date in your Term 3 program. The cast need an audience – the larger the audience the better the atmosphere. Audience numbers have been increasing each year and in fact I only need about another 20 people to come along to see the Show on opening night and I would need to open the upstairs balcony seating!

Auditions will be held in April – exact date to be confirmed, but probably 12<sup>th</sup> April with 19<sup>th</sup> April as an alternative if necessary. Rehearsals will begin in May.

Although it was a little while ago, I also want to say what a great night's entertainment "Scouts Unplugged" was in Launceston on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Well done to all involved.

In closing, I wish you Christmas blessings. Don't forget to take some time to relax and enjoy time with family before launching in to 2015.

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## Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta

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Time is running out to register your troop/unit for the Regatta - the deadline is 16 December.

Remember:

you will need parent help at the Regatta  
 registered troops/units wishing to increase numbers after 16 December do so by filling in the Additional Entry Form. This will be available on the Scout web pages, or by emailing or ringing me (contact details above).

On behalf of the Regatta Committee, our best wishes to all Leaders for a Happy Christmas and a refreshing break.

Lyn Muir



## Rover Report

Well, 2014 is certainly rapidly coming to an end and it's probably a good time to remind each other that while the festive season is traditionally joyous and memorable for all the right reasons for most, it may also end up being a time of sadness and uncertainty for those amongst us facing crises in the employment sector at the current time. We should all be vigilant and supportive of our Scouting (and non-scouting) mates who might through no fault of their own find their job security suddenly at risk.

On a more positive note, it was absolutely fantastic to be a part of the 80 odd throng attending the Kingborough Crew's recent Boot for Carrie and Tim at South Arm. While I wasn't quite the oldest there (it was close!), it was great to catch up with many past and present Rovers. There were even four RA's present. As always with Boots, I am sure we will all be seeing Carrie and Tim around from time to time in our Scouting lives.

Kingborough's Boot was the first in a string of more yet to come. Please watch for and reserve the dates as they are published and made known. Congratulations KRC for organising such a great event at a great location.

Two more things... A reminder that the next TBRC meeting will occur at Perth on the Sunday of the State Venture. Representation from all Crews would be appreciated. Secondly, a reminder that all Scouting Members will be required to possess the Working With Children Card by the end of the year. If you haven't logged onto the Dept. of Justice website to start the process, time is rapidly running out. Please don't leave it until the last moment!

Finally, as this will be my last report before the Christmas break, have a happy and safe time throughout the Festive Season and I look forward to some more great Rovering in 2015.

Stay safe,

**Ian Hart**

**Branch Commissioner Rover Scouts**



'The Mob' attending KRC's Boot for Carrie and Tim at South Arm



## Scout Report

### Clark Trophy 2014

The weather was kind, the location excellent and the attendance was terrific, with 17 Patrols taking part. A good turnout of Leaders and parents and family members helped make the weekend run smoothly.

Cooking on a fire is thankfully a skill that Scouts can still handle, as the reports from the Leaders who were fed by them indicated the meals were of a very good standard and none reported feeling hungry after the event. Well done to all the Scouts as it is a real challenge to produce a 3 course meal for 7 people on a fire and in a pioneering shelter.

10 teams achieved Pioneer, 3 Explorer and 4 Adventurer Level, with Lindisfarne coming out in 1<sup>st</sup> place with Sandford 2<sup>nd</sup> and Clarence 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Corroboree 2015 - Fulton Park – Easter 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April

All Scout section Leaders have now received the Information and Application forms and will be liaising with Cub Leaders to enable Linking Cubs to come along as well.

Families of Scouts and linking Cubs are also most welcome.

Expressions of Interest from Troops is sought by 15<sup>th</sup> December and applications can be sent any time from now.

Make sure this fun event is on your calendar; the Scouts love it and it gives them opportunities for fun activities and an insight on how a Jamboree runs (but that is 300 times as big).

### 2015 Programs

Experience shows that giving your Scouts the 1<sup>st</sup> Term Program before they end this year has a positive effect on retention and also allows the next year to start smoothly.

Please get your Troop Councils working on this in the next week or two so you can make the most of Term 1 2015.

Many thanks to the DSL Team and those other Leaders and Parents who have assisted the Scout section over 2014, through direct involvement in events, behind the scenes in organising Troops and getting Scouts to and from Troop nights and events.

Have a great Christmas and New Year break and I look forward to a very busy and productive 2015.

**Phil Harper**

**Branch Commissioner Scouts**

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### BRANCH CALENDAR

| DATE            | EVENT                               | WHERE      | CLOSES | CONTACT          |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------|------------------|
| <b>December</b> |                                     |            |        |                  |
| 5th – 7th       | Tasmania Venturer                   | Mt Cameron |        | BC Venturers     |
| 11th            | Combined Branch Committees Meetings |            |        | Branch President |
| 19th            | Office Closure & Drinks             |            |        | Branch           |

## Clark Trophy 2014



The 2014 Sir Ernest  
Clark Trophy Final at  
The Lea.

Australian Scout Me-  
dallion  
Recipients from Left  
Dylan Kirkland,  
Tristan Acheson, and  
Filip Wyker





# Adult Support

## Group Committee Training

The following E-Learning training modules are now available for Group Committee personnel.

### How to be a Scout Group Chairman

This is a module that takes approximately 85 minutes to complete. Here is an overview.

- The Role of Group Chairman
- Your Key Colleagues
- Preparing for and Conducting Meetings
- Administration Matters
- The Group Plan

This Training closely links with the Leader of Adults (Group Leader and Commissioner) Training.

### Effective Scout Group Committees

In this module you will learn about the role of the Group Support Committee and how even without being a uniformed Leader, you can play an active and important role toward helping children and young people to flourish.

We'll begin by exploring the function and roles of the Support Committee. Then we'll spend some time looking at important matters of governance before finishing with some valuable guidance for effective meetings – especially the Annual Meeting.

### How to be a Scout Group Secretary

This module goes through the details of the role of Scout Group Secretary. The module covers:

- The Role of Group Secretary
- Your Key Colleagues
- Agendas and Minutes
- Fundraising

### How to be a Scout Group Treasurer

This module goes through the details of the role of Scout Group Treasurer. The module covers:

- The Role of Group Treasurer
- Your Key Colleagues
- Key Elements of the Role
- Budgets and Cash Flow

### Effective Group Management

It is effective management that allows a Group to realise its goals and build a sense of family in the Group, a 'Group Awareness'. It is effective management that inspires the confidence of everyone in the Group: Leaders, Support Committee and parents.

Good Leadership on its own is not enough. A Scout Group needs to be led but also managed.

This module explores a proven system to effectively manage a Scout Group.

Questions? Please contact Mike Wilson by email [mike.wilson@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:mike.wilson@tas.scouts.com.au).

Merry Christmas, have a great holiday and looking forward to 2015.





## Grants Report

Congratulations to Clarence and New Norfolk Scout Groups who were successful in the securing grants in recent months.

### TASMANIAN COMMUNITY FUND

A number of Groups applied for funding in Round 29 of the Tasmanian Community Fund Grants and are waiting to be advised if they have been successful in obtaining funding.

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. Scout Groups in this state have been very successful in obtaining grants through the TCF for a variety of worthwhile purposes and the TCF continues to be a wonderful supporter of the Scouting movement. Grant Round 30 will open in February/ March 2015 for small (up to \$10,000), medium (\$10,001 to \$90,000) and large (\$100,000 to \$300,000) grants only. Applications are made online and must be numerically accurate. There is significant work involved in applying for these grants and prospective applicants are strongly advised to start their preparations now by undertaking the following activities (as relevant to your project):

1. Prepare plans and discuss them with the Property Committee, service organisations (water, sewerage, electricity) and local council.
2. Seek planning permission from Council.
3. Prepare a timetable for your project. The project must be completed within one year.
4. Consider the in-kind support (labour, materials, financial) support your Group will be providing. This may be substantial and should be detailed in your application.
5. Obtain three quotations for major items.
6. Obtain three letters of support.

The following grants are currently available:

### SPORT AND RECREATION

#### MAJOR Grants Program – closes 4 February 2015

The Major 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 \$1,500 and \$80,000 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 form are available from the Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania website.

### TELSTRA Kids Fund

The Telstra Kids Fund is supported by the Telstra Foundation and funds local activities in arts and culture, education, health, the environment, sport and recreation. Telstra Kids provides grants up to \$1,200 to local non-profit groups that help kids to play and learn. Each year Telstra Kids funds thousands of local, grassroots community activities that sprout up across Australia in response to local needs.

Your Group can apply for this funding if a Leader or parent is a Telstra employee. Applications are made online.

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

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The National Youth Council has asked every Youth member and Leader to:

- Join the United Nations MyWorld 2015 Campaign
- Have your say about the Millennium Development Goals
- Keep updated with the latest news and results



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## *National Youth Program Report*

This is a very important time for Scouting as we are conducting a Youth Program Review which encompasses all Sections of the Association.

National on behalf of the YPR asked McCrindle to complete a lot of research and the 3 reports are now available online for all to view: <http://ypr.scouts.com.au/news/2014-11-25-mccrindle-research-phase-2-3-released>

You can also sign up for the YPR mailing list if you haven't done so already: <http://ypr.scouts.com.au/list-signup.php>

### **Youth Leadership in Scouting!**

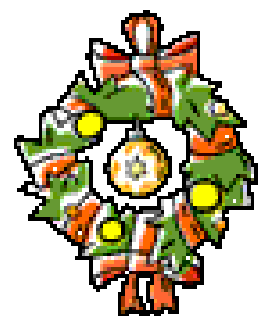
Our Youth members aren't only the leaders of tomorrow; they are the leaders of today!

What are your thoughts? Have your say on leadership skills development for all in the latest survey for the YPR available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/scoutssurvey35>

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We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year.

Mike, Pip, Doug, Jeannette and Marion.





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