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Chief Commissioner's Report

Welcome back to Scouting in 2015. I hope that you have all had a good break and a bit of much deserved rest. This year promises to be both exciting and rewarding. The Anzac Day Centenary will be a highlight for many and the Corroboree, the Cuboree and the Jamboree will all be both fun and exciting experiences for those who take part.

It is with a fair degree of disappointment that I note some Leaders and some Group Committee Executives have not understood the importance of obtaining their Working With Vulnerable People Cards. These cards are a vital and transparent way for Scouting to show that we do care about child protection and that we are doing everything we can to make sure that our children are safe in our care. We have also missed the opportunity to be the first volunteer Youth Group to be fully compliant.

Unfortunately there are so many Leaders in particular, who do not have a card yet, that we will not be able to stand down those who are non-compliant at the end of February as was our Branch plan. There will be a letter to this effect sent to every Leader without a card in early February. The modest cost of \$17.60 was a political decision beyond our control but the cost and any access issues to obtain a card are minor compared to the benefits of having a card system. After the 31st March, it will be against the law for any volunteer organisation to have volunteers working with children who do not have a card. From that date people will be stood down if they do not have a card. There will be no excuses or exceptions. **I would like to pass on my thanks to the many people who did obtain a WWVP Card on time.**

On a more positive note, I was pleased to notice that Ethan Reed, a Scout at Lindisfarne Group, is the Young Citizen of the Year at Sorell. He has been involved in a wide range of school and community activities. Most years we have at least one member of our organisation who is recognised in the various categories of Awards. If anyone in your Group has been recognised in this way this year please let us know.

Since our last Newsletter Marion Blight has decided to cut back her hours working at BHQ at the end of February. Her decision corresponds with a major birthday which I won't mention. Marion is well known to everybody and has made a major contribution to the good work done by BHQ and in one way or another, has helped almost every Leader and Committee Member in the State. It is great that she has decided to continue three part days each week to look after our Training needs. The vacant position for 15 hours work each week was advertised in the Mercury several weeks ago and applications need to be in by Friday 6th February. If you are interested please contact BHQ for more details. Obviously a knowledge of Scouting would be a useful attribute.

Also since our last Newsletter we have lost two very active and much loved Life Members of Scouting. Trevor Hogan from North Midlands and Cedric Pease from Clarence were both DC's and both continued active contribution to our camps long after they retired as Leaders. We thank them both for their hard work and support over a very long period.

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Training Report

Welcome back to another exciting year of Scouting in 2015. With the YPR review and possible changes to Training there will be a lot to do, but the most important task we have is to provide exciting and interesting programs for our Youth members. The focus of Training will always have this at the centre of what we do and any changes will be to enhance this.

For new Leaders don't forget that the first Basic Sectional Course for the year is on the weekend of 21st and 22nd March and while this is still a few weeks away the time will fly by. It is essential that the E-Learning is completed BEFORE coming to Training, so that you have a basic understanding of what underpins Scouting. The earlier you start the easier it is to finish without having to put in a lot of hours in the last week. Applications will close three weeks before the course so ensure you have completed the form and had it signed off by the Group Leader. We look forward to seeing a heap of new Leaders in March.

It is unfortunate and we realise the impact on Groups, but we have had to make a small increase to the cost of Courses this year, as costs of delivering the Courses have increased. We have made some changes to keep the cost increase to a minimum, and the cost of Trainers will stay the same (no cost).

In order that the Scout Leaders can take Scouts hiking and keep the 'out in Scouting', it has been decided nationally that Basic Bushwalking will form part of Basic Training. When we have further details on this we will let you know, as well as dates as to when this will be run around the state. Depending on numbers we will try and offer it at more than one location to make it easier for participants.

Welcome back to all the Trainers – I hope you have all had a great festive season and now ready again for the challenges of 2015.

Geraldine Harwood
Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development.



TREVOR HOGAN 3 Apr 1930—27th Nov 2014

Trevor started at Bellerive as an Assistant Scout Leader. In 1967, he was Scout Leader of Evandale and then District Commissioner of North Midlands where he was made an Honorary Commissioner. Known for his many hours spent working on Scout Island. He was awarded Branch Life Member in 1996.

CEDRIC PEASE 13 Dec 1934—15 Jan 2015

Cedric was the District Commissioner for Clarence for many years, also Southern Regional Commissioner, heavily involved in management of The Lea. Very valued member of The Lea Service Crew. He was awarded Branch Life Member in 2005.

HAIDEE CORMIE 18 Jan 1929 - 12 Jan 2015

Haidee was the No.1 Office lady at 107 Murray Street. Haidee looked after the Finances including the Scout shop. She worked with Zem Lane and John Robertson. Haidee was in the office over the 83-84 Rover Moot at Gowrie Park.

All Stalwarts will be very sadly missed. Rest in Peace.



Joey Report

Welcome to the 2015 Scouting year, and a special one for our section as we celebrate 25 years since Joey Scouts officially began across Australia. I hope you have all had an enjoyable break and are now feeling ready and full of enthusiasm for another fun and active year with the Joey Scouts.

How are your Mob numbers looking? Many of our Mobs could do with some extra members, and now is a great time to get busy with some promoting in your local schools and community - promotional materials are available at BHQ. Using 'Bring a Friend' nights and the Friendfinder Badge can also help too. Can we grow our section across Tasmania in 2015?

Promise Challenge Awards

Congratulations to Tom Halyk - Mt Stuart, and Jack Mitton, Jarrod Pearce and Amber Semmens - Newstead Baptist, for achieving this special award at the end of last year.

Scout Central

Your Leader team can now build and store your Mob programs, keep track of your Youth members' attendance and badgework, upload your ideas and photos, learn about other Mobs' activities you can join, and more, as well as having Scouting news updates and your Training requirements, all in one place. Youth members will have access to relevant information too. Please contact me if you need help getting started with this.

This year's Branch Joey Scout events...

Joey Scout Branch Council Meetings: The first meeting is Sunday 1st February at the Town Hall, Campbell Town. Our mid-year Branch Council meeting will now be held on Sunday 14th June.

Leader Training: Basic Sectional Courses will be run 21st - 22nd March, 27th - 28th June and 14th - 15th November. A Wood Badge Course is also set for September & November.

Lenah Hop 15th - 17th May at Carnaroo Scout Camp, Paper Beach.

The theme this year is "Joey Scouts and the Environment". The registration form is in this newsletter and all registrations need to be in by 20th April.

25th Birthday Celebrations:

Joey Scouts officially started on 1st July 1990 so we have two special events to celebrate, this (and a special badge will be available) ...

For Youth Members All Mobs are asked to hold a special Mob Meeting in the final week of 2nd term (29th June - 3rd July) - this may be a special birthday party or you may come up with other ideas, but do take some photos of the occasion!

For Leaders (Our own birthday party!) A Joey Scout Leader Reunion for all past and present Joey Leaders will be held the same week (on Saturday 4th July) so mark your diaries! More information on this will be available shortly.

Joey Scout State Event - Saturday 15th August at the Ross Town Hall

This is to be held on a 'Possum Magic' theme and information and registration forms will be sent out by 20th April ready to pass on to families, with registrations closing on 30th June. Let me know if your Mob has a particular activity you would like to run.

I look forward to seeing you all at these events over the coming months - just remember to register early for everything as late applications will no longer be accepted, and we don't want anyone to miss out! Please contact me any time with any questions, suggestions, Newsletter items or contact list updates. Happy Joey Scouting!

Sue Cooper

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Cub Report



Scout/Guide Regatta Cub Taster 2015

Once again, after her great success last year, Jo Maddock (CSL from Sandford Pack) has agreed to run the Cub Taster for this years Scout/Guide Regatta. The Taster will be on Saturday 7th March from 12 noon to 5pm. Cubs are asked to meet on the oval. A list of the activities and a map of the Regatta site will be given out to each Pack on arrival. This year the activities will include have-a-go kayaking, tug-of-war, our famous water bomb battle, swimming, beach play, thong throw, plus a number of other activities still being finalised, and hopefully exclusive use of the greasy pole (although this is still being sorted).

All groups attending the Taster will need to have a Leader with them to go around the activities with their Cubs/Guides. The Leader will run the activity when they arrive at that base (apart from the greasy pole) and hopefully we will have a couple of Rovers to help out in the pool.

Please make sure that you bring a hat, sunscreen, goggles (for water bomb battle), rash vests or wetsuit, towel, warm clothes to change into, food, water **and at least 100 – 200 water balloons filled up for each Pack or Unit!! (the more we have, the better for everyone).** **The day will finish with the WATER BOMB BATTLE at 4.30pm which takes about 30mins.** Please note that we have struggled over the last few years to have enough filled water balloons, even with lots of help. So if each Cub Pack or Guide Unit could bring some already filled, that would be brilliant.

Palaver 2015

Details of this years Palaver are currently being finalised, and we will have a venue for you shortly. In the meantime, please put it in your diaries that the Palaver will be held from Saturday 16th to Sunday 17th May, 2015 (please note that we will book the Friday night as well for those wishing to travel). The cost will be \$50 if you are staying two nights or \$40 if you are only staying on the Saturday. As this is classified as a Training weekend, we urge you to contact your groups to ensure that they pay for the weekend for you. The programme will kick off at 10am on the Saturday morning, and as always, we will cover a wide variety of topics, many of which were requested by you at last years event (but more on this next month). We will be staying in bunk rooms at the camp site and all meals will be supplied.

23rd Tasmanian Cuboree – September 2015

We are now entering into our Cuboree year, so now is the time to start promoting it amongst your Packs. Details of the Cuboree will shortly appear on the Tas Scouts Website, but remember that the Cuboree will be held on the last weekend of September (25th, 26th & 27th September) and will be at The Lea Camp Ground in Hobart. The cost of the Cuboree will be \$95 per Cub and \$85 per Leaders/Adults.

The next meeting of the Statewide Committee will be held on Wednesday 4th February 2015 at The Lea Seminar Room commencing at 7.30pm. If anyone needs phone in details, please let me know immediately by contacting the e-mail address below.

Commissioners Challenge Award 2014

A reminder that the 2014 challenge has now been completed, and the 2015 challenge will be announced shortly. In December another 4 Packs earned their Commissioner's Challenge badges. Congratulations to Blackmans Bay, 4th Launceston, Penguin & Summerhill Packs. Well done to each of you and I look forward to seeing the badges on your uniforms.

Grey Wolf Award

This month's Grey Wolf recipients are: Kristyn Mee of Howrah, Jesse Ovington, Lily Neyland and Zac Bartlett all from Mt Stuart, and John White, Gemma Bendall and Isabel Weiley all from Port Cygnet.

Cub Report continued

Programme Ideas

This month's attachment is a Summer programme on Water Safety. Very timely for this time of the year.

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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Cub Program

It's Summer, so what better idea could we do this month than Water Safety. These ideas could be used in either fresh water or salt water, but just remember that you are more buoyant in salt water, so you may wish to extend times for when the Cubs are treading water.

Always allow time at the end of this programme for the Cubs to have a free swim, or even ask the parents to come along, primarily to help supervise the Cubs in Water, but also to have a BBQ or Picnic as a group. This is also a good way to get to know your parents and get them involved.

Before getting the Cubs to enter the water, talk to them about Water Safety:

- Remind them about the rules of the pool (ie. No running, no bombing, no sky larking whilst in the pool), and explain why these rules are important.
- Remind them also to listen closely to instructions before acting, and what to do if they get into any kind of trouble
- Ask the Cubs the following questions:
 1. What is the Buddy System?
 2. If at the beach, how do we know it is safe to swim?
 3. How would you enter water, in an unfamiliar place, when you cannot see the bottom?
 4. If you needed to, what everyday objects could you use to help rescue someone who is in trouble in the water?
 5. Should you try to cross a river that is flooding, and why (or why not)?
 6. Who should you look out for first, if you come across someone who is in trouble?
 7. What should you do if you were caught in a "Rip", whilst swimming at the beach?



Cub Program continued

Now, split into two groups. Group one should be the non swimmers and those Cubs trying for their Bronze Boomerangs. Group 2 should be the stronger swimmers or those going for their Silver or Gold Boomerangs.

Note: Each Cub should bring with them an old t-shirt & pair of pants that will get wet during the activities. Leaders should also have a number of PFD's on hand to help the non swimmers, and for the survival activity in Group 2.

Group 1

Take Cubs to Shallow end of Pool and have them enter the water.

- One at a time, have the Cubs take turns in putting their heads under the water and coming straight up again.
- Have the Cubs float on their backs for between 30 seconds & 1 minute. After they have done this, have a competition, to see who can float like this the longest.
- Have Cubs swim sideways across the pool in any stroke that they choose. Return to the other side, and have them do it again, this time using a different stroke (eg. Backstroke). Repeat.
- Have Cubs put on the clothes they brought and get them to re-enter the water. Now get them to float on their backs again so that they can see the difference.
- Whilst still in their clothes, have the Cubs run from one side of the pool to the other in a relay fashion. Do this again, this time with the Cubs starting out of the water (still in their wet clothes). Then finally, do this a third time, with the Cubs taking off their wet clothes, either before they start or at the half way point in the relay, so they can feel the difference.
- Move to a spot where the Cubs are unable to touch the bottom of the pool. With a Leader in the water, have the cubs one at a time jump in the water, surface and swim to the shallow end (PFD's can be used for the non swimmers if required). Repeat, this time with the Cubs treading water for between 30 seconds & a minute, before going to the side.
- Free swim.

Group 2

Take the Cubs to the deep end of the pool

- One at a time, have the Cubs do a shallow dive (off the start blocks if they wish). Have them tread water for 30 seconds to 1 minute and then swim to the side and get out.
- Now, have them put on their clothes and do this again.
- Whilst still in their clothes, have them dive in a third time, this time getting them to swim to the end of the pool (using any stroke they want to). Encourage them to do so without stopping.
- Finally, have them return to the deep end. Get them to re-enter the water, and without touching the sides, have them remove their clothes.
- Have Cubs swim 100m using a freestyle stroke.
- Have Cubs swim 50m using breast or back stroke.
- Have Cubs demonstrate, how they would assist a swimmer who is in trouble (using objects from around the pool and not getting in the water themselves).
- Have the Cubs demonstrate the recovery position.
- Have the Cubs put on a PFD and float for a minimum of 2 minutes.
- Take off the PFD's and have a competition to see who can float the longest.
- Free swim.



Scout Report

Corroboree 2015

Fulton Park - Forth

Billy Carts, Water Activities, Archery, Water Skirmish, Abseiling, Obstacle Course, Bungee, Flying Fox, Sumo wrestling, Slippery Pole, Laser Skirmish (optional extra), Flour bombs, Mountain Bikes Catapults and more and more!!

Easter 2015 4th – 6th April

(you can move in on Friday 3rd)

Tassies own Mini Jamboree is almost here.

We need your help to make sure it all goes well.

We need to know that you are coming.

Plus, family is most welcome to join in the fun, so we also need to know how many family members will be coming.

Not only that, we need your Registrations and payments completed and sent to us on time.

So how can you do this:

Easy, please note the dates below and do your absolute best to have things organised by them.

Scout Leaders have already been sent the Application Form, please distribute these to your Scouting families, electronically if they have e mail, or alternatively a printed version.

24th February 2015: You need to have confirmed to your Scout Leader that you are coming.

9th March 2015: You need to have completed your application form and sent it and your payment to us. Details are on the Application Form.

Accommodation & Registration enquiries to Helen Ball – fultonpark@bigpond.com

Cost: Camping & All Activities (except Laser Skirmish) – Scouts \$40 Adults \$25.

Camping / Caravan Only – Family members \$3 per night per person.

Bunkhouse Only – Family members \$10 per night per person.

Laser Skirmish Option - \$25 per person.

All meals are self catered within your Troops. Camping will be in Districts

So far we have approx. 50 Patrols of Scouts and over 130 Leaders, Adults and family members express interest so it is looking good. All Troops who have expressed an interest have been sent the Leaders Information Manual.

Please make this a priority as you start the New Year

Scout Report continued

Regatta 2015: 7th – 9th March - Snug

I look forward to seeing you there on the March long weekend.

We will use the same Camping format that has worked well for the past few years, so your campsite location will depend on your arrival time again.

It was great to have almost everyone in by early evening, it made for a slightly earlier night for us and saved many Troops from putting up tents in the semi dark. I will be on site from about 2:30pm on the Friday so I am quite happy for Troops to arrive from that time and set up.

Other big Scouting dates to remember in 2015:

Saturday 25th April – Anzac Day

Saturday May 9th – JOTT (A Clarence District only trail event for this year)

Friday May 29th - Sunday May 31st - Youthfest

Sunday July 26th – Jamboree Troop Leaders Planning Meeting (to confirm)

Saturday 8th – Sunday 10th August - Scoutfest

Sunday September 20th – All Jamboree Leaders & Adults Meeting (to confirm)

Saturday October 31st – Sun November 1st – Jamboree Training Camps (compulsory)

Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd November – CT2015

Phil Harper

Branch Commissioner Scouts

BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CONTACT
February			
1st	Joey /Cub/ Scout/Group Leader Councils	Campbell Town	BC's / Chief Comm.
3rd	Branch Property Meeting	The Lea	BP Chairman
10th	Branch ICT Meeting	The Lea	IT Chairman
11 th	Queen Scout Applications Close	Regatta	BC Venturers
	Commissioner Conference	Harry Abbott	Chief Comm.
16th	LBOM	The Lea	LBOM Chairperson
18th	Training Team Meeting	Tele Conference	BC Training
19th	B & F /BEC Committee Meeting	The Lea	B&F/BEC Chairperson
21st	Basic Kayaking	North & South	BC Advent. Activity
22nd	Basic Kayaking	North Only	BC Advent. Activity
22nd	Founders Day		



Gang Show Report

Hello and Happy New Year to one and all from Hobart Gang Show. At the start of the year is the time to plan those special activities you are going to do during the year. I trust you are going to include Hobart Gang Show in your program. A little later in the year there will be some great offers for those who get their tickets early, but to start now is the time to make sure you know the dates and can start planning which performance you are going to attend. Hobart Gang Show will open at Hobart College, Mt. Nelson Theatre at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 20th August, 2015. There are only four performances. The other performances are – 7.30 p.m. on 21st and 22nd August, plus a matinee at 2.00 p.m. on 22nd August.

The script has now been written ... yes, once more, an all new exciting Show. Many people have spent hours writing the script to put together a great Show. Music has also been selected, plus things are under way for some original music. We have a team of people willing to give up extra time to write the script and write some music for the Show – thank you to everyone.

Of course there can't be a Show without Cast and Crew ... so if you are aged 11 or older and would like to join The Gang, please set aside some time on Sunday 12th April so you can come along to the auditions. If you can't attend an audition on 12th April, you still need to contact as there will be a second audition on Sunday 19th April (provided there are enough people available). Please note the main date for auditions is the 12th April and it is only if you can't attend on this date that the second audition will go ahead. Rehearsals commence on 9th May, however an exceptionally important meeting of all Cast and Parents will be held on 3rd May.

If being on stage is not your thing, there are plenty of other opportunities to be involved. Myself or Alec Reavell would love to hear from Leaders, Parents or Venturer/Ranger aged Youth interested in being involved in set/scenery construction and painting. This would be a wonderful opportunity for those working on their Queen's Scout or Queen's Guide Award.

I am excited to announce the skit director for Hobart Gang Show 2015 will be Tony Webb. Tony was a Scout with 3rd Moonah and took part in Hobart Gang Show for many years when the Show was held in the Playhouse. He is now a professional drama teacher and looking forward to working with Cast and Crew of the 2015 Hobart Gang Show.

So, don't forget ... Hobart Gang Show ... 20th, 21st & 22nd August at Mt. Nelson.

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Be Prepared...
for new adventures!

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The Scout Guide Regatta is fast approaching!

For Leaders who have already registered and wish to increase the number of participants from the troop/unit, please do so by filling in the Additional Entries form which is available from the Scout and Guide web pages or by emailing sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au

There is a cost increase of \$10 for registrations made between 17 December and 18 February, and an additional \$10 for registrations made between 19 – 26 February. Registrations cannot be accepted after 26 February.

Please tell parents they can camp on the oval with your troop/unit at no cost. Alternatively, the Snug Caravan Park welcomes bookings. Regatta catering is available for parents if they wish.

Regatta Taster

This event is always lots of fun! The highlight is the Water Bomb Battle. Taster Day runs from 12 to 5pm on Saturday, 7th March and is for Leaders and Youth members aged 10 and under. There is no cost to participate. Activities include have-a go-kayaking, tug-of-war, water bomb battle, swimming, beach play, thong throw etc and hopefully the greasy pole.

For Leaders

- Participants are asked to meet on the Snug oval where activities and a map of the Regatta site will be given out to each unit.
- All groups will need to have a Leader to go around the activities with their Cubs/Guides. The Leader will run the activity when they arrive at it apart from the greasy pole (hopefully a couple of Rovers will be able to help out in the pool).

Leaders and Youth participants

- Bring hat, sunscreen, goggles (for water bomb battle) rash vests or wetsuit, towel, warm clothes to change into, food, water and at least 100 – 200 water balloons filled up for each unit!! (The more the better). The day will finish with WATER BOMB BATTLE at 4.30pm which takes about 30mins.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Regatta, email Andrew Hardman (andrew.hardman@tas.scouts.com.au) or Lyn Muir (sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au) or call me on 0488964817.

Lyn Muir



New Chief Commissioner of Australia announced

Scouts Australia announced the new Chief Commissioner of Australia, Mr. Chris Bates, during its National Executive Meeting held between 14-16 November in Adelaide. His term will begin on February 1, 2015.

Chris brings with him a wealth of experience in Scouting. His initial foray into Scouting began as a Cub with the Lameroo Scout Group. He fondly remembers exciting moments from camps in Ridge Pole tents out in the National Park, cooking food and hiking for hours in the bush with nothing more than a compass.

In 1974 Chris commenced what would become a 36 year long public service career with the Department of Social Security, now known as Centrelink. During his career he resided in Port Lincoln, Berri and Adelaide. All this while, his passion for the Scouting Movement continued to grow. After registering his two eldest sons into Scouting, Chris joined as a Leader. This began an illustrious Scouting career which included volunteering at numerous Jamborees and taking on a variety of Scouting roles including Troop Leader, Activity Leader, Branch Commissioner International and Manager of Course 2 of the South Australia Young Leader Development Program. In 2012 Chris was appointed as Chief Commissioner for the South Australia Branch of Scouts Australia.

Scouts Australia contacted Chris Bates to ask him a few questions about how he sees his new role in Scouting and his plans for the future of the Movement.

What is your vision for Scouting?

The Youth Program is the main educational means of achieving the purpose of Scouting and is the key to attracting and retaining members. My vision is that across Australia we enable our members to become more aware of the individual and organisational benefits of having young people actively involved at all levels within the Movement.

Through the Youth Program Review (YPR) there is an opportunity to begin to show our members the active role young people can play in creating positive change, both inside and outside Scouting. This will be a challenging, exhilarating and inspiring journey and all the while we will need to pause and review our path. We will need to continue to listen to our members and the community while still progressing on the path of the YPR, which will eventually encapsulate everything we know and love about Scouting.

How do you hope to make a difference within Scouting through your current role?

We all know Scouts is a Youth Organisation. The big question is: Are we Youth led? This is a question I ask myself and now all Australian Scouts. I am eager to use my current role as an opportunity to follow through on formulating a method whereby Scouts Australia becomes a Youth Organisation led by young people. There have been many examples shared at the International events I have attended which demonstrate how this change can operate. While moving the pendulum of change, we need to continually engage those who are no longer youth (but still young at heart) and ask them how their role can facilitate/support the youth leading.

We need to also respect the knowledge of our current adult members and encourage them to be innovative in supporting youth to build their knowledge. It is imperative we reduce conflicts around age and create a structure where we can all be working together. I believe the YPR will ultimately present something that will enable us to deliver on this issue.

In your opinion what are the needs of Scouts today?

Social change and emotional changes show that a child is forming an independent identity and learning to be an adult. These changes are quite different to when Scouting all began. Are we still in step with our young people in the community? Our communities are saying we need role models for forming and maintaining positive relationships. It is my strong belief Scouts is currently best placed to deliver exactly this.

My passion is to show our communities we can offer a system where a person can learn to be 'resilient' and develop a sense of 'wellbeing' and have adventurous experiences and take a risk in a controlled environment.

What do you do in your spare time when you are not Scouting?

As a hobby I specialise in breeding Red Canaries; however I also breed, show and judge many other types of canaries. I have been the President of my local club for many years.

My wife Janis and I like to travel and prefer small group touring which takes us more to places referred to as 'off the beaten track'. We have cycled in China and Bali and have walked part of the 'St James Way' Camino in Spain. We now have plans to revisit Kandersteg Switzerland and trek along some of the fabulous walks near the Scout Centre in this town.

Any last words?

I am still processing the fact that I am to be the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia and am truly honoured to be appointed to this role. If you should have the opportunity to see me out Scouting please come and say Hi, as 'Chiefy' is keen to meet as many people as possible from across Australia.



Venturer Report

Happy New Year, welcome to 2015. For me, I rang in the New Year at Mt Gambier with the Tasmanian Contingent on our way to the National Venture in Adelaide. Tassie was proudly represented by 15 Venturers and 6 Leaders.

Final Tallies were... 18 days, 5439kms, a side trip to Egypt, 1 flat & an alternator in the Contingent Car, 2 tyres and 2 call outs in the bus, 1 visit to a school library and 3 scout halls, 2 flash dance mobs, 5 days up round 40deg with bushfires and 5 days raining with lightning storms & flood watch warnings. Several awesome experiences and expeditions and lots of great on and off-site activities, and a HUGE amount of new friends made for life.

A big thank you to Neil Ruut and Kim Thompson our Contingent Team for looking after us so well, and also to the other Leaders and Venturers for being so awesome.

QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD – CUT OFF DATE REMINDER

Just a reminder that the cut-off date for this year's presentation at Government House is at the Regatta.

UNIT MANAGEMENT COURSE (SAT 14TH MARCH) THE LEA

Venturers wishing to attend this course, need to contact Tony Westbrook by the end of February with their email address.

MARITIME CHALLENGE (28-29 MARCH) (NORTH)

Maritime Challenge is due to be held in the North of the State this year. Information should be out shortly.

TOUR de TASSIE 4 BIKE RIDE (11 APRIL)

Information and applications are out for this year's event. It would definitely fit nicely into a Venturer's Queen's Scout Award or even just for a bit of fitness and fun.

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

Donna McDermott

Branch Commissioner Venturer Scouts

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Top Left Trophy from the State Venture and the rest are pictures of the Tasmanian Contingent to the National Venture 2015





GRANTS REPORT

Congratulations to Taroona and Blackmans Bay Scout Groups who were successful in the securing of Tasmanian Community Fund grants in Round 29. The Tasmanian Community Fund received 211 applications in this round requesting \$7.2 million and was able to approve grants totalling \$1.73 million to 66 projects across a wide variety of activities including the purchase of kayaks and hall extensions. If you missed out in Round 29 or have a worthwhile project meeting TCF guidelines, I would encourage you to apply for funding in Round 30.

Grant Round 30 will open on 31 January 2015 for small (up to \$10,000), medium (\$10,001 to \$90,000) and large (\$100,000 to \$300,000) grants. Guidelines and links to application forms will be available on the website at www.tascomfund.org or by contacting the TCF office on 6232 7043 or 6232 7269.

The Sport and Recreation 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.

Round 2 for 2014-15 is currently open and applications close on 4 March 2015.

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 form are available from the Communities, Sport and Recreation Tasmania website: www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csrt/sportrec/funding_opportunities/minor_grants.

Clarence City Council Community Support Grants are currently available and the latest round closes on 15 March 2015. Groups based outside of the Clarence region are eligible to apply if their project brings significant benefits to the Clarence community. The grant supports one-off events, activities or projects that benefit the Clarence community. These may include (but are not limited to) new events or a new component of an existing event, community projects or purchasing of new equipment (excluding consumable items, uniforms, replacements) for community groups. For further information and a copy of the Guidelines and Application Form, go to <http://www.ccc.tas.gov.au/page.aspx?u=1257>

The Comm. Bank Staff Community Fund will be awarding \$2 million in grants of up to \$10,000 each to youth-focused organisations nationwide. Applications open on 2 February 2015 and close 27 February 2015. You can find further information and register to be contacted via email when the applications open at: <https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/who-we-are/in-the-community/community-grants.html>

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

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Project Commissioner Grants

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Rover Report

Welcome to 2015. I hope everybody had a great Festive and New Year break.

2015 is kicking off to an active beat within the Rover Section. Firstly there's Summer Moot, and going by the location, there should be sun, sea and generally fun all round. Then there's the NRC that (unusually) is being held in February this year at the Woodhouse Campsite in Adelaide. There are a number of outstanding topics for discussion on the agenda, some of which would appear at first glance to be a little controversial. These topics should be well discussed and considered at Crew level, and reported back to Sophie prior to her leaving for Adelaide.

Following my rumblings in December concerning the Working with Vulnerable People Card, and the deadline of January 1 rapidly approaching - well it has now passed. Thank you to all those who have already completed this task. Now to those who haven't... On consulting with the Chief Commissioner a week or so ago, there (not surprisingly) is now a new deadline for all registered Rovers to get the card. And guess what? Mike has not set the deadline... rather it has been set by the State (in law), that organisations such as ours will have to be fully compliant with the Legislation by the 31st of March. If you haven't got yours by then, well quite simply you will not be able to attend any Scout venue, meeting or function after the 31st of March until you do. So, my advice would be to aim to have the card prior to the Regatta - as it would be usual for there to be a last-minute rush from many organisations (other than ours) that might lengthen the processing time somewhat. Don't leave it to the last minute! Not sure what to do? Just ask somebody in the Crew who already has theirs - just how easy it was!

We are currently up to three completed BP awards for presentation this year. It could possibly reach 4! Congratulations to Katherine Shields for her recent completion of the award.

Finally, with the increasing number of boots in recent times, logic would dictate it is time for some active recruitment. If a Crew finds a successful recipe for this, then please share it among other Crews as we all need to work together to strengthen membership numbers in the section.

As always, thanks for your individual time and effort put into Rovering - it is certainly appreciated... Stay safe 'til next time.

Ian Hart

Branch Commissioner Rover Scouts



International Report

I hope you all had a relaxing and safe end of year break, so that you are all energised ready for another exciting Scouting year.

Pen Pal Program.

The Pen Pal program creates great experiences for Youth members to contact and interact with other Scouts in another country with the possibility of developing long lasting friendships. The program can be used as part of the Scout Award Scheme especially relating to Citizenship in all Sections. The On-line Pen Pal Form can be found on MyScout. (<https://tas.myscout.com.au>) in resources under documents.

More information at www.scouts.com.au/penpals

International Report continued

New position: Pen Pal Coordinator

Required to validate applicants and promote the Pen Pal program to all sections within Tasmania. The Position Description is available from Branch if you consider that this challenge is something you would like to do. The position does not require a lot of time but very basic computer skills would be useful. Contact Fiona Broadby (details below) or BHQ if interested.

Venturer Leaders here is a challenge. Can you help? Wanted 2 adult male Leaders who are at least 30 years old, to link with a couple of Leaders in Japan as part of the Pen Pal program. If you can take on this task to help then please contact - Mehru Roshan **National Pen-Pal Coordinator, Scouts Australia**. Email: Scouts Australia International Pen-Pals <int.penpals@scouts.com.au>

Please let me know how your Pen Pal experience(s) is going or went. I would love to receive any reports or stories relating to your groups or Youth members interaction with other Scouts using the Pen Pal program.

SISEP - Scout International Student Exchange Program.

I met Alex Ruut, Tasmanian's first SISEP participant at Hobart airport on his return to Tasmania. Alex was so excited about the whole experience. I am looking forward to reading Alex's report and including the report in the Scout Newsletter.

Vacancy – SISEP Co-ordinator

The Branch SISEP co-ordinator encourages and promotes the SISEP within Tasmania. Facilitates the operation of the program in Tasmania by working with local Venturer Scouts and their families and assists the National International SISEP co-ordinator. More information about the program can be found at www.scouts.com.au/sisep. Contact Dot McCullagh tas.sisep@tas.scouts.com.au or Fiona Broadby details below.

SISEP (Scouts International Student Exchange program) provides an International Scouting experience for Venturer aged Youth where Scouting, schooling & home life is experienced. Home stays are required for English, Danish and Indonesian Youth arriving at the end of June. About 40 are expected this year. Japanese will not be coming due to the World Jamboree being held in Japan. It is really beneficial for our Youth to host before going on exchange. With so many Youth to be placed, I cannot stress enough the importance of hosting this year not after you have been on exchange. Expressions of interest close for those Venturer Scouts wanting to go on exchange on the 1st April. For application and Hosting information please contact me. Further details are available at www.international.scouts.com.au/sisep.

Contingents Coming up:

Event: 13th **New Zealand Venture**

Date: 3 – 16 January 2016

Contingent Leader: Phil Britt (VIC)

Website: Contingent Website <http://www.nzv2016.scouts.com.au/>

Event: **Kandersteg Expedition**

Date: 26th Jun - 10th July 2016

Country: Kandersteg, Switzerland

Age Range: 12-25 years + Adult Leaders

Applications: Opening late 2014

Contingent Leader: Gary Steinhardt (VIC)

Website: Contingent Website <http://kisc2016.com/>

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

Fiona Broadby

Branch Commissioner International

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PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

Marion is semi retiring and Branch requires an Office Assistant for 15 hours per week. Must have competent computer skills, including MS Office and Publisher. Applications close **Friday 6th February 2015**. For Position Description Email Jeannette Vogels on tas.bhq@tas.scouts.com.au



McHAPPY DAY

17TH October 2015

Kids Helping Kids— money collected on the day at McDonalds Restaurant throughout the state stays in Tasmania.

Make sure you put this event on your program **NOW**.

If you would like to participate this year, please contact Jeannette at tas.bhq@tas.scouts.com.au

Their Service Our Heritage Badge for 2015



This year the border is gold for the 100 years celebration. To obtain this badge you need to complete the requirements as per your Sectional Award Scheme.

Badges are \$1.00 each.

Available from Branch after Anzac Day and we would prefer one Group Order from the Group Leader / LIC.

Hey Joey Leaders... It's time to register for

Lenah Hop 2015

"Joey Scouts and the Environment"

**Carnaroo Scout Camp, Paper Beach
16th & 17th May**



The Lenah Hop is a fun weekend of networking and friendships, new ideas and resources for the Joey Scout Section, and covers leaders' ongoing training requirements for the year in a fun and informal atmosphere!

Carnaroo Scout Camp is set in bush surroundings with frontage on the Tamar River.

Cost is \$65 per person for two night's accommodation (in bunkrooms) plus meals, with arrivals from 7pm Friday night, **or \$50** per person for one night's accommodation plus meals, with arrivals before 9.30am on Saturday morning, and as part of Leaders' ongoing Training Scout Groups are strongly urged to cover these costs.

Payments can be made by cheque payable to "Joey Scouts Tas. Branch Council" or direct credit to our CBA Bank account in the same name - 067115 10225921 with your surname as reference.

Registrations open 1st February and close 20th April. Don't miss out - register today!

Name: Phone:

Address: Email:

Joey Mob: District:

✓ I will arrive Friday night (2 nights - \$65.00) **OR** Saturday morning (1 night - \$50.00)

✓ I have attached my completed Health Information Sheet (Form 16a)

✓ Payment has been direct credited __/__/15. A photocopy of the receipt is attached

OR Our Cheque/ Money Order is attached

Please complete all details and forward this application (with Health Form and payment/receipt) to:
Sue Cooper, 27 Blackwood Parade, Burnie TAS 7320 no later than 20th April.

Further details about the program and what you need to bring will then be forwarded to those registered. Contact sue.cooper@westnet.com.au if you have any questions prior to registering.

LARGE TRAILER FOR SALE

Large tandem closed in trailer.

- Length tow ball to rear – 5 metres
 - Width – 2.5 metres
 - Total height - 2.5 metres
 - Inside height – 1.9 metres
- Ex-Cuboree trailer, 240 V and 12 V fittings
 - The unit is water proof.

For sale by expressions of interest in the range of \$4,000 to \$5,000 to Jeannette at tas.bhq@tas.scouts.com.au



If undelivered return to:
SCOUTS TASMANIA
The Lea Scout Centre
330 Proctors Road
Kingston TAS 7050