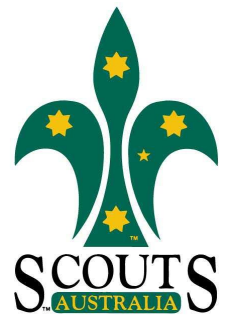


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Chief Commissioner's Report

It is amazing how quickly the Scout year gets into full swing, with most groups well into their first term program. Great events have been held around the State, especially over the Australia Day Weekend. The event that got the most publicity for Scouting was the recycling service project at the Wooden Boat Festival, sponsored by Dick Smith. Almost a week of hard work by volunteers from several Eastern Shore Groups, especially the Venturers and Rovers saw tons of rubbish recycled and got daily mentions on radio and around the Wooden Boat Festival. Well done the Youth, Leaders and Parents who put in so much time and effort.

Next week's Scout Guide Regatta is a highlight of the year, particularly for the Scout, Venturer and Rover sections. In addition to the action packed program, it is an opportunity to make new friends and for old friends to catch up and enjoy each other's company. I am looking forward to a fast paced but enjoyable weekend.

Preparations are also well underway for the Mariners Trophy, the Corroboree and the Tour de Tassie 4. The Corroboree returns to Fulton Park and already the registrations are coming in thick and fast. With the support of the facilities at Paton Park it is possible to provide a very varied and challenging program which everyone should enjoy. We are very lucky to have two such wonderful campsites in which to hold such a large event. Tour de Tassie 4 will be in the second week of the holidays, 11th to 18th April and this year the organizing committee is trying something a little different. There will be a week of day rides, with Saturday to Wednesday based at Westbury Scout Hall and Thursday to Saturday based at The Lea. **I hope to see as many of you all as possible at these events.**

Anzac Day this year is 100 years since the landing at Anzac Cove and Scouts will have a prominent role to play all around the State. There will be a patrol boat re-enactment of the Anzac Cove landing at dawn at Kingston Beach. There are over night vigils planned at the Cenotaphs in Hobart, Launceston, Burnie and Sandford and Scout Groups will have active roles at ceremonies all around the State. **Please take lots of photos of what is happening in your area and send them to BHQ so that we can prepare an Anzac Day Collage for our Annual Meeting.**

We are making steady progress with the Working with Children Card (WWVPC) but there are still some Leaders and Committee members who have not let us know their registration number. One question that has been asked many times is, 'Do people like Doctors, Nurses, Lawyers and Police Officers who are exempt from a card at work need one at Scouts?' The answer is "Yes they do". It does say that on the Justice Department web page but it uses language that is really hard to translate. Basically volunteering at Scouts is different work to their exemption, so their work exemption does not apply. If anyone has other questions about the WWVPC please give me a call.

Susan Mace has been appointed to job share with Marion Blight at BHQ starting 2nd March. Susan is not from a Scouting background but has wide experience in office administration. Her new hours will not be finalised until after Marion returns from several weeks of well earned leave after Easter.

The New Year brings with it some changes in the Branch Team because we are all subject to the six year cap on our roles. I am pleased to be able to announce that Lyn Harvey has returned to an active Branch role as Project Commissioner for the Scout Fellowship. She is keen to make contact with all Fellowship members in the near future. Over the next few months we will be calling for expressions of interest in several of the commissioners roles so watch the Newsletter.

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner

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Joey Report

Hopefully you and your Joey Scouts are having plenty of fun together in this rather short but busy first term. Don't forget to keep sending in news and photos of any special activities your Mob or District has been doing!

Thank you to the Leaders who attended our **Joey Scout Branch Council Meeting** at the beginning of February. Amongst the topics discussed, we talked about last year's **Commissioners Challenge** and it has become apparent that there are a few Mobs that actually completed the work for this challenge but failed to get their applications in before the November deadline. After some discussion it was decided to extend the deadline for this until 31st March this year. This extension may also give a few other Joeys the opportunity to gain some extra points to also complete this challenge. All applications **must be in to Wendy Granger by 31st March**, and because it will be the end of the financial year then, all payments need to be already in the bank account (with 'CC' and Mob name as reference) by this time. After this, all challenge and event closing dates will be enforced, so it is up to each one of us to get all of our registrations/applications, and any payments, in well before the relevant date (or find someone else who can do it for us!) so no-one misses out.

A reminder about upcoming Branch Joey Scout events ...

- **Leader Training:** The Basic Sectional Course will be run 21st - 22nd March - all Training applications must be in by 6th March.
- **Lenah Hop 15th – 17th May at Carnaroo Scout Camp, Paper Beach**
The theme this year is "Joey Scouts and the Environment" and it is shaping up to be another great weekend. All registrations and payments need to be in (to me) by 20th April so please don't leave it until the last minute as we would love to see you there!
- **25th Birthday Celebrations**
The badges have arrived and will be distributed ready for the following events ...
For Youth Members - All Mobs are asked to hold a special Mob Meeting in the final week of 2nd Term (29th June - 3rd July) - perhaps a Mob 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 on Saturday 4th July at the Ross Town Hall. Come for a couple of hours or all day! Invitations will be out very soon!

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. Some Mobs have already chosen their activities to run on the day so if your Mob has an activity preference let me know ASAP!

Promise Challenge Award

I wish to congratulate Isabelle Stanley - Clarence for achieving this special award (actually at the end of last year, but I managed to miss her name in my last report so sorry about that). There were no Promise Challenge Awards presented this month.

Have you checked **Scout Central** out lately? You can create and find Mob programs, add Joeys' attendance and badge-work, upload your program ideas and photos, join in other Mobs' activities, and more. Remember too that we have a '**Tassie Joey Leaders' Facebook Group** and our **Joey Scout Leader Contact Directory** to help you keep in touch with each other.

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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Venturer Report

TOUR de TASSIE 4 BIKE RIDE

Applications have now closed for this year's event, but there will still be the opportunity to participate in the local area ride.

ANZAC DAY VIGIL

I'm hoping by now that you have seen some information about the upcoming Anzac Day. The opportunity to participate in one of the Vigils or even the Our Service/Our Heritage Badge. If you need more information on either, contact your Group Leader, District Commissioner or even myself.

QUEENS SCOUT PRESENTATION (8 MAY)

This year's presentation and dinner is due to occur on Friday the 8th May. Although the presentation at Government House is limited, awardees are able to invite more people to the dinner following.

TENISWOOD (16-17 MAY) (SOUTH)

Book the date into your program now – Applications will probably come out in March. Remember you are able to complete your Initiative Course also.

YOUTHFEST (30-31 MAY) LAUNCESTON

We are looking for some older Venturers to attend Youthfest. This is an awesome opportunity to promote Venturing to the Scout Section. Contact me for more information.

MARITIME CHALLENGE **NEW DATE (3-4 OCT) (NORTH)

The Northern Leaders send their humblest apologies, that the Maritime Challenge has been delayed until the 3-4th of October (formerly the Venturer Water Activities Weekend). The theme is likely to be Grand Finals (and the evening entertainment is likely to be the AFL grand final replay for those who are feeling deprived).

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

Donna McDermott

Branch Commissioner Venturers

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Cub Report

Good to see that all the Cub Packs are back in action for the New Year, and making the most of daylight savings before we lose the light at the end of this month. Still a lot happening before the end of Term 1.

Scout/Guide Regatta Cub Taster 2015

A final reminder to all Leaders that Jo Maddock (CSL from Sandford Pack) will be running our 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 (we have exclusive use from 12-3pm), tug-of-war, our famous water bomb battle, swimming, beach play, thong throw, plus a number of other activities still being finalised, and the greasy pole (exclusive use again from 12-2pm). Most water activities will be at the Southern end of the beach. This year the Iron Person events are on the Saturday (12-1pm) so we can not walk up and down the beach during this time.

Cub Report continued

Scout/Guide Regatta Cub Taster 2015 continued

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. There is no cost to attend this event.

Palaver 2015

Details of this years Palaver are still being finalised, and I will announce details shortly.

23rd Tasmanian Cuboree – September 2015

The next meeting of the Statewide Committee will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2015 at The Lea Seminar Room commencing at 7.30pm. For those who are interested, the committee will be meeting at the Top of The Lea at 6.30pm for an inspection of the site. If anyone needs phone in details, please let me know immediately by contacting the e-mail address below.

Commissioners Challenge Award 2015

The 2015 Commissioners Challenge is now ready for release and will be sent out to all Leaders shortly. Thank you for those who provided feedback on last years challenge. I have taken that into account when setting this years challenges and they are not as difficult this time around. The theme will be based around the 100 Years of the Anzac. Please look out for the Challenge when released.

Grey Wolf Award

This months Grey Wolf recipient is: Nicholas Yam of St. Helens.

Programme Ideas

With the imminent release of the Commissioners Challenge, I have not included a programme this month, as there are lots of recommended things to do in the Activity Book.

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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Youth Program Report

Happy New Year to you all. I'm sure you are all tired of reading the many emails I've sent out via Branch Commissioners about the Youth Program Review. It is the easiest way of keeping everyone up to date. I hope you have all taken the time to keep abreast of the changes which have been suggested and, more importantly, taken the trouble to complete the questionnaires and surveys – of which there have been many! Don't forget to keep on checking the website for regular updates – ypr.scouts.com.au



Youthfest -

Yes, it's on again! In June 2013 the inaugural Youthfest was held in Launceston. It was so successful that we held a second one in 2014 and it is now a permanent fixture on our Branch Calendar. I've already had several inquiries about Youthfest 2015, so here is the information you need!!

What is Youthfest?

Youthfest is a fun, challenging and social weekend for 13 & 14 year old Scouts. Youthfest is part of the Branch Youth Council program and gives Scouts the opportunity to find out more about joining either the Branch or National Youth Council.

Scouts will be working in Patrols over the weekend. As the weekend is all about Youth, there will be very few adult Leaders there. During the weekend Scouts will have the opportunity to have their say on Scouting in both Tasmania and across Australia via both BYC (Branch Youth Council) and the NYC (National Youth Council) members.

When and where will it be?

It will be held from Friday 29th May – Sunday 31st May 2015 at the Tamar Scout Hall in Launceston.

Who else will be there?

There will be other 13 & 14 year old Scouts from all around Tasmania as well as Venturers from the Branch Venturer Council and Rovers from the Tasmanian Branch Rover Council who will act as Patrol Coordinators.

What will the Scouts be doing?

The main thing is that they will be having a great weekend. On Friday night Scouts will arrive and settle in, be given an overview of the weekend, organised into Patrols and then have some social time getting to know their Patrol and planning their Saturday night meal.

On Saturday Scouts will work in their Patrols and have a day out in the Launceston area doing a Geocaching trail, interspersed with challenges and activities. On Saturday night Patrols will be cooking their evening meal to an International theme and working on a powerpoint presentation reflecting their day's activities.

On Sunday morning Scouts will be in their Patrols discussing Scouting issues that are important to both Youth and Scouting in Tasmania. The feedback from these discussions will be given to the BYC, the Scout and Venturer Branch Commissioners and to all your Scout Troop or Venturer Unit Leaders.

How much will it cost?

The cost is \$50 per person all inclusive.

To apply?

Email Julie Creed – jcreed8@bigpond.com – and I will send you an application form.

Applications close on 8th May and we are limited to 36 places only, so make sure your Youth members apply early so they are not disappointed.

Julie Creed

Branch Commissioner Youth Program



Lord Baden-Powell Society

Lord Baden-Powell Society celebrates it's 30th Anniversary with a special gift to young Scouts

In 2015, the Lord Baden-Powell Society (LBPS) celebrates a very special milestone – three decades of assisting needy Scouts.

Due to the generosity of their members, the Society has approved Grants of \$10,000 to support Youth members in Tasmania to attend the 24th Australian Jamboree in January 2016.

We have our Tasmanian members of LBPS to thank for this amazing gift. Community-minded citizens contribute annually to help young Australians experience the benefits and joys of Scouting. These generous supporters of Scouting donate annually to the Jamboree Appeal.

Any families who are in need of financial support to assist their young Scout to attend AJ2016 can contact the Contingent Leader (Geoff Reynolds) for an application form. Applications are managed and processed by the Contingent rather than LBPS.

LBPS trust that this support will help disadvantaged Scouts across Australia enjoy the life changing experiences that only a Jamboree can provide.

To find out more about the Lord Baden-Powell Society or to contribute to the Jamboree Appeal go to www.scouts.com.au/lbps

For regular updates on developments and news from LBPS, like them on Facebook! You can find them under Lord Baden-Powell Society.

BRANCH CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	CONTACT
March			
7th-9th	Scout Guide Regatta	Snug	PC Regatta
10th	Branch ICT Meeting	The Lea	IT Chairman
14th –15th	National Ops Meeting	Alice Springs	Chief Commissioner
16th	LBOM	The Lea	LBOM Chairperson
19th	B & F /BEC Committee Meeting	The Lea	B&F/BEC Chairperson
21st-22nd	Basic Sectional– all sections	The Lea	BC Training
28th-29th	Venturer Maritime Challenge		BC Venturers
April			
3rd-7th	Corroboree	Fulton Park	BC Scouts
7th	Branch Property Meeting	The Lea	BP Chairperson



International Report

There is lots of exciting news this month.

The Tasmanian Pen Pal Program now has a dedicated Coordinator.

This is a new position for Tasmania, Sandra Johnstone – ASCL Summerhill Cub Pack will be Scouts Tasmania's first Pen Pal Coordinator. Congratulations Sandra known as Sandy. Welcome, and a big thank you for volunteering, Sandy. At present Sandy can be contacted on mobile 0448 912 711 or email: Sandra.johnstone@tas.scouts.com.au. The On-line Pen Pal Form can be found on MyScout. https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/recent_documents or www.scouts.com.au/penpals

News about the 13th New Zealand Venture - NZV2016

Phil Britt Contingent Leader advised – dated 19 Feb 2015. I just wanted to update you on where things are at with the NZV2016 Contingent. We opened applications on Sunday and in the past 5 days we have received over 615 applications and of these 450 have paid their deposits. As I can only take 500 Youth members at this stage, it is rapidly filling up. On that basis I believe our applications will be closed in the next week. We direct mailed all of the Tasmanian Venturers and have received 10 applications so far of which 6 have locked in by paying their deposits. For the previous New Zealand Venture we had 4 from Tasmania so the result this time will be double all going well.

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

If you are interested you had better hurry Tasmanians.

SISEP - Scout International Student Exchange Program.

A must read - Alex Ruut, Tasmanian's first SISEP participant report is attached to this 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. 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.

Scouts International Student Exchange program - incoming

SISEP 2015 incoming the lists (profiles) for Scouts from England and Denmark are in with Indonesia still to come. If you are thinking about hosting please make your thoughts known. Tasmania will need at least two families to host as home countries prefer that a minimum of two Youth go to the one State. Youth will be arriving at the end of June. It is really beneficial for our Youth to host before going on exchange. Expressions of interest close for those Venturer Scouts wanting to go on exchange on the 1st April. Application and Hosting information attached. Further details are available at www.international.scouts.com.au/sisep or contact Fiona Broadby details below.

Contingent events coming up

Event: **Kandersteg Expedition** Date: 26th Jun - 10th July 2016 Country: Kandersteg, Switzerland
Age Range: 12-25 years + Adult Leaders Contingent Leader: Gary Steinhardt (VIC)
Website: Contingent Website <http://kisc2016.com/>

Event: **Baden-Powell Scout Peak Expedition** Date: September 2015 Country: Nepal
Age Range: Rovers and Leaders Contingent Leader: Calista Beck (ACT)
Website: Contingent Website

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

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Adult Support Report

TOP updates.

There are a number of changes to TOP for 2015.

Under the sections for Groups, Districts and Finance we have removed the references to having the financials audited, to being verified by a competent person.

In Chapter 2, Membership, we have added information about the requirements for the Working With Vulnerable People Card (WWVP). This affects all Leaders, Rovers, Venturers over 16, Youth helpers, Adult supporters and Group Committee personnel.

All Youth programme sections and Adult Leader Training have been updated.

TOP 1 Application for membership.

We have added 2 lines on the second page requesting WWVP card information.

The new form is to be used from the 1st of March. It is part of the new Leader Pack and is available from BHQ. A complete list of changes will be published when TOP is loaded onto the website. All Groups and Commissioners will be notified when TOP is uploaded.

Induction Training material

I have updated the new Leader Induction Training Packs to include references to the WWVP card requirements and added an additional slide to the 'Scouting family' section to reflect the make-up of BHQ. The note pages have been updated.

Mike Wilson

Branch Commissioner Adult Support



Gang Show Report

The script is in the final stages of checking and finalizing, commercial music chosen, most clearances received, new music/songs being written, production Team Leaders finalized, band being finalized, BUT, we don't have a cast yet and we need Youth members to be involved.

Auditions for cast members are being held on Sunday 12th April 2015 at the Lenah Valley Scout Hall, with call backs being held on Sunday 19th April.

Youth members who can play a musical instrument are also invited to be involved.

Please see the special audition notice elsewhere in this Newsletter which sets out information on the auditions and what prospective band members need to do. This special notice should be photocopied and given to Youth aged 11 or over.

Leaders – please program coming to see Hobart Gang Show in August.

Yours in Scouting,

Denice Walter

Project Commissioner Hobart Gang Show

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AUDITIONS – 2015 HOBART GANG SHOW

Sunday 12th April, 2015 - Lenah

Valley Scout Hall

Corner Bromby Street & Lenah Valley Road

The 2015 Hobart Gang Show is looking for those in Scouting and Guiding interested in being in a great Show written by YOU (the Youth)! Without the cast the production would be rather boring! So, come one, come all! Anyone interested needs to make contact. If you can act, sing or dance then come along, if you are not sure you can act, sing or dance – still come along – you won't know if you don't come! Preference will be given to Youth members aged 11 or over, however anyone may show an expression of interest.

The audition includes acting, singing and movement components and are conducted in groups of 15 – 20 people. Why not audition with a group of friends? Please contact Denice Walter (as above) to book an audition. The following audition times are available

Everyone is to arrive 10 minutes prior to the audition time they book. If this is your first audition please bring a recent photo and brief Scout/Guide résumé. The résumé needs only to be a dot point list of what you have done/are doing in Scouting or Guiding and any experience with theatre, acting, singing or dancing. Remember auditions are just part of the process for any stage production, there is no need to be worried about anything, but if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact and discuss your concerns.

Audition times for Sunday 12th April

- 1) 11.30am—12.30pm
- 2) 1.00 pm—2.00 pm
- 3) 2.15 pm—3.15 pm
- 4) 3.30 pm—4.30 pm

Special Notes for Sunday 19th April

- Call back auditions for cast
- Call back auditions for singers
- Youth interested in finding out more about the band for Gang Show invited to attend between 3.00 pm—4.00pm

IMPORTANT DATES: Gang Show performance dates are 20th, 21st and 22nd August; Information meeting for all cast and parents – 3rd May.

Rehearsal dates – 9th, 17th, 24th & 31st May; 14th, 21st & 28th June; 4th, 5th, 18th 19th July and 8th August – all these rehearsals are at the Lenah Valley Scout Hall between 12.30/1.00 – 4.30/5.00 p.m. Show week rehearsals are more intensive – 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th August. Any longer or specific extra rehearsals will be advised if required. There is also a compulsory Gang Show camp 25th & 26th July at Orana. Costs for being in Gang Show are kept at the absolute minimum with a Gang Show fee of \$65 each (or \$100 for 2 in same family & \$130 for 3 or more in same family). This fee covers costs of all rehearsals, camp weekend (including meals) and evening meal between matinee and evening performance on final night. Gang Show polo shirts may be purchased for \$35 or you may borrow one for the performances.

Denice Walter
Project Commissioner

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Huon District—Founders Day

Every year the Huon District celebrates Founders Day by organizing a District activity. This year it was Port Cygnet's turn to organise the event. The result – a glorious day spent at Eggs and Bacon Bay doing water based activities. We had an excellent turn up from both Port Cygnet and Huonville Groups – which included Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Leaders and families.

The day started at 11am with a formal flag break and opening – out in the water! Then, while the District Team spent the day cooking sausages, hamburgers and onions on the BBQ and selling icy cold drinks which went down a real treat, Leaders organized and ran activities such as –

- Patrol Boat rowing
- Kayaking
- Sand sculpture
- Tug of war
- Line heaving
- Raft building
- Three legged races and many more

A big thank you to all the Leaders for all your event organizing and a special thanks to Peter Bishop and the Port Cygnet Leaders for organizing the day.

Julie Creed
DC Huon





GRANTS REPORT

Firstly a reminder that Grant Round 30 is currently open on for:

1. Small grants (up to \$10,000) – closing on 18 March.
2. Medium grants (\$10,001 to \$90,000) closing on 8 April.
3. Large grants (\$100,000 to \$300,000) closing on 4 March.

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 TCF has provided the following application tips:

- Applicants are encouraged to save their application regularly – Fund staff suggest that the save button is pressed after each question is answered. Whilst most power systems and computers are very reliable it can be very time consuming redrafting an application if it is lost due to some unforeseen circumstance. The connection to SmartyGrants (the system used by the Tasmanian Community Fund to receive applications) will time out after a short period of time, but some internet browsers will allow you to continue typing into the application form. Saving will not be allowed if you have timed out so please remember to press save regularly.
- Some applicants like to review their application in hard copy or provide a copy via email to someone else for review. To do this, applicants should go to the review page of the application and press the download as PDF button. This will allow applicants to save their application onto their system and then print and email it as they see fit.
- Letters of support are an ideal opportunity for applicants to demonstrate community support for the project. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attach letters of support from organisations or individuals who will be involved in or benefit from the project.
- Applicants should note that it is unlikely that the Tasmanian Community Fund will accept an application with an incorrect budget. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the budget and other financial information is correct, fully completed and that the budget (income and expenditure) adds up. Please read the budget information in the guidelines carefully and make sure that you are complying.
- Applications must be received by 5pm on the relevant closing date. Once this deadline has been reached, applicants will no longer be able to press the submit button on their application. Applicants are encouraged to press the submit button well before the 5pm deadline to ensure that the final application has been uploaded through the system prior to the deadline. The Tasmanian Community Fund does not accept late applications.

To whet your appetite I include this photograph of Kingston Group's new patrol boat built using TCF grant funding.



Through the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, grants of up to \$5,000 are available for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities in rural, regional or remote Australia. Priority is given to communities of 10,000 or fewer which will suit Groups located in smaller Tasmanian towns. Projects must be for a charitable purpose (benefit the whole community) and must have clearly defined objectives, timeframes and evaluation strategies.

Further information, including previous funded initiatives, and the Program Guidelines and Application Form are available at: <http://www.frrr.org.au/grants/small-grants-for-rural-communities-round27>

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



The Lea Campground & Activities

Have you thought about reacquainting your Troop with The Lea.?

There have been significant improvements to The Lea over the last few years.

Book your Mob, Troop or Section in now for a weekend to find out how good it is.

Abseiling Tower, Flying Fox, Low Ropes plenty of tracks for bike riding, room for bush activities, campfire area, Rotunda and you are able to have cooking fires.

Laser Skirmish and Archery are on site if you want to organise that as extra fun.

Only \$2 per person per night for the Camping area.

Cabin accommodation from dorm to self-contained (Hobart Bush Cabins) is also available at either the Top or bottom of The Lea depending on your requirements.

Interested....call The Lea Caretaker on 0417-590-986





Training Report

Firstly a reminder about the Basic Sectional Course. We currently have very few applicants so please ensure you have completed your e-learning modules and apply for the practical part of your Scout Leader Training. The Training Team is certainly looking forward to meeting up with new Leaders or those changing Sections. It is a great opportunity to enjoy networking as well as learning/applying Scouting skills.

Secondly a reminder to those Leaders who were, after some pressure from Group Leaders, granted an exemption that enabled them to attend Basic Training without having completed e-learning, due to some exceptional circumstances. Unfortunately this experiment has not worked as well as hoped and some Leaders have yet to finish the e-learning, the end result of which they are unable to receive their Certificate of Adult Leadership. I will be writing to all Leaders who are in this position and they will have until the end of Easter to complete all the modules. It would be fantastic if this could occur before the letters are sent, and definitely before the final date!

It was a pleasure to assist the Chief Commissioner and Jeannette in interviewing for the office administration position last week. We were overwhelmed with excellent applications and the task was extremely difficult. More pleasing though was the high regard in which Scouts is held, so keep up the great work.

Geraldine Harwood

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development

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Scouts International Student Exchange



Alex (centre) with other Australian Venturers on the exchange program in the UK, in front of Big Ben.



Alex with the Explorer Unit being invested at the indoor snow centre. The unit was renamed Tassie Devil 5th Chislehurst Explorer Unit.

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I'm Alex Ruut, a Venturer Scout from Kingston, Tasmania, Australia who participated on the 2014/15 Scouts International Student Exchange Program. On 30/11/14 I departed Hobart, met 6 other Victorian Venturers, flew through to Singapore and met the other 8 Aussie Venturers and headed to London. Here we split up with 4 going to Denmark and the rest of us went off with our host families to begin our UK stays. We would stay with our host families for the next 6 weeks and the last week we came back together into central London to have time together as a contingent to enjoy sightseeing around London.

I was really lucky as my host family (John, Sue, Charles and Zoe) were pretty close to central London. They were in Chislehurst, Kent, only a short train ride into London as I discovered during my stay. There wasn't too much chance to rest as the next morning it was up early and straight to school with Charles. I found school to be pretty similar to Australia. I participated at school for approx 3 of the 6 weeks I was with my host family as there was a 2 week end of term break over Christmas.

During my first week I also got stuck right into helping at Scout activities. Cubs and Joeys meet on Thursdays, Scouts on Fridays and Explorers (Venturers) meet on Mondays. John is the Scout Leader, Assistant Explorer Leader and also assistant Group Leader. I was able to go and help at Cubs first up. We ran games, I showed them the Tasmanian Devil (which I took as a gift for the group), and had a chat about Scouts at home (Kingston, Tasmania). I also went to Scouts on Friday night, I also had a chat to the Scouts about what we do at Kingston and also we made rope making boxes. The following Monday we made mocktails at Explorers and I also got to chat with my own scout age group about the kind of activities we get up to at home. I presented the Explorer Unit with a Tasmanian Devil which became not just the unit mascot, but also the Unit's new name. I also helped again this week at Cubs and Scouts. Cubs did some sculptures out of marshmallows and spaghetti with the best bit being able to eat the sculpture at the end. Scouts this week finished off the rope machines and made some ropes. Part way through this activity though Charles and I headed off to the 'Japan camp'. Charles is planning on going to world jamboree this year and they held a get to know you style camp for those explorers from the Great East London District. This was a great weekend. 9 Explorers and 2 Leaders headed up this camp. While I was on this camp some of the activities I did were an Amazing race, Quiz on Japan, Monopoly, Karaoke, Risk (Board game), Basketball and First Aid. The camp was a great experience to learn how Scouts camp in London and what the differences are between camps in Australia and London. The following Monday at Explorers we went ice skating and I was invested into the unit. There wasn't any Cubs and Scouts for the remainder of this week as then we had term holiday break and had two weeks rest from both school and scouts. During holidays, Explorers had a night to catch up and go to the indoor snow zone. We joined in tobogganing and ice sliding. This was the last activity I participated in with the Explorers and it was a really great night.

Some of the other highlights were visiting M & M Chocolate World, Harrods, Hamley's Toy Shop, Chelsea FC stadium/museum tour, Chislehurst Caves and Kew Gardens. One of the best things was the last week with the other Australian Venturers and all the activities we did. Some of the activities were Buckingham Palace, Changing Guard, Natural History Museum, Tower of London, Crown Jewels, Imperial War Museum, Big Ben at night, Jack the Ripper tour, River Thames tour, Warner Bros Studio (where Harry Potter was made), Wickied the Musical and a local market.

I would like to especially thank my host family in London and everyone else along the way who assisted me to get to London. It was a fantastic opportunity to see Scouts in action half way around the world.

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