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## Years of Service Awards June 2015

5 Years:

Pamela Brock  
Roger Cox  
Craig Gardner  
Christopher Morgan  
Jo-anne Pursell  
Nicolaas Winter  
Timothy Wood

Turners Beach

10th Hobart  
Lenah Valley  
Smithton

New Norfolk  
Cressy

4th Launceston

10 Years:

Georgina Carr

Clarence Sea Scouts

15 Years:

Susan Cooper  
Ruth Niekamp  
Nigel Scott  
Helen Skeggs

Hellyer District

Perth

City of Devonport

Burnie

20 Years:

Andrew Thompson

Launceston & Tamar

25 Years:

Peter Dodd  
Phillip Harper

Evandale

BC Scouts

45 Years:

Julie Creed  
Donald Fitzpatrick

Huon District

Wellington District



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# *Acting Chief Commissioner Report*

It was great to see so many Queen's Guides, Queen's Scouts and BP Awardees at the Annual Award Presentations at Government House on 8 May 2015. This was a very special evening. Our Chief Commissioner, Mike Patten invited Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, The Governor of Tasmania as our Chief Scout of Tasmania. With so many families in attendance to see this special occasion, it was an honour for all of us.

To all the Awardees, we must say congratulations for all your hard work in achieving this high standard. The Queen's Scout Award recipients were - Mr Robert Evans, Mr Jonathon van der Wijngaart, Mr Joseph Glen Dowsett, Mr Adam Tenteye, Mr Jamie Cox, Mr Isaac Beswick, Mr Alexander Ruut, Mr Joshua Quinn and the Baden Powell Award recipients were - Miss Rachel Jensen, Miss Katherine Shields and Miss Holly Stephens. A very memorable dinner and evening was had by all.

I would like to announce we have new District Commissioners in Huon District - Miss Maria Direen, and Leven District - Mr Greg Fulljames. The new Branch Commissioner for Venturers is Mr David Thomas. I would like to thank these members for putting up their hand to take on other roles and to help to keep the movement going forward.

At our last BEC meeting, it was discussed that our numbers were down on last year, so please make use of the Friend Finder badges and put in a challenge for Sixes, Patrols, Units and Crews. Maybe the Venturers and Rover Crews could put in a challenge against each other for this badge, don't let the Cubs beat you!!

Please make sure all **Group and District financials have been verified and sent to BHQ ASAP** to save Jeannette a lot of extra work and others from chasing them up.

I went to a breakfast with Mr Tony Abbott this morning where he made some announcements, but none were for Scouts. I was approached by an ex-Cub who is now 40 years old and is in charge of a Neighbourhood House who remembered me and wanted to know if I was still involved in Scouting and, if so, could they come and set up some activities when Scouts hold their special/fun days. I hope we can achieve some new members, so if you have Community or Neighbourhood Houses in your area, please try it.

**Joscelyn McKenna**  
**Acting Chief Commissioner**

## *From the President*

No doubt you are wondering how it came about that Mike Patten stood aside from his position as our Chief Commissioner? This regrettable state of affairs came about as a direct result of Mike's attempt in February 2014 to interrupt the stupid and dangerous actions of youths throwing rocks at cars on the approaches to the Tasman Bridge. Although Mike called Police to the scene, his statement of what had happened was apparently not believed and the Police have charged Mike with offences.

As a direct result, the Registrar of the Working With Vulnerable People Card conducted a risk assessment to determine whether Mike should be able to retain his card pending the decision of a Court. I am pleased to advise that the Registrar has found in Mike's favour, given the circumstances, and the Branch Executive have unanimously endorsed Mike's immediate return to his role as our Chief Commissioner.

How can a "Scout" get him or herself into this much trouble whilst trying to assist and protect the public? As Scouts, we have always been trained to use initiative in emergencies and to "help other people" a part of our promise and law since Baden Powell wrote Scouting for Boys! As Leaders, we hope that young people we train will become good community-minded citizens, ready and willing to assist in emergencies.

Regrettably, in today's society there are few circumstances where citizens may act in the public interest without encountering issues of law and it is very easy to become entangled whilst doing what you thought at the time was your public duty as a citizen.

I am not saying that we should never intervene when we see anti-social or dangerous behaviours, or we are first on the scene of an accident. We need to be very cautious before getting involved. If we are alone without the benefit of reliable witnesses (family are not considered as such) and we choose to act, we place ourselves in a very high risk situation.

Be aware that when you ring Police for assistance your action in so doing gives you no more credibility than those who you believe are the law breakers. You may or may not be believed, but the actions of all participants in an issue will be assessed by Police to determine if offences may have been committed and by whom. Like Mike, you could find yourself in serious trouble!

Our membership of Scouts as adults depends on us possessing a Working With Vulnerable People Card. This card will almost certainly be withdrawn if you are convicted of an offence involving minors; it may be suspended pending the outcome of a Court case. This could mean that you may never be able to volunteer with Scouts or work with children again. It could mean the suspension or end of your vocation if you are a teacher or someone who works with children.

We are pleased that the situation Mike finds himself in is partially resolved. He has our full support and we have confidence in him as a man of outstanding character, a "Scout" who did what he believed was the right thing to do at the time.

Yours in Scouting

*Pip*

**John [Pip] Cornish**

**President - Scouts Australia - Tasmanian Branch**



## Gang Show Report

Rehearsals are now under way for Hobart Gang Show. Set construction has also started. It's a busy time for everyone. If anyone is interested in getting involved with set construction and painting, please make contact as you would be most welcome to help. Every Sunday, Alec Reavell will be at The Lea from 10.00 am and he would love to have some extra hands (and bodies) to help him. It is very rewarding to see the sets come together and then see them on stage.

On-line bookings open this month. Ticket prices are:

Adults \$16.00; children/concession/full time student \$11.00; All matinee tickets will be \$11.00. There is also discount tickets for group bookings. Get in early and reserve your set.

Go to <http://www.trybooking.com/HMYV> to book your tickets.

**Reminder – Dates of the show are 20, 21 and 22 August at Mt Nelson Theatre. Online bookings will open on 1 June.**

Looking forward to Gang Show 2015 and seeing many of you there. Forgot to say, the title for this year's show is 'It's a Gas' !!!!

Yours in Scouting,

Denice Walter

Project Commissioner Hobart Gang Show

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*Two cast members (Caleb - Scouts and Arielle - Guides) reading through the script.*

## Fellowship

Hello all Fellowship Members.

My apologies for having taken so long to get moving. Let's not waste any more time.

I need your help with suggestions as to the type of activities we should be organising. Contact me with your ideas on email or mobile.

One activity I am aware of in the south of the State is a walk for Brain Cancer on 22 November at Dru Point Centennial Park, Margate. I did this last year, it is a short level course, not at all strenuous. Around \$10,000 was raised through entry fees, sales and sponsorship. Interested? Let me know. I don't yet know the cost of entry (last year it was \$25).

**Lyn Harvey**

**PC Fellowship**

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# *The Lea Report*

The Lea Board of Management is pleased to announce that our new Caretaker will be taking up his position in August. Graham & Marion have started a well-earned retirement and we wish them well.

Andy and his family will be moving from Kakadu where both he and his wife Jennie have been Rangers for many years.

They both bring a wealth of experience in providing the type of accommodation and activities that The Lea provides and will be an important part of the expansion and delivery of the Top of The Lea activities being developed.

Fiona & Ken Broadby are looking after The Lea until they arrive.

Other things are happening too. The new Q store extensions (the McDougall Shed) are almost completed and will provide additional toilet facilities.

The hard working team now includes:

**Craig Gardner**, who is working on the development and promotion of the Adventure Activities at the Top of The Lea.

**Mike Hovington**, to coordinate and develop the opportunity for Mobs, Packs, Troops and Units to complete the Service activities of the Award Schemes, by doing some basic work at The Lea. This will include **Free Camping** in return for Service, plus free use of the Flying Fox & Low Ropes and (as we develop them) the other activities available.

**Lyn Harvey**, to develop a Catering Package option for Groups staying at the bottom of The Lea in the Training area or wanting to use the Conference Facilities.

**Mike Patten**, anything and everything as required.

**Dugald McDougall**, to coordinate The Lea Service Crew activities, who do such a great job with their weekly working bees. Dugald also oversees the major development projects (such as the Q store extension) and is now working on planning the upgrade of the Toilet and Shower Facilities adjacent to the Storm Hut.

**Jeannette Vogels**, who keeps everything on track with the Finances and Administration and also development of our new Online Booking System for Hobart Bush Cabins.

**Come and check out The Lea if you haven't been there for a while.**

**Phil Harper**  
Chairman





## Joey Report

At the time of writing this report, another successful Joey Scout Leaders' **Lenah Hop** is behind us. Although unfortunately a few had to pull out just prior to the event, those who did attend had a great time meeting and catching up with the other Leaders and collecting up new ideas to use in their Mobs, as well as enjoying some walks in the area around Carnaroo Scout Camp, the Scouts Own, a campfire and great food. We also learnt a lot from our guest from Native Rescue, and her very cute wombat Joey. Did you know wombat numbers are declining because of a disease which is completely treatable? We do now, and we can help! More details on that later. Many thanks to the Northern Region team of Leaders who organised a great event.

Just a reminder that we have our next **Joey Scout Branch Council Meeting** on Sunday 14 June at the Town Hall in Campbell Town commencing at 10.00am and it would be good if we can have a representative from each District along for this. Final preparations of our Reunion Event, further planning of this year's upcoming State Event, and news from the National Meeting are just some of the items on the agenda to be discussed.

Our **25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Week (29 June - 4 July)** is also fast approaching! Hopefully by now, each Mob has planned a **special Mob birthday event** to be held during the final week of this term - I look forward to hearing all about them and seeing your photos afterwards! The badges for this will be distributed to all Mobs very soon.

Remember RSVPs (with payments) for the **Joey Scout Leader Reunion** need to be in by **no later than 15 June** so we can give our final numbers to our caterers. The event will be held on Saturday 4 July at the Ross Town Hall, and should be heaps of fun, with some interesting memories and more ideas for us all to use in our mobs too, so get those registrations in! I look forward to seeing you all there!

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

Remember to keep promoting our State Event to your Joey Scout families and ensure you get all parent responses and payments back before **30 June**, then complete your Mob registration form and forward with your Mob payment by **no later than 6 July** so the badges can be ordered, and we can finalise groups and activities so all runs smoothly on the day. All Leaders will need to help run the activities, so if you have an activity preference, please let me know. Can we get every Mob along? I hope so!

### **Promise Challenge Awards**

This month's recipients of this special award are Ryan Dobson and Ernie Hayes (both of Old Beach), and Lucas Chimes (Blackmans Bay) - congratulations to you all.

That's it for this month. Please contact me any time with any questions, suggestions, newsletter items or contact list updates and remember to get those Reunion RSVPs in ASAP! Happy Joey Scouting!

**Sue Cooper**

**Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts**

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## Training Report

This has been an interesting month, with the National Training Committee meeting held in Brisbane over the 23-24 May.

Compliance with the BCORE CHILD and WHS e-learning units was discussed, with some States advising they would be taking action over the next month for those Leaders who have not completed these compulsory units. In Tasmania it was agreed with our Chief that Leaders would have a little longer due to the implementation of the Working with Vulnerable People Card being introduced. However, it would be fantastic if those who have not yet completed these units could do so as soon as possible. Not only is this a requirement but, more importantly, it publicly demonstrates the importance Scouts Australia puts on the safety of children, and being a demonstrably 'child-safe' organisation. If anyone has any questions about this, please let me know.

The other major point of discussion was the possible implications for Leader Training as a consequence of the YPR (Youth Program Review), currently under way. At the very least, we will need to be emphasising a change in attitude to ensure that we involve our youth members in our planning (in all Sections) and providing an exciting and adventurous program, where our youth members experience challenges and opportunities outside of their comfort zone that will equip them as future citizens.

One explanation of our Leader Training Program that was mentioned and I thought was worth broadcasting widely:

Basic Training = the what we do

Advanced Training = why we do it

Hopefully this will encourage you to complete your Basic Training and then complete Advanced Training (Wood Badge) as soon as it is available. With the focus returning to Scout Training, it will no longer be compulsory to complete the Certificate 4 in Management as part of the Wood Badge, although it will be encouraged, with the process of RPL through SAIT (Scouts Australia Institute of Training) being the new pathway for all VET qualifications through Scouts.

The weekend of the 4-5 July will be focused on Adventurous Activities, with Phil Harrison coming to Tasmania to provide information across all the facets of Adventurous Activities. Phil is the Deputy Principal of SAIT, with responsibility for Adventurous Activities – he is the AA 'guru', so I invite anyone with an interest in AA to attend at least part of the weekend at The Lea. Group Leaders and Commissioners will receive a briefing from Phil as part of the Commissioner's Conference on the Saturday. Do you need 'signing off', do you want to understand the AA pathways for Venturers and Rovers, do you fully understand the requirements? If you have a 'not sure' to any of these questions then hearing from Phil will clarify it all!

I, along with the rest of the Training Team are looking forward to meeting all of our new Leaders at the Basic Training in late June.

**Geraldine Harwood**

**Branch Commissioner - Adult Training & Development**



# Cub Report

Hi Everyone.

I have just returned from a National Meeting in Adelaide of all the Sectional Commissioners. There was a large range of topics discussed, including many more details of the Youth Program Review. If you are not familiar with what is happening with this Review, I would urge all of you to get onto the website and have a look. Take part in the surveys and get your views out there, if you want to have your say in what the future of Scouting will look like. The Review has now been going for over 12 months, and there are many ideas being put forward on what changes should be made. I cannot emphasise this enough. Scouting is changing. Sitting on the sidelines ignoring this will not make it go away. Have your say now. The current topic of conversation is the age range for each Section. Take the survey and sign up for the newsletters so that you know what is happening.

## Cub Scout Centenary 2016

One other major topic for the Cubs is our 2016 Centenary. In the next couple of weeks, we will be launching a National Badge Competition for Cubs to design our 100 Year Badge that all of Australia will wear during 2016. There will be some great prizes for this competition including some great camping gear, and we will announce a winner from each State, as well as the overall National winner. The Tasmanian State winner, if they are not the overall winner, will also have their badge made into a Blanket Badge that will be sent to everyone in the State. I will send details of the competition to all Leaders when to hand, but please get it out to your Cubs, and let's get a Tasmanian winner.

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

Over the last two weeks, our Camp Chief, Jon Bentley has been travelling around the State with our Cuboree roadshow, answering your questions, and explaining what is happening this year. If you missed a session, and have any questions, please contact me immediately and I will be happy to answer them for you.



**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** In accordance with the recent decision from Branch, the Cuboree Committee has advised that all adults (Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Parents & helpers over the age of 16 (excluding registered Venturers) who will be staying at the Cuboree **MUST** have a **Working With Vulnerable Persons Card**. Accordingly, please advise all of your parents **NOW**, so that they can have the card in time for the Cuboree. The cost is only **\$17.60** and is valid for **3 years**.

Meanwhile, the next meeting of the State-wide Committee will be held on Wednesday 27 May 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.

## Grey Wolf Award

This month's Grey Wolf recipients are:

Sven Piek & Charlotte How (Motton Preston), Liam Bosworth (Howrah)



# Cub Report cont'd

## Commissioner's Challenge Award 2015

Don't forget about this year's Commissioner's Challenge. Once your pack has completed the requirements that were set, please complete the order form and send it to me. The badges cost \$2.00 each, with further details included in the Activity Packs sent to each Leader.



Please get behind the Challenge and I look forward to hearing how you get on. If you have any questions, please let me know straight away.

## Program Ideas

With the completion of the Eurovision Song Contest last month, and to celebrate Australia's one and only performance, how about we have an entertainment night this month called the *Cubovision Song Contest*. We all know how the Europeans go all out for Eurovision, with fancy costumes, so this night can be a dress up night, encouraging the Cubs to dress up in their best *Cubovision* costumes.

There are some great computer games around at the moment that have Karaoke programs (Xbox, Playstation, etc), so this would be great to set up for the Cubs to use on the night (if you have some families to assist, perhaps set up two at the same time in different parts of the Hall.

Start the night with a costume parade, and then create a Green Room area, for all of the acts. After everyone who wants to has performed, have some of the Leaders and Parents, pretend to be from different parts of the world, and are sending in their scores. If you plan it correctly, all of the Cubs can finish on the same score, so that everyone wins a prize at the end of the night.

Don't forget, however, that you can find a lot of Program ideas on Scout 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.

That's it for me for this month. Please don't forget to send me your photos, program ideas, or any other suggestions you have for inclusion in the Newsletter. Good Hunting.

**Terry Bryan**

**Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts**

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# International Report

## International Explorer Award

Congratulations Alex Ruut who has earned his International Explorer Award. Unfortunately, the belt is currently on back-order so Alex will be presented with both his Certificate and belt when it arrives. I understand that this is only the second International Explorer Award earned in Tasmania.

## 13<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Venture Contingent

Thank you for the response for Venturer Leaders to join the 13<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Venturer Contingent.

## 4 New International Scouting Opportunities!

Competition: Are you the most **Outstanding Scout in the Asia-Pacific Region** - enter the competition and, if shortlisted, travel to Korea for the Regional Scout Conference. [Info and Application.](#)

Scholarship: Want to have your say on the future of Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region? Apply to be an Observer to the **Regional Youth Forum** in Korea! [Info and Application.](#)

## Ready to lead Scouts overseas?

Contingent Leader: **New Zealand Rover Moot, 2016** [Information](#) and [Applications](#)

Contingent Leader: **New Zealand Jamboree 2017** [Information](#) and [Applications](#)

All applications close 3 June 2015, get in quick! [Any questions, contact Andrew Cooper, Assistant International Commissioner.](#)

## Asia Pacific Region Youth Forum and APR Scout Conference

The APR Youth Forum (29 October - 1 November 2015) and the APR Scout Conference (3-8 November 2015) will be held in Korea. Shortly there will be advertising for up to three scholarships, with 50% subsidy, to attend the Youth Forum and the APR Scout Conference. The advertising will be done through our National website, as well as through the National Rover and Youth Councils. Additionally, we will be seeking the help of the Branch Rover and Youth Councils, where appropriate, to advertise these valuable scholarships.

The Asia Pacific Region Office will shortly be calling for applications for the "Outstanding APR Scout" with finalists to be announced at the September APR Scout Conference. Again, keep a close eye on our National website for details.

Andrew Cooper, Assistant International Commissioner, is our contact person for the scholarships, and for the Outstanding APR Scout Award. Andrew can be contacted at [int.assistantcomm@scouts.com.au](mailto:int.assistantcomm@scouts.com.au).

## *International Report cont'd*

### **Report from Neville Tomkins - International Commissioner Scouts Australia**

An update on what we are doing in relation to the **recent natural disasters in Nepal and Vanuatu**.

The National Chief Commissioner, Chris Bates, and I wrote to the Nepalese Scouts within 48 hours of the disaster, offering our condolences and support. Now that I know the full extent of the loss and damage, I have put recommendations to the National Chairman, Chief Commissioner and National Chief Executive that Scouts Australia allocates \$5,000 to the Nepalese Scouts to assist with their recovery.

The Contingent Leader to the World Scout Jamboree (Aaron Wardell) and I have also decided, with the National Chief Commissioner's support, to donate all our tents and surplus camping equipment from the World Jamboree to the Nepalese Scouts. I am now liaising with the UK Scouts and the Boys Scouts of America (BSA) to look at sharing a shipping container from Japan to Kathmandu immediately following the Jamboree. I have various offers of donated items here in Australia but the logistics are very challenging in getting the items from across Australia to one central point, then to Kathmandu. It is also exorbitantly expensive! Wendy (from our International Office) had discussions last night with Mr Rajendra Pandey, the Counsellor/Deputy Chief of Mission of the Nepal Embassy, and I am now in the process of liaising with various airlines. Close co-ordination with the Asia Pacific Region Office is another feature of our approach.

If anyone has ideas of how to transport possibly tonnes of donated items from Australia to Kathmandu pro bono, please let me know. There is no problem with distribution once the items arrive in Nepal - the challenge is getting items from around Australia to a central co-ordinating point, and then to Kathmandu.

Given the massive over-subscription to recent International Contingents (NZV and KISC), I also proposed at the National Team Meeting that we look at forming a Contingent to go to Nepal late this year/early next year to assist with the clean-up/ rebuilding (unskilled labourers but with a big heart and a strong will!). Ideally, we will have an on-the-ground partner (in addition to Scouts) and I have already had discussions with Red Cross (of which I am a member). Please let me know if you are interested in being involved in the planning for that event.

We are doing likewise with the Vanuatu Scout Association. I have recommended that Scouts Australia donate \$1,500 to the Vanuatu Scout Association (additional to \$1,500 raised by an outstanding Tasmanian Scout Group already), and we are looking at a Contingent going to Vanuatu over the next 12 months. I know that Scouters from the NSW Branch have been doing some fantastic work on the Islands already. Chris Bates and I will be having discussions with the Vanuatu representatives at an Asia Pacific meeting in 12 days' time.

Do let me know if you have any suggestions or want to be involved with these endeavours in any way. I will, of course, update all International Team Members at our upcoming annual meeting (10-12 July).

**Note:** I have edited Neville's report and if you would like to see copies of the letters sent please contact Fiona – see at end of report.

# *International Report cont'd*

## **SISEP - Scout International Student Exchange Program - Report from Sam van der Wijngaart**

Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP) is happening for the second year in Tasmania, but this year we are hosting at least three students from Denmark into Tasmania. With our links to their Princess Mary, this adds a degree of excitement for them. We're expecting them in at the end of June, and they'll be around for about 6 weeks or so. We're still finalising our outgoing Venturers for this Christmas holidays – your Venturers might be interested in applying for next year's intake.

Maybe there are families in your group who would be interested in hosting in 2016? It's never too early to start thinking about it – let me know and I'll chase you up in 2016 to see if maybe we can have an English, Danish, Japanese or even Indonesian exchange come into your home, school and Venturer Unit. Drop me an email if you might possibly be interested. Let me know if you need flyers for your group.

Sam van der Wijngaart, Tas SISEP Coordinator - [www.scouts.com.au/sisep](http://www.scouts.com.au/sisep).

## **The Tasmanian Pen Pal Program.**

The On-line Pen Pal Form can be found at [https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/recent\\_documents](https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/recent_documents) or [www.scouts.com.au/penpals](http://www.scouts.com.au/penpals).

## **Contingent events coming up**

### **New Event: 2015 Papua New Guinea National Jamboree**

Scouts Australia is now accepting Expressions of Interest from Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, and Adult Leaders for the 2015 Papua New Guinea National Jamboree to be held from 20-25 September 2015.

Scouts Australia is committed to sending a National Contingent to this event, and more information will be provided as soon as it is available to those who fill in the Expression of Interest Form, <http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/international-contingents-expression-of-interest>. The position of Contingent Leader will be advertised shortly.

### **Event: Baden-Powell Scout Peak Expedition**

Date: September 2015

Country: Nepal

Age Range: Rovers and Leaders

Contingent Leader: Calista Beck (ACT)

Website: [Contingent Website](#) or <http://www.rovers.com.au/international/bp-scout-peak-expedition>

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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# Youth Program Report

**Tell us what you think...**



Age Ranges and Sections for Scouting? The Youth Program Review needs your thoughts! In the spirit of offering the best program we can for young Australians, developmentally appropriately designed and delivered, we need to ensure that our age sections are well thought out.

Read about some of the issues around age sections and let us know your opinion. What do you believe is critical about the age range of the Youth Program to ensure success into the future?

Follow this this link to begin the survey:

<http://ypr.scouts.com.au/news/2015-05-04-age-ranges-sections-member-survey>

## BRANCH CALENDAR

| DATE        | EVENT  | WHERE | CONTACT |
|-------------|--|-------|---------|
| <b>June</b> |  |       |         |
| 2           | Branch Property Committee Meeting  |       |         |
| 8           | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - BHQ Closed   |       |         |
| 9           | Branch IT Committee Meeting  |       |         |
| 10          | The Lea Board of Management Mtg  |       |         |
| 13-14       | Venturer Ideals Weekend  |       |         |
| 14          | Cub Council/Scout Council/Joey Council Meetings  |       |         |
| 15          | Leven District AGM   |       |         |
| 16          | Hellyer District AGM   |       |         |
| 17          | Mersey District AGM  |       |         |
| 18          | Business & Finance Committee/Branch Executive Meetings   |       |         |
| 19          | National AGM/NEC/Ops Meeting   |       |         |
| 27          | Basic Sectional Techniques - Scouts, Cub Scouts, Joey Scouts, Rover Scouts, Venturer Scouts, LOA |       |         |
| 30          | Hall Inspections Due   |       |         |





## Scout Report

### Scoutfest 2015

Regrettably, due to the many other calls on my time this year, Scoutfest has had to be put in my “too hard” basket. If someone else would like to take it on for this year, please let me know and I’m happy to assist where I can.

### CT2015 - 21 – 22 November

Clark Trophy information is now available and will be distributed to Troops as they qualify by attending their respective District Competition Camps.

Put the dates in your Program now as this will be the most amazing experience for the Scouts and Leaders. It will be in an exciting new format that will give the Scouts unprecedented ability to plan and undertake the activities for the weekend, and the Leaders an opportunity to “camp out” without direct contact with the Scouts. How relaxing is that!

### AJ2016

We have got to the stage of booking now, so we are well and truly under control and your Scouts and Leaders are set for a great experience.

Please read Geoff Reynolds’ report for more detail.

**Phil Harper**  
Branch Commissioner Scouts



### MARINER’S BADGES

**There are still some Mariner’s Badges available for purchase at a cost of \$2.50 each plus postage — please contact Ian Ball on 0421 011 876**

## *The Lea Scout Camp - Help Needed*

Can anyone assist with sewing / repairing curtains for the Huts at The Lea Scout Camp?

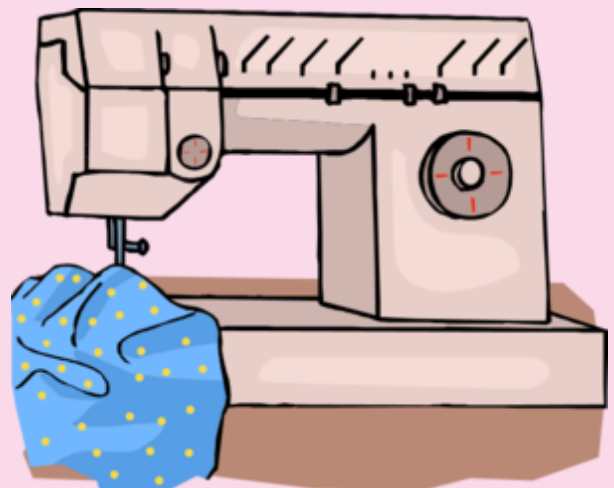
This could be considered as service for Youth Members Award Schemes.

A sewing bee (BYO sewing machine - I have only one spare here), tape measure, etc or just a pair of hands to help will all be greatly appreciated.

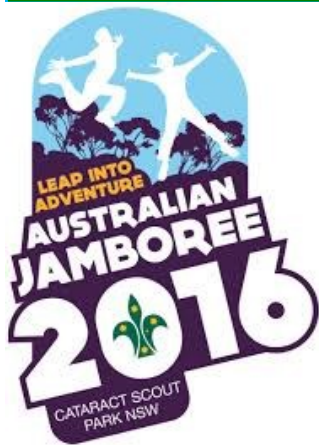
Curtains need to be measured, pinned, hung, etc so even if you do not have sewing experience, you can help. Some curtains just need easy straight sewing repairs.

Any curtains in good clean condition that we could use would be also appreciated (short windows – so any length great). Day(s) can be worked around participants. Any suggestions, ideas to help make this happen are also welcome.

This needs to be completed ASAP but mid-July at the latest. Please contact Fiona Broadby Relief Caretaker 0417590986 or [bookings@thelea.com.au](mailto:bookings@thelea.com.au)



# 2016 AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE



## OPPORTUNITY TO BE A MEMBER of the Tasmanian AJ2016 Jamboree Contingent

It is pleasing to advise that our Tasmanian Scouts, as in past years, have applied in good numbers for this exciting AJ2016 Jamboree at Cataract Park near Appin, New South Wales.

## WANTING TO GO & THOUGHT IT WAS TOO LATE TO APPLY?? GOOD NEWS, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN US!!

The AJ2016 National Committee has now waived the Late Fee until 30 June so you have a bit more time to get your application completed.

Just send your application with the first payment to us before the 30 June to be part of this great experience.

Come along to enjoy an Australian Jamboree where in excess of 12,000 Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Leaders come together for 10 days of non-stop action, excitement and adventure. Scouts will come from all corners of Australia and overseas and will make their way to Cataract Park near Appin, NSW to "Leap into Adventure".

### How to Apply:

Applications for AJ2016 are made on-line through the official AJ2016 website. A few tips about completing and submitting your application can be found on the Applications page and the full details for the Tasmanian Contingent can be found on the Contingent tab of the application.

A fantastic opportunity for Leaders, Adults and Scouts to experience Scouting at its best.

For Tasmanian Scouts this will be 15 days away from Mum & Dad, looking after themselves and living the good life. Your days will be packed with non-stop fun and adventure from 7am right through to 10pm! If you are in the Duty Patrol, your day may even start a little earlier! Some days you will be on site, others you will be off enjoying Botany Bay, Sydney and Jamberoo Theme Park.

**PLUS**, you will enjoy an extra 2 days visiting Taronga Zoo, Sydney Tower and more as a part of our After Jamboree Tour, staying at Heathcote Scout Camp.

**COME ON, JOIN US!** Visit [AJ2016.com.au](http://AJ2016.com.au) and read all about it.

Contact Tasmanian Contingent on [aj2016@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:aj2016@tas.scouts.com.au)  
or visit us on Facebook [facebook.com/aj2016tas](https://facebook.com/aj2016tas)



## Venturer Report

My congratulations to Dave Thomas on being successful and accepting the BC Venturer role. His appointment will be effective from 1 July, and I am sure he will bring lots of skills and new ideas into the section.

A big thank you to everyone for the support I have received during my terms.

### TENISWOOD RECAP

It was great to see 14 teams compete in this year's event (including a Rover Team for the first time). My thanks to Tony Westbrook, Geoff Hurst, Matt Barwick, Rob Green and the team of Southern Leaders in putting on an awesome event. A special thanks to the Rovers for supporting the weekend, by helping the activity, hosting the TBRC meeting afterwards and for entering a team.

Thank you also to Nocton Vineyard for hosting us and allowing us the use of their property for the weekend. It was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all teams! The results for the weekend were: 3rd Clarence, 2nd Kingston/Blackmans Bay/Mt Faulkner, Wellington and 1st Leven 'X'.

### NATIONAL PROGRAM MEETING

Dave and I headed over to the meeting last weekend. We learnt a lot about what's happening in the Youth Program Review and also got to discuss lots of things that are happening in the Venturer Section around Australia. I will send a report out around Leaders over the next week.

### YOUTH PROGRAM REVIEW

I cannot stress enough the need to get on the website and participate in surveys and read what is happening in the review. It is going to touch on nearly every area of Scouting, so you need to be part of the process and the solutions. If you would like more information, give myself, Dave or Julie a call.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Information should be out on these in the very near future:

Venturer Leader Weekend (GLOW): North West: 17-19 July

Leadership Course: 18-20 September

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

Yours in Venturing,

**Donna McDermott**

**Branch Commissioner Venturer Scouts**

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## ROVER REPORT

With the Rover Reunion now behind us, it is timely to announce the Rover Service Award recipients for 2015. Award Certificates were presented to Greg Boon and Stuart Morse who were present at the dinner, with another to be presented to Lex McIndoe in the near future. These Awards are for outstanding contributions over a sustained period to the Rover Section. The Award Medals are to be presented by the Governor at our Branch AGM in September. More on this as the date approaches.

While on awards, congratulations once again to our three BPSA recipients who received their Awards at Government House recently. It was great to see many red uniform shirts in support of our awardees too. Well done to all.

This month might be a good time to remind everybody that whatever we do under the banner of Scouting, and in particular Rovering - will be cast centre-stage and into the public spotlight should an activity either go wrong or be scrutinised by the press and/or others as being questionable. Sufficient care therefore needs to be an integral component when planning activities that addresses risk, specialist training requirements and even whether something that we are suggesting that our members should do to complete a task or requirement as part of an activity is actually within the boundaries of the law.

A good idea when planning activity content would be to ask yourself whether the requirement in question would pass both safety and legal scrutiny should it occur in a crowded public place and in broad daylight. If it does, then great. If it falls short in either aspect, then modify or remove the component or requirement completely until it does - no matter what time of the day or night it might actually be expected to occur. Being potentially called to address a public nuisance and/or offence relating to WHS legislation are not viable outcomes! Remember - prevention is far better than the consequences of getting it wrong. Remember too, that you have your more senior peers, Rover Advisors, BC - Adventurous Activities or even myself to bounce things off if unsure.

Finally, it is great to see the continuation of high level Rover interaction with Venturers, with a Rover team taking up the Venturer Challenge to compete against them in the annual Tenniswood Trophy held recently. While we couldn't actually take the trophy, it would be great to see this activity become an annual event for us in Rovers as well.

Until next time, stay safe...

**Ian Hart**  
**Branch Commissioner Rover Scouts**  
**[ir\\_hart@internode.on.net](mailto:ir_hart@internode.on.net)**





## GRANTS REPORT

The exciting news in the grants area last month was the opening of the Request for Proposals for the Grant of Wilderness Equipment by Department of Premier and Cabinet. Over 1,500 items of equipment worth \$140,000 are listed in the Grant. Tasmanian Branch has placed a submission to take most of the equipment and will allocate the equipment to Groups on a needs basis should we be successful.

Some other grants which are worth pursuing are:

**Tasmanian Community Fund** – Round 31 will open on 25 July for small (up to \$10,000) and medium (\$10,001 to \$90,000) sized grants. Start planning your grant application now.

**Sport and Recreation Minor/Major Grants Program** - Applications open later in the year.

**Glenorchy Council** – The Glenorchy Community Fund offers funds each year to help not-for-profit organisations and groups that are working for the public benefit to enrich community spirit and alleviate social disadvantage in the Glenorchy Municipal Area.

One-off grants of up to \$3,500 are available. For further information regarding eligibility and the application process go to:

<http://glenorchycommunityfund.org/welcome-0>

**Launceston City Council** - The City of Launceston Community Grants Program provides funding for organisations to support community projects/activities (up to \$5,000) held in the Launceston Municipality which result in social, cultural and environmental benefits for the Launceston community.

For more information, please call the City of Launceston Grants and Sponsorship Officer on 03 6323 3217, or visit the Launceston City Council Community Grants Program webpage.

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

**Graeme Nichols**

**Project Commissioner Grants**

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# MARINER'S TROPHY 2015

| Mariners Trophy 2015                       | Score out of | AB           | Bay Queen Mt    | Elliston        | Esperance     | Francis Burgess | George Bass     | KID          | Recherche     | Robbie Evans    | South Esk        |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Beauty Point</b>                        |              |              |                 |                 |               |                 |                 |              |               |                 |                  |
| Item                                       |              | Tamar Novice | Faulkner Novice | Kingston Senior | NW Bay Senior | Rubicon Senior  | Clarence Senior | Tamar Senior | NW Bay Senior | Kingston Novice | Trevallyn Novice |
| Parade                                     | 49           | 44           | 43              | 47              | 42            | 38              | 46              | 48           | 44            | 44              | 33               |
| Prepare Patrol Boat for rowing             | 34           | 30           | 33              | 30              | 32            | 30              | 30              | 32           | 32            | 32              | 33               |
| Patrol Boat rowing                         | 18           | 11           | 13              | 6               | 12            | 13              | 15              | 15           | 8             | 17              | 10               |
| Prepare for sailing                        | 23           | 19           | 19.5            | 18              | 18            | 20              | 21              | 15           | 17            | 16              | 19               |
| Patrol Boat sailing                        | 31           | 15           | 18              | 22              | 29            | 23              | 29              | 20           | 17            | 16              | 19               |
| Take a tow                                 | 8            | 6            | 4.5             | 5.5             | 8             | 3.5             | 5               | 3.5          | 4.5           | 5               | 5                |
| Row through a course                       | 8            | 5.25         | 5               | 5.25            | 7.5           | 4.25            | 2               | 7.5          | 4.5           | 5.75            | 4                |
| Mooring under oars                         | 8            | 4.5          | 4               | 6               | 5             | 6               | 6               | 6            | 2.5           | 4               | 7                |
| Mooring under sailing                      | 8            | 3.5          | 7               | 6.5             | 8             | 4.5             | 7               | 6            | 5             | 6               | 4.5              |
| Come alongside under oars - another vessel | 8            | 7            | 8               | 8               | 8             | 8               | 8               | 8            | 7             | 7               | 8                |
| Come alongside under sail                  | 8            | 4            | 5               | 3.5             | 8             | 8               | 8               | 8            | 7             | 7               | 8                |
| Anchor under oars                          | 8            | 0.5          | 4               | 6               | 8             | 1               | 7.5             | 6            | 1             | 3.5             | 2.5              |
| Come alongside under oars - a jetty        | 8            | 5.5          | 6.5             | 7.5             | 6.5           | 6.5             | 5.5             | 6.5          | 5             | 6               | 5                |
| Sail through a course                      | 8            | 0            | 5.5             | 8               | 7             | 8               | 8               | 8            | 7             | 8               | 8                |
| MOB under sail                             | 8            | 6.5          | 8               | 3.5             | 6.5           | 6               | 7.5             | 7.5          | 6             | 4               | 5                |
| Anchor under sail                          | 8            | 6.5          | 7.5             | 7               | 8             | 8               | 8               | 8            | 8             | 5               | 8                |
| Compass/pilotage                           | 31           | 9            | 11.5            | 17              | 21            | 8               | 11.5            | 12           | 0             | 15              | 12               |
| Work handed in                             | 85           | 56           | 75              | 64              | 77            | 58              | 71              | 76           | 73            | 43              | 59               |
| Weather profile                            | 20           | 20           | 0               | 3               | 17            | 19              | 8               | 20           | 11            | 8               | 8                |
| Wind/weather/water                         | 35           | 23           | 21              | 22              | 32            | 21              | 26              | 30           | 24            | 21              | 29               |
| Signal flags                               | 63           | 62           | 55              | 16              | 63            | 16              | 9               | 63           | 15            | 9               | 12               |
| Water Safety 2                             | 30           | 14           | 15              | 19              | 24            | 18              | 21              | 20           | 11            | 20              | 17               |
| Bell watches                               | 10           | 6            | 10              | 4               | 10            | 9               | 10              | 10           | 10            | 8               | 10               |
| Piping                                     | 12           | 8            | 9               | 9               | 12            | 9               | 9               | 8            | 5             | 11              | 9                |
| Water Safety                               | 29           | 17.5         | 18.5            | 19.5            | 25.5          | 21              | 24              | 20           | 22            | 21              | 18               |
| Boat knowledge                             | 145          | 53           | 94              | 77.5            | 126           | 64              | 132             | 75           | 89            | 89              | 75               |
| Knottting (scores avg no crew)             | 42           | 39.75        | 35              | 25.75           | 42            | 26.25           | 42              | 23.5         | 39            | 32              | 25               |
| Splicing                                   | 14           | 4            | 2.5             | 3.5             | 14            | 2               | 5.5             | 10           | 6             | 5               | 6                |

# MARINER'S TROPHY 2015

| Whipping Initiative            | 14 | 7                | 4             | 5    | 14              | 9           | 8       | 12    | 6       | 4        | 10             | Score out of | Score Sheet Mariners Trophy 2015 |        |          |        |         |          |        |        |          |           |
|--------------------------------|----|------------------|---------------|------|-----------------|-------------|---------|-------|---------|----------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|
|                                |    |                  |               |      |                 |             |         |       |         |          |                |              | 30                               | 21     | 22       | 22     | 485     | 608      | 606.   | 502.5  | 490.75   | 486.5     |
|                                |    | 508.5            | 563           | 497  | 713             | 485         | 608     | 606.  | 502.5   | 490.75   | 486.5          |              | Tamar                            | Novice | Kingston | NW Bay | Rubicon | Clarence | Tamar  | NW Bay | Kingston | Trevallyn |
|                                | 2  | 1                | 1             | 5    | 1               | 6           | 2       | 3     | 4       | 3        | 4              |              | Novice                           | Novice | Senior   | Senior | Senior  | Senior   | Senior | Senior | Novice   | Novice    |
|                                |    | Mikaela Anderson | Jayden Leitch | Nick | Amelie Hudspeth | Cherie Ball | William | Grace | Bradley | Mitchell | Claire Cameron |              |                                  |        |          |        |         |          |        |        |          |           |
| Parade                         | 4  | 1                | 0             | 2    | 1               | 3           | 2       | 1     | 1       | 2        | 1              |              |                                  |        |          |        |         |          |        |        |          |           |
| Prepare Patrol Boat for rowing | 6  | 3                | 6             | 3    | 6               | 4           | 6       | 5     | 6       | 6        | 6              |              |                                  |        |          |        |         |          |        |        |          |           |
| Patrol Boat rowing             | 8  | 3                | 7             | 3    | 8               | 8           | 5       | 4     | 2       | 7.5      | 6              |              |                                  |        |          |        |         |          |        |        |          |           |
| Prepare for sailing            | 8  | 4.5              | 3             | 2    | 6               | n/a         | 6       | 4     | 3       | 3        | 4              |              |                                  |        |          |        |         |          |        |        |          |           |
| Patrol Boat sailing            | 8  | 5                | 6             | 4    | 8               | 5.5         | 7       | 5     | 3       | 1        | 4              |              |                                  |        |          |        |         |          |        |        |          |           |
|                                |    | 16.5             | 22            | 14   | 29              | 20.5        | 26      | 19    | 15      | 19.5     | 21             |              |                                  |        |          |        |         |          |        |        |          |           |

The 2015 Mariner's Trophy Competition was held at the Port Dalrymple Yacht Club, Beauty Point on the Tamar River with 10 crew competing - 6 Senior and 4 Novice. Saturday's activities were held under grey skies with deteriorating conditions and continuous rain and high winds. The afternoon activities were continued in the boathouse. After an excellent evening meal with all the right trimmings, the point to point evening activities were held. Sunday dawned with blue skies and light winds with sailing and initiative activities completed. Final Results were:

**Winning Crew -  
Esperance North  
West Bay Scouts  
Top Coxswain -  
Amelie Hudspeth**

**Allan Butt  
B C Water Activities**

During a 1st Spreyton Pack visit to the City of Devonport Pack for a games night we decided to have a snowball fight. Who needs snow for a snowball fight ? Lasted 10 minutes, could have let it go for 30 mins !!!







**Ron Davey**  
**CSL**  
**City of Devonport Scout Group**





*congratulations*

The Burnie Leadership Group was honoured by the City of Burnie Lions Club with their Citizen of the Year 2015 award for service to the Burnie Community.



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