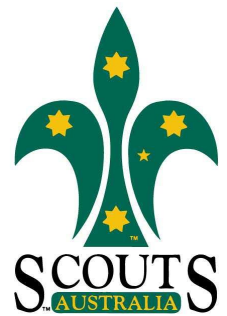


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| 15 YEARS: | Leone Cowen | Blackmans Bay |
| | Naomi Lancaster | Rubicon |
| | Samantha van der Wijngaart | International - SISEP |
| 20 YEARS: | Ian Ball | Rubicon |
| 25 YEARS: | Marion Blight | Branch HQ/Training |
| | Jacqueline Edwards | Kingston |
| 35 YEARS: | Susanne Hovington | Sandford |
| | Victor Slavin | City of Devonport |

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Chief Commissioner's Report

First of all in this month's Newsletter, I need to start by saying how pleased I am to be back as Chief Commissioner. The system does work. I have regained my Working with Children's Card after a review by the Justice Department and I am able to continue my position as Chief Commissioner. I have not yet been cleared by the Courts of assault, but hopefully that will happen in the near future. This experience has shown me that you do have to be very careful when you choose to intervene to stop a crime being committed. My absence did mean that I missed some District Annual Meetings, some Branch Committee Meetings and the Group Leaders' Conference didn't go ahead, but everything else went along smoothly. My thanks to Jos McKenna and Pip Cornish for stepping in and covering for me.

All Groups will have by now finalised their Financials for last year and Group Leaders, LIC and Camp Committees are reminded that verified Financial Reports need to be sent to BHQ as soon as possible, but no later than the end of July.

Adventurous Activities (AA) are at the core of the Scout/Venturer/Rover Program. Many of the traditional activities we offer can be adventurous without the need for specialist qualifications, just by Leaders being aware of any risks involved and following TOPs. When the activities planned do need specialist qualifications, some Leaders find ways to provide safe variety to their Program by using the help of outside programs and/or outside instructors. **Other Leaders want to be able to take these activities themselves and therefore need to qualify as participants, guides or instructors in areas like sailing, patrol boats, canoe/kayaking, advanced (high altitude) bushwalking, rafting, rock climbing and abseiling while new areas like caving, canyoning, mountain biking and fishing are being introduced.**

This weekend, Phil Harrison, the person who is in charge of the National Training Program for Adventurous Activities, is visiting Tasmania to talk to anyone who is interested in knowing more about it or gaining qualifications. He will be at The Lea all weekend. Phil Harrison will lead a group discussion about the "Future Direction of Adventurous Activities in Tasmania" between 10 am and 11 am on Saturday 4 July. Anyone who is interested is welcome to participate. Phone link up will be available for those from the North and North-West. Please phone Jeannette at BHQ 62299385 for the log on details. Phil will also be available for individual discussions face to face or by phone, about AA training, for anyone who is interested. Call BHQ to make a time.

The Scouts Australia Youth Program Review (YPR) continues at the same hectic pace and once again I urge all members to follow the YPR on Facebook and on the Scouts Australia website. As previously mentioned, the Chief Commissioner of Australia, Chris Bates, will be sending a letter to every registered member of Scouting. The contents of this letter will be of significant interest to you all, but it is still several weeks away from being sent.

Finally, the big news for this Month is that Marion Blight has decided to retire from the Branch Office as of 30 June. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service. Sharon Sullivan will be taking her place immediately and has been working in the office for the last few weeks so that there is a smooth transition.

Mike Patten

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Chief Commissioner

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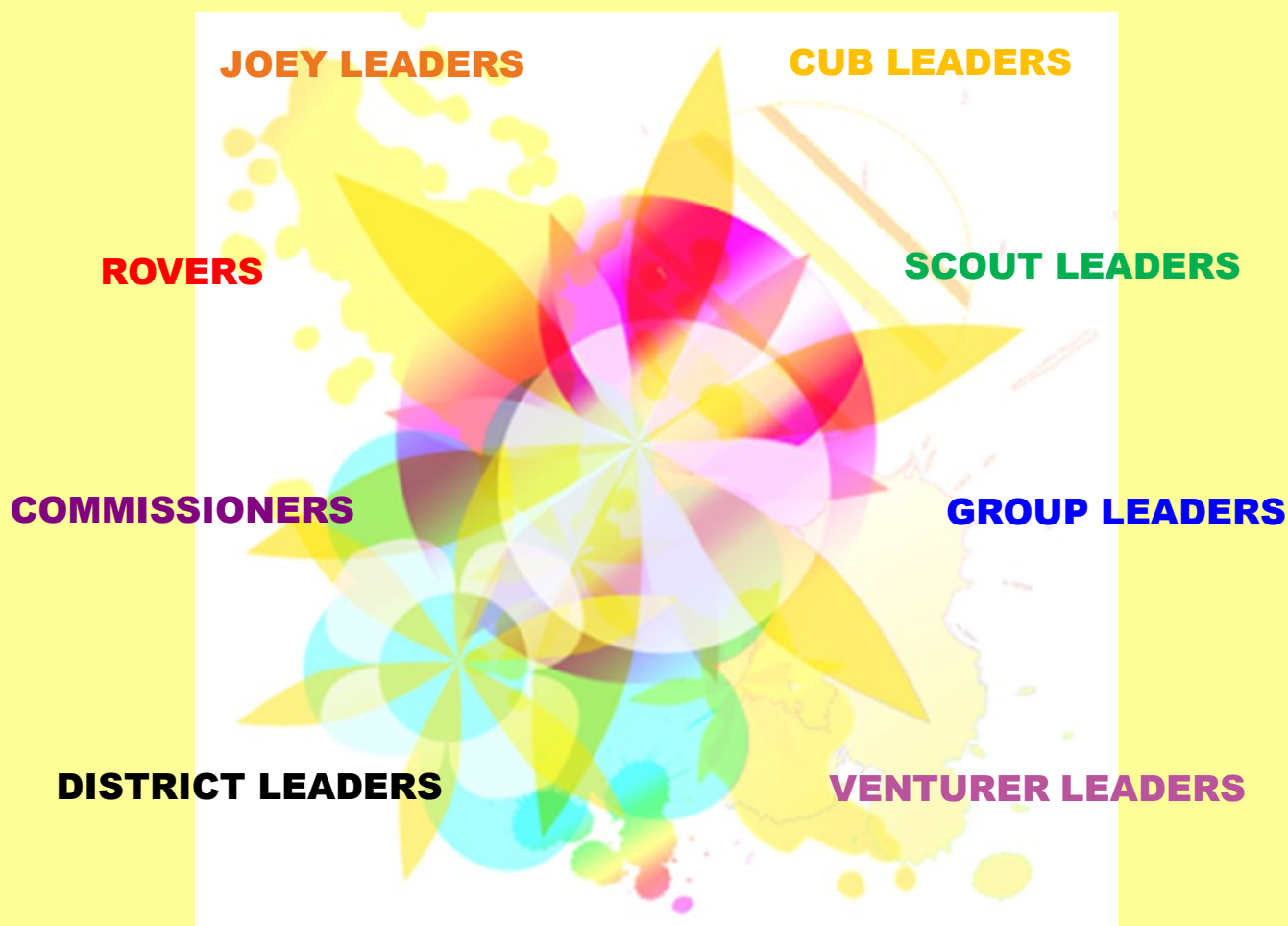
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Wood Badge Courses

18th - 20th September

6th - 8th November

2015



This is an invitation to all eligible Leaders to join us for the 2015 Wood Badge Course. Please send a Top 7 into Branch and then the relevant information will be sent to you.



Gang Show Report

IT'S A GAS!

When Hobart is threatened by the nefarious ways of Dr Jones and evil sidekick, a team of everyday heroes are called upon to save the day. Will these unconventional heroes and their unique skills be able to prevent Dr Jones?

Sound intriguing ... another script written by our youth will have something for all ages.

This year we have two casts for the main characters. Each cast will have two performances, as follows:

Red Cast Heroes (performing Thursday and Friday):

Meika Clark, Lauren Eaton, Lachy Howard, Alan Jameson and Katie Tranter.

Yellow Cast Heroes (performing Saturday matinee and Saturday evening):

Becky Barry, Alex Crean, Lauren Eaton, Oscar Parkinson and Julia Walter.

Online bookings are now open. Ticket prices are:

Adults \$16.00; children/concession/full time student \$11.00.

All matinee tickets will be \$11.00.

There are also discount tickets for group bookings.

Get in early and reserve your seat.

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

All those in Scouting and Guiding in Southern Tasmania should be programming for Term 3 to attend a Gang Show performance. Gang Show has a cast of almost 60, aged from 11 to 24, and all are members of Scouting or Guiding. Hobart Gang Show once again is offering for up to four Leaders to attend at no cost when attending with their Mob, Pack, Troop or Unit. To take up this offer, Leaders' tickets must be booked as such and then put in the special code HGS15LEAD which will then discount Leader tickets (maximum 4).

Reminder – Dates of the show are 20, 21 and 22 August at Mt Nelson Theatre. Online bookings are now open.

Looking forward to Gang Show 2015 and seeing many of you there.

Yours in Scouting,

Denice Walter

Project Commissioner Hobart Gang Show

E-mail: pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au

Scoutfest 2015

8th - 9th August @ Carnaroo Resort

**To all Scout Leaders . . .
YOU are invited to this year's ScoutFest.
MARK YOUR DIARY NOW!**

Why attend?

An exciting off-base outdoor adventurous training elective.

Online training modules – The Whats/Whys/Hows.

Open Forum / Q&A Session.

The latest from the recent National Youth Program meetings and workshops held in Adelaide.

ScoutFest qualifies as an elective for training purposes and your training record will reflect this.

Our famous Saturday Night Dinner – Great Food & Great Camaraderie.

Networking – Hear what your fellow Leaders are up to!

Friendships – the company & friendship of other Leaders. An amazing range of interests with one common theme – a willingness to share their knowledge with others.

Simply a FUN weekend!

COST?: Expected to be in the vicinity of \$40 - \$45, which includes all meals from Saturday afternoon tea to Sunday lunch. BYO beer/wine etc.

REGISTRATION?: Please confirm your attendance to me via email no later than Friday 17 July 2015. As with previous years, we trust all confirmations will pay on arrival. Gold bullions accepted. Please check with your Group, as most Groups will either pay or subsidise your attendance. If for some chance you have registered but circumstances change, it is very important you advise me. If you have not cancelled, your Group will be billed for your share.

QUESTIONS & INFO?: Just holler my way! (Try not to shout too much as St Helens is indeed a long way! Could be a good place to hide!) We look forward to having ALL of you folks on the weekend, to join in on a FUN, challenging, social and definitely UN-normal weekend.

Yours-in-FUN-Scouting,

China Mug (2015 ScoutFest Organiser)

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Joey Report

This month the **Joey Scout Section's 25th Birthday Celebrations** are in full swing with plenty of Mob parties and other special events (at the pool, skating, ten pin bowling, sleepovers etc) being held all around the State over the last couple of weeks of this term. I look forward to hearing all about these events and seeing your photos afterwards! The '25 Years' badges can be worn on the uniform (on the right front) for 3 months (so just for 3rd term) - let me know if your Mob hasn't received these yet.

The celebrating will continue at our **Joey Scout Leader Reunion** which will be held on Saturday 4 July at the Ross Town Hall. With a good number of current and past Joey Scout Leaders coming along, this event is sure to be heaps of fun, and no doubt there'll be lots of stories and experiences from over the years being shared!

Earlier in June we held a successful **Joey Scout Branch Council Meeting** and my thanks go to those Leaders who attended this. A Youth Program Review update, the Mob Hop Challenge (which involves correspondence with Interstate Mobs), and our various recent and upcoming events including this year's State Event and badge design were among the topics discussed.

Speaking of the **Joey Scout State Event** - this will be held on Saturday 15 August on a 'Possum Magic' theme and we would really like to see every Mob being part of this event. By now you should have received all of the forms and payments from your Joey Scout families and be ready to forward your completed Mob registration form and payment/receipt to me - these need to be in 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 ASAP! Once your Mob has been registered, as above, additional Joey Scout registrations will be accepted for **new recruits only** up until 31 July.

Other events coming up next term include National Tree Day on 26 July - find out what is happening in your local area and get involved. This will be a great start to this year's Scouts in Action Month which is being run during August and is on an 'Environment' theme (those who attended this year's Lenah Hop have a head start with program ideas for this!).

Register at www.scoutsinactionmonth.com to get started.

Regional Events will be held again next year. Although we still have plenty of time to get these organised in each area, coming up with a theme for these events is something to think about now. Let me know if you have any suggestions. All three regions will have the same theme so badges can be organised.

Promise Challenge Awards

This month's recipients of this special award are Felicity French, Nicholas French and Lachlan Cook, all from Mt Faulkner - congratulations to you all.

That's it for this month and term. Have fun with your Mob birthday celebrations, and I look forward to seeing quite a few of you at the Leaders' Reunion. Afterwards I hope you all get to enjoy some time off over the holiday break, so you can be ready for more Joey Scouting fun in Term 3.

Please contact me any time with any questions, suggestions and newsletter items and remember to get those State Event Mob registrations and activity preferences in ASAP! Happy Joey Scouting!

Sue Cooper

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

sue.cooper@westnet.com.au

BRANCH CALENDAR

| DATE | EVENT | WHERE | CONTACT |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| July | | | |
| 4 | Commissioners' Conference | Harry Abbott, Launceston | |
| 8 | The Lea Board of Management C'tee Mtg | The Lea | |
| 14 | Branch IT Committee Meeting | The Lea | |
| 16 | Business & Finance Committee Meeting Branch Executive Committee Meeting | The Lea | |
| 18-19 | "GLOW" Venturer Leader Weekend | | Dave Thomas |
| 24-26 | Advanced Bushwalking | Cradle Mountain | Marion Blight |

GANG SHOW REHEARSAL PHOTOS





Cub Report

Hi Everyone,

Cub Scout Centenary 2016

As I mentioned last month, we have now launched the National Badge Competition for Cubs to design our 100 Year Badge that all of Australia will wear during 2016. There are some great prizes for this competition including a tent worth \$550 going to the overall winner. However, there will also be a Tasmanian State Winner, who will not only receive some more great camping gear, but also have his or her badge made into a Blanket Badge that will be sent to everyone in the State.

Details of the competition can be found by following this link:

<http://scouts.com.au/nyp/cub100badgecomp>

Please urge all of your Cub Scouts to get involved in this great competition, and I look forward to seeing some great Tasmanian entries.

23rd Tasmanian Cuboree – September 2015

We are now getting close to our 23rd Tasmanian Cuboree. Please remember that entries are due by 31 July, with any applications received after this date, subject to an additional fee. There will be no more applications accepted after 15 August.

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 attending 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 **\$17.70** and is valid for 3 years.

Grey Wolf Award

This month's Grey Wolf recipient is: Lachlan Matthews - 1st Spreyton

Commissioners Challenge Award 2015

We now have our first pack who has completed this year's Commissioner's Challenge. Congratulations to Sandford Pack on a great effort. There is still plenty of time to complete the 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.

Cub Report cont'd

Program Ideas

Unfortunately, I do not have a program for this month, due to time constraints on my behalf. Don't forget, however, that you can find a lot of Program Ideas on Scout 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, program ideas, or any other suggestions you have for inclusion in the Newsletter. Good Hunting.

★ How would YOU sum up ★
100 YEARS of **CUB SCOUTS**
 ★ in a single badge? ★

A Scouts Australia National Competition for Cub Scouts only

Cubs are 100 years old in 2016!

The challenge for Cubs
 Design a Centenary Badge about Australian Cubbing

Cubs, can you create an Australian design, a Cub design or your crazy Cub idea for a Centenary Badge to be worn by all Cub Scouts (and Cub Leaders) in 2016?

To submit your entry, visit
www.scouts.com.au

Entries close **August 31, 2015**
 Winners announced **September 30, 2015**

★ Best design wins a Wilderness Equipment iExplore tent (valued \$549) ★
 State winners receive Leave No Trace products donated by Sea To Summit

Prizes kindly donated by:
 SEA TO SUMMIT
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 CENTER FOR OUTDOOR ETHICS

Are you a Cub, creative, and keen on having your name go down in Scouting history forever?

Enter the competition to design a special badge for the Cub centenary next year. There are great prizes!

<http://scouts.com.au/nyp/cub100badgecomp>

Terry Bryan
Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts
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International Report

Azerbaijan Wonderland 2015 Camp

Annastasia Bedford, Tarran Bedford and James Doyle have all applied to go to Azerbaijan Wonderland 2015. Annastasia went last year so they should all have a great time. Looking forward to seeing the photos, some reports and possibly some International Explorer Awards earned. Enjoy your time away.

International Scarf Design Competition

International Scarf Design Competition - your opportunity to make a change!

Every time a Scout travels overseas to represent our country, whether it be to an International Jamboree or to visit another Scout Group, they receive a very special scarf. This scarf, the Australian International Scarf, tells the world how proud we are to be Australian Scouts, and it is an honour to wear one representing our country. Now you (yes, YOU!) have the chance to ensure the world remembers us and our scarves for years to come.

We are looking for you to incorporate what you think it means to be an Australian Scout into your scarf, and if the Scouts of Australia like it, well, we might just make it happen! Now it's your turn to make your mark on Scouts Australia, so get drawing, be creative, use anything you can get your hands on, whether it be Paint, Photoshop or simply just some coloured pencils, we want you to show us what you think!

Send your entries, along with a brief description, to:

international.scarf@nyc.scouts.com.au

Stage 1 closes at 11:59pm on Sunday 5 July 2015, after which the public will have the chance to vote on their favourite designs.

For full competition details, please visit:

<http://nyc.scouts.com.au/2015/06/07/international-scarf-design-competition/>

International Report cont'd

SISEP - Scout International Student Exchange Program

International Scout Student Exchanges arrive 1 July and are going into Launceston, Kingston, Exeter and Smithton. They will be here about a month so keep an eye out for our overseas exchange Scouts.

Ryan van der Wijngaart chose to apply for Denmark and Phoebe Greener applied for Japan Student Exchange Programs. They have both been recommended to go outwards in November, dependent on host families being available for them.

For any information on the SISEP, contact Sam van der Wijngaart, Tasmanian SISEP Coordinator

www.scouts.com.au/sisep

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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SCOUTS AUSTRALIA, TASMANIAN BRANCH

Tasmanian Branch Elections 2015

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, nominations are called for the following elected positions:

Branch President (Non-uniformed)

Elected Member of the Branch Executive Committee (Uniformed)

Elected Member of the Branch Executive Committee (Non-Uniformed)

Elected Member of the Branch Council (Uniformed)

Elected Member of the Branch Council (Non-Uniformed)

Elected positions are for the term of 3 years with the option to be re-elected for a further 3 years unless otherwise stated below.

Branch President

John 'Pip' Cornish completes his second 3 year term of office at the AGM in September so there is a vacancy for a Branch President for a 3 year term.

Elected Members of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

Fiona Broadby has completed her 6 year term. There is a vacancy for a Uniformed Member for a 3 year term.

Ben Walker as a Non-Uniformed Member completes his first 1 year term of office at the AGM in September. He is eligible to be re-nominated for a further 3 year term.

Elected Members of the Branch Council (BC)

Fiona Broadby and Marion Blight complete their 6 year term as Uniformed Members. There are two 3 year Uniformed positions available.

There are two 3 year Non-Uniformed positions available.

Adult members wishing to be elected to any of the above positions should complete a nomination form and lodge it with Branch Headquarters. A form is attached for your convenience and additional copies may be obtained from Branch Headquarters on request.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5pm Friday 17 July 2015

**POST NOMINATION FORM IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH ELECTIONS
TO
SCOUTS TASMANIA, 330 PROCTORS RD, KINGSTON, 7050**

Jeannette Vogels
State Office Manager

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA, TASMANIAN BRANCH

Tasmanian Branch Elections 2015

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE OFFICE OF:

- Branch President (Non-Uniformed)** – For the term of 3 years
- Elected Member of the **Branch Exec. Committee (Uniformed)** – For the term of 3 years
- Elected Member of the **Branch Exec. Committee (Non-Uniformed)** – For the term of 3 years
- Elected Member of the **Branch Council (Non-uniformed)** – For the term of 3 years
- Elected Member of the **Branch Council (Non-uniformed)** – For the term of 1 year
- Elected Member of the **Branch Council (Uniformed)** – 2 positions for the term of 3 years

Please tick relevant box (boxes)

PLEASE NOTE THAT SHORTER TERMS MAY ALSO BE FILLED FROM THESE NOMINEES.

In accordance with Section R1 of the Branch Regulations we hereby nominate:

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| Title | Given Names | |
| Surname | | |
| Address | | Telephone |
| Email address | | |
| Proposed by | | |
| Position in Movement | | |
| Signature | | Date |
| Seconded by | | |
| Position in Movement | | |
| Signature | | Date |

To assist Council members when voting, nominees are asked if they would kindly provide relevant details of qualifications and experience with the Scout Movement and/or full particulars of work interests outside the Movement. If you need more room please attach another sheet.

Nominees CV that will be printed as an addendum with the ballot paper:

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SCOUTS TASMANIA, 330 PROCTORS RD, KINGSTON, 7050**

Jeannette Vogels
State Office Manager



Venturer Report

As I finish my term of BC, I would like to pass on my sincerest thanks to all the people who have supported me in the role. I will still be around in the Venturer Section and available to help out. I am looking forward to working with Dave to make the Tasmanian Venturer Program even better, and hope everyone will join me in supporting him in his new role. Thanks again, and I hope to catch up at a Venturer event soon.

Yours in Venturing

Donna

G'day to all with my first report as incoming Branch Commissioner, although at the time of writing Donna is still the BC and will be assisting myself and others with several upcoming events that have already begun planning.

A BIG THANK YOU to Donna for everything that she has done for Venturing over the last 6 years, including overseeing the Wilddayz National Venture here in Tasmania, the contingent to the most recent National Venture in Adelaide and keeping all the Venturers and Leaders in line (mostly). Donna has certainly set the bar high for the next six years.

My first activity as incoming Branch Commissioner was to attend the National Program /Youth Program Review Meeting in Adelaide a month ago. Whilst there, I got a chance to meet with the Venturer BCs from other States. They all had high praise for everything Donna has brought to Venturing, not just in Tasmania but Australia-wide by providing advice and assisting others.

Some upcoming events that I look forward to seeing people attend are:

GLOW Venturer Leaders' weekend: 17-19 of July @ Blythe Park
(the flyer should be out by the time you read this)

Contact: Simon Hughes 0429 168 559 simonthughes@live.com

Leadership Course: 18-20 September

Cuboree: 25-27 September

Maritime Challenge: NEW DATE 24-25 October

Any questions, thoughts or reports? Drop me a line or send me an email.

Yours in Venturing

Dave Thomas

(Soon to be) Branch Commissioner for Venturers

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GRANTS REPORT

Congratulations to Eastern Shore Rover Crew and Derwent Sea Scout Group for securing Tasmanian Community Fund grants in the last round of funding.

Tasmanian Community Fund – TCF website has not been updated but I have been advised that Round 31 will open on 25 July for small (up to \$10,000) and medium (\$10,001 to \$90,000) sized grants. Repeating my previous advice for applicants for this funding:

The Tasmanian Community Fund provides grants for a variety of community projects that best demonstrate benefits to the Tasmanian community and meet a number of TCF criteria. Applications are made online and must be numerically accurate (financially incorrect applications are immediately excluded). There is significant work involved in applying for these grants and prospective applicants are strongly advised to start their preparations **now** by undertaking the following activities (as relevant to your project):

If you are intending to undertake building works, prepare plans and discuss them with the Property Committee, service organisations (water, sewerage, electricity) and local Council.

Seek planning permission from Council. The task of preparing for and seeking planning permission can be a lengthy one and should be done prior to placing your application with the TCF. If your Group receives a grant but subsequently is denied planning approval, I believe the TCF would expect the grant to be repaid in full.

Prepare a timetable for your project. The project must be completed within one year.

Consider the in-kind support (labour, materials, financial) support your Group will be providing. This may be substantial and should be detailed in your application.

Obtain three quotations for major items.

Obtain three letters of support. The TCF will be looking for wide community support so consider organisations that use your hall or equipment eg Girl Guides, local school, Council organisations, other youth groups.

Quotations and letters of support take significant time to organise.

Sport and Recreation Minor/Major Grants Program – Still no information on the website but last year Minor Grants closed in late October and Major Grants closed in February.

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

Graeme Nichols

Project Commissioner Grants

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Email: graeme.nichols@bigpond.com



Thank you to all who responded to my call for help with the curtains at The Lea. A big thank you to Scott Jones and Joy Bracken who offered assistance with the sewing, unfortunately we could not organise suitable times for all to attend. Thank you to Barry Cannock's wife for the donation of curtain material. And a huge thank you to Susanne Hovington for coming in, seeing what needed to be done and just getting on and doing the work on the curtains. Susanne sourced curtains, washed curtains, sewed curtains, re-hung curtains and made tie-backs for the curtains. Michael Hovington assisted by re-fixing some of the curtain tracks. This process has taken several sessions. So a big thank you to the Hovingtons for your time and effort which has been greatly appreciated.

Fiona and Ken Broadby - Relief Caretakers The Lea.



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