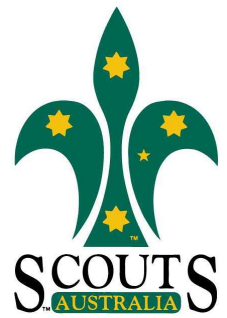


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Tasmanian views, news and events



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Chief Commissioner's Report

This month's big news is the formal announcement of a new National policy that all our Adult membership will need to complete two units of e-learning by the end of this calendar year. These are

The Child Safe module BCORE CHILD (Child Safe Scouting)

The Scout Safe module BCORE WHS (Work Health and Safety for Scouting)

Both of these units are accessed using your membership number in Scout Central. If you have difficulties please email Sharon in our office for instructions. (bhq.training@tas.scouts.com.au)

We understand this will take time and be an inconvenience but **it is now National Policy and expected by our Insurance Company that by next year Leaders and Adult Helpers will not be allowed to continue in their role if they have not completed both units. The safety and protection of our Youth membership is our highest priority and every effort must be made in this regard by every adult in Scouting.**

These changes will also need to be implemented on an extended time line for the Executives of each of our Groups and Camps.

The next big news is that in this Newsletter there is an advertisement for the position of Chief Commissioner of Tasmania. As I near the end of my maximum six year term we need to find my successor. We live in interesting times but the Branch is in a strong position both in personnel and financially. I have had a great time in the role and look forward to working with the new Chief in achieving their goals. If you are interested in taking on this challenge but want to know more about what is involved, please give me a call.

Recent correspondence to members about changes to the Law and Promise as a result of the Youth Program Review (YPR) has resulted in a steady stream of responses by mail and on our web page. Big changes are being proposed so it is very important that our members get involved. If you didn't get a copy please contact BHQ. If you are not a member of Scouting but want to see what is happening, it is on the National and Tasmanian web sites.

With so many things happening all at once we need to be able to contact our membership quickly and cost effectively. Our recent efforts have demonstrated that many people have not updated their contact details on My Scout. Please contact BHQ directly and let Lori know if you have changed your details, particularly email addresses and mobile phone numbers. (Contact Lori on admin.bhq@tas.scouts.com.au).

Our Branch Annual Meeting, held for the first time at the Latrobe Community Centre, was a great success with a big turnout. The absence of the Governor, Her Excellency Professor Kate Warner was unfortunate but nobody seemed to mind receiving their Good Service Awards from the Chief Commissioner instead. I would like to thank all those members, family and friends who did attend, especially our life Members and members of the Commonwealth, The Honourable Anne Urquhart, the Honourable Michael Gaffney and Mayor Anita Dow

The Cuboree, held last weekend at The Lea, enjoyed excellent weather and was a wonderful success. The Lieutenant Governor, Justice Alan Blow spoke at the opening ceremony, supported by representatives of the Premiers office. There were 610 participants including a large and enthusiastic contingent from Victoria. The Organising Committee provided an action packed weekend based on a 'Centenary of Anzac' theme, with the highlight being a Light Horse demonstration at lunch time on Saturday. A big thankyou to the Rovers, Venturers and Scouts who did a wonderful job providing activities and support for the Cubs and a special thankyou to the Organising Committee for their hard work and to all the Leaders and Parents who made the event possible. It was great to see so many participants from the North and North West arriving by the bus load.

Mike Patten

Chief Commissioner

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER, SCOUTS AUSTRALIA TASMANIAN BRANCH

The Tasmanian Branch of Scouts Australia invites applications for the position of Chief Commissioner.

The Chief Commissioner is the Chief Executive Leader of the Movement in Tasmania and is concerned with all matters affecting the delivery of Scouting to young people and adult members in the Tasmanian Branch. The Chief Commissioner is the final arbiter on all matters relating to membership of the Tasmanian Branch.

The position of Chief Commissioner is a voluntary one and involves working mainly with volunteers.

The Chief Commissioner must have an unequivocal belief in the Aim and Principles, Law and Promise and Method of the Scout Movement otherwise the appointee does not necessarily require a Scouting background or be a recent member of the Movement.

The position is available due to the completion of the maximum term of our current Chief Commissioner. It is intended that the appointee assume the position of Chief Commissioner-designate in February 2015 and to fully assume the role of Chief Commissioner from 16 July 2015 when the term of the present Chief Commissioner is completed.

Term of appointment:

The term of appointment is initially for 3 years with a second 3 year term being negotiable at the discretion of the Branch Executive Committee.

A copy of the position description and selection criteria may be obtained from The Office Manager Scouts Australia Tasmania Branch 330 Proctors Road, Kingston, 6229-9385 or tas.bhq@tas.scouts.com.au.

Closing date

Applications marked 'confidential' should be addressed to the Office Manager by 30th October 2015. Applications must address the selection criteria contained within the position description.

Scouts Australia Tasmanian Branch is an equal opportunity employer.

Cuboree



**The 23rd Tasmanian Cuboree was held at The Lea
25—27 of September**



Cuboree



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Cuboree





Joey Report

With Term 3 now behind us, once again it is a good opportunity to review our program and how things are going in our Mobs, and start getting organised ready for another busy but hopefully very enjoyable term with our Joey Scouts.

With **McHappy Day** and **JOTA JOTI** coming up and occurring on the same weekend once again, we have a busy start to Term 4. I look forward to hearing how your Mob was involved with both of these important activities.

This month's recipients of the **Promise Challenge Award** are Charlotte and Nathalie Elischer from the Sandford Mob. Congratulations to both of you for earning this special award.

Congratulations also to the recipients of the **Good Service Awards at the Branch AGM** recently. I was pleased to be able to be present for these special award presentations and to catch up with those who were able to attend afterwards over supper.

Have you and your Joey families had your say about the current **Youth Program Review** topics, including the all-important Promise and Law, yet? Information on this has been sent out to all members recently but can also be found on the website at <http://ypr.scouts.com.au/> - Scouts Australia's future will be shaped by the responses given, so make sure your thoughts are known to the decision makers too.

Also, have you completed the e-learning modules on **Child Safe Scouting** and **WHS and Scouting** yet? Now is a good time to get these done and out of the way, as all Leaders will need to have these completed by the end of this year.

I'll be away for a time in Term 4, but can still be contacted during this time by email as usual. I'll organise it so any Promise Challenge Awards or Joey Scout books can still be sent out if required, but it would be best to email through any award applications or book orders rather than post them during this time, so there won't be any unnecessary delay in getting these to you.

I'm looking forward to catching up with many of you soon at an informal Joey Scout Leader get-together in each region. At the time of writing this, the poll to determine the best dates is still open, but once we have some more responses and dates have been set, more information will be emailed out to all Joey Leaders, so watch out for this.

In the meantime, as always, please contact me anytime with any questions, suggestions, and newsletter items, and have fun in your Joey Scout Mobs.

Happy Joey Scouting!

Sue Cooper
Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts
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Branch Calendar

Date	Event	Where
2	Burnie Show Day	
3	Yankee Auction Collection Day	
3	AFL Grand Final	
3	Venturer Maritime Challenge	
6	Branch Property Committee Meeting	The Lea
8	Launceston Show Day	
10	Yankee Action	1st/2nd Ulverstone Scout Hall
13	Branch IT Committee Meeting	The Lea
14	The Lea Board of Management Meeting	The Lea
15	Business & Finance Committee Meeting	The Lea
17	JOTA/JOTI	
17	Mc Happy Day	
22	Hobart Show Day	
22	BHQ Office is Closed	The Lea
31	Basic Flat Water Kayaking & Canoeing—North	
31	Basic Flat Water Kayaking & Canoeing—South	



Douglas Portors 11 January 1948 - 8 September 2015

Doug was a Scout Leader with Boat Harbour and later with the Wynyard Scout Group. His son Elvis was also with Wynyard Scout Group.

Cleveland Alexander Prince 30 October 1947 - 4 September 2015

Cleve was a Leader at the Battery Point Scout Group and a well respected and loved member of the Scouting fraternity.

Both Stalwarts will be fondly remembered.

Rest in Peace

Annual General Meeting 2015



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The AGM was held on the 11th of September at the Latrobe Memorial Hall, Latrobe





Scout Report

CT2015 – 21ST – 22ND November – “Rockton” Oatlands:

CT2015 will be an exciting upgrade to the format of previous Hike Camps, with the Scouts having a lot more freedom to plan their Hike, Activities and Campsite. There are plenty of checks and balances in place to make sure even the most Novice patrol can complete the course, learning and having fun on the way, so get a Patrol together. You can join with another Troop if you are short on numbers, which will give everyone a chance to enter.

It is also a great opportunity, for Leaders to participate in the running of the various activities and learn from other Leaders and take those ideas and skills back to your Troop Program.

The District Scout Leaders now have the Instructions and Journey Plan and Course Map . The map has everything you need to plan your hike. A laminated map with an Aerial View will be supplied at Registration on the Day to further assist the patrols.

They will be distributed to you once you have qualified by attendance at your District Competition Camp. If you have not received them and you have completed your District Camp, please contact your DSL (cc to me).

REGISTRATION is via email to bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au with a cc: to your DSL and is required by **30th October 2015** (at the very latest – there is a lot of organizing to do).

We need the breakup of Scouts & Leader/Parents attending.

The DSL will need to approve your Journey Plan beforehand, so please make sure it is sent to them by the 1st November.

I look forward to seeing you all there and give me a hoiy if you have any questions your DSL can't help you with.

BC Scouts Role:

My time as BC Scouts comes to an end after AJ2016, so now is the time for you to consider giving it a go. It's an interesting, varied and rewarding role, which gives you the opportunity to use your experience and skills to work with the DSL team to keep our Section activities running. The role also has a National component and you work with other states' DSLs and the National team to direct the shape of Scouting in Australia into the future.

The Chief Commissioner will advertise the position in the not too distant future so keep an eye out for it.

Make the most of the start of the good weather with your Programs and I look forward to seeing you at CT2015 and quite a few of you at AJ2016.

Phil Harper

Branch Commissioner Scouts

Venturer Report

Fourteen Venturers made it to Carnaroo for this years Leadership Course covering a range of topics including decision making, planning, communication, goal setting, motivating others and delegation. It was good to see Venturers from all across the State expanding their skills that they can use within their Units and elsewhere in life. Everyone had a great deal of fun and the feedback received will be used to enhance our new course format.

Highlights of the course were the quick planning of a formal dinner for Saturday night tea, Dan King (TBRC Chairman) presenting a course section on goal setting whilst at the beach and the Venturers working in teams to plan, decide and communicate some expeditions as part of a mock National Venture Organising Committee.

My personal thanks to Donna McDermott, Simon Stephens, Robyn Abbott, Robyn Russell, Kim McCullagh and Dan King for lending a hand with the course.

Upcoming in a month we have the Maritime Games. A change to the Maritime Challenge, this year will see a focus on skills for those who have little or no experience in sailing, rowing or motor boating. With challenges and mini-races this event should have something for everyone!!

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

Maritime Challenge: 23rd – 25th October

State Venture TV15: 27th – 29th November. RSVP: tasventure@outlook.com

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

Yours in Venturing

Dave Thomas

Branch Commissioner for Venturers

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Regatta registration time is fast approaching.

Remember:

- The deadline to register your troop is 15 December. Doing so avoids a \$50 surcharge.
- Regatta registration forms were included in last month's publication or are available from the Scout web site.
- non-Scout members over 18 camping on the oval with your Troop/Crew are required to have Working with Children certification. Please complete the second page of the Registration form.

Queries? Phone or email me (Lyn Muir)

Lyn Muir

Secretary/Registrations

JOTA/JOTI Report

By now most of the Scout Groups and or Sections will have their activities and operators well in hand for this year's JOTA / JOTI from Saturday 17th until Sunday 18th October.



If this is your first JOTA / JOTI, a special welcome to the largest Scouting event in the world. In 2014 over 1.3 million Scouts participated across 157 countries.

All forms and JOTA – JOTI information for this year, are now available on the Branch Web Page www.tas.scouts.com.au and then go to 'Events' on menu bar and then click on JOTA/JOTA . There will be a wide range of information to help you in planning and running JOTA / JOTI.

Have a great JOTA.

Robbie McKay

Product Commissioner Radio and Electronics



Photos of the Advanced Bushwalking Course for Leaders held at BP Lodge in Cradle Valley





International Report

I have copied this from an email as I am currently travelling around in Victoria with limited internet time. Please consider as it would be great to have a Tasmanian in one of these positions.

Contact - Andrew Cooper. Assistant International Commissioner, Scouts Australia
PO Box 155, BALWYN VIC 3103, AUSTRALIA. Tel: 03 9857 5515 Mobile:0405 135 641. Email: int.assistantcomm@scouts.com.au

Contingent Leader Positions

Ready to lead Scouts overseas? We're currently accepting applications until 8th November 2015 for the following positions:

Contingent Leader: World Scout Jamboree 2019, USA [Information](#)

Contingent Leader: Asia-Pacific Jamboree 2017, Mongolia [Information](#)

Contingent Leader: New Zealand Rover Moot 2016 [Information](#)

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

Upcoming International Events

Wanting an International Scouting experience? These upcoming events are a great start! Submit an expression of interest as a participant, IST, or Contingent Leader on the Scouts Australia website.

Norwegian National Jamboree

7th International Finland National Jamboree

2016 Michigan International Camporee

Charnwood 2016 International Jamboree

Looking forward to hearing from you

Fiona Broadby

Branch Commissioner International

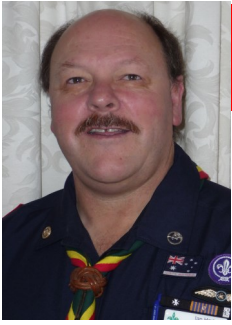
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Mobile



Years of Service October 2015

5 Years:	Jay Fitch Paul Grubb Karen Wild-Allen Bruce Williams	4th Launceston Turners Beach Howrah Tamar Rover Crew
10 Years:	Gabriella Brown Sallie Clarke	Howrah Pittwater
15 Years:	Aaron Frith Ian Marmion	Kingston Clarence District
20 Years:	Mary Landers Dorothy McCullagh	Tasmanian Branch Tasmanian Scout Fellowship
25 Years:	Faye Whiting	Launceston & Tamar District
30 Years:	John Tolmie	Victorian External Branch



Rover Report

Firstly, a quick report on what has come and gone since the last edition:

The Brent Gaffney Memorial Raft Race – held on the Derwent River between Plenty and New Norfolk. Three teams commenced with Northern Area launching their inflatable well ahead of Mt Faulkner and Wellington. (was that a diving tank I saw in the raft construction zone?). Consequently, NARC finished first, closely followed by MFRC, and WRC were extracted from their `submersible' and did not finish. Great fun event, thanks to ESRC for their organisation and hosting duties. TBRC met on the Sunday morning and had all but concluded when the venue `became unavailable' and we had to leave! A reminder to all about the reasons we run this annual event is being prepared and hopefully will be available to all Crews soon.

I must say that I was proudly impressed by the Rover turnout to the Branch AGM held this year at Latrobe in the North West. The uniforms looked good and were noticed by others too. Numerous positive comments have been received in the past few weeks to this end. Thanks to all that supported this event with assistance with car parking, catering, presentations and pack-up duties. Of course it was also terrific to see three of our own be recognised during the award presentations too. Greg Boon and Stuart Morse received their Rover Service Award medallions, with Rodney Squires (Squiz) receiving a prestigious Silver Koala. Well done guys!

Boot (Sophie Kelly - NARC) - It was a Russian theme this time and people turned out in many forms... babushka's, soldiers, mafia just to name a few. The location was the Liffy River Valley, up under the Great Western Tiers. It was a great evening, and Sophie's impact on Rovers was celebrated well into the night. Indicative of Sophie's networking even saw a couple of Victorian Rovers attending! I'm sure we'll continue to see Sophie about.

Cuboree - Thanks to all who assisted with this event. From all reports it was a great weekend, with some of you even making it into the various media coverages.

Upcoming & ongoing events:

WBB - The Wheelie Big Boot is coming up fast. To enable MFRC to get it done... Please provide your RSVP and payment ASAP if you intend on going. Your assistance in this matter would certainly be appreciated. It may already be too late by the time you get to read this!

Apple and Stu's Boot - no... Nothing to do with stewed apples either! Start getting yourselves into gear to witness the Booting of none other than Dave and Stu from Kingborough Rover Crew. Happens in November... More details to follow.

I will be conducting Remote Area First Aid Extension Training on the first weekend in December. Positions will be restricted to a maximum of 18. The venue will be somewhere in the North - TBA. Cost around \$80. Nil pre-requisites required however skills and knowledge from the Provide First Aid Course will be examined so those that have had recent training will be at an advantage. This training will culminate in a St John certificate being issued to those passing the assessments.

There are also a couple of opportunities for Tasmanian Rovers to represent AU at some upcoming International meetings... Keep an eye out on the email stream for details and how to apply.

Well, that's about it this month – other than the Youth Program Review that is still ongoing and seemingly ever-expanding in its implications. Hopefully you all have had the opportunity to complete both the National and State surveys. It's really important to put your view forward.

Cheers until next month. Stay Safe.

Ian Hart

Branch Commissioner Rover Scouts

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WHEELIE BIG BOOT

On Behalf of

Rodney 'Squiz' Squires,

Mt Faulkner Rover Crew would be honoured to invite you to attend a combined 55th Birthday celebration, and

Retirement (booting) from the position of
'Crew Rover Advisor.'

To be held on 17th of October 2015 from 6:00pm

To be held at The Longley International Hotel, Huon Road, Longley, Tasmania.

(Camping sites available at the venue)

Cost: \$40.00 pp for Evening Meal, Entertainment & Camping Sites.

Evening meal will be a Spit Roast (Beef or Chicken) & Salads.

**Anyone with dietary requirements should contact Mt Faulkner*

Please RSVP by email (detailing dietary & physical requirements) & prepay by 26th of September 2015. Your ticket will be emailed to you.

Email: mfrctas@gmail.com *Phone:* Caleb Crack; 0448 067 347

Post: Mt Faulkner Rover Crew PO Box 193, Claremont, TAS 7011

Payment Details - \$40.00 pp Direct Deposit:

ACC: Mt Faulkner Rover Crew BSB: 807-009 ACC: 51159514

Please reference your name and total number of tickets purchased.

Cheques also accepted.



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