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Tasmanian views, news and events



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Andy, Jenny, and Catherine. Andy is the new Caretaker for The Lea

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Chief Commissioner's Report

I will start this month with a repeat of last month's announcement of the new National Policy that all our Adult Members will need to complete two units of e-learning by the end of this calendar year. These units are

- Child Safe module BCORE CHILD (Child Safe Scouting)
- Scout Safe module BCORE WHS (Work Health and Safety for Scouting).

I know lots of us don't particularly enjoy doing e-learning but this is something that we just have to do. So far 23 have completed these units in October, which still leaves about 400 of us to have a go and only two months left to do it. Those attending the Jamboree will need to have these units done before they can go. Both units are accessed using your membership number. If you have difficulties please email Sharon at bhq.training@tas.scouts.com.au for more detailed instructions.

Proposed changes to the Law and Promise as a result of the Youth Program Review (YPR) have resulted in a steady stream of responses by mail and on our web page. Currently writing groups are preparing suggested changes to Age Groups and the Award Scheme. If you want to follow what is happening, there are links on both the National and Tasmanian web sites.

Just a few other quick points

- Mt Faulkner Rovers organised a fantastic farewell for Rodney (Squiz) Squires. Squiz has provided amazing Leadership and support for both Mt Faulkner Rovers and Tasmanian Branch. It was great to see him thanked and farewelled so enthusiastically by so many past and present Scouts from around the State and the Mainland.
- At the time of writing there is no news on the position of Chief Commissioner of Tasmania because applications haven't closed yet. At least there have been some people making enquiries.
- Please remember to keep your personal contact details on My Scout up to date, particularly your email addresses and mobile phone numbers.
- A number of Group Treasurers have had very worthwhile meetings in Hobart and Launceston with members of the Branch Finance Committee. Unfortunately there are a few Groups which are yet to forward their verified Annual Report from the last year to BHQ. These still need to be sent to Jeannette.
- Please read the cautionary tale from Brian Williams on page 22.
- Group Leaders with halls owned by Scouts, please remember that each hall needs a 'Form 56'

Group and Section Leaders are asked to make sure that all Youth in their Group are on My Scout. A couple of recent situations have revealed that there are Youth Members who are not registered. On a few occasions it has been because they have moved from another Group, been removed by their old Group but not re-entered by their new Group. In other cases paperwork has mysteriously disappeared somewhere in the process. If they were to be injured in any way they would not be covered by insurance which could have serious ramifications for the Leaders looking after them. It is in everyone's interest to periodically check what is on My Scout just to make sure it is correct.

Chief Commissioner's Report cont'd

Big events for this next month are the practise camps around the State for the AJ16, the Clark Trophy and the Tasmanian Venture. I hope you all have a happy and safe time.

Mike Patten

Chief Commissioner

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Training Report

As you are all aware Scouts Australia Nationally has changed the way Training will be offered, with a split between the VET side which stays with Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) and Adult Training and Development which remains with the Branch Commissioner for Adult Training and Development and focuses on Training our Leaders to be SCOUT Leaders. Leaders can then apply to SAIT if they wish to utilise the RPL process for a VET qualification.

It was announced recently that at the inaugural meeting of the SAIT Board of Management, Mr. Paul Parkinson was appointed to the position of Principal of SAIT. Elston Hynd, the current National Commissioner for both SAIT and Training said that he was 'thoroughly delighted to be passing to someone as experienced and of such high integrity as Paul the responsibilities of the Principal of SAIT. I know that he will do an amazing job and will take our Institute to the next level.' Many of you will remember that Paul was the National Training Commissioner prior to Elston and came to Hobart on several occasions to meet with the Tasmanian Training Team.

We wish him all the best in his new role.

Once again the Training Team is having to consider whether to run the Basic Sectional weekend of Training scheduled for mid-November, as of the ten people who have registered only two have completed their e-learning. While I realise it sounds as if I am 'nagging', it is difficult to plan for trainers and caterers when we are unsure of numbers. Also Leaders will get much less from the practical supplement weekend when e-learning is not completed, as the underpinning knowledge is not there.

The Team is meeting in early November to finalise the Training calendar so that everyone will be aware of what Training will be offered in 2016 and when and where it will be held. Please make sure you diarise the relevant Training for you so that registration occurs in plenty of time and your e-learning is finished.

The Training Team will be very appreciative!

Geraldine Harwood

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development

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Grants Report

If you are considering applying for a grant please read this article.

For those Groups in this Branch that wish to apply for grants the procedures for doing so are well documented in TOPS Sections 11.1.4 and 11.1.5 – a good ten minute read. It contains good practical information on how to go about applying for grants. You will find the latest version on the Myscout Website: <https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/documents>.

The procedures clearly state that completed applications must be sent to the Project Commissioner – Grants who maintains a database of Grant applications and provides a reviewing service. The need for the maintenance of a Grant database has been clearly demonstrated in the latest round of Telstra Grants where only two Grant applications were logged but unidentified money came in from Telstra for three Grants. To complicate matters a further two Groups had money placed directly into their Group accounts. Branch HQ has had to hold on to monies for several weeks whilst bona fides have been established. This is not a good situation for the Branch.

Please let me provide you with some good constructive reasons to follow Branch procedures:

- Many Grants are not provided with GST included. If the money is paid directly into your Group account then your Group pays the GST from its funds. If the money is paid into the Branch account GST is not an issue for your Group. Why Groups continue to contribute hard-earned funds to the ATO is beyond my comprehension.
- If you intend to use the Branch ABN number you are obliged to tell Branch. Let's face it; if you used the Ford Motor Company ABN without FMC's permission they would take issue and probably legal action against you.
- Whilst I have some success applying for Grants I have on occasions made mistakes which inevitably result in the application being rejected. Around 25% of TCF Grant applications are culled because of small errors, particularly arithmetic ones. A review process is provided so why not use it (the only loss is my own time).
- I am frequently asked by Branch and sometimes by organisations providing Grants for information about Grant applications – I can't help if the application is not known to me.

In conclusion, Grants are a great way to get much needed gear for your Group but you need to go about it in a structured way which will ensure success and follow due process.

Tasmanian Community Fund – Round 31 for medium (\$10,000 to \$90,000) sized Grants is now closed and applicants will be advised of the final outcome of their application by mid-December 2015.

The Tasmanian Community Fund received 238 applications in Grant round 31 requesting \$8.88 million. After the pre-eligibility check process was completed 186 applications requesting \$6.68 million were accepted for assessment.

Round 32 (small, medium and large program only) of the Tasmanian Community Fund will open on 23 January 2016.

Grants Report

Sport and Recreation Minor/Major Grants Program – Round Two of the Minor Grants Program is now open:

Round Two	
Thursday, 24 September 2015	Round opens
Wednesday, 9 March 2016	Round closes
Late May 2016	Outcomes expected to be advised
30 June 2017	Projects are expected to be completed by this date.

The Major Grant Program opened on 18 August 2015 for grants between \$15,000 and \$80,000. Applications close on 4 February 2016.

For both programs, applicants must contribute at least half of the project funding.

For more information, including the Program Guidelines and Application Form, visit www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csrt/sportrec/funding_opportunities or telephone 1800 252 476.

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

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ASSISTANT INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER SCOUTS AUSTRALIA

The International Commissioner, Scouts Australia, is seeking a dynamic and highly motivated volunteer for the position of Assistant International Commissioner.

This is a very exciting and rewarding position. Young leaders and youth members are encouraged to apply.

The role of the Assistant International Commissioner, Scouts Australia, is to assist the International Commissioner with the management of the International Scouting function for Scouts Australia. A 3 year term is available.

As the International Office has a particularly busy program and heavy workload, it is expected that the Assistant International Commissioner will have time and capacity available to do justice to the position.

For more information on this position or for an Application Form contact Fiona Broadby on 0427 249 576 or fiona.broadby@tas.scouts.com.au

Applications for the position close on 8 November 2015 and should be sent directly to int.com@scouts.com.au.

A Thank You from the Relief Caretakers.

Welcome to Andy and Jenny, we sincerely hope you enjoy your time at The Lea.

Thank you to all who assisted us during our stay as relief Caretakers at The Lea. Especially to Susanne and Mike Hovington for all the time they spent sewing curtains and painting the activity room. This process took weeks to achieve due to bookings at the Camp etc. Thank you for the donations of curtain material. If you have not seen your curtains re-made as yet – they could be set aside of the next working bee starting early next year where I hope to be of more assistance to Susanne, who completed all the sewing this round. The Clarence District had a working bee at The Lea. The Venturers started the painting of the Activity Room (which was later completed by Susanne and Michael Hovington) and other sections cleaned garden beds, moved pine bark and a lot was achieved especially considering the weather was cold, wet and raining.

We appreciated all the support we received during the four and a half months we were the relief caretakers at The Lea.

Fiona and Ken Broadby – Relief Caretakers
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Tas Lazer Skirmish—Manic Monday

We are introducing a new “Manic Monday” session for Scouting Groups and Families. Sessions to run on Mondays over the twilight months from 6pm – 8pm. It’s for a 2 hour Open Session format, which means we would combine Groups. Advantages being that smaller Groups still get to play in a big game and everyone gets to meet other Groups whilst interacting in a fun activity.

We’re offering a Special Discount for all those who attended, e.g. families & friends of Scouting.

Manic Monday 6pm – 8pm

2 Hour Session - \$25.00 Limited Time \$19.90 (Bookings Required)

All Sessions Include:

- Army shirt & hat hire
- Laser Skirmish gaming equipment
- Various missions (games)
- Our staff supervise & run games



Player Requirements:

- Players required to wear long trousers
- Wear enclosed sturdy shoes e.g. runners or hiking boots are fine
- Sign our disclaimer form (Group Leaders can sign off with attached list of names)

Venue: “The Lea Scout Camp”, Gilwell Drive, Kingston.

For further details please phone 6263 6784 or visit www.taslaskirmish.com.au

Jonathon Simonetis

Manager – Tas Laser Skirmish

Phone 1300 139 690 or email www.taslaskirmish.com.au





Gang Show Report

Although Gang Show may be over for another year, there are still many things which Gang Show is involved with. September saw some cast performing in the Clarence Eisteddfod – receiving Certificates of Merit in all sections – well done to all.

The Cuboree is now over and thanks to Damian Mazur for running the campfire on behalf of Gang Show and others for helping ... from the audience, or where-ever!

Going to the Jamboree next year? Watch out for the Tasmanian Cast Members who will be part of the 2016 AJ Gang Show.

Planning is underway already for Gang Show 2016! Next year Hobart Gang Show will celebrate its 40th year, so stay tuned to exciting developments for next year. The theme has been chosen and now plans are underway for another fantastic show.

Each year I call upon people to forward applications for various positions/teams. If you are interested in joining the Gang Show Production Team, please forward you expression of interest by the end of November. A team of dedicated people are needed to help ensure the show runs smoothly. In particular expressions of interest are welcome in the following areas; Directors for Acting, Choreography, Singing and Music. Other areas which need a larger team are – Publicity, Props, Costumes Sets and Front of House. Please forward your expression of interest via e-mail or in writing to me ASAP. See the address below. Details should include previous experience in the chosen field, name and contact details.

Relay for Life – 27th/28th February, 2016. Hobart Gang Show has registered a team. We welcome others in Scouting and Guiding, plus family and friends to join our team.

<http://fundraising.cancer.org.au> the team name is Gang Show.

AUDITIONS 2016 ... will be held on Sunday 3rd April. Call backs will be held on Sunday 10th April with the possibility of a very limited number of extra audition spaces for a few who cannot make 3rd April. Please note that next year ... there will be no other auditions and no late entries.

Yours in Scouting,

Denice Walter

Project Commissioner Hobart Gang Show

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Years of Service Award

10 years

Adam Bracken

Penguin Scout Group

15 years

Dennis Barwick

Mt Faulkner Scout Group

Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania



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GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
TASMANIA

Registration forms for the Scout Guide Regatta are available from the Scout and Guide web pages. The deadline to register your Troop/Unit is 15 December.

Want to share some of the excitement about the Regatta with your Youth Members? Encourage them to watch the You-tube video – they can link to it from the Scout web pages.

Remember that everyone aged 18 or over staying overnight at the Regatta and camping inside the perimeter of the sports grounds must hold a Working with Vulnerable People Card. This is a legal requirement and there will be no exceptions. Cards and ID will be checked.

Leaders and Rovers, if you have parents or others staying overnight (camping within the perimeter of the sports ground) who are not either Scouting or Guiding members, ensure they have their card with them. Leaders, please fill in the details on page 2 of the Registration form.

Do you have adults associated with your Troop/Unit wanting to stay overnight who do not hold this certification? They will need to make arrangements to stay elsewhere overnight – either make private arrangements, book into the Snug Caravan Park or book to stay overnight at The Lea.

For Guides or Scouts u/10, Taster day will run from 1–4.30 on Saturday and include kayak, greasy pole and oval events. The highlight is always the water bomb activity. More details about Taster Day will be available later.

Jo Maddock is the contact (maddock@m2data.com.au)

Branch Calendar

Date	Event	Where
2	Recreation Day	
10	Branch IT Committee Meeting	The Lea
11	The Lea Board of Management Meeting	The Lea
14-15	Basic Sectional Techniques Training	The Lea
19	Business & Finance Committee Meeting	The Lea
19	Branch Executive Committee Meeting	The Lea
21-22	Scout Clark Trophy Competition	
27	Devonport Show	
28-29	Tasmanian Venture	



Joey Report

Term 4 is well and truly underway with some Mobs having a busy start with **Happy Day** fundraising and/or **JOTA JOTI** activities. Mersey District participated in both events with a sleepover for JOTA JOTI and managed to make contact with Scouts in a number of countries. Was your Mob able to participate in one or both of these too?

Later this month, the **Christmas Parades** start being held in various locations around the State and I know at least some Mobs/Groups are making preparations to be involved in these - a great opportunity of being 'seen' in the community so hopefully most Mobs together with the rest of their Group can make the most of this opportunity.

Also later this month, I'm looking forward to catching up with Joey Leaders in the South of the State at an informal **Wandarrah (Regional Leader Meet-up)** on Saturday 21st November from 2pm (the preferred day and time in our poll!). A brief discussion on next year's events plus an open forum will be held. If you have any questions you would like to ask and there will be time for socialising too (meet and 'network' with the other Leaders, plan some buddy activities, share ideas etc.) - just like a mini Lenah Hop! The venue will be advised shortly. Similar events will be held in the North-West & North of the State once suitable dates can be found.

Planning has started for next year's Branch events for our Joey Section so here are a few dates you can mark in your diaries...

In 2016 we are going to trial a '**Try Joey Scouts Day**' on Saturday 13th February (just after school goes back). Each Mob's Leaders can choose whether they wish to take part and can run this as an individual Mob or combine together and run it as a District, however by having all Mobs/Districts holding it on the same day we should be able to advertise the event more effectively.

Regional Joey Scout Events have also been scheduled - the North & North-West Regions will hold a combined Event on Saturday 2nd April and the Southern Region's Event is on the calendar for Saturday 5th November. The theme and venues for these Events still need to be decided yet.

The **Lenah Hop** will also be held as usual and this time the organising is being done by Leaders in the South. Initial planning has already started for this and we hope to have a good number attending the 2016 Event.

No Promise Challenge awards were issued this last month so that is all for this month. I look forward to catching up with you all again soon, and to hear what you have been up to in your Joey Scout Mobs.

Happy Joey Scouting!

Sue Cooper
Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts
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International Report

The second report I submitted for last month's Newsletter was not included so I have included most of it here. There are lots of opportunities for International experiences within Scouting. You just have to embrace, believe – where there's a will there's a way. I have copied most of this report from information I have received as I am currently travelling around in Victoria with limited internet time. I believe the below opportunities need to get out there. So please consider, pass on to anyone and everyone – you never know who may be interested - don't just assume someone will not be interested. Thank you for your time and patience.

Dear Scout Brand

Right now I am a part of the planning of an International Division's Summer Camp in Denmark called CAF16. Our areas of focus are the Danish nature and learning about different cultures. The camp is placed in the Billund municipality, about 20km from LEGOLAND. We co-operate with a lot of different local associations, who create activities as a professionally measured jog in the afternoon. We would be very appreciative of you if you could spread the word about our camp, because we want as many different countries as possible involved. We already have about 100 Kenyans, some Norwegians and of course a lot of Danes and we are experiencing interest from some Australians too, but as mentioned before, there is always space for more cultural variations.

At CAF16 the Scouts will get the possibility for taking a Volunteer badge, they will earn by helping the local Danes with different tasks. This will not just be for the cause of helping, but also to spread the word that scouts does other things than just roast twist bread which is the main prejudice towards scouts in Denmark. You can read more about the camp on <http://caf16.dk/>

I hope you will help us,

Yours sincerely,

Thor Hvid-Olsen



Contingent Leader opportunities

I have retyped the below information 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.

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International Report cont'd

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**

Contingent Leader: **Asian-Pacific Jamboree 2017, Mongolia**

Contingent Leader: **New Zealand Rover Moot 2016**

Rover Branch Council Chairs

The 15th World Scout Moot is being held in Iceland from 25 July to 2 August 2017. Preparations for the Australian Contingent are off to a flying start, and we are excited to announce that our website is **now live at <http://wsm2017.com>**.

From the website you can:

1. **Register your Interest** – Use the link on the website to register your interest in attending WSM2017 and to join our mailing list to stay up to date.
2. **Have your Say** – As part of registering your interest you have the opportunity to let us know what you would like to do for the Pre and Post tours. This will help our team deliver you the best experience possible!

Further information about the event, including marketing material, will be launched in early 2016. Please promote this far and wide through your Rovering circles.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with me directly.

Kusi

Australian Contingent Leader, 15th World Scout Moot – Iceland 2017, M: +61 434 163 902, wsm2017.com

Hopefully some of these opportunities will be of interest to some Tasmanian Rovers and Leaders.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Pen Pal Program

Contact Sandra Johnstone 0438 912 711 or email: sandra.johnstone@tas.scouts.com.au.

The On-line Pen Pal Form can be found on MyScout.

https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/recent_documents or www.scouts.com.au/penpals

SISEP - Scout International Student Exchange Program.

Co-ordinator Sam Van Der Wijngaart

More information can be found at www.scouts.com.au/sisep

International Report cont'd

World Scout Jamboree Experience

I, Maxwell Pardo, recently returned home from the trip of a lifetime where I had the opportunity to confer with fellow Scouts at an International Event.

This trip to Japan for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree as a Venturer Scout was amazing for me to represent Scouts Australia. I began climbing Mount Fuji, followed by white-water rafting, visiting the Olympic Village and camping in 35-degree heat with 95 per cent humidity; very different to snow camping in Tasmania.

Because I had attended two National Australian Jamborees and been in Scouts from the age of six, it seemed natural to want to attend the WSJ and the Baden Powell Society helped me to do this.

I have travelled to over 15 countries and experienced Scouting in at least 6 of those, but the WSJ is different. Having scouts from 160 countries collaborate for a two week period is extraordinary.

Respect for traditions and heritage is something the founder Sir Baden Powell instilled in the scouting movement and continues today, with a respect and appreciation for all cultures.

I thank Scouts Tasmania for the support I received in which I would not have been able to attend the event without.

Maxwell Pardo

Azerbaijan Wonderland Scout Camp 2015

Azerbaijan, is a small country sitting on the edge of the Caspian Sea. In July this year, Port Cygnet Joy Leaders Anastasia Bedford and James Doyle, along with Tarran Bedford, a Rover Scout and Cygnet resident, flew to Azerbaijan to join an International Service Team for the Third Annual Azerbaijani Scout Camp 'Wonderland'.

Our flight touched down in the capital of Azerbaijan; Baku, where we were given a whirlwind tour of the city before an early morning the next day, which started with a six and a half hour drive across the country to the camp site – a field among the pristine mountains surrounding the town of Gadabay. We were part of a Service Team comprised of eight Azerbaijani Scouts, one Mexican Scout and us, facing the job of designing and constructing ablution blocks, a kitchen, shower blocks and bunk beds for 300 Scouts and Leaders. Ali, an Azerbaijani Scout and one of the Service Team, was skilled at construction, able to nail a bed together at an astounding pace, though even with his talent we only just managed to finish the work on the morning the Scouts arrived.

Additional volunteers arrived from Turkey, Poland, Ukraine, and Azerbaijan to assist with activities throughout the week long camp. We were all officially welcomed to Wonderland at an opening ceremony where we were treated to a performance of the Azerbaijani national dance and traditional songs, concluding with a fireworks display and an impromptu dance party.

Camp activities began the next day and the exuberance of the children was infectious and refreshing after the hard week of work, seeing them embrace every activity with enthusiasm over the course of the camp made all of the hard work worthwhile. Camp activities included hiking, archery, trips to towns, horse riding and a cultural exchange evening where participants from every country shared their national foods, music, and games. We offered a taste of some of our iconic foods: ANZAC biscuits, TimTams, and of course, Vegemite, which had mixed responses though most of the Scouts enjoyed it. Clear instructions were given on how much Vegemite should be applied but some insisted on using more, which developed into the 'Vegemite challenge', an amusing game of who could eat

International Report cont'd

the most at once. The cultural exchange also gave us an opportunity to learn about the other countries being represented at the camp.

Despite being relatively unknown in Australia, Azerbaijan is an incredible country with friendly and welcoming people and a plethora of amazing experiences and sights. The Scouting Organisation offers many opportunities to visit different countries around the world and work with culturally interesting groups, learn new skills and make lifelong friends. We encourage anyone who has the opportunity to participate in these events, to make every effort to get there. It will be a life changing experience. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Australia and Azerbaijan Scouting Organisations for making this trip possible and a special thank you to the Tasmanian Branch, who helped us with the paperwork.

Annastasia Bedford & James Doyle – Port Cygnet Scout Group
Tarran Bedford – Wellington Rover Crew



International Report cont'd



International Report cont'd

23rd World Scout Jamboree

The 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan was an experience of a lifetime, I was lucky to be one of the 30 thousand Scouts attending the event. Some of the highlights would have been visiting the Buddhist temple and going about things as they did for the day, home hospitality was another part of the journey that stuck out because we got to go about our days as a regular Japanese family would. The experience was also an eye opener for the events of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in which such a tragic loss occurred, but we saw Scouts from all over the world coming together and pushing for World Peace so that nothing like that ever happens again. We of course can't forget the Jamboree itself which was full of fun and engaging activities which taught us about the world and how we can help make it a better place along with having fun. Over the four weeks I learnt many things about history, Japanese culture and the world and how we can make it a better place for future generations. Although this being said the greatest part of the trip was meeting all the amazing people and making friends from all over the world no matter what gender, race, religion or anything else, because no matter what we all shared something and that was Scouting.

Jaryd Dearing



Thank you to all for these reports. I hope they encourage others to take up International Scouting Opportunities.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Cub Report

Fantastic News. As you know, over the last few months, there has been a National competition running for Cubs to design our 100 Year Badge that all of Australia will wear during 2016. The designs have come in, the judging has been done, and a Tasmanian Cub has designed the winning entry (as shown). Congratulations go to Peter Dixon from the Cressy Cub Pack for coming up with that winning entry. Peter wins an I-explorer tent valued at \$549 (see a picture of Peter with his winning design elsewhere in this month's Newsletter), as well as having his badge worn by over 20,000 Cubs Australia wide. In addition, we have also picked a Tasmanian State winner, and I would also like to congratulate Alice Maddock from the Sandford Pack for her entry. All Tasmanian Cubs will receive a Blanket Badge (ie a non uniform badge) of Alice's badge at our first centenary event in February next year (see next article).



Cub Scout Centenary 2016

The year is nearly over, so we must start to look at our Centenary celebrations in 2016. As I have indicated before, our first event will be our "Do You Best Day" and will be held on Founders Day (or at least the day before) on Sunday 21st February at Campbell Town Oval. This event is a State-wide event, and will be designed as point to point event, that the Cubs can move around and try to do as many activities they can over the course of the day. Accordingly, what I would like to see happen is that every Pack comes up with an activity that everyone can do as they move around. Those activities can be anything that you like, from craft, to a pioneering activity to a game, to even having a food stall. The Packs that attend the day will be presented with their Official 2016 100 Years Cub Uniform Badge, and their Tasmanian Blanket Badge. As this is our 100th year, I would hope to see as many Packs there as possible. I will shortly be writing to every CSL in the State to ask what activity that they would like to run on the day. Please put your thinking caps on and come up with some ideas around our 100 years anniversary. I will also need a few Leaders to put their hands up to help coordinate this event. Please think about giving some time if you can.

23rd Tasmanian Cuboree – September 2015

Well, the Cuboree has now been run, and what a great weekend it turned out to be. The weather was perfect, and we ended up with 611 people camped for the weekend. When you add the day support people, overall we had well over 700 people there each day. We received some great publicity with a 2 minute story on WIN TV (for a copy see the WIN TV or Scouts Tasmania Facebook pages), as well as a story in the Sunday Tasmanian. The "Thank-you's" were done at the Closing Parade, but I would just like to say one more "Thank you" to the Organising Committee for doing such a fantastic job.

It is now time to get your feedback so that we can make improvements. As I did last camp, I have created a feedback survey using the Survey Monkey app. That survey can be found using the following web address: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8y88GKJ>

If anyone needs a hard copy of the survey, please let me know and I will send you a copy.

Cub Report cont'd

Hobart Christmas Pageant

The Hobart Christmas Pageant will be held on Saturday 21 November. Once again, the Cubs will be putting in an entry and we would like to see us get our biggest entry yet. This year, our theme will be "Christmas Minions". If you would like to be part of our entry this year, please contact Danny Munting on danny.munting@education.tas.gov.au. More information on meeting times and place will be in next month's Newsletter.

Grey Wolf Awards

Emmanuel Bates

Lachlan Phillips

Sasha Cassidy

4th Launceston Scout Group

Clarence Sea Scouts

Rubicon Sea Scouts

Commissioners Challenge Award 2015

Three more Packs have completed this years Commissioner's Challenge. Congratulations to City of Devonport, Burnie & Cressy Cub Packs on a great effort. There is still plenty of time to complete the challenge although we are getting close to the cut off time. 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.

Programme Ideas

Don't forget that you can find a lot of Programme ideas, on Scouts Central (www.central.scouts.com.au). If you need help getting access, talk to your District Cub Scout Leader who will show you how to find them.

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

Terry Bryan

Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts

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Rover Report

It is hard to believe that yet another month has slipped by and as usual Rover events have been fairly steady throughout. Along with the return of Summer Time (Daylight Savings), begins another procession of Boots.

It was absolutely fantastic to be part of the massive turnout for the Boot-of-the-year organised by the Mt Faulkner Rover Crew for none other than our own ex-Rover, past Branch Commissioner and long-term Rover Advisor Rodney 'Squiz' Squires. Squiz hangs up his Rover hat after a long, distinguished and much appreciated involvement in the Rover Section. Many generations of Booted and current Rovers, Interstate and Intrastate guests and seemingly many more saw Squiz honoured and presented with numerous gifts from his Crew and the Tasmanian Branch Rover Council. There was even an un-opened bottle of well-seasoned Rover Port from the 1980's presented and sampled! Can't comment here on the quality though! "Best of Luck Squiz and Well Done" from all of us who call ourselves Rover Scouts. Once a Rover – Always a Rover.

Well, next month sees yet another pair of well-knowns leave us....this time from the Kingborough Crew. Yes, it's none other than the Apple-Stew (or stewed apple) Boot for Dave (Apple) Aplin and Stuart Morse. Don't miss out on this one either, as it is sure to be a great event.

With all of this Booting taking place, we will have a few fairly large holes in Crews to fill. Recruitment time is nigh and it would be great to see our numbers renewed with a fresh lot of Rover Squires in the near future.

In the interests in getting our books heading back towards a reasonable degree of order, could I ask you all individually as Rovers and RA's to personally log on to the Myscout Database using your Scout-card ID/Membership Number as login and your Date of Birth (8 numbers, no spaces) as password – to amend/update your personal details. Should there be any other changes to be updated in the Crew membership records such as internal appointments ect. Please drop BHQ a short e-mail reflecting what the changes are. If you cannot logon or find that your name is not listed in your Crew Member list, then please advise BHQ of this ASAP. It is important that you are shown on the Database as otherwise you may not be insured and that presents many further problems for you should you inadvertently need it.

The next major event-assist for Rovers will be the upcoming State Venture in December. Remember that these young people are our next Generation Rovers, so your support towards their Annual Venture would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you all for your ongoing efforts in making Rovers in Tasmania the ongoing success story that it continues to be.

Cheers for now,

Stay Safe.

Ian Hart
Branch Commissioner Rover Scouts
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Remote Area First Aid Course

Held at Carnacoo

First weekend in December 2015

Cost \$80.00 plus Carnacoo fees & Catering costs

Limited participants so book your place ASAP

For further information call Ian Hart on 0419 331 574





The Lea Report

The Lea Board and everyone associated with The Lea are very happy to be able to introduce Andy, Jenny and their daughter Catherine. Andy is the new Caretaker and he brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for the role.

He has been Executive Officer of Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation, run the Kakadu Culture Camp and Muirella Park Campground and has been the Aboriginal Homelands Officer at West Arnhem College. Andy is a past President of Savannah Guides, Board member of Ecotourism Australia, Board member of Wildlife Tourism Australia and Chairperson of the Kakadu Mahbilil Cultural Festival.

The Lea Board is currently working on a number of projects to improve facilities and activities for The Lea and Andy will be an integral part of that with his experience.

We have recently completed an additional 2 toilets plus a disabled facility at the Top of The Lea and are working on plans to upgrade the existing toilet & shower block near the Storm Hut.

We are developing the Public Camping area for the Holiday period in an attempt to generate additional income to do even more upgrades.

The Board currently consists of Mike Hovington, Isaac Smith, Lyn Harvey, Dugald McDougall, Mike Patten and Phil Harper, with Jeannette & Andy giving invaluable support.

Opportunity awaits you!

We are currently looking for someone to come on board to help us develop our publicity options to promote The Lea to outside groups such as Schools and Community Groups. This will include expanding our Internet presence such as Facebook, Wikicamps and Hobart Bush Cabins/The Lea Scout Centre website among other things. Sounds like something you could have a go at?give me a call, you will be most welcome.

Don't forget Scout rates apply to use of all the facilities making them cheap holiday options for anyone coming to Hobart for work or play.

Pop in and have a look and say hi to Andy.

Phil Harper

Chairman

The Lea Board of Management

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National & State Badge Competitions

Peter Dixon
Cressy Cub Pack
winner
100 years badge design

Alice Maddock
Sandford Cub Pack
winner
Blanket Badge Design





St Helens Scout Group, Spirit of Anzac

Position Vacant

The Lea Board of Management is looking for a person/s to be the Caretaker/s for the Top of The Lea, public camping area for the period from the 1st December 2015 to 31st March 2016

A powered site at the campground will be provided for your own Caravan or Camper, however a basic caravan can be provided for your use if required.

The position is a paid one based on 5 hours per day for the entire period.

If you are interested or know of someone who may be, please contact Phil Harper at phil.harper@tas.scouts.com.au for more information.

Applications close 9th November 2015

A Cautionary Tale

Check your trailers!

Since the Transport Department has not been issuing registration stickers, we have encountered a few problems at Blackmans Bay. We own a tandem wheel enclosed trailer, 2 box trailers and 2 boat trailers. A few weeks ago we were issued with an infringement notice for using an unregistered trailer. It turns out the registration expired in May. Branch records show the renewal papers were forwarded on but we have no record of receiving them.

I duly went to Service Tas to re-register the trailer but as it had been unregistered for over 3 months, we are required to have the trailer inspected. Whilst there, I checked on our other trailers and discovered – shock horror - that one of our boat trailers had not been registered since 2013.

So, we needed to have 2 trailers inspected. Easy? Don't you believe it.

Our box trailer was perfectly legal when it was bought 20 years ago and would continue to be legal if we had kept it registered. However, regulations have changed and it now had to comply with current regulations when inspected. It required the welding of a new certified safety chain, number plate had to be at the rear and have a number plate light, extra reflectors (front and rear) were needed and a wheel bearing apparently had to be replaced.

The boat trailer however needed more extensive work. Lights had to be moved from their present position on the mudguards to the rear. Number plate had to be moved to the rear and lit (not easy on a boat trailer). It also needed a new certified safety chain, new axle and springs and a rusty mounting bracket replaced. A total cost of over \$1,000. After careful consideration, taking the age of the trailer into account and the condition of the rest of it, we decided to bite the bullet and replace it at a cost of over \$3,000.

We have now made up some "home made" registration stickers which clearly show the date of registration renewal for each trailer.

So guys, check your trailers so you don't get caught out like we did.

Brian Williams
GL Blackmans Bay



Ralphs Falls

Great Short Walk

Within the Mt Victoria Regional Reserve

OPEN

The Parks and Wildlife Service advises that works to repair and improve the track and viewing platform for Ralphs Falls, one of Tasmania's 60 Great Short Walks, within the Mt Victoria Regional Reserve have been completed.

All designated walking tracks and lookouts are open to the public.

The Ralphs Falls lookout and access track was closed to the public following severe weather conditions that damaged the facility. Repairs to the original lookout were not feasible and instead the Parks and Wildlife Service have constructed a new lookout and access track for Ralph Falls.

The new lookout is sited slightly above the original facility and continues to provide spectacular views of the falls and surrounding area.

Visitors and users of this area are reminded that the road access is a narrow, gravel road with limited passing or turning areas. Large or towed vehicles should avoid using this road.

For information please contact the Scottsdale Field Centre on 6352 6421 or visit the Parks and Wildlife Service website on www.parks.tas.gov.au

26/10/2015



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