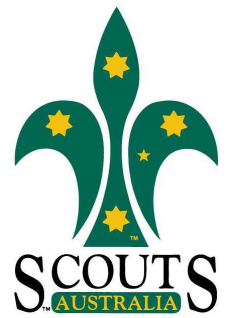


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Chief Commissioner's Report

I have just returned from a meeting of the National Executive Committee in Brisbane. These meetings usually mean more work for both myself and the office. This meeting was no exception but there are a few things that need to be shared.

Our Branch has achieved 39% completion of the two new e-learning modules

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

All other Branches had at least 90% and some Branches had total completion but only by removing people from their data base. Victoria for example has deregistered over 100 members for not doing the modules. Luckily for us, those attending the Jamboree needed to have these Units done before they could go. Otherwise our figures would have been worse. This is a National Requirement. We all have to do them. Both Units are accessed on our web page using your membership number. If you have difficulties please email Sharon bhq.training@tas.scouts.com.au for more detailed instructions.

There was also a presentation about the legal and insurance ramifications if workplace health and safety is not taken seriously by Groups and Campsites. Things like working at heights, using machinery, faulty electrical plugs and leads, uneven surfaces and just about everything else that is part of what we do as volunteers must be treated just the same as in any workplace. Unfortunately this means keeping records and documenting what we do. The most obvious of these is completing form 46 and form 56. Graham Nichols has sent reminders to all Groups but we still only have about half the Groups sending in the paper work. If you don't do the paper work and something happens there are serious consequences. In Victoria it was a \$300 000 fine. **Please look around your hall/camp and make sure things are safe and properly documented. Safety should be added to every agenda of every Scout Committee so that it becomes part of what we do.**

The review of the Law and Promise as part of the Youth Program Review (YPR) was part of a lengthy presentation by the YPR Team. Despite the out of date report in the Mercury and other newspapers last week, the review is continuing as planned. You all have just December left to respond by mail or on the National or Branch web page. If you want to follow what is happening, click on the links and have your say.

Two National buzz words for the early adopters amongst us are **'Leave No Trace'** and **'Mental Health First Aid'**. Both of these programs appear to be very worthwhile. They are being trialled in other States and are likely to be introduced in Tasmania during next year.

As well as dealing with National issues there are lots of things happening here in our own Branch.

Pip Cornish, Branch President, Past Chief Commissioner, Past Branch Commissioner for Venturers, Venturer Leader and more, **has completed another Leadership role in our Branch.** After six years as President, the maximum he can do, he is handing over to Brendan Kelly at the BEC meeting on 10th December. Pip's enthusiasm and commitment to Scouting in Tasmania is exemplary. We will miss his contribution but he isn't leaving completely, he has accepted a position as Project Commissioner for Bike Activities.

Come and meet our new President Brendan Kelly at The Lea at 4pm for Christmas Drinks on Friday 18th December.



Chief Commissioner's Report cont'd

As previously announced, the Scout Year is about to change to be the same as the calendar year. This will make it much easier for families but will cause some disruption to Groups in the first year. Annual Reports and Annual Meetings will all need to be earlier in the year but subs etc. can be set for the year they actually happen and committees appointed from the start of the year. If this causes your group any problems, please contact me.

One of the many adjustments we will need to make is to bring forward the date of nominations for Adult Recognition Awards. Could all Leaders start to think about who they should be nominating from your Group or District. The rules for nominations are set out in P&R (available on our web page) but basically they are for people who do that extra effort, beyond the ordinary, as a Leader or Committee member. It is not a long service award. 2016 nomination forms will be on our Web page as soon as they are available

Phil Harper is nearing the end of his very successful period as Branch Commissioner of Scouts. We are looking for someone with suitable experience who is 18 years or older and has boundless energy and enthusiasm for Scouting, to take his place. If you know somebody suitable or are interested yourself, please contact me or Phil for further information. Applications in the form of a one page CV should be sent to BHQ by Monday 14th December. It would be nice to be able to announce his replacement at AJ 2016.

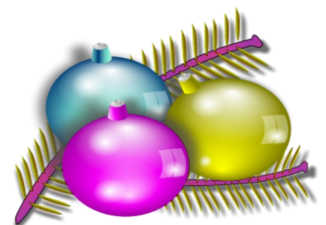
The Branch Executive Committee (BEC) has decided to trial a new health form system called 'Care Monkey' in the New Year. This should help reduce the paper work for Groups and give Leaders accurate up to date information in a medical situation. (see page 19 for more details) **Information on how to use Care Monkey will be included in the Group Leaders Conference on 7th February.**

Information on Myscout is only as good as the information people make available. Please remember to keep your personal contact details up to date, particularly your email addresses and mobile phone numbers.

AJ16 Practise Camps around the State were great fun and allowed participants to get to know each other and to check gear. All looks good for participants to have a great time in Sydney in the New Year. A big thank you to the AJ16 organising committee and the Leaders in the advanced party who are giving up their time to set up before the Jamboree starts. Finally, last weekend the Clark Trophy was held at Oatlands. This competition is a great show of the expertise that exists in the Scout Section. Thank you to all the Leaders who make it possible. Congratulations to Lindisfarne 1st, Howrah 2nd and Huonville 3rd. To finish in the top three is always a great achievement. It is particularly exciting to see Huonville challenging for top spot.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and enjoy at least some time to yourselves in January.

Mike Patten
Chief Commissioner
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From the President

It is said that all good things must come to an end, and so it is with my term as your Branch President. On 10th of December I hand over my responsibilities to Brendan Kelly who will take the chair as your next President and Chairman of the BEC. I wish Brendan every success on his return to Scouting, and I am confident that we are in capable hands for the future.

Here at the NEC in Brisbane I have been asked how I feel about leaving the governance of Scouting at both Branch and National level and I have surprised many by saying that I am delighted! This seems to be regarded as a rather strange response by my peers, however it is consistent with my long held attitude that six years is sufficient for anyone in a significant Leadership role and a change can be as good as a rest! Frankly it has been a real pleasure and most rewarding to work with other members of the BEC and its sub-committees to support the sterling efforts of our Chief Michael and his team of Leaders in the continuing task of bringing challenging and exciting Scouting that continues to be relevant to young folk and their families in this age of great social change.

I now look forward to renewing my Youth Leadership and organisational skills in a different direction, in particular to enhance the standed of cycling as a worthwhile character building activity for young people and their parents, so expect to see some new activity launched in the new year?

Wishing you all a joyous Christmas and a happy and safe New Year

John (Pip) Cornish

President - Scouts Australia - Tasmanian Branch



Heritage Report

The year is nearly over and we have waded our way through a lot of work. During the year we received many boxes from Scouting people- retired, active or passed on. These involve many hours of sorting into numerous categories and then finding room for them in archive boxes, on shelves and in cabinets.

Craig Millsom from the Wellington Rover Crew has been sorting Rover paperwork and memorabilia while working on his Wood Badge project. He has become a Team Member and has lowered the average age of The Lea Service Crew by several decades!

Next year we will be celebrating 100 years of Cub Scouting. Work has already begun on a National website to which we are already contributing. There will be a special display in the Heritage Centre next year so think about putting us on your programs for a visit.

Susan Gardner

Project Commissioner Heritage





Training Report

We are at the end of another Scouting year. Last weekend was the final Training weekend where we had 12 new Leaders complete their Basic Practical supplement weekend. Three Leader of Adults, 7 Cub Leaders and 2 Joey Leaders. The weekend was filled with a lot of laughter, learning and sharing of ideas for both Trainers and Trainees. It was disappointing that the Scout Section had so few applicants that it did not run, but a solution is being considered for those new Leaders who are so urgently requiring the training. Despite pleas from the Training Team as approved by the National Executive that e-learning must be completed before Practical Training is undertaken, this still did not occur. A Certificate of Adult Leadership cannot be issued until all components have been completed, and Trainees do not get as much out of the weekend when their basic underpinning information has not been gained. A weekend option will be offered next year for those who find it difficult to complete e-learning in a flexible way in their own time at home and unfortunately will be at an additional cost to Groups, but at least it will provide an alternative for those without adequate internet access. Further information will be provided in the New Year.

For 2016 let's make sure that all New Leaders complete e-learning on time and apply for the courses before the cut-off date.

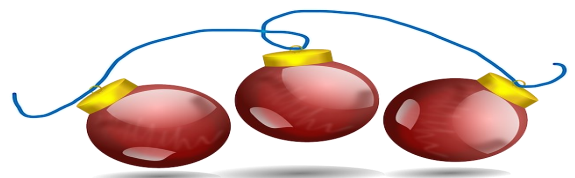
The Training Team has guaranteed to run a Wood Badge Course in 2016 regardless of numbers and a letter will be sent to all those eligible to do their Wood Badge. It is expected that all Leaders should complete their Advanced Training within three years of signing up to be a Leader, as per the Mutual Agreement, so hopefully a large course in all Sections will occur in April and the June long weekends. Traditionally Advanced Training was always held over a long weekend and there are some offerings that we think will make it a course to remember. An Adventurous Activity Elective will be offered in a range of disciplines, which we hope will inspire Leaders to get fully qualified in ropes, abseiling, archery, sailing or kayaking (which electives will be run will depend on the numbers who choose each option.) So get ready for Wood Badge in 2016, complete the Advanced e-learning well before mid-April and seek the approval of your Group Leader. After that come and enjoy the two weekends with your fellow Leaders. You won't regret it!

I will be attending the National Training Committee Meeting in Melbourne in early December, so if there are any major changes I will advise in the first Newsletter for 2016.

Thank you so much to the fantastic Tasmanian Training Team Members, without them we would not have such a high standard of Leader Training. Not only do the Trainers give their time (volunteers like all Scout Leaders) but need to maintain their competency in the areas they train. You really are an amazing bunch of people.

Have a wonderful Christmas, a fabulous New Year and return to Scouting in 2016 ready to provide exciting and adventurous programs for our Youth Members and enjoy the fellowship and friendships made among Leaders.

Geraldine Harwood
Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development
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Gang Show Report

WOW, can't believe it is almost the end of 2015 ... where has the year gone?!

Those heading to the Jamboree – have a fantastic time and don't forget to support the Tasmanian Scouts/Venturers who have joined the 2016 Australian Jamboree Gang Show. It will be an event not to be missed. I also wish those Scouts/Venturers all the very best and look forward to hearing about their experiences being part of the Jamboree Gang Show.

Things are still progressing with plans for Gang Show next year – stay tuned for further developments, but please Leaders – let the Youth know about Hobart Gang Show – there are so many areas of theatre that our cast has a chance to learn. Gang Show is not just about acting, equally important are singing and choreography ... and that's just the first part.

Gang Show is for anyone interested in theatre (cast aged 11+; crew aged 17+; band – contact for details) and is a chance to get experience in the many different areas. Gang Show may not be professional, but I can assure you that everyone does their very best and the standard has been raised each year. The numbers in the cast and the audience numbers are proof of that.

A quick reminder (last chance) notice from last month ... 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 your expressions of interest NOW. 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.

In closing I wish everyone all the very best for Christmas and 2016

Yours in Scouting,

Denice Walter
Project Commissioner Hobart Gang Show
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Change of Financial Year Summary

The Scouts Tasmania financial year has recently been changed. The Scout Financial Year shall now **commence on the 1st January and end on 31st December**. Groups, Districts and all other Formations shall hold Annual General Meetings **prior to the 31st March** in each year. The Branch Annual General Meeting shall be held **prior to the 31st May** in each year.

For the transition we will be having a short Financial Year in 2015. This Financial Year runs from **1 April 2015 to 31 December 2015**. The next year will then run **1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016**.

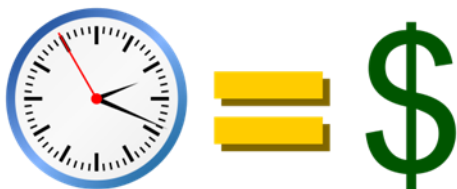
Once the Financial Year is complete (31 December), each formation must prepare Financial Statements to send to BHQ. This includes both a balance sheet and income and expenditure statement. Balance sheet – shows assets and liabilities as at 31 December.

A properly verified copy of the Group's Balance Sheet and income and expenditure statement for the year ended 31 December is to be tabled at the AGM. (Section Leaders must ensure that the Group Leader receives a financial statement from their Section as at 31 December, which the Group Leader is responsible for verifying).

'A Verified Report' is one that has been checked by a person not responsible in any way for the preparation of those statements (i.e. a parent/local person etc.). This person should have some financial knowledge to enable them to verify the statement. There is no need for this person to be a CA or CPA (certified accountant). They merely need to sign a statement to the effect that they have checked the bank records, cheque butts etc and the statement is an accurate representation of that information. A verifier should be appointed/approved by the Group/Section/District/Formation.

If anyone has any questions please send to stuart.morse@internode.on.net or save them for the Group Leaders conference in February 2016 where somebody will be present to discuss any further issues.

Reminder – send Jeanette your water and power bills (this may assist with getting your Group a discount), if you don't have water or power bills please also let Jeanette know this. If you have already done this then please ignore.



John David Gillett 12 May 1945 - 29 October 2015
John was a member of Scouting for over 20 years contributing by taking on many roles over those years.

Stalwart will be fondly remembered

Rest in Peace

Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania



Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta

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Time is running out to register your Troop/Unit for the Regatta – your Registration form should reach me by 15 December.

Remember:

You will need parent help at the Regatta. Leaders, please ensure anyone over 18 who will be staying overnight at the Regatta has Working with Vulnerable People certification.

Troops/Units who are already registered and wish to add to their numbers after 15 December do so by filling in the Additional entry form. This will be available on the Scout and Guide web pages, or by emailing me (contact details below).

We encourage Youth Members under 10 to join in the fun of Regatta Taster Day which will be held on the Saturday afternoon (12 March). Email Jo Maddock who will help you with any queries - maddock@m2data.com.au

On behalf of the Regatta Committee, our best wishes to all Leaders for a Happy Christmas and a refreshing and relaxing break.

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Secretary/Registrations
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International Report

I have received two Reports from Scouts attending the World Scout Jamboree in Japan 2015. The Reports are available in Myscout and are well worth a read. It is a great result for Tasmania with 100% of reports now received. Thank you to all involved.

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

Seasons Greetings to all. Wishing you all the best for the New Year 2016 and the whole year through.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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*Have a Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
from the Team at BHQ
Come and join us for
Christmas end of year
drinks and nibbles
at The Lea*

*Come for an hour
or five minutes*

*18th
December
4 till 7pm*



Office re-opens 18 January 2016

Years of Service Awards

5 Years	David King	Blackmans Bay
20 Years	Kim Thompson	Launceston & Tamar District
25 Years	Glenn Maddock	Kingston Rover Crew
40 Years	Michael Hovington	Clarence District



Joey Report

With final Mob activities, Christmas Pageants and Mob, Group and District break-ups coming up, we're fast approaching the end of another busy Scouting year. Hopefully by the time the holidays come, all Joey Scouts, Leaders and their helpers can look back on a really good 2015 (our 25th Birthday year) full of enjoyable and interesting activities together and we are all very much looking forward to lots more adventures together in 2016.

The Promise Challenge Awards have gone a little quiet just recently as once again none were issued this last month although I hear more applications are on their way!

Sorry, another edition of the Joey Leaders Newsletter hasn't quite been completed yet (hopefully very soon!) - Any other news items of your Mob or District's activities, or our Branch Events and/or photos of these would be very gratefully received! As well as our own Newsletter, the compilation of a National Joey Scout Commemorative '25th Birthday' Booklet (of all Joey Birthday events held throughout Australia) was also agreed on at a recent online meeting so if our Branch Activities are to be included in this, photos we can use in this are also required.

The Wellington District Joeys were out in force (as Minions) in the Hobart Christmas Pageant recently - well done to you all! Sorry I didn't quite get down South in time to see you in action however I did catch up with a good number of Joey Leaders from the South at our Regional meeting at The Lea later that day. Group discussions were held on various topics including our recent State Event and next year's events, and it was really good to hear the ideas, feedback and suggestions put forward. Some Leaders also took the opportunity to do some planning of upcoming District events, too, in amongst the various conversations happening over afternoon tea. Hopefully I will also be able to catch up with the Leaders in other parts of the State soon.

Next year's Branch Joey Scout events are as follows...

A '**Try Joey Scouts Day**' will be held on Saturday 13th February. 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. (Remember that even if you consider your Mob has enough members at any stage, there are likely other nearby Mobs who could do with a few more, so please refer any prospective members on to other Mobs in your area rather than turn anyone away!)

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 Saturday 5th November. Final decisions on a theme name and venues for these have yet to be decided at the time of writing.

The Joey Scout Leaders' **Lenah Hop** will be held at The Lea on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th May (with optional arrivals on the Friday night) with a theme of 'Organising Chaos'. Planning is well underway for this event, and it is promising to be a very informative and enjoyable weekend (for both new and not-so-new Leaders), so make sure you keep this weekend free if at all possible.

Finally, I would like to thank each of you for all your efforts throughout the year, and to wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I look forward to catching up with you in 2016. Happy Christmas!

Sue Cooper
Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts
sue.cooper@westnet.com.au





St Helens Scouts hiking



4th Launceston Scouts canoeing





Cub Report

I would firstly like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and an even better New Year. Thank you to all the Leaders for a fantastic effort this year. I hope you all enjoy your holidays and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Congratulations to the Leaders who attended the Basic Sectional Training last month. I am continually amazed at the quality of the Leaders that we are recruiting and it is great to see that the Packs are in such great hands.

Cub Scout Centenary 2016

Speaking of next year, don't forget about our Centenary celebrations in 2016. 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 a 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.

Last week, I sent out an email to all the Leaders asking them to nominate an activity that everyone can do as they move around. I remind you that these activities can be anything that you like, from craft, to a pioneering activity to a game, to even having a food stall. I need to have these activities back to me before the School holidays commence, and have set the due date as December 18th. Can you please make sure that you have replied to me by that date.

Don't forget that all 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 am still looking for 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

Last chance for anyone who wants to give feedback from this year's Cuboree. The 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.

Commissioners Challenge Award 2015

Three more Packs have completed this years Commissioner's Challenge. Congratulations to Blackmans Bay, Taroon & Cressy Cub Packs on a great effort. Please remember that applications close on the 18th of this month, so if you have completed the requirements, please complete the order form and send it to me immediately. The badges cost \$2.00 each, with further details included in the Activity Packs sent to each Leader.



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.



Cub Report cont'd



Grey Wolf Awards

Chelsea Fittkau	City of Devonport
Angela Holland	Sandford



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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Branch Calendar

Date	Event	Where
5-6	Basic Abseiling Course	
10	Regatta Applications Close	
10	Combined Branch Committee's Meeting	The Lea
18	Branch Office Closes for Christmas	
25	Christmas Day	
26	Boxing Day	
18 Jan	Branch Office re-opens	





Scout Report

CT2015

"Rockton" at Oatlands provided a perfect venue for the new format Clark Trophy. 13 Patrols pre planned their hike in the weeks before CT2015 and then used a GPS, compass, map and observation skills to find 12 Activity Nodes and 40 Control Points set around the property. Each Patrol had a UHF radio to report in their campsite coordinates and several compulsory report times.

Patrols were given complete freedom to plan their route, select their campsite and choose what Nodes, Activities or Control Points they visited over the 2 days. Leaders camped at their Activity Nodes, which were set up at key positions to monitor the course. Some sites proved a challenge to get to, with 1 intrepid Leader towing a camper trailer to probably the most difficult spot.

The Scouts camped on their own, and it was pleasing to see the way in which they selected their campsites and made the most of the opportunity of being able to have a campfire and socialise with other Patrols.

A team of Amateur Radio operators were on 24 hour duty to coordinate the radio traffic on 2 different channels (1 for the Scouts and 1 for the Leaders). With all scoring done at the Nodes and radioed in to HQ, the amount of information being sent was large, so they certainly worked hard for their sausage and hamburger on the Sunday. Thanks to Peter Dodd and Dale Foggo for using their contacts to put together such an efficient communication network and team of operators.

Saturday saw almost gale force winds create challenges for all concerned, however Sunday saw perfect conditions. By the time the hike was over Patrols had walked approximately 14kms and done 64 different activities. It was a credit to all the Scouts that they all completed the course on time and at the correct place.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to the DSLs who approved the new format and the Leaders who embraced it. Jonothan Pyefinch and David Heap spent many (many) hours getting the course planned and the activities organised and the efficient way the weekend ran is very much due to their efforts.

At the end of the hike, every Patrol had achieved what they had planned and proved that Scouting is about challenges, opportunities and freedom that few other organisations can provide. However points are earned and when they were tallied, special congratulations to **Huonville** who took out 3rd place, **Howrah** for 2nd and **Lindisfarne** for taking home the Flag.

Thanks to all for your support over the year and have a great Xmas and New Years break.

Phil Harper
Branch Commissioner Scouts





ROVER CREW REUNION

Wellington Rover Crew cordially invites you to
attend our

35 Year Reunion of
Sandy Bay Rover Crew,
Hobart District Rover Crew
and Wellington Rover Crew

To be held on Sunday 31st January, 2016

At the 10th Hobart Scout Hall
Marievile Esplanade, Sandy Bay

From 12:00pm

Formalities at 2pm

BBQ and non-alcoholic drinks available.

Catch up with past Rovers and share your memories
with us.

For more information, contact Craig at:

Wellington.Rovers@gmail.com; or

0438 323 021



Rover Report

Greetings once again... Well with 2015 pretty close to being done-and-dusted, there are a couple of matters that need everybody's attention (including me).

Firstly, there are the two Child-Safe and Scout-Safe electronic learning modules that we all must complete prior to the end of the year:

BCORE CHILD (Child Safe Scouting)

BCORE WHS (Work Health & Safety for Scouting)

Access to both of these is through the Scout Central web site, and of course you can log on using your Scout membership number. All adult members must complete these units in order to comply with current National Policy. Please don't forget it... I'm doing mine this evening!

Secondly (I sense an IT theme developing here), is a follow-up regarding my last-month's request to access your own individual Myscout data record – once again using your membership number and your date of birth as password. Please examine all data recorded against your name and change / update any data that you can that needs it. Report any discrepancies that you cannot change directly to me. This includes both additional / erroneous and missing data. Even more importantly, if you cannot find a Myscout record for yourself, then please let your RA and me know as soon as possible as you are probably not registered with Scouts Tasmania! I am pretty sure that the state of Rover records in Myscout is far from being representational of the actual position.

Finally, I have only had a handful of expressions of interest for the Remote Area First Aid Course scheduled for the 1st weekend in December. Successful completion will get you the HLTAID005 – Provide First Aid in Remote Situations – a Nationally Recognised Certification. While numbers will be capped at 18, there are still many places still available at the time of writing. If you are reading this and wish to participate, then get your skates on and call me now,,, depending on the date of publishing, it may be too late!

It's been a great 2015 for Rovers in our wonderful state. Have a great, restful and safe Festive Season and be ready for an even better 2016!

Cheers

Ian Hart

Branch Commissioner Rover Scouts

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Remote Area First Aid Course

Held at Carnaroo
first weekend in December 2015



Cost \$80.00 plus Carnaroo fees & Catering costs limited participants so book your place ASAP

For all information call Ian Hart on 0419 331 574



Environment Report

I recently attended a National Environment Conference in Canberra coming away with some exciting ideas that I hope to offer next year.

This Term has been busy with a variety of activities happening. An invitation to a space night, hosted by my son and his family, during the school holidays had Joey Scouts from the NW exploring space and observing Saturn and its rings but the best part was the super moon. Parents and as well as Joeys and siblings learnt about space junk, hunted for satellites and looked for "falling stars". They were entertained by my teenage granddaughters exploring and learning about outer space and the stars via their laptops. Using recycled items they made their own constellation viewers and rockets that flew.

Mersey District Joeys learnt about rubbish washed up on the beach, sand dune formation and had fun building volcanoes, finishing the activity with a rubbish clean-up of the area around our activities.

Other activities have included what was to be a water observation session with Joeys and Cubs but when we got to what had been the pond only to find it had dried up but we discovered a variety of creepy crawlies in the mud and had fun collecting samples and viewing them under the microscope.

Several Joey Mobs have had fun making recycled craft creations and City Joeys used scraps of material and learnt to sew, making pouches for wildlife carers and their orphaned baby wallabies and wombats.

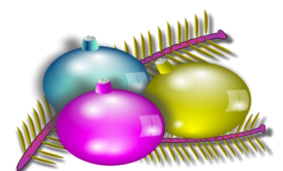
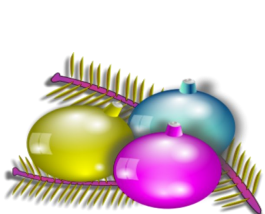
Venturers from Mersey and Leven Districts had a weekend at Paton Park, working on their environment and service badges, learning about weed control, cleaning up the creek around the campsite and pulling weeds from the chapel site as well as planting more native trees.

If you are planning any environment activities for next year, please feel free to "pick my brain" for ideas and activities. My journey in this role has opened up a world of cool things for particularly Joeys and Cubs to do.

Robyn Russell

Project Commissioner Environment

Joeys sewing pouches for joeys



Every Leader must read....

Introducing **CareMonkey**



Attention: all Leaders

As you know we take the health and safety of our members very seriously. As such we are adopting a new health and safety application named CareMonkey.

CareMonkey is an innovative parent controlled electronic medical form for Clubs, Schools and other groups with a duty of care. It's an electronic version of the paper based forms we might send out and ask parents to fill in for registration, training camps, activities etc.

It provides parents with the opportunity to update medical information promptly and accurately while providing you with instant access to the emergency information for children you're responsible for. We will be using the CareMonkey app in the best interest of the children whilst also ensuring we are proactively fulfilling our risk management and duty of care responsibilities.

Parents can use a PC, laptop, tablet or smart-phone to enter the details including:

- emergency contacts
- medical contacts
- medical checklist including asthma, allergies, seizures, diabetes
- health and ambulance insurance details
- notes and other care instructions from parents
- and more...

We'll also be able to use CareMonkey to send permission requests for other activities such as training camps, pizza nights, club nights, etc. to parents electronically and you'll be able to see what children are attending as well as their emergency information on your mobile device or via a secure website.

You don't need to do anything until you receive an email requesting you to create a CareMonkey account. At that time click the link in the email to create your account. Then you'll be able to download the free CareMonkey app for your iPhone or Android phone, your iPad or Android tablet. If you don't have one of these devices you can access the CareMonkey website.

Please go and visit their website at <https://www.caremonkey.com/> and click on Demo's tab to watch what it is all about.

We appreciate your assistance.

Jeannette Vogels
State Office Manager





Grants Report

Congratulations to the Clarence Venturer Unit who secured another small grant for hiking gear. This Unit has been successful in picking up at least one grant every year, and has been able to supplement and update their outdoor gear.

Several months ago I applied for the Department of Premier and Cabinet Grant of Wilderness Equipment on behalf of Scouts Tasmania and was fortunate in securing many items which are summarised below:

- Kayak trailer;
- Four kayaks, paddles, PFDs and accessories;
- Five hiking tents and several flies;
- Eighteen backpacks, six sleeping bags, torches, batteries and ten jackets;
- Storage cabinets and racks, and electrical equipment;
- Other miscellaneous items.

Branch has decided that some items will be retained for loan whilst other items will be distributed to Groups on a needs basis. Many thanks to DPAC for supplying this equipment to our organisation.

The results for Tasmanian Community Fund Round 31 are being finalised and I understand that applicants will be advised by mid-December 2015. Six applications were submitted by Scouts Tasmania so there has been fierce competition for funds in this round. If you miss out please consider re-applying in Round 32 which opens in January 2016. Perhaps consider talking to one of the helpful staff at TCF who will be happy to provide feedback on your previous application.

The **Volunteer Grants Program** is available again through Australian Government Department of Social Services – closes 09 December 2015.

Funding is available for amounts of up to \$5,000 to:

- Purchase small equipment items to assist volunteers
- Assist with the reimbursement of fuel costs incurred by volunteers (and transport costs for volunteers with disability who are unable to drive)
- Contribute towards the cost of training courses and background screening checks for volunteers
- Funding is expected to be offered to around 5 700 organisations as a result of this process, with grants to be paid by 30 June 2016.

Please refer to the www.dss.gov.au/grants/grants/funding-open-for-application/volunteer-grants-2015 webpage for the required documentation. Additionally you may email any enquiries to: vg2015@dss.gov.au or call 1800 183 374

West Tamar Council offers Grants of up to \$1,000 for Community Groups and Organisations to undertake projects and events throughout the year. For further information including the Small Project Grants Guidelines and the Application Form, please visit the Council's website www.wtc.tas.gov.au or phone Kaitlin Roach (Community Development Officer) on 6323 9200.

Sport and Recreation Minor/Major Grants Program. Applications for Round Two of the Minor Grants Program close on 9 March 2016 and the Major Grant Program closes on 4 February 2016.

I have downloaded the Grant Seekers Handbook: Four Steps to Grant Success from the web. If you would like a copy please Email me and I will send you a pdf file copy.

The steps outlined in this publication are:

- Grant awareness: 'Gotta be in it to win it'
- Enie meenie minie moe...The art of choosing what grants to apply for
- Ready, Set, GO! ... Writing grant applications
- It's not over yet – ongoing reporting and support



Grants Report cont'd

Lots of good, practical advice is contained in this document. Following is an extract from Step 1:

Many organisations share a sense of frustration that they are not receiving grant funding, and may feel a sense of guilt for not being more active in pursuing grant funds. Consider the opportunity, cost and impact on your organisation.

Many people believe they should get a grant because they have a good business or a good idea, but that's not correct. Grants are generally a method for a government to enact their policy in a particular area. Grants generally fund specific projects, not an entire business, so begin to think about your funding needs in terms of a project that can be clearly defined.

Invest your time wisely. Grants are often referred to as 'free money', because you don't have to repay the money. However, the application process takes considerable time and effort so you need to consider the opportunity cost and impact on your organisation.

There are hundreds of grant funding programs available that support an enormous range of activities. The challenge is to find the best options for your organisation.

Eligibility for a grant will depend on a number of factors:

(i) Organisation classification

The legal status of your organisation will influence the type of funding that is available. Most grant programs are only available to an incorporated body. In practical terms, incorporation means that the organisation is a legal entity with an ABN or ACN. (Scouts Tasmania meets this requirement).

(ii) Sector specific

Funding schemes are often designed to foster economic growth of a particular sector. Government offices and regional development agencies may identify specific areas in need of support, such as Aged Care, Immigrant Integration, or Youth Welfare. It's worth understanding government priorities and how well your Organisation and activities integrate with these.

(iii) Location

The geographic or operating location of your project is crucial as many grants are location specific. Some grants operate nationwide, while others are administered locally. The amount of funding available to you may depend on the area you plan to develop or implement your project.

(iv) Grant purpose

Grants are usually available for specific purposes and projects, for example increasing employment opportunities, touring a music performance, or purchasing team uniforms. A project is eligible for a grant only if the request matches the scope of the grant's intended purpose. Deviation from this rule results in non-eligibility.

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

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2016 ANZAC Eve Youth Vigils

If you missed the ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil earlier this year, here's your chance to get your youths involved in 2016.

On the afternoon of Friday 24 April earlier this year, there were Scout tremors all over the state, getting ready for our first ever ANZAC Eve Youth Vigils, and being the third Scout Branch to be involved after WA (1933) and SA (1999).



Between 6.00 and 7.45 pm, Vigils started at Burnie, Launceston, Hobart, Rosny, South Arm and Port Cygnet. At four Vigil sites, a combination of Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers provided an all-night Guard of Honour for the Cenotaph in shifts before handing the Cenotaph to the Catafalque Party for the Dawn Services. Other sites provided partial guard for the evening.

Congrats for braving the cool weather this year and especially those Scouts who started in the rain at the Launceston Cenotaph. Some sites had a fire going to keep warm but all sites provided a warm reception to visitors like Deputy Premier Rockliff who visited the Burnie Vigil, and MPs Elise Archer and Cassy O'Connor at the Hobart Vigil.

All sites did well to promote Scouting and more importantly provided an additional but unique commemoration for our Youth to remember Australians who served and died in all Wars, Conflicts, and Peacekeeping Operations.

Attending the Dawn Service at Launceston this year, it was definitely a sight for the arriving public to see Scouts "guarding" the Cenotaph, and this was also captured in a photograph on page 3 of the Sunday Examiner. The main part of the Launceston RSL President's speech was to pay tribute to the Scouts doing the Vigil. How awesome was this!

What is the Youth Vigil?

The ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil Ceremony is a Youth inspired activity that has become the first ceremony of remembrance of ANZAC Day in Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia. The Anzac Eve Youth Vigil stems from the military tradition of 'holding ground' whereby a reconnaissance patrol would find and hold strategic position in preparation for the arrival of their army. This would often involve an all-night vigil, keeping awake on watch, alert that the area of battle is secured against threat. All ANZAC Vigils have the full support of RSL Tasmania.

Let's get more Scouts involved in 2016!

Start thinking about how you can have your Scouting youths participate and how you can support the ANZAC Vigils in the main centres of Burnie, Launceston and Hobart, or if you wish to have a Vigil in your local town.

I am happy to provide information (we have an operations manual), advice, tools, tips, and I am very happy to come and speak to your Group or District on a suitable evening. All I ask for in return is a strong cuppa.

I look forward to working with you all again for the 2016 ANZAC Eve Youth Vigils.

Yours-in-Awesome-Scouting,

Stephen (China Mug) Yam

ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil State Event Coordinator

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2016 Training Calendar

Course	Date	Closing	Location	Course Leader
Training Team Meeting	3 February Teleconference		The Lea	G. Harwood
Basic Kayaking	13 February 13-14 February	22 January 2016	South North	D. Chalk T. McDonald
Wood Badge Course W/E1 (All sections)	8-10 April	18 March 2016	The Lea & Storm Hut	G. Harwood
Basic Abseiling	30 April-1 May	8 April 2016		
Basic Seamanship Seamanship Update	14- 15 May 15 May	22 April 2016	TBA	A. Reavell
E-Learning Training Week- end	28-29 May	6 May 2016	Depending on Applicants	M. Blight
Wood Badge Course W/E 2 (All sections)	10 – 12 June	20 May 2016	The Lea & Storm Hut	G. Harwood
National Training Team Meeting (Geraldine only)				G. Harwood
Basic Sectional Techniques (all sections-subject to min numbers)	24 – 26 June	3 June 2016	The Lea	G. Harwood
Advanced Bush Walking	22 – 24 July	1 July 2016	Ben Lomond	T. McDonald
Youth Helpers Course	23 - 24 July	1 July 2016	Carnacoo	D.McDermott M. Direen
Training Team Meeting	6—7 August		The Lea	G. Harwood
Gilwell Reunion	3 September		TBA	G. Harwood
Basic Seamanship Course Seamanship Update	24 – 25 September 25 September	2 September 2016	TBA	A. Reavell
Basic Kayaking	15 October 15-16 October	23 Sept. 2016	South North	D. Chalk T McDonald
E-Learning Training Week- end	15-16 October	23 Sept. 2016	TBA	M. Blight
Basic Abseiling	12 -13 November	21 October 2016	TBA	
Basic Sectional Techniques (all sections-subject to min numbers)	11-13 November	21 October 2016	The Lea	G. Harwood
Training Team Meeting	24 November Teleconference		The Lea	G. Harwood



*Have a very Merry Christmas
from the Training Team*



Merry

Christmas

Wishes



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