



Scouts Tasmania

Branch Newsletter

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another wonderful year
of
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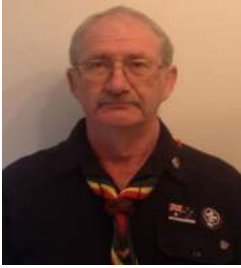


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Chief Commissioner's Report

Welcome back to another year of Scouting, how time flies! I don't think I have had any-time off during this Christmas New Year break with lots of things going on in our Branch, mostly enjoyable Scouting which I do appreciate hearing about.

First off, I'm asking for expressions of interest for the Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities, whose 6 year term will be completed in April. The District Commissioner of Mersey position will also come up at the same time and therefore I am asking for an expression of interest there also.

The Awards Committee is in full swing at the moment and as there are so many Awards that we should be putting our members in for, I am also asking for an expression of interest in a new role of Project Commissioner Awards. If you might be interested, email or ring me and I will give you an idea of what I would like you to do. A big one is the Assistant Chief Commissioner South - I lot of my time is taken up in Leader and Youth member questions and wanting my help. If you are good at interviewing and have good interpersonal relationships, this position might be your cup of tea. Give me a ring if you might be interested. I have two Leaders who have put in an expression of interest to the DC Lone Group position and in the following weeks I hopefully will appoint a person or ask for expressions again.

At our last Branch Combined Meeting, I thanked our outgoing President Brendan, and presented him with a present which had an anchor on it. The anchor is so he will return to us when he has completed his touring around Australia. Thanks Brendan for the work you have done in the last 2 years, we all hope that your travels are good ones. Corey McGrath has now taken over the President position and we all look forward to working with him.

Good news, Owen Holloway Rover with our Wellington Crew is now the Vice Chair of the National Rover Council. Well done Owen, you'll do a great job.

I have to thank all the DC's and GL's for inviting me to their end of year functions. It is good to talk to Leaders and hearing their successes during the past year. Unfortunately sometimes I can't get to all of them, but I do try. It would be good if we could see everyone's Scouting calendars and have no clashes but we all know that will not happen.

The year has begun with the 100 years of Roving. I will be interested to see how the Rovers go with their celebrations. The Rovers are also working on the 2023 Rover Moot in Tasmania so they haven't got too much time to celebrate.

With all the Rover things going on at the moment, and because the Youth members are so important to us in our Movement, I have appointed Craig Millison as the new PC Rover Fellowship. I'm hoping Craig will be able to keep more Rovers in our Movement after they are booted or leave Rovers and stay on in the Fellowship and hopefully, down the track come back as a Leader or Adult Helper when their studies, family commitments, house building etc has been completed. The more young Leaders we get in our organisation the better, they can really relate to the Youth members. We have finally got over the 100 Rovers in this State and the way they are going, I wouldn't be surprised to see their numbers in the 150+ in the years to come.

We have 7 Groups now who are going to have a go at being Pioneer Groups for Tasmania. The training of Leaders for these Groups will happen later on in the year as we need to get the Adventure Begins information to all Groups and get this up and running ASAP. This is not going to be easy as a lot of training on how to implement the material will have to be done and we are hoping that all Leaders of Adults will attend a course on the 17-18 March to start this process. This will be vital to getting the new Youth Program up and running sometime in 2019 for all Groups. We don't want to rush into this, as we don't want Leaders getting overwhelmed by these changes.

I have passed on an email from Pip's bike hikes onto all Leaders and in particular, he wants more Southern members to attend. I hope everyone has answered his call. Riding bikes in a bike safe environment is a great activity to do and I hope the event Pip has organised during the school holidays will be a great one.



Chief Commissioner's Report Cont'd

At the last National meeting I attended, National was looking into appointing sectional National Leaders to help our Branch Sectional Commissioners in their roles at Branch. I would expect that one of the State BC's will be given the coordinator role of coordinating monthly meetings etc., as this is a very big job at the moment with all the Youth Program changes that are about to happen. Also at the same meeting, it was asked that the State Chief Commissioners be asked before the appointment of all National appointments from now on.

A big plea for help, South Australia needs Activities Leaders for AJ2019. You don't need any special skills but if you have any, that will be great. If they don't get the Leaders/Adult Helpers/parents to help with activities the activities will not be able to run. I can find out more detail for you if you are interested, or talk to Phil Harper.

The Uni program has become closer to being a reality. Susanne and I attended the presentations of the Awards before Christmas last year, and we both enjoyed what the Uni is doing with the program. Susanne will become the PC for Child Uni and continue to coordinate the program.

Susanne has also been working hard on getting the Rover marquees with Temporary Occupancy Permit (TOPermit). It has been a hard slog getting this out of the Government's lap, but we are hoping that it will be completed soon and that we can use them for the Regatta. So the Regatta Committee doesn't have to hire marquees for the event.

Thanks to all the nearly 150 Leaders/Adult Helpers/parents/Venturers/Rovers etc. for attending the 1st Aid courses, it was hard getting all the information we needed, but the good side is that all who attended passed. When Sharon returns to work after the school holidays she will be scanning all the certificates and putting them onto your MyScout file and posting them out to your GL or DC. We are hoping that we can do something similar this year. But hopefully, an online manual will be provided by Royal Life Saving as they are going with a different State who have a better computer based training package. The students need one day to complete the online course before completing the face to face one-day course.

The BYC had a good weekend meeting before Christmas. I had the pleasure to attend their Q&A session and found out what they have been up to and what their plans are for the coming year. Hopefully you will see them around at the Regatta and other events during the year.

Huonville Group had a great end of year activity with jumping castles and other fun games. I had the pleasure of presenting another ASM to one of the Scouts with BC Scouts, Jonathan Pyefinch. It must have been one of the parents who put our photo in the Huon Newspaper, good PR for our organisation, thank you.



Michael Hovington
Chief Commissioner
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President's Report

A new year, a new President.

In December Brendan Kelly resigned as our Branch President. I would like to publicly thank him for the work that he did on our behalf. Most of it was behind the scenes, much of it at a National level - always doing his utmost to serve the interests of Scouting in Tasmania. Brendan also established an enviable reputation among his peers in the National Executive Committee for his consistent professionalism, as well as his measured, reasoned and thoughtful contributions. He leaves very big shoes to fill and will be sorely missed by all. Thank you Brendan!

I would also like to thank each and every one of you for the contributions that you make every single day. Fundraising, cleaning halls, serving on Committees, cooking, leading Youth, applying for grants, transport. The list goes on (and on and on). Every single act benefits us all and contributes directly to the Scouting Movement. Just as you support your local Group, my role is to support Scouting in Tasmania at all levels.

My wife is a Scout Leader, we have 2 boys (a Cub and a Scout) and I also help out with Venturers. Like so many of you, Scouting has become a very large part of our lives. We all belong to one big Scouting family and I am here to help and support you all in any way that I can. Over time I will try to get out to as many Groups as possible - in the meantime if you need any help with meeting procedure, governance, in dealing with external parties, companies, Councils or the Government, if you have a sticky problem, would like some ideas or just want an extra set of eyes to review something - give me a yell. I am also happy to come out to any local Committee and/or District Meetings, so that you can provide ideas, input and feedback to me directly.

Feel free to contact me at any time

Yours in Scouting

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Training Report

Welcome back to Scouting in 2018, to our 'old' established Leaders and those commencing Scouting. We are in for some exciting and 'interesting' times over the next few years, and Leader Training will be a significant part of this journey. So hang on, hold on to your hats and enjoy the experience!

Training Team has already started exploring the 'Adventure Begins Program and also how we fit in reworking the original parts of Scouting which has led to its success over more than a century:

- Youth led, adults supporting
- Opportunities for Youth leadership
- Focusing on the SPICES (if you can't remember, then e-learning can help)
- Involvement of our Youth members, from Joeys to Rovers, in our planning and implementation
- Plan, Do, Review

The weekend of the 24th and 25th February is an opportunity for Leaders to do the Basic Outdoor Skills course, so please get your applications to BHQ as soon as possible. This is compulsory for all Scout, Venturer and Rover Scouts and strongly encouraged for Cub and Joey Leaders, especially with the new Personal Progression Framework implementation from 2019 (Pioneer groups will start this year).

For all new Leaders the Basic Sectional course is on after Easter at The Lea – 14th and 15th April so PLEASE ensure that you have started your e-learning and have it completed by the time of your application.

The Training Team look forward to meeting all old and returning Leaders over 2018.

Have a great year in Scouting

Geraldine Harwood
Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development

2018 Corroboree

The Lea Scout Centre - Hobart

Billy Carts, Water Activities, Archery, Water Skirmish, Abseiling, Obstacle Course, Bungee, Flying Fox, Laser Skirmish (optional extra), Flour bombs, Mountain Bikes Catapults and more and more!!

Easter 2018 - 30th March – 2nd April
(you can move in on Friday 30th – Activities start 31st March)

Tassie's own Mini Jamboree is on its' way. We need to know that you are coming.

Family is most welcome to join the fun, so we also need to know how many family members will be coming.

Not only that, we need your Registrations and payments completed and sent to us by **1st March 2018**

Cost is: \$35 per Scout
 \$25 per Adult/Venturer helper
 \$12 per Sibling Camping at The Lea

\$ 0 per Sibling not Camping at The Lea
 \$20 Laser Skirmish Option (a bargain price!)
 \$ 4 Additional Badges


You will be camping with your District, and family is welcome to camp with your Troop and District. Any adult camping with the Scouts will require a **Working With Vulnerable Peoples Card**.

There are a variety of accommodation types available at the bottom of The Lea. Tents can be pitched on the Training Ground area if required. If your family wants a self-contained Cabin or Dormitory Hut accommodation they will need to contact The Lea Caretaker: Peter **0417 590986** or **bookings@hobartbushcabins.com.au** You will need to do this very early as the self contained Cabins often book out over Easter.

Please talk to your Scouts and families, this is a great event that is an excellent "taster" for AJ2019.

General enquiries to Phil Harper – **phil.harper@tas.scouts.com.au**
 Jonathan Pyefinch – **bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au**

Make sure you don't miss out on this great and fun event.

 <h2>February Branch Calendar</h2>		
Date	Event	Where
3	Training Team Meeting	Ross
4	Group Leader Conference & Branch Councils (10am - 3pm)	Ross
7	Property Committee Meeting	The Lea
8	IT Committee Meeting	The Lea
10 & 11	Basic Kayaking North & South	
11	Commissioners Conference	Campbell Town
13	Regatta Council Meeting	
14	The Lea Board of Management Meeting	The Lea
15	Business & Finance Committee Meeting Branch Executive Committee Meeting	The Lea
18	Venturer Unit Management Course	The Lea
18	Northern Leaders Family BBQ	
22	Founders Day	
23	Launceston/Tamar District Swimming Carnival & Founders Day	Riverside Pool
24	NYPT Meeting	
25	Basic Outdoor Skills (Bushwalking level 1)	



AJ2019

AJ2019 – Tailem Bend – South Australia 3rd – 17th Jan. 2019

(including a Post AJ experience at Ballarat for the Tasmanian Contingent)

Now is the time to talk to your Scouts and think about it for yourselves, about the fun and benefits of taking part in a Jamboree, undoubtedly one of the highlights of any Scout or Leaders time in Scouts.

Registrations are open and we already have a good number signed up with first payments due by the end of April 2018.

The Committee has already sorted our travel plans and now only need numbers to confirm bookings and begin sorting out our Troops. We have our Jamboree Troop Leaders appointed. They are a very experienced team and know how to make sure their Scouts and Leaders have a great time.

Please let anyone thinking of going to get on line to the AJ2019 Applications page and set the wheels in motion. Applications have 3 stages:

- Initial** – when basic data is put in.
- Submitted** – when all the information and Agreement pages with Leaders signatures are completed and the submit button is pushed.
- Approved** – This happens when the first payment made. We cannot approve until payment is made as we are billed by the National Jamboree Committee on Approvals. We cannot afford to pay them unless we have received it so that's why we have to wait.

If you would like any of our Contingent Team or one of the JTLs to visit your Troop to talk to Scouts & Parents, please feel free to contact me. I will get it organised.

I look forward to having you and your Scouts as part of Tasmania's' Contingent.

Phil Harper
 Contingent Leader AJ2019
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Years of Service Awards

5 Years	Julian Dermoudy	Taroona Scout Troop
25 Years	Henry Nugteren	North West Bay Scout Group
30 Years	Susan Gardner	10th Hobart Scout Group

Raymond John Worsley 11 July 1927 - 21 December 2017



Ray was ASL & SL with the Taroona Scout Group from 1963 - 1973 and was then with Nelson and Hobart Districts from 1973—1998 when he then became a member of The Lea Service Crew Committee.

Stalwart will be fondly remembered **Rest in Peace**

10th Hobart Scout Group

Are holding a dinner to celebrate CSL Susan Gardner's 25 years with the Group
 Saturday 17 March 2018.

If you have been associated with the Group you are warmly invited to attend.
 For details email Jane Green (Group Secretary) jane1970@live.com.au



Scouting Album



17th Australian Venture - Tasmanian Contingent - 2 Jan 2018 till 14 Jan 2018





International Report

Welcome to International Scouting 2018. I do hope everyone is refreshed and excited about commencing a new Scouting year. There are lots of opportunities in this month's newsletter – some for Rovers, Contingent Leader positions available and an invitation to join International Teams. Australian Contingents available for you to join now and some to get you planning for the future.

So please share the information, get excited and organise an International experience for this year.

Firstly Rover opportunities.

Further details are included in the application cover page. Similar to a Moot with a focus on Sustainable Development, all members of Rover age are invited to apply in the Event Application System.

<https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au>



6th National Community Development Camp (COMDECA), Bangladesh 2018

"Scouting for Sustainable Development"

Applications close: 2 February 2018

Email: int.comm@scouts.com.au

Eligibility: Rovers

Travel Dates: 7-13 March 2018

Cost: \$400 + Flights

9th Asia-Pacific Region Youth Forum 2018 and 26th Asia-Pacific Region Scout Conference 2018

Scouts Australia is offering two scholarships to attend the 9th Asia-Pacific Region Youth Forum and 26th Asia-Pacific Region Scout Conference in The Philippines. All members of Rover age are invited to apply on JotForm using this link <https://form.jotform.co/80053105478856>

Applications close: 2 February 2018 Email: int.comm@scouts.com.au

Eligibility: Rovers Travel Dates: 7-13 March 2018 Cost: \$400 + Flights

Australian Contingent Leader positions

Application instructions are attached for each role and the International website

<http://international.scouts.com.au> has been updated with this information.

Appointments made in March. Applications close: 28 February 2018

77th New Zealand Rover Moot 2019

Contingent Leader Applications open: January 2018 - Applications close: 28 February 2018

Eligibility: Rovers Travel Dates: 18 - 22 April 2019

22nd New Zealand Jamboree 2020

Contingent Leader Applications open: January 2018 - Applications close: 28 February 2018

Travel Dates: January 2020

3rd European Jamboree 2020

Contingent Leader Applications open: January 2018 - Applications close: 28 February 2018

Travel Dates: 27 July - 6 August 2020 Destination: Poland

Invitation to join the International Team – all Leaders

An open application to join the International Team has also been launched. As our International program continues to expand, additional support is needed to coordinate our activities and provide "Tiger Team" style assistance to Contingents and Branch Friendship Tours as they prepare for overseas travel. These applications will also close at 5pm on Wednesday 28 February 2018.

For Applications/instructions see Scouts International <http://international.scouts.com.au>

International Report cont'd

14th New Zealand Venture 2019

Illuminate 2019 will be held in Kaiwaka, Northland. Pre-tour in Queenstown. Post tour in Rotorua
Applications open: 12 February 2018 - Applications close: 12 March 2018

Contingent Leader: Rik Scholes (Vic) **Email:** rik@nzv2019.com **Website:** www.nzv2019.com

Eligibility: 14-17 years + adults **Travel Dates:** 27 December 2018 - 15 January 2019

Cost: approx \$2,500 + Venture Expedition + Optional Contingent Tour

SISEP - Scout International Student Exchange Program

Applications open now. Venturers planning to go on Student exchange this year will be out going in November 2018.

Contact: Sam van der Wijngaart Branch SISEP Coordinator for details. tas.sisep@scouts.com.au

<http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/sisep>

Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP)

Japan, Scotland, Denmark, Indonesia **Cost:** \$2,300-\$3,500 depending on flights

Applications open: 1 October 2017 - Applications close: 31 March 2018

National Coordinator: Barb Brook **Email:** int.sisep@scouts.com.au

Eligibility: 16-17 years **Travel Dates:** December 2018 - January 2019



Pen Pal Program

This is an amazing platform and I encourage all members to reach out and learn more about International Scouting through the Pen Pal program. It would be exciting to see more Tasmanian Scouts taking advantage of this opportunity in the coming year, so please encourage your sections to register using the online form at www.scouts.com.au/penpals. You are also welcome to send me an email any time if you are having difficulties or would like to discuss the program. I also have a number of promotional resources which I am happy to send through!

Contact: Anastasia Bedford International Pen Pal Coordinator tas.penpal@scouts.com.au

Other Future Contingents in Planning

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| 2020 | 78th New Zealand Rover Moot 2020 |
| | Eligibility: Rovers Travel Dates: 9 - 13 April 2020 |
| | Cost: approximately \$900 + Moot Expedition + Optional Contingent Tour + Flights |
| 2021 | 14th World Scout Youth Forum 2020 (Egypt) |
| | Eligibility: Rovers Travel Dates: 14 - 17 September 2020 Cost: Scholarship |
| | 42nd World Scout Conference 2020 (Egypt) Travel Dates: 21 - 24 September 2020 |
| 2021 | 79th New Zealand Rover Moot 2021 |
| | Eligibility: Rovers Travel Dates: 1 - 5 April 2021 |
| | Cost: approximately \$900 + Moot Expedition + Optional Contingent Tour + Flights |
| | 16th World Scout Moot 2021 (Ireland) |
| | Eligibility: Rovers Travel Dates: 22 July - 1 August 2021 |
| | 20th BSA National Scout Jamboree 2021 |
| Eligibility: Venturer Scouts Travel Dates: July - August 2021 Cost: approximately \$6,000 | |
| 27th Asia-Pacific Region Scout Conference 2021 Travel Dates: 2021 | |
| 32nd APR Scout Jamboree 2021 (Bangladesh) | |
| Eligibility: Scouts and Venturer Scouts Travel Dates: 11 - 19 December 2021 | |

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Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania

Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta

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The March long weekend and the Scout Guide Regatta are fast approaching!

For Leaders who have already registered and wish to increase the number of participants from their Troop/Unit, please do so by filling in the Additional Entries form which is available from the Scout and Guide web pages, MyScout or by emailing sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au. Remember to use the appropriate form – south, north or northwest - as the registration costs vary depending on the location of your Troop/Unit.

There is a cost increase of \$10 for registrations made between 16 December and 23 February, and an additional \$10 for registrations made between 24 February and 2 March. Registrations cannot be accepted after 2 March – this means that your Additional Entries form must be emailed or in the PO Box by then, and your payment in the Regatta account or your cheque in the PO Box.

Mailing address - in the letterhead

Making a BSB payment – details are on the Additional Entries form.

If paying by BSB, please make sure that your Troop/Unit is identified as the reference.

Parents can camp on the oval with your Troop/Unit at no cost. Anyone over 18 staying overnight and not a member of either the Scout or Guide Associations must hold a **Working with Vulnerable People card**. This also applies to those doing Regatta security shifts during the night. Parents not holding the WWVP card will need to camp off-site by booking at the Snug Caravan Park, making private arrangements or using the camping space available at The Lea. Regatta catering is available for adults if they wish (see the Additional Entries form for the cost).

Regatta Taster

Cubs and Guides 8-10 years, along with Cub/Guide Leaders are invited to come along to the Regatta Taster. This event is always lots of fun! It runs from 1–4.30 pm on Saturday, 10 March and is free. Participation is for Youth members aged 8 - 10 and Leaders. The finale and highlight is always the Water Bomb Battle at 4 pm. Other activities include have-a-go-kayaking, squeezey bottle battle, tug-of-war, swimming, beach play, thong throw, greasy pole, musical flags and sand sculpting. Please direct any queries to Jo Maddock maddock@m2data.com.au or **0409399874**.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Regatta, please email Andrew Hardman andrew.hardman@tas.scouts.com.au

Lyn Muir



Joey Report

Welcome to the 2018 Scouting year! Hopefully you are all feeling well refreshed after the holiday break because it looks like we have a very busy but exciting year ahead in the Joey Scout section!

The Adventure Begins - As you know Mobs in the Pioneer Groups will start trialling the new program later in 2018 and all Joey Scout Mobs (and every other Section) will be participating in 'The Adventure Begins Challenge' this year to implement the new fundamental elements and ensure all of Scouting's other basic elements are included in our programming ready for the changeover to the new program, later

Joey Report Cont'd

this year for the Pioneer Mobs or next year for the rest of us. Details and resources for these will be passed on when available.

Joey Scout Age Range - The other exciting news is that National and Tasmania Branch have approved the lowering of the minimum age to join Joey Scouts, so effectively immediately all Mobs who wish to are now able to accept children who have had their 5th birthday and are attending full-time school (Prep here in Tas). This means to join Joey Scouts this year in Tasmania, children will need to have been born no later than 1st January 2013. Our Scouts Tasmania insurance policy and My Scout have now been amended to accept the younger age group and we are hoping to organise some more Joey Scout promotional resources soon. It would be fantastic to see the numbers of Joey Scouts across the State really start to increase from now on!

As well as (hopefully) plenty of planned interesting and challenging Mob, Group and District activities for Joey Scouts and Leaders, we have the following on our Branch Joey Scout calendar so far this year ...

- **Joey Scout Branch Council meeting** (for those on that team) at the Ross Town Hall on Sunday 4th February commencing at 10am. Another will be held on Sunday 16th September. Ross Town Hall.
- The **North West Regional Joey Scout Event** on Saturday 3rd March. "Pirates" is the theme for this year's events around the State's regions.
- A **Training weekend** (on the implementation of the new program) **for District Leaders and those on the Training Team** on 16-18th March at The Lea.
- **Basic Joey Scout Training** on 14th & 15th April at The Lea.
- The **Northern Regional Joey Scout Event** on Saturday 12th May.
- The **Lenah Hop (weekend of fun and learning for all Joey Scout Leaders - new or not so new!)** on the 18th-20th May.
- The **Gilwell Reunion for all those who have completed their Wood Badge** on Saturday 23rd June at The Lea.
- A **Training weekend for Leaders in Pioneer Groups** will also be held (date to be confirmed but possibly in early July).
- The **Southern Regional Joey Scout Event** on Saturday 3rd November.

Please make sure to add all relevant events in to your diary and programs now!!

A number of Joey Scouts completed the badge work for the top Joey Scout award late last year so as a result **Promise Challenge Awards** were presented in December to Kaleb Reid - Tamar Sea Scouts, Nethusha Rodrigo - Howrah, Joseph Crawford - Tarooma, Charles Kettle - Spreyton and Zoe Garcia Ferreira - Sandy Bay. Congratulations to all of you for earning this special award.

A total of 85 **Commissioners' Challenge** badges were awarded during 2017 and Joey Scouts, Helpers and Leaders from George Town, Sandford, Clarence, Huonville, Burnie, 4th Launceston, Spreyton and Smithton Mobs can now wear these badges on their uniform.

I know other Mobs also completed the required number of activities last year to meet this challenge - I still have some badges left so if your Mob has done this, hop to it and get those applications and payments in ASAP! First in, best dressed but all applications must be in by February 28 to get this award. (Just a reminder that my email address has changed from that listed on the form so please use the email address below or forward to the postal address listed).

If you have any questions or concerns about anything mentioned here or anything else Joey Scout related, please get in touch. Let's make 2018 a great year for our section! I look forward to seeing you all at one or other events over the coming months - just remember to register (and get any information and payments in) early for everything as we don't want anyone to miss out!

Happy Joey Scouting!

Sue Cooper

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Cub Report

Hello! As this is my first column in the Newsletter I'd like to start by introducing myself. I was a Cub in the 1970s and have been involved as an adult since 2012 — first as Parent Help in Joeys, then as Assistant Cub Scout Leader and Cub Scout Leader, and most recently as Scout Leader for the Taroon Group in the Kingborough District. I'm also in the Training Squad for Cub Leader Training and have been on the Cuboree Committee in 2013 and 2015. My son is now a Scout and my partner (Ruth) has two Scouts and a Joey.

The second thing I'd like to do is to thank my predecessor for his extremely significant contribution. Terry Bryan has been Branch Commissioner (Cubs) for the last six and a half years. As a Cub Scout Leader, I've been very grateful for the work Terry has done. He leaves with the Cub Section in very good shape with high numbers of members and with the Cuborees having in excess of 500 attendees (not including the Cubs from Victoria and New South Wales). He has been a strong advocate for the Section and Branch at the National level. Thank you Terry for your service as BC, we all owe you a large debt of gratitude. I'm pleased that you have accepted Mike Hovington's request to become the District Cub Scout Leader for the Kingborough District.

The third thing I'd like to do is to make a genuine plea to you all for communication and representation. If you are a CSL or ACSL then I hope you've already received the following invitation from me in your email inbox:

1. If you have any concerns about anything in the Cub Section (whether it's local in your Pack, in your District, or in the Branch) please let me know of them.
2. If there are things which are working well and which should be retained, also please let me know of them.

I'd like to have a DCSL in all Districts. At present there are no official DCSLs in Hellyer District, Wellington District, or Huon District. If you would like to be your District's liaison, please send me an email (contact details below).

The Branch Council (Cubs) will be discussing the year's priority and activities (including Palaver, potential northern camp, Commissioner's Challenge, Gang Show involvement, and of course the YPR new program) at our next meeting. I'd like to ensure your priorities are included in our discussions so please work with your DCSL where there is one and/or contact me directly.

Finally, let me thank Terry and Mike for asking me to take on this role, and for the messages of support I've received since my appointment was announced. I'll do my best — but this is your Section as much as mine — if you have any comments, suggestions, or wish to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at bc.cubs@tas.scouts.com.au

Good Hunting!

Julian

Dr Julian Dermoudy
Branch Commissioner Cubs
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Grey Wolf Awards

Connor Howard	Riverside
Daniel Mulcahy	Derwent
Thomas Henderson	Taroon
Liam Ludlow	Taroon
Amelia Williams	Motton-Preston
Jakob Anderson	4th Launceston
Caidyn Leeder	4th Launceston

Scout Report

I hope that you have all had a relaxed Christmas and New Year and are suitably revitalised to jump back into Scouting for 2018.

This year is an important one for all Scouts and Leaders in preparation for attending the Australian Jamboree (AJ2109) being held in South Australia in January 2019. As part of our State's preparation we have the Corroboree for everyone to attend at Easter 2018 at The Lea. This is a great weekend as it provides a mini Jamboree for all Tasmanian Scouts to get 3 nights under canvas camping with their District and in the company of families. Registrations close by 1st March so please promote to your Scout families. I look forward to seeing many Scouts at The Lea.

Term 1 is a busy time for most Troops as we enjoy the great weather and make the most of being outdoors. If your Troop is not outside most weeks it is reasonable to ask Troop Council why not?

In addition to the Corroboree, other State events on offer include the Scout/Guide Regatta at Snug in March and the Cycling Mini Tour at Derby in April.

2018 will also see a number of Groups participate as Pioneers of the new Scout Program. This will prove important in the development of Scouting into the future so we look forward to the feedback from all those involved.

Australian Scout Medallion

At the Huonville Group end of year celebrations, Madisyn Chapman was awarded her Australian Scout Medallion. Congratulations Madisyn.

I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead and hope you are too.

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Children's University

Scouts Tasmania has signed on as a learning destination with Children University Tasmania. Julian Varney CSL Burnie came across the program and sent us an email. After investigation and talking to the coordinator we have signed up to the program. BIG THANK YOU TO JULIAN.

The Children's University originated in the United Kingdom as a school project in Birmingham in the early 1990s, as a way of getting children back to exploring and exposing them to greater learning opportunities. South Australia started the first Children's University in Australia in 2013, Tasmania and New South Wales are also embracing the program.



The Children's University concept is relatively simple: encouraging out of school learning and participation in a range of activities including sports, clubs, museums, galleries, etc and has a strong emphasis on participation as a significant learning tool, acknowledging the value of the range of different learning experiences and environments in which children engage.

Children's University encourages participating school pupils to engage in out of school activities; they reward them with graduation certificates and a ceremony once a year. The first level is Bronze 30 hours of out school activities over three areas up to Postgraduate for 600 hours. In Tasmania the Peter Underwood Centre northern campus is coordinating the program, signing up schools in area clusters with each having its own coordinator running the program.

I am contacting Groups within these clusters and resourcing them. If you are contacted by Children University participant and are unsure about the program please email or phone me. On their Web Page you will find information about them and what we are offering. **4 free, pre-booked** sectional meetings supported by their parents or care giver. They will be given an informational pack about Scouting on their first night and must return registration paper if they want to continue after their fourth meeting. All register Scout Youth can have all their Scouting participation counted if signed on to Children University.

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Gang Show Report

Welcome to 2018 and I hope everyone has a wonderful year. I look forward to seeing as many Groups as possible at Hobart Gang Show this year ...

The **Gang Show Reunion** (open to all former cast/crew/band) has had to have a date change due to unforeseen circumstances and will now be held on **Sunday 11th February, 2018** between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m. It will be held at the Storm Hut, which is at the top of The Lea. Cost is \$5.00 per person and includes a BBQ lunch. This event is also a fundraiser for Relay for Life, so even if you aren't able to come for the BBQ itself, you will still be most welcome, but the cost will remain at \$5.00 per person as we are raising money for Relay for Life and not Gang Show.

Relay for Life will be the 17th and 18th March, 2018 – everyone is welcome to join the Hobart Gang Show Team and it would be fantastic to have many, many people join the team (cast, crew, parents, band, friends, families ... anyone interested).

All you need to do to register is go to ... <https://www.relayforlife.org.au/about-relay> and register with the Hobart Gang Show team. Cost is \$25.00 per person, with all money going to the Cancer Council. If you can't join the team, then please donate to our team and help us reach our fundraising goal.

Relay for Life performance ... ALL former GS cast members are invited to have a "reunion" performance. Even if you are not joining the Relay Team, I need as many people as possible. The performance is at 5 p.m. on Saturday 17th March. Please contact me if you are able to perform.

Auditions – Sunday 25th March with call-backs 8th April

Full details for all dates can be obtained by contacting me. I hope to see as many former cast, crew or band at the GS Reunion – which is a reunion and not just for the cast from the most recent show, but for everyone involved from many years ago as well.

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Adult Support Report

Process to obtain a VET outcome from your Scout training.

Please call or email BHQ (training@tas.scouts.com.au) and ask Sharon to send you an enrolment form. When you have returned the completed form, Sharon will enter the details in the database and advise me.

I will contact the candidate and arrange an interview. The purpose of the interview is to check the readiness of the candidate for the assessment process. If all is ok, I send the candidate an RPL toolkit which assists in the process. The candidate will then start the collection of evidence.

Here is a list of typical evidence required:

- Completion of Candidate Assessment Tool Kit
- eLearning Attachments
- Additional examples of your work from Scouting, such as long, medium and short term programs, camp programs, record books, notes to parents/care givers, minutes of meetings, budgets, Scoutsafe/Risk management plans, screen shots of messages/emails etc
- Additional examples may also be from other environments that you are involved with
- Research or presentation materials that you have prepared
- Copies of existing qualifications
- Your personal Resume
- If you are considering a qualification in outdoor recreation, please complete the e-learning "with VET outcomes". You will also need to complete any attachments or activities. Log books are essential. Please note that additional workbooks will need to be completed.

After completing your enrolment and gathering the evidence, a SAIT Assessor will be assigned to you and they will assess your evidence. There are usually a number of phone calls, emails, meetings etc, to complete this stage. The final stage is the awarding of the qualification or unit of competency (UOC).

During 2017, a number Leaders and Venturers contacted BHQ and/or myself regarding a VET qualification. Some enrolled, did the work and received a qualification or a UOC. A number started the process and are still working on an outcome. What concerns me is the number of people sitting in the system and despite numerous contacts there has been no progress. This last category of people will be contacted shortly to ascertain if they want to continue and if not will be removed from the system. If trainees do not wish to continue, we cancel the enrolment. Some trainees may need to defer their training, so this is also possible in the system. Please let BHQ know if you need to defer or cancel.

All Leaders and supporters need feedback.

All Leaders/supporters need to be recognised for doing a good job.

Recognition must have personal value, must be positive, earned, **timely** and celebrated.

Remember "If people are not told they are appreciated they will assume the opposite"

What is mentoring?

Mentor: an experienced and trusted adviser, guide or confidant.

Young people, Trainee Leaders and even experienced Leaders will all need mentoring at some stage.

The mentor's role should be to help the Leader to find the answers for him/herself, not give answers.

The Leader will experience their own attempts, failures & successes, thereby developing his/her own natural strengths and potential.

At some stage you are going to give some feedback.

Giving feedback - remember the "no but" rule!

You did a great job.....but you could have done.....!

Do not use the occasion for praise as an opportunity to prompt or instruct

More next month,

Questions? Please contact me via the details below.

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