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Branch Newsletter

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for new adventure!

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Scout Guide Regatta 2018—Saturday morning sunrise 10th March at Snug Beach

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Chief Commissioner's Report

Thanks to everyone who have put in their interest for the Branch positions over the last month or so. I'm happy to announce that Julie Creed will be taking on the Assistant Chief Commissioners position for the south and that Julie has also agreed to continue for another 3 years in the BC Youth Program position and the DC Kingborough position. Geraldine Harwood has also agreed to do another 3 years as BC Adult Training & Development which we all appreciate. Geraldine is across the new Youth Program more than most Leaders; we will need her skills in this area in the coming year or so. I will be letting you know who will be the next BC International next month. It has taken me longer than I expected, so I do apologise to the Leaders who have put in their expressions. I have one position vacant at the moment and that is the DC Leven position; if you would like to apply or talk to me about it, please do so. Andrew Thompson has now started the BC Adventurous Activities position and Phil Dickenson has now started the DC Mersey position. Thank you both for taking on these roles.

The Adventurer Begins seminar has been completed with most of the Leader of Adults turning up at The Lea or 4th Launceston hall. I think most of the Leaders were across the SPICES, Section Council, Plan-Do-Review and so on. Most of the Leaders are saying they are doing it or should be doing it, but some Groups have forgotten. The next step is to get the information to the Section Leaders; the GL's, DC's and any Leader Trainer who is available will take this on. Change is hard sometimes but I think this will be an exciting time to be in the Scouting movement.

Pioneer Groups will be going through their training in July. The YPR (Youth Program Review) team are still modifying the program and the Pioneer Groups will hopefully make more changes to improve the Program as they go through it. One of the main reasons for the change is to increase membership, at National they are hoping that the membership will go from 68,000 to 100,000 by 2024. If this is to happen we will have to increase our membership from approx. 2000 to 3000, which is achievable. If every Section were full that we have in our state now we would have over 4000 members in our Branch. If that happened we could reduce our fees, which in turn would mean more members and hopefully more groups to cater for all the new members. What a wonderful thought.

Cash for Containers is in the limelight again. During the elections I was talking to as many candidates as I could about the possibilities of getting the scheme up and running in Tasmania. It looks like Victoria is going to the scheme soon which makes Tasmania the only state without the Cash of Containers scheme. In the next two or three months, we will be pushing it a little harder as the Liberal Government have put \$100,000 for a study to see if it is possible in Tasmania. Our Branch needs this scheme at the moment to get our membership back on track by reducing our fees. Fingers crossed that we are able to get this through parliament this time.

Child Uni. Scheme - Susanne Hovington has given most of the Groups who have schools around them a Scout stamp each. We didn't want to miss out on the possible membership increase by not joining the scheme. We are hoping that all schools will join the Child Uni. scheme eventually, which would make all Groups an outdoor destination for the Child Uni. scheme.

Verified accounts, - there are a lot of Groups who haven't sent in their verified accounts yet for this year and we still have 5 Groups that haven't sent in their 2016 verified accounts yet. If you are one of these Groups, please send them into Jeannette ASAP. You should have your accounts verified before you present them at your AGM; no accounts should be in an AGM report without being verified, as they might be incorrect.

Marketing, by the time you have read this I would have sent out an email to everyone explaining our competition. We are asking everyone to think of a good slogan that we all can use, something similar to South Australia and Victoria. They both use their slogans on all their letters; pamphlets and have even put them on a badge for all members to wear. Our marketing team will look at the best entries and pick the best at the end of April. The winner will get a \$100 voucher from an outdoor shop of their choice.

The Scout-Guide Regatta has run again, and what great weather did we have, just hope no-one got sunburn during the weekend. It was great to see the Rovers sail past first on the Saturday morning, as they are celebrating their 100th year.

Chief Commissioner's Report Cont'd

Rovering for 100 years, as mentioned in the Regatta paragraph, they were the first to sail past the Governor at the Regatta. They are having a Ball (suits & evening wear) planned for 10th November at the Blundstone Arena in Bellerive. The Governor is also putting on a reception for any Rovers, Rover Advisors, past or present to attend and their Moots will be special as well. Don't forget to find your Rover Knots and put them on if you were a Rover or Rover Advisor to celebrate the 100 years of Rovering. Susanne did find mine for me, I have a set to wear now.

Pip and his team (one, in particular, Annette Levis) had cycling training for the Scouts at the Howrah Scout Hall on Saturday with approx. 20 attending, which was great to see. Hopefully, all who attended now have a better understanding of the road rules and how to be safer on the roads.

Sam McGrath is having an Environment Day at Paton Park, for more details go to Sam's report. It will be around the STEM cells and she has a group of Leaders from the mainland running the event for her. The environment is such a big issue these days and we need to keep our Youth members and Leaders across this changing subject.

In the past week or so I have been attending, (with our President) a lot of AGM's. The Northwest and Northern Districts have been well attended with very positive reports with bright futures for their Districts. We still have several to come and are looking forward to attending them if possible. Please invite our President as well when sending out your invitations.

Susanne is slowly working on getting our large tents and marquee certification for our Temporary Occupation Permits (TOPermit). We have found over 700 sites that we use so far. We are hoping to get a 3-year certification to make it easier for everyone with larger tents to have Scouting activities during this 3-year period. When we get our head around all the changes that have been put on us, we will make a flow chart, which hopefully will make sense to everyone. But in the meantime, if you have a tent or marquee that is over 20 square metres and you haven't told Susanne about it already; please get in contact with her ASAP.

It looks like we might have Fellowship co-ordinators in the North and Northwest now; we just need to do the paperwork. The Southern Fellowship group had a good turn up to the Friday nights counter dinner at Doctor Syntax, here's hoping the Northern Fellowship co-ordinators will be doing the same shortly.

Michael Hovington

Chief Commissioner

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Years of Service Awards

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| 5 Years | Troy Danson Michelle Higgins | Trevallyn Scout Troop Mt Stuart Joey Mob |
| 10 Years | Stuart Bennell Jason Sanderson Jonathan Wendes | Leven Distrtict Newstead Baptist Cub Pack George Town Scout Troop |
| 15 Years | Anna Greener Steven Levis | North West Bay Scout Group Clarence District |
| 20 Years | Jodie Treloyn | 10th Hobart Scout Troop |
| 25 Years | Stephen Yam | Launceston & Tamar District |
| 30 Years | Peter Bishop | Port Cygnet Scout Group |

Children's University

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.

Over the last week I have managed to visit all participating groups with the exception of Tamar. One group has even gone a step further and approached their local participating school re an information session, "Well done."

Please find a link to other learning destinations we can all link into without being in a school catchment area, a real plus is they have contact details and are located through out our state.

http://childrensuniversity.com.au/adults/learning-destinations/why-become-a-learning-destination/?cu_region=TAS

Just remember you have control over how many new Youth members you accept per night. Don't be pressured into taking too many, if they want their stamps they will wait. The most important thing is we expose them to a great experience through our Scout Method so they will want to join our great movement, this includes their parents.

I have included our terms of engagement again for your easy reference

Susanne Hovington

Tasmanian Scouts

Project Commissioner Children's University

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To start your Adventure

- Join in the fun, come along for FOUR FREE MEETINGS, with the nearest group that has availability.
- Students, parent or guardian MUST ring and pre-book their visit—**1800 SCOUTS (1800 726 887)**
- Students' parent or guardian must be present at all times and support the Leaders.
- Maximum of 4 visits in a block.
- Parents or guardians must abide by our no smoking policy in and around youth activities, follow direction of the Leaders or will be asked to leave and not return.
- In the 1st week, parents will be given an information pack.
- In the 4th week the registration paper work must be returned as they will not be insured.

Parents are encouraged to become involved.

Susanne Hovington

Scouting Album

Scout Guide Regatta



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**Scout Guide Regatta 2018
Snug Beach (10 - 12 March)**



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April Branch Calendar

| Date | Event | Where |
|---------|--|-------------------|
| 2 | TBRC - GBM | |
| 4 | Property Committee Meeting | The Lea |
| 6 - 8 | NEC & NOC Meetings | Sydney |
| 7 | Safe Cycling/Bunch Riding Course | |
| 7 | Basic Kayaking (North Only) | Ulverstone |
| 7 | National Council Meeting | |
| 11 | The Lea Board of Management Committee Meeting | The Lea |
| 12 | IT Committee Meeting | The Lea |
| 13 - 15 | Mariners Trophy | |
| 14 - 15 | Basic Sectional Techniques - NO Joey or Rover Sections | The Lea |
| 17 - 23 | North East Mini Cycling Tour | |
| 19 | Business & Finance Committee Meeting | The Lea |
| 19 | Branch Executive Committee Meeting | The Lea |
| 24 | ANZAC Day Vigil | |
| 26 | Scouts Flying Badge | Devonport Airport |
| 27 - 29 | Northern Districts Camp | Scout Island |

Scouting Album

Queenstown Scout Group



Adult Support Report

VET NEWS

I am pleased to announce that we have added a number of qualifications to our scope.

- **CUA20215 Certificate II in Creative Industries**

This qualification fits into Gang Show, so it would be good for people who are thinking about a career in the arts.

- **CHC44015 Certificate IV in Coordination of Volunteer Programs**

"This qualification reflects the role of workers who are responsible for the coordination of volunteers within a program or organisation. Volunteer coordinators provide ongoing management and support to volunteers and are the main point of contact for volunteers".

- **AUR10116 Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation**

"This qualification is an introductory qualification to the automotive retail, service and repair industries and an entry to further training in several sectors".

- **TAEASS301 Contribute to assessment**

"This unit of competency applies to a person with technical or vocational expertise who is in a supervisory or mentoring/coaching work role, and for whom collecting the evidence for assessment is an adjunct to principal work responsibilities. The unit applies to those involved in collecting evidence for assessment against units of competency or accredited courses".

The Scope of our Enterprise RTO now includes:

- **BSB20115 Certificate II in Business**
- **BSB30115 Certificate III in Business**
- **BSB42015 Certificate IV in Leadership and Management**
- **BSB51915 Diploma of Leadership and Management**
- **SIS20213 Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation**
- **SIS30413 Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation**
- **SIS40313 Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation**
- **SIS50310 Diploma of Outdoor Recreation**
- **CUA20215 Certificate II in Creative Industries**
- **CHC44015 Certificate IV in Coordination of Volunteer Programs**
- **AUR10116 Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation**
- **TAEASS301 Contribute to assessment**

Questions? Please contact me via the details below.

In the February Newsletter I spoke about giving feedback to Leaders and supporters.

What is feedback?

This is a process where we can assess a Leaders, supporter or Youth member's performance.

Simply put: **Where am I going? How am I going? Where to next?**

We need to ensure that the feedback we give to Leaders, supporters or Youth members is effective.

Therefore, the feedback needs to be clearly heard, understood and finally, accepted.

When giving feedback, please choose your language carefully

E.g. "I really liked the way that you did....". "Well done" "You did a good job teaching Fred how to tie a reef knot"

Mike Wilson.

Branch Commissioner Adult Support & VET

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Youth Program Report

Youthfest - Yes, it's on again! After being cancelled in 2017 due to lack of numbers, we are planning to run Youthfest again in 2018.

What is Youthfest?

Youthfest is a fun, challenging and social weekend for 13 & 14 year old Scouts. Youthfest is part of the Branch Youth Council Program and gives Scouts the opportunity to find out more about joining either the Branch or National Youth Council.

Scouts will be working in Patrols over the weekend. As the weekend is all about Youth, there will be very few adult Leaders there. During the weekend Scouts will have the opportunity to have their say on Scouting in both Tasmania and across Australia via both BYC (Branch Youth Council) and the NYC (National Youth Council) members.

When and where will it be? It will be held from Friday 7th September – Sunday 9th September at the Tamar Scout Hall in Launceston.

Who else will be there? There will be other 13 & 14 year old Scouts from all around Tasmania as well as Scouts, Venturers and Rovers from the Branch Youth Council.

What will the Scouts be doing? The main thing is that they will be having a great weekend. On Friday night Scouts will arrive and settle in, be given an overview of the weekend, organised into Patrols and then have some social time getting to know their Patrol and planning their Saturday night meal.

On Saturday Scouts will work in their Patrols and have a day out in the Launceston area doing a Geocaching trail, interspersed with challenges and activities. On Saturday night Patrols will be cooking their evening meal to an International theme and working on a powerpoint presentation reflecting their days activities.

On Sunday morning Scouts will be in their Patrols discussing Scouting issues that are important to both Youth and Scouting in Tasmania. The feedback from these discussions will be given to the BYC, the Scout and Venturer Branch Commissioners and all your Scout Troop or Venturer Unit Leaders.

How much will it cost? The cost is \$50 per person all inclusive. Money can either be sent as a cheque made out to Scouts Tasmania Youth Council and posted to 3 Windhaven Court, Blackmans Bay 7052 or by direct deposit to Youth Council BSB – 037-001 account number 632770

To apply? Email Julie Creed – jcreed8@bigpond.com or phone **0409120452** – and I will send you an application form.

If you have Scouts who are interested in attending Youthfest, please contact me and I will send you the forms which are needed.

Applications close on 17th August 2018 and we are limited to 36 places, so make sure your Youth members apply early so they are not disappointed. I will be travelling on the mainland until the end of August, so please ensure forms are all completed and emailed to me.

Julie Creed
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The Lea Scout Centre and Hobart Bush Cabins needs your help

Relief Caretaker(s) required for short breaks and Annual Leave periods

Thank you to those who have already joined the team, we appreciate your support and commitment.

Now we are looking to expand our list of Voluntary Relief Caretakers help our valued Caretaker get the regular relief periods and holidays we need to provide.

If you are available and can help with the Caretakers duties please contact us, or if you know someone who you think could be interested, please bring this opportunity to their attention. A retainer is offered for extended leave periods and free accommodation is provided.

The position entails taking bookings and payments, checking guests in, organising the cleaning of the Cabins (we employ a cleaner) answering queries and attending to the day to day running of The Lea. There is plenty of help around to get you started. For someone outside the Scouting Organisation, a police check and Working with Vulnerable people Card (WWVP) will be required, which we can help arrange if not already held.

This position could suit Scouting members, Uni Students, retirees etc. You may be looking to learn more skills, add to your resume, complete some service to the Scouting community, or maybe just want a break in Hobart.

We also need Volunteers, preferably with a Scouting background, to help our Caretaker have essential breaks for a few days at a time during the year.

We are flexible for these days so we can fit in with your availability.

We will provide **up to 5** nights free accommodation at The Lea in one of the Hobart Bush Cabins in return for your being a Volunteer Caretaker for 2 days/nights. This will give you 2 days in Hobart and 2 days looking after clients at The Lea. This could mean for example, you could come down to The Lea on a Thursday night, have Friday to relax in Hobart and surrounds, have Saturday & Sunday looking after The Lea, then Monday free for more play, and off home on Tuesday.

The Lea Board of Management is working hard to improve income from the accommodation and conference facilities we have at The Lea. The aim of this is to provide an income which will enable Scouts Tasmania to be sustainable into the future without having to significantly increase Membership costs to Youth and Leaders. Your participation will help strengthen Scouting and give you a rewarding experience.

Please contact Jeannette at BHQ – **62 299385** or **office@tas.scouts.com.au** or myself to be a part of this rewarding program.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Fiona Broadby - Volunteer Coordinator The Lea Board of Management.

Mobile: 0427 249 576 Email: fiona.broadby@tas.scouts.com.au



International Report

Please think about your program and plan to include some International themes and activities in your program. I am pleased to say I have been extended in the position of Branch Commissioner International for another year. This will enable a smooth transmission for the new database and upgrades to the way things are currently done.

Announcement:

Scouts Australia has been approved to host the 13th Asia-Pacific Rover Moot in 2020.

The 13th Asia-Pacific Rover Moot / 21st Australian Rover Moot (aka CBR Moot) will be held near Canberra from 30 December 2019 to 10 January 2020.

International Report cont'd

Scouts Australia has a strong history of hosting APR Moots with 8 out of the 12 previous Asia-Pacific Regional Rover Moots held in Australia, including the 12th APR Rover Moot in Queensland in 2002.

I would like to congratulate Benjamin Muller, Chair of CBR Moot, and his team for preparing an excellent submission to the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee for their consideration.

Receiving APR status for this event will encourage a large number of International participants to Australia for this Moot, and I look forward to supporting the Moot Organising Committee in welcoming these overseas guests and delivering a hugely successful event.

Current Venturers and Rovers should start planning to attend this fantastic event.



Upcoming Events

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

Scouts Australia is offering two scholarships to attend the Forum and Conference in The Philippines.

Eligibility: Rovers **Travel Dates:** 10 - 20 October 2018

Rover age members are invited to apply on JotForm link <https://form.jotform.co/80053105478856>

HOME2018 International Jamboree

Date: 6-15 August 2018 **Location:** St Georgen im Attergau, Austria

Age Range: 12½-17 years + Adult Leaders **Email:** int.comm@scouts.com.au

Polish National Jamboree GDANSK 2018

Date: 6-16 August 2018 **Location:** Sobieszewo Island, Poland **Age Range:** 13-17 years + adult leaders

Email: int.comm@scouts.com.au

Future Contingents In Planning 2020

78th New Zealand Rover Moot 2020

Eligibility: Rovers **Travel Dates:** 9 - 13 April 2020

Cost: approximately \$900 + Moot Expedition + Optional Contingent Tour + Flights

14th World Scout Youth Forum 2020 (Egypt)

Eligibility: Rovers **Travel Dates:** 14 - 17 September 2020 **Cost:** Scholarship

SISEP - Scout International Student Exchange Program.

Venturers who have applied 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>



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

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Joey Report

Another month is behind us and it has been a busy time with Group and District AGMs in amongst our normal activities. How are those Mob Councils going? Have you been getting your Joey Scouts involved with reviewing your weekly programs, and helping you come up with ideas ready for your next term's planning?

The North West Regional Joey Scout event was held at Penguin on Saturday 3rd March and a fun Pirate day it was too! After the opening ceremony (held in the Penguin Scout Hall) the group 'snaked' its way to the nearby park area where it was all hands on deck for some serious pirate ship building - one for each Joey Scout, then pirate hats and eye patches completed the transformation. Some ship races then brought a degree of mayhem and entertainment before the lunch break. In the afternoon the pirates were divided into groups with each having a go at making kaleidoscopes (telescopes), a parrot, and completing an appropriately themed obstacle course and of course no pirate day would be complete without treasure to take home. "Thank you" to all Leaders for your efforts, particularly Kath Milburn. It was very much appreciated.

Also held recently was the Adventure Begins Training day for Training Team members, Commissioners, District and Group Leaders. Both sessions (Saturday at The Lea and Sunday at the 4th Launceston Scout Hall) were well attended and informative. Over the next few months this information will be shared with each of the Groups' section Leaders, parents and older Youth members and included in each section's program.

Just a reminder that we have the following events coming up ...

- **Basic Joey Scout Training** on 14th & 15th April at the Lea.
- The **Northern Regional Joey Scout Event** is next but there has been a change of date! This will now be held on Saturday 28th April at Scout Island, St Leonards in conjunction with the Launceston & Tamar District Event (with the District 'Olympic' activities in the morning and the Regional 'Pirate' activities in the afternoon). Mob registration forms are to be sent to Lisa Lord by **13th April**.
- The **Joey Scout Leaders' "Lenah Hop" weekend** will be held on the 18th-20th May at Carnaroo Scout Camp on a "Dare to Dream for Adventure" theme! Sounds very much like one not to be missed so get your registrations and payment in early (to Lisa Lord by **4th May**). Another copy of the registration form is included with this newsletter.
- A **Southern Regional Joey Scout Event planning meeting** will be held on Saturday 26th May so please make every effort to attend if from this region. The actual Regional event will be held on Sunday 4th November.

This last month a total of 17 Commissioners' Challenge 2017 badges have been awarded to Joey Scouts and Leaders from the Taroon and Summerhill Mobs. Remember **31st March** is the final day to get your badge requests in for this award. There were no Promise Challenge awards presented since my last report.

That's it for this month - just remember to make sure any event registrations are in well before the closing date as late registrations will no longer be accepted (if unsure if you can attend or not, register anyway but give the organisers plenty of notice if you find you can't make it).

Please contact me anytime with any questions, suggestions or newsletter items. Happy Joey Scouting!

Sue Cooper
Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts
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Hey Joey Leaders... It's time to register for
Lenah Hop 2018
"Dare to Dream for Adventure"
 Carnaroo Scout Camp, Gravelly Beach
 Friday 18th - Sunday 20th May

The Lenah Hop is a fun weekend of networking and friendships, new ideas and resources for leaders (and registered helpers) of the Joey Scout Section and is ideal for new and experienced leaders (and helpers) alike! An elective relating to the theme will also be included in the program and so the weekend also covers leaders' ongoing training requirements in a fun and informal atmosphere!

The **Cost is \$65** per person for two night's accommodation (in bunkrooms) plus meals, with arrivals from 7pm Friday night, **or \$50** per person for one night's accommodation plus meals, with arrivals before 10.00am on Saturday morning, and as part of leaders' ongoing training, it is normal practise that Scout Groups cover these costs. Payments can be made by cheque to "Joey Scouts Tas. Branch Council" or direct credit to 'Joey Scouts Tas Branch' account 067115 10225921 at the CBA Bank with your mob or individual name as reference.

Have a question? Please contact: Lisa Lord 0425 256 777 or moonylisa@hotmail.com

Registrations, payments (& health information) are to be forwarded to: Lisa Lord, PO Box 65, George Town 7253 or by email (as above) by 4th May at the latest!

Name: Phone:

Joey Mob: Email:

- ✓ I will arrive Friday night (2 nights - \$65) **OR** Saturday morning (1 night - \$50)
- ✓ Please email an invitation to me to share my health details on CareMonkey **OR**
 I have attached my completed Health Information Sheet (Form 16a)
- ✓ Payment has been direct credited __/__/18 **OR** Cheque/ Money Order is attached
- ✓ The Lenah Hop receipt for my payment should be made out to:
 (i.e. individual's or Scout Group's name)



More information about the venue, program and what you need to bring will be forwarded to you once registered.



Cub Report

I hope your Easter break is a happy time shared with your family. And I hope, if you're a chocoholic like me, that the Bunny lingered at your home!

A few weeks ago we had the Scout and Guide Regatta Taster. More than 125 Cubs and younger Guides experienced a Taste (please see the photos) of what the Scouts and Guides have for the whole weekend. A huge "thank you" to Jo Maddock for coordinating that. Recently I forwarded a survey from Jo about next year's Regatta Taster. If you have a minute, please send your feedback through to Jo at maddock@m2data.com.au. Jo has asked me to seek expressions of interest in assisting with next year's Regatta Taster. If you'd like to help, please contact Jo or me.

Due to the ages and abilities of Cubs, the "Youth Led, Adult Supported" mantra of the Adventure Begins has less impact in Cubs than it does in Scouts and Venturers because we need be more responsible for facilitating activities and supervising. That said, however, as part of the transition to the new programme (<https://scouts.com.au/blog/2018/01/23/adventure-begins-2018/>), sectional councils become more and more crucial to the programming and operation of Packs. I've been talking with the Victorian Branch about their PC4 (Pack Council Four) initiative. I can't improve on their description: "PC4 Pack Councils provide an opportunity for greater Youth involvement and engagement which leads to Youth empowerment. Pack Councils introduce and reinforce the Patrol System in the Cub Scout Section via Youth leading with adult support. The PC4 programme encourages Packs to run 4 Pack Councils per year. By pledging to run and attend at least 4 Pack Councils this year, Cub Scouts can earn the PC4 uniform badge." I'm currently working to have these badges available to Tasmanian Packs and I encourage you to hold at least four Pack Councils throughout 2018 so that you and your Cubs are well placed for the changes to come and so your Cubs can learn greater independence and leadership skills.

ANZAC Day will soon be upon us again. I hope that your Pack will be participating in recognition of the sacrifices made by men and women for the lives and freedoms we have today. No doubt the Scout Shop will be doing a roaring trade of blue-edged Their Service Our Heritage badges. The ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil will be taking place overnight on April 24th in Hobart, Rosny, South Arm, Cygnet, Launceston, St Helens, and Burnie. This is a great opportunity for us to be further involved. Please contact Stephen Yam (DC of Launceston and Tamar) at china.mug@bigpond.com for more information.

The Palaver is set for September 15th at Orana (in Roches Beach) and will be followed by a Cubs Branch Council meeting on the 16th which is open to all CSL's and ACSL's. Please put these dates in your diaries. Given the Council meeting on the Sunday, the format will be a little different with the Palaver starting a little later on Saturday morning so that those travelling only need to stay in Hobart on the Saturday night.

The Palaver is designed as an opportunity for CSLs and ACSLs to get together, talk, share experiences, food and drink, and to also provide an opportunity for some professional development. This year's Palaver is currently being planned (with a shout out to Jon Bentley at Howrah for his assistance). We're looking for topics to talk about and are also thinking of incorporating a Wood Badge session to assist those yet to complete their Training. What would you like to know more about? Working with Cubs with special needs? Learning more about programming in the YPR? More details of the Personal Progression Framework? How to run Pack Holidays? Whatever you want, we'd like to know so we can make it relevant and useful. Send your ideas to me please and we'll try to incorporate what we can.

As I indicated in last month's Newsletter, we plan to hold Regional events on June 16th where Cub Packs and their Leaders in each Region will walk from a number of starting points to a location in each Region for a campfire and sing along. Cubs love campfires and singing and it gives all the Leaders and

Cub Report cont'd

the Cubs an opportunity to show off their camp blankets. More information to come, but if you haven't already, please put this in your Term programme and your calendars. The badge is being designed as I type!

And speaking of badges, it's Commissioner's Challenge time again! This year the theme is *Cubs' Kitchen Rules*. Cubs (individually or as a Six) must find a couple of recipes for campfire meals and price the ingredients, make a dessert as an individual, and cook a three course dinner as a Pack. There should be lots of excellent meals consumed by Cubs, their Leaders, and perhaps their parents too. I look forward to receiving the photos (or the invitations to dinner!) and to sending out the badges. I'll circulate the requirements once this Newsletter has come out. Your challenge Leaders, should you choose to accept it, is to make this Commissioner's Challenge the most popular ever and to exhaust my supply of badges!

Finally for this month I'd like to comment about the Bring a Friend woggle. This is an initiative of the Joeys and I wrote to all CSL's and ACSL's in mid-February. I received some feedback — thank you! — and the majority view was that this was something you'd like to be involved with. So when they are available I'll let you know. The woggle will have a Cub in uniform together with two uniformed friends.

As always, if you have a question or a comment, something you'd like me to see, or something you'd like me to do, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at bc.cubs@tas.scouts.com.au

Good Hunting!

Julian Dermoudy
Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts
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Scout Report

Australian Scout Medallions

Congratulations to all of the following Scouts who were awarded with their Australian Scout Medallions at the Regatta.

Gabrielle Dewsbury - Tamar

Ellen Maddock – Sandford

Jacob Ball - Rubicon

Ireland Rugen - Sandford

Benjamin Deer - 1st Penguin

Joseph Corbett – ½ Ulverstone

Caleb Reader - Old Beach

Ronan Jacobs – Clarence Scouts

Faith Bartlett - Mt Stuart

Emma Pilgrim - Lindisfarne

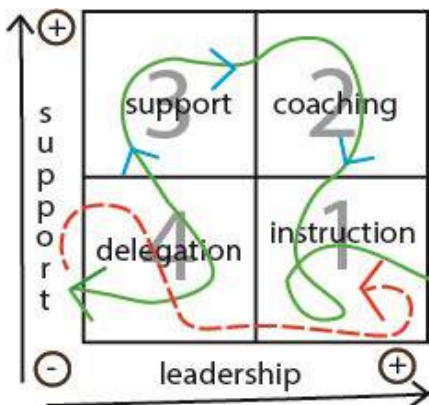


Caleb Reader is the first Scout from Old Beach to achieve an ASM.

Excellent to have this ceremony at the Regatta in the presence of a large cohort of Scouts, Leaders and family, it is a ceremony for community celebration.

... A reminder to please email all Aust. Scout Medallion applications (TOP 29) to me BC Scouts.

The Adventure Begins



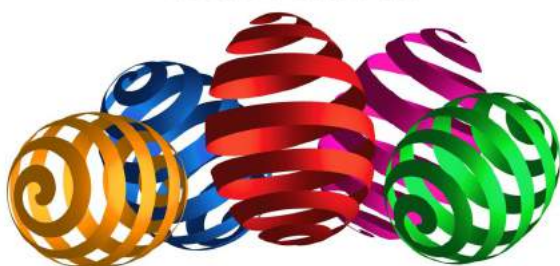
A number of GL's and Commissioners recently attended an interesting Training session for the roll out of the Adventure Begins. Our Branch is planning to assist all Groups and carefully introduce new resources to ensure we are all on the same page going forward as the new program rolls out – which is an excellent initiative. During the session we were reminded of the Situational Leadership diagram we were shown in Training. It was good to think about what we do in Scouts. In that, we are continually reassessing our position on a continuum. The diagram suggests that we progress through a series of stages (from 1 to 4) through which we experience different leadership styles and support.

In any given task it is fair to say that most people make such a progression along the green line from being highly lead and supported through being coached, then supported and ultimately being able to be delegated to complete something with out being lead or supported. However as Scouts and Leaders this diagram requires us to apply great flexibility. In reality our Scout Groups require us all to be highly fluid as Leaders – in any given activity we are conscious of a range of levels of development which may result in Leaders working back and forth along the green line or even starting from scratch. We are all simultaneously both teachers and students.

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*Have a
Safe and Happy
Easter*

Temporary Occupation Permit (TOPermit)

What is it all about?

The Government made changes to the Building Code that came into effect January 2017.

It means we can no longer rely on our local council to support us in issuing a TOPermit. Instead we need to employ a private Building Surveyor at a cost of around \$1,000 for Monday to Friday office hours inspection. This is required every time we put up a Marquee over 75 square metre or two large tents over 20 square metre on the same site.

I lobbied the Honourable Elise Archer after the Cuboree and with support from Minister Guy Barnett who promised Government support in obtaining a three year all site TOPermit.

We are currently working with a Government assigned Building Surveyor to obtain this permit. Unfortunately we do not fit neatly into this legislation thus it is proving to be a long drawn out process with request for information that requires a crystal ball.

At the moment I am compiling a list of all possible sites where we are likely to require a TOPermit, on a very short time frame to keep this process moving forward; to date I have over 700 site addresses.

The next big step will be obtaining Civil Engineering Certificates for all our tents over 20 square metres that will be used on the same site as another big tent or marquee.

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Fellowship Report

Steven Locke District Commissioner for Hellyer has put up his hand to coordinate Fellowship get togethers in the North West and we may also have someone for the North.

I will be forwarding them members email addresses this week, please support Steve create some memorable events.

In the South we started the year with a Timber Top B.B.Q sitting around on our new seats catching up with everyone's news. In April a lovely meal at Dr Syntax, can recommend the venue. It was great to see Ross, Bev and Stuart at our B.B.Q; they are very busy these days, they send their wishes to all.

Do you get my emails? If the answer is no then you are not on the Fellowship email list. If you want to keep up to date with what is happening, even come along to a few events with your partner, just send me an email. Unfortunately there is a small cost to cover insurance if you are not already registered. Fill in a TOP 34 and send it to Lori who will acknowledge your application with a letter and badge, add you to the data base and send the coordinators and myself an email for our list

Calendar 2018

18th May: The Lea Timber Top

23rd June: (Saturday) Gilwell Reunion

27th July: Hearty Winter Feast

Friday night ? date August: Gang Show and meal

21st September: Timber Top The Lea

October: Meal at a mystery location, *(will be given crypt clues)*

23rd November: Timber Top The Lea

21st December: Combine Drinks with Branch, The Lea

I will also have a few extra social movies & light luncheon events on Saturday or Sunday afternoons.

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Be Prepared...
for new adventure!





Heritage Report

NEW ACQUISITIONS

The Heritage Centre now has a nice bright new retractable Pull-up Banner about to make its debut at the State Corroboree at The Lea over Easter, then at the AGM on Friday 13th April at Bridgewater.

Scout Crosses for Acts of Gallantry, such as Life Saving, were received from Gilwell Park, UK, which will be displayed within drawers of our new display cabinet. These are the actual awards which are presented to authorised recipients, ours being unnamed examples. It appears to be the first time these significant awards have been made available outside the UK for historical Scouting display purposes.

Thanks to team efforts by Robert Gardner and Fred Koolhof for their refurbishing of our new six drawer cabinet, these Gallantry Crosses will be displayed along with many other iconic items, ready to be viewed on your next visit to our museum.

We have also acquired a 1930's female old style mannequin requiring some restoration. This will be undertaken in the future and when completed will feature a notable Tasmanian Leader. Through services of Camp Warden Peter at The Lea, we have installed two new colourful signs over the entrances both at our upper indoor level and to our external lower door.

MESSAGE FOR GROUP LEADERS AND LEADERS-IN-CHARGE

Besides an invite for displays at your special functions such as Group anniversaries, it would be appreciated if you might kindly contact our Heritage Centre prior to allow us to undertake research for you.

We have found establishing the correct group formation year can be somewhat tricky, such as relying solely upon our esteemed 1980's Ray Jeffries book. On occasion, information has slipped through the cracks of time, giving a false impression. Ray did not have the luxury of computers back then, however our research has shown some Groups within Tasmania existed well before that shown in his book. Some Groups even going back to commencing in the 1910's. Not all early BHQ records were entirely complete when Ray accessed them, with some misleading circumstances existing, such as registration direct with UK prior to the 1920's, before our own Tasmania BHQ was established.

One Group recently ascertained they were 65 years old, however subsequent (post-function) research has now revealed they have just 6 years or so to go until their actual 100th Anniversary.

Please check with your State Scout Heritage resource centre and we will assist you as best possible.

ROVER CENTENARY

Within our Museum we have established Tasmanian Rover Crew records back to the 1920's, some of which are plentiful; also available are records on past World and National Moots. We have a display honouring 100 years of World Rovering for all to view at our Centre. Crews are invited to visit us during this, the Rover Centenary year. Please make your booking with us sooner rather than later.

SCOUT MASCOTS

One of our lesser known exhibits is a small motly collection of Tasmanian Scouting Mascots. Our most recent addition is a small Group Scarf acquired from Newstead Baptist Scout Group. It has been subsequently decorated on a Tassie Devil and placed into our 'Menagerie' on display at the Centre.



Heritage Report Cont'd

VISITATIONS

We welcomed visiting Packs from Glenorchy and 10th Hobart during recent months (right); a visit from a Launceston Museum Conservator, Linda Clark with preserving the 'Corroboree Stump' atop The Lea (right middle). Susan Gardner and I visited John Teniswood concerning his Scouting career; and we interviewed Doug Pattison and Eddie Gall (below) concerning their adventure in the 1960's which resulted in the award of a Medal for Meritorious Merit, a record of which is now contained in our Tasmanian Scout Gallantry Registry book, covering 1912 through to 2002.

Personal enquiries also continued for brief Scouting information on an Ad Hoc basis during past months from individuals, Scouting and non-Scouting alike.

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