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Branch Newsletter

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Chief Commissioner's Report

Julie Creed has been appointed Assistant Chief Commissioner for the south. I have extended Fiona Broadby, PC International position for another 10 months, in which time I will appoint Phil Harper as the new PC International. DC Leven is due to end at the end of April, so until we get a new DC for Leven, I have appointed Greg Boon as acting DC in the role. I have also appointed Fellowship co-ordinators, one for the North (Christine Boon) and another for the Northwest (Steve Locke). Hopefully we will get more Leaders having fun and socialising.

We are after an under 26 person to come and join our Branch Executive Committee (BEC). The person doesn't have to be a uniformed member, so if you know of someone who might be interested in serving on our BEC (in the Movement now or not) please give our office a ring. The Lea Board of Management is also after a Secretary. If you or someone you know might be interested, again, please ring our office.

Thanks to Corey McGrath (our President) for attending so many AGM's with me this year. He is here to help any Group or District who needs it. Corey is also looking at our TOPs and our Strategic Plan to have the wording correct so everyone can understand it. Corey is also now on the National Finance Committee; he has become a very busy person. Our Branch AGM will be on the 4th May in the South this year at the same venue as we usually have it, the Brighton Civic Centre. Please come along and see our Awardees receive their Awards and meet our Governor. For catering purposes please advise the office of your attendance.

At our last Branch Finance Committee Meeting, the team will be looking at trying to standardise the way Treasurers present their books. It seems that a lot of Groups are having trouble in the area, so help is on its way.

I had the pleasure of going to the opening of Taroona hall extension, with Government ministers, TCF Grant representative, the Mayor of Kingborough and lots of parents and friends. The extension to the hall has made a big difference and made it a lot easier for getting boats in and out of the shed.

By the time you read this, the Northwest would have had it's first air activity. I will hopefully get more information in the next Newsletter. As I'm an aircraft enthusiast I will be interested in getting the activities extended to the north and south of the state.

Pip Cornish has had another great mini bike ride in the north, this time during the first term school holidays. Before that Pip and his small team had the first bike safety course in the south with 14 Youth members attending which was great to see and they all seemed to enjoy the event.

Over the Easter weekend the Corroboree and the Rover Moot were on. I visited both and the possible place of the 2023 Australia Moot, Redbacks near Nugent. Both events went very well. Thanks to Phil Harper and his team for putting on the Corroboree, they were blessed with good weather most of the time.

One of our Leaders found out that double axial trailer is not always insured with your car insurance, so please check your car insurance if you are going to have a lend of someone's double axial trailer.

It was great to see that Queenstown had 3 Cub Leaders at training on the basic sectional course last weekend; this must make Queenstown one of the strongest Packs in the state. It will be great to see the Cubs attending regional and state events in the coming years.

With the new program coming up very soon (for the Pioneer groups) we will have to allow camping for Joeys. This could be very interesting for the Leaders, but as our Joey Leaders haven't had any training in camping they will have to arrange for Cub, Scout or Venturer Leaders to help, until they do get this Training.

I have organised (most likely again) the signing of Branch to be part of the Centrelink volunteer register which will allow us to credit hours to people who need volunteering hours for their pension. One of our Leaders from Old Beach has put flyers in Centrelink offices asking for Leaders and Adult Helpers. Volunteer Tasmania has also got our number.

Last month I sent out an email asking everyone to come up with a new slogan, but in the meantime National is going through a new branding which we hope we will be able to use. As they have more money to do this

Chief Commissioner's Report Cont'd

this than us, I'm suggesting that we look at what they come up with before we do one ourselves. The same person who has done the Victoria marketing has put up his hand to do the National marketing, which is great.

National is also looking into mental health for our Youth and Leaders, this is a big topic and we need to get it right. Hopefully National will come up with a course that our Leaders can do so we can support our Youth members who are in need. In the meantime, I have some booklets that I can send to you via email, which I hope will help.

I got an email from a Youth Worker for Migrant Youth who want us to talk to the Migrant Youth about Scouting. If you think you would like to talk to them, send me an email and I will give you the details. It would be good to have a connection to them.

Adventure Begins training for the Leader of Adults was a great success; with over 80% of the Leader of Adults attending, all Leaders were feeling very positive on this part of the YPR.

Before we can get the Pioneers Groups up and running, we need a digital app for the Leaders as the activity recording is a lot more than our old Award scheme. Without the app the Leaders will not cope, so if we don't get the app before our starting of the Pioneers Group in July we will have to postpone the training.

New certificates have been added to our VET training, Cert III in Creative Industries (great for our Gang Show people) and Cert IV in the Co-ordination of Volunteering Programs good for GL's and DC's. If you are interested in either of these new courses, please contact Mike Wilson who is our BC for VET training.

We had a visit from our new National Chief (Phil Harrison), 10 Commissioners had dinner with him on Friday night. Phil was down in Hobart for a seminar so didn't have that much time. Hopefully, we'll see him again soon at a Scouting event next time.

Samantha McGrath is getting the Environment portfolio up and running with an agreement between us and Landcare, hopefully being signed very soon. This will give us a lot of opportunities for grants in this area and a lot of publicity for Scouting with a lot of connections for the youth in the Landcare and Tas. Uni.

We are still having a lot of trouble with getting our tents and marques registered for a 3-year Temporary Occupancy Permit. During this process we have found that some of our gazebos have not got a fire rating on them and in the fine print, they have indicated that no cooking should be done in this type of tent! So please read the fine print before you buy new tents, this includes hiking tents.

I have noticed Leaders wearing their Rover Knots in celebration of the 100 years of Rovering. Please keep up the good work. The next big event will be the Rover Ball at the Blundstone Arena in Bellerive, keep an eye out for this one.

The Mariners Trophy had to be postponed last weekend because of bad weather; I think this was the first time this might have happened. The organisers are still coming up with another date, as all Leaders didn't want it to be cancelled for this year.

By the time you have read this, the ANZAC Vigils would have been done and dusted for another year, thanks to the groups who stayed up all night to protect our cenotaphs, the RSL's do appreciate your efforts, and you get to stay up all night. The Examiner had a great article in it before the night.

<https://www.examiner.com.au/story/5358054/scouts-to-guard-launceston-cenotaph-on-anzac-day-eve/>.

We also had the front page of the Mercury and Win TV news interest.

A great PR weekend, well done Youth members and Leaders.

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President's Report

Getting to know you.

Over the past couple of months I have had the privilege of attending most of the District AGMs. It has been a pleasure to meet so many enthusiastic and dedicated Leaders and to hear the highlights from activities over the past year. I am honoured to have been welcomed in such a positive and open way. I was pleasantly surprised with how several Districts immediately took me up on my offer of help and support (some on the spot!), but I have enjoyed working with them on solving those issues quickly.

During April, on top of the normal Branch Meetings I also attended the National Meetings in Sydney. Some of the discussion was based around the National Redress Scheme which is due to commence on July 1. All Branches have given their 'in principle' agreement to opt in to the scheme, however we first need the Tasmanian Government to act before we are allowed to join. Other constructive discussions were held on moving to a *consistent* National Brand as well as on forming a Digital Transformation Committee to ensure that we are more aligned particularly in the area of IT Governance. Following on from those meetings I have also accepted an invitation to join the National Finance Committee, which over time should provide the opportunity to better represent the interests of our Branch at the National level.

On Friday the 4th of May we have our Branch AGM - I hope you can join us in Bridgewater for the evening.

Remember - if you have something that you would like me to help with, have any questions or feedback that you would like to provide, or if you just want to catch-up for a coffee, **my contact details can be found on the front page of each Newsletter**. As always, I am happy to attend any Scouting events or Committee Meetings (Group or District) - just drop me a line.

I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming months!

Yours in Scouting,

Corey McGrath
President

Years of Service Awards

5 Years	Jodi Hodgetts	Spreyton Joey Mob
10 Years	Fiona Champion	1st 2nd Ulverstone Scout Troop
	Phillip Grant	Clarence District Venturer Unit
	Naomi Howe	Perth Scout Group
	Adrian Rule	Sandy Bay Cub Pack
25 Years	Lois Evans	Somerset Scout Group
	Ola Howe	North Midland District
35 Years	Malcolm Evans	Hellyer Venturer Unit
	Michael Patten	Branch Commissioner Water Activities



May Branch Calendar

Date	Event	Where
4	Annual General Meeting (Brighton Civic Centre)	Bridgewater
12 & 13	Abseiling	
17	Business & Finance Committee Meeting	The Lea
18 - 20	NYPT + NTC Meeting	
18 - 21	Lenah Hop	
19 & 20	Basic Seamanship	TBC
25	Queen's Scout Award Presentation and Dinner (Government House - Best Western Hobart)	
26 & 27	National Adventurous Activity Committee Meeting	Canberra

Peter Graeme Cunningham 2 December 1948 - 12 April 2018



Pecker was involved on the committee for the 4th Launceston Scout Group and after moving to Evandale became a Scout Leader and member of the North Midlands District. He received his Silver Wattle in 2016.

Stalwart will be fondly missed

Rest in Peace



Gang Show Report

What a fantastic performance at Relay for Life on 17th March 2018 by over 20 Gang Show cast members. 'Thank you' to Sarah Whitfort who ran the rehearsals and got everyone up to scratch so they could perform well.

The Hobart Gang Show Team walked a total of 750 laps (300 km) between the 22 team members. Unfortunately due to a storm and gale force winds, the closing ceremony was held at 6.00 a.m. instead of 10.00 a.m. and therefore the distance walked was less than it could have been, but under the conditions well done to everyone.

Auditions are now over and an information session has been held. Gang Show is now getting under way with a cast of 54 about to start rehearsing for the 2018 season. The first rehearsal is on Sunday 6th May. This year's show is titled "As Seen on T.V.", so start thinking about which performance your group might attend ... 16th, 17th or 18th August – bookings will open on 30th June.

Denice Walter

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Children's University

The following Groups have received start up packs for Children Uni, Trevallyn, City of Devonport, Spreyton, Ulverstone, Burnie, Somerset, Mt Faulkner, Old Beach, Howrah, Clarence. Tamar still to receive their pack.

Looking for new members? Invite your local school to a group activity or organize to run some School lunch time activities. Let us know how you are going.

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Scouting Album



ANZAC Day

Groups from around the state participating



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Grants Report

Congratulations to City of Devonport Scout Group on securing a grant from their City Council for lifejackets.

In my time as Group Leader at Derwent Sea Scout Group I was able to get several small grants for maintenance work. This was done through my local politician who approached the Premier to get funding for the work. Whilst the Group was very grateful for the funding received the process seemed to me to lack rigour. Last year, the Department of State Growth offered grants for infrastructure projects, both for new work and for maintenance. Securing grants for maintenance work is unusual and The Lea Scout Camp, for example, was able to get funding to reseal the car park through a DSG grant. I thought the process was good and a move in the right direction – the DSG was to be congratulated for providing these grants. I have been checking the DSG website for the past 6 months and, unfortunately, the funding for these grants seems to have dried up. I hope we don't have to wait another three years for round 2!

Tasmanian Community Fund

Round 36 has closed. Round 37 (small, medium and large infrastructure-equipment-assets only) will open on 21 July 2018.

Councils

The following councils have funding rounds that close soon:

Latrobe	7 May 2018
Launceston	31 May 2018
Meander Valley	15 June 2018
West Tamar small projects	Ongoing



Check out your Council's website in the new year to get the latest dates and information.

Other Grants

The latest round of Telstra Kids grants has closed. My contact in Telstra told me the last round was fully subscribed within hours of opening so, if your Group is interested in one of these grants, BE PREPARED. One of the main requirements is to have a Telstra employee lined up who will submit an application on your Group's behalf.

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

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Temporary Occupation Permit

Are your planning to buy new tents..... if yes, please contact me first.

I have been connecting manufacturers asking for their tents flammability test results.

Some have AS/NZS 1530-2 /3 certificates, some have Canadian, one has not been able to produce a certificate after repeated requests.

I am going to produce a document with dot points on what you need to know when buying new tents once I have completed this process.

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Intro - new AA Commissioner

Firstly, a big thank you to Tony McDonald for doing a great job over the last 6 years as BCAA. I don't plan to let him escape Adventurous Activities, why would he anyway!! I wish Tony the best for his Scouting adventures from here on.

I am honoured to take on the role of BC Adventurous Activities. You may ask what I have to offer so here's a little about me; I started as a Cub Scout Leader in the Perth Scout Group, Tas – (WA does not have a Perth Scout Group) after a few years I moved into the Scout Leader role where I decided to do the training for some AA so that I could take the Scouts (and others) out of the hall and out of the town into the wild unknown. The AA areas were Canoe/Kayak, Bushwalking and Abseiling, and although I have taken part in numerous other AA activities I have the relevant certification in these three.

I then moved to a District Scout Leader role for North Midlands District after which (for some reason) I accepted the role of DC for Launceston and Tamar, this didn't change the activities I was doing rather it added some paperwork and other stuff!! While in this role I joined the Training Team as an Assistant Leader Trainer in the Scout Section (obviously I didn't have enough to do). This has been and continues to be a very satisfying role helping to develop the skills of our new Leaders along with those moving between sections. This has led to achieving a Cert IV in TAE40110 training and assessing certification which has been followed by a Cert III in Outdoor Recreation on the path to a Cert IV which will then allow me to (hopefully) be an Instructor along with being a National Assessor.

I have walked many of the Tasmanian bushwalks including the Overland Track, South Coast Track, Frenchman's Cap, Walls of Jerusalem and many more. This was all topped off with a Trek to Everest Base Camp in 2016 (after the Nepal earthquake) which was a major eye opener of the struggle but determination of the Nepalese people who live in a country with many challenges but outstanding ruggedness and beauty.



From here we have plenty of work to do in AA to ensure we can provide the activities and adventures for our Youth members as we move toward the YPR implementation.

We are ramping up the process of appointing many of our trained and experienced Leaders as Activity Guides so we can have a broad and skilled AA Team across the state to support our Section Leaders and ensure our Youth members have the opportunity to undertake a wide variety of Adventurous Activities including; Bushwalking, Kayaking, Abseiling/Climbing, Cycling - both road and mountain bike, Caving and Canyoning and many more.

I look forward to working with you all on this great adventure.

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Adventurous Activities Report

Firstly, I'd like to thank Tony McDonald for his time as BCAA before handing the baton on. Tony has done a great job and I certainly look forward to Tony continuing to be part of our Adventurous Activities team. Thank you Tony.

Tony, Mike Wilson and I had a meeting recently as part of the handover of the BCAA role, but more importantly to start working on the process of appointing Branch appointed Adventurous Activity Guides. There are 2 methods by which trained, skilled and experienced Leaders can achieve this recognition;

- **Branch Appointed Guide (non-VET)**; assessed by a combination of RPL (Recognition of prior learning) and assessment while running activities. This appointment is only for Scout run activities and is not transferable to external events.
- **Branch Appointed Guide VET CERT III**; this is for those Leaders who wish to achieve a VET qualification which is transferable to activities run by commercial operators. This will require the completion of the VET certification documentation and assessment. Leaders wishing to complete VET certification should talk to Mike Wilson for details.

Adventurous Activities forms a significant part of our current program and has gained a higher focus through the YPR. To support this we take all steps possible to ensure we can provide the adventurous and outdoor activities we say we can provide in Scouting.

We are also working towards ensuring we have suitably qualified instructors for our targeted activities. Our instructors will require a Cert IV in Outdoor Recreation (along with their relevant skill areas) which we have several people working through. These Instructors will focus on the training of Leaders, Rovers and Venturers (proficiency) to become Branch appointed Activity Guides to ensure we have the skills and recognition for the next generation.

We have started the process of appointing Branch Activity Guides (or BAG's) with 9 appointments in progress for activities including Abseiling, Kayak/Canoe, Cycling, Bushwalking and White-Water Rafting.

There are numerous other activity areas where I will be working with Leaders to recognise not only the Leader's skills but the activity opportunities we can make available to our Youth members.

Tasmania has a wealth of outdoor opportunities available, lets embrace this and lead the way in Adventurous Activities.

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Environment Report

April has been a busy month, both activity and planning wise. The first event was Corroboree with a Landcare activity, we "cut, killed and burned" Spanish Heath and picked up litter from around our beautiful Lea.

It was fantastic to chat with Scouts from all over the state and I am impressed with the level of knowledge and care that everyone has for their world. To follow on from this event there is another Landcare activity at Scout Island this weekend (April 28th/29th) as part of the combined Northern Districts

Environment Report Cont'd



Our camps are special places and it is wonderful to assist our Youth in developing a sense of stewardship and appreciation for our world.

Still on Landcare, I am excited to announce that Scouts Tasmania is now a member of Landcare Tasmania and we have developed a strategic partnership; with the hope of securing joint funding to care for our natural spaces and facilitate the implementation of some ongoing Citizen Science programs that all levels of Youth can participate in.

Last weekend, some Scouts and I had a training session on the ins and outs of The Waterbug Program. This Citizen Science Program aims to give “on the ground” feedback on the health of our rivers and creeks, whilst delivering quality data to research Scientists. Oh and we get to go wading with nets, see and identify some cool beasties and “earn our belts” in Waterbug ID. We are in the process of finding some funding to kit our branch out with some waders, nets and ID charts.



Stay tuned for more information about workshops and in the meantime you

can download the current version of the ID app for free. <http://thewaterbugapp.com/>



Environment Report Cont'd

On the 15th of April we were very lucky to have the Lehane family spend the first day of their holiday running a SciScouts pop-up workshop. This husband and wife team are the Environment and STEM Commissioners for Scouts ACT. For the past few years they have been successfully delivering SciScouts events to Scouts and Guides in the ACT. We are now lucky enough to be able to roll out a satellite SciScouts program in Tasmania. Last year's theme was Environment and with the help of the Lehanes training and guidance I can now deliver this workshop to 300 more members across the state. My plan is to run another two sessions; one in the North and one in the South. If you are interested in helping with activities on the day please contact me.

I will set dates after consultation with BHQ. I also invite any Venturers or Rovers who are interested in the field to contact me. A big 'Thank you' to the groups who turned out for our first event. It was great to see such enthusiasm!



This year's SciScouts theme is Engineering and we have some great activities being planned with the support of Engineers Australia and UTAS. Stay tuned for some fantastic events happening around National Science Week in August.

Trash the Trash day is approaching. This is a great International joint Environment and Messengers of Peace project.

For details on how to get involved visit, <https://scoutstrashthetrashday.org/site/>

Enjoy the lovely Autumn colours and Happy Scouting.

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Adult Support & VET Report

Tony McDonald has retired as the BCAA and passed the baton to Andrew Thompson.

Thank you, Tony, for your term as BCAA and welcome Andrew.

Last month, Tony, Andrew and I started the process of appointing guides in various disciplines and this will be an on-going process.

VET NEWS

Last month I announced that SAIT had added a number of qualifications to its scope. Here is an update.

- **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.

I have already started discussions with the BC Gang Show, Denice Walter about the implementation of the qualification. Broadly, the qualification is broken up into several "chunks". There are 10 Units of Competency of which 3 are "core" and the other 7 are electives. The 7 electives fit into costumes, sound/lighting, front of house, scenery, music and of course the cast.

Assessing will be on the job and we have a number of assessment tools to assist in this process.

- **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".

This is aimed at people who work in organisations that have a volunteer workforce (some or all)

If you have a Wood Badge and can demonstrate that you can coordinate a volunteer workforce, then this qualification is reasonably easy. A good fit would be a Group Leader with a LoA Wood Badge and a number of years in the job.

- **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".

This course will only be offered in the Northern Territory. This may change in time.

Questions? Please contact me via the details below.

Mike Wilson.

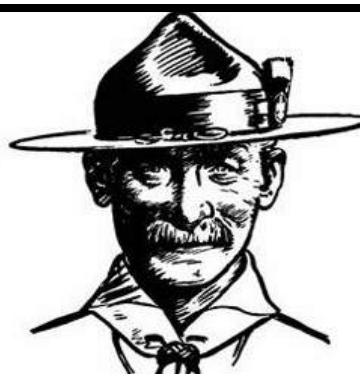
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Joey Report

Term 1 has been and gone, and I look forward to hearing what your Mob has been up to. At the time of writing this, our Anzac Day events are about to be held and I hope all Mobs have been able to participate in your local service, and also an Anzac vigil if one was held near you. Being part of these events is a good experience for the Joey Scouts, and it means so much to the veterans and older members of the community to see the young people being involved.

Also coming up very soon is the Northern Regional Joey Scout Event on Saturday 28th April at Scout Island, St Leonards being held in conjunction with the Launceston & Tamar District Event (with the District 'Olympic' activities in the morning and the Regional 'Pirate' activities in the afternoon). Hopefully the day will be fine, but I daresay all will have a wonderful time regardless!

We are now in the final days of registrations for the Joey Scout Section's "Lenah Hop" weekend to be held on the 18th-20th May at Carnaroo Scout Camp on a "Dare to Dream for Adventure" theme! If you haven't already registered, hop to it ASAP so you don't miss out on a great weekend of networking, learning and most likely plenty of fun and laughter too! Registrations close on 4th May.

Our Branch AGM is being held also on 4th May at the Brighton Civic Centre, Bridgewater and I wish to congratulate all who are receiving awards this year.

Jamboree of the Trail (JOTT) is an International Scouting event where participants of any section participate in a hike all on the same day around the world. This year's event is being held on Saturday 12th May. A District Joey Scout JOTT Event is being held in the Launceston area and I look forward to hearing about any other JOTT events being held around the State.

A planning meeting for the Southern Regional Joey Scout Event 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.

Blackmans Bay Joey Scouts were the final recipients of Commissioners' Challenge 2017 badges, bringing the total of badges awarded up to 124. There isn't a Commissioners' Challenge being run for 2018 but instead all Mobs (and sections) will be participating in The Adventure Begins Challenge later this year, once all of the information and resources have been passed onto individual Groups.

This month's recipient of the Promise Challenge Award was Mathew Arnott from Glenorchy. Congratulations Mathew on achieving this top Joey Scout award.

That's it for this month - I hope to catch up with many of you at the Lenah Hop! Please contact me anytime with any questions, suggestions or newsletter items.

Happy Joey Scouting!

Sue Cooper

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Fellowship Report

I would like to give a big welcome to Christine Boon and Steve Locke for putting up their hands to organise Fellowship Events in the North of our great state. Please watch out for their emails, put up your hand and share in some great events. I would also like to welcome Greg Fulljames to our Fellowship family.

Susanne Hovington

Project Commissioner Fellowship

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Cub Report

Thank you to all of you who were involved in the ANZAC Day services and in illustrating the respect and gratitude that Cubs have for the lives we lead.

Last weekend was Basic Sectional Training and it was great to see eleven Cub Leaders continuing their journey. Well done to all who participated. It was a pleasure to see the future of Cubs in such good hands.

Looking forward, Scouts Tasmania has its AGM on May 4th. If you come, then please seek me out to say Hello. I'd like to meet and chat to as many Leaders as I can. Congratulations to those Cub Leaders who have won Awards in the annual round. I won't name you as the announcement hasn't yet been made, but I hope you've received my email of congratulations. We're an organisation run by volunteers and I know that a small vote of thanks and a little recognition goes a long way. Thank you for your service. (Thank you too to all of you who give without the recognition. Your contribution is just as valuable and so please talk to your Group Leaders regarding nominations for 2019!)

As you've heard, this year is a year for focusing on the fundamentals of Scouting: SPICES, the Scouting Method, Pack Councils, and generally ensuring that our Cubs have an entertaining program which develops them and which they are involved in leading/developing as well as participating in.

How do you program?

Do you get ideas from Cubs?

Do you consider the SPICES when you write a program?

Do you vary the nature of the activities to be inclusive of the Scouting method?

I imagine you do. And if you do, then you'll find a transition to the new programme to be relatively straight forward. There are still many details yet to be confirmed, but Scouting is Scouting and Cubbing is Cubbing!

A quick reminder of three events:

- 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. The badge (right).
- The Commissioner's Challenge has been issued and details have been emailed to all CSLs and ACSLs. 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. badge (below right).
- 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 CSLs and ACSLs. Please put these dates in your diaries. Please send me ideas for topics to discuss or explore at the Palaver.



Cub Report cont'd

Last month I mentioned a couple of initiatives which I want to repeat again this month. Firstly, Jo Maddock called for volunteers to assist with next year's Regatta Taster. I'm not sure if Jo received any volunteers but I didn't. So if you would like to assist, please contact Jo at maddock@m2data.com.au or me. The second topic for mention was the PC4 (Pack Council Four) initiative. A badge is available for all Packs who have at least 4 Pack Councils per year. When your Pack has done that, let me know and I'll issue the PC4 badge to you.

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 Are you getting my emails? I've sent quite a few this year. If not, then please tell me!

Good Hunting!

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Grey Wolf Awards

Lachlan Cook Mt Faulkner
Owen Rule Sandy Bay



Training Report

Firstly congratulations to all the Adult Recognition Awardees for 2018 – very much deserved, and especially the members of the Training Team who put in enormous efforts and time, not just at the weekend training but in supporting Leaders and preparing training as well as running other courses such as the Basic Outdoor Skills – Well Done!

Secondly – what an amazing weekend for the first Basic Training for 2018. There were 11 new Cub Leaders, 8 new Scout Leaders, 6 new Venturer Leaders and 5 Leader of Adults. While this course did not run for Joeys and Rovers I am sure this will run at the next opportunity. Courses always depend on numbers as it is difficult to run a practical course with only one or two and also we still require the same number of Trainers, (one voice for an entire weekend could be a little dull, no matter how exciting they are). Glenorchy Scouts did a terrific job with the catering as evidenced by the scales on Monday morning. It was delicious, different and healthy, what more can we ask.

The Training Team is currently considering options for the Basic Outdoor Skills Course, especially in preparation for changes as a result of YPR for Joeys and Scouts. Watch this space for more information as decisions are made.

At our February meeting we welcomed Ruth Henderson and Julian Dermoudy to the Training Team, as Assistant Leader Trainers in Joeys and Cubs respectively. We have several new members added to the Team over the past twelve month, which augurs well for the future and our succession plan in action.

Lastly, but definitely not least, Brian Williams was awarded the position as our inaugural Trainer Emeritus, a new National position for Trainers who wish to no longer be a Leader Trainer but are still willing and more than able to run sessions and provide very valued input to the Team. Brian has been a member of the Training Team for decades in both Venturers and Leader of Adults – what a fantastic effort. Many thanks Brian and well done on your new title which is very much deserved.

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Scout Report

Corroboree

253 Scouts, 62 Leaders plus 39 adults and 15 siblings converged at The Lea over Easter for the 18th Tasmanian Corroboree. The event is a mini-Jamboree and allows Scouts to experience what a National Jamboree is going to be like. Excellent weather was provided to make everything just that little bit happier.

We had a fabulous weekend of Scouting that included 4 main activity sessions themed -Let's get Afloat – water activities at Kingston Beach; Let's be Challenged – abseiling, climbing, low ropes course, mountain bikes, and flying fox; Let's get Scouting – Environmental/Landcare activity, Damp-er, Screen Printing, Scouting Heritage, Orienteering; and Let's Play Games – Giant Kims game, Water slide and skirmish, catapults and slingshots and billy carts.

Everyone contributed wholeheartedly in the spirit of Scouting which made the event enjoyable for all. Congratulations to all Scouts who participated positively. Thanks to all Leaders who worked to keep the campsite running smoothly and ensured bases operated as required. Thanks to Venturers, Rovers and the Heritage Team who contributed their time and energy for us. And a big thanks to David Heap, Peter Bishop and Phil Harper whose experience and dedication made the weekend double the fun.

If you think Corroboree was fun please make sure you know about and how to register for the Australian Jamboree in South Australia in January 2019. And remember, all Scouts who worked and participated in the Landcare activity this work contributes to your Environment /Landcare award work.

Anzac Day

Well done to all Scouts and Leaders who participated in vigils and parades for Anzac Day. I attended the vigil at the Hobart Cenotaph. During the evening Lt Col Mark Neich, who has served in the Army for over 26 years and been on overseas peace keeping operations, visited Scouts and spoke about what Anzac Day meant for him. He noted that Anzac day is an important day to remember all service personnel in the Australian Forces and the impact that their service has on them personally and the lives of their families. He is pleased to serve as a soldier in the Australian Army and work overseas on missions that are dedicated to maintain peace in order so that people can live freely. Lt Col Neich observed that the Army shares some core values with Scouting - being **Respectful**, having **Initiative**, Being **Courageous** and **Teamwork**. It is not possible to be a soldier and work for a peace unless you are a part of a team. As Scouts we all have a responsibility to work towards Peace in whatever ways that we can in our lives.

ScoutFest

All Leaders please note and put in your diary the weekend of 10-12 August at Carnaroo. This is a great weekend dedicated for Scout Leaders to network (without Youth members) more information next month – we had a ball last year!

YouthFest

Expressions of interest are open for YouthFest on weekend of 7 -9 September. This is a really important weekend for representatives from each Troop to attend. If you don't know about it please ask me or contact Julie Creed. bc.youthprogram@scoutstas.org.au

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Scouting Album



**Corroboree
2018
The Lea**



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International Report

Go Tasmania! ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Provisional attendance numbers for upcoming events are listed below for interest.

Event Branch	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
76th NZ Rover Moot 2018	1	11			1	16	1		30
Mongolia Aid Project 2018		1		1		1	20		23
JamboRi 2018	1	12	1	2	1	6			23
3rd Interamerican Moot 2018		2		1			1		4
Roverway 2018	2	5		8	2			1	18
17th Nippon Jamboree 2018		3	2			7	4	2	18
BP Scout Peak Expedition 2018	3	9		1	1		4		18
SISEP 2018-19		1		5	7		10	2	25
14th NZ Venture 2019	19	169		53	33	4	290	41	609
24th World Scout Jamboree 2019	26	258	3	124	44	9	268	27	759

* Data as at 5 April 2018. Total = 1,527

Great Opportunity for Rovers – spread around

9th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum, Philippines 2018

Scouts Australia is offering one full scholarship to attend both the 9th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum and 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference to be held in the Philippines 10 – 13 October 2018.

The successful recipient must be a passionate Scouting member of Rover Scout age at the time of the event and have a willingness to actively contribute to the future direction of Scouting within the Asia-Pacific Region.

Applications are accepted by completing the online form below.

Closing date for applications is 5PM AEST on Friday 11 May 2018.

All applications will be reviewed by a selection panel. All applicants will be notified of the result before the end of May 2018.

The Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum is a gathering of Youth members from National Scout Organisations within our Region who come together to discuss Scouting and its future. The forum allows young people to make recommendations on the direction of Scouting to the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference.

The forum is also an educational experience for those selected to attend, as they develop the skills necessary to strengthen their capacity to take part in decision-making processes in their home Scout associations.

More information on the Forum is available at: <https://www.facebook.com/9APRScoutYouthForum/>

In addition to the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum, the successful recipient is invited to remain in the Philippines and represent Australia as a Delegate at the 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference, 15 - 20 October 2018.

The scholarship covers return airfares, registration fees, as well as all food, accommodation, and inland transport for the duration of the event, but excludes personal expenditure (including passport).

Scouts Australia is now accepting applications for this scholarship. Applicants must meet the following selection criteria:

Scouts Australia member born between 20 October 1992 and 10 October 2000

- An outstanding ambassador of Scouts Australia that promotes the Movement as one that engages the community and looks to the future.
- Representative of a wide range of Scouting experiences that highlights the diversity of the movement.
- An effective communicator and strong advocate who is able to network and build strong relationships with other National Scout Organisations.
- Available for the duration of the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum.

International Report cont'd

Scouts Australia operates a merit based selection process where applicants are required to establish their claims against the selection criteria above in response to the questions on the application form, and in a one page CV. If you do not directly write about the selection criteria, or do not provide evidence for the claims you are making, then your application will be at a disadvantage. The referees you nominate must be able to back up your claims against the criteria. Applications must not exceed the 500 word limit per written criteria, and one page CV limit. Please also include a recent photo in Scout uniform.

Applicants must complete the online application form, including a one page CV and photo no later than 5PM AEST on Friday 11 May 2018.

Yours in Scouting,

Aaron Wardle

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The online form contains the following sections:

Applicant Details

The application form requires some of your basic contact details and allows you to detail your experiences and roles in Scouting and any experiences in the country/region where the forum will be held.

Selection Criteria

The key selection criteria are:

1. Why are you an outstanding ambassador for Scouts Australia that promotes the movement as one that engages the community and looks to the future? Ability to liaise effectively with Scouts Australia, State and Territory Branches, International Scouting Organisations and non Scouting Organisations.
2. Tell us about your Scouting background and history. Why are you representative of a wide range of Scouting experiences?
3. Provide evidence for your strong communication and advocacy skills. How would you build relationships with other National Scout Organizations at the Forum?
4. What experiences do you hope to gain from attending the Youth Forum? What challenges do you envisage, if any, will be involved with travelling to the Philippines?

Referees

Please provide 2 referees and their contact details.

Attachments

Participants are required to upload a one page CV and a recent photo in Scout uniform.

APPLY NOW: <https://form.jotform.co/81021539421851>

Please submit completed applications no later than 5PM AEST on Friday 11 May 2018.

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