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## Chief Commissioner's Report

Thanks to Robyn Bishop for taking on the new Project Commissioner Award position. Robyn's main role will be to look for and ask GL/DC/Commissioners to nominate Youth Members/adult/Leaders for Awards that are outside of our Organisation. The Awards Committee will be working with Robyn to make her position a great success. Thank you.

On Tuesday the 22nd May, our State Government opted in to the Redress Scheme. This now gives our BEC (Branch Executive Committee) the opportunity to opt in as well. Our BEC wishes will be passed onto National. A special NEC meeting is going to be held in June so we can vote for National to opt-in if all the states do so.

Branch is having a lot of trouble getting Leaders/Adult Helpers/Rovers to redo their BCore Child & WHS, National Police Checks and WWVP cards (Child Card). If you get a message to redo them, please do them ASAP as it takes so much staff time, emailing etc members who haven't completed these tasks. We all know it's extra work on top of the great work you are doing already with our Youth Members but that is why we do it, to keep the youth as safe as possible.

Group Leaders and District Commissioners can you please get your verified accounts into BHQ ASAP!! We have only received ½ of them so far. We must have them, as they are part of BHQ's auditing procedure.

JOTT (Jamboree of the Trail) - I know some of you most likely haven't heard of this before. It started in Canada back in 1997 and has taken off. The idea is to hike somewhere you haven't been before and you can order a blanket badge. We have an Australian company now who deals with the badges instead of ordering them from Canada. They are very colourful badges, but you must note they are not to go on our uniform. For more information go to - <https://jott.org/>

Our AGM went very well. It ran a lot smoother this year and we moved through the proceedings a lot quicker. All I received were good comments and it was great to be able to present all the certificates to the Awardees next to our Governor who presented their medals. Thank you to Greg Boon and Julie Creed for reading the citations. We have so many great Leaders in our Organisation and I will thank as many as I can in my term as Chief Commissioner.

I have successfully emailed most of our Leaders and Committee members to thank them for all their hard work during Volunteer Week (21st-25th May). I sent out about 560 emails and I thank Stuart Morse for helping me achieve this task. Hopefully next year it will not take so long to organise it and we will have our own certificate. I did say most of the Leaders and Committee members, as I found about 20 members didn't have an email address in the My Scout database and another 12 bounced when I emailed the certificate. If you didn't get a certificate, email me and I will send you your certificate and update the details in My Scout. Thank you all again for the great work you do in helping our Youth Members achieve great heights in our community.

The ANZAC vigils and services went very well. We received a lot of great PR in the News, TV and newspapers this year which was great. A big thank you to all who were involved.

I had a meeting with our YPR team, and as it looks like the new Awards App for your computer, phone and tablets will not be ready when we had our Pioneer training scheduled, we have postponed it to 10th-11th November. Unfortunately, this is the weekend of the Rover Ball so we will have to cut the Saturday afternoon sessions short so Leaders can dress up and attend. This was the only weekend we had available with Trainers and The Lea being available. We all look forward to the Rover Ball at the Blundstone Arena in Bellerive on the Saturday night 10th November.

I attended the Launceston/Tamar District camp on Scout Island. The weather was great but a little cold in the mornings. Ola Howe (District Commissioner North Midlands) had a massive fire in the evening to burn the old pines that they cut down. The Cub numbers were down, but apart from that it was a great weekend.



## Chief Commissioner's Report Cont'd

The flying day at Devonport went very well. I think it was mainly Leven District attending, but Bob Bramley (organiser and also a Venturer) is hoping to get another one or two running in the Launceston and Hobart areas.

Our new National Chief Commissioner Phil Harrison was invested on 21st May at Government House in Canberra; unfortunately, I couldn't attend because of the cost.



I have had another meeting with Bruce Argyle who is the Vic/Tas Manager of the Community banking in Bendigo Banking group. He went through what Victoria Branch is doing and it sounds very impressive. It would be great to get something similar done in our State and that is for all Groups to be part of one bank. In Victoria's case it is a Community bank, which just so happens to have Branches everywhere, but it will take time. He also suggested some areas that we might be able to get some funding for Xero, otherwise we might have to go with Wave as an online accounting system.

Our new District Commissioner in Mersey (Phil Dickinson) is looking at trying to start up Groups in Sheffield and Deloraine, as long as he can find a hall. It will be great if he is successful, as I can't see our state getting another 1000 members to meet our state target by 2023 without new Groups.

A new Joey Mob is starting up in our Rubicon Scout Group very soon and with a little bit of luck, the Ulverstone Group will be doing the same soon.

The Temporary Occupation Permit (TOPermit) for our 3-year tent permits is still ongoing, hopefully in the next month or so we will have this process completed.

I had the great honour to present Mitchell Fleming from Clarence Sea Scouts with his International Adventurous certificate and belt. Fiona Broadby our Branch Commissioner International also attended. Fiona indicated that this was only the third International Adventurous Certificate to be presented in Tasmania. Mitchell went to Mongolia (International Jamboree), which is one of the requirements to achieve this Award. 'Well-done' Mitchell.

Last week (22nd-24th May) the ABC had three Star Gazing nights and on Wednesday had a record winning Guinness Book of Records attempt. They had to have ten minutes looking at the moon all at the same time. Scouts had 37 or more registered Groups around Australia who were part of the record-winning attempt. I know that 1st 2nd Ulverstone was one of those Groups and that they had a community group in Huonville which some of our Scouts attended. I hope we had a lot more get out into the clear skies and look at the planets and stars.



**Michael Hovington**  
**Chief Commissioner**  
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## President's Report

On Friday the 4th of May we had our Branch AGM. Thank you to everyone who attended. Comments about the evening seemed quite positive. If you have some feedback that you would like to provide about the AGM or have any ideas for next year, please contact me. I would also like to thank Jeannette and Lori for the extraordinary amount of work that they put into organising and running the AGM. 'Thank you' both very much!

After the awards were handed out Her Excellency the Governor mentioned to me that she was extremely impressed by the generosity and commitment that our volunteers have towards Scouting. This is one of the keys to our success and we are indeed fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers in our ranks.

May 21-27 was National Volunteer Week. Whilst we are a volunteer organisation and we are *ALL* volunteers, we sometimes forget to recognise and thank each other for the efforts that are made each and every day. So thank you all for everything you do to contribute to our movement. I would also like to thank our Chief Michael Hovington for his commitment to Scouting and for supporting us all so that we can fulfil our own roles. Thanks also to Michael for sending out our Certificates of Appreciation. On that topic, I would like to give a special 'thank you' to Gwen Harper, an ACSL with Old Beach Scouts. Gwen was the one who originally contacted me with the idea of sending the certificates to "recognise and celebrate the tremendous efforts that volunteers put in". Thank you Gwen for the sentiments, but mainly for *ACTING* and following through on your idea.

On Tuesday the 22nd of May, the Tasmanian Government announced that it would be "opting in" to the National Redress Scheme for the survivors of child sexual abuse. This removes the final hurdle and now allows us to enter into the scheme. At the May Branch Executive Committee Meeting, the BEC voted unanimously to opt in to the scheme when it starts on the 1st of July (barring any major unforeseen last minute changes to the legislation). More on this topic next month.

Speaking of the BEC, the committee membership is currently short of a few non-uniform representatives. The BEC meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at The Lea from 7:15pm for 1.5 to 2 hours to discuss issues that affect our Branch. It is not necessary to meet in person - you can call a 1800 number from anywhere to participate. If you know of anyone that you think might be suitable: a friend, relative or neighbour - please have a chat to them. Essentially we need to borrow their brains, ideas and opinions for those 2 hours a month. A background in Scouting is not required. Feel free to pass my contact details along to anyone who you think might be able to help and please contact me if you have any questions.

On Friday the 25th of May, the Queen's Scout Award presentations are due to be held at Government House. Congratulations to all recipients - you should be very proud of your efforts and achievement. Well done!

As always, if anyone has anything that they would like to discuss or if you have any feedback or ideas (like Gwen!), my contact details can be found at the top of every newsletter. Thank you.

Yours in Scouting

**Corey McGrath**

**President Scouts Tasmania**

### *Grey Wolf Awards*

Iola Fleming	Taroona Scout Group
Hannah Phillips	Clarence Sea Scouts
Isabelle Stanley	Clarence Sea Scouts
Charlotte Elischer	Sandford Scout Group
Nathalie Elischer	Sandford Scout Group
Patrick Weeding	Old Beach Scout Group

# Queen's Scout Awardees 2018



*Emily Palmer*      *Kymerlee Caunter*      *Phoebe Greener*  
*Lillian Greener*      *Seth Hilder*      *Kaylie Tenteye*  
*Zelia Matuszek*      *Callum Somerville*      *Erin Harwood*

The Awardees were presented with their Queen's Scout Award  
 by The Governor of Tasmania  
 Her Excellency the Honourable Professor Kate Warner AM  
 at Government House on the 25th May.



## June Branch Calendar

Date	Event	Where
2	Teniswood Trophy	
2 & 3	Training of Trainers	The Lea
3	PLA Update Training	The Lea
7	Property Committee Meeting	The Lea
14	IT Committee Meeting	The Lea
20	The Lea Board of Management Committee Meeting	The Lea
21	Business & Finance Committee Meeting Branch Executive Committee Meeting	The Lea
23	Launceston & Tamar Scouts Unplugged	Queechy High School
23	Gilwell Reunion	
23 & 24	Training Team Meeting	
29 - 1	NYPT Meeting	
30	Hall Inspections Due	

## Years of Service Awards

**5 Years**

**Annastasia Bedford**  
**Dale Foggo**

**Port Cygnet Cub Pack**  
**Huonville Scout Group Leader**

# Adult Recognition Awards



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**Life Member Inductee's  
Ross Smith  
&  
Donald Fitzpatrick**

**Australian Scout  
Medallion  
Awardee  
Heidi Smith**

*'Congratulations' to all Awardees*

Thank you for your dedication to Scout s Tasmania.



# Adult Recognition Awards



## Adult Recognition Awards

### Rover Scout Service Award

Carey-Lee Richards

### Special Service Award

Margot Patten

Jake Sanger

Dale Foggo

Ruth Henderson

Cameron Marshall

Damien Granger

Owen Holloway

Joshua Boucher

Veryan Patterson

Dominik Stozki

Michael Monks

Christopher Jameson

Joel Morrison

Sophie Kelly

Leigh Johnstone

David Coulson



Craig Millsom

Edward Benyon

Craig Spencer

Gareth Kays

Genevieve Hickman

### Meritorious Service Award

Julian Dermoudy

Robert Berechree

Richard Inglis

Ian Bruncker

Rosemary Beswick

Andrew Burnett

### Silver Wattle Award

Anna Greener

Glenn Maddock

Elizabeth Koolhof

Karen Van Den Bosch

Scott Jones

Paul Leitch

Kate Nichols

Helen Skeggs

David Heap

Leone Cowen

### Silver Koala Award

Mark Norris

### Silver Koala Award

Geraldine Harwood

### Silver Kangaroo Award

Michael Patten

Peter Bishop

Susan Gardner



# Scout Cycling Team Report

## Derby Blue Mini-Tour Wrap-up and More!

### DERBY BLUE! A FULL WEEK OF WOW!

The feedback I have received since the end of our Derby Blue Mini-Tour has been universally positive. We had perfect weather for the whole 7 days. Our program of two full road stages followed by a day of mountain bike adventure at Derby and lunch at Gladstone on Friday worked well as did the final two road stages back to Rochelea on the outskirts of Launceston. Many of you would be aware that the main aim of the Cycling Team at this Tour was to enhance the riding skills of Youth participants through a fairly rigorous program of bunch evolutions on the road coupled with extending the leadership abilities of the senior riders. All this while having maximum fun! Ultimately my expectations were exceeded as our young riders showed how well they could ride as an organised disciplined bunch. On Friday afternoon while returning from Gladstone, Road Captain Oscar Varney and I sprung a 10km assessment ride on both the senior and junior bunches, taking out all the Leader support and putting them in a third bunch behind the two youth bunches **so we could watch Youth Leadership in action.** We were impressed; the bunches were tight and close to perfectly aligned. Of particular note was the way the junior bunch performed three or four rotations rolling through without losing formation and maintaining an even progress.

**YOUTH LED, ADULT SUPPORTED** (Where have I heard that before?) Contrary to the claims of the Leaders of YPR this is not a new concept, but one developed by our founder Baden Powell way back then! **There is just one thing missing in the YPR model and it's huge! In order to Lead you first must LEARN (acquiring leadership skills and experience.)** Read on to see how we make it work in the Scout Cycling Team. Along with other effective Leaders of Youth I have been engaged in this process (supposedly new) for upward of 50 years!



**ROAD CAPTAIN:** What a first rate job Oscar Varney did as our Road Captain assisted by Ryan Dykstra and George Murchie on the road. The culmination of 3+ years of learning to lead, Oscar put it all together for us and made me very proud of him in the process. Previously the ride Captain role has been the task of an experienced adult cycling leader **It was a huge ask to expect a 16 year old to take on** a role which started each morning at 6.30am and was full on through the day finishing most nights around 10.00pm. There was no doubt who was in charge on the road! Oscar and his Assistant Ryan drove the route with Julian and I before Easter logging all the topographical features, defining suitable rest stops and identifying hazards which needed special mention at briefings. Oscar conducted all tour briefings and it got better by the day with less input needed from me as his mentor. We also have Oscar and fellow Venturer George Murchie to thank for the well conducted Patrol competition.

**DAY AT BLUE DERBY! MOTO-VATION PLUS** The Mountain Bike day organised and run by Julian Varney with help from Ross Smith and Craig Brooks was a full day of thrills and spills. Sam (Brooks) assured me that MTBing was very safe "Much safer than road riding Pip" Ha Ha! The first aid station set up by paramedic Ian and hugely experienced RN Jan was kept busy for the whole day treating minor scratches and scrapes and the occasional bruise. It was a huge day and worth the effort of transporting all the extra MTB bikes. This was the Cycling Teams first adventure into Mountain Biking and clearly by the enthusiasm generated there will be many more MTB activities in the future.

**NEW ROAD BIKES** We have taken delivery of 5x Merida Scultura 100 road machines to add to our two Giant Defy bikes. These Team bikes will make it possible for young folk who don't own a road bike to experience the difference a purpose built machine makes to road riding. Like the trailers, we funded these machines from the funds we have put together from our Tour de Tassie Sponsorships and small surpluses generated by our Events.



# Scout Cycling Team Report Cont'd

## TEAM SCARF

Team Committee Member Fiona Champion has been instrumental in designing and producing our Green Jersey "strip" and has now designed and produced our very own Team Scarf and Scout Cycling Badge. The Scarf is Approved by Branch for wear by Team Members and the Badge is available to all riders who attend our Tours or Multi Stage Events for use as a Camp blanket badge.

Well done Fiona Champion! A huge thank you for your fabulous effort in designing and making the scarves so the team members could be presented at Derby Blue.



**YOUTH LEADERSHIP – RIDE LEADER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.** At the Mini-Tour I unveiled our Ride Leader Development Program. This is the culmination of three years of work on the part of the Team providing opportunities for young riders to acquire cycling specific leadership skills and experience through participation as APL's, PL's and Bunch Leaders at our Events and Tours. Those young riders who wish to become Team Members to contribute and help others to acquire cycling skills and experience can opt to work through our 4 stage Ride Leader Development Program (over a three year period) and may achieve Assistant Ride Captain (3 Stars) status at age 16yrs. (By this stage they would be considered competent to run a one day Safe Cycling/Bunch Riding program and plan, organise and supervise a bunch day ride.) Ride Captain (4 Stars) may be awarded when aspirants have acquired additional experience, maturity and competence to perform the role of Ride Captain on Tour.

This program doesn't in any way take the place of the Scout or Venturer Award Scheme but is specific to cycling skill, knowledge and leadership. It is designed to produce our Ride Leaders of the future.

## COMING EVENTS

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Safe Cycling & Bunch Riding	Ulverstone Scout Hall	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
*Advanced Cycling Ride Planning & Risk Management Workshop	Carnaroo Scout Camp	16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
#Safe Cycling & Bunch Riding	Launceston	To be Advised
5 DAYS ON THE PLAINS	Deloraine High School	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
TDT6 Tour de Tassie	Central NW, North and East Coast. 8 days - 600km	April 2019 Applications available in October

\*Senior 15+ riders who have undertaken PL / APL parts of the Ride Leader Development Program will be selected dependant on maturity and riding experience.

#The Safe Cycling / Bunch Riding Program has been offered direct to Groups and Units across the Branch (State). The first program in the South ran just before Easter and we are hopeful more will follow. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to ride with the Team at 5 Days on the Plains and remember to look on our DROPBOX for programs and updates. <http://tinyurl.com/zmua3lj>

The Branch Scout Cycling program is certainly turning out to be a real winner with the Youth members. It's no secret why it is a success bringing a mix of exciting adventurous activity with real challenges to be met and goals achieved! BUT LEADERS DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE GLITZ ! What we are all about is using the active program (in this case cycling) as a vehicle to push our main goals of developing young people to be better citizens and the leaders of tomorrow.

Yours in Scouting

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**Project Commissioner Cycling**  
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# Scout Cycling Album



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# Scouting Album



**Above - Old Beach Scout Group visiting Hobart Ambulance Station  
Below - Rovers gather at the Annual General Meeting**



**Branch Executive Committee**

# Scouting Album



**10th May.  
10th Hobart  
Cubs.  
winning six of our  
“Masterchef  
Challenge”  
which was to  
cook  
Anzac  
Biscuits.  
They are with To-  
ny Peck  
and his wife,  
Bernadette  
who were our  
judges dressed in  
WW1 Light Horse-  
men gear.**

## Rover Report

The Centenary of Rovers is well under way with Rovers and their crews showcasing their skills and service to Scouting and the community, but we would like for you – former Rovers and other leaders in the Scout Movement – to come and help support us during our celebrations. We have a few events coming up in the second half of the year for you to come and be a part of.

### Winter Moot 2018 – Venturer Moot

Winter Moot is a taster for the Venturers this year. Run by the Leven District Rover Crew, it is set to be a great weekend of activities, including rafting, snow trips and much more. More details will be released very soon but make sure to keep August 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> free on the calendar.

### Brent Gaffney Memorial Raft Race Challenge

Did you have an awesome team that won the Brent Gaffney Memorial Shield? Or you were on that team that always got the Bottom End Trophy?

Organised by the Wellington Rover Crew, this year’s Raft Race is being held up on the Forth River on September 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, and we’d like to invite any past Rovers, Branch Commissioners, Leaders and your teams to challenge the current Crews and rafts to one of the best events on the Tasmanian Rover calendar.

### Centenary Rover Ball

Our final event of the year and the best by far! On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding our Centenary Rover Ball at Blundstone Arena and we want to extend our invitations to any former Rovers, Leaders and Adult Support personnel to come along and be part of the final celebrations.

Dress code is formal (suits and cocktails dress) with a dash of red for the theme.

Pre-sale tickets are \$70 each and will be available soon.

Check out the flyer and keep an eye out on the Tas Rovers Facebook page for ticket sales and more information

[www.facebook.com/TasRovers](http://www.facebook.com/TasRovers)

**Craig Millsom**

**Centenary Project Officer and Project Commissioner Rover Fellowship**  
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**TASROVERS**  
*Service Challenge Adventure*

TASMANIAN BRANCH ROVER COUNCIL

# *Centenary of Rovering Ball*

Saturday • November 10, 2018 • 6pm

**Ricky Ponting Stand Function Room,  
Blundstone Arena**

Early bird tickets \$70





## Joey Report

At the time of writing my last report the Anzac vigil and services were about to be held. Shortly afterwards it was great to see all of the photos of Joey Scouts participating in vigils, Anzac marches and services right around the State this year, all looking very smart and proud in their uniforms along with the other sections and leaders. Well done everyone!

The following Saturday was a very busy day for Joey Scouts and their Leaders from Mobs in the North who participated in the Launceston and Tamar District 'Olympic' activities and the Joey Scout Regional 'Pirate' activities all on the same day at Scout Island. The first activity of the day was a giant water fight - on a 6<sup>o</sup> morning!! From what I have heard all had a great time and the day was definitely a success. I look forward to hearing more about the event soon.

The Branch AGM was held the following weekend. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this year but I wish to pass on my congratulations to all those who received awards. Hopefully I'll be able to attend next year's event.

Jamboree of the Trail (JOTT) was held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. District JOTT events were held in Clarence and in the Launceston area but I daresay there were other walks that I didn't hear about. I look forward to reading more about your adventures (and will include any reports or photos in our Mob Hoppenings newsletter) so please get in touch with your District and Mob's news.

Our Joey Scout Leaders' Lenah Hop was held last weekend at Carnaroo Scout Camp at Paper Beach on the Tamar, and as always, it was a very enjoyable weekend. Amongst various other activities, the program included sharing of (and trying out) the Adventure Begins resources, five different challenges including a Cryptic Challenge (to work out the destination of our Saturday afternoon outing), a photo scavenger hunt (which provided plenty of laughs) and our outing which ended up being to the Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre and was very interesting. Thanks to our wonderful caterers, there was plenty of delicious food too! I wish to say a big 'thank you' to Lisa Lord and Kathy Rittman for organising this year's event. We are now looking forward to next year's Lenah Hop and hope more Joey Scout Leaders can make it along to that one!

A planning meeting for the Southern Regional Joey Scout Event is being held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May, so will possibly be over by the time you read this, but if located in the South, please make every effort to be involved in this event being held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November to help ensure its success.

Finally for all Leaders who hold a Wood Badge, the Gilwell Reunion is coming up very soon. This year's event is being held at The Lea on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June with RSVPs to Geraldine Harwood due by 16<sup>th</sup> June.

No Promise Challenge Awards have been presented this last month, but I have heard that there are some Joey Scouts who are busily completing their badge work, so I look forward to receiving some more applications very soon!

That's it for this month. It was good to catch up with some of you at the Lenah Hop, and I hope to catch up with the rest of you in the coming months! Please contact me anytime with any questions, suggestions or newsletter items.

Happy Joey Scouting!

**Sue Cooper**  
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# Cub Report

I hope your houses and halls have been safe from the wind and the rain around the State. To those affected I hope things get back to normal quickly.

Did your Pack get out and about for Jamboree on the Trail? If you'd like to promote your activities, feel free to send me a photo or two, and/or post them to Facebooks JOTT Group page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/jotthike/>

As we move into Winter, more and more of our Pack activities will likely be held indoors. It's important to remember to vary the pace of the nights to maintain engagement and to ensure there's lots of games to help them burn energy and to create an opportunity for patience and focus.

One of the opportunities to get out and about is the Regional Event. The North-West and Southern events are still being planned and I don't have details as this goes 'to press', but I will email CSLs and ACSLs with details when they are to hand. In the West, Adrian Mather (CSL Queenstown and contactable at [adna5@dodo.com.au](mailto:adna5@dodo.com.au)) is coordinating a walk and campfire at the Scout Hall. In the North, Jillian Parkinson (DCSL Launceston and Tamar and contactable at [Jillian.Parkinson@bigpond.com](mailto:Jillian.Parkinson@bigpond.com)) is organising a walk and campfire at the Tailrace. Both events will be held on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>.



Badges for the event are available for all participants at \$2.50 and may be worn on the right-hand-side of their (and your!) shirt. We'd like one order per Group please; please register interest with Adrian in the West and Jillian in the North.

We've been approached by Girl Guides Tasmania to see whether the Guides could attend Cuboree with our Cubs. Do you have a view on that? If so, please let me know.

In the next few weeks I'm pleased to say that I'll be awarding Grey Wolf badges and certificates at Old Beach, Clarence Sea Scouts, and Taroon. Thank you to those Packs for inviting me!

In late June all Tasmanian Branch Commissioners for the five sections will be meeting in Melbourne with our counterparts. If anyone has any issues you'd like me to discuss please let me know. I'll provide a report but it will be after the deadline for the July newsletter so I may do it by email.

I don't want to be a menace, but I am using email for communication with all CSLs and ACSLs between Newsletters. If you're not getting any email from me, could you please check that Branch has your correct details.

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](mailto:bc.cubs@tas.scouts.com.au)

Good Hunting!

**Julian Dermoudy**  
Branch Commissioner Cubs

**Taroon  
Scout  
Group's  
Jamboree  
on the Trail  
(JOTT)  
hike**



# Scout Report

## Do we really need to do a Log Book?

There was a comment I received after last Clark Trophy along the lines of whether or not a Log Book has value the way that we do them. A position that many Scout Leaders may certainly have some empathy with, in particular if you have encouraged Scouts to prepare such a document knowing full well their abilities - only to be handed a scruffy page with aspirations to being a 'log book'.

## So why do a log book?

One reason is our Award Scheme requires for the Campcraft Journey at Explorer Level - *"a report is to be presented to the Troop Council on completion."* and at Adventurer Level - *"Report on your experience through the use of an illustrated log."*

A Troop Council is to expect a **report** when evaluating this aspect of the Award Scheme. A report can be in a number of forms (may be verbal/visual recording etc) at Explorer Level, but at Adventurer Level, there is an expectation of an illustrated log. The Troop council needs to clarify their expectations at the outset of an activity.

There are however many other good reasons for completing a log or a journal of an activity.

Practically the document becomes a record of an event for later reference to remind us of what we did; pertinent details; whether we achieved our objectives or what we learnt; what we might do differently next time.

But also and importantly writing a journal or log requires us to be attentive of the world around us by noticing:

- the environment we are in
- the social company and communication we share with our party
- the climate and conditions
- the events or points of interest we discover, and so on

Recording events makes us pay attention to who we are and helps us monitor our own progress. We can reflect on where we have been and how we might go forward. The act of recording helps consolidate our learning and also focuses our attention on what we have done. There is some good evidence which suggests that the act of daily recording our achievements, no matter how small, is highly beneficial to our health and wellbeing.

*Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them.*

*In your conversation, don't dwell at excessive length on your own deeds or adventures. Just because you enjoy recounting your exploits doesn't mean that others derive the same pleasure from hearing about them.*

**Marcus Aurelius, Meditations (161-180 AD) Roman Emperor and journal keeper**

## Scout Leadership Courses

Upcoming Patrol Leadership Courses

Clarence and Wellington at The Lea **21- 22 July**

Launceston Tamar District at Carnaroo **27-29 July**



**ScoutFest** All Leaders please note and put in your diary the weekend of 10-12 August.

**YouthFest** Expressions of interest are open for YouthFest on weekend of 7 -9 September.

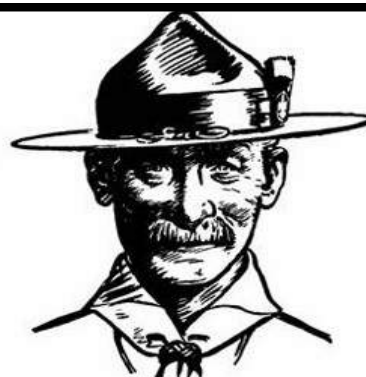
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## Gang Show Report

Some of the Hobart Gang Show cast performed to an audience of 180 during the Trefoil Guild National Gathering. It was an honour and privilege to be asked to perform at this event where there were guests from all over Australia. On top of this, a former HGS cast member came up and said how good they sounded ... and was amazed there was still almost three months before opening night of the show! This former cast member was in Hobart Gang Show for five years and now performs professionally! Congratulations to Alex, Alice, Alistair, Arielle, Belinda, Caleb, D.J., Ella, Isaac, Jess, Sarah-May and Sarah who did Hobart Gang Show proud with their fantastic performance.

Bookings open in June with an early bird discount. Ticket prices (Adults \$16.70/\$17.70\*; Concession/Student/Child \$11.70\*, Matinee all \$11.70\*). Online bookings [www.trybooking.com.SUMY](http://www.trybooking.com.SUMY) (\* + booking fee)

Denice Walter, Project Commissioner Gang show

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## Fellowship Report

On reading the Branch AGM report, I noticed the Fellowship numbers were wrong. Over the last few weeks I have checked all names on the MyScout data base and to my horror found 16 members not listed, but this has been rectified. I do not have the ability to cross check the whole data base, thus how many more of our valuable members are missing, I do not know.

Last week I forwarded an invitation from the Training Team to all Gilwellians, as I know a lot of Fellowship members hold a Wood Badge. [If you did not receive this forwarded email from me, then you are not on the data base.](#) The only way for me to know is for you to send me an email. I can only apologise to you that I did not become aware of this sooner. With your help I want to ensure no one is missing out.

Remember if you are a registered member of the Tasmanian Scout Association, there is no cost. If you are not there is an insurance fee that we must charge. Fellowship Annual fee \$52.00

Susanne Hovington

Project Commissioner Fellowship

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# International Report

Congratulations to Mitchell Fleming who earned his International Explorer Award while attending the 31<sup>st</sup> Asia Pacific Jamboree in Mongolia. Completing the presentations and reporting requirements when he returned home.

There have only been 3 Tasmanian Scouts who have earned this prestigious award. Mitchell's award was presented by Tasmania's Chief Commissioner Michael Hovington. Well done Mitchell.

I will be overseas by the time you are reading this. There will be no International Report in next month's Newsletter. If you require any assistance please contact Branch Headquarters or Michael Hovington. Just in case you are interested I will be flying to Los Angeles travelling up the coast to Santa Barbara and San Francisco, then on to Anchorage where I am going on a cruise to Vancouver. Then travelling across the US to Toronto in Canada, followed by Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City and St John. Then back to the US. Boston, New York and Los Angeles then home. Hope to catch up with you all again soon.

## Leaders - a great opportunity

### Australian Contingent to the 22<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Scout Jamboree 2019-2020, Contingent Management Team

#### POSTIONS VACANT

Do you want to become a member of the team leading the Australian Contingent to the 22<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Jamboree in 2019-2020?

Why not express an interest in the opportunity to develop our contingent and particularly our Scouts so that they gain the best International Scouting experience possible while visiting our friendly neighbours across the Tasman. The 22<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Jamboree "Solve the Mystery" will take place at the Mystery Creek Events Centre, Waipa District, near Hamilton of the North Island from 28 December 2019 to 7 January 2020.

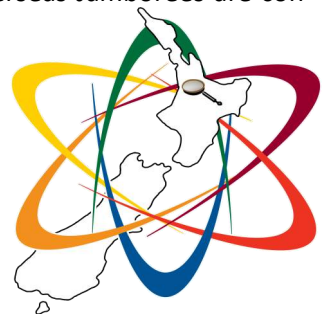
The current plan is that the Australian Contingent will depart Australia on 26/27 December 2019 and meet in Auckland for a couple of days prior to the Jamboree. A 1 week post-Jamboree tour will also be planned of the North Island.

You may ask yourself, "What experience do I need to be on the team?" It can be one of those things where you cannot have the experience unless you are given the opportunity! That said, consideration will be given to the following but will not necessarily rule someone out of consideration if all criteria below is not met:

- Experience on a major event team in Scouting
- Experience in the Scout Section as a Leader/Rover
- Experience as a Leader/Rover in another Youth Section
- Hold a Certificate of Adult Leadership
- Be available through all phases of Contingent preparation, including pre, during and post arrangements between August 2018 and January 2020 in addition to your current Scouting responsibilities
- Have an understanding and acceptance that there are differences in the way that overseas Jamborees are conducted.

#### Deputy Contingent Leader (Reports to the Contingent Leader)

- Assist the Contingent Leader with the conduct of the Contingent
- Represent the Contingent on behalf of the Contingent Leader as necessary
- Assist with communication to and from the Jamboree Executive Committee
- Be a member of the Contingent Executive
- Be prepared to take on the position of Contingent Leader if the Contingent Leader can no longer fulfil their duties.



#### Assistant Contingent Leader (possibly 2 positions, reports to the Deputy Contingent Leader)

The position of Assistant Contingent Leader shall be focused on Leadership development and liaison and not on Youth member welfare. The Assistant Contingent will be a Youth or Young Adult Member who will:

- Have experience as a Scout, preferably as a Jamboree Patrol Leader at a recent Australian Jamboree (AJ2016, AJ2013 or the last New Zealand Jamboree)
- Work with the Contingent Leader and Deputy Contingent Leader
- Be a member of the Contingent Executive
- Actively promote the Contingent prior to the close of applications at major Australian Scouting events
- Represent the Youth Members on the Contingent Executive and/or Contingent Management Team
- Convene the Contingent Youth Council
- Give a voice to the Youth Members in the Contingent on the Executive/Contingent Management Team level of the Contingent

# International Report cont'd

- Organise the Contingent's pre-Jamboree activity in Auckland
- Coordinate the Contingent's International Night Performance
- Be a member of the Contingent
- Perform other duties as required by the Contingent Leader or International Commissioner.

## Contingent Welfare Team Leader

- Lead a small team and oversee the welfare of the contingent in respect of health management, behaviour and general welfare
- Advise the Contingent Leader on any welfare issues that may arise prior and during the Jamboree
- Liaise with the Jamboree Medical Centre Personnel
- Liaise with the Scouts Australia National Advisor Contingents on Contingent Welfare issues

## Finance/Administration/Personnel Leader

- Manage the contingent finances
- Liaise with Scouts Australia National Office on finance and administrative matters
- Receive and review invoices prior to arranging payment
- Work within the Jamboree Applications Database and manage member applications and personnel information
- Liaise with merchandise suppliers

## Website, Social Media and Communications Leader

- Develop and manage the Contingent Website and Facebook page
- Develop and manage contingent communications on the Contingent Website and Facebook page
- Promote the Contingent and Jamboree to members of Scouts Australia
- Produce Contingent Newsletters
- Be the Media Contact for the Contingent
- Liaise with the Scouts Australia National Office on these matters

## Travel and Post Jamboree Tour Leader

- Develop the Contingent Travel arrangements
- Liaise with the preferred Scouts Australia travel provider and Scouts Australia National Office
- Manage the contingent travel arrangements to and from the Jamboree and the Post Jamboree Tour

## Contingent Headquarters Leader

- Manage the Contingent "shopfront" space at the Jamboree
- Arrange appropriate activities for visitors to the space to participate in
- Organise hospitality events

## At least 2 additional Welfare Team Members will be required?

**HOW TO APPLY?** Please provide a written 1 page Expression of Interest outlining why you would like to join the Contingent Management Team leading the Australian Contingent to the 22nd New Zealand Jamboree.

Mention your related experience and why you think you can make a contribution

Provide the names and phone numbers of 2 referees; and Provide your email and phone contact details.

Please send your Expression of Interest to: [nzj2020@scouts.com.au](mailto:nzj2020@scouts.com.au)

## Expressions of Interest close at 5pm on 30 June 2018.

Applications will be assessed and recommendations on successful applicants made to International Commissioner and Chief Commissioner of Australia. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by the end of July 2018.

## Alan Murray, Contingent Leader 22<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Jamboree

### SISEP - Scout International Student Exchange Program

Contact: Sam van der Wijngaart, Branch SISEP Coordinator for details. [tas.sisep@scouts.com.au](mailto:tas.sisep@scouts.com.au)

### Pen Pal Program

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# Heritage Report

The past few months have proved rather intensive for the Heritage Centre with displays, visits, trips, sorting, contributions and handling various enquiries. Our Library survived the recent Hobart heavy rain downpour so we are secure in that knowledge.

National Trust graciously included us in the 2018 listings with publicity in their Tasmanian Heritage Festival Program.

**WE ARE INDEBTED:** to the Anonymous Leader from Northern Tasmania who kindly left us the Scouting effects from the Estate of the Late GSM, Mr J Ponting, 1st PIONEER Group. GSM's (Group Scout Masters) are now retitled as GL's. As it turns out, this is the **ONLY** tangible evidence we now hold at the Heritage Centre, that this small Scout group ever existed back in 1957-58 with a sole, short lived Cub Pack. Bravo and Thanks for your kind thoughts and efforts to send it to us.



**LIBRARY :** items continue to be accessed for restoration by team members, Peter McCarthy and Noelle Rattray. Through utilisation of our 1890's Book Press, we can restore old and valuable Scouting books. Noelle is proudly handling books she recently revitalised to near original condition.

**JOEY MOBS VISIT:** Tarooma and Sandy Bay Mobs with Leaders and Parents, visited us during May for their Buddy Badge. This was unique in that the combined Mobs benefited from "a night at the Museum" with combined activities, also co-opting them onwards towards becoming future Cubs.



**CORROBOREE DISPLAY:** Not having attempted this for many years, our team heritage display was set up as one of many optional bases at The Lea over Easter. This resulted in an extremely pleasing result, in that 75% of Scout and Sibling patrols opted to visit our display as part of their award.



**BRANCH AGM DISPLAY:** held at Bridgewater, attracted many attendees and recipients to our tables. Enquiries, banter and future contributions were promised. Excess books were distributed free of cost to enquirers. On this occasion, Congratulations are especially extended to team members Don Fitzpatrick being given Life Membership and Susan Gardner with her Silver Kangaroo.

**VISITS:** have been made to John Tenniswood which resulted in old 1st Sandy Bay Memorabilia being forwarded to Pat Rowlands at Mangalore with 1st Brighton items donated, also from former Chief Commissioner, Lyn Harvey contributing 2007 World Jamboree items. We have further been promised memorabilia from Zeehan / Queenstown Groups in the near future.

**SCOUT HALL PHOTOS:** I have taken photos during my personal travels of Scout halls around the state at New Norfolk, Port Cygnet and Westbury. If any individual Scout or Patrol wishes to undertake this for part of their badge work, why not organise them to visit various Scout halls (particularly North & NW Tasmania), photograph them, and email to me direct ? These then become a historic record, are available to HQ for Insurance purposes, and become a permanent record placed in your groups' history.

**EARLY SCOUT TROOPS:** These are being uncovered very much earlier than as shown in Ray Jeffries' book. Ray did not have the availability of computers when his history book was issued. When I researched Troops on-line, such as Burnie, Sorell and Dover these have all been uncovered to exist in the 1910's, albeit they may not have become continuous Troops. Bearing in mind that





## Heritage Report Cont'd

Group formations did not exist until at least 1929 onwards, they were then just known as Pack, Troop or Crew. Earlier years for Sheffield and Deloraine have also indicated much earlier formations.

**KING'S/QUEEN'S SCOUT LISTS:** are slowly being made available to us, Please continue to scan me a copy of your groups' King's/Queen's Scout boards or lists, Scout Cords, and for various top Cub awards.

**HALL CRAWL 4:** was held by the team to different Northern Suburbs around Hobart. We photographed 11 sites of former/current halls at 17th Hobart (LDS), 1st Prince of Wales, 2nd Prince of Wales, 1st Glenorchy, 2nd Glenorchy (LDS), 1st Chigwell, 2nd Chigwell, 1st Mt Faulkner, new Mt Faulkner, 1st Claremont, and 1st Abbotsfield. Some sites are now Parks, Churches or became houses !

**LATTER DAY SAINTS (LDS) GROUPS:** through liaison with this body, we have now established that many LDS Groups existed from the 1930's to 1990s throughout the state at Glen Huon, Norwood, Devonport, Rosny, Hobart city and Launceston city. Further research is underway.

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## Adult Support & VET Report

Congratulations to Tahni Champion-Peakman for gaining her Certificate II in Business. Tahni is also working on her Cert II in Outdoor recreation.

Back in April I advised that SAIT has the CUA20215 Certificate II in Creative Industries on its scope. Since then there has been a flurry of activity in Gang Show with 6 people showing interest in starting the certificate.

### CHC44015 Certificate IV in Coordination of Volunteer Programs

**Description:** 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.

At this level, workers will generally be autonomous and are required to supervise and lead volunteers in projects or teams. These workers may be employed in a range of industry sectors and in a complex, regularly changing context. Work may be in either a volunteer or paid capacity.

Total number of units in this qualification is 11 made up of 7 core units and 4 electives.

We have identified specific electives for the various roles in Scouting. This includes uniformed, lay and paid staff.

**Assessment:** All participants completing this Qualification via the Scouts Australia Institute of Training will be assessed through a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) pathway, inclusive of mutual recognition of AQF qualifications. Participants may choose to complete:

- Unit/s of Competency
- Full Qualification

Preferred entry pathways for Scouts Australia candidates considering the full Qualification include:

- Completing the Scouts Australia, Wood Badge training program.
- Candidates with relevant experience.

Pathways within the Scouts Australia Institute of Training following the completion of this Qualification may include:

- BSB42015 Certificate IV in Leadership & Management
- BSB51915 Diploma of Leadership & Management

**SAIT** is currently setting up a panel of assessors in each state.

Questions? Please contact me via the details below.

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# Adventurous Activities Report

In last months newsletter I highlighted that we are moving through the process to appoint relevantly qualified/trained Leaders and Rovers as Branch Activity Guides. The process is in its final stages to have this first group of people appointed, this will be followed up by progressively working through all our Leaders qualified/trained in Adventurous Activities to be assessed as Branch appointed Activity Guides. Tasmania is currently behind the rest of the country in appointing Activity Guides so there will be quite a bit of focus on getting our branch up to speed.

At the end of May, I would have attended my first National Adventurous Activity Coordinators meeting at Camp Cottermouth in Canberra. From this meeting I expect to obtain further information in relation to the direction of Adventurous Activities and where we need to head. I also believe it will be quite cold at the campsite, so I should feel right at home!!

David Chalk is planning the next Advanced Bushwalking Course which will be held on the last weekend of July (27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>) at the Scout Hut, Cradle Mountain. Ideally there will be plenty of snow and challenging conditions to ensure the participants test their skills and ability in the mountain conditions. There are limited spots available for this course due to the allowable numbers at the hut so get your training application in early.

Geoff Hurst is again planning this year's White Water Rafting Guide training weekend. This will be held at the Arm River camp on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of August, we hope to have a good number of people (Leaders/Rovers) participate as we need to train more guides for white water rafting to keep the fun and challenges rolling. Get your applications in early.

For everyone wanting to take their Youth members out on Adventurous Activities you need to ensure your First Aid certification and activity logs are up to date. The renewal is based on your First Aid certificate expiry date so each time you update your First Aid and send the certificate to Branch you should also send in all of your activity logs. This is required once every 3 years and if you keep your activity logs up to date it will take but a few minutes to email them off to Branch for renewal. For those who have let this slip **'I will find you'** and help get you details back on track.

## SAFETY – The serious stuff

The MOST important thing for all of our Adventurous Activities is to ensure the safety of ourselves and all of our participants. The reason I say 'ourselves' first is that our actions and behaviour is what our Youth members see and follow. It is easy with experience to take the 'short cut', but when you do this in front of your Youth members, it becomes the way they understand how to do things and consequently they will take the 'short cut' **without** experience, which could result in potentially serious consequences. Please think carefully about your actions.

The other significant thing we need to make into a habit with all of our Adventurous Activities is to prepare a **RISK ASSESSMENT**. Risk Assessments are a required part of our activity planning, however I feel we can do this much better. There is some work going on in the background to establish a standard Risk Assessment format which will be structured around Scouting activities. The aim is to have everyone using the same format for their Risk Assessments along with sharing information to continually improve the process. Once a Risk Assessment is done for an activity it only needs reviewing and updating each time you run that activity to take any changes into consideration.

Risk Assessments aren't about preventing activities because they are 'dangerous', they are all about understanding and managing the risks to minimise the chance of someone being seriously hurt while running a challenging and adventurous activity. There are inherent risks in the adventurous activities we run, therefore we have to demonstrate that we understand the risks and take reasonable actions to minimise the chance of injury.

Enough of the serious stuff, get your training applications in, get qualified. Do the risk assessments and go and have some challenging fun.

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# Training Report

Another month has flown by and it is nearly winter, which does not slow down the rate of Scout Training and preparation, especially for the introduction of the YPR changes in the New Year which will require significant changes to the Adult Training Program, both for face-to-face training and e-Learning. Considerable time was spent at last weekend's National Training Committee in Victoria in considering how this will be managed, what changes need to be made and what is the most appropriate delivery method. As we get more feedback from the sessions I will keep you in the loop as we progress towards 2019.

With the changes to Joeys now being able to camp there is a need to change the Joey Scout Training and with the likely offerings for Cub Scouts additional training is likely to be required as well. Out of this additional work hopefully we will be offering a more adventurous program for Youth members with Leaders who have completed the necessary Training to ensure safe but exciting adventures.

Just a reminder to all Leaders to take heed of the reminder emails in relation to both the WHS and Child Safe e-Learning compulsory modules. Reminders will keep appearing until it is too late, at which time membership may be cancelled by the Branch Chief Commissioner, a decision agreed Nationally. We cannot publicly state we do all sorts of training and refreshers and then not ensure completion and accountability within the prescribed time. Winter is a great time to do e-Learning as there are less outdoor distractions (although still not an excuse to not venture outdoors with our Scouts (of all Sections).

The issue of mental health has been raised national in a range of venues, particularly in relation to training and responses by line Leaders. This will be discussed and hopefully some outcomes agreed at the July meeting of NOC.

Please put 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in your diary as the date we will celebrate one hundred years of Wood Badge Training across Australia, and don't forget this year's Gilwell reunion at The Lea on Saturday 23rd June.

Finally 'Congratulations' to the Scout Leader, Trainer Ross Smith, a long standing and much admired member of the Training Team for his Life Membership to Scouts Tasmania Branch— fantastic effort Ross and very well deserved.

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