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Branch Newsletter

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for new adventure!

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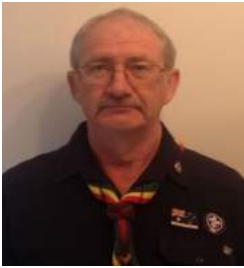
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Chief Commissioner's Report

Thanks to Robyn Bishop from Cygnet, for taking on the PC Awards position. This month I have the Branch Co-ordinator for Message of Peace that I would like to fill because Robyn Russell is unable to continue in the role. If there is anyone who would like to take this on please send me an email and I will send you some info.

I've almost completed all the 3-year reviews that I have to do, but the other Groups and Districts are lagging behind. It is very important to have these done and have a one on one chat to with your Leaders to make them feel welcomed and appreciated.

Queen's Scout Award presentations went well. It was great to see another 9 Queen's Scout Awardees (photo on cover page). I did a review on the process (Plan Do Review) and have found that some awardees would have liked to have had a pizza night or a BBQ. I will pass this info onto the Guides, as the Guides will be doing the organising for next year. So we will be asking what next years awardees would like for dinner after the Government House Presentation.

We have sent a Thank you Certificate to all Leaders/Adult Helpers and Committee members for Volunteer week. Out of the 560 I sent, we had about 20 that didn't have an email address in the database and about 25 that bounced back to me. I had about 20 members who wrote back and thanked me for the kind gesture. If you didn't get a certificate can you please go into MyScout and make sure your email address is correct.

I have had another meeting with Volunteer Tas. I had afternoon tea with the Clarence City Council Volunteer afternoon tea. They asked me to speak on the Scouting movement and photo of myself with the Mayor of Clarence Council was in the Sun Newsletter. All good PR for Scouting.

Glenorchy Group was nominated at the Glenorchy City Council for their great volunteer work. Well done Glenorchy Group.

We had good PR on the Volunteering Facebook, with Jeannette being the star. If you would like to see it and you have Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/volunteeringtasvideos/1710056055738374/>

Leaders have 3 new modules to do on the online training, AA Assist, Enviro, Work Rec.

The Training Team met over the weekend, and as next year is the 100 years of the Wood Badge we are going to have a large Wood Badge Course and a very big Gilwell Reunion, which will be on the 7th September. So put this in your diary now if you have a Wood Badge. Because this is going to be a big event. If you would like to be on the Event Committee, give Geraldine Harwood and email, bc.specialneeds@scoutstas.org.au if you would like to help.

This year the Gilwell Reunion was a little low in numbers, but next years will be big, as September will be a lot warmer. But this year wasn't so bad and it's good to have a meal and a chat with each other.

The Lea Board of Management has completed the carpark sealing and around the cabins which looks great. If you haven't stayed at the cabins before, have a couple of days off at The Lea Bush Cabins and see how The Lea Board is improving the campsite.

Leaders soon will have the ability to temporarily manually add members to Scout Central.

- Individually submitted program continuity.
- Award Scheme Progress Report PDF Export. Progress Chart Logic and Progress Bar.
- Revised Scout Central Support Videos. Helpdesk Enhancements.
- Analysis and Reporting. Scout Cloud Special Folder Feature.

YPR update, Greg Boon is working on a slideshow so the Leader of Adults who did the Adventure Begins Conference will then go to all the Group Councils and give the YPR equipment and posters.

Chief Commissioner's Report Cont'd

We hope this will be done very soon. Most other states are doing the phasing in of the new program all at different times, with Victoria phasing it in over 5 years. We hope to do it a lot quicker than that, but we still need to get it right before it is introduced. We all know that the Pioneer Groups are starting to get uneasy about the delay, but we still haven't got all the information and the App to log all the Badge Work, which we think our sections will need to operate the new program. So please hang on, we are getting there.

The Cub Leader Resource Handbook is now downloadable which will be great for the computer minded Leaders, having the book on their computer for programming, as this book will be replaced soon with the new YPR book or App. This doesn't mean the book should be thrown away as the program will still be similar and will be a great resource. There are also the Joey and Scout handbooks for downloading. If you want a copy go to the online e-Learning and download it from there.

Michael Patten (ex-Chief Commissioner) will be helping to run Water Activities at the Jamboree. To help get more Leaders and Venturers to help they are going to run it as a Sailing School, so a lot of qualifications can be achieved during the Jamboree.

Hall Inspections are due again (30 June 2018). The Property Committee needs you to have this done if your Group owns its own Hall. Please get in contact with Graeme Nichols to get a form to do the inspection, as it is a requirement to have a good safe Hall for our Youth.

The Temporary Occupation Permit (TOPermit) for marques and popup gazebos over 10 metres square and over is still ongoing, but I think we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully have it completed in the next month or so.

As most of you might have seen in the media all states of Scouts Australia have opted-in to the Re-dress scheme. It has been very hard for our Branch Executive to come to this decision, so we all wait now to see the outcome.

I have finally completed the TOP 15 'Out of Hall' form which this is now in MyScout. You will see it is a little different from the last one as it has the WWVP card numbers for non-Scouting people. Anyone who isn't a Leader, Adult Helper, Committee member or anyone who hasn't presented their WWVP card and isn't in MyScout, must apply for their card. It is very important that we have people with a WWVP card when they are helping with our Youth. Other forms will be modified in the next month or so, now that the very busy first half of the year has gone.

Just received an email from Johnathan Morey Assistant National Commissioner for Youth Program (via Julie Creed). He said, "Just a quick one to say we should all be super proud of our efforts because we have hit 1 Billion Service hours recorded on Scout.org Check WOSM on Facebook for details but this is super exciting. You should be able to use this as a great basis to elevate the status of the Messenger of Peace program and promote in your branch.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/WOSM.OMMS/>

Thank you all for getting us to this point."

Put "World Organization of the Scout Movement – WOSM" into your Facebook search and you should be able to get to the video.

Michael Hovington
Chief Commissioner
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July Branch Calendar

Date	Event	Where
19	Business & Finance Committee Meeting Branch Executive Committee Meeting	The Lea
20 - 22	Advanced Sectional Techniques (LOA & Rovers)	The Lea
20 - 22	NOC & NEC Meeting	
20 - 22	GLOW Venturer Leader Weekend	
27 - 29	Advanced Bushwalking	Cradle Mountain
27 - 29	Launceston/Tamar Combined Cub, Scout & Venturer Leadership Course	Carnaroo



Scout Cycling Team Report

Venturer Cyclists Lead Safe Cycling program at Ulverstone

Well done Ulverstone Venturers Jordan Otten, Evan Williams and Joe Corbett.

This team of three ran the one day program at Ulverstone on 20th May. Thirteen Scouts and one Leader from Ulverstone & Turners Beach Troops attended the program which included presentations on safe riding and avoidance of hazards, instruction on correct fitting and use of safety equipment and pre-ride checks of bikes. After lunch Jordan took charge as Ride Captain and supervised the on-bike evolutions conducting the ride to Turners Beach assisted by Evan, Joe and Ulverstone Scout Amos Champion Peakman riding with the bunch. Throughout the day the three Venturer Scouts working as a team left me with very little to do as mentor. All three are participating in the Cycling Team Ride Leader Development Program. Well done.

Advanced Cycling Ride Planning & Risk Management Workshop

The Workshop held at Carnaroo on the weekend 16 – 17 June is an integral part of Stage 3 of our Ride Leader Development Program and is an intensive weekend where experienced riders engage in route planning, assessing potential hazards, logging the route and undertaking risk assessment and avoidance procedures consistent with our Risk Management Protocols.

Congratulations to the ten Team Members who completed the program in fine style.

Adults: Kerrie Murchie, Annette Levis, Ross Smith, David Chalk and Huon Douglas.

Venturers: Gabrielle Dewsbury, Heidi Smith, Sam Brooks, Joe Corbett and Evan Williams.

What this means to Scout Cycling in our Tasmania Branch.

The successful Ride Leader Development Program is ensuring that we have experienced senior riders available in the North, South and North West to organise and run our Safe Cycling / Bunch Riding programs for Scout Troops and Venturer Units.

5 Days on the Plains

A great cycling camp for Scouts, Venturers and Rovers.

Don't miss out on this one! Get that application in this month as we need to know how many keen cyclists are coming in order to complete our planning for the activity. **(See the promo with the LINK to info and application form in this issue)**

John (Pip) Cornish

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SCOUT CYCLING TEAM

UPDATE ! 5 DAYS ON THE PLAINS

BASE DELORAIN HIGH SCHOOL 3rd – 7th October 2018

Suitable for Scouts Venturers and Rovers NO AGE LIMITS APPLY

Rides are graded to suit both new riders and those with experience. Great rides on the Northern Plains, Great Food, Good company. Short Course & Gymkhana activities.

Haven't got a Road bike ? No worries bring your MTB. The Cycling Team has Road bikes you can try out.

Applications open Now Just CLICK on the LINK <http://tinyurl.com/zmua3lj>

Closing Date 20th July 2018 Don't miss this great school holiday cycling camp. **Program includes: The Team's one Day Safe cycling / Bunch riding program for scouts of all ages to make you safer on the road. Done it ? Then jump straight into the rides. Day one is a dual program. Experienced scout cyclists (15ys +) come and enjoy this years 5DOP riding workshop "Technical Descents"**

PLUS a full day of "Track cycling " on the Longford track

Email Pip Cornish at jc.comish45@gmail.com for more information



Training Report

A very comprehensive Training Team Conference was held on the weekend of 23-24th June and many issues were raised and questions answered, with the assistance of the National Training Commissioner, Elston Hynd, who has been a real asset over the last 5 ½ years in the role.

Considerable time was spent in looking at the Adventure Begins resources and how they can be used in Training as well as the up-dated Basic Practical Supplement curriculum which has also been changed to include a greater emphasis on the Adventure Begins material. All sections spent time providing feedback to Elston on the proposed changes, which will be used to assist in finalising the documents. One major change for the Joey Section has been the introduction of camping for Joeys.

I would like to formally encourage Joey and Cub Scout Leaders to complete a Basic Outdoor Skills course, which while mandatory for all other Youth Section Leaders is at this stage only suggested for the two younger Sections. I appreciate this is another weekend, but with the new program expanding the offerings in outdoor adventure skills it would be of considerable benefit. Also, you only need to complete a BOS once, so if you move Sections you will have already completed this as part of your basic training.

A decision was also taken that courses will be cancelled if we have insufficient applicants and/or where applicants have not completed the e-learning. We have seen a much improved completion rate so many thanks to all those who have completed it. Training wants to see Leaders complete their training and be presented with their Certificate of Adult Leadership as quickly as possible, so over to you!

The training Calendar for 2019 has been completed and should be on MyScout very soon. Please note when courses are being run, the date applications close (remember courses need a TOP 7) and that e-learning needs to be completed. Extra BOS courses have been included and the Adventurous Activities courses are also included. There will be a Wood Badge Course run next year, with the intention of having all the paperwork completed so you can attend the centenary Gilwell Reunion.

We look forward to seeing you next year, or in September this year for Basic Training.

There will be no Training Report next month as I am away overseas.

Geraldine Harwood, Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development

Scouting Album



Sandford Cub Pack had the amazing experience of going on board the CSIRO Research vessel the Investigator



Years of Service Awards

35 Years

Maria Direen

Leader Trainer/District Commissioner



Grants Report

The following is a summary of known available grants for the next three months.

Tasmanian Community Fund

I was amazed that no group within Scouts Tasmania applied for a grant from Tasmanian Community Fund under Round 36. Any group that had submitted a good application would have been in a plum position for gaining approval. I can't believe that everyone has the equipment they require?

Round 37 (small, medium and large infrastructure-equipment-assets only) will open on 21 July 2018. Applications close on the following dates:

- Small grants (up to \$20,000) 12 September 2018
- Medium grants (\$20,0001 to \$90,000) 26 September 2018
- Large grants (\$100,000 to \$300,000) Stage 1 22 August 2018



Councils

The following councils have funding rounds that close soon:

	Amount \$	Open	Close
Brighton	Up to \$1,000 Other		Ongoing 15 Sept 2018
Clarence	1,500		15 Sept 2018
Circular Head - Round 2	\$5,000		November 2018
Devonport - Round 2	Minor \$3,000 Major \$25,000	1 July	31 August 2018
George Town - Up to \$1,000 available for individual community grants.	\$2,000	6 Aug 2018	31 Aug 2018
Glenorchy Go to glenorchycommunityfund.org .	\$3,500	Late May	20 July 2018
Hobart	\$500 - \$3,000	11 Aug 2018	10 Sept 2018
Launceston - Round 2	\$5,000	1 July 2018	31 August
Waratah-Wynyard Round 2		1 November	31 December
West Tamar Small Projects Grants	Up to \$1,000	Throughout the year	Ongoing

Other Grants

Organisations - Private	Amount \$	Open	Close
Bell Bay Aluminium			12 Nov 2018
ANZ Staff Foundation	\$5,000		15 July

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

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The Tasmanian Scout Heritage Centre

The Lea Scout Centre,
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Tasmania, Australia



For more information call Tony Peck 03 6243 1500 After Hrs or 0499 250 360

Adventurous Activities Report

Upcoming AA Training Courses

Course Name	Course dates	Location	Coordinator / Close date
Advanced Bushwalking	27 th -29 th July 2018	Cradle Mountain	David Chalk 6 th July 2018
White Water Rafting	17 th -19 th August 2018	Arm River	Geoff Hurst 27 th July 2018

Advanced Bushwalking 2018

The Advanced Bushwalking Course will be held on the last weekend of July (27th to 29th) 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. Key points to note:

- Participants will camp out in tents in the snow on Saturday night, BYO tent
- River crossing training will be on Sunday, wetsuits can be used



White Water Raft Training

The White Water Rafting Development Guide Training Weekend will be held at the Arm River camp on the weekend of the 17th to 19th of August, rafting will be on Arm River. You will be wet and cold so bring your water activities gear (include wetsuit if you have one). Key points to note:

- Bring water activity gear including footwear, wetsuit, thermals etc
- Bring warm clothes for later

BOS – Basic Outdoor Skills

The next **BOS** course will be held at The Lea on the 25th to 26th August 2018. Scout & Venturer Leaders are required to complete this course to achieve their CoAL (Certificate of Adult Leadership). This is also a great opportunity for Joey, Cub and even Group Leaders to learn a range of basic outdoor skills to support the training of the Youth members in your section. The BOS takes you another step in preparation for OAS (Outdoor Adventurous Skills) in the YPR program changes. Submit your Top 7 Training application form TO-DAY.

Caving Training

I am working with the Vic Branch AA to help run a Caving Guide Training Course, but details are very sketchy at this stage, however please let me know if you are interested in this training.

NAAC Meeting

Last month I attended the National Adventurous Activities Committee Meeting in Canberra. This was an excellent opportunity to meet AA counterparts around the country and to come up to speed with what is happening in AA around the country. Information on training courses being run by other States was shared along with National Training Schools. I will send out information on these schools as it comes to hand. Activities include, Sea Kayaking, Paddle Boarding, Sailing, Alpine activities etc.

Tasmania does not have the resources to cover all Activity Training, so we will share resources with other States and where relevant work with commercial operators to provide the activities.

Flying Fox activities were a discussion point highlighting the need for suitable and proper instruction required for anyone operating the Flying Fox along with a Risk Assessment being complete prior to running the activity. Operators and riders must wear the relevant safety equipment, helmets for all and correctly fitting and connected safety harnesses for all participants. The Flying Fox must also have a robust braking system. A Flying Fox being built at Paton Park, already has operating training documented and the risk assessment complete, however this is a live document and will be constantly reviewed and updated.

Agfest 2019

We are currently planning to run abseiling and climbing as a Public Relations activity at Agfest in 2019. Although not finalised, this is a PR exercise and should be open to the public attending Agfest. I will be seeking support from Leaders with Abseiling/climbing (ropes) training and skills to help cover the 3 days of Agfest. This will be a great opportunity to not only run the activity, but get some promotional information out to those who want to try Scouting. Put the dates into your calendar (2nd- 4th May 2019) and let me know if you might be able to help. (I know it's early, but time flies).

Adventurous Activities Report

General

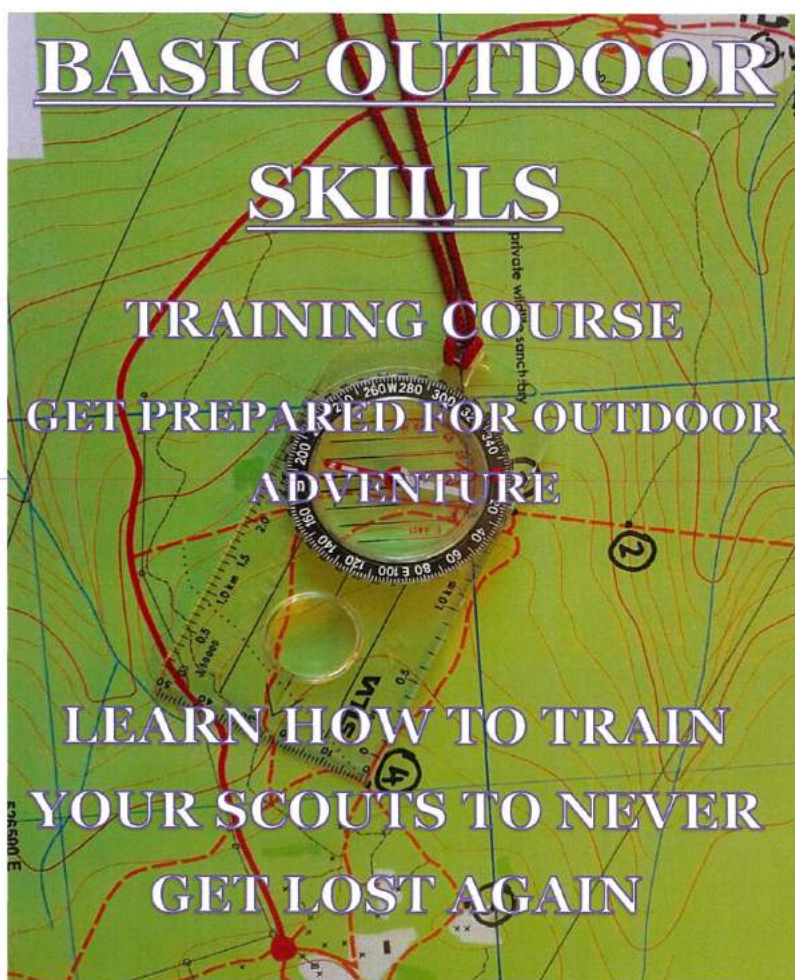
Adventurous Activities is a critical part of the YPR. We need to ensure we can provide the right range of activities which will mean more focus on skills training and recognition. If you have the skills and evidence, we can utilise the RPL process to assist in recognising your proficiency. Feel free to contact myself or other Training Team members for more information.

Another reminder. Please send in your First Aid update and Activity Logs so we can ensure your skills and records are up to date.

Enough of the serious stuff! Get your Training Applications in, get Qualified, do the risk assessments, submit your logs and go and have some challenging fun.

Andrew Thompson, Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities

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BASIC OUTDOOR SKILLS COURSE

25TH & 26TH
AUGUST 2018

LEARN ABOUT
BASIC
BUSHWALKING
NAVIGATE USING
A MAP AND
COMPASS/GPS

TEST YOUR
SKILLS ON AN
OVERNIGHT HIKE

25TH & 26TH AUGUST
THE LEA
SCOUT CENTRE

Basic Outdoor Skills - BOS

BOS is for Scout & Venturer Leaders to complete their CoAL. Joey & Cub Leaders, LOA and Rovers are welcome to do the course to develop your skills.

Get your Top 7 Training Application in to BHQ now.

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Rover Centenary

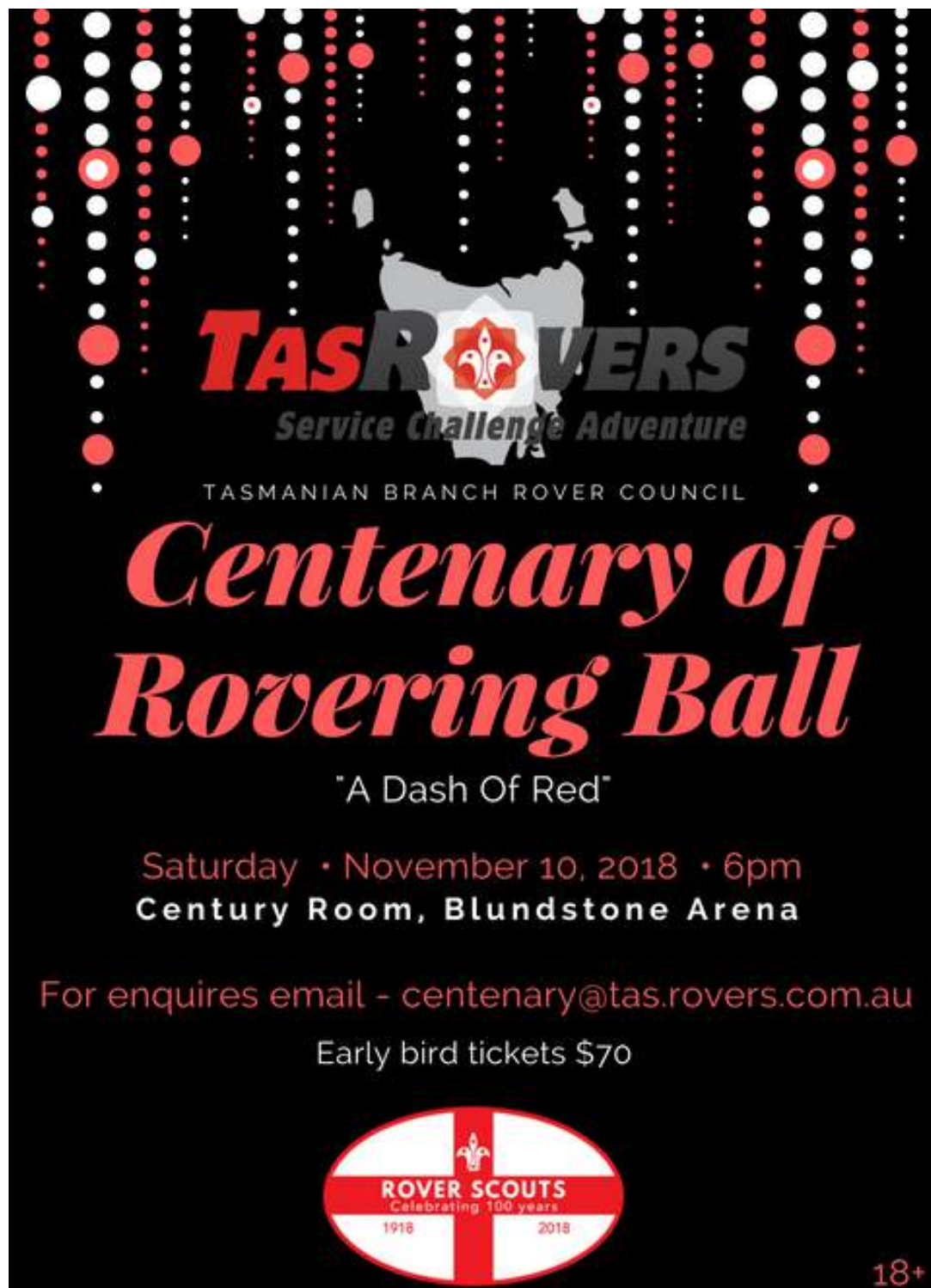
Tickets are now on sale for the Tasmanian Branch Rover Council's celebration of 100 years of Roving in Australia at our Centenary of Roving Ball for current and former Rovers, as well as other members of the Scouting Association, supporters and partners.

Themed a '**Dash of Red**', this 18+ event will be held from 6pm on Saturday 10th November within the Century Room at the Blundstone Arena at Bellerive and will include a three course meal.

Early bird tickets can be purchased for \$70 online at <https://www.trybooking.com/VHQS> till September 30th.

For any further enquiries please get in touch - centenary@tas.rovers.com.au

We look forward to seeing you there!

A vertical poster for the 'Centenary of Roving Ball' event. The background is black with a pattern of red and white dots of varying sizes, resembling confetti or stars. At the top center is a white silhouette of Tasmania. Below it, the text 'TASROVERS' is written in large, bold, red and white letters, with a red Rover Scout logo in the center of the 'O'. Underneath, 'Service Challenge Adventure' is written in a smaller, white, italicized font. Below that, 'TASMANIAN BRANCH ROVER COUNCIL' is written in a small, white, sans-serif font. The main title 'Centenary of Roving Ball' is written in large, red, italicized serif font. Below the title, 'A Dash Of Red' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The event details 'Saturday • November 10, 2018 • 6pm' and 'Century Room, Blundstone Arena' are written in white, sans-serif font. Below that, 'For enquires email - centenary@tas.rovers.com.au' and 'Early bird tickets \$70' are written in white, sans-serif font. At the bottom center is a red and white oval logo for 'ROVER SCOUTS Celebrating 100 years' with the years '1918' and '2018' on either side. In the bottom right corner, '18+' is written in white, sans-serif font.



Joey Report

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of second term, but hopefully it has been a good one for all Mobs, and you and your Joey Scouts have come up with some good ideas for themes and activities ready for term three.

The recent Gilwell Reunion apparently was a good night even though attendance numbers were down somewhat, but next year's event is shaping up to be a very special one, so if you hold a Wood Badge (or will gain it next year) keep 7th September 2019 free!

I noticed on our Joey Scout Leaders' Facebook page that a day at Bonorong Wildlife Park has been organised for the beginning of July for all Mobs in the Southern Region. This sounds like it will be a very interesting and enjoyable day for all and I look forward to hearing all about it soon. The Southern Region also have their 'Pirate' Regional Event coming up later in the year, and planning is underway for this event as well.

The National Program Conference is being held in Victoria at the end of June, and several of us from Tas will be attending and will hopefully learn more about the latest developments of the new program that is due to be implemented from 2019 onwards. Here in Tasmania the program trials being done by the Pioneer Groups have been postponed from next term, as not all of the required resources were available, so now training for the Pioneer Groups will take place in November.

In the meantime all sections including our Joey Scout Mobs will be able to get busy working their way through the Adventure Begins challenges over the coming months. All Leaders in your Group or District will need to attend a session run by training team members in your local area first so watch out for those. By completing this work, we will ensure that all our Mobs, Packs, Troops etc. are ready for when the time comes to start transitioning over to the new program. I'm hoping to organise a survey for the Joey Scout section in the near future so we can track how we are going with the Adventure Begins work and also identify any issues and challenges that Leaders are having in our section and hopefully together we can get these resolved, so keep an eye out for that as well.

That's it for this month. Please contact me anytime with any questions, suggestions or newsletter items.

Happy Joey Scouting!

Sue Cooper

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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Joey Promise Awards

Zara Cantly	Taroona Scout Group
Beth Henderson	Taroona Scout Group
Charlie Whitmore	Old Beach Scout Group
Dylan Suckling	Old Beach Scout Group
Chloe Grainger	Tamar Sea Scouts
Tiffany Wheeldon	Tamar Sea Scouts

Congratulations to all of you on achieving this top Joey Scout award.

JOTA/JOTI Report

JOTA/JOTI 2018

Weekend 20 – 21 October

The theme for JOTA/JOTI 2018 has been released and it is

“Life on Land — United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15”

Further info can be obtained from the website below

<http://jotajoti.info/2018-jota-joti-theme/>

It has been suggested that by combining landcare type activities with JOTA/JOTI activities a fairly full and interesting program could be devised for a weekend camp on the JOTA/JOTI weekend.

There is also a badge design competition that has been organised by the National JOTA/JOTI coordinator Brett Nicholas.

See annexe to newsletter.

There are currently planned JOTA/JOTI stations at Rocherlea in Launceston, planning is happening for a station at The Lea and also at Ulverstone/Paton Park. Burnie, Spreyton and Cygnet had stations last year and I am hopeful they will operate again this year. I have heard that the Rovers are planning to have a station at Carr Villa. I would like to hear from any other groups that are planning to participate in JOTA/JOTI or would like to be able to participate.

Peter Dodd

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Gang Show Report

Hobart Gang Show 2018 “As Seen On TV”. For some, this year’s show may be a walk down memory lane, for others it will all be quite new, but no matter who you are, you are guaranteed a great night out. Come and follow a day in the life of an Aussie family who’s BBQ has been rained out as they attempt to find alternate entertainment ...

There is something for all ages.

Hobart College, Mt. Nelson Theatre, Olinda Grove is the place to be ...

Thursday 16th August, Friday 17th August – 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 18th August – 2.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Entertainment, fun, skits, songs, choreography, great sets and more ... and all you need to do to have this is to buy tickets, tickets, tickets ...

Adults \$17.00/\$18.00; Red Scarfers \$15.00 (contact Denice for discount code)

Concession/Student/Child \$12.00; Matinee all \$12.00)

Online bookings **www.trybooking.com.SUMY**

Up to four Leaders will be admitted free to any performance if attending with Youth members in Scouting. This is a bargain too good to miss, so work out the date you are going to take your Joeys, Cubs, Scouts or Venturers. The discount code for Leaders is HGS18LEAD.

Denice Walter Project Commissioner Gang show

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Temporary Occupation Permit

Under Tasmanian Law we need a TOPermit when:

- Erecting a marquee over 75 square metres
- 2 over 20 square metres on the same site
- 1 tent over 10 square metres with a fuel source



Compliant with Australian Gas Standard

Before January 2017 the local councils used to grant us a TOPermit, with the change in the building act we now have to employ a private building surveyor. With support from the Hon Elise Archer MP the government is supporting us to obtain a 3 year all site TOPermit. But as we are the first to obtain this type of permit the goal post is not at all clear.

Where we are at, with help from everyone answering my emails and the expertise of Mike Ives, we are hoping we will have a workable document outlining wind speeds and required hold down weights for all our tents.

The second big area we cannot meet is supplying AS/NZ 1530-2 fire certificate for the tent fabrics. The marquees and shelters are the only ones with this certificate. Gazebo manufacturers cannot supply this certificate, because they all have an industry CPAI-84 certificate which I have been told is not acceptable. Only one manufacturer has offered to have their gazebo tested against this Australian standard. I am currently working with a fire engineer on a performance solution to support us.

In the meantime I thank everyone for supporting us by using LPG in tents under 10 square metres or out in the open.

If you have an upcoming event and need a TOPermit, please let me know ASAP.

I strongly advise against buying new tents at the moment, if you really need to please ring me first. Once I know all the regulations, I am going to break them down for our usage and document them in a simple document to make it easy for all of us to understand our responsibility.

Susanne Hovington

TOPermit

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Fellowship Report

We had a lovely meal on Saturday night for the Gilwell Reunion.

Thanks must go to Geraldine and her team.

Next year it is going to be 100 years for Gilwellians. Plans are already being talked about for a National Link. It will be one not to be missed.

Christine Boon and Steve Locke are working on Fellowship events for the North and North West.

The next Fellow meeting in the South will be the 27th July a "Winter Feast". If you know of a great venue to hold this event, please let me know.

Susanne Hovington

Project Commissioner Fellowship

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Cub Report

Did you know that only a small minority of Leaders complete their Training? We all do Basic Sectional Training, and we promise that a year later we'll come back with more experience under our belts and complete Advanced Sectional Training, but most don't. For those of us who do, we join the 1st Gilwell Park Group with those from all around the world. We receive the Group scarf, and we receive our Wood Badge (or "Beads") to wear around our neck (see photo above — and yes, last month's photo was me as a Cub circa 1977). As you know, there is no Advanced Training course for Cub Leaders being run in 2018, but next year is the 100th anniversary of Gilwell Park and I encourage you to plan to join a large cohort of Leaders receiving their Wood Badge in 2019. So please look out for the 2019 calendar and sign up to complete your training in the 100th year.

Speaking of Training and Leader Development, on September 15th we'll be holding our Palaver. This is an opportunity for Leaders to come and talk and learn and socialise. Please put it in your calendars now if it's not there already. A call for registrants will come out in mid-July together with a draft program. It will be held in Orana (in Roches Beach in the south) and followed on the 16th by our Sectional Council meeting to which all CSLs and ACSLs are invited. I expect we will be including some outdoors training so that we're better equipped for camps and bushwalking as well as updates on the YPR and many other topics.

Looking back, we've had some Cub Leadership Courses around the place including the Districts of Clarence and Kingborough. Looking forward in the North there is a tri-course (tri-wizard?) of Leadership courses with Cubs coming up on July 28th and one for the Distance Groups in August. Remember, if your Cubs (or Pack) can't make the one in your District, you can go to others — but please let your DCSL know that you are.

Thank you to Adrian and Jillian for running the two Regional Events which have been held so far: the West and the North. We had 20 attending from Queenstown in the West and more than that attending in Launceston and St Helens. Please see the photos from Queenstown, next page. I'm currently mailing out the badges to those who have attended. These cost \$2.50 and may be worn on the right-hand-side of their (and your!) shirt. Details for the North-West and South events still to come but the Southern event is now likely to be at the Domain on August 4th and the N-W event may become a federated group of District events due to calendar clashes.



I haven't had much feedback on the approach by Girl Guides Tasmania to see whether the Guides could attend Cuboree with our Cubs. Thank you to those who have shared your views. The current feedback is overwhelmingly supportive provided there is a positive impact behind the scenes, but a desire to retain the name "Cuboree". Do you have a view you haven't shared? If so, please let me know.

Congratulations to those Cubs receiving Grey Wolf badges and certificates. I have enjoyed celebrating these events with some of the recipients and look forward to visiting Old Beach, Sandford, and Mt Stuart. Thank you to those Packs for inviting me!

In the last couple of weekends I've participated at the Tasmanian Training Team Conference and in the national meetings of the state and territory Cubs Branch Commissioners. More details on the latter will come in the next Newsletter (because at the time of writing it still hasn't occurred!) but the more I hear about the New Youth Program, the more I believe that many things are the same as they are now. The Adventure Begins invites us to retain an emphasis on:

- SPICES
- Plan-Do-Review
- The Scouting Method
- Pack Councils
- Youth led, Adult supported

Soon you will receive a resources kit to help you to reinforce these ideas with your Pack. I encourage you to genuinely engage.

How is your Pack progressing on the Commissioner's Challenge? Cubes Kitchen Rules!!! Have you held four Pack Councils? PC4!!!

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

Good Hunting!

Dr Julian Dermoudy
Branch Commissioner Cubes



Scouting Album



Queenstown Scout Group Commissioners Challenge



Scout Report

YOUTH LEADING....

At Wellington District Mindari earlier in the year the Scouts decided to hold a Navigational Weekend. In the lead up to this event the Scouts were tasked with organising the activity. The following reflections provide some valuable insight into how, as Adult Leaders, we may improve our interactions of and support for Youth as they grow in taking on responsibility for the activities they undertake.

Is it possible for adults to be more flexible and supportive of Youth learning to manage?

There are always lots of things to learn and when Scouts step up to help lead or run an activity, whether in a Patrol or at a District level; often it is a first time for this young person to plan at this level.

The following concerns were raised by Leaders in the lead up to our recent Navigational Event.

Problem: "We are getting complaints of not getting information about the event early enough."

We needed to get the activity patrol in place earlier, partly my fault but partly done on purpose to highlight planning time.

Scouts suggested the event at the earlier Mindari and were asked to arrange the activity between the two Troops. Leaders did as I expected, and hoped, and left it to the Scouts to start. Perhaps I could have done a bit more prompting earlier but would the lessons be learned?

Also, Leaders need to be more flexible, understanding and supporting. The date was set months ago and advertised across the district, so the activity and date weren't a surprise, just the details.

Problem: "The activity is going to fail."

If the activity goes ahead with only the two organising Troops and is run by the Youth and they have fun, then it has still been a success. The Activity Patrol has learnt about planning a larger event and the Youth that participated had fun and practised skills.

Problem: "Are we going to cover costs?"

I can't remember the last time I was able to forecast the exact costs without knowing the attendance. Managing costs and trying to minimise losses is always tricky but not impossible. Certainly something that can be improved as the project develops even if Leaders need to prompt harder. Ultimately it is a training exercise.

My vision is for the Leaders to mentor and filter, but the GOAL is for Youth taking responsibility for and the instigation and running of all activities. All communication to do with an activity should be from the Activity Leaders (Youth) through the Scout's Leaders, purely to ensure filtering of incorrect or inappropriate information. If the Youth do not send out communication in a timely manner, then people will not be able to organise themselves.

This is but one of many opportunities for leadership within their journey through Scouting. LEAD ; yourself / a small group (Patrol) / several small groups (Troop) / multiple Troops (joint activity + District / Region Events (multiple Districts) / State Events etc,

Some will only get as far as leading themselves, but I have seen the potential for some at the Mindari to lead bigger events, and the only way to see their ability for myself and for them to learn is to give them a go.

Perhaps some of the lessons learned in this activity can be taken on board by all of us with other activities mentioned at the Mindari, and encouragement and mentoring take place to see what others are capable of.

In the past I have found it is sometimes hard to stand back and watch mistakes occurring and not jumping in to fix them. Often it is better to suggest options to fixing them whilst not taking the

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empowerment away from the learner. You often learn more from a near miss than from someone telling you of their experience.

Be Proud of the achievements that have occurred and learn from the issues.

Event postscript: The Navigational Event was highly successful with many lessons learnt for all participants but a positive event that is hoped to be repeated in the future.

Thankyou to Ian Bruncker for providing the above article. Ian has recently taken on the role of Wellington District Scout Leader.

Scout Leadership Courses

Upcoming, Patrol Leadership Courses

- Clarence and Wellington District at The Lea 21- 22 July
- Launceston Tamar District Carnaroo 27-29 July

ScoutFest

All Leaders warmly invited to attend on the weekend of 10-12 August at Carnaroo. Flyers have been sent out – Register to BC Scouts by 8 July.

YouthFest

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

Clark Trophy

18-19 November at Scout Island, Standing camp format and cooking on fire.

All Troops are invited to send a Patrol with a goal being to have each Troop in attendance. Prequalification requirement – attend your District Camp/Competition in 2018. Or take advantage of the opportunity to attend as a non-competitive patrol.

Idea for patrols – Hall maintenance and safety

The Branch Property Committee is interested in the overall maintenance of halls. It struck me that if every Troop in the state looked to assist their Group Leader in the review of maintenance items that are required to be reviewed on a periodic basis. Perhaps it is a matter for discussion at Group/Troop Council to explore new ways of achieving tasks that need doing and we have difficulty achieving in many groups.

The gear we have (...which is not being used...)

Did you know that at The Lea exists the following gear/equipment available for use?

- Twin axle trailer with 2 single & 2 double sit on kayaks + equipment / limiting cooking equipment
- Hiking packs
- Tasmanian maps
- Head torches and dolphin batteries (suitable for caving)
- Water kayak boots limited number in size 6 to 9
- Compasses
- Waterproof map bags
- Storage box's & ball for any new group starting up
- Gas stoves and bottles (2)
- 8 Man emergency shelter
- 2 man fly
- A dishwasher in need of a home
- Gaiters
- Rain coats Sml to XL
- Hi king coat and pants L & XXL
- Kayak PDF XS to XXL
- Sleeping bags and liners
- 2 man tent
- Large dining shelter



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Water Activities Report

There might not be a lot happening on the water at this time of the year but there is a lot happening on shore. First, let me congratulate Isaac Smith on his appointment as Assistant Branch Commissioner Water Activities. This is suitable recognition of his wide boating knowledge and strong commitment to Water Activities, at NW Bay and Kingston Sea Scouts, the Scout Guide Regatta and with Branch Training and Branch Events.

Sixteen Leaders from around the State braved the cold to attend the Sea Scouters Council AGM in Campbell Town on Saturday 23rd June. Big items for discussion were

- the use and maintenance of the four Safety Boats jointly funded by the Tasmanian Community Fund, the Scout Guide Regatta and the twenty Scout Groups who are each contributing \$1200 towards the cost.
- the safety and legislative compliance of trailers used to transport Scout Patrol Boats.
- new dates for 2018 Mariners Trophy.

As already announced, four 5.5m ribs with 70hp motors are being purchased so that all groups will have the opportunity to access Safety Boats with prop guards when undertaking water activities. These boats, named Scout 1, Scout 2, Scout 3 and Scout 4 will be housed around the State, two in the South, one in the North and one in the NW. The Sea Scouters Council has now prepared guidelines for their use and maintenance as well as an induction course for both boat operators and crew. These boats should arrive in Tasmania in the next couple of months and a group of volunteers will get them ready for use before this summer. Keep an eye out for details of the operator's and crew induction course which we hope to hold in September. All Group Leaders will shortly receive a letter inviting their Group to be part of this program and have use of the boats, by contributing \$1200 towards the purchase cost.

Glen Maddock spoke to the Sea Scouters Council about the risk of prosecution almost all drivers face when towing Scout trailers. There are three factors that determine the towing capacity of a vehicle.

- the manufacturers rating of a vehicles capacity, which is listed on a plate usually found inside the front passenger door.
- the hitch rating which is usually on a plate attached to the tow bar.
- the tow ball rating which is usually stamped into the top of the tow ball.

The legal towing capacity of any vehicle newer than 1988 is the lowest of these three weights, not the listed capacity of the vehicle.

Depending on the capacities listed on the compliance plate and certificate of registration, the maximum legal carrying capacity of a trailer newer than 1988 is

- 750kg for trailer and load if not fitted with brakes.
- 2000kg for both trailer and load if fitted with over-run brakes (e.g. hydraulic or cable) or electric brakes to one set of axels.
- 3500kg for both trailer and load if fitted with brakes to two sets of axels and a break-away system.

The impact of these figures is that if a vehicle is newer than a 1988 model and the trailer does not have brakes, (even an older tandem trailer without brakes) the maximum combined weight of the trailer and its load can only be 750kg. **Many groups exceed the legal weight every time they go to camp by overloading their trailers.**

The impact of all this on Groups with Patrol Boats is very real. A patrol boat weighs on average around 400kg and boat trailers are on average a little under 300kg. That doesn't leave much spare capacity for mast, sails, tiller, anchor, centreboard and spare wheel. **There is no room for camping gear, dinghies, kayaks, full water containers or any of the things Groups usually cart in their boats.**

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The Sea Scouters Council has decided to be proactive about this and over the winter every Group will be asked to weigh their boat and trailer carrying just the basic gear listed above. I think a lot of Groups will get a real shock and some may even need to buy new trailers with brakes. We will assess what to do next once we have these weights.

Mariners Trophy this year was postponed in April because of some particularly bad weather. The new date will be **28th-30th September** which will be the week before the start of the sailing season. We will still be holding Mariners at Beauty Point and although previously registered crews can participate they will need to fill in a new registration form. New crews will also have the opportunity to participate. As well as the main competition there is also the option of Novice and Observer Crews participating over the weekend. Contact Scott Thomson, Allan Butt or Isaac Smith if you want to know more about Mariners Trophy.

As technology changes what we do in Scouting, some changes are being made in what is assessed at Mariners Trophy. This year we are adding eye splices in braided rope and the use of common apps on mobile phones to the program.

The key to any successful water activity has always been and always will be, to have good gear and know your weather.



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Children's University

To date I have not had any reports of Youth from the Children-Uni program coming along to a Scout meeting as one of their Learning destinations. So I have put together a half day school holiday program for the Children's Uni program to be held at The Lea on Wednesday, July 11th from 10am till 1pm. If any one is free and able to support me, please send me an email. You could also bring along your own children as Youth Leaders.

I want the day to be hands on, fun and at the same time teach them some basic skills. Thus the focus will be on compasses and cooking on an open fire. Tony Peck from the Heritage Centre is also putting together a program for this group.

I am hoping this will create a spark and these children will want to come along to a Scouting Group in their area.

If this day is a success I will do my best to expand it to other centres throughout the state for next school holidays.

Please see below for this months online Children Uni Challenge, good school holiday project for our Youth. Have a show and tell first night back.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA – JULY 2018 ONLINE CHALLENGE

JULY CHALLENGE – RECYCLE/UPCYCLE SOMETHING PLASTIC INTO SOMETHING NEW!

To coincide with World Environment Day – Your challenge for the month of July is to re-purpose any plastic household items into something completely new! You might create a pencil pot, a wind chime, a bird feeder, a herb planter, or an outdoor sprinkler.....your options are endless! Use your imagination to come up with something useful and creative. Go beat plastic pollution!

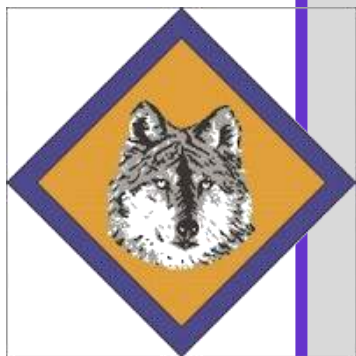
'Beat Plastic Pollution' You can visit the World Environment Day Website for more information.

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Grey Wolf Awards



Brock Snooks
Kerry Pyke
Josiah Reader
Lily Wooding
Carys Howatson
Nala Cater
Raphael Bartlett

Spreyton Scout Group
Burnie Scout Group
Old Beach Scout Group
Mt Stuart Scout Group
Mt Stuart Scout Group
Mt Stuart Scout Group
Mount Stuart

Gilwell Reunion

Gilwell Reunion

A great night of friendship and camaraderie was had at the Gilwell Reunion, with laughter over some videos and photos of some of those present at the dinner (especially 'bottling patrol boats'). We were joined by the National Commissioner for Adult Training and Development, Elston Hynd as well as long-time Gilwellian Dougall McDougall, who also proposed the Toast to Gilwell, prior to which those present were regaled with stories of travelling to the 1952 Jamboree to Austria by boat as well as exploits at Gilwell Park and other English travels. My thanks to everyone who assisted with the evening, especially Julie Creed for organising and catering and Mike Wilson for photos.

Next year is the 100 year anniversary of the first Wood Badge Course and it would be fantastic to have a great turnout of all those in Tasmania who hold a Wood Badge, so that is the challenge for 2019. The event will be held on Saturday 7th September, so mark it in your calendars, speak to people who may no longer be members of Scouting and let's see if we can catch up with friends old and new from past Wood Badge courses. The intention is to link electronically with all other celebrations across Australia at 8.30 pm AEST. More information will be provided over the next 12 months, but please assist us in getting the message out. Special badges will be available along with other memorabilia. If you have any photos or other materials from Wood Badges in the past, the older the better, then please let me know. Julie Creed and I are forming the base of a small working group for this event, and others would be very welcome to assist us in making this an event to remember (just as we all remember our Wood Badge Training).

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**National Training Commissioner,
Elston Hynd, AM & Mike Wilson**

**chatting in the Heritage Centre,
during the Gilwell Reunion
at The Lea, 23 June 2018.**



Gilwell Reunion Album



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