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Branch Newsletter

Be Prepared...

for new adventure!

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AV8 souvenir tea spoons - Found during Spring clean: 6 only souvenir teaspoons from the 8th Australian Venture held in Tasmania in 1991. Anyone want one? Contact Brian Williams briandw47@bigpond.com



John Evan Fowler

21 March 1936 - 30 August 2018

John was a Scoutmaster with 2nd Burnie from 1958 - 1966 and then the Group Leader for Boat Harbour from 1974 - 1981.

Stalwart will be fondly missed

Rest in Peace

Joey Tales

Pirates Ahoy!

Some Mobs had their pirate events earlier this year and already have this badge, but others have their event coming up very soon!

Have fun Joey Scout Pirates!!



Congratulations
Azaria and Charlotte
1st Derwent Mob.

Well done!



The Howling

Welcome Cubs to the fourth edition of The Howling. A column written just for you. At the moment there's a number of special badges you can be working towards:



← **The Commissioner's Challenge Badge which involves some cooking**

Next year will be the **25th Cuboree**. This is a weekend camp for all Cubs and will be held at The Lea in Hobart.

Do you have any ideas for a theme for #25?

Do you have any activities you'd like to do?

If you have any questions or suggestions please write to me:

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Does your Leader deserve an Award? Are they great at bringing out the best in you? Do they go 'the extra mile' in delivering good programmes and great experiences?

If so, let me know; write to me: **bc.cubs@scouts.tas.com.au**



Good Hunting Cubs!

Julian - Branch Commissioner Cubs



Branch Calendar

November	Event	Where
3 & 4	NTC + SAIT Meeting	
4	Joey Scout Regional Events	
10	Rover Centenary Ball	Blundstone Arena - Bellerive
10 & 11	Ride Planning & Risk Assessment Training Program	
10 & 11	Training Team Meeting and End of Year Dinner	
10 & 11	YPR Pioneer Groups Training	The Lea
15	Business & Finance Committee Meeting	The Lea
16	NOC & NEC Meeting - TBC	
16 - 18	Scout - Clark Trophy	
17 & 18	NYPT Meeting	
24	Basic Kayaking (North & South)	
30 - 2	Tas Venture 2018	
December		
2	TBRC - GBM	
2	Sci Scouts " Trees, Bees & Seeds " Workshop	Scout Island
11	Launceston & Tamar Northern Leaders X-mas Party	
13	Branch Executive Committee Meeting	The Lea
13	Combined Committee X-mas Meeting (6.30 - 9pm)	The Lea
21	Branch Christmas Drinks & Nibbles (4pm - 6pm)	The Lea
21	Branch Closes for Christmas Break	The Lea
January		
21	Branch Office re-opens for 2019 (9am - 2pm)	The Lea

Hobart Bush Cabins Casual Cleaner

Hobart Bush Cabins (The Lea) need a casual cleaner to cover in the absence of current cleaner and for holidays and busy periods.

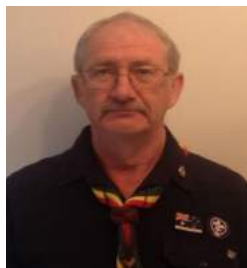
For more information on the position
please contact

Jeannette Vogels

after the 12th November 2018.

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Chief Commissioner's Report

Congratulations to this year's Mariners Trophy participants which was won by NW Bay/ Kingston, 2nd Blackmans Bay, 3rd Penguin, 4th Tamar, 5th Clarence and 6th Tamar. Best coxswain was Jett Hilder from Kingston and Penguin was the top Novice Crew. The weather was good, and all the Scouts had a great time.

"5 Days on the Plain" has given some Scouts five fantastic days of riding all around Deloraine, Chudleigh, Meander and more. They have experienced road riding, track racing, time trials over 11kms and of course friendships. There was a vast mix of riders, some who ride all the time, some semi-professionals and some who jump on a bike sometimes. They hope to see even more new faces on the next Scout Tour De Tassie 6. Next cycling event will be at Derwent Hall on the 2nd of December.

It was a hectic weekend of 20-21st of October with JOTA/JOTI, Cub walk/campfire (Southern Region Event) on the Domain in Hobart (thanks to Terry Bryan and Danny Munting and the Gang Show Crew for leading the singing) and the sailing course in Launceston. Julian Dermoudy was also asked to talk on the ABC radio about the Cub campfire on the Domain. This is the second time he has had the chance to do this - all good PR for Scouting.

JOTA-JOTI is the annual Jamboree On The Air - Jamboree On The Internet, which is held world-wide and is the biggest Youth communications event in the world! Millions of Scouts and Guides take part every year, communicating with each other through many varied technology-based activities such as radio, Skype, supervised chat rooms, and Minecraft. Skype and Minecraft were new additions this year. This is a huge event and reveals a continuing interest in technology, communications, coding and science - with an opportunity to also address older communications systems such as Morse Code and Semaphore.



Don't forget that on the 10th November the Rover Ball for all Leaders and their partners will run. If you haven't got your tickets and want to go, please email Craig Millsom (craigmillsom@gmail.com). It is in the south at the Blundstone Arena.

Districts are getting ready for their "Adventure Begins" sessions - some are right into it and on November 10-11, our Pioneer Groups will be receiving their training on the new Award Scheme. Because of the age change in the Joeys from 6-8 to 5-8, a new 3-year service badge for Joeys has been approved and should be available very soon.

***** A BIG NOTE - groups, make sure you are in the process of changing your life jackets over to the newly approved jackets, you only have two more years to get this done. Councils have grants that will help you achieve this. "Everyone who owns a life jacket must, by December 2020, replace jackets labelled with the old Australian Standards numbers, 1512, 1499 and 2260. This Australian Standard was made redundant in 2010 and will all be written out of legislation in the year 2020.

All life jackets in use on Tasmanian boats will need to adhere to the new standard AS4758.1 by 1 January 2021. MAST has "grandfathered" the older styled jackets for ten years. We have noticed some groups have what appear to be Level 50 Special purpose jackets. They look like normal Level 50 PFD's but do not meet the colour requirements. They are ok while kayaking and are sold for kayaking. They are definitely illegal in power boats, rowing and possible sailing. The difficulty is that they may be sold by some leading retailers under the misleading statement of "ISO Standard Compliant". However, the ISO and Australian Standards are entirely different. ISO Standard jackets are not recognised in Tasmania in any form. We would suggest that groups buy the AS 4758.1 standard jackets that can be worn in all craft. *****

Chief Commissioner's Report Cont'd

Not sure if everyone saw Bob Brumley on the ABC news a couple of weeks ago. Bob is attempting to fly around Australia and be the youngest person to do so. Bob will start this on 7th January and should take approximately 17 days to complete his journey. He has indicated that he will wear his scarf when he gets out of the plane, when greeted by the media. If you didn't see it on the news, send me an email and I might be able to give you a link to have a look at it.

Scouting has presented its Redress Apology to the Nation. Our National Chief Commissioner went on TV to do this- again if you didn't get a chance to see this, please go to this link. <https://scouts.com.au/blog/2018/10/04/scouts-australia-apology/>.

The Prime Minister also went on TV and apologised to the nation over the Child Redress and our Premier had a reception at Elizabeth St Pier for survivors on Monday the 22nd of October.

We are still looking for volunteers to help in the office with admin and accounting -if you can help in any way, please email me.

Leader and Committee Awards. Our Award Committee is in the process of looking at these awards. If you think you have someone in mind, please send me an email and I will send you the form. Please keep in mind that award-ees must have a Wood Badge in the senior section (i.e. if a leader has two positions, e.g. SL and GL that person must have a Wood Badge in Leader of Adults) to receive an award of Silver Wattle or above. We must have these forms back to me before the end of the year if possible. The deadline will be mid-February.

Michael Hovington
Chief Commissioner
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Gang Show





Scout Cycling Team Report

5 Days on the Plains – Cycling Camp

At 1500hrs Wednesday 3rd October at Deloraine High School it was all go as 21 Youth members supported by a team of adult Support Staff arrived to take up residence for the annual 5 Day Cycling Camp. Training activity commenced after dinner with a workshop to increase awareness of the skills needed on technical descents of mountain roads. Thursday two bunches attacked the climb up to Quamby Corner at Golden Valley where riders were able to put into practice technical skills. The highlight of the day was the descent down the Highland Lakes Rd back to base.

Each Scout Cycling event or tour we try to provide something new or different in the program. At Derby in April it was a day of MTBing on the fantastic Derby Blue tracks. At 5DOP our riders were introduced to the sport of competitive Track Cycling under the expert tutelage of Ian Loft from Cycling Tasmania assisted by Julian & Oscar Varney. This activity used the recently upgraded velodrome facility at Longford.. A hugely enjoyable day

Saturday: Magic weather for a full-day of riding out through Chudleigh, Mole Creek and Meander. Both the junior and senior bunches had a great ride returning to base at Deloraine tired but happy. Our evening entertainment, The Variety Show where the patrols produce original performances has become a regular entertainment for young and old on our camps. This one was no exception!

On Sunday morning riders were challenged with two events. A Short Course around the school grounds and a Hill Climb from the car park by the river up the steepest hill in town. All went home tired but happy!

At 5 Days on the Plains all the rides were organised and run by Youth members who have committed to our Ride Leader development Program. That the camp and the activities ran so smoothly is down to the Patrol leaders, the Road Captain and his three assistants, all ably mentored by our experienced adults. A great result all up.

A word to Scout & Venturer Leaders. The program on these camps is specially tailored to the abilities of Scout and Venturer age Youth. Riders are allocated into bunches formed of similar abilities and strengths. Juniors (under 15yrs) and Seniors (15yrs and up). Young riders who have done our *1 Day safe Cycling / Bunch Riding Program* are qualified to come on our Tours and Cycling Camps.

The Scout Cycling Team is committed to improving the safety of **Scouts** of all ages and we are keen for you to take up our offer to provide training for your group and or district through 2019. Call Pip on 0419524186 for a mutually convenient date.

John 'Pip' Cornish
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Scout Cycling Album



Need a break or short holiday?

Well, I have the solution for you.

Plan your future now.

Volunteers Needed Now

The Lea Scout Centre and Hobart Bush Cabins need your help.

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

We need a relief caretaker for the following week ends-

2018	December	Saturday 1 st and Sunday 2 nd
2019	March	Saturday 2 nd and Sunday 3 rd
2019	June	Saturday 1 st and Sunday 2 nd
2019	August	Saturday 3 rd and Sunday 4 th
2019	November	Saturday 2 nd and Sunday 3 rd
2020	February	Saturday 1 st and Sunday 2 nd
2020	May	Saturday 2 nd and Sunday 3 rd
2020	August	Saturday 1 st and Sunday 2 nd
2020	October	Saturday 3 rd and Sunday 4 th

You would be answering the phone, updating our computerised booking system, taking bookings and payments, checking guests in, answering general enquiries.

If you or someone you know is interested, please give me a call and I'll give you more detail.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Fiona Broadby.
Volunteer Coordinator, The Lea Board of Management.
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Years of Service Awards

5 Years

Anthony Burrows

Newstead Baptist Cub Pack

Michael Hunt

Tasmanian Branch

20 Years

Wendy Granger

Clarence District

Gregory Hocking

10th Hobart Scout Troop



Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania

Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta



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Registration forms for the Scout Guide Regatta are available from the Scout and Guide web pages or *MyScout*. The deadline to register your Troop/Unit is 14 December. Troops/Units can be registered until mid January at an additional cost of \$50 per Troop/Unit.

Remember that everyone aged 18 or over staying overnight at the Regatta and camping inside the perimeter of the sports complex must hold a Working with Vulnerable People Card. This is a legal requirement and there will be no exceptions. Cards and ID will be checked.

Leaders and Rovers, if you have parents or others staying overnight (camping within the perimeter of the sports complex) who are not either Scouting or Guiding members, ensure they have their card with them. Leaders, please fill in the details on page 2 of the Registration form for non-members of either Association.

Do you have adults associated with your Troop/Unit wanting to stay overnight who do not hold this certification? They will need to make arrangements to stay elsewhere overnight – either make private arrangements, book into the Snug Caravan Park or book to stay overnight at The Lea.

For 8 to 10-year old Guides or Scouts, Taster day will run from 1–4.30 on Saturday and include kayak, greasy pole and oval events. The highlight at the next Regatta for the U'10's will Super Soaker Skirmish on the oval. More details about Taster Day will be available later. Jo Maddock is the contact (maddock@m2data.com.au)

Lyn Muir Secretary Scout Guide Regatta

Temporary Occupation Permit

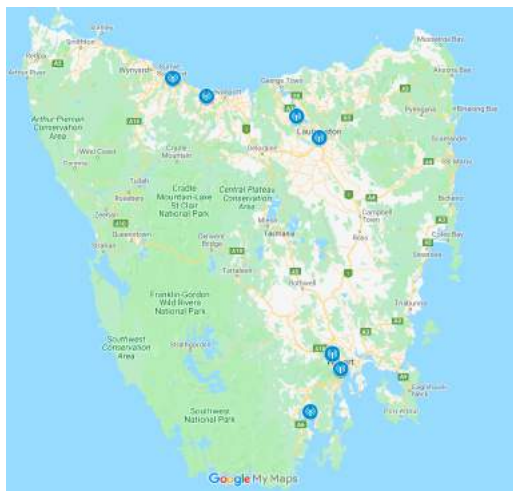
Under Tasmanian Law we need a TOPermit when erecting a marquee over 75 square metres, 2 over 20 square metres on the same site, 1 tent over 10 square metres with a fuel source ie LPG.

We are still working through the process for a Three Year All Site Permit for all our events.

If you are planning a camp, activity or event that will require a TOPermit between now and February please contact me now so I can obtain a permit for you. **Susanne Hovington,** pc.fellowship@scoutas.org.au

JOTA/JOTI Interim Report

Well, it's not over until the paper work is finished so I can only give a short report at this time. According to the 'jotajoti' website there were 9014 stations registered world wide and 205 registered in Australia. Map below shows Tasmanian stations, some being Girl Guide operated.



I know Sandford and Wellington were registered but don't appear on the map, and the stations shown at Burnie and Ulverstone are Guide Stations even though Burnie Scouts and Leven District were registered.

15 Spreyton Joeys and Cubs were again on air and VK7SAA was again activated at The Lea.

We had 90 Scouting members and more than 20 parents visit the Station at Rocherlea.

Thanks to all the parents and Leaders who brought their Youth members to the various stations. Special thanks to all the amateur radio operators who make the event possible.

And thanks to any parents or Leaders that provided facilities for JOTI access and in the case of Rocherlea to the Northern Area Rover Crew.

Looking forward to getting numbers etc from the other station operators so I can compile a more comprehensive report for next newsletter and for the National Coordinator.

Peter Dodd

Project Commissioner Radio and Electronics

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Joey Report

There is not a great deal to report on in the Joey Scout section this month. At the time of writing the Jamboree of the Air and Internet (JOTA/JOTI) have just been held this last weekend. I heard that Spreyton Mob was going to have a sleepover for this, but would love to hear about that and what others did as part of this International Event, and once again I would like to request that all Mobs put together a short report sometime this term about the activities you have been doing in recent months, and perhaps send along the odd photo too, so we can get another issue of our Joey Scout Leaders' newsletter put together and distributed to you all by early next year.

We are fast approaching the Southern Regional 'Pirate' Event to be held on Sunday 4th November, and with sailing on the high seas on the Windward Bound, as well as a hunt for lost treasure spread near and far in the Salamanca area, this is going to be a great event. By now all Mobs in the area will be in the midst of plenty of other pirate-y fun as they work their way through a special three week program that Lee Cowen, from Blackmans Bay, has organised.

The Pioneer Training Weekend (for all Leaders from those Scout Groups who have put their hand up to trial out the new program, as well as members on the Training Team) will be held on the following weekend of 9th-11th November at The Lea, so this should be a very informative and interesting weekend.

McHappy Day is on 17th November this year, so check with your Group or District Leaders if a McHappy Day event is being organised in your area.

Adventure Begins information presentations are also being held in all Groups around the State over the coming weeks (if they haven't already been held) so make sure you find out when your Group's presentation is on so you don't miss out on this!

That's it for this month. As always please contact me anytime with any questions, suggestions or newsletter items. Happy Joey Scouting!

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Joey Promise Awards

Charlotte Munting

Derwent Sea Scout Group

Azaria Moore

Derwent Sea Scout Group



Gang Show Report

Thank you and well done to cast members who performed and helped out with the Cub Scout Lantern Walk/Campfire in Hobart on Saturday 20th October. From all accounts it was a successful and enjoyable event. (photo page 5)

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the campfire as I was in Adelaide attending the annual workshop and meeting of the National Performing Arts Council. This is where representatives from Gang Shows all around Australia get together to workshop and make plans on things the National Group want to achieve/promote during the following year which will be of benefit to the Performing Arts side of Scouting. We also share ideas on what the different Gang Shows are doing.

Two writers workshops have now been held to start planning and writing scripts for the 2019 show. If anyone is interested in script writing they should contact me to ensure you can be involved with the next workshop.

Denice Walter

Project Commissioner Gang show

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Cub Report

Welcome to Term 4. I hope your Packs are going well and your programming is done! Last weekend was the Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI). Your photos are welcome for the December Newsletter. If interested in world-wide activity please see <https://www.jotajoti.info/>

Last weekend also saw the holding of the Southern Regional Event. There are some photos below. More than 120 Cubs and Joeys joined us for a campfire. Thank you to all concerned for such a fun night! For those that have attended the Events around Tasmania, don't forget to get your orders in for the badges — cheques may be sent to The Lea, or payment can be made by direct debit to BSB 037001 and Account 375735. Badges are \$2.50 each. Send an email to me to let me know payment has been made and I'll mail out the badges.

In 2019 we'll be holding the 25th Cuboree at The Lea on the last weekend of the Term 3 school holidays (October 11–13th 2019). As this is the 25th Cuboree it's a special event. We need and invite: -

- Ideas for the theme. Please suggest them by email, and please consult with your Cubs and ask them to suggest themes. Not many suggestions have been made as yet so please get your ideas in ASAP.
- Participants for the Organising Committee. If you, or a Leader, or a parent you know is interested in learning/helping then please get in touch. We'll have a meeting of the Organising Committee soon.

Well done to the Packs that have earned the Cubs Commissioner's Challenge badges. Keep going everyone else: Cubs' Kitchen Rules!



We've recently held our Tasmanian Palaver (see last month's Newsletter). There is a proposal to have a national Palaver. If interested in sharing your view on this, please complete the survey at <https://goo.gl/forms/88vcTE97pUwX5gg2>.

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

Good Hunting!

Julian Dermoudy
Branch Commissioner Cub

Grey Wolf Awards

Zoe Parkinson 4th Launceston



Scout Report

Be Respectful

I have just been fortunate to enjoy a wonderful overseas trip. So I am a wee bit out of the loop – but keen to find out what is happening about the state. (so, sorry for missing the newsletter last month).

Whilst away as a part of a great sea of tourists roaming the globe I encountered a range of people from various walks of life celebrating diversity of culture in daily life. Language presents a limited barrier to communication, multilinguists amusingly liaise with us monolingual 'English' speakers. I'm unsure if we live in an age that is more or less intolerant than in earlier times in history. The news has us believe that there is much to be feared in the world, and there certainly is social injustice and hardship, but there are also lots of people getting on with life same as us. Travel help us appreciate people of different ethnic or social backgrounds and shows us we share lots in common - we are all interested in laughing, sharing stories and enjoying relationships.

Our new Scout Promise has two options with the aim of promoting a more inclusive Scout community. Our Law and Promise champion respect. Respect for other people isn't the same idea as being tolerant. Being tolerant suggests 'putting up' with different views, faiths or cultures. Being Respectful as a Scout requires a more proactive attitude. A respectful and open mind doesn't just permit others to hold different values, faith or cultural practices that we don't share or understand. Being Respectful opens the possibility that we could extend our understanding of human diversity. And the really exciting bit is that in this space we might gain insight into what we all share in common. So Be Respectful and open your mind!

Scouting has long supported and encouraged Scouts to travel and experience diversity by providing Group/District/State/National and International activities for our Youth.

How much do Parents and local communities know about the great programs that your Scouts are involved in and the social development that your Troop is providing to our Youth members? How do we tell our story? Do you have meetings with Mums and Dads periodically to explain the positive stories from your Troop.

Clark Trophy

We look forward to Clark Trophy on 17-18 November at Scout Island for our standing camp.

We would really like stories from Scouts for the Newsletter. Please encourage/promote in your Troop.

Jonathan Pyefinch
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*On my honour, I promise
 To do my best,
 To be true to my spiritual beliefs,
 To contribute to my community and our world,
 To help other people,
 And to live by the Scout Law*

Or *On my honour
 I promise that I will do my best
 To do my duty to my God, and
 To the Queen of Australia
 To help other people, and
 To live by the Scout Law*



Rover Report

"On September 15th the annual Brent Gaffney Memorial Raft Race Challenge took place on the Forth River between the Tasmanian Canoe Club's Slalom Course and Fulton Park.

Paddling down the river on some rather interesting homemade rafts made out of various objects such as drums, inner tubes, air mattresses and duct tape proved to be a challenge for some. Nonetheless, there were damp smiles all around as we floated amongst gorgeous bushland and grazed pastures to the end of the course where we were greeted with showers and plenty of soup!

Back in the warmth of the Ulverstone Scout Hall there was much cheering for the Eastern Shore Rover Crew as they were presented with 1st place in this year's Raft Race Challenge. And perhaps even a few more cheers for the Kingborough Rover Crew that took home the engraved wooden toilet seat that was given to them for lack of finishing the course.

It was fantastic to see such high involvement from Rover Crews across the State, this which amazed Audrey (Brent Gaffney's mother) when she made an appearance to the event which has now been tradition for 36 years.



Speaking of large involvement, on October 5th Rovers past and present as well as supporting members were also very lucky to enjoy Centenary Celebrations at Government House with Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Professor Kate Warner AC and Mr Richard Warner.

We would like to give a massive thanks to Her Excellency, Mr Warner and all the staff at Government House that helped put on such a lovely reception for us.

And finally, ticket sales for the *Centenary of Roving Ball* have now ended.

We look forward to celebrating the festivities with everyone who purchased their ticket at 6pm on Saturday 10th November 2018 at the Blundstone Arena in Bellerive.

Don't forget the theme is a 'Dash of Red', so make sure you get your Rover on!

Jacinta Lang
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Training Report

After having had a wonderful two month break it is now well and truly back into Scouting and especially Leader Training. A terrific basic Sectional course was run with excellent numbers in September and my thanks to the team for their usual great training. Also thanks once again to Karen and the team from Glenorchy Scouts for their catering – always an important part of any training weekend.

Over the next few weeks the Joey and Cub trainers are spending time ensuring they are well prepared for any changes required for training next year as a result of YPR, and also looking at how we embed the 'Adventure Begins' principles into everything we do at our face-to-face training. In addition the National Training Team is meeting in Adelaide in November and once again I am sure that YPR will be a major topic of discussion especially in relation to Training. Much of the decision-making will be advised by the sessions run with the NYPT in June, especially looking at modes of delivery as well as content. The weekend of Training for the YPR Pioneer Groups is also in November, and we are fortunate in having two experienced Trainers from NSW to assist us. In addition the Training Team members will attend, so they are well prepared for the exciting challenges ahead in 2019.

For Group Leaders a plea to ensure all paperwork is into Branch for any new Leaders so that eLearning can be commenced well ahead of face-to-face Training in 2019. Could all Leaders please review the Training Calendar for 2019, and once you have decided on what course/s you want to do, complete a TOP 7 and forward to Branch ASAP.

Remember that 2019 is the 100 years of Wood Badge so all those who are eligible can start their Advanced e-learning – dates for courses are on the calendar. Once again a TOP 7 is required. It is difficult to believe we are nearly at the end of another Scouting year, so enjoy whatever you have planned and enjoy all the Christmas preparations and activities.

Geraldine Harwood
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Adventurous Activities Report

During the last week of August Ross Smith and Murat Djacic attended the 2nd National Alpine School held at Mt Sterling, Victoria. The weeklong event started with a cultural visit to the now famous BOONIE DOON caravan park.

During the week participants indulged in the finer arts of alpine camping and snowshoeing, along with other groups participating in alpine ski touring. Interaction with a range of instructors and participants who have Antarctic and Mt Everest expedition experiences, the knowledge passed on was fantastic. Activities included Snow camping, Shelter making, Search and Rescue simulation, Survival techniques, Navigation, Avalanche recognition and night walks.

These activities should be on any Venturer, Rover or Leaders to do list as the experience gained will enhance any further group activities. Scouting offers National School events on a continuous basis across all streams of Adventurous Activities, with a considerable group attending the next National Sailing School to be held in conjunction with the Jamboree in 2019. (photos next page)

Andrew Thompson **Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities** bc.advacti@scoutstas.org.au

2nd National Alpine School





Water Activities Report

Congratulations to our newest Sea Scout Group, Penguin Sea Scouts. With such a great site for their hall by the ocean at Penguin, the Group has for many years had a strong interest in the Sea.

Mariner Trophy 2018 was postponed from April till the last weekend in September because of a major storm on the Tamar. For those who don't know, Mariners Trophy is an annual seaman ship challenge over two days which tests the knowledge and boat skill of a patrol of six Scouts and their Coxswain. (Patrol Leader) The format involves pre event tasks, rowing and sailing, point to point and an initiative task.

The 28th – 30th September couldn't have been a better weather. Calm in the mornings for rowing and wind when we needed it in the afternoon, for sailing. Seven crews from six groups took part and from the feedback I think everyone had a great time.

Crews finished in the following order: NW Bay, Kingston, Blackmans Bay, Penguin, Tamar, Clarence and Tamar. Top Cox was Jett Hilder from Kingston followed by Seb Gadsby from NW Bay, Meg Bracken from Penguin and Loki Bird from Blackmans Bay. Penguin was the top Novice Crew. Big improver's from last year were Kingston and Penguin.

With the start of the new boating season starting, here are a number of things for groups with boats and kayaks to consider

- We still need five more groups to buy in to use one of the four new \$40k Safety Boats that have just arrived. For \$1200 Groups can have preferential, discounted use of state of the art Safety Boats. One each in the NW and North and two in the South
- Group Leaders need to have their boats, kayaks and canoes inspected by a competent boaty to make sure they are seaworthy.
- Since the beginning of the year all outboard motors over 6hp used in any Scout Activity must be fitted with a prop guard. Motors 6hp and under must have a risk assessment done to mitigate any risk to those in or on the water. There are no exceptions to these requirements by our Insurance Company.
- All groups with trailers (and this includes box trailers) need to make themselves aware of the load limits imposed by the transport department and make sure their trailers are not overloaded.
- As mentioned by the Chief Commissioner, from 1st January 2021, all PFDs need to meet the new Australian Standard. Every Group should have a plan in place to achieve this requirement by the time limit. Groups don't have to rush into a total changeover but it will be a major cost and needs to be planned for. MAST recommend that all PFD's are replaced every 10 years so new PFD's by 2021 shouldn't be an impossible task for Groups.

If Leaders need more information about any of these issues please contact me

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Environment Report



SCI SCOUTS

TREES, BEES AND SEEDS

Sunday 2nd December – Scout Island Launceston

Sunday 9th December – The Lea Kingston

A great day of activities focusing on The World Scout Environment Badge. Come and check out water bugs, food chains and challenges with recycled materials. Get up close to our emergency services and find out how to be prepared to respond in an emergency.

Thanks to the support of Sci Scouts and Scouts ACT we are able to offer a WSEB workshop. Each participant will receive a Sci Scouts Badge that can be worn on their uniform.

We have a limited number of places for the workshop so bookings are essential.

World Scout Environment Badge, Explore and reflect, Take Action.

10:30am to 2:30pm
 Cost \$5 (includes Badge)
 Activities for Joeys to Scouts Rovers and Venturers are encouraged to participate

To Book or volunteer to help
 To book your group or volunteer to help on the day email Sam
pc.environ@scoutstas.org.au

Water and Clean Air	Natural Habitats	Human Habitats	LUNCH 12 - 12:30pm	Suitable Habitats	Hazard Preparedness
Waterbug Intro Investigate local macroinvertebrates and Citizen Science projects	Biodiversity & Food Webs A twisted tale on local habitats	Waste Challenge Team work and waste recognition		Bee-Friendly Get your hands dirty creating some habit enhancers	Keep Calm and Be Prepared Bushfire, Flood and Storm Activities

Youth members are required to be supervised at all times by a nominated Leader. To make sure everyone stays safe please remind participants that they must listen to and follow all instructions given to them by the Activity Leaders.

Lunch and snacks are BYO, please bring wet weather gear, a water bottle and general daypack contents.

To Book

Can each group please contact **Sam McGrath, Project Commissioner Environment** via pc.environ@scoutstas.org.au or **0430 290 770** with the number of Youth attending from each section as well as the contact details of the Leader who will be attending.

Promotional Poster and Flyers Available from Scouts Tasmania
admin@tas.scouts.com.au





International Report

Information from the National International Conference.

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

All registrations are now completed on line.

Facebook page

I am pleased to announce that the Scouts Australia International Facebook Page is now live!

<https://www.facebook.com/ScoutsAustraliaInternational/>

What's New.

Contingent Leader Course

Scouts Australia is pleased to be accepting applications to attend the 3rd National and International Event Management and Leadership Course in 2019. This training program will be conducted in Perth over the Easter long weekend next year. The International Team is pleased to support 10 members for participation in this important development program to encourage skill development for our current and future Contingent Management Teams.

Any members of your Contingent Management Teams that are available for these dates are encouraged to apply. We are especially encouraged to have Rover Scouts and young adult leaders attend to support their progression towards expanded roles on future Contingents.

Participants must make a contribution of \$300 at the time of application. Successful assessment of all Scout Work Books after the completion of the course may qualify for a refund of this contribution. All applications are to be recorded in the OLEMS database. <https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au>

Australian Contingents

Contingent Leader Applications Now Open

Scouts Australia is now inviting volunteers to accept the role of Contingent Leader for the following events:

13th Nippon Agoonoree (Japan) 2020 -

16th World Scout Moot (Ireland) 2021 -

Read what Tasmanians are doing overseas.

Tasmanians at the 17th Japan National Jamboree.

The Australian Contingent of 18 comprised Scouts, Venturers & Leaders from most states during our trip from 27 July to 15 August 2018. Tasmania was represented by 2 Leaders and 5 Scouts/Venturers which gave us a numerical presence. Australians comprised just a small proportion of the 13 foreign contingents numbering 300, a part of the overall 13,000 participants so we were always 'in demand'. A number of our Aussie Leaders and Youth members spoke/understood Japanese, either from participation at the 23rd World Jamboree held in Japan three years prior, or undertook this as furthering part of their school language classes, including enhancing their career prospects, albeit through Scouting.

Arriving a week prior the Jamboree, we stayed in Hostels, Hotels and similar around Tokyo itself with planned sightseeing trips to ancient Kanazawa Castle, parks, shrines and traditional localities. Offsetting this was modern Tokyo with its CBD mile-high Tower, efficient bullet train trips, beautiful shops, quality and most unusual meals, and smart service wherever you went. Clean streets, rubbish bins a rarity, and traffic congestion no problem as car parks were on unit roof tops. Respect and efficiency was the 'order of the day' from which current Australia could learn a lot. Our Youth members were enthralled by modern technology, not just the robotic ones, moreso at a Harry Potter styled building for all ages, named Ghibli Museum - google it for just the weird outside presentation, inside was secretive until you experienced it.

Then onto Disney Sea World. A whole day at Disneyland ! Pirates of the Caribbean were featured on five pirate ships on a huge man made lake with 'real' Pirates firing canons, humungus Volcano erupting in the background, loud rent-a-crowd audiences taking up themed music (choose your own ship to barrack for, like our Footy) and you felt like you were "there". Anything and everything Disney was present to join in for the day ! Often at night when cooler – it was around 40 degrees every day as it was peak summer – we would walk the city and suburban streets in complete safety taking in the sights. Then a Bullet Train ride; best way to travel in safety, comfort and style to any Jamboree.

International Report cont'd

August 3rd our Coach departed Kanazawa for a 3 hour trip to the Jamboree site. This included where our Coach transitted part of a Highway and as it continued along, the tyres allowed the road surface to play musical tunes, audible throughout inside as we admired the countryside.

The Jamboree site was normally a retreat area, grassed over for caravanners. Through easy Aussie organisation, we had 2 Leaders for HQ, 2 for IST, 2 for Troops. Youth were mixed in with Japanese Patrols within Troops. However, local organisation left something to be desired with 'organised confusion' at times, even though language was no impediment. As the sun rose daily at 4.45am, breakfast was at 7am, then endless activities each day, based on the Patrol system; complete football acreages with tentage allowed for *sit-down* instructional classes, and hands-on, not the 'out and about' like our Jamborees, were the order of the day. Here's just one field alone of Activities I noted : Acupuncture, Cyber Security, Environment, Ball games, Samurai, Defence recruitment, Yakault, Space stations, International scouting, Religions (I counted nearly 20 different Buddhist church organisations alone), Philatelic display, wood carvings, HAM Radio, Drones.

It was all quite different, however noticeably much more educational than our jamborees. During the International Night, one of our older Scouts from western Victoria was invested as a Venturer on stage in front of 13,000 Scouts. Later, she was selected to meet the Royal Prince who next year will become the new Japanese Emperor. One evening, our Leaders dressed in traditional Japanese kimino jacket, assisted 200 local Leaders to pull along with thick ropes, a huge heavy five-story portable shrine temple down a kilometre long paved avenue, singing merrily at 10pm on their way home. Ever done that ? Being beside the Ocean, there were water activities, local touring, a lot of goodwill and comerarderie by our Youth and Leaders during this short five day National Jamboree.

Post Jamboree, we departed with the Scottish Contingent back to Kanazawa, where all our Scouts were hosted with "Home Stay" to experience local life, meeting up with local Scout Groups, last minute shopping, then back to Tokyo and home after a truly magical experience for all our Youth and Leaders to remember the rest of their lifetime.

As for me ... as a Scout once wrote back in 1929 about Jamborees ... "this is good medicine"well, I'm off to the 24th World Jamboree in USA next year for another Scouting Adventure just as "B-P" established. But, this time there will be "only" 45,000 Scouts and Leaders there from every country in the world, around 800 from Australia, including 11 Tasmanians. Enjoy Scouting. **Tony Peck** **Project Commissioner Heritage**

Mongolian Aid Project 2017 - -2018.

During August this year, I took part in an expedition to Mongolia. The aim of this contingent was to: "Construct an open air shelter at the National Scout Campground in Mongolia and promote partnership between Australian and Mongolian Scouts. This will be a Messengers of Peace project within World Scouting and a Direct Aid Project in co-operation with the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Embassy in Mongolia." Highlights of the trip were:

- Touring the Mongolian countryside and visiting traditional Mongolian families
- Constructing an open air shelter for the Mongolian Scouts and learning numerous carpentry skills
- Forming friendships with Scouts from around Australia, and from Mongolia
- Catching the Trans-Mongolian railway to Beijing
- Visiting the Great Wall of China, Terracotta Warriors, and Forbidden City.

Tahlia Siddall **Rover Scout.**





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