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Branch Newsletter

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for new adventure!

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Joey Tales

Hi Joey Scouts,

Congratulations

Stella at Mt Stuart,
Tom and Will at Taroonna,
Robert at 1st Tamar

on your

Promise Challenge Awards

Well done!



Happy Christmas!

Enjoy your holidays and be prepared
for lots more
Joey Scout fun
next year!
From Sue



The Howling



Welcome Cubs to the fifth Christmas edition of The Howling.

A column written just for Cubs.

Has your Pack completed the Commissioner's Challenge badge?
Talk to your Akela (or other Scout Leader) for more information.



Next year will be the 25th Cuboree.

This is a weekend camp for all Cubs and will be held at The Lea in Hobart from October 11–13th.

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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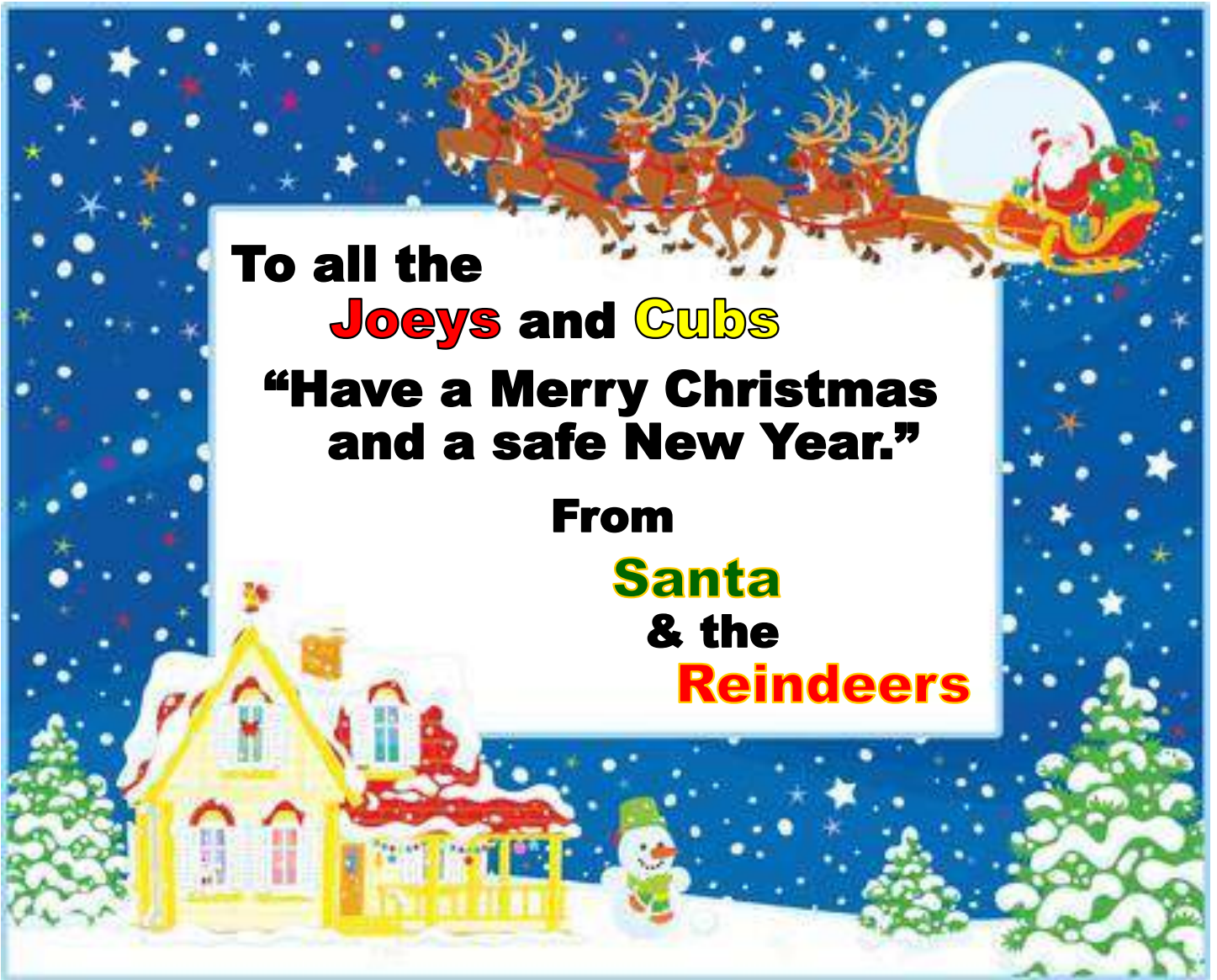
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December 9th at The Lea. Talk to your Leader about participating.

Good Hunting Cubs!

Julian - Branch Commissioner Cubs





**To all the
 Joeys and Cubs
 “Have a Merry Christmas
 and a safe New Year.”**

**From
 Santa
 & the
 Reindeers**



Grey Wolf Awards

Talena Ferguson	Turners Beach
Sarah Bull	1st Spreyton
Joshua Lundstedt	1st Spreyton
Alex Watt	Riverside
Noah Bullock	Riverside
Dylan Wilson	Riverside
Anja Neumeyer	Taroona
Kole Bretag	St Helens
Amelia Chalke	10th Hobart
India Green	10th Hobart



Years of Service Awards



45 Years Stuart Sargent Burnie Scout



Branch Calendar

December	Event	Where
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	Brach Office re-opens for 2019 (9am - 2pm)	The Lea

*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year*

From the Team at BHQ

*Come and join us for
Christmas end of year
drinks and nibbles
at The Lea*

*Come for an hour or five
minutes*

21st December - 4 - 6pm

*Office re-opens
21st January 2019*



Scouting Album



Queenstown Scout Group





Remembrance Day Album



Longford Cenotaph



Laura and Nyissa (Cressy Scouts) Lilly, Shannay and Nick (4th Launceston) & Juliette from Rivallyn Venturers.





Remembrance Day Album





Clark Trophy Album



Sandford Patrol



Lindisfarne Patrol



Turners Beach Patrol



Devonport Patrol





Clark Trophy Album



Australian Scout Medallion Presentation — Henry Burnett & Nyah Inglis



McHappy Day Album



Sandford Cub Pack
MacDonald's Rosny
17th November



MERRY CHRISTMAS



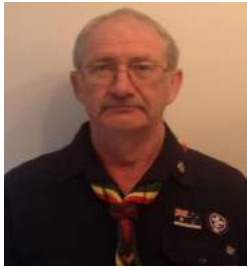
Scout Hut



**Finally completed the works at the
Scout Hut, Cradle Mountain.
Upgrading of the
Waste Treatment system.**



Chief Commissioner's Report



Where has the year gone? It only seems like the other day we were starting a New Year and now we are at the end. For the Scouts and Leaders going to the Jamboree, I do hope the weather is kind to you and that everyone has a fantastic time. I'm hoping to get there for a couple of days as I have a meeting on the 8th of January.

I have appointed a new Branch Commissioner Youth Empowerment, Justine McKeown. Justine will be a great asset to us and in time will hopefully get more of our Youth members involved in the running of the Branch. It's going to be a challenge for her but with the help of the other Branch Commissioners, we know she will succeed.

Early next year, we have three Branch positions that need filling, two DC positions - Clarence and Hellyer and the Branch Commissioner for Adult Support. If anyone wishes to have a look at what these positions entail, please send me an email and I will send you the position description.

Scouts Victoria and WA Uni have put together a great package (Leader Build) that might help us get more Leaders into our Groups, however, I need Leaders to run it. Victoria Branch will be training these Leaders to present the package. What the package entails is a set of Leaders doing presentations to parents in the Groups every two to three years to keep new Leaders coming into them. The presentation will be easy to run and with the help of the Groups in getting the parents to the meeting, we hope to increase the number of Leaders in each Group. However, without good presenters and these presenters willing to put in some time going to the Groups, it will fall in a heap.

Our PC Environment Commissioner Sam McGrath came to the Clarence City Council Seafarers Festivals and put on a great display on water bugs. It was a great PR event for Scouting and was very similar to the one that she put on at the Science weekend on the wharf.

The Joeys had a tremendous Southern Regional event on the Windeward Bound. They had so many Joeys waiting to go on it, that they had to make two trips. The Joey Leaders (with the help of some Rovers) also set up activities around the pier for the Joeys who weren't on the Windeward Bound. They then had a barbecue at the park near 10th Hobart's hall at Sandy Bay. The theme of course was 'Pirates' and the Joeys had a lot of fun. I did see a couple of Joeys who were apprehensive about getting on the tall ship but came back all smiles. What a great PR program, as a lot of people came up to them and asked who they were, and what they were doing. I was a bit surprised about the public asking who they were; it seems we need more of this type of event so the public get to know who we are.



Launceston West Tamar District did a vigil for the 100-year Remembrance Day (photos pages 6 & 7). What a great PR activity, organised by Steve Yam again. Looking at the Facebook page, most of the Youth came from Cressy, 4th Launceston, Tamar Groups and Rivallyn Venturers. They told me that the temperature got to below zero overnight which were challenging conditions for them. At the service on the day, the Governor spoke to them, as well as some of the Government Ministers who attended the Longford RSL. At the Lenah Valley service, one of the Mt Stuart Scouts, Saskia Ferguson, did a reading, which came over very well- well done Saskia.

Over the weekend of the 10-11 November a Training Course was held for Pioneer Groups. The Groups that were involved were: Howrah, Kingston, Tarroona, 4th Launceston, Leven Venturers, Tamar, Mt Stuart and NW Bay, eight groups and Formations in total. We had approx. 80 Leaders in the Training Hall and it was very squishy. Apart from the eight Groups, we also had the Training Team and the District Leaders from the Districts. There were two Leaders from the mainland, Emma and Clair who came down for the weekend to help answer any questions that the Leaders might have had and did some of the sessions for us. It was a big weekend and I think the Groups that have taken on this big challenge will get through it very well.

We all know a lot more about the New Program now and the Training Team and the Pioneer Groups feel a lot more comfortable knowing what the new program is all about and what they need to do. I must thank Greg Boon for the great effort he has put into the Change Manager position and getting the weekend to run as smoothly as it did. Thanks also go to Geraldine Harwood and Julie Creed for all their help and support to Greg, and on the Sunday, Ross Smith for doing a couple of the sessions and helping during the weekend.





Chief Commissioner's Report Cont'd



We need to do this all again for the other 59 Formations in our state to hopefully get them all up and running with the New Program by the end of 2021. In January to early February (no date planned yet) the Training Team will do another course for the Rovers as they all want to be Pioneer Groups as well, which is great to see. Then the plan is to have the Pioneer Groups go for the next year with a review in June/July. We hopefully will start the training for the other Formations/Groups who want to have a go at the end of 2019 and begin in 2020. All the other Groups will be trained during 2020 and 2021. We hope to have all Groups up and running with the New Program by the end of 2021.

A big thanks to Craig Millsom and his team for putting on a very successful Rover Ball (Photos page 19). I heard there were approx. 115 Rovers, ex Rovers, Rover Advisers, ex-Rover Advisers and other Leaders who attended. The venue was excellent, the food was good, and the two musicians (who are trainee Rovers at the Eastern Shore Crew) were great. Talking to Craig, he is planning another one in 4 years for the 100 years of Rovers starting in Tasmania. It was a great night; the highlights were the stories that the Rovers and Rover Advisers told about some of the activities they have seen during their memorable time in Rovers. Congratulations to Alex Findlater who was presented with his Rover Service Award (certificate) for the excellent service he has given to the Rover section; Alex will receive the medal at the AGM. Well done Alex.

We have started our Member's Award process, asking Members to nominate another Leader for a Good Service Award. As usual, it has been a slow start running up to Christmas, it is a problem for everyone wanting to wind down. This is the last reminder that the Award Committee is still waiting on your Award applications; if you have a Leader/Committee member who should get an Award, please fill in the form and get it to BHQ very quickly, as we would like them in before the end of the year. The AGM will be in Latrobe next year on the 24th May so put this date in your diary.

It is great to hear that the George Town Scout Group is back and up running again, only with Cubs, but that is a good start. Thanks to Stephen Yam (DC Launceston/Tamar) for all the effort that he has put in.

We are hoping to get even more new Groups up and running next year as we need to get to 3000 members by the end of 2023. If you have any suggestions on where to start a new Group, please have a talk to your DC or myself and we will see what we can do.

Victoria Branch has done a survey to find if our Scouts have more resilience than the Youth who don't go to Scouts. What do you think the results were, yes, they do! We all know they do, but now Victoria Branch have the data to prove it.

A new logo has been approved; this logo will be launched on the 5th January 2019 just after the Jamboree Opening Ceremony. As the uniform will also have to be changed, National is going to produce a badge to go over the old logo - they are hoping that this badge will be less than \$2. The logo on uniforms from the Scout Shop will not be replaced until after June/July until stocks have been sold out, then the uniform will come with the new logo.

The year hasn't ended yet as there are so many activities that are going on during December, make sure you check your Group, District and Branch calendar, so you don't miss out. Some of the activities that I know about is an introduction to cycling at the Derwent Sea Scout Hall, State Venture, Sam McGrath Trees Bees and Seeds days and the Districts end of year functions, to name a few.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I will see you all next year. A big thank you to all the Leaders who have put so much time and effort into our Youth. You are making an enormous difference in our community by helping our children to become better citizens.

Don't forget that the Branch is having end of year drinks and food on the 21st December. 4 - 6pm for those who can attend.

Michael Hovington - Chief Commissioner cc@scoutstas.org.au



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New Scout Program



After nearly 10 years of research, Australian and International, and extensive consultation in Australia, the New Scout Program has arrived. In June 2018, the program was formally approved and will be launched in 2019 at the Australian Jamboree. The Tasmanian Implementation Team includes Mike Hovington, Julie Creed, Geraldine Harwood, Ross Smith, Andrew Thompson and Greg Boon as Program Change Manager.

The new Program increases the focus on many Scouting fundamentals that BP considered so important and will more effectively assist Leaders achieve the Scout Purpose. There will be an increased focus on outdoor activities with many of the age-related barriers placed in the current program removed. There will be an increased focus on Youth leading, Adult supporting, and both Youth and adult Leaders will be provided additional training to assist them determine when it is appropriate to direct, coach, support and delegate. Leaders will still be focused on ensuring that Scouts are competent and motivated prior to delegating to them. Leaders will also retain the responsibility to ensure that activities are being done safely, as our duty of care does not diminish just because we have a new program.

While the new program has been approved, there is considerable work been required to provide the necessary resources for Youth and Adult Leaders to utilise. The small team of people pulling together the necessary resources have done a fantastic job, with Tasmania Branch holding back on starting our Pioneer Groups until we were confident that there quality resources would be available for the Pioneer Groups.

By the time we get to the 2019 Regatta, you will start seeing Leaders wearing badges indicating that they are Pioneering the new Program. Youth members will be identifiable by the different selection of badges on their uniform.

We will take the time to learn from our Pioneer Groups before we roll out the program further. As a result, the current boundaries in place, as written in TOP's will continue to apply. However, we will explore with the Pioneer Groups what changes will be required to allow the new program to be implemented. The Pioneer Groups will have a prior approval process for activities that they wish to conduct that are permitted under the new program (like camping for Joey Scouts) which is not permitted in the current version of TOP's.

For other Groups please be patient, as we need time to learn and determine what, if any, new boundaries we need to create that provides the right balance between permitting Adventurous, Fun, Inclusive and Challenging activities while ensuring that there is an appropriate level of risk management to ensure our activities meet appropriate safety standards.

Pioneer Group Training

On 10 and 11 November 2018 over 80 Section Leaders, District Leaders, Sectional Branch Commissioners and Trainers participated in Pioneer Group Training. We were very fortunate to have Clair Udy and Emma Watson, members of the National Program Support Team to provide valuable advice and support over the weekend and run many sessions.

Our Pioneer Groups are Kingston, Howrah, Mount Stuart and North West Bay in the South along with 4th Launceston and Tamar in the North and Leven District Venturers in the North West. We have 3 Sea Scout Groups and 3 land-based Scout Groups.

2019

The "Number One" priority for 2019 is to ensure that our Pioneer Groups receive the support and resources they need to be successful. These 7 Groups will, in 2020 and beyond be our Program experts. Plan, Do, Review is a core component of how we deliver our program and reviews of the new program implementation, which will occur in June and October 2019.

In early 2019 we will conduct Training for the Rover Section as all Tasmanian Rover Crews will be Pioneer Units trialling the Rover component of the New Program. This will provide Tasmania a unique opportunity to influence the program delivery for the Rover Section.

We will also focus on developing the knowledge and skills of our Training Team along with Branch and District Commissioners and Leaders so that in 2020 we can commence the roll out of the new Program to other Groups.

2020

In 2020, we will focus on transitioning Groups that are keen to adopt the new program. By then, we will have additional support resources available on-line. Groups will need to participate in a weekends training, in their local region. The Training will be offered during the day, with participants where ever possible be able to return home for the evening. Groups will be encouraged to attend this Training as a Group Leadership Team with Venturers and Scout Troop Leaders also encouraged to attend.

2021

In 2021 the focus will be on the remaining Scout Groups, assisting Leaders and Youth members successfully transition across to the new program.

Greg Boon

Deputy Chief Commissioner



SCOUT CYCLING

“Promoting Safe Cycling for young riders”

Doing it through our one day Safe Cycling / Bunch Riding Programs.

We aim to take our program to every scout troop and venturer unit in our Branch. This is a tall order and not one we are going to achieve in the short term. Through 2018 we have taken steps to make this happen running courses in Ulverstone, Howrah, Launceston and at Derwent Sea Scout HQ.

Scout Cycling Coordinators Appointed

Here are our Team members who are your local contact point for Scout Cycling activities across the branch.



NAME	SCOUT CYCLING COORDINATOR - AREA	CONTACT
ANNETTE LEVIS	SOUTH	0438 441 154
ROSS SMITH	NORTH	0418 130 996
JORDAN OTTEN	CENTRAL COAST & MERSEY	0439 998 274
KERRIE MURCHIE	HELLYER-SMITHTON-WEST COAST	0417 393 914

SCOUT CYCLING TEAM - ROAD CAPTAIN 2019

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Venturer Scout Oscar Varney as Road Captain of the Scout Cycling Team for 2019. Oscar performed the role of Road Captain at Derby Blue Mini-tour in April and followed this good performance by doing an outstanding job as Principal Road Captain at 5DOP. Oscar has demonstrated maturity beyond his 17years achieving 4 Star status in our Ride leader Development Program and demonstrating his increasing ability to lead a team in complex situations. Well done Oscar.



Oscar Varney Scout Cycling Team Road Captain 2019



The Scout Cycling Team

Wish you and your family a joyous and safe Christmas and another active Scouting Year in 2019.

Pip



Joey Report



Here we are in the final few weeks of the 2018 Scouting year, with Christmas parades and Mob and Group break up events being held around the State. This last month has been quite a busy one for some with the Southern Regional Event, Pioneer Group Training, McHappy Day events as well as hopefully some interesting Mob excursions and/or outdoor activities to make the most of the finer weather.

'Some 160 Joeys, Leaders and parents attended the Southern Regional "pirate themed" event on the 4th November. The outing was divided into two components - a sail on a "pirate ship"; and a hunt for pirates around the Hobart wharf area. The sail training ship "The Windeward Bound" was used as our pirate ship and involved two 1.5 hour trips. The Joeys were divided into two groups; while one group sailed on the Windeward Bound, the other Joeys searched for pirates around the wharf area. We placed pictures of pirates (10 in total) at various locations and the Joeys were given a sheet with cryptic clues to help find their pirates (we also provided them with a 'cheat sheet'). For each pirate found, the Joeys earned a piece of treasure. In their hunt for pirates the Joeys went with parents / Leaders in small groups. The crew on the Windeward Bound entered into the spirit of the outing by dressing up as pirates; and for a few Joeys who were nervous about being on board the ship, the crew helped to ease their concerns. The event ended with a BBQ at the park in Sandy Bay.'

From what I have heard, the Regional event was very successful and enjoyed by the Joey Scouts, Parents and Leaders alike! A big thank you goes to Lee Cowen, from Blackman's Bay, for the above report and for doing much of the organising of this special event. Thank you also to the Rovers and other Joey Leaders for all of your assistance and support too.

Pioneer Training (for Training Team members, BCs and all Leaders from the six Scout Groups who will be trialling the new program from the start of next year) was held over the weekend 9th-11th November. We have five Joey Scout Mobs that will be part of these trials, and it is really good to see how enthusiastic the Leaders from these Mobs are about introducing the various components of the new program into their Mob over the coming months. It is all very exciting and we'll follow their journey with great interest!

For the rest of us, the Adventure Begins information presentations will continue to be held in Groups around the State so please make every effort to attend when your Group's presentation is on. It is very important that every Mob works their way through the checklists provided as this is stage one of the implementation of the new program so we need to get this right in all Mobs.

As a result of the YPR there have been some changes to section age ranges. From **January 2019** all Sections in Tasmania will move to the age ranges now listed in P&R (National Policy & Rules) - for the Joey Scout Section it states 'The young person must have had their fifth birthday and be eligible for school prior to commencing in this Section' and 'Youth members are able to commence their progression to the Cub Scout Section at any time after their eighth birthday and will have completed their progression by their ninth birthday.' There is still some flexibility with this for any with special needs so please contact me with any questions regarding this anytime.

This month we congratulate Stella Hutcheon - Mt Stuart, Tom and Will Taylor - Taroona and Robert Morton - 1st Tamar on achieving their Promise Challenge Awards. Well done!

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Leaders and helpers a very Happy Christmas and holiday season.

Thank you to each of you for all of the effort you have put in again this year in providing a great program for the Joey Scouts.

Enjoy your break and I look forward to catching up with you all in the New Year!

Sue Cooper
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Cub Report



I've just come back from this year's Clark Trophy camp. This is the state Scout camp and a marvellous weekend of challenge and fun for those in the Scout section. Your Cubs will love it when they move up and get there. But even better than Clark Trophy is the Cuboree!!! And next year is the 25th Tasmanian Cuboree!

The Cuboree is an all ages camp for Cubs and their Leaders. You and your Pack come and sleep in tents; we do all the cooking. The Cubs just spend a weekend having a great time with each other and with other Packs. Cuborees are so much fun in fact, that Cubs come from interstate and there's more than 500 Cubs on site for the weekend. Put it in your calendars and programmes now: October 11–13th 2019, at The Lea. There's even transport provided for those far away from Hobart.

As I said, this Cuboree will be the 25th Tasmanian Cuboree and we're planning for the best one ever! They don't just happen, however, and we'd love to hear from you if you can assist in a big or a small way. If we all did something small to help, it would really assist those who give up so much of their time just so others' kids have a great time. Please let me know if you'd like to help. We've had one meeting so far. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 12th from 7–9PM. It'll be on-line (and face-to-face at The Lea) so you can join in from home if you want! I'll email details to all CSLs and ACSLs.

Two weekends ago (at the time of writing anyway) I attended the Training weekend for the New Program Pioneers groups. The mechanics of the New Programme now seem to be stable and it looks good. The changes to the programme only apply to the Pioneer groups so for the 37 of you that aren't Pioneer groups, please stick to the old programme of boomerangs, achievement badges, and so on, with all the current Cub activities and safety arrangements as stipulated in TOPS. Please focus your programming, as usual, on the SPICES, the Patrol Method, empowering the kids to do more and contribute more. Please also hold Pack Councils to allow greater input on the programme by the kids.

One change that will apply to all from January 1st 2019, is that we'd now like the Pack Council to have greater involvement in determining whether badge requirements have been met, in signing them off, and in presenting them. One tangible indication of this change is that we'd like Pack Councils to recommend the awarding of the Grey Wolf award and Form 29 has been changed accordingly. It may take some time for the Pack Council to adjust to this role — if they're not doing it already — so please ensure you assist so that they're not making any requirements harder (or easier).

Another change from January 1st 2019 is the change to age ranges between the Sections as Tasmania will move to the new National ranges. Cubs will now need to be 11 before they are invested/moved up to Scouts, although they can link before their eleventh birthday. Similarly, at the 'other end', Joeys will need to be 8 before they are invested/moved up to Cubs, although, again, they can link before their eighth birthday. There will still be some discretion, so please contact me if you've any questions.

Please keep your requests for the Commissioner's Challenge badges coming. The year is almost over. I've received quite a few photographs of Packs completing the requirements. It's fantastic to see. Please keep them coming. Some of the photos I've received are below and on the next page.



SciScouts is an innovative Scouting program from the ACT which employs the Scouting Method of learning by doing to engage Cubs in STEM. It's making its debut in Tasmania this month so please look out for information from the PC Environment, Sam McGrath. The Launceston event will be held on December 2nd at Scout Island; the Hobart event will be held on December 9th at The Lea. The badge



Recently I forwarded to all CSLs and ACLs some Join-in-Jamboree programmes. These are a way for Cubs who are not going to the Jamboree to get a sense of what is happening there. If you didn't get the programmes and information about Join-in-Jamboree in your in-box, please contact me.





Cub Report Cont'd



Looking ahead, there seems to be an event for Cubs on December 25th: Christmas! If you're looking for crafty ideas for a night's programme in the Christmas theme,

<https://www.pinterest.com.au/beadiemom/cub-scout-christmas-crafts/>

Merry Christmas to all, and when it comes to looking for Christmas presents, Good Hunting!

Julian Dermoudy
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Heritage Report



FEEDBACK : I wonder if fellow Leaders feel they too provide a service called "Invisible Scouting" ?

We are Volunteers all, experienced in our crafts, yet it takes some years to see our results mature. A nice complement came my way from a former Scout of mine whom I met some years ago. He thanked me for being "Skip" for showing him how to cook. Turns out when 'flating' with an informal group of adolescents that he and his mate, both ex-Scouts, were the only decent "cooks" amongst them of any standard. A Skill learned is a Skill kept.

WE'VE LOST "SPIKE" : Thanks to the reference afforded him, team member Stuart Nichols ("Spike") has moved on to take up a position with a Trainee Cadetship in the Plumbing Department at Kingborough Council. We are sorry to lose him after his stirring services with us in scanning/IT, nonetheless glad through Scouting to improve his chance for a permanent career. Scouting In Action.

TEAM ROUNDUP : Unlike sectional programming, we operate an Adult section covering various aspects which roles have changed over recent years. Matters frequently come to our attention 'out of left field'. We are altering direction and now involved with more specific research requests (Australiawide), visits/liaison to outside personnel and government entities, heritage enquiries, reference requests, expanding our Tasmanian Scout Group Histories, whilst still involved with traditional museum visitations, displays, restorations, requests of Scouting natures, sorting donations, and promoting Scouting publicity through all this.

Here's a taste of what occurred with my team which was managed during the past 12 weeks :

- * Visit to Historian Colin Dennison OAM, Glenorchy for 150 copies of 1920s- 1940s Tasmanian Scouting photos which were originally collated from glass photos taken by the "Mercury" newspaper.
- * Further research for 1st Penguin. This ultimately proved their group formed up originally in 1910.
- * 1st Triabunna trip with further historic items promised.
- * Visit to our museum by Wellington Rover Crew commemorating the Rovers Centenary.
- * Request by a former Jordan River Scout for a Reference, based upon his Scouting skills, to join ADF.
- * Donations by Denice Walter of various Gang Show items; also from Louise Patterson with 1st Glenorchy / Queensland Agoonoree items.





Heritage Report Cont'd



*Enquiry from DC Mersey for boating information, ex-boat "The Cormorant", in his district.

*Final clearout of Container at The Lea, disposal of excess items, container now handed back to BHQ.

*Undertaking "Hall Crawl 5", a Team visitation to Hobart Eastern Shore photographing former and present halls at Rosny LDS, Lindisfarne, 1st & 2nd Howrah, Geilston Bay, Clarence Sea Scouts. Photos of Northern Tas. Scout Halls, past &/or present, are welcomed direct to me by email anytime.

*Fred Koolhoff reinstated a 1960 memorial plaque dedicated to Padre J. Salter, Founder 2nd Moonah.

*Four additional boxes of items were received from ex-1st Zeehan group.

*Enquiry from Ararat, Victoria from a family researcher concerning his grandfather, being part of the YMCA Troop at Scottsdale. This required in-depth research revealing the Troop commenced 1910 !

*Sorting donations from Robyn Thomas (Hobart Rover Crew), Gardner family, Terry Butcher, Reg Hutton (8th Launceston), Bronwen Pinkard.

*Research in now underway with a short-lived Troop in 1939 forming up at The Scots Church, Hobart.

*UTAS, Rare collections has been contacted to look into Scouting collections within their repository.

*Team visit to our esteemed Bookbinder Peter McCarthy, Blackmans Bay for Morning Tea presentation

*TMAG, Visit from Nikki Kingsmith for advice on Mannequins with displaying / 1930s restoration.

*Enquiry from Bardon, Queensland from a GL relating to historic styles of Tasmania scout nametapes.

*Loan of display items Swords, photos for celebration of Tasmanian Rovers Centenary Ball.

*Enquiry from 1st Howrah relating to WW1 Tasmanian Scouts for their 11th November "Scouts Own".

*Request from Elston Hynd, OAM Nat. Comm. Adult Training for Bill Shankley Woggle photographs.

*Invitation/Liaison from Heritage Tasmania to participate in their 2019 Festival.

* Liaison with BC Cubs, Canberra for information to assist establishing a Scout Heritage Centre.

* ARTS Tasmania, request to enter their Exposition of the 10 Finest Tasmanian Objects. This is a State Public display to be held mid-2019 in Devonport. We are nominating our B-P Despatch Box.

* Perspex covers have been fitted over our display of badge cabinet drawers. These are a 'work in progress' with contents covering a complete set of every Australian Jamboree, Venture & Moot held since 1934. Also included is our collection for preservation of all changes within the various proficiency award systems from circa 1920 to 2000, including various Highest Awards for Tasmanian Youth and Leaders alike.

Included in the latter, this incorporates a visit late November, from Kent Dywer of Canberra, a nephew of Rhyllis Hean, to present his aunt's Bar to The Silver Acorn medal for our display.

*Visitors to our TSHC have included Victorian "Old Scouts" who attended the 1948/1949 Yarra Brae 3rd Australian Jamboree who have remained mates ever since from 4th Kew, 15th Camberwell, 1st Marybyrong, 1st Clunes and 1st Sale Groups.

REMINDER : To all those Leaders who have promised us Memorabilia from the following ex/current groups, please – Penguin, George Town, Geeveston, Queenstown, Scottsdale, Ulverstone, Devonport, Triabunna, Warrane, Longford, Huonville. Group records, photos and your old group scarves are especially welcomed.

REQUEST: If any Leader is travelling North-South in the near future, we have some small plastic bags of items donated to us, left at the SCOUT SHOP, LAUNCESTON required to be brought south to BHQ &/or our Heritage Centre at The LEA. Any assistance to contact/pickup items from Rose at the Scout Shop for us is appreciated, thanks.

The Heritage Centre will close from 12 December 2018 and resume on 6 February 2019. I am still contactable over the Summer holiday, apart from when I am attending the 25th Australian Jamboree. Look me up in the HQ Welfare main tent in The Mall if you are attending,

On Behalf of my Team, I wish you One & All a Happy & Joyous festive season.

Tony Peck

Project Commissioner – Heritage
jam.man@bigpond.com





Scout Report



Christmas greetings! I hope that you all have some quality time with family to enjoy Christmas, and during the wee hours of the festive season, time to reflect on your journey through the last 12 months of Scouting. Thankyou to everyone across the state who has actively engaged with Scouts this year. Without keen Youth, positive Leaders and supportive Parents, Scouting doesn't function. Collectively you all assist in providing an excellent environment for everyone involved to grow and develop while having fun. A very special big 'thank you' to all the Scout Leaders heading off to South Australia in January for the 2019 Australian Jamboree.

Clark Trophy - 18 Scout Patrols converged at the mythical Scout Island just out of Launceston on the weekend of 17/18 November for the 2018 Clark Trophy. Blessed with magnificent weather, Scouts relished the challenges provided to test their knowledge and campcraft skills. The format of the camp was a standing camp with emphasis on Pioneering skills. The weekend focuses on working as teams, time management, building communication skills and leadership; all with Scout Leaders on site, but not in immediate proximity to their Patrols. I really love this event because it demonstrates how capable our Scouts are and provides Scout Leaders with assurance that our Scouts can do wonders if we give them the space to operate on their own terms.



Scouting encourages us to 'Do our Best'. Clark Trophy saw Patrols all making a huge effort to perform to the best of their abilities. It is wonderful to see Patrols, that may not have the same depth of knowledge of the strongest, take as much pride from being able to set challenges for themselves and to achieve goals on their own terms. And for some Patrols things didn't necessarily work out as intended but it seemed that everyone learnt ways to improve. We look forward to seeing the development in Troops for 2019. Next year will be the lightweight hike format.

Thankyou to the highly supportive Scout Leaders who helped make this event successful by contributing their time, good humour and constructive encouragement of the Scouts. But most importantly thanks to the Scouts who participated with great spirit and appeared to have a lot of fun.

At the end of the camp 1st Spreyton were awarded the Sir Ernest Clark Trophy flag for winning the points competition. Congratulations 1st Spreyton on your superb performance. 1st / 2nd Ulverstone were runners up, with Mt Stuart in 3rd place.

It was noted that Patrols might in their planning over the next 12 months consider attending other District events where competition camps are taking place. DSLs and District Mindaris can please advise when they plan to have their District Camps. This is a possible opportunity for Troops to strengthen their skills and have fun with Scouts from outside of their district.

The planning of how a patrol approaches events like Clark Trophy is important in the lead up to the event. Troop/Patrol Councils may like to think about how to develop their programmes in the months leading to events like District Camp, Mariners and Clark Trophy. Maybe a topic for discussion with Scouts at your next District **Mindari**? If you had any thoughts on how Clark Trophy can be improved and didn't hand in a review sheet please don't hesitate to send me your thoughts.

Australian Scout Medallions - Nyah Inglis and Henry Burnett both Mount Stuart Scout Troop (photos on page 9) were proudly awarded their Australian Scout Medallions at the closing parade of Clark Trophy. Congratulations Nyah and Henry on achieving the peak award for the Scout section. **Reminder** to all Leaders to send ASM applications to BC Scouts not to BHQ.

Pioneering Groups - The rollout of Pioneering Groups will start in early 2019. I attended the Branch Training weekend which brought together the Tasmanian groups trialling the new program. This is a very important and exciting time for Scouts and I am really keen to work with Groups as they understand how the revised approach to Scouting for the 21st Century in Australia will work. Many have commented that there is a lot that is very similar to what we are already doing and that is correct. The new program is very consistent with what we do already. But, it also introduces important new components that will improve what we do. We are on a journey and it is going to occasionally be challenging, but it wouldn't be Scouting otherwise. The goal is to help ensure we are relevant into the future so we have a better chance to grow our membership.

National Section Age Changes - The guidelines for each section age range is being adjusted Nationally from January 2019 so that Scouts will ideally have had their 11th birthday before joining Scouts and are to be 15 years of age before joining Venturers. It is important to note that these are recommendations and there is group council discretion when considering when a Scout moves to their next section; the best interests of the child's development is of paramount importance.

Armistice Vigil - 4th Launceston and Cressy Scouts (photos on pages 6 & 7) participated in the Vigil held at Longford on the 11 November. This was a significant event as the Scouts were involved together with the cadets which I understand is the first time this has happened. Well done to all involved in the marking of the centenary of the Armistice.

When did your patrol last review its code of conduct? - We introduced a number of new point to point activities at Clark Trophy, one being on Bullying which is an important component of the award scheme. In reviewing the material at breakingthecycle.scouts.com.au I was reminded there are some great resources available on how to deal with difficult issues with our Troops. Codes of Conduct are promoted and need to be updated on a regular basis by Patrols at the very least annually. The following 4 questions: **What happened?** + **Who was hurt?** + **How does everyone feel?** + **How can we fix it?** These prompts might be helpful in a restorative process and might be applied by your patrol councils when resolving matters around bullying or other behavioural issues. **Jonathan Pyefinch, Branch Commissioner Scouts** bc.scouts@scoutstas.org.au



Rover Centenary



It has been a kicker of a year for Tas Rovers and the Centenary of Roving! We've had a number of events supporting and celebrating Rovers, the last one occurring recently.

We had 113 people attend our Centenary of Roving Ball at Blundstone Arena in November, displaying all the red colours for the 'dash of red' theme. Current and former members from crews still running and folded were there for the celebrations.

A big congratulations needs to go to Alexander Findlater on receiving the Rover Service Award. Alex has been an excellent member of Tas Rovers, stepping up to take on many crew and branch positions within Rovers. We thank him for all his contributions. Congrats Alex!

As part of the Centenary Team behind the organising of this year's events, I would like to put a big shout out of thanks to the rest of the Centenary Team for all their involvement in making these events run as they did. Justine, Sophie, Eddy, Lucy, Jacinta and Alex - thank you for everything!

This year's events may be drawing to a close but we have new and bigger ones on the horizon! Tasmania Branch Rover Council is planning to host the 22nd Australian Rover Moot in 2022-2023. While it is still early stages, we need your support to make it happen! The Moot Committee members are already underway with their planning and it's looking to be an awesome event! Stay tuned for more!

From all at Tas Rovers, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Yours in Roving

Craig Millsom

Project Commissioner Rover Fellowship



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 1st and Sunday 2nd

2019 March - Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd

2019 June - Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd

2019 August - Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th

2019 November - Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd

2020 February - Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd

2020 May - Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd

2020 August - Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd

2020 October - Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th

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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Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania

Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta

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**GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
TASMANIA**

Time is running out to register your Troop/Unit for the Regatta – your Registration form should reach me by 14 December. Alternatively, there is a \$50 surcharge for Troops/Units registering by mid-January. Your Registration form and other details can be found on the Scout and Guide web pages, in *MyScout* or by emailing sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au

Remember:

- you will need parent help at the Regatta. Leaders, please ensure anyone over 18 who will be staying overnight at the Regatta has current Working with Vulnerable People Card.
- Troops/Units who are already registered and wish to add to their numbers after 14 December do so by filling in the Additional entry form.

On behalf of the Regatta Committee, best wishes to all Leaders for a Happy Christmas and a refreshing and relaxing break.

Lyn Muir

Regatta Secretary





Grants Report



Congratulations to the following Groups in securing grants over the past few months: Port Cygnet (marquees), Glenorchy (roof repairs), St Helens (hall additions), and Tarooma (roof repairs). A number of applications were made to the Tasmanian Community Fund Round 37 and Volunteer Grants 2018 and we eagerly await the results of these applications in December. The following is a summary of known available grants for the next few months.

Tasmanian Community Fund

Round 38 of the Tasmanian Community Fund will open on 2 February 2019.

The round will include three streams – small general grants from \$1,000 to \$20,000; medium general grants from \$20,001 to \$70,000; and large increasing workforce engagement program-based grants from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

It is never too early to start planning your project. Think about the who, what, how, where and when of your project and talk to people in your community to see if they support the idea, how they might help you and how the project might benefit the community in the short, medium and long-term.

Application forms and guidelines will be available on the TCF website by mid-December 2018.

Community groups are invited to attend a free forum hosted by the Tasmanian Community Fund Board in Sheffield from 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Monday, 18 February 2019. The forum will be held at the Sheffield Town Hall, 64 High Street, Sheffield.

DPAC Grants Sport and Recreation

The State Government's Minor Grants Sport and Recreation will open on 23 January 2019.

The Sport and Recreation Minor Grants Program provides grants of between \$500 and \$10,000. The applicant must contribute at least 50% of the cost of the project. Applications close on 6 March 2019.

Councils The following councils have funding rounds that close in December or early next year.

Clarence	15 March 2019	Hobart	February 2019 (to be confirmed)
Circular Head	15 March 2019	Launceston	31 March 2019 (open 1 February 2019)
Devonport	28 February 2019 (open 1 January 2019)	West Tamar	31 March 2019
		Wynyard	31 December (now open)

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

Other Grants

Hydro Tasmania – this year applications opened on 1 February and closed on 31 March

Stronger Communities Programme – applications closed.

Mystate Foundation – grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 are available.

This year applications opened on 6 March 2018 and closed on 28 April 2018.

No further information is available from their website at present.

Telstra Kids Fund - applications closed on 2 December.

ANZ Staff Foundation - grants of up to \$5,000 are available. Applications close on 15 January 2019.

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

Graeme Nichols - Project Commissioner Grants graeme.nichols@bigpond.com **6229 5569**



Gang Show Report



Despite it being at the end of the year, things are still happening with HGS and our script writers are busy plotting, planning and developing another great Show for 2019. We always welcome anyone interested in script writing to join the team ... if writing is your thing or if you would just love to put forward your ideas for the next Show, we would love to hear from you and have your involvement. The next workshop is to be held on Sunday 9th December at the Eastern Shore Rover Crew den between 1.00 – 5.00 p.m.

The Hobart Gang Show Reunion will be held either at the end of January or the first weekend of February next year – if you would like to be notified about the reunion, please let me know.

As we come to the end of 2018, on behalf of the Executive of Hobart Gang Show, we pass on to all current and past members of cast, crew and band, plus parents and supporters a very heartfelt "Thank you" for your involvement in HGS and look forward to further involvement in 2019. To those Mobs, Packs, Troops, Units, Crews and many Leaders, parents and supporters who have come along to see the Show we also thank you and look forward to seeing you in the audience in 2019 ... unless of course you decide to audition for the next Show.

Denice Walter
Project Commissioner Gang show
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Training Report



What an amazing year we have had in Scouting, from commencing implementation of the new Youth Program, changes to policies nationally that will allow Joey Scouts to camp to some terrific Training weekends in Tasmania, which certainly give us confidence in the future of Scouting.

A huge thank you must go to the skilled, knowledgeable and committed Training Team who are the backbone of the Training of new Leaders in Tasmania. Keep up the great work as we move into a new era which focuses on the fundamentals of Scouting, on a Youth leading, adults supporting ethos and one continuous program across all our Youth Sections.

Instructors

Yay! Tasmania now has five (yes 5) Adventurous Activity Instructors as of November 2018. It was a pleasure to present most of the certificates and tapes at the Pioneer weekend. The new instructors are Andrew Thompson, Ross Smith, Murat Djacic, Isaac Smith and Mike Patten, and cover a wide range of activities, from sailing to alpine, bushwalking to abseiling. Well done on all the extra work required to achieve these National appointments, at the least attending a National AA School as well as VET qualifications and maintaining very comprehensive logs.



Pioneer Weekend

Earlier in November the first seven groups attended Training at The Lea to be our Tassie Pioneers for the new Youth Program. Over 80 people from across the state heard about the new program and how it will be implemented. Hopefully these Groups will be able to mentor the next groups coming on line until all groups are 'with the Program' by the end of 2021. The Training Team also attended, giving us all an understanding of the future and how we will need to amend our Training Programs over the coming year. Our thanks to Claire and Emma from NSW who helped the implementation team – fantastic effort!

Wood Badge Centenary

Just a reminder that the Centenary of Wood Badge occurs in 2019, so the two major events will be a Wood Badge course which we hope will be the biggest ever in Tasmania (check the Training Calendar) and the Gilwell reunion event that will link across Australia in September.

If you know of any former Wood Badge holders who may no longer be involved in Scouting please let me know gharwood@intas.net.au so we can ensure everyone can attend.

Have a safe, peaceful and joyous Christmas and New Year, ready for new challenges and Scouting in 2019.

Once again, thanks heaps Team, and congratulations again to our first Trainer Emeritus, Brian Williams, and for a Twenty Year Certificate as a member of the Training Team to Marion Blight – WELL DONE.

Geraldine Harwood - Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development bc.specialneeds@scoutstas.org.au



JOTA / JOTI Report



This year I had ordered 450 badges and had sent out 290 to groups outside of the Northern Districts. Subsequently another 10 were sent South and 16 to the Penguin group. 90 were presented at the Rocherlea station plus another 12 for the Northern Tasmanian Amateur Radio Club members who assisted running the activities.

Activities at Rocherlea included hidden transmitter hunting, Skype contact to Japan and Indonesian, JOTI internet chatting, radio contacts, electronic kits and demo of electric motor and potato powered clock plus the Rover activity trailer.

Eric VK7EV again provided radios at Spreyton. The theme for on site activities was nautical, so he joined in having octopus for tea, Sausages cut to cook and look like octopus, and pasta for tentacles. He reported that all 15 Joeys and Cubs got to talk to others on the radio.

The station at Paton Park was operational from 11am to 4 pm on the Saturday. Using the various radio repeaters accessible from the site Joeys, Cubs and Scouts were able to establish contacts with other Scouts at Spreyton, Burnie and Launceston. And using HF radio, contacts were made with other Scouting Groups in Canberra, Victoria, New Zealand and Sydney.

Huon district using VK7HSD was planning to be active from Cygnet's Smokey's (AKA Peter Bishop) Nichols Rivulet property this year, from midday Sat to midday Sun and were expecting 50 participants.

Apparently there were over 80 attendees at The Lea when the VK7SAA callsign was activated.

Sandford participated in JOTI with 19 attending and 5 countries contacted.



There was a large station at Burnie who were heard on radio from other Tas stations, and Penguin group participated in JOTI.

At this time I am still waiting on badge payments from some groups and detailed attendance figures.

Judging from info received, I believe we had a very successful weekend with improved numbers overall.

Thanks to all who attended, who organised sites and all the amateur radio operators who made events possible.

Peter Dodd Project - Commissioner Radio and Electronics

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JOTA / JOTI Album



Launceston Station





International Report



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I am looking forward to hearing all about the adventures and experiences at the New Zealand Venture 2019 from our Tasmanian Contingent.

Scouts Australia International Facebook Page is now live! <https://www.facebook.com/ScoutsAustraliaInternational/>

What's New

International Camp Staff Opportunities

Every year, Scouts Australia endorses applications from Australian members hoping to volunteer at Scout Camps around the world. Currently we have Australian Rovers volunteering at KISC and in the UK.

Listed below are a range of opportunities for Rovers and Leaders across the country (all volunteer positions have a minimum age of 18 years).

The Suncheon applications to have been shared to the Scouts Australia International Facebook Page. All of these opportunities are also featured on our International website

<http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/work-or-volunteer>

Kandersteg International Scout Centre

Summer = 8 June – 6 September 2019 (Applications close 31 December 2018)

Autumn = 8 September – 6 December 2019 (Applications close 31 March 2019)

Winter = December 2019 – March 2020 (Applications close 30 June 2019)

Spring = March 2020 – June 2020 (Applications close 30 September 2019)

<https://www.kisc.ch/why-volunteer-kisc>

Suncheon Asia-Pacific Scout Centre Korea

1st Term = Mid-March to Mid-June 2019 (Applications close 31 December 2018)

2nd Term = September-November 2019 (Applications close 1 May 2019)

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

Scouting Ireland

Short Term = June-late August 2019

Long Term = early February – August 2019

Applications close 31 December 2018

<https://www.scouts.ie/News/2018/Long-Short-Term-staff-in-Ireland%E2%80%99s-National-Scout-Centres.html>

Boy Scouts of America

Six weeks beginning in June

Applications close 1 January 2019

<https://www.scouting.org/international/icamp/>

It's not to late to apply.

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>



Scout Adventures UK

8 months February 2019 – October 2019

12 months August 2019 – August 2020

Short-term options also available at selected centres

<https://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/volunteer>





International Report Cont'd



Tasmanian Scout Planning World Record Attempt for Youth Suicide Prevention

Tasmanian Venturer Scout, Bob Bramley, is preparing for his world record trip that will see him become the youngest person to circumnavigate Australia solo by plane.

Setting off in January 2019, Bob Bramley, 16, will use his world record attempt to raise awareness about Youth suicide prevention by working in partnership with [Beyondblue](#). After almost losing two very close friends to Youth suicide and depression in 2017, Bob's motivated to help spread the message about positive mental health right around the country.

"Youth suicide prevention is an issue very close to my heart. A lot of people are afraid to talk about suicide and depression and don't know what to do or who to turn to," Bob said while preparing for his journey.

"Talking to your friends and family and asking them if they are okay can make a huge difference."

The world record attempt will take him on a 13,000 kilometre journey to 30 communities across Australia. His flight, dubbed '[Surviving Turbulence](#)', will start from Devonport Airport in January 2019, with the trip expected to take three weeks.

His flight was made possible through a generous \$15,000 donation from Westpac and all funds not needed for the journey will be donated to [Beyondblue](#). Bob gives a further big "thank you" to other Surviving Turbulence supporters including Elders, Woolworths, Bunnings Warehouse, Elphinstone Group, OzRunways, Xpress Signs and Tasmanian Clothing Company. He also thanked his friend and Hobart pilot Oliver O'Halloran, who set the record for circumnavigating Australia solo and unassisted in 2017.

Suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians aged 15 to 44 and accounted for more than a third of deaths for people aged 15 to 24, according to a 2018 report by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. As the Tasmanian State Coordinator for Scout Air Activities, Bob's passion for aviation is strong. **Bob developed the first Aviation Training Program for Scouts in Tasmania**, helping to "show that we're not all about the traditional Scouting activities. We're trying to branch out and seek new ways of having adventures."

You can follow and support Bob's journey on Facebook, or via his website

www.survivingturbulence.com





International Report Cont'd



Read what Tasmanians are doing on the mainland!

2nd National Alpine School, 2018

During the last week of August Ross Smith and Murat Djakic 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 and dining, 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, navigation, avalanche recognition and night walks.

Other Future Contingents in Planning

Plus lots more at <http://international.scouts.com.au/>

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

All registrations are now completed on line.

Fiona Champion (Provisional Leven District Scout Leader) is a member of the Contingent Team organising the 22nd New Zealand Jamboree 2020.

Contingent Leader: Alan Murray, ACT - Travel Dates: January 2020

78th New Zealand Rover Moot 2020

Eligibility: Rovers

Travel Dates: 9 - 13 April 2020

Cost: approximately \$900 + Moot Expedition

+ Optional Contingent Tour + Flights

14th World Scout Youth Forum 2020 (Egypt)

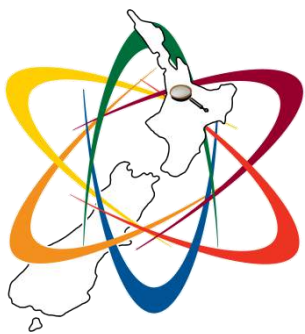
Eligibility: Rovers

Travel Dates: 17 - 21 August 2020

Cost: Scholarship

42nd World Scout Conference 2020 (Egypt)

Travel Dates: 24 - 28 August 2020



SISEP - Scout International Student Exchange Program

Applications are now open for 2018-2019. Apply now at <https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au>

Pen Pal Program

Annastasia Bedford is the Tasmanian Branch dedicated Pen Pal coordinator.

The On-line Pen Pal Form can be found on MyScout.

www.scouts.com.au/penpals or https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/recent_documents

National Coordinator: Darren Beauchamp int.penpals@scouts.com.au

Fiona Broadby - Branch Commissioner International fiona.broadby@gmail.com 0427 249 576



Rego Fees 2019



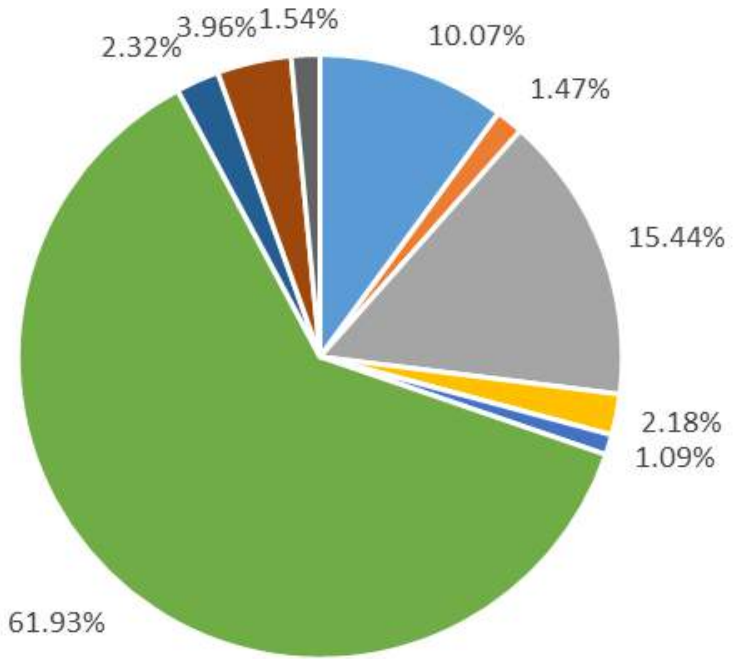
Fees for 2019 will be
Youth members \$136
Leaders \$105
Adult Helpers \$55
Fellowship \$55.

The above percentages are
 how the fee is spent.

These fees start as of

1st January 2019.

Youth Registration Fees



- National Fee
- Care Monkey
- Public Liability Insurance
- Personal Accident Insurance
- WOSM
- Contribution to Branch
- E Learning
- My Scout
- GST



Scouting Album



**Old Beach
 Scout
 Group**





Adventurous Activities Report



Northern Districts Cub Abseiling Day

The Northern Districts held a Cub Abseiling/Climbing day on the 25th November at the tower on Quercus park. Around 50 Cubs enjoyed the opportunity to scale the climbing wall and also have a go at abseiling. Thanks to Ross Smith, Tony McDonald and Michael Monks for their help in running the event along with the parents who pitched in. This was a great opportunity for our Cubs to experience climbing and abseiling.

AGFEST - Abseiling

As I have mentioned previously we are aiming to run the Northern Climbing Tower at AGFEST on the 2nd to 4th of May 2019 as a promotional event. I am also trying to get the approval from the AGFEST team to allow us to run an abseiling course at the same time, this would form part of some demonstrations we could run during the event.

If you have Abseiling qualifications and are able to be available for all or part of the AGFEST to assist running the tower, please let me know as soon as possible. If you are interested in doing an abseiling course during AGFEST please also let me know so I can have an idea of potential participants.

Training Schools

Branches around the country are starting to run an increasing number of training schools to help get more Leaders trained in Adventurous Activities. Keep your eye on all Scout newsletters etc. to see if there is an opportunity you might like to take up. There is a Vertical (Abseiling and Climbing) school running early in 2019 (Vic) this will be followed by various other courses throughout the year.

Risk Assessments

Risk Assessments are a critical part of Adventurous Activities to ensure everyone has fun but are also kept safe. I know paperwork is a proverbial pain but we need to do some and RA's are a must. To help everyone we are trying to make it easier to do by setting up RA's for various activities as templates for you to use. These will be developed over the next 12 months and will not only help you as an Activity Leader, but will be great to demonstrate to our Insurance provider that we are taking action to ensure our members safety. Keep an eye out for these next year.

I'll keep reminding everyone but please send in your First Aid update and Activity Logs so we can ensure your skills and records are up to date.

The Adventurous Activities Team wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to working with you all in the new year.

Andrew Thompson

BC Adventurous Activities

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Adult Support & VET Report



VET NEWS

Over the last few months, lots of work has been undertaken to gain a number of qualifications and units of competency. Ross Smith & Murat Djacic attended the Alpine Course in the Victorian high country and gained many units of competence which counts towards their Cert IV in Outdoor Recreation.

Four Leaders are very close to completing their Cert IV in Outdoor Recreation.

I am pleased to announce that Michael Hovington has been awarded the Certificate IV in Coordination of Volunteer Programs - The first one gained in Tasmania. Michael has put out the challenge to all Commissioners & Group Leaders.

Tahni Champion-Peakman gained a Certificate II in Business.

Congratulations to Isaac Smith who has been awarded the Certificate IV in Leadership & Management

PLA's

All PLA positions are currently being reviewed. This is the normal three-year review process. I was going to roll out some additional Training for all PLA's this year, but unfortunately the material has only just been finalised. We will start next year.

In closing, thanks to Ross Smith & Andrew Thompson for taking on the role of assessing Outdoor Recreation. They have both learnt lots of new skills during the year. Questions? Please contact me via the details below.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mike Wilson. - Branch Commissioner Adult Support & VET

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Training Calendar 2019

Course	Date	Closing	Location	Course Leader
National Sailing School - SA	7 th -11 th January 2019		Wellington SA	M Patten
YPR W/End	19 st January		Ross/Perth	G.Boon
Training Team Meeting	Saturday 2 nd February		Ross	G Harwood
Basic Kayaking	16 th February	25 th January	South North	D Chalk T McDonald
NYPT Meeting	22 nd - 24 th February			
Basic Outdoor Skills (=Bushwalking L1)	23 rd - 24 th February	1 st February	The Lea	R Smith
Regatta	8th -11th March		Snug	
Basic Sectional Techniques All Sections	5 th - 7 th April	14 th March	The Lea	G Harwood
Mariners Trophy	12th - 14th April			M Patten
Easter Course	18 th -23 rd April		Easter 19 th -22 nd	
Agfest - Abseiling	3 rd -5 th May	20th April	North	A Thommo T McDonald
NYPT+NTC Meeting	17 th - 19 th May			
Basic Seamanship Course Seamanship Update	18 th - 19 th May 19 th May	26 th April		A Reavell R Smith
Training of Trainers Intro PLA update Training	1 st - 2 nd June 2 nd June	10th May	The Lea	G Harwood M Wilson
Basic Outdoor Skills (=Bushwalking L1)	1 st - 2 nd June	10th May	The Lea	R Smith
Wood Badge Course W/E 1 (All Sections)	22 nd - 23 rd June	31 st May	The Lea	G Harwood
NYPT + All Sections	28 th - 30 th June			
Training Team Conference	6 th - 7 th July		The Lea	G Harwood
Youth Leadership (Cubs Scouts Venturers)	12 th - 14 th July		Launceston	M Djacic
GLOW	19th - 21st July	28th June	Launceston	TBA
Advanced Bushwalking Course	26 th - 28 th July	5 th July	Cradle Scout Lodge	D Chalk R Smith/M Djacic
Winter Moot	2nd - 4th August			
Scoutfest	10th - 11th August			
Basic White Water Rafting	16 th - 18 th August		Arm River	A ThompsOn
Gang Show	15th - 17th August			
Wood Badge W/E 2 (All Sections)	30 th August - 1 st Sept.		The Lea	G Harwood
Gilwell 100 years	7 th September		TBA	G Harwood
Basic Sectional Techniques (all sections -subject to min numbers)	20 th - 22 nd September	30 th August	The Lea	G Harwood
Cuboree	11th - 13th October			
NYPT Meeting	18 th - 20 th Oct			
Basic Seamanship Course Seamanship Update	18 th -20 th October 20 th October	27 th September	TBA	A Reavell
Basic Outdoor Skills (=Bushwalking L1)	26 th - 27 th October	4 th Oct	The Lea	R Smith
Basic Abseiling	2 nd November	11 th Oct	North	T McDonald
Training Team Meeting and end of year dinner	9 th - 10 th November 9 th Nov.		The Lea	G Harwood
Clark Trophy	16th - 17th November			
NYPT Meeting	TBA			
Basic Kayaking	23 rd November	1 st November	South North	D Chalk T McDonald
State Venture	29th Nov - 1st Dec			



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