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Chief's Report



Continuing on our efforts to have us evolve into a sustainable organisation for the future, this month I'm going to focus on the almighty dollar, specifically the difficulty in finding a spare one.



We have an abundance of resources around the State and our Groups are insuring a large amount of property and gear, some of which is rarely, if ever, used, or even some that is past its use by date.

Premiums are rising at a faster rate than we can budget, and excesses are being increased, so it's probably time to have a good look at what you are insuring and whether it is appropriate to your situation.



Economy of Scale is something we all have heard of, but how to apply it to Scouting is most likely not at the front of our minds.

There is an economy of scale in Insurance, so maybe consider coordinating with other Groups, or as a District as a whole, to see what your overall position is with regard to gear and move towards a District model vs individual Groups with the amount of gear you need. Less gear means less value held, means less cover needed.

Maybe even get really radical and consider central storage of items, eg. Watercraft, at a level needed for the District and insure them as a job lot. I reckon a good sort through, for example, the kayak stocks, would find quite a number of craft that do not meet our standards, not worth insuring and should be disposed of.

There is an economy of scale in utilising adult member resources. There's only so many people to go around so consider minimising the number of Committee positions needed to either, enable them to be available as Adult Helpers at the coal face or/plus reduce the challenge of finding committee members.

Question. Is it feasible to manage multiple Groups via one District Committee? Maybe, maybe not, but it's a thought process we need work through.



Fundraising (aka the Bunnings BBQ)

Imagine having fundraising that can be used for the delivery of fun to our kids and not on overheads.

The National Team have identified the cost of Scouting as an area that needs to be addressed in the Strategic Plan, so we certainly aren't alone in grappling with solutions to a problem that won't go away. One of the identified areas is to reduce the costs to Groups of paying for Leaders. We want to free up funds for Program delivery. That's a work in progress but indicates how seriously this is being taken at a high level.

We all need to put our collective minds on to identifying possible efficiencies in the way we do things at all levels of Scouting so that a lack of the almighty dollar doesn't waylay our other efforts to support our youth.

Any positive suggestions you have on these subjects will be welcomed.

Cheers

Scout Report

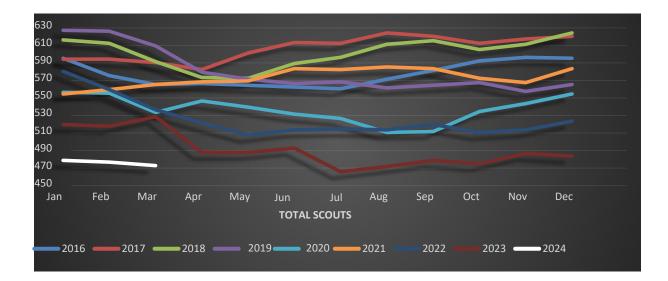
Hi Scout Leaders,

At the time of writing Corroboree is on! I hope you had a great Easter break, a great Corroboree if you went (thanks Sam and Fiona Fittkau and your Committee for running it), a great Regatta if you went (thanks to the Regatta Committee for running that), and are all set for another month of Scouting!

In this month's column I'm talking about:

- Numbers,
- <u>TrailJam</u>,
- <u>Scout & Guide Regatta</u>,
- <u>All Leaders' Weekend</u>,
- Incident Forms, and
- <u>Clark Trophy</u>

Numbers



You can see from the above graph that Scout numbers are still relatively flat since last month (losing 4 Scouts). I imagine we will likely face the usual decline as older Scouts move up to Venturers following Corroboree.

In the last month, Joey numbers have increased by 13, Cub numbers have declined by 15, Venturer numbers have increased by 3, and Rover numbers have increased by 4. Don't forget: if a Scout leaves — whether it's from the organisation completely or whether it's a move up to Venturers — please complete the exit survey: https://forms.office.com/r/HXvjqDWV4b.

TrailJam

The usual global Jamboree on the Trail (second Saturday in May) ended last year after 26 years. This year it has been replaced by TrailJam.



The format is essentially the same: all Scout Groups around the world are encouraged to get out on the trail on the second Saturday of May and promote Scouting. For more details see https://www.facebook.com/Trailjamday and to register, please go to <u>TrailJam Registrations</u>

Scout and Guide Regatta

I hope that those of you enjoyed Regatta as much as I and my Scouts did. In the Review, those attending rated enjoyment at 4.43/5 and catering at 3.86/5. I also got a lot of feedback which I will pass on to the Regatta Committee. Six groups who didn't attend Regatta also provided feedback — four didn't attend because it was too expensive, one didn't because the Scouts didn't want to, and one didn't specify the reasons.

All Leaders' Weekend

The weekend of 3rd and 4th of August has been set aside for an All Leaders' Weekend. It'll be held in Launceston and the details are being put together. If you'd like to learn about something specific, or discuss something specific, please let me know so that I can pass it on. In the past we've talked about mental health, dealing with youth members with special needs, aspects of the achievement pathways, and practical sessions on skills. Please email me at

bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au if you have any suggestions. And please put this event in your calendar now!

Incident Forms

Just a gentle reminder regarding the importance of completing an incident form in the event of an accident, near miss, or policy breach. Incident forms serve as a crucial tool for ongoing learning and improvement within the scouting community. Even in the case of a minor incident or a near miss, submitting an incident form aids us in recognising potential patterns or trends that may reveal underlying issues in the way we run our scouting activities. So, if something has gone awry or should not have occurred, please help us make Scouting better and contribute to a culture of safety and transparency by completing an incident form. Incident forms are treated with confidence and can be found here: https://tas-1.myscout.com.au/DocumentDisplay/442.

Clark Trophy

Way off in the distance of the year (November 16th and 17th) is the next Clark Trophy. It's a 'heavyweight' standing camp this year with cooking on gas stoves. Attendance from all Groups is encouraged; please put it in your Calendar now and please try to avoid organising other camps/activities at that time. This year we'll be at Scout Island near Launceston.

See you in May!

-Julian.

Dr Julian Dermoudy

Branch Commissioner, Scouts

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(ub Report

Term 1 is just about over already! What has been the highlight of your term 1 program? Have you been "Out & About" and making the most of the good weather? Please let me know! Send through some quick reports and photos! I'd love to share them in the newsletter!

Regatta Taster

The Regatta has been and gone and what a great day we had for the Regatta Taster! A big THANK YOU to Captain Jacki & Captain Mel for organising and running the day! All the Cubs I spoke to had a fantastic time. There are some photos from the day included.

We were also lucky to have 2 Grey Wolf Award recipients & 1 Cub Leader invited to be on the Egeria with her Excellency the Governor for the sail past. Congratulations to the members selected.

Commissioners Challenge

If you have an idea for this year's Commissioner"s Challenge please let me know. The number of Units applying for badges has been very low the last few years, so I'm interested to hear from you about what you think is achievable for the Cubs.

Facebook Group

It is great to see our Facebook group slowly growing (which also suggest people DO read this newsletter report). Feel free to invite others to join and start posting questions/resources/ideas! https://www.facebook.com/groups/tassiecubscouts/

Grey Wolf Awards

Congratulations to the following Cubs who have achieved their Grey Wolf Award! This is a fantastic achievement! One! Two! Three! WOLF!!!!

Jake Mather-Norris	Turners Beach
Jacob Turner	Summerhill
Jasmine Harper	Blackmans Bay
Betty McRobert	Taroona
William Kostiuk	Taroona

Good Hunting!

David Henwood Branch Commissioner – Cub Scouts bc.<u>cubs@tas.scouts.com.a</u>u

Cub Taster at the Regatta













For more Cub Taster photos, click on the link below

<u>2024-04</u>

Joey Scout Report

It's hard to believe it is almost Easter. It's been a busy Term 1 so far for our Joey Scout Units and it has been lovely seeing our Joey Scout Units out and about participating in community activities such as Clean Up Australia Day, Harmony Day and Jamboree on Pedals.

Breaking the Cycle



When I first joined as a Joey Scout Leader, my Unit was participating in Scouts in Action Month which had a theme of "Breaking the Cycle". For me it was a great time to start in Scouting and to see the positive impact that focussing on behavioural expectations, empathy and teamwork could have on creating an environment where Youth Members can feel safe, respected and included.

Managing behaviour in a Joey Scout Unit can be tricky, but as Leaders it's

crucial for us to implement preventive measures and be able to recognise and address bullying incidents promptly and effectively There are a lot of resources on the internet that can help us with this. If you haven't developed a Unit Code, or you haven't revisited your Unit Code in a while, please consider doing so. For some useful resources see:

- Bullying, No Way. https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/
- Scout Central https://central.scouts.com.au/programs search for "bullying" and you will find lots of programs, games and resources
- Scouting Resources, https://scouts.com.au/blog/2019/11/28/breaking-the-cycle/

Together, let's build a community where every Joey Scout feels valued and accepted.

New Commissioner's Challenge – "Let's get Creative!"

A new Commissioner's Challenge will be coming out soon. Last year's "Community" Commissioner's Challenge was successfully completed by 127 Joey Scouts from 10 Joey Scout Units. That's an amazing effort! Well done to all.

The focus for this year's badge will be on challenging Joey Scout Units to PLAN, DO and REVIEW, 8 activities that involve the Joey Scouts being creative. As I mentioned in my recent email to Leaders, this year we will again be running a badge design competition. Joey Scouts have until 28 April (the end of the Term 1 school holiday break) to design a Commissioner's Challenge badge that shows Joey Scouts being creative. We will use the winning design on this year's badge. If you did not receive a copy of the entry form, please email me (see contact details below).





All Leader Weekend

Joey Scout State Event – Out of this World!

Planning is well underway for the 2024 Joey Scout State Event. This year's event will be held at the Campbell Town Recreation Grounds, a fantastic venue for our event. The event will be on Saturday the 24th of August, so please put that date in your diaries. The theme for this year's event will be "Out of this World!".

The All Leaders Weekend is on again this year and will be held in the North of the State on the weekend of August 3-4. For those that haven't been before, the All Leaders Weekend is a fun

weekend of social interaction, personal development, and consultation for all of our Leaders. We want to make this weekend as relevant and useful as possible. To do this we would love some feedback on what you would like to know more about as a Leader. What support do you need? What would you like to try? Please let me know your ideas for topics or activities.

Southern Region Joey Scout Splash

A huge thank you to Danie Forinash, Mel Abbott and our Southern Joey Scout Leaders for organising a fun-filled Southern Region Event. This event, called the "2024 Joey Splash", took place at Snug Beach (North West Bay) on the 17th of March. From water activities to team challenges, it was an afternoon filled with laughter and fun. A few photos of the event are at the end of this report.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Ella McLean from the 1st Tamar Joey Scout Unit and to Vali Gibson from the Motton-Preston Scout Group who were recently were awarded the Joey Scout Challenge Award. Well done Ella and Vali on achieving this award and for your dedication and effort!

Well that's it for this month. I look forward to seeing you all at the many Scouting events over the coming months. I hope you and your family have a wonderful and relaxing Easter.

Happy Joey Scouting!

Ruth Henderson Branch Commissioner (Joey Scouts) bc.joeys@scoutstas.org.au







Scouts Australia

Tasmanian Branch

Request the pleasure of your company at the

Annual General Meeting

to be held on Friday 31st May 2024 commencing at 7.30pm at the Brighton Civic Centre 25 Green Point Rd, Bridgewater

In the presence of

The Governor of Tasmania Her Excellency The Honourable Barbara Baker AC

Presentation of Awards

Good Service Awards and Scout Medallions will be presented. Queen's Scout and Baden-Powell Awards acknowledged.

Dress: Uniform or Lounge suit (ladies after 5 wear) Decorations may be worn. Light refreshment will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

> RSVP by 10 May 2024 to Branch Headquarters on Phone 6229 9385 or

Email: admin@tas.scouts.com.au

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Well done to the new leaders that have completed their Scouting Essentials and Adventure course in the last month. We have the next lot of new leader training in May/June up in the NW at Fulton Park, don't miss the opportunity to do it if you are from the NW.

Course dates and info:

All basic leader training for this year is in the calendar on MyScout and is listed below.

Please make sure you put in your TOP 7 to Branch ASAP this needs to be done three weeks before any Courses to help us make sure the course can be run. Here is a list of upcoming training and dates:

Abseiling Skills update @ AGFEST 2-4th May – Please note while this is NOT an official training course it is the perfect opportunity to refresh your skills and we will have plenty of practice as well as some time to do rescues etc.

Scouting Essentials 25-26th May – FULTON PARK – NW

Scouting Adventure 15-16th June - FULTON PARK – NW

Scouting Management 15-16th June - FULTON PARK - NW

Scouting Leadership 30th Jun – Online content

Bushwalking TP (Alpine Conditions) 26-28th – Cradle Mtn Limited numbers

Scouting Leadership 6-8th Sept – The Lea – South

Scouting Essentials 21-22nd September – The Lea – South

Scouting Adventure 19-20th February – The Lea – South

Scouting Management 19-20th February – The Lea – South

CAVING will be run if we have enough Participants, there are currently 2 possible dates – May 10-12th or August 9-11th, it will be run in the South of the state, please indicate you interest and put in a TOP 7.

We have enough interest to run some of the following Adventurous Activity courses that Leaders and Adult Helpers can apply for so keep an eye out on your emails and those that have let us know will be directly contacted.

Abseiling (Artificial and Natural), Basic Seamanship (Sailing and Rowing), Canoeing/Kayak – Flat Water and Canoeing/Kayaking – Moving Water, Caving, Pioneering, 1st Aid, and TP Bushwalking (Non-Alpine). If there are other OAS activities you are interested in please let us know.

Please register your interest by directly emailing me ross.smith@tas.scouts.com.au, Thommo Andrew.thompson@tas.scouts.com.au or send in a TOP7 to training@tas.scouts.com.au leaving the course name and date blank.

Upcoming changes to your endorsements

With the upcoming release of the New TOP's (Tasmanian Organisation & Procedures i.e. rules) there will be a major change in our OAS/AA endorsements. The endorsement of SP – Safe participant is going to be removed and all training for AA will be aimed at TP – Trained Participant, AL - Activity Leader or G - Guide. This will simplify but more importantly make the terminology easier to understand. No-one ever really knew what a SP could do.

Additional Training info:

On the Job Training (OJT, explanation in the November, August 2023 and February 2024 newsletters) on the training portal and IAVP's (Individual Adult Volunteer Plan) how are our team leaders going with assisting our new leader?

Another issue quite common is peoples OJT email which come from

noreply@training.scouts.com.au are ending up in the junk mail folder especially emails to Team Leaders, please look out for this.

Are you current!!! HOW IS THIS GOING!!!

So our biggest task this year is to increase the number of activity endorsements as there are a considerable number of leaders and adult helpers that do not have current endorsements. If your 1st aid needs renewing (or you have recently renewed) you must complete a TOP31!! It is important you use the version that is current (Feb 2022) and on MyScout. All old versions do not have the required information on them and will be rejected.

It is also important that you provide information relating to your competency and currency,

such as logbook, check any eLearning etc. This is very important as our insurance company rightly expects that any scout person leading activities has the right skill level, just as we would expect anyone leading family and friends are properly endorsed or qualified.

Have you filled in your TOP27 (LOGBOOK) for the month!! Check your phone pics to remind you what you have done.

If you wish to discuss anything further feel free to drop me an email or call me on 0418 130 996.

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Wow, what a fantastic, child-safe group of adults we have in Scouts Tasmania. I am very proud of everyone for committing to keeping our youth members safe. It has been a long process ensuring all our adult members have completed their Child Safe Scouting online module. Unfortunately, a small number of members were deregistered; however, we hope they make contact with BHQ in the near future to complete their training and are re-instated. If you know of someone who is in this boat, please give them a nudge; it is not too late to get back on board.

Erratum: In my March report, it stated the following

"On this note, all adults who are involved in Scout activities (in any way, no matter how 'minor' it appears), in direct contact with youth or not, will need to be registered members, as event staff or adult helpers, and MUST present their WWVP and complete the online child-safety module."

This should have read:

"On this note, all adults who are involved in Scout activities (in any way, no matter how 'minor' it appears), in direct contact with youth or not, will need to be registered members, as committee members or adult helpers, and MUST present their WWVP and complete the online child-safety module."

Additional clarification:

Activity leaders will need to provide their WWVP and complete the online child-safety module. Event staff (such as parents staying overnight at the Regatta) will need to provide their WWVP and do not need to complete the online child-safety module.

I recommend that anyone involved in Scouts Tasmania, in any capacity, complete the Child Safe Scouting module, regardless of role. The greater knowledge we all have, the safer we can keep our youth members. It is not about who 'must' do it; I hope we are all willing to do it for our youth members.

I hope your group received your A3 posters of the 10 Standards and the Universal Principle of the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework. This should have come to your group at EITHER the Regatta or via post. Please put this poster up in a prominent position for all youth and adult members, as well as families and community members. If your group did not receive one, please let BHQ know and we will ensure one is posted.

I have been impressed to hear many groups and formations are including 'Child Safety' and 'OH&S' as standard agenda items at all meetings. A small but important change that gives everyone the opportunity to raise concerns or affirm successes in both of these areas.

This month's child-safety task is to make a physical safety audit of your meeting space/hall. Are there areas of your hall/meeting space/storerooms, where our standard 2-deep policy with youth is either not-possible or an area of high risk of not being met? No, this is not a formal form; however, identifying these areas and having a 'solutions based' discussion within groups/formations regarding areas which may need to be 'adult only' or 'youth only' in the future, or areas where leaders need to be extra vigilant to ensure we are always 2 deep.

Yours in Child Safe Scouting, Katrina Munting State Commissioner - Child Safety.

N.W. Fellowship



NW Fellowship Gathering.

The North West Fellowship group meet monthly at different venues which can include a gentle walk in different areas.

Stanley had been deferred from late last year - our plan was fish and chips in the park but due to some unforeseeable conditions we ate at Hursheys restaurant. We then had a drive around the area.

Aluminium frame Gazebos

Thank you to all the groups that registered their aluminium frame gazebos under 20 sqm. Putting together the audit highlighted a lot of issues branch and groups need to workshop.

At the Scout Guide Regatta, I gave out approximately 1,000 V shape pegs. Branch voted to supply each group with V shape pegs as round pegs do not provide enough anchor weight in sandy to medium soils.

These pegs give a greater anchor kg hold in **Sandy to Medium Soils**, heavy round pegs are still required in rocky, clay, road base ground.

Issues Noticed at Scout Guide Regatta

a) The number of groups that use Leaders private aluminium frame gazebos,

b) The number of aluminium frame gazebos imported and have not been tested against the Australian standard. Some may pass, we just do not know, others would not.

c) The number of gazebos not anchored down at all, the holes in the gazebo legs are to stabiles the legs, they do not provide any anchor hold down, even if you use two pegs sideways.

d) The number of gazebos with no guy ropes attach, frayed ropes tied together or tied to the

canopy not the frame. Each **3 X 3 m requires 2 guy ropes per pole and 3 X 6 m 3 guys ropes per pole**. They need to be permanently attached to the frame as indicated in the manual. Sandford Scout Group is trialling reflective guy ropes, rated breaking strength of 135 kg, unsure if the rope has UV stabilizer.

e) A few canopies are well past their use by date, damaged, stretched,

If your group is looking to purchase an aluminium Gazebo, ensure it has been tested and meets AS/NZ 1170 wind standard. Also think about your groups use and weight of the gazebo, 2 3 X 3m with a joining gutter may offer you more options and is lighter and easier to handle than a 3 X 6m.

The following manufactures have supplied AS/NZ 1170 certificate,

Outdoor Instant Shelters, Oz Trail, Extreme Marques, Outdoor Connection, Altegra, Canopy Outdoors,

If you place your order through HQ, they will be able to claim the 10% GST redate and pass it onto you. Outdoor Connection company is founded and run by ex-scouts and will give you a 15% discount, plus 10 % GST = 25% off.

Branch still has some V shape pegs, if you would like to purchase more for your larger sleeping tents, cost is \$1 per peg, you will need to arrange pick up. Orders: Susan sehovington@hovo.id.au



outdoor.connection.com.au Phone 07 3715 8400



Donald John Fitzpatrick

5th August 1943 - 13th March 2023

Don joined Hobart Gang Show as a cast member when he was 17, 4 years after it started in 1956. His involvement in HGS continued until 1969 when the show went into recess. Don passion to give other youth the same opportunity he had was instrumental in getting Hobart Gang Show up and running again after a 25 year break in 1991. He worked tirelessly and enthusiastically at that time as Director, with a combined Scout and Guide cast. Don has held many other roles with Hobart Gang Show, doing all he could to ensure the show continued. From 2011, he took on less demanding roles including Props and Photography and then he was thrilled to be given one last chance to be "on stage again" in 2015 where he had a cameo role. The pleasure he took in being on stage again showed his heart was still with Scouting and Hobart Gang Show. It is with sadness that we say farewell, Don embodied the Scout Hymn

He kept his Honour shining bright, he was loyal in the hardest fight and he has earned a place among his fellow men.

Denice Walter On behalf of all "The Gang" of Hobart Gang Show

Don wore many hats from 1965 till 2021 Scout Leader Prince of Wales Bay, Chigwell, Newtown, Bellerive, Queenstown and Smithton, putting his hand up supporting and keeping groups running.

With deteriorating health Don continued volunteering he joined the Tasmanian Heritage Team sorting and cataloging Tasmanian Scout History. Dons contribution to Tasmanian Scouts youth and Leaders has been massive. His contributions over 51 years was recognised in 1999 when he was awarded Silver Koala, in 2018 a Life Membership. In 2016 the 40th year of HobartGang Show, a perpetual award for crew "The Don Fitzpatrick award".

We have been very privileged to have had Don as a friend, college, mentor, he lived life to the full, touched many lives and has left this World a better place.



Rest in peace



From 1st April only 279 days to go and your Jamboree Experience can begin.

Registrations for Tasmania **close April 30th** so if you have not started your application to be part of it get on and register **NOW** at aj2025.com.au.

Did you know?

You may already be registered for AJ2025! If you completed an expression of interest for AJ2025, good news! You already have started your registration for the Jamboree. Log back into the registration website to complete your application and click submit.

First payment is due on registration and definitly by April 30that close of applications.

The Lord Baden Powell Society generously donates funds to help youth attend the Jamboree where there is financial hardship.

To apply for assistance please email aj@tas.scouts.com.au for the application form.

Applications for assistance close May 30th 2024

WHAT IS A JAMBOREE?

- A unique experience that will leave you with memories and friends for forever
- 10 days of camping with great mates from all around the country
- A variety of exciting activities both onsite and offsite including water activities, city explorations, zoo experiences, adventurous activities and many more



YOUR QUEST YOUR WAY

We're excited to preview some of the exciting activities the program team have instore for you in January 2025.

Your Attraction

A full day visit to the iconic Australia Zoo, the home of the Crocodile Hunter. You will get to meet some incredible wildlife, including a live croc show in the Crocoseum.

Your Seaside

Enjoy the breathtaking beaches of Hervey Bay whilst taking part in heaps of water activities including snorkeling, stand up paddle boards, raft building and many more.

Your Discovery

Learn something new at the Jamboree with a whole range of activities including Genetics, Coding, Engineering and Forensic Crime Scene. Your Choice Pick the activities you and your patrol want to do. All onsite, these include 3D printing, an Escape Room, Blacksmith, Drones and even a Graffiti Wall.

We the Tasmanian Contingent Team look forward to having you and your Scout as part of Tasmania's Contingent.

If you have any questions, please contact Contingent by email at

aj@tas.scouts.com.au

Cheers
Andrea Heap
Contingent Leader
AJ2025

Scout/Guide Legatta

The 59th Scout/Guide regatta was held over the weekend of 9th to the 11th of March at Snug Beach.

Numbers were a slightly lower this year mainly due to the Corrobboree and the Jamboree. Over 500 were in attendance.

Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, the Governor of Tasmania opened the regatta and then boarded the Egeria to take the salute of the sail past. Her Excellency also judged the best decorated boat in the sail past.

Our Sunday program was interrupted by a shark sighting and might I add the first one in the regatta's history! We got everyone out of the water and reported the sighting to the Police. The program team (Gavin, Tina and Stuart) swung into action and rearranged the program to onshore events for the remainder of the morning. Following an early lunch we resumed our afternoon program except swimming events. Thanks to Neil Ruut we were able to use a drone to patrol the beach on a regular basis. Thankfully the rest of the weekend went well and no more shark sightings.

Feedback so far suggests that the food was good, and we had lots of fun.

2025 will be the 60th regatta so we will be planning something special. If anyone has any good ideas for the 60th regatta or would like to help, please feel free to contact me. In conclusion, I would like to thank the committee and all those involved in delivering a fabulous event. Special thanks to Michael Hovington for sorting out the registrations. I would like to recognise and thank the unsung heroes that keep the regatta running: WAS team for cleaning, hot water loo rolls etc. The Quartermaster and staff who get all the equipment to and from site, pack and unpack trucks. Security staff, First aid, the program team, catering, and communications team who put up the public address systems.

Mike Wilson Chairman

Regatta Pics











The two images above are an exercise on how to bottle and recover a patrol boat which is a requirement for the anchor badge. We did this at the regatta and all the kids and leaders had lots of fun.