

**OPENING THE 49<sup>TH</sup> SCOUT/GUIDE REGATTA BY THE  
HONOURABLE PETER UNDERWOOD AC, GOVERNOR OF  
TASMANIA, SNUG SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012**

As Governor and Chief Scout of Tasmania it is a great pleasure to be back with you again at a Scout/Guide Regatta; in fact it is the 49<sup>th</sup> Scout/Guide Regatta that has been held – just a year away from your 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It seems as though only a nano-second has passed since I was up at Quercus Park opening the great Venture, “Wild Dayz”. By all accounts it was a great success attended by something like 1300 participants who came from all over Australia and overseas. All the reports I have received say that it was a wonderful life changing experience for those who were there.

And, there’s another life changing experience coming up on the 6<sup>th</sup> January next year with the staging of the Australian International Girl Guides Jamboree Fantastic, also at Quercus Park; so that is something to look forward too.

Meantime we have this glorious weekend to spend at the 2012 Regatta. I see that this year the Regatta is continuing the theme that it started last year to encourage recycling. I said when I opened last year’s Regatta that it was up to scouts and guides to lead the way and to encourage others to use the recycling bins to help preserve the environment. If you have been doing this on a regular basis you will

notice that you have got into the habit of putting your containers into bins and that you feel really uncomfortable if you can't find a recycle bin into which to put your can or bottle. Indeed, the habit of recycling can become so ingrained that it's not long before you feel uncomfortable if you see *someone else* not putting their can or bottle into a recycle bin. So keep up the good work and encourage others to do the same. Use the recycle-bins and help to keep Australia beautiful.

Now in this Regatta everyone can take part. It is all about having a go. And if you do have a go you will learn new skills, understand water safety, improve your self-confidence and at the same time have a lot of fun.

The message for this regatta is "Have Devil of a Time," a theme that is designed not only to encourage you to have fun, but also to remind you of the need to raise funds to continue the important research work that is underway to try and save the Devil population from the deadly facial tumour disease. This is a project that Scouts Tasmania is getting behind and it needs all the support it can get.

I think that there are something like 1,000 scouting and guiding personnel registered for this wonderful Regatta plus a whole lot of other parents, friends and helpers. To all those parents, friends and helpers I say thank you, for without you this Regatta simply would not be possible.

I now formally declare the 49<sup>th</sup> Scout/Guide Regatta open and wish you all a devil of a time.