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Christmas Island Community Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Ma Chor Nui Nui  
(Goddess  
of the Sea's  
Birthday*

*Ma Chor Nui Nui  
Waterfall Temple*

*Friday  
29th April  
4.30pm*

it's **BABY**   
**Rhyme Time**

@ your library

Saturday 30th April  
10.45am - 11.15am



Cultural Cyber  
Fashion Show by Hideaki  
CLA/CINC  
Night Markets  
CLA Foreshore  
Saturday  
30th April 2016  
6.30pm



**CIWA  
Mother's  
Day Dinner**  
**LUCKY HO  
RESTAURANT**  
Sunday  
8th May 2016  
6.30pm

## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE 25th April 2016

As the night gave up the last of its hours, a procession began on an ever growing annual pilgrimage to the Smith Point lookout. After a wake up cup of coffee and for some, a shot of rum to help the blood flow, as always, and as was in 1915 at first light at Gallipoli, people gave respect to the fallen on the 101st ANZAC Day.

As the sun rose, grandparents to grandchildren listened to words and stories that were played out in imaginations, of courage and comradery between two newly colonised nations, and a foe that would be equally respected by New Zealanders and Australians as respected by the defending Turks themselves. Stories were read from three perspectives, those from Australia, New Zealand and Turkey, which all reflected a common narrative, of the waste of young life and the pointlessness of war. Wreaths were laid by various Government and Community groups, and as frigate and booby birds swooped above over the look out, the sound of a bugle broke the silence with Reveille.

The Smith Point ANZAC ceremonies have drawn larger numbers of the community over the years, the added atmosphere of the location and its wartime history amplifying the mood to reflect. ANZAC Day on Christmas Island mirrors what Australia nationwide has become today, as people from all walks of life and of all ages, paid their respect to those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedoms we all enjoy today.

In a rare outcome of blood death and carnage, a strong tie between three nations will always remain and will be remembered each April 25th on ANZAC Day.

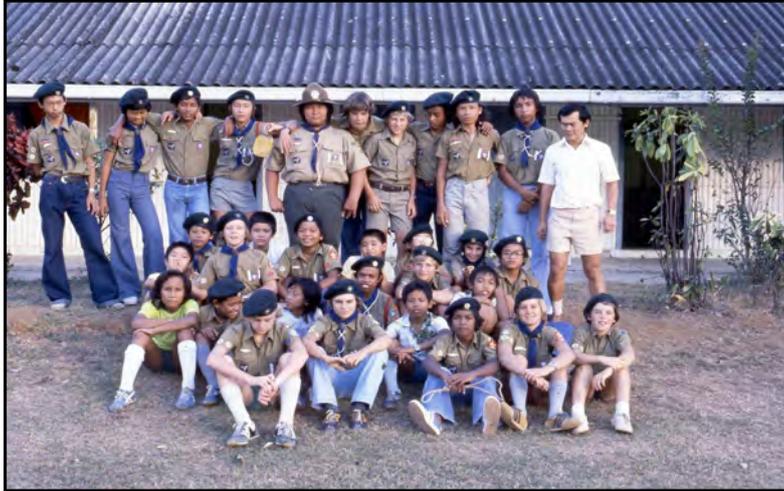


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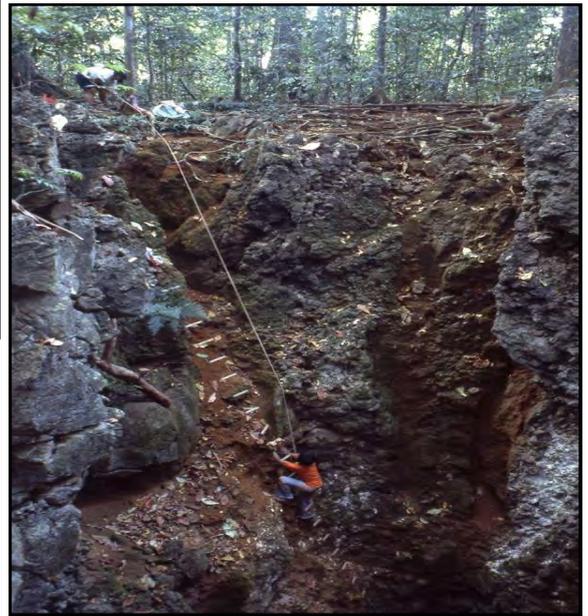


## Do You Remember When: Christmas Island Scouting

**Yes!** There was a time when kids did stuff. A time before Ipods, Mobile Phones, Play Stations and a time as pictured below, before liability laws stopped kids from doing stuff. In the mid 1970's one of the great youth organisations of the world ,the Scouting movement, reached Christmas Island, and so with dedicated local leaders and a band of equally dedicated followers, each weekend and public holiday, set out to discover their Island as well as learn survival and bushcraft skills.



*Left: Recognise anybody? C.I Scouting Troop with Scout Leader Martin Eng rear right and a proud Walter Wong centre back with hat at Scouting HQ the Cocos Padang in 1979. Photo by Mark Hallam.*

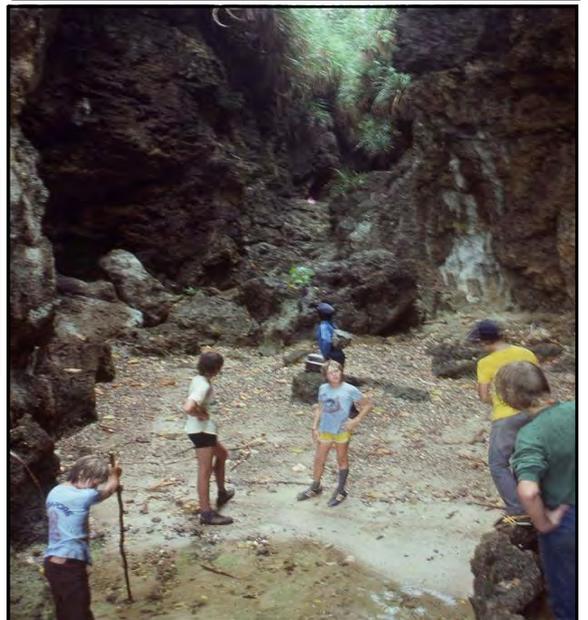


*Above: Mokti climbs out of a sink hole at Egeria Point. Photo by Mark Hallam*



*Above: Anzac Day march 1985 at the Administrators residence (Tai Jin House) led by the Scouts and followed by the Christmas Island Girl Guides and Cubs. The Police Officer is Sergeant Victor Young and behind the marching line is a Sikh Singapore police officer. The CI Police were recruited from Singapore and were operational until the late 1980s. Photo by Ian Foster.*

The Scouting movement on Christmas Island would have brought back some of the best memories of an era growing up for those lucky to be on Island in those special times. There is from these pictures the feeling of comradery and friendship, with kids anticipating the challenges of what the next adventure may bring. It may be with social media saturation and technology that Christmas Island kids are waiting for another Mr Eng in the community to put back the adventure in their lives. These photos were obtained from postings made on the Christmas Island Past & Present Facebook page with the appreciated permission of both Mark Hallam & Ian Foster.



*Above: Hike to the Dales, hot muddied and exhausted, C.I Scouts pause to take a breather and plan the next stage of the trek through the Dales in 1979.*