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Chief Commissioner's Report

I have four new appointments this month, Andrew Thomson is taking over the BC Adventurous Activities, which Tony McDonald has been doing for the last 6 years. Andrew will start this role in April. Phil Dickinson will be taking over the DC role in Mersey. Phil will start this role after the Mersey AGM. Don Fitzpatrick is to take on the DC Distant Groups.

Don will look after Queenstown and Smithton Groups and hopefully give them the help that all other Groups get from their District Commissioners. Craig Millsom is taking on PC Rover Fellowship. We are hoping Craig will be able to keep more Booted Rovers in our organisation. Congratulation to these four Leaders and thank you for taking on these roles.

This month I have the position of BC International vacant. If anyone is interested in this role, please send me your résumé.

Congratulation to Barry Dudman for receiving his 60-year service Award. That is fantastic, for someone to stay with one organisation for 60 years is just unbelievable. Thanks for your great service Barry and I hear you are still doing a great job.

We are getting a lot of new Leaders/Adult Helpers and parents coming into our Groups. It is hard to break into a Group when you are unknown, please make them welcome, if we don't we will lose them. If you get a new parent/Leader in your Group, please go out of your way to make them welcome.



Over the holidays, Oscar Varney from the Burnie Venturer Unit was given the Young Person Award at the Burnie Council Australian Day Awards. Oscar has a passion for cycling and is actively pursuing amateur competitive Track & Road Cycling aiming at the National selection as a member of the Tasmanian under 17 squad. Oscar is a genuine high achiever who puts the work into all his pursuits and is an active as a Bunch Leader in Scout Cycling activities. Thanks Pip for the information.

10th Hobart hall has a new paint job and it looks great. The Lea is also getting painted, what a bit of paint does to the looks of a building is priceless.

The Marketing Committee is looking for a new image, something like what Victoria and South Australia has. We want something to put on a badge, use in all our documents, headers, letters and emails. I will be emailing everyone with the details and hopefully get it to all parents and Youth. I'm hoping to have a prize for the best image and saying/quote. We also need new Marketing Committee members as we have had a couple of people drop out of our Committee. If you have any experience in marketing or have some good ideas, send me an email, we would love to have you.

Don't forget, it is 100 years of Rovers this year. If you going to the Regatta, the Rovers will be doing the sail pass first in Patrol Boats, they will most likely have T-shirts on with all the Crews that have been in Tasmania.

As most of the Leader of Adults should know by now (ie GL's, DC's, BC's, Training Team and District Leaders and PC's if they wish) we are having two one day courses to bring them up to speed on the Adventure Begins. We are then hoping that the DC's, Training Team and the GL's of the Groups will have a meeting with the other Leaders in the Group and present them with the Adventure Begins material and have discussions on how to present this material to the Youth. We are here to help as much as possible with this change.

We have had two good meetings, one at Campbelltown with the GL's and one at Ross with the Commissioners, thank you all for attending. I think the meetings are a good way to find out things and discuss things that we are not sure about. With the new Program Review coming along, I think it is very important that we dis-

cuss how it is to be implemented. We are here for each other, without good teams we can't serve our Youth members and make a better community for everyone.



Chief Commissioner's Report Cont'd

It was a pleasure to be asked to present a Grey Wolf, congratulation to Daniel Mulcahy from Derwent Sea Scout Pack for achieving this high award.

Mike Patten and I had a meeting with the TCF (Tasmanian Community Fund), as some of you might know we have been very successful in these Grants over the last two or three years. Unfortunately, they have asked us to rank the grants that we put into them. Unless you give me some thoughts on how important this grant is to you I will have to judge for myself, which might not be



correct. The TCF will look at our ranking but might think otherwise as it is up to them. We would hope that our thoughts and their thoughts would be the same. As Sea Scout Groups would know Mike Patten received a very large grant from the TCF for four boats with engines and prop guards, this will allow all Groups, including land Scouts to get the Scouts on the water in safety again. Well done Mike!

All Leaders who haven't done their Basic Sectional Training yet, please Be Prepared (BP) that a Basic Sectional course is coming up very soon (April 14-15th at The Lea). Please make sure you have completed your eLearning before you get to the course. You have plenty of time to get them done, but start now. I did email all Leaders who are trainees in our database. If you were one of these Leaders and you have completed the Basic Sectional weekend course, then you must have something missing. Have you PLA or GL completed the paperwork? Have you completed your Field Day course? If you are a Scout/Venturer/Rover Leader have you completed the Outdoor Skills course, or have you completed the eLearning? If not please talk to your GL to find out why you haven't received your Certificate of Adult Leadership.

It was sad to hear the loss of Vern Barry, husband of Kath Barry after a long illness. Our thoughts go out to his family.

Michael Hovington Chief Commissioner cc@scoutstas.org.au





The Tasmanian Scout Heritage Centre

The Lea Scout Centre, 330 Proctors Rd. Kingston, Tasmania, Australia



For more information call Tony Peck 03 6243 1500 A Hrs or 0499 250 360

Have a happy and safe

Easter

from the

Team at Branch



e-Learning Update

NOTIFICATION OF UPDATE

ACCREDIT AA OUTDOOR PLAN

"e-Learning update"

KEY CHANGE:

Automated script to be run on e-Learning to accredit any member that has completed AA BUSHPLAN and AA EQUIP before 1 December 2017 with the new module AA OUTDOOR PLAN.

BACKGROUND:

Late last year the generic / common core elements from AA BUSHPLAN and AA EQUIP were consolidated into a new module - AA OUTDOOR PLAN. The overall time to complete these three modules is the same as the original two. This change enabled members seeking other AA credentials a more holistic learning curriculum. This change was sanctioned by the NTC and NOC in November 2017.

However, it has been realised that as Branches look to ensure consistency of record keeping that there may be some confusion for pre and post 1 December 2017 completions.

DETAIL:

Once the script has been run the module AA OUTDOOR PLAN will display as being 100% complete on the members public record and listed as being completed on 1 Dec 2017 in the LMS admin system. Along with this script we will be running another script that will ensure modules such as AA BUSHPLAN and AA EQUIP that were completed before the slide count changed will still open at the correct slide.

AA OUTDOOR PLAN was a new module that we added to the suite of modules in Basic Outdoor Skills (BOS). It was created by pulling the common core content out of AA EQUIP and AA BUSHPLAN that is also needed in other fields such as paddling and abseiling.

Elston Hynd

National Commissioner for Adult Training & Development

March Branch Calendar		
Date	Event	Where
10 - 13	Scout Guide Regatta	Snug Beach
11	TBRC - AGM & GMB	
15	Business & Finance Committee Meeting	The Lea
16	Branch Council Committee Meeting	The Lea
17	YPR - Program Mentor (South)	
18	YPR - Program Mentor (North)	
19	Leven District AGM	
20	Hellyer District AGM	
21	Mersey District AGM	
23 - 25	VS - Maritime Challenge	
23 - 26	Youthfest	
30 - 3	Easter Moot	
30 - 3	Corroboree	The Lea
31 - 1	Pre-Tour ride for NE Mini Tour	



Scouts Australia - Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania

Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta

GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA TASMANIA

PO Box 36, Blackmans Bay, Tasmania 7052 Email: sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au

Cubs and Guides 8-10 years, along with your Cub/Guide Leaders are invited to come along to the Regatta Taster at Snug on Saturday 10th March 1pm-4.30pm



While the Regatta is essentially a Scout/Guide event, the Regatta Taster is a great event to promote Scouts and Guides. Come along and see 800 or more Scouts, Guides, Venturers and Rovers, Leaders and parents from all over the state "unplugged", competing and enjoying some fun water activities.

We will gather on the parade ground at 1pm, form into groups and head off for some awesome fun-filled activities including:

- Come and have a go- kayaking/canoeing (2 Leaders/parents will need to help in the water)
- Bucket relay
- Squeezy bottle battle
- Swim
- Thong throw
- Greasy/slippery pole
- Musical flags
- Sand sculpting
- ***4 way Tug-of-war*** @ 3.30pm



Finishing with a HUGE Water Bomb Battle on the beach near the footbridge at $4.00 \mathrm{pm}$.

What to bring:

- Your Leader, parent.
- Lunch and afternoon tea, including a drink.
- **MUST HAVE water shoes** and be ON AT ALL TIMES (due to oyster shells at this beach)
- can wear sandals, old sandshoes etc.
- Bathers +rash vest or wetsuit (if you have one), goggles (for water bomb battle), set of warm dry clothes including hooded jumper if possible, towels x2, sunscreen and hat (all in a backpack). Raincoat if likely to be needed.
- Please ensure all items are named, including your group, so you have a chance of getting them returned.
- PLUS ***Filled water balloons/bombs (ideally 20 for each participant)

You will be given a map of the Regatta site indicating where the activities are and an order to follow. All Groups will need to have a Leader to go around the activities with their Cubs/Guides. The Leader will run the activity when they arrive at it, apart from the greasy pole (a couple of Rovers will be able to help out in the pool). Ideally you will all get to do all of the activities listed above but this will depend on numbers attending.

***There is NO COST to attend this event but, we would appreciate an indication of your Groups' attendance and roughly how many participants, to the below email address. Contact Jo Maddock (Sandford Cub Leader) for any further information 0409399874 or email maddock@m2data.com.au

Environment Report

Another year is off to a flying start. By now Groups should have started back and be in the swing of their programs. I hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful landscape. Now is a great time to get out and hike, and watch out for the seasonal changes that occur in your local outdoor spaces.

March 4th is Clean Up Australia Day. If you haven't already registered your Group it is not too late to jump on board. You can register as a site yourself or participate in an event that is being held near you.

https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/

This year there is a great competition running alongside the event. https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/about/competitions/2011-photo-and-video-competition

The most creative collage will win a Canon Power shot Camera.



The Scout shop has this year's badge available to order now. Remember that every day is a Clean Up day and our

Youth can participate at any time throughout the year. Participation in a Clean Up event can be signed off on the Landcare Special Interest Badge as well as various environment and community components of the award scheme across the different schemes. If you would like some ideas and

resources for integrating environmental activities into your program please contact me.

Recently WOSM and The UN met to renew our partnership in working towards The UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

There are many ways to incorporate these goals into our Scouting Life. This link has some useful activity ideas for Leaders who are developing programs. worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/he



For Ventures and Rovers, have you considered undertaking Scouts of the World Award? "The Scouts of the

World (SoW) Award provides the opportunity for Venturer Scouts and Rovers to "create a better world" by facing the 17 goals to transform our world as identified by the UN Sustainable Develop-

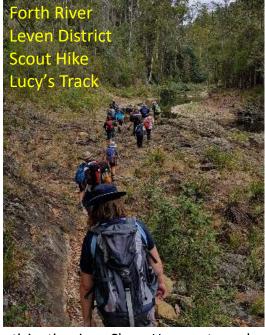
ment Goals."

To check out how you can complete this award separately, or in partnership with your BP award or WSEB, contact your Branch Rover Council or Branch Venturer Council. You can find more details at international.scouts.com.au

I hope everyone has a fantastic Regatta and keep an eye out for some environmental activities at Corroboree.

Yours in Scouting

Sam McGrath - Project Commissioner Environment







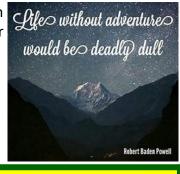












Years of Service Awards

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Vanessa Burrows
Sandra Johnson
Sue Riley
Emma Risley
Karen Van Den Bosch

Newstead Baptist Cub Pack
St Helens Scout Troop
Wynyard Scout Group
Taroona Venturer Unit
Glenorchy Scout Troop



International Report

Hopefully some Tasmanian Scouting members applied for some of the great opportunities offered in last month's newsletter.

Please think about your program and plan to include some International themes and activities in your program.

Rovers

9th Asia-Pacific Region Youth Forum 2018 and 26th Asia-Pacific Region Scout Conference 2018

Scouts Australia is offering two scholarships to attend the Forum & Conference in The Philippines.

Applications open: 2018 - Applications close: 2018

Eligibility: Rovers Travel Dates: 10 - 20 October 2018

All members of Rover age are invited to apply on JotForm — https://form.jotform.co/80053105478856.

Scouts Australia International Australian Contingents 2018-2019

14th New Zealand Venture 2019

Illuminate 2019 will be held in Kaiwaka, Northland. Pre-tour in Queenstown. Post tour in Rotorua

Applications open: 12 February 2018 - Applications close: 12 March 2018

Contingent Leader: Rik Scholes (Vic) Email: rik@nzv2019.com Website: www.nzv2019.com
Eligibility: 14-17 years + adults Travel Dates: 27 December 2018 - 15 January 2019

Cost: approx \$2,500 + Venture Expedition + Optional Contingent Tour

Upcoming Events

HOME2018 International Jamboree

Date: 6-15 August 2018

Location: St Georgen im Attergau, Austria **Age Range**: 12½-17 years + adult Leaders

Email: int.comm@scouts.com.au

Polish National Jamboree GDANSK 2018

Date: 6-16 August 2018

Location: Sobieszewo Island, Poland **Age Range**: 13-17 years + adult Leaders **Email**: int.comm@scouts.com.au

Applications open now. Venturers planning to go on Student exchange this year will be out going in November 2018. Contact: Sam van der Wijngaart Branch SISEP Coordinator for details. **tas.sisep@scouts.com.au**

Or http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/sisep

Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP)

Japan, Scotland, Denmark, Indonesia **Cost:** \$2,300-\$3,500 depending on flights

Applications open: 1 October 2017 - Applications close: 31 March 2018

National Coordinator: Barb Brook Email: int.sisep@scouts.com.au

Eligibility: 16-17 years Travel Dates: December 2018 - January 2019

Pen Pal Program

This is an amazing platform and I encourage all members to reach out and learn more about International Scouting through the Pen Pal program. It would be exciting to see more Tasmanian Scouts taking advantage of this opportunity in the coming year, so please encourage your sections to register using the online form at www.scouts.com.au/penpals. You are also welcome to send me an email any time if you are having difficulties or would like to discuss the program. I also have a number of promotional resources which I am happy to

send through! Contact: Annastasia Bedford International Pen Pal Coordinator tas.penpal@scouts.com.au

Fiona Broadby

Branch Commissioner International fiona.broadby@tas.scouts.com.au 0427 249 576





Joey Report

The Scout year is underway and there have already been lots of meetings to attend for many of us! The Joey Scout Branch Council meeting was held on 4th February and I wish to thank those on the team for your attendance and input into our discussions on, amongst other topics, our upcoming Joey Scout Events and the Children's University (for 7-14 year

olds) and how Scouts Tasmania will be involved with this. I also attended the Commissioner's Conference the following weekend.

I hope you and your Joey Scouts are now enjoying being back together as a Mob after the holiday break and having lots of fun together (outdoors when possible) while learning and discovering new things.

Just a reminder that we have the following events coming up ...

- ⇒ The North West Regional 'Pirate' Joey Scout Event will be held on Saturday 3rd March at the Penguin Scout Hall and surrounding grounds.
- A Training Day (on the implementation of the Adventure Begins) for District Leaders, Training Team, Commissioners and Group Leaders/Leaders in Charge. Although initially this was a full weekend course, now two one day courses will be run Sat 17th March at The Lea, and Sunday 18th March in the Launceston area.
- ⇒ **Basic Joey Scout Training** on 14th & 15th April at The Lea and this is a 'must attend' for any new Leaders, as it is unclear at this time whether the September Training course will go ahead, so please get that elearning done and application in early.
- ⇒ The **Northern Regional Joey Scout Event** is to be held on Saturday 12th May in the morning with a Jamboree of the Trail (JOTT) walk after lunch or vice versa.
- ⇒ The **Joey Scout Leaders' "Lenah Hop" weekend** will be held on the 18th-20th May at Carnacoo Scout Camp on an adventure theme! Sounds very much like one not to be missed so watch out for the registration form in your inbox very soon, and get your registrations and payment in early as no late registrations will be accepted.
- A Southern Regional Joey Scout Event planning meeting will be held on Saturday 26th May, so please make every effort to attend if from this region. The actual Regional event will be held on Sunday 4th November (not Saturday 3rd as previously advised).

Although the work was completed late last year, **Promise Challenge Awards** have been presented this month to Cameron Tivan, Toby Alcorso and Charlie Morrison all from 1st Tamar Sea Scouts. Congratulations to all of you!

I have also issued another 15 **Commissioners' Challenge** badges to 1st Tamar Sea Scouts so far this month but remind you that any other applications for this award need to be in by February 28 at the latest to the email address below or by post (but remember points for this must have been earned during 2017).

That's it for this month. Please contact me anytime with any questions, suggestions or Newsletter items.

Happy Joey Scouting!

Sue Cooper
Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts
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Cub Report

It's been a busy month and our year in Cubs has only just begun. I hope you and your Packs have had a good return to the 2018 Scouting year and have exciting programmes planned for the term (or if you're really organised, for the year!).

I'm still very interested in having representation from each District; if you're interested please send me an email.

To try to encourage interaction, the day after the Palaver we'll be holding the next Branch Council meeting and this will be open to all Cub Leaders (CSLs and ACSLs). It will be in Hobart (it's Hobart's turn this year) and will be in September. I'll share the date once the venue is confirmed so please watch this space.

In other major news, the Cub Branch Council would like to re-introduce an annual Regional event. We'd like to have a winter's campfire in each Region which Cubs and their Leaders walk to — carrying lanterns made during Cub nights ideally. It would be great to have as many present as possible. This is tentatively set for June 16th.

The next couple of years will see transition to the new programme across all sections in Scouting. Please look out for opportunities to learn more about it. As we learn more, I am confident that we will all see that in fact the basics remain the same: non-formal education of Youth members in small groups, learning by doing, outdoor activities, programmes based around the principles of developing Cubs socially, physically, intellectually, building character, emotional strength, and spirituality. The Award Scheme will likely change, but please don't feel anxious about the change — most of what we do will continue.

There are lots of on-line resources for Scouts. I hope you're all aware of the program repositories on Scout Central as an example. I'd also like to share with you details of a few useful FaceBook groups you might be interested in: "Scouts Australia", "Scouts Australia Tasmanian Branch", "Aussie Cub Scout Resources", "Tassie Cub Scouts", and "Scout Uniform eXchange". If you know of others, please share them with me so that I can promote them.

Finally, there are a few initiatives I'd like to encourage you all to participate in:

- The Cub Taster for the upcoming Scout and Guide Regatta (see the recent email from me)
- The Messengers of Peace initiative (see the notice on the Scout Central landing page)
- The Children's University (see the notice in last month's Newsletter)

If you have any comments, suggestions, or wish to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me by email.

Have a great month. Good Hunting!

Julian Dermoudy Branch Commissioner Cubs bc.cubs@tas.scouts.com.au





Grey Wolf Awards

Safiya Nevah Blackmans Bay

Lily Smith Kingston

Olivia Hockey George Town

Isabelle Ackerly George Town



Scout Report

Founders Day

As I write this it is just about Founders Day when we reflect on Baden Powell's life and whose vision inspired the Scouting Movement. So why does Scouting continue to engage us a hundred years on? We will each have different personal reasons for our involvement. I imagine for many the opportunity to contribute to the development of Youth is a driver and this is consistent with BP's objectives. As Leaders we are privileged to mentor and observe Youth members' growth. Scouts develop friendships, experience challenges and engage in peer to peer learning on a wide range of skills. Our participation is based on our pledge to the Scout Law and Promise which provides a moral framework for our community. I think we are in the business of supporting the growth of well-rounded citizens, both young and old, who curiously engage and contribute to society. Thankyou for your contribution to the Tasmanian Scout family.

How is your District Mindari?

The Dieri (Aboriginal people of South Australia) and neighbouring tribes united in the remaining ceremony, the Mindari, which was a general get-together and dancing of the initiates and the men and women and was often the occasion for amicable settlement of any disputes since the last Mindari.

A Mindari is a Scout Section specific meeting held in each District. The DSLs at the Scout Section Branch Council has discussed and is being encouraged to engage Scouts at District Mindaris. This is an important forum for Youth and Leaders to workshop ideas for activities at a District Level, share ideas for their Patrols and Troops, and importantly for Scouts and Leaders to support each other. By the end of this year I would like all Districts to have Scouts participating at all Mindaris.

District Leadership courses

Did you know that if you have a Scout who is not able to attend your local District Leadership Course, they can join another District if the times are better suited? DSLs will confirm dates of courses for 2018. I hope to have this in future Newsletters.

Australian Scout Medallion Presentations

All Scouts at the Regatta are encouraged to attend presentations of Australian Scout Medallions prior to the Opening Parade on Saturday morning. This is a celebration of Scouting achievement for the whole Scout community.

Hope to see you at the Regatta.

Jonathan Pyefinch - Branch Commissioner Scouts

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The Gang Show Reunion was well attended and raised almost \$300.00 for Relay for Life. Thank you to all those who came along and I look forward to seeing more at the Reunion next February.

Relay for Life will be the 17th and 18th March, 2018 – everyone is welcome to join the Hobart Gang Show Team (you don't even have to be a cast member of Hobart Gang Show). It

would be fantastic to have many, many people join the Team (cast, crew, parents, band, friends, families ... anyone interested). All you need to do to register is go to ... https://www.relayforlife.org.au/about-relay and register with the Hobart Gang Show Team. Cost is \$25.00 per person, with all money going to the Cancer Council.

If you can't join the team, then please donate to our team and help us reach our fundraising goal.

Relay for Life performance ... ALL former GS cast members are invited to have a "reunion" performance. Even if you are not joining the Relay Team, I need as many people as possible. The performance is at 5.00 p.m. on Saturday 17th March. Please contact me if you are able to perform.

Auditions – Sunday 25th March with call-backs 8th April. It is now time to book an audition for the 2018 Gang Show. Please use the following links/addresses to book an audition time. There are five time slots to choose from, but a maximum of 12 people for each audition. The auditions will take up to two hours as there are three components (acting, singing and choreography).

https://www.trybooking.com/UHKX or https://www.trybooking.com/356535

Make your booking NOW, don't leave it to the last minute.









Tasmanian Community Fund

Important Notice for Groups applying for TCF Grants:

It is essential that Groups send a copy of their grant application to Project Commissioner Grants, prior to submitting the application – TCF will not accept applications unless they have

been endorsed by Scouts Tasmania.

Applications close on the following dates:

 Small Grants (up to \$20,000)
 14 March 2018

 Medium Grants (\$20,000 to \$90,000)
 4 April 2018

 Large Grants (\$100,000 to \$300,000) Stage 1
 closed

Tasmanian Community Fund staff will be in Burnie, Devonport and Launceston in March. This is an opportunity for Groups who would like to meet with a staff member to discuss their application to do so in person or if there are any problems accessing or using SmartyGrants to get some one-on-one assistance.

Staff will be in Launceston on Wednesday, 7 March and in Devonport and Burnie on Thursday, 8 March. If you would like to make an appointment please phone the Tasmanian Community Fund Office on 03 6232 7395. Venue details will be provided at the time of your booking and with your appointment confirmation.

Councils

The following councils have funding rounds that close soon:

Clarence 15 March 2018
Circular Head March 2018
Devonport 28 February 2018
Launceston 31 March 2018
West Tamar 31 March 2018



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

Other Grants

Mystate Foundation – Grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 are available. Applications open on 6 March 2018 and close on 28 April 2018.

Tasmanian Government Minor Grants Program

The Minor Grants program offers grants of between \$500 and \$10,000 and closes on 7 March 2018 but applicants must contribute at least half of the project funding.

See the http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/sportrec/funding_opportunities website.

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

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









George Lorenz Willrath

9 September 1922 - 5 February 2018

Was a Leader with several Groups around Hobart in between 1970's - 1980's. George was the Group Leader for Battery Point and then went on to be the District Leader for Hobart.

Stalwart will be fondly remembered

Rest in Peace





If undelivered return to: SCOUTS TASMANIA The Lea Scout Centre 330 Proctors Road Kingston TAS 7050