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# Joey Tales

Hi Joey Scouts - Welcome to 'Joey Tales' - just for Joey Scouts!

This month I would like you to smile, be kind and give some help to others you meet whenever out and about and be a Messenger of Peace. You can then wear the badge with pride!



## Joey Promise Awards

- |                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Roland Hemer        | Taroona Scout Group     |
| Sam Braid           | Clarence Sea Scouts     |
| Anders Rahlen-Miles | Port Cygnet Scout Group |



# The Howling

Welcome Cubs to the second edition of The Howling. A column written just for you. At the moment there's a number of special badges you can be working towards:



← The Commissioner's Challenge Badge which involves some cooking

The Regional Event Badge ⇒  
for coming to our Regional camp fires



← The Message of Peace Badge is for participating in International Peace Day on the 21st September



Talk to your Akela (or another Cub Scout Leader) for more information. Good Hunting Cubs!  
**Julian, Branch Commissioner Cubs**



# Scout Shout

When I was asked to participate in the Scouts Australia's 2018 Program Conference, I had no clue what I was in for.

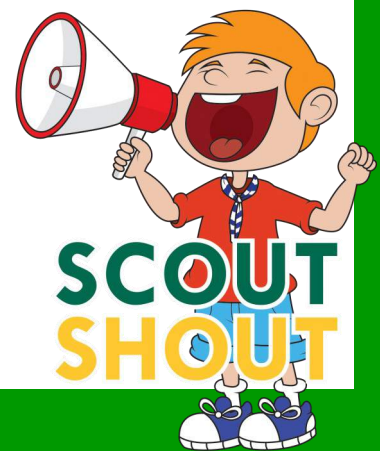
The amazing weekend started off with an incredible public speaker, who was present through the rest of the weekend. We learnt about each other in a non-judgemental way, which I found was very important when I began to talk to other people.

The next day (Saturday) we learnt all about the aspects of the new program (The Adventure Begins). We finished the day by the Interstate Fair. This was probably the highlight of the weekend, as I got to spend a couple of hours learning about the other branches, taste testing chocolate, getting freebies and hanging out with my new-found friends.

When Sunday came around, and I realised that this was the last day, I was more than a bit sad! We learnt a bit more about the program, and got some Scout time to answer questions that just impacted Scouts (which I found quite interesting).

Then it was time to pack up and leave! All in all, this was an amazing weekend, and if I get the offer to go next year, I won't hesitate to say yes.

**Dharma Simpkins - Taroon Scout Troop**



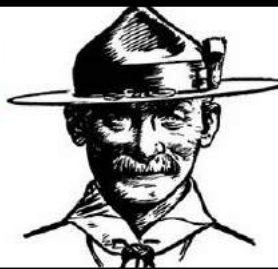
## *Years of Service Awards*

<b>5 Years</b>	<b>Lisa Lord</b>	<b>Launceston &amp; Tamar District</b>
<b>10 Years</b>	<b>Michael Green</b>	<b>Lenah Valley Venturer Unit</b>
	<b>Kim Mitchell</b>	<b>Rivalyn Venturer Unit</b>
<b>20 Years</b>	<b>Joanne Maddock</b>	<b>Sanford Cub Pack</b>
<b>35 Years</b>	<b>Joscelyn Mckenna</b>	<b>Leven District</b>



The Tasmanian  
Scout Heritage  
Centre

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## **Water Craft Inspection**

**DUE**

**September 31st**

**TOP 22 & TOP 23 can be found on MyScout**





# Branch Calendar

September	Event	Where
7 - 9	YouthFest	Tamar Sea Scout Hall
15	Palaver & Cub Council Meeting	Orana ( Lauderdale )
15	Jamboree Meeting	4th Launceston Scout Hall
15 & 16	RS: Brett Gaffney Raft Race	
16	Group Leaders Conference ( 10am - 3pm )	Campbell Town, Town Hall
16	Branch Joeys/Scouts Councils & YPR Meetings	Campbell Town, Town Hall
20	Business & Finance Committee Meeting	The Lea
21 - 23	Leadership Course Venturers	
21 - 23	Launceston & Tamar Holmes Gregory McDonald Trophies & Cub 10 year olds Camp	Scout Island
22 - 23	Basic Sectional Techniques ( all Sections )	The Lea
22 - 23	Safe Cycling/Bunch Riding Course and Pre-tour Ride	
28	<b>CLOSE DATE - Basic Seamanship Course</b>	
30	<b>Water Craft Inspections Due</b>	
<b>October</b>		
2 -	Northern Plains Cycling Mini Tour	
3	Property Committee Meeting	The Lea
5	Rover & Ex Rover Afternoon Tea ( 6 - 7 pm )	Government House
6	Yankee Auction Collection Starts	
11	IT Committee Meeting	The Lea
13	Yankee Auction - Sale Day	
17	The Lea Board of Management Committee Meeting	The Lea
18	Business & Finance Committee Meeting Branch Executive Committee Meeting	The Lea
19 - 21	NYPT Meeting	
20 - 21	Basic Seamanship Course	TBA
20 - 21	JOTA / JOTI	State wide
21	Seamanship Update	
27 - 28	Jamboree Training Weekend	The Lea, Carnaroo and Fulton Park
<b>November</b>		
3 & 4	NTC + SAIT Meeting	
4	Joey Scout Regional Events	
10	Rover Centenary Ball	Blundstone Arena - Bellerive
10 & 11	Ride Planning & Risk Assessment Training Program	
10 & 11	Training Team Meeting and End of Year Dinner	
10 & 11	YPR Pioneer Groups Training	The Lea



# Scouting Album



**Old Beach Scout Group - Science Activities Night**



**Sandford Cub Pack—Commissioners Challenge**

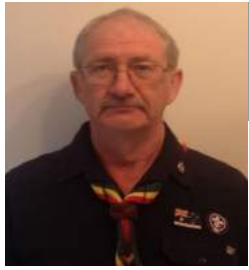


**The Festival of Bright Ideas  
Princes Wharf**

**Nymphs Nocturnes and Naturalists**







## Chief Commissioner's Report

Recently I appointed another Project Commissioner: this time for Diversity and Inclusion -Leanne Caunter. Leanne has also taken on the Branch Co-ordinator for Messenger of Peace position after Robyn Russell indicated that she would like to step down. We thank Robyn for her time she has put towards this position and the PC Environment position where she put in 6 years.

'Diversity and Inclusion' is happening at the National level. National is going to produce a policy that we can use and we hope to have lots of Fact Sheets from all states (including our own) on subjects that this area could look at. This will include mental health, family violence, disabilities of all kinds, and even food- the list is very big.

Susanne and I have made up Supporter Scarfs for our Politicians and Councillors. We made the scarfs green, which reflects the first section colour to start (Scouts) and the woggle yellow, the second section colour (Cubs) and the edge of the scarf red for the third section (Rovers). It wasn't until 1975 that the Venturers started and 1990 when the Joeys started. I stayed with the first three as per our branch scarf colours.

Sam McGrath has worked over the weekend at the "Festival of Bright Ideas" with the help of Susanne Hovington. She had a great spot with Spotted Quolls, Ring Tail Possums and other animals with many activities to look at- one being river water with insects. She had items on Scouting to give out, including a tattoo for the children. It was a great success with 35 schools on Friday going through and on Saturday, with it open to the public, some said that over 7000 people came through. This was part of Science Week; it was the first time I had attended it and I was amazed by the different activities that other groups presented- it was great to see.

<https://festivalofbrightideas.com.au/science-experiences/>



Queenstown visited Hobart for the Gang Show. Susanne Hovington organised a Leadership Course for their Cubs, and I finished off the Field Day Course for their Leaders. They also attended the Festival of Bright Ideas at the wharf that Sam McGrath ran - it was a full weekend for them. The weather wasn't that great, but they did arrive home safe and sound, through the snow.

18-year-old Venturers – a lot of Venturer Leaders are very concerned about having 18-year-old Venturers in their unit. As they will be adults, we are thinking of them using the Rover TOP R1 Induction forms, (if they are approved to continue over 18- how they will be approved is to come), so if they continue into Rovers the forms will be done already. The only reason that we can see why a Venturer would want to continue after his/her 18th birthday would be so they are able to have an extension to get the Queen's Scout Award or want to continue into Rovers but can't at the moment because of year 12 studies..

Grievance forms- we will have these forms in MyScout very soon. Our BEC and Commissioners are in the process of approving them, and we hope they will help with any grievances Leaders, Youth, Parents and Community may have.

National is looking at restructuring the National Youth Council (NYC). Two of our YOU trainers (who have just completed their first YOU course) and I, will be having a weekend with the NYC to come up with better use for the council. We all think the NYC is a great resource which is underutilised.

Smoke regulations are changing from burning off wood material from 2000 square metres to 4000. I emailed Wes Ford (Director of the EPA) and he indicated that if the Scouts are not having problems with their neighbours now, this shouldn't change, as the regulations have only increased the area of the block for burning off.

We had a great day for the Uni children program; only had 8 attending but that will get bigger as time goes on. Susanne emailed all the Leaders and GL's that the Youth where near. I just hope that we were able to give them spots in these groups.

Pioneer Handbooks for all the sections are now up and running for the Pioneer Groups. The app still needs to be finalised, but hopefully that will be up and running also by the time we start our pioneers' groups in November. The Adventurer Begins PowerPoint presentation set up by Greg Boon is now ready to be used; hopefully the presenta-

## Chief Commissioner's Report Cont'd

I have had two politicians ask for meetings; Jane Howlett is interested in helping us get a group up and running in Dunalley and I have also asked Craig Millsom to come along and help if he can. I visited Jo Siejka last month and she is very supportive of Scouting. Her PA is looking to become one of our BEC members -which is great.

Scarf Up Day on the 1st of August went very well and I had lots of Leaders send me photos. Facebook had lots of Youth members also wearing their scarf to school- it can only get bigger. Thank you to all the Leaders who took their scarfs to work and the Youth who wore their scarf to school. I hope everyone had a good day talking about Scouting at work or school.

Victoria has produced a document that indicates that their Joeys have more resilience than the Youth who don't attend Joeys. They are also in the process of doing the same for Cubs, Scouts, Venturers & Rovers. All good PR for the Scouting movement, but we all know what the results will be when we give them great training in leadership and teamwork.

We had two Leaders who had the chance to talk on the radio this month just gone: Julian Dermoudy who spoke on Scarf Up Day and Phil Dickinson who spoke about the grant for the trailer and boat they received. All good PR - well done to the both of you. Turners Beach Group repaired the sailing boat for Phil's Venturers, so they needed a trailer for it-therefore the grant.

Glenorchy held an open day which was well attended. The Scouts enjoyed the day putting on activities outside for Youth and the Group received a lot of interest in new members wanting to join - well done David (GL) for having the time to put this together.

It looks like JOTA/JOTI might be going with video. It will be interesting to talk to someone at the other end of the world and see them. The only problem will be having enough bandwidth to run something like this unless the Youth do it at home - which is a possibility.

Sophie Kelly and Megan Connolly are putting together a Venturer Motor Vehicle activity; the activity will be run with the support of CAMS and it looks like it will be a great addition to the Adventurous Activities that the Venturers have already.

**Michael Hovington**

**Chief Commissioner**

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Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania

## Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta

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Planning is underway for the 56<sup>th</sup> Scout Guide Regatta which will be held at Snug on 9-11 March, 2019. Encourage your Youth members to participate. Look for information in *Platypus*, *MyScout*, *Branch Newsletters*, and the Scout and Guide web sites.

If your Troop/Unit hasn't been to a Regatta before, it is easy to enter and lots of fun. You don't need to bring boats or have expertise in water activities. Many events are shore based and you can share equipment with other Units or Troops. Participants can 'have-a-go' at patrol boat rowing, kayaking or learn to sail a Pacer dinghy – the Regatta makes craft available and provides experienced help. Talk to other Leaders who know the ropes, or send me an email - [sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au)

Parents enjoy the Regatta and contribute to its success by participating in some events and helping to run others. Remind parents they can camp in the Regatta grounds with the Regatta participants (remind them that, if staying overnight, they must have a Working with Vulnerable People card). They can be catered for if they wish. Alternatively, they may wish to book at the Snug Caravan Park – but would need to do this soon – or make alternative arrangements. Guide and Scout parents can also camp at The Lea near Kingston. Contact The Lea Caretaker to make a booking - 0417590986 or [bookings@hobartbushcabins.com.au](mailto:bookings@hobartbushcabins.com.au) Remember to ask for the Scout discount.

Filling in the Registration form, - Please ensure you choose the correct Registration form for your area.

Anyone over 18 camping (staying overnight) in the Regatta grounds must have a Working with Vulnerable People Card. This is a legal requirement. It is likely that all Leaders and others registered with either Girl Guides Tasmania or Scouts Tasmania will have given the details of their card to either Scouts Tasmania or Girl Guides Tasmania. Leaders, closer to the Regatta you will be asked to supply a list of names of adults sleeping overnight and WWVP info (card number and expiry date). Rovers and Olaves, please note that if there are adults over 18 not registered with the Scout or Guide Associations camping with your group, you will also need to supply this information.

Please register your Troop/Unit/Crew by 14 December and complete a separate registration form for each Troop/Crew/Unit. If your Troop/Crew/Unit registers after 14 December and before about mid-January, there will be a \$50 surcharge. Troop/Crew/Unit registrations cannot be accepted after mid-January.

We appreciate numbers may change after your Troop/Crew/Unit has registered – we all know Youth members don't always commit to an event too far in advance. Of course you can add to your numbers, using the Additional Entries Form, until 1 March. Remember that there are fee increases for registrations after 14 December. Entries cannot be accepted after 1 March.

If paying fees by bank transfer, it is important that you record the name of your Troop/Crew/Unit in the transfer details so I can register your group. Please email me when you have paid by BSB. The details of the Regatta account are on the Registration form.

**Catering** The FULL CATERING fee is for seven meals from Saturday lunch to Monday lunch. The Lea Service Crew will have Saturday breakfast available for purchase. (More details will be in the mail out). Alternatively, Leaders may prefer to cater for Saturday breakfast for their Troop/Unit. Regatta catering provides a standard menu with vegetarian meals, gluten-free meals and gluten-free dairy-free meals available for those registered as requiring them. Do you have a query? Please email [sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au) The OWN CATERING fee includes activities, pennant, administration costs and a small amount set aside for infrastructure maintenance and repair and, increasingly, the cost of meeting WH&S requirements. Only Rovers, Olaves and parents, or Youth members who require a specific diet because of a medical condition, may cater for themselves.

**Assistance Details** Please list the names and phone numbers of any medical practitioners associated with your section who will be attending the Regatta and are willing to be on call for emergencies. Someone from the Regatta Committee will contact them.

**Consent** The 'Leader in Charge at Regatta' needs to sign and date this section. Youth members under the age of 18 must have at least one adult for every 10 Youth members or part thereof camping with them. Scout and Venturer Units with male and female Youth members must have both male and female Leaders. Participating Youth members must be at least 10 years old at the time of the Regatta (Participants in Taster Day may, of course, be under 10). Endeavour to have parents available during the Regatta for the duties and security shifts which will be allocated to your Troop/Crew/Unit. The Committee tries to allocate duties fairly – the number of duties assigned to your Troop/Crew/Unit is not based on an initially low number of registrations; registering very few participants and dramatically adding to your numbers closer to the Regatta does not result in having fewer duties than is your fair allocation.

**Refunds** Generally a decrease in numbers advised by 22 February will be refunded 100% and if advised by 1 March there will generally be a 50% refund. Changes to the numbers registered cannot be made at the Regatta.

**Camping** Please plan to arrive after 6pm and be set-up by 11pm on the Friday night. Youth members should not arrive before their Leaders. All tent pegs must be made obvious by tying coloured ribbon (provided) around each tent peg. Electricity will not be available. Please do not connect to existing outlets. Generators are prohibited.

Remind all those associated with your group that the Regatta site is an '**alcohol, smoking and drug free zone**'.

Youth members under 10 are invited to **Taster Day**. There will be more details later, but this event is cost free for participants, a great introduction to the Regatta and good fun. The exciting finale at this Regatta will be a Super Soaker Skirmish on the oval!

Please contact me, Lyn Muir, by emailing [sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au) if you have any queries about registering for the Regatta.

See you at Snug!

Lyn Muir  
Registrations



**Regatta Registration Forms  
can be found on  
MyScout under Resources**





# Grants Report

The following is a summary of known available grants for this month.

## Tasmanian Community Fund

Round 37 of the Tasmanian Community Fund is now open. There are three funding streams this round –

- small grants up to \$20,000
- medium grants \$20,001 to \$90,000 and
- large infrastructure, asset and equipment grants \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Closing date: Applications for large grants are now closed. Applications for small grants close on 12 September 2018 and applications for medium grants close on 26 September 2018. TCF will not accept late applications.

Further information: Visit the Fund [www.tascomfund.org](http://www.tascomfund.org) or contact the Fund Office on 6232 7269 or 6232 7395.

## DPAC Grants Sport and Recreation

The State Government's Minor and Major Grants Sport and Recreation are now open. The Minor Grants Program provides grants of between \$500 and \$10,000 to clubs, associations, local government and other not-for-profit providers of sport and active recreation. The applicant must contribute at least 50% of the cost of the project. Applications close at noon on 12 September.2018.

The Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program provides grants of between \$15,000 and \$80,000. Again, the applicant must contribute at least 50% of the cost of the project. Applications close on 1 November 2018.

The Minor/Major Grants Program offers financial assistance towards equipment purchases and/or the development/improvement of facilities or playing surfaces that directly benefit sport and recreation clubs and improve opportunities for Tasmanians to participate in sport and active recreation. Scouting Groups qualify for these grants.

## Stronger Communities Program Round 4

Information received by me on this program was provided by Federal Franklin MP Julie Collins but my understanding is that all electorates have similar funds available. If you are interested in this grant please contact me or your local Federal MP. You must provide 50% of the project cost but in-kind work and materials can be included. Grants of between \$2,500 and \$20,00 are available. The Expression-of-Interest form must be submitted by 13 September 2018.

## Councils

The following councils have funding rounds that close soon:

Council	Amount \$	Open	Close
Brighton	Up to \$1,000 Other		Ongoing- 15 Sept 2018
Clarence	\$1,500		15 Sept 2018
Circular Head - Round 2	\$5,000		November 2018
Hobart	\$500 - \$3,000	11 Aug 2018	10 Sept 2018
Waratah-Wynyard Round 2		1 November	31 December
West Tamar Small Projects Grants	Up to \$1,000	Throughout the year	Ongoing

## Other Grants

Organisations - Private	Amount \$	Open	Close
Bell Bay Aluminium			12 Nov 2018
RACT	Up to \$2,000	October 2018	

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

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# JOTA/JOTI

## 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018

As per last year I am planning to have badges available so that they can be presented on the day of attendance at your local JOTA radio station and or JOTI internet cafe.

To achieve this I need to know roughly how many Scouting members you are expecting at any sites that will be active on that weekend. I have planned for about 150 to attend station at Rocherlea, Launceston judging on previous years attendances. I will shortly be asking for local groups to make their bookings for the weekend. I have heard that stations are planned for Paton Park combined with Ulverstone Scout Hall, Burnie, and VK7SAA has been made available for a station at The Lea. Hoping that Huonville and Spreyton will also be on the air. There was also a rumour of a station being set up at Carr Villa beneath Ben Lomond. In previous years some groups have participated in JOTI from their Halls or Leaders residences.

I hope to have the radio and Internet Log Sheets and Report Forms updated on MyScout within the next few weeks.

Any groups planning participation in either or both JOTA and JOTI are most welcome to contact me to organise pre-delivery of badges which will be \$2 each again this year.

**Peter Dodd Project Commissioner Radio and Electronics [pc.radio@scoutstas.org.au](mailto:pc.radio@scoutstas.org.au) 0408 805 086**





# Environment Report

The last few months have been really hectic behind the scenes creating some partnerships and preparing for some public outreach at FoBI and the upcoming Sci Scouts workshops.

As part of Scouts Tasmania's community engagement process we presented for the first time this year at The Festival of Bright Ideas. FoBI is Tasmania's keystone National Science Week event held over 2 days at Princes Wharf 1 in Hobart. Under the banner of Nymphs Nocturnes and Naturalists we ran school sessions on Friday and a public day was held on the Saturday. Over 1900 students attended on the Friday and the overall numbers report by the organisers was over 7,600 attendees over 2 days. As this was a test event our small team was pooped but extremely happy with the public response to the Sci Scouts program.



Thanks to Landcare and National Waterbug Blitz we were able to showcase the types of citizen science activities we are rolling out to Youth state-wide over the next six months.

Using samples from the Kingston wetland, kids were introduced to the fun of monitoring waterway health through identifying the amazing macro invertebrates that live in our waterways.

A sample of our monitoring box equipment highlighted the activities that our groups will be participating in for the collection of wildlife distribution data in our lovely and special camp grounds, (not to mention how much fun it is to find who it is that is stealing tucker from our stash as we slept).

We met Leaders, Youth members and lots of potential new members over the 2 days. Plans have already begun for next year given our success with high hopes that our Youth will have a much larger role in the stall design and activities. Pete from Landcare came in to talk about our monitoring program plans and John from the Waterbug company was our go to aquatic entomologist, both of them bringing professional and academic skills to the activities. They will provide ongoing support and education to our Youth Environment program.

Special thanks go to Jacinta, Holly, Oscar and Tristan for their great effort in leading visitors through the activities. Thanks also to Mike and Sue Hovington for their tireless help over the 2 days to make this a successful event.

The plan is to use the success of the weekend as a jumping off point to secure some much needed funding for our Branch Environment Activities.

## Dates to pop in the diary

A Northern and Southern Sci Scouts 'Trees Bees and Seeds' workshop will be held early December.

- Scout Island on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- The Lea Storm Hut on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

These are 4 hour workshops open to all sections. The activities will be tailored to age groups when I have numbers. The cost will be \$5 to cover materials with each attendee receiving a Sci Scouts Environment badge.

All groups will receive flyers and info on how to book and pay very soon. If you have any questions in the meantime or would like to be part of the workshop team please ring me or send me an email.

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More FoBI photos  
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# Adventurous Activities Report

**Advanced Bushwalking 2018** The Advanced Bushwalking Course which was held on the last weekend of July (27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>) at the Scout Hut, Cradle Mountain was another successful weekend with the trainees trying to build snow caves, navigating in untracked terrain and finishing a cold weekend in the mountains with some river crossing training in a nice cold river.

A big thanks to Chalkie and the team for organising and running the course. Keep your eye out for it next year.

**White Water Raft Training** The White Water Rafting Development Guide Training weekend was held at Paton Park (originally planned for Arm River) on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of August. Rafting was held on the Leven river as conditions on the Mersey were unsuitable. There were excellent numbers for the course with 15 Rovers/Leaders completing the course along with several Venturers participating for the activity. The river provided great water conditions with the weather providing some hail along the way. I now encourage all the course participants to complete the necessary requirements to become a guide to support the Outdoor Adventurous Skills side of the YPR. A big thanks to Geoff Hurst for organising the course with the support of Richard, Baggy, Luke and the rest of the team.

**BOS – Basic Outdoor Skills** The latest BOS course was held at The Lea Storm Hut on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of August. 8 participants enjoyed a weekend of excellent weather to be outdoors. A combination of hiking, navigation, camping and cooking out were part of the weekend.

A reminder to all of our new Leaders that the Basic Outdoor Skills (BOS) course is a requirement after the Basic Training to achieve your CoAL, it is also a prerequisite to our other Adventurous Activity training courses.

A big thanks to Ross Smith for organising the course and Ian Bruncker for assisting.

**Caving;** I am continuing to work with the Vic Branch AA Team to set up a Caving course in Tas to qualify some of our leaders as Caving Guides. Watch this space.

I'd also like to note after a recent query that Caving is not a prohibited activity in Scouting in Tasmania. While we go through the process of training and appointing guides, caving can be run with the Leaders we have who are skilled in this area or by engaging a commercial/club caving guide. Restrictions apply which are; For Scouts - basic level or easy exit/entry to caves, For Venturers – a level of vertical cave entry/exit is allowed. In all cases the skills and fitness level of participants must be considered which would be done through your Risk Assessment prior to the event.

**Flying Fox** Flying Fox activities require suitable and proper instruction for anyone operating the flying fox along with a Risk Assessment being complete prior to running the activity. Operators and riders must wear the relevant safety equipment, helmets for all and correctly fitting and connected safety harnesses for all participants. The flying fox must also have a robust braking system. A Flying Fox is being built at Paton Park. This already has operating training documented and the risk assessment complete, however this is a live document and will be constantly reviewed and updated. Greg and the team at Paton Park have done an excellent job setting this up. (Construction is still in progress).

Members of the NAAC Team are developing further guidelines around Flying Foxes for both permanently set up structures along with those built through Pioneering construction activities.

**Agfest 2019** We are currently planning to run abseiling and climbing as a Public Relations activity at Agfest in 2019. Although not finalised this is a PR exercise and should be open to the public attending Agfest. I will be seeking support from Leaders with Abseiling/climbing (ropes) training and skills to help cover the 3 days of Agfest. This will be a great opportunity to not only run the activity, but get some promotional information out to those who want to try Scouting out. Put the dates into your calendar (2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019) and let me know if you might be able to help. (I know it's early but time flies).

**General** Adventurous Activities is a critical part of the YPR. We need to ensure we can provide the right range of activities which will mean more focus on skills training and recognition. If you have the skills and evidence, we can utilise the RPL process to assist in recognising your proficiency. Feel free to contact myself or other training team members for more information.

So; get involved, get trained, and enjoy our Adventurous Activities while sharing and passing those skills on to our Youth members, so that when we retire, they can carry the baton on for the next generation.





# International Report

## International Letter of Introduction

Scouts Australia now uses a single National database to record applications to all International Events, including National Contingents, Branch Friendship Tours and International Letters of Introduction.

An International Letter of Introduction is not required to attend an event as part of a contingent as it is included in the registration process to be part of the contingent. An International Letter of Introduction is required if you are visiting a country where you will be visiting a Scout Group within that country. **The visit / activity must be pre-arranged** and not just that you may visit a Scout Group while overseas. The OLEMS (ON-LINE EVENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM) can be accessed at <https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au> where the login screen will appear.

Before you can access the system you must create (and active) an account. Request an International Letter of Introduction. Complete the information required. Note: you will need to put in the Country (s) you are going to visit. Details of your planned pre-arranged visit to a Scout Group including: date, activity, time, group, contact details of group.

An email is then sent to the Branch International Commissioner to approve, request more information or decline. If approved at the Branch level then an email will be sent to the National International Commissioner of Australia for approval or not. If approved at National level then an email will be sent to the applicant for payment. After payment received, the scarves will be posted to the applicant and the International Letter of Introduction can be downloaded.

The cost for an International Letter of Induction cost \$50 which includes 2 International scarves.

The National International Commissioner of Australia will advise the Chief Scout from the country you are planning to visit of your plans. The Chief Scout from the country you are planning to visit should then advise the Scout Group you are planning to visit.



## Events coming up

**22nd New Zealand Jamboree 2020** Contingent Leader: Alan Murray, ACT.

Travel Dates: January 2020

### 3rd European Jamboree 2020

Contingent Leader Applications open: January 2018 - Contingent Leader Applications close: 19 March 2018

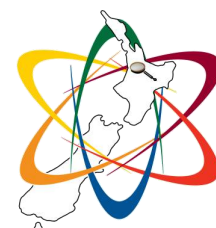
Travel Dates: 27 July - 6 August 2020 Destination: Poland

### SISEP - Scout International Student Exchange Program

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](mailto:tas.sisep@scouts.com.au)

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



### 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](http://www.scouts.com.au/penpals) or [https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/recent\\_documents](https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/recent_documents)

National Coordinator: Darren Beauchamp [int.penpals@scouts.com.au](mailto:int.penpals@scouts.com.au)

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# Gang Show Report

Hobart Gang Show 2018 "As Seen On TV" is now over for another year. To those groups who supported and came along, thank you.

I trust you all enjoyed the Show and are now looking forward to supporting in 2019.

A wonderful "Gang" came together to deliver a wonderful performance which had your toes tapping, for some singing along with the 1980's songs and for others almost rolling on the floor with laughter. Yes, it was a great Show and so many people helped make the Show what it was. Alec *SET* the scene while the back stage crew assisted to make set changes seamless, Lance and Adrian *CONDUCTED* the orchestra to play it right, Tony and Leonie got the *ACT* together and Tracey *CHOREOGRAPHED* how to bring all aspects together. Along with this, behind the scenes in other areas were Tim, David H., Ellena, David M., Charles, Donna, Emmerson and Gary. This year the adult cast members took on extra responsibilities and so to Alan, Alex, Alistair, Isaac, Jack, Sarah, Emily E. and Jess, a big thank you for all you did.

With the curtain down on this year's Show it is time to think about 2019. There will be writer's workshops held over the coming months. Anyone can attend the writers workshops - you don't have to be a cast member to attend the workshops. Please contact if you are interested in attending a writer's workshop and be involved in deciding on the script for next year.

**Denice Walter**

**Project Commissioner Gang show**

**[pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au)**





# Gang Show Cont'd





## Joey Report

August was Scouts in Action month with this year's theme as 'Scientific Scouts in Action'. I imagine every Joey Scout had lots of fun and made plenty of wonderful discoveries with this theme over the past few weeks! Judging from the photos that a few Mobs have shared on our Leaders' Facebook page, there was plenty of variety and heaps of learning offered in the activities being run around the State. Well done!

Did Mobs in the South go along to the recent Gang Show performances? From what I have heard it was an excellent show! The matinee performance would be a good time for Joey Scouts so hopefully some of you were able to see it - if not, there is always next year!

Coming up we have our Joey Scout section Branch Council meeting on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Campbell Town. We would like to have at least one representative from each district along if at all possible. It would also be great to have Youth/young Leader representation too - obviously a Branch Council meeting isn't a good fit for 5-8 year olds but input from Youth Helpers and/or young Leaders that are involved with our section would be helpful so please spread the word! If anyone is interested in attending, please contact me so I can pass on the relevant meeting information.

Also coming up is International Day of Peace (on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September) so this is a good opportunity for all in our section to be Messengers of Peace in one way or another that week or for the month! Any good deeds or acts of kindness help to spread the word or perhaps your Mob could select one of United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals to work towards.

At the time of writing, I've been working on a Joey Scout Leader newsletter with some updates of what is happening in our section so hopefully you will have that in your inbox very soon so please take the time to have a look through. I then intend to put together a survey for you all to complete very soon so we can identify where we need to make some changes and improvements, and then do our best to make that happen! If you have any suggestions on questions or topics that should be included in the survey, please pass them on!

You will notice that an extra section just for the Joey Scouts has been introduced to the Branch Newsletter from this issue so please tell those in your Mob to check it out each month, and let me know if they have any suggestions for future issues. A section for parents will also be included - again if you have suggestions for news for this section, let me know!

That is all I have this month. Please contact me anytime with any questions, suggestions or newsletter items. Happy Joey Scouting!

**Sue Cooper** Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts [bc.joey@scoutstas.org.au](mailto:bc.joey@scoutstas.org.au)



## You + Lead Course

In late August Tasmania hosted its first You+Lead Leadership and Personal Development Course. The "You" course is the first step of the newly designed three step National Leadership Program by Scouts Australia. "You" focuses on personal development, because to be a good Leader for others, you need to first understand how to lead yourself. Previously "Mawson", the You+Lead program aims to challenge Scouts to develop themselves to become stronger, adaptive, and insightful Leaders. The course explores the concepts of healthy self image, positive self talk, cultural awareness and sensitivity, and creating an environment for which success may flourish.

One of the participants Gabrielle said "The weekend, certainly wasn't what I expected in fact it was much more! The content was useful and original that always had a fun twist. I acquired many skills that I can now take into both myself and my role as a Leader."

The Scouts, Venturers and Rovers were extended beyond their comfort zone to challenge their preconceptions of Leadership in hopes that they can develop their own style of Leadership, effective for the task at hand. Led by a team of entirely Youth Leaders, all highly accomplished educators and facilitators, the course was a shining example of "Youth lead, adult supported". We hope to grow the course in 2019 and look forward to sending our first Youth members to the National "Lead" course in 2019. Applications for the Autumn 2019 "You" course open early next year.

For more information on the new National Leadership Program contact Cameron Marshall and Justine McKeown, You+Lead State Coordinators, at [you.lead@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:you.lead@tas.scouts.com.au)



# You+Lead

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



If you think you can, you can.  
If you think you can't, you're right!







# Cub Report

Hi all, a shortish column this month.

Are you a new Leader? If so, please be aware that Basic Sectional Training will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Lea. Talk to your Group Leader to get signed up.

The main message I have is to make one last call for attendees to Palaver. As you would know by now, the Palaver (for Leaders, Leaders-in-training, Parent Helpers) will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Orana (in Roches Beach in the South). This will run from lunch-time Saturday through to lunch-time Sunday to allow those of you from the North and North-West to attend and will be followed (for an hour or so) by the Cub Branch Council meeting. This is usually just the District CSLs (DCSLs) but I'd like those who are able to be there as I'm really keen to make this a representative Section. If you intend to come but haven't registered yet, please get on to it immediately as Registrations need to be closed by September 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will find the Registration form in your email inbox. Please contact me if you don't.

At this year's Palaver we'll spend a lot of time on the New Programme with a presentation from the Deputy Chief Commissioner, Greg Boon. One of the Scout Trainers will discuss Basic Outdoor Skills which will be important for the New Programme, so get the ball rolling for the 2019 Cuboree, share programming ideas, analyse the Section's numbers and discuss networking, and share a drink around the campfire.

On the topic of change, last month I wrote about how some changes from the New Programme will differ from what is currently in TOPs. These changes won't be introduced until next year for all but the Pioneer Groups. Have you seen the following document which talks about "What may I do?"

What Adventure Activities may I do? What Qualification do I need?

Activity	Type	Location	Age/Thing	Minimum Qualification	Insurance	Other Info	Notes
ROCK CLIMBING	Indoor	Various	10-16	Rock Climbing Instructor	Yes	See website for details	See website for details
ROCK CLIMBING	Outdoor	Various	10-16	Rock Climbing Instructor	Yes	See website for details	See website for details
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*Nothing has changed as yet — TOPs still rules.* Before you plan an activity, check TOPs and not this sheet, and then, as usual, send your TOP15 to your District Commissioner. These changes will be phased in over time — Pioneering Groups first — and processes will change to support these changes *when they occur*. Any questions? Please ask.

Has your Pack earned the Messengers of Peace badge? This is a lifetime badge which moves with your Cub from Joeys to Cubs (if earned there) and from Cubs to Scouts. September 21<sup>st</sup> is International Peace Day and is an opportunity for your Pack to earn the badge.

Please see <https://scouts.com.au/blog/2018/08/16/international-day-of-peace-celebrations/> for more info.

Well that's about it from me for another month. Well done to the Packs that have earned the Cubs Commissioner's Challenge badges. Keep going everyone else: Cubs' Kitchen Rules!



As always, if you have a question or a comment, something you'd like me to see, or something you'd like me to do, please don't hesitate to contact me by email.

Julian Dermoudy

Branch Commissioner Cub

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**Grey Wolf Awards**

Molly Jones  
1st 2nd Ulverstone

Olivia Balzer

**Scouts in Action Month (Science!) ⇒ Sandford Cub Pack**



# Scout Report

## Scoutfest 2018 - 10-12 August - Carnaroo

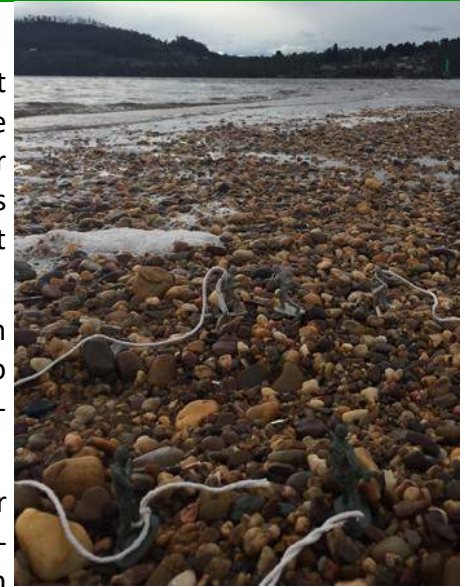
A vibrant group of Leaders (21) descended on Carnaroo on a weekend in August to socialise and share a passion for Scouting. Scoutfest is solidly based on the idea of Leaders experiencing Scouting and developing our skillset to improve our leadership. We explored the local environment, gained insight into how others work in their Troops and challenged our perceptions about how Scouting might progress into the foreseeable future.

Leaders were requested to bring ideas and resources to contribute to a program of activities during the day. The challenge for the day was for every Patrol to plan a program of events that considered all aspects of the Scout Method, incorporated the SPICES, whilst being Fun, Inclusive, Challenging and Adventurous.

Each Leader had a 'buddy' plastic soldier tied by string to accompany them for the weekend' on the call of ALERT – Leaders struck the pose of their soldier. Interesting outcomes at parade. Three Patrols embarked on unique journeys from Carnaroo on foot and further afield by car up the Tamar Valley.

So much was observed in the afternoon from the stunning valley landscape to the coastal views at Bass Strait. A wide range of birds were found, the attributes of plants discussed and better understood, artistic sculptures discovered and historic locations investigated. On return to the hall, Patrols competed against each other with a series of skill and initiative challenges to great hilarity.

We reflected on how the afternoon went and what we had learnt from each other before we sat down to an excellent dinner – thanks to Stephen and Penny for catering for us. A survivor scenario was established with after viewing a plane crash video and then debating how decisions may be made and vary when made as individual, then through influence and discussion as a Patrol or in a much larger group. The weekend provided a range of opportunities to both challenge and reflect on new ways of considering how we do what we do as Leaders. High levels of concentration were evident at the lanyard making table, where a rowdy gather convened to play a card game that ventured to the small hours of the morning.



Sunday morning Forum; maybe too much to discuss in a short time. We brainstormed and workshopped, considered commonalities, and looked into the future. Greg Boon presented an overview of the Adventure Begins and the current status of the YPR. This conversation helped clarify where Tasmania is currently positioned with respect to the YPR and what we are to expect with the evolution of our program. Thanks to Barry Adams from Hurstbridge Scout Group which participated in the Ground breaker program and shared some of the lessons from that experience. Barry gave some insight to the practical implementation of the new programming ideas in a Troop, which he ultimately thought has provided positive outcomes for the group.

Thankyou to all participants who gave their time and fullest energy to make this a great weekend away. Thanks Rob Winter for the pictures.....

Next year aiming for representation from Every Troop in the State.... If you haven't been to Scoutfest maybe you are missing out.... Book it in. Now!

### YouthFest

Was cancelled due to low registrations. If you have any ideas about how we can help this great event succeed in 2019 we would like to hear from you.

### Clark Trophy

17-18 November at Scout Island. Standing camp format and cooking on fire. Instructions have been issued to Troops and are now available on MyScout under (resources). Register with BC Scouts by 30 October.

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