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Chief Commissioner's Report



I can't believe that we are into another year, where did 2020 go? We all hope that 2021 will be a lot better than 2020. The world word for 2020 was "pandemic". I wonder why? I think Australia's was fire, flood and pandemic!

I hope you know by now that the 2022 Jamboree had to be cancelled because of COVID. We don't know if National will hold it in 2023, as this decision will be made in a couple of months and the other National events would have to move to fit it in. As soon as we know what is going on, we will pass this information onto you.

As you all know Brian Williams was Tasmania's Senior Citizen nomination for the Australian Award. Unfortunately, Brian didn't receive the Australian Senior Citizen of the Year, but he did Scouting proud. Well done, Brian.

We now have several Youths in the Huon District with amateur Radio Licences. It was also mentioned in the Huon News, so well done and congratulations. Thanks to Michael Sweeney (licenced Amateur Radio Operator) who has put a lot of time and effort into taking interested Youth from both Huon Groups through their Course.

Port Cygnet Venturer Unit was awarded the Community Group of the Year in the Huon Valley and presented with their award on Australia Day. They received the award for the outstanding effort they put in to presenting ANZAC Day to their community every year but especially during COVID. (Photos next page)

If any other Groups/Youth or Leaders received Council Awards, please send them to me so that everyone will know of their success.

Not sure if you can remember our Northwest Venturer Bob Bramley's flight around Australia. If you do, then there will be a documentary of his flight on the ABC Australia Story on February 8.

The State Venture went well, with approx. 86 Venturers attending and 20 Leader/adults. The weather was kind with only a shower or two occurring.

We have a new DC in Mersey. Allan Dolbey has put up his hand to give it a go and we thank him for doing so. Also, thanks to Phil Dickinson, who completed his term as DC Mersey.

All Groups should be working towards being on the new Award Scheme now, and I hope every Group will be entirely on the new program by the end of the year. The only exceptions will be where a Youth member has almost completed their top award and wants to achieve it on the old Award Scheme.

Staying with the new program, some Leaders are having trouble with the new app "Terrain". Hopefully, we can give you some help. Alistair Luckman is in the process of providing online support for the Leaders who need it. The dates for these online seminars haven't been set yet, but we will keep you posted.

Everyone should have new PFD's now; no-one should be using the old type of PFD as they are illegal. Unfortunately, as most of you are aware, the Scout Regatta has been cancelled for this year. Hopefully, there will be other events happening in Districts etc. to make up for it and we can look forward with added excitement to a 2022 Regatta.

I had a Leader ask me last year, if an adult could sleep in the same tent as a Youth member. This can only occur if the adult is a father or mother of the Youth member, and no other Youth members are present. We will consider no other relationships.

We now have the go-ahead to run our First Aid Courses, thanks to Murat who will be coordinating these. I have put two dates into the Branch Calendar, which we hope will run in all regions. If you still want to do the St John Courses, you can do these at the discount rate of \$100. When you book your class, mention that you are a Scout Leader or member. Branch will then invoice your Group.

Michael Hovington
Chief Commissioner
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Community Group of the Year

The Huon Valley's Community Group of the Year is the Port Cygnet Venturer Unit!

The Port Cygnet Venturer Unit is a group of young people aged between 14 and 17 years of age. Many of them have been in the Scout Group since they were six years old, and have come to have a deep respect for the importance of Anzac Day services and all that Anzac means.

The Port Cygnet Venturers are being recognised for their innovation and dedication to remembering the Anzacs.

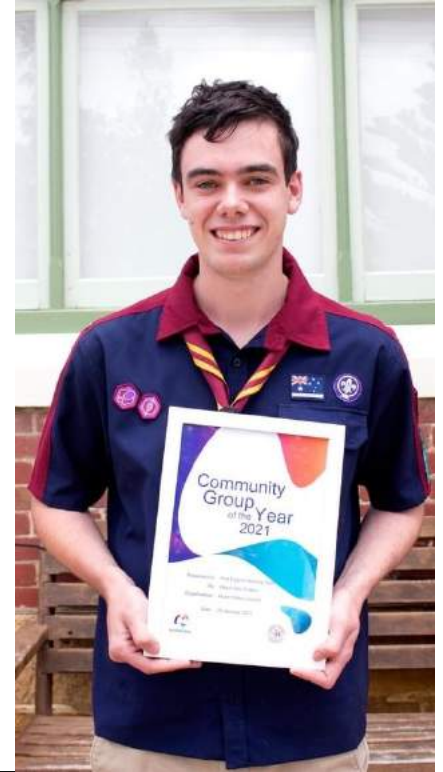
For 13 years, the Venturer Unit has organised a Dawn Service for the Cygnet Community. At first, their dawn services were attended by a handful of people. Since then, it has grown into an event that up to 200 people attend.

This achievement by the Port Cygnet Venturer Unit is an inspiration to everyone in our community, and a credit to the young people involved. The Group also provides a free breakfast for those who attend. This is a very special event for not only the young people and Leaders involved, but also the wider Cygnet and Huon Valley community.

Last year, when public Anzac Day services were cancelled due to the COVID-19 lockdown, the Port Cygnet Venturer Unit filmed a private dawn service and released the video on social media for the public to view at dawn.

The Port Cygnet Venturer Unit provides support to a range of volunteer groups and events in the Huon Valley, including school fairs, fundraisers, and picnics.

Congratulation Port Cygnet Venturer Unit.



The Tasmanian Scout Heritage Centre

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Joey Report



Happy New Year! I hope your New Year includes family, friendship and lots of Scouting fun!

Looking forward to 2021

This year is promising to be another busy year for the Joey Scout Section. We have our Leader Reunion, State Event and Regional Events. I am also pleased to announce that we will again be joining in with the fun and excitement of Cuboree with another Joey Scouts Cuboree Taster. More information about these events will be included in future Newsletters.

Implementing the Program

Thank you to the Joey Scout Leaders who attended the Zoom Q&A sessions at the end of November on implementing the Program. The discussion was fantastic. A special Thank you to those from the Pioneer and Transition Groups who attended and shared their experiences of implementing the Program. The big message that came through for me was to take it one step at a time. No one will be able to instantly transition to the Program and have everything up and running perfectly at once (Patrols, programming to Challenge Areas, Milestones, SIAs etc.). It will take time – and that’s ok. Approach it in sizeable chunks and importantly reach out to others (such as the Pioneer Group Joey Scout Leaders, your District Leader, the Training Team or to me) and we will do what we can to help.

Resources

As you look to the year ahead, don’t forget that there are a lot of resources out there on the internet that can help you with your planning. New resources to assist with the implementation of the Program are constantly being added to pr.scouts.com.au. If you haven’t already, it’s also worth joining the following Facebook Groups: Tassie Joey Leaders <https://www.facebook.com/groups/589828981115011/> ; Scouts Terrain User Community <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scoutsterrain/> ; Scouts - Australian (new) Youth Program Community <https://www.facebook.com/groups/643341253139226/> ; and Joey Scouts Resources <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JoeyScoutResources/>

Peak Award

Since the December Newsletter, we have had one Joey Scout earn the Peak Award for the Joey Scout Section. Congratulations to Adam Tuxworth (Spreyton Scout Group) on earning the Promise Challenge Award. Well done Adam.



Joey Scout Leaders
(past and present) are invited to our

virtual Joey Scout Leader Reunion!

Our proposed (in person) 2020 reunion event didn't eventuate due to Covid-19 but we'll try again in 2021! In the meantime join our "Tassie Joey Leaders Reunion" Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tassiejoeyleadersreunion/> or contact Sue on 0409318379 or djsh.hellyer@scoutstas.org.au and let's start celebrating '30 years of Joey Scouts' online!

Do you know others who were Joey Scout Leaders in the past? Please pass this on and help us spread the word!

Join us today and let the conversations, stories and reminiscing begin!

#JoeysCan

If you have any questions or concerns about anything mentioned here or anything else Joey Scout related, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Happy Joey Scouting!

Ruth Henderson

**Branch Commissioner
Joey Scouts**

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Cub Report



Before writing this, I had a look at what I'd written this time last year. I commented that 2020 will be "an eventful year" and then went on to list the reasons why (transition to the 'new' program, Training Course changes — Scouting Adventure specifically — compulsory for new Leaders and encouraged for existing Leaders, Regional Events, and the All Leaders' Weekend. Well, guess who saw a pandemic coming? Not me.

COVID-19 is still with us and although we're lucky and doing well, we need to remember that we need to be COVID-safe in our activities. The requirements for general social distancing, 2 square metres per person in a tent, managing good hand cleanliness, and staying away when ill are all still in effect — and need to be. But hopefully 2021 will not require 'pressing pause' as 2020 did.

There's no Regatta Taster for Cubs this year (because there's no Regatta!), but in good news: 2021 is a Cuboree Year. The Cuboree is a Leader- (and parent-) supported three-day camp held at The Lea from October 8th–10th. The theme for this year's Cuboree (the 26th) is "Fun from A to Z" and will contain lots of exciting activities for Cubs that will be fun and adventurous. It's open to all Cubs (and Cub-aged Guides) and we will need each Group to have a Scout stay over too. So please start promoting it and please talk to your Group's Scout Leaders. Flyers will come out in the next month.

Right is a photo from Sandford Cubs. They wanted to learn to sew and ended up presenting Bonorong Wildlife Park with 21 animal rescue pouches. Well done Sandford! (If your Unit is doing something fun and exciting — and you have permission from the parents to do so — please share a photo or two with me so that I can share them here.)



Good luck with your Cubbing year. If you need help assisting the Cubs to identify/deliver fun activities for Youth and with a focus on the Challenge Areas, SPICES, the Patrol Method, empowering the kids to do more and contribute more to decision making (particularly through the use of Unit Councils), please remember that you're not alone. Please make use of your District Cub Scout Leader and your Commissioner! We're all happy to be sounding boards and to offer assistance where we can.

Have courage to let your Cubs take more responsibility and to model that role for them. Don't worry about failure, they'll get there with your help. And your help remains crucial so please don't step back and leave a void!

I've taken a break in January — I hope you were able to also — so I've got some email to respond to. If you've got anything you want to tell me or ask me, please contact me; my email address is below.

Good Hunting!

Julian Dermoudy

Branch Commissioner Cubes

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PS This year I'm going to embrace the new terminology in my columns. I'll be talking about Cub Units, Cub Patrols, and Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders. If you're not there yet, then please simply do the translation of my words to Packs, Sixes, etc. There's no pressure on you, and help is available if required; I'm just choosing to step away from the clumsiness of using two sets of terminology.

cubs

Grey Wolf Awards



Cailin Walters-Simpson

Kira Elphinstone

Evan Donaldson

Alby Long

Henry Webster

Aaliyah Brewer

Hayden Talbot

Turners Beach

Wynyard

Wynyard

Sandford

Sandford

Summerhill

Newstead

Scout Report



Welcome 2021!

Corroboree

Is on at Fulton Park over Easter. This will be a great weekend away.

A range of fun Scouting activities held from 2 to 4 April. This will be our very own version of a Jamboree in 2021.

Scout Leaders have been requested to provide advice of the number of Scouts and linking Cubs who will be attending from their Troop by 10 February.

Following the difficult National decision to not hold the Australian Jamboree in 2022, the state District Scout Leaders believe that it is important for Tasmania to work together to hold a large camp for our Scouts and experience our special mini Jamboree. Troops are encouraged to both promote and support the event through their participation at Easter. We look forward to seeing you.



Australian Scout Medallions

Congratulations to Emily Rawson (Clarence Sea Scouts) and Coby Saunders (Spreyton Scouts) who both achieved their Peak Award the Australian Scout Medallion, and were each presented with their Medallions in December in their Group.

Jonathan Pyefinch

Branch Commissioner Scouts

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JOTA/JOTI

The event had some challenges last year due to covid, but we still managed to get several Stations on air plus a few using internet. Hoping things will be back to nearly normal by next October.

Planning a get together with our Chief Commissioner on the March long weekend to discuss the possibility of a Southern Area Assistant and meeting a parent who expressed an interest in this role. Will also be discussing succession plan as my tenure ends in August 2022.

I have had contact with some Interstate equivalents ref getting more interaction with amateur radio clubs to help with running JOTA stations. We need to liaise better with the clubs and amateurs on the North coast.

Could Groups who attended JOTA activities please check whether Badges were received and invoices have been paid. I have been on the mainland since early January and don't return until end of February, so hoping no cheques got lost in redirected mail. Please email me if you need another copy of invoice.

I am hoping to attend a Special Interest Activities event in S. A. early Feb to possibly get some new ideas.

Peter Dodd

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BHQ Office TIPS



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Working With Vulnerable Peoples Card Renewal

When you receive an email from Scouts reminding you that your WWVP Card will expiry - you can only renew within 30 days of the expiry date on you card.

Once you have renewed your card you need to email admin@tas.scouts.com.au to advise of the renewal.

Scouts Tasmania is only informed of registration expires NOT renewal of registrations

Tips From BHQ to make your volunteering time less stressful

TASMANIAN SCOUT CYCLING TEAM

TDTG 2021



FRIDAY 9TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 2021

***SO YOU MISSED THE CLOSING DATE
BUT STILL WANT TO COME ?***

***LATE APPLICATIONS MAY BE
ACCEPTED***

ACT NOW !

The provisional Tour Route, information and an APPLICATION FORM can be found on the Scout Cycling DROPBOX link at <http://tinyurl.com/zmua3lj> What if I do not own a “road bike?” The Scout Cycling team still have 5 road machines available for loan to approved applicants.

Years of Service Awards

5Years

**Melanie Abbott
Susan Weeding**

**Derwent Sea Scout Group
Old Beach Scout Group**

10 Years

**Adrian Forrester
Stephanie Forrester**

**Tamar Sea Scout Group
Tamar Sea Scout Group**

15 Years

Stuart Morse

Blackmans Bay Scout Group



Training Report

Welcome back to a new Scouting Year, one which will hopefully be more action and less Zoom than 2020.

The first Scouting Essentials Course (the Basic Training for ALL new Leaders) will be at The Lea on the 27th-28th February, so please ensure you have your TOP 7 form in by 6th February and all On-demand Training (eLearning) completed as well. If there are any difficulties about this please contact Sharon at BHQ in the first instance.

The Scouting Adventure Course (the old Basic Outdoor Skills Course) will be 4 weeks later at The Lea, on 27th-28th March. This is the second face to face Course for all Leaders of Youth.

A second weekend for Leaders of Adults will be advised as soon as the details of the new Course are completed.

Also make sure you check the Training Calendar for Adventurous Activities Courses which are open to all Leaders as well as all Adult Helpers and Youth members. Parents are also welcome to attend these course BUT THEY MUST BE REGISTERED AS ADULT HELPERS AT BRANCH. This is to ensure they have a Working with Vulnerable People Card as there are often Youth members attending and to cover Scouts Tasmania in the event of a mishap.

The Team is looking forward to meeting all our new Leaders as well as those completing Training by undertaking their Wood Badge (now known as Scouting Leadership).

Have a terrific Scouting year.

Geraldine Harwood
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Rhonda May Ward 11 July 1946 - 16 January 2021



Rhonda began Scouting in 1983 in NSW with the Hume and Bunbury Districts. In 1998 she started working in the NSW State Office with Contingent and Event Administration and resigned in 2008. 2010 moved to Tasmania and joined the Fellowship.

Stalwart will be fondly remembered

Rest in Peace



JOTA / JOTI

I was given the scarf by the 3rd Karratha Scout Group and have put a JOTA badge on it for every year that I have helped with JOTA. Now complete.

Will be involved for many more years as my wife is a Joey Leader. **Michael VK6TU**



Gang Show Report

Hi to everyone and trusting 2021 will see a return to more Scouting events than were possible in 2020. We are all going to face many challenges as we start the new year and Hobart Gang Show is going to be no different.

We are planning a great Show ... in the theatre ... the script is written, songs chosen or some being written ... even costumes are under way! What we don't have is a Cast, Crew or an audience. The Cast has to come first because without the Cast there would be no Show. So, please let your Youth members know about Hobart Gang Show as follows;

AUDITIONS – Sunday 28th March, 2021 @ the Caledonian Hall, 31 Homer Avenue Moonah.

Bookings open 20th February, 2021

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOJCE>

I am also seeking “Expressions of Interest” from anyone aged 17 and over who may prefer to be “back stage” rather than “on stage”. Do you have a particular interest area or just want to explore possibilities “behind the scenes”?

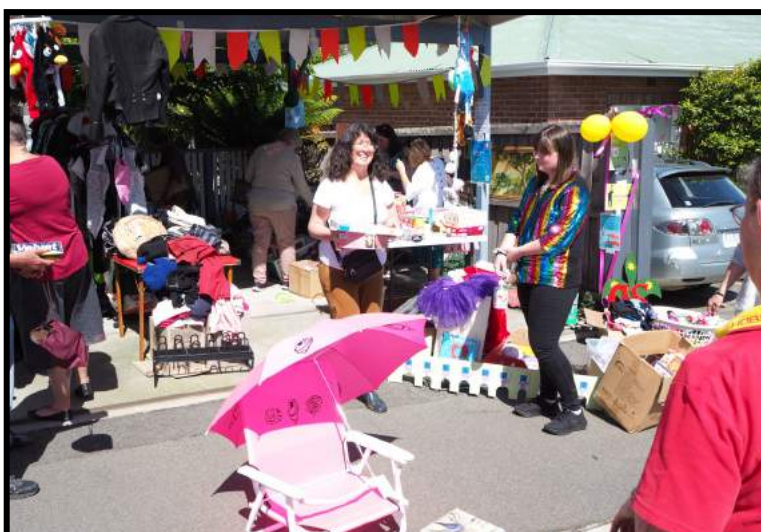
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| Just a few ideas ... | Lighting | Costuming | photography |
| | Sound | digital technology | back stage crew |
| | Sets/set construction | filming | set or costume design |

Please forward to me an “Expression of Interest” if you would like to find out more about how to be involved/gain experience. Please advise name, DOB, Scouting Group, contact details and what area/s you are interested in.

Denice Walter

Project Commissioner Hobart Gang Show

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Gang Show

**November 2020
Happy customers**





Branch Calendar

February	Event	Where
13	Basic Kayaking (North & South)	
14	Scout Cycling - Pip's Ride	Carrick
20	J/C/S Council & GL's Meeting	Ross
27 & 28	Scouting Essentials (all Sections)	The Lea
March		
13	Commissioners Conference	Ross
13	1st Aid Course (all regions)	
15	Leven District AGM	
16	Hellyer District AGM	
17	Mersey District AGM	
17	Health is Wealth Night - South	
20 & 21	Gang Show - Relay for Life	
27 & 28	Scouting Adventure	The Lea
31	Health is Wealth Night - North West	
31 - 6	Easter Course for Trainers	Victoria
April		
9 - 16	Tour De Tassie	Assemble in Burnie
10 & 11	Mariners Trophy - South	
11	Gang Show Training Workshop	
18	Gang Show - Information Session	
May		
3	Moot 2023 Meeting	
6 - 8	Advanced Abseiling Course	Agfest
8	JOTT	
14 - 16	YOU Course (South)	
15 & 16	Basic Seamanship Course / Seamanship Update	
21	Queen's Scout & Baden Powell Presentation	Government House
29 & 30	Scouting Essentials (all Sections)	The Lea
30	PLA Update	The Lea
June		
7	Moot 2023 Meeting	
18 - 21	Advanced Cycling/Ride Planning Course	Carnadoo
19 & 20	Scouting Adventure Course	The Lea
July		
3 & 4	Gilwell Reunion & Training Team Conference	The Lea
3 & 4	Youthfest	
5	Moot 2023 Meeting	



Branch Calendar

July Cont'd	Event	Where
10 & 11	NOC Meeting	
10 & 11	Youth Leadership (Cubs, Scouts & Venturers)	Launceston
17 & 18	All Leader Get—Together Weekend (Palava, Scoutfest and GLOW)	
24 & 25	Advanced Bushwalking Course	BP Lodge
31 & 1	Winter Moot	
August		
2	Moot 2023 Meeting	
14 & 15	Basic White Water Rafting	Arm River
14 & 15	Gang Show - Bump-in Crew	
16 - 18	Gang Show - Dress Rehearsals	
19 - 21	Gang Show Performance	
28	Commissioners Conference (online)	
September		
4	1st Aid Course (all Regions)	
6	Moot 2023 Meeting	
11	J/C/S Council & GL Meetings	Ross (TBA)
18 & 19	Scouting Essentials (all Sections)	The Lea
19	Sea Scouters Council	
24 - 29	Cycling Skills Camp - MTB Derby	
October		
2 & 3	Scouting Leadership W / E 1	The Lea
9 & 10	Cuboree	The Lea
16 & 17	JOTA/JOTI	
16 & 17	Basic Seamanship / Seamanship Update	
23 & 24	Scouting Adventure Course	The Lea
30 & 31	Basic Abseiling Course (North)	
November		
1	Moot 2023 Meeting	The Lea
6 & 7	Scouting Leadership W /E 2	
13 & 14	Training Team Meeting & EOY Dinner	
20 & 21	Clark Trophy - Scouts	
20	Basic Kayaking (North & South)	
27 & 28	NOC / NEC / National AGM	
December		
3 - 5	State Venture	
6	Moot 2023 Meeting	
9	Combined Branch Meetings	The Lea



Scouts Tasmania



Scouting in Tasmania means 3000 people - mostly children - in 52 local communities across the State. We've been around since 1908 and we are currently enjoying growth.



If undelivered return to:
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The Lea Scout Centre
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