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Chief Commissioner's Report



Sadly, another Life Member has passed away. June Flood had been with us for 64 years; she spent most of her Scouting life at Taroona, but started as an Assistant Cub Leader at Queenstown, where she began her teaching career. She married and went to NSW for some years and was a Cub Leader there. On her return, June started in the Taroona Group. She was the BC for Cubs, Assistant District Cub Leader, and Leader Trainer; June will be sadly missed.

Scouting promotion and Fundraising: At the GL Conference, Mike Patten and Pip Cornish explained their idea of how Groups might get more fundraising dollars by using the Decal method. Mike and Pip will produce large stickers for businesses to put on their doors, which indicates they support Scouting. In turn, they give us a donation and, depending on the level of the contribution, the sticker will be coloured bronze, silver, gold or maybe platinum. Mike and Pip surveyed the GL's who attended the Conference, and most were supportive of the idea. The stickers are also good PR for Scouting, telling the community that there is Scouting in the area. The concept of car stickers on business vehicles was also suggested.

Marketing: The Marketing Committee is starting up again, and some good ideas are starting to come from their meetings. Everything we do as a Section/Group/District/Branch, we should be looking at the PR aspect of the activity. When the Youth are out doing activities, the community should know whether they are Joeys/Cubs/Scouts/Venturers or Rovers. How we do this will be up to you, but a straightforward way is to put corflute signs back-to-back and put them on a guidepost near the activity. If you have any other great ideas or need help, our Marketing Committee is there to help.

Strategic plan: Most Groups should have their laminated plan now. We want everyone to try and make it happen. Unfortunately, because of COVID, we are a bit behind with our 3% membership increase, but we can catch up; we must be positive and giving out Friend Finder torches is a good way of encouraging more Youth.

Branch forms: At the GL's Conference, we talked about the flowing of forms into BHQ. There are a couple of ways we are looking into this; Operoo is one-way, Adobe is another. It was also suggested I find out what ACT is using as it could be a cheaper alternative.

Leader Catch Up forms: Again, at the GL's Conference I presented, what I thought the GL's Catch-Up form (the TOP33 Review form) might look like. Most GL's thought the idea was good and that the GL's in this case, are able to choose who he/she had for a reviewer. The change of name from Review to Catch-up, gets it away from the business reviews we have at work. The Catchup is more supportive and asking, "how can we help you".

Life Jackets: I mentioned this last month to make sure all Life Jackets are the correct new standard, but I forgot to say to make sure the new standard applies to everyone who brings their own. Some Groups don't allow this to happen for the Youth, which is good, but if your Group does allow it, make sure it's the newly approved standard.

Activities shirts: At the GL's Conference, I asked the GL's if they would like to have the Activity Shirt as part of the uniform for Youth and Leaders. The only problem with the Youth having them is that they only come in blue. We suggested they put the colour patch that some Leaders are wearing on the shoulders. Still, we would have two different looking uniforms in the Sections. The beauty of the Activity Shirt is the Youth and Leaders could wear long-sleeve thermals under it. When Youth go to the next section, they wouldn't have to remove all their badges and put them onto another shirt, unless they have grown out of it. With the new program, most of the badges stay on from one Section to the other. The long sleeve uniform could save a lot of money for the parents.

Youth Helpers: How do we get them onto the database? I had a GL the other day ask where the form is to get a Youth Helper into MyScout and the answer is there isn't one. If you have a Youth Helper who is a more senior Scout (15+) or Venturer who wants to help in the younger Sections, send an email to the Branch - admin@tas.scouts.com.au Lori can add their Youth Helper appointment to MyScout. If a 15+ Youth comes off the street and wants to be a Youth Helper, they will have to put in a TOP 13 as usual for a Youth member and put Youth Helper at the top. I will get this added in the next update of the TOP13 form.

New Rover/Venturer 18+ Forms: As the Venturer Leaders now know, Venturers can continue as Venturers up to the end of their year 12 schooling. In some cases, this means that a Venturer could be 19 years old before they leave Venturers. As we have strict guidelines and policies for Adults in our Child Protection Policy, these Venturers

Chief Commissioner's Report Cont'd

who turn 18 must fill in the Adult forms. That means, get a WWVP Card if they haven't already got one, do a National Police Check and complete the two compulsory modules in Scout Central, as per Rovers and Adult Helpers. We don't want too many forms, so I have incorporated the Venturer 18 and over forms into the Rover pack. This way, if the Venturer continues into Rovers, which we hope they do, all they have to do to become a Rover, is fill in the Rover sheet which is included in the pack.

Adult Helpers and Adventurous Activities: We have been having a lot of discussion about parents doing our adventurous activities and have concluded, that if a parent is doing any of our adventurous activities, they should become an Adult Helper, which entails having a WWVP Card, National Police Check and doing the two compulsory modules. Unfortunately, it would mean the Group would also have to pay a fee for the parent to BHQ for being an Adult Helper. Still, the parent would be insured to do activities with our Youth, and we would know that the parent is up to date with our Child Protection Policies. Groups might like to ensure the parent plans to will stay around for at least 12 months after paying for the Adventurous Activity Course and the Adult Helper fee, to see some return on their outlay.

Michael Hovington

Chief Commissioner

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Tasmanian Senior Australian 2021



Scout Leader and mentor Brian Williams is the 2021 Tasmanian Senior Australian of the Year.

Brian has devoted more than 50 years to Scouts and has been a highly respected mentor to thousands of Youth. Under his leadership, the Blackmans Bay Scout Group has become one of the largest and most successful in Tasmania. Brian organised the inaugural Australian Venture in Launceston, bringing together young people from around Australia and overseas for 12 days of fun and activities. Due to the success of this event, the state has been invited to run several additional National events. At 73, Brian is deputy chair on the committee for A Day on The Beach, a local Australia Day celebration of Australian life and culture. His efforts mean his Scouts can participate in these local events, gaining valuable community engagement and life experience. Since 1983, Brian has been on the state Training Team, where he has Trained and nurtured more than 100 Leaders in the Venturer Scout Section – ensuring the ongoing success of the Scouts organisation.

Brian and his wife Janice attended the Australian of the Year awards in Canberra over the Australia Day long weekend.

Congratulations Brian for all your dedication over the years. Scouting is indebted to you.



Australian of the Year Awards

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



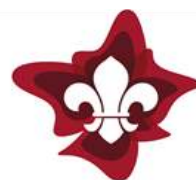
Joey Scouts



Cub Scouts



Scouts



Venturer Scouts



Rover Scouts



Branch Calendar

March	Event	Where
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	Carnacoo
19 & 20	Scouting Adventure Course	The Lea
July		
3 & 4	Gilwell Reunion & Training Team Conference	The Lea
3 & 4	Youthfest	
5	Moot 2023 Meeting	
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	



Marjory June Flood



12th June 1927 - 12th February 2021

I am writing this with a heavy heart to let you know June Flood has passed on. Her contribution to Tasmanian Scouts over 65 years was massive. Holding many roles in the Cub Section and at Branch level, she was an active member and mentor to the end.

June started as a CSL in Queenstown in 1952, before moving to Taroona then onto Huntingfield. She was Branch Commissioner for Cubs Scouts and District Cubs Scout Leader for Kingborough.

Her contribution to Scouts was recognised in 2001 being made a Life Member of the Tasmanian Branch and received the National Presidents Award in 2013.

I am very privileged to have had June as a mentor, she live by Scout Promise and has left us saddened by her passing, she touched many lives and has left this World a better place.



Leave this world a little better than you found it.



- Lord Robert Baden-Powell

Years of Service Awards

5 Years	Thomas Bonnice Greg Cooper Owen Holloway Georgina Rush Melanie Thompson	BP Lodge Committee Lindisfarne Scout Group Branch Rover Council Motton-Preston Scout Group Taroona Scout Group
15 Years	David Heap Kath Milburn	Lindisfarne Scout Group Spreyton Scout Group
25 Years	Leone Cowen	Blackmans Bay Scout Group
35 Years	Kim Dudley	Leven Rover Crew
50 Years	Sue Hill	Tasmanian Branch

BHQ Office TIPS

National Police Checks

All adult members are required to have National Police Clearance. So if you receive an email saying that your National Police Check Clearance is due to expiry in so many weeks, please follow the email instructions and complete the application, return it to admin@tas.scouts.com.au National Police Clearance expires after 3 years and the expiry of your NPC may be different than the expiry of your Working With Vulnerable Peoples Card.

Tips From BHQ to make your volunteering time less stressful



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Joey Report



Term 1 is well underway, and I hope all is going well for you and your Joey Scouts. It has been fantastic to see so many Joey Scout Units out and about enjoying summer activities and participating in Founder's Day swimming carnivals and other District events. It has also been really positive to see Joey Scout numbers in Tasmania for February are the highest they have been in 4 years (with reports of lots of new members trying out Joey Scouts). This to me is a reflection of the incredible job our Joey Scout Leaders are doing in providing fun, challenging, adventurous and inclusive activities for our Youth members.

Joey Scout Branch Council Meeting

Last weekend, District Joey Scout Leaders and representatives met for a Joey Scout Branch Council meeting. I would like to thank the Leaders who gave up their Saturday to travel to Ross and contribute to our discussions. Among the many items for discussion was the Joey Scout Leader Reunion, the 2021 Commissioner's Challenge and this year's Joey Scout State Event which will be run as a Scavenger Hunt around the township of Ross. More information on these events will be coming soon.

Joey Scout starting age clarification

Another of the items at the Joey Scout Branch Council meeting was the starting age for Joey Scouts. In the past there has been some confusion as to what "5 and eligible for full-time school" meant. It was agreed that the intention has always been that a child may join the Joey Scout section in Tasmania when they are 5 years of age and eligible to attend school 5 days a week in Prep or Prep equivalent. This clarified policy position will be reflected in the updated TOPS.

Joey Scouts ratios

Just a reminder that the ratio for Joey Scouts (both at the Hall and also away from the Hall) is a ratio of one adult to five Youth members with a minimum of two adults. This took effect as of 1 January last year (2020) and is in keeping with National Policy & Rules (P&R). Of course, this is always subject to your risk assessment for an activity, where you may determine you need a higher ratio of adults.

Joey Scout Branch dates for your diary

- 5 June, Joey Scout Leader Reunion, 11:00 am to 2:30pm, Ross Town Hall,**
- 17-18 July, All Leaders Weekend, Orana**
- 21 August, Joey Scout State Event, 10:00am to 2:00pm, Ross Town Hall**
- 9 October, Cuboree Taster, The Lea, time to be advised.**



Congratulations

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Melanie Abbott on her appointment as District Joey Scout Leader for Wellington. Welcome to your new role Mel.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above or anything Joey Scout-related, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to meeting you at one of our events over the coming year.

Happy Joey Scouting!

Ruth Henderson
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4th Launceston Joey Scouts
winner of their Division in the
Launceston & Tamar District
Swimming Carnival



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Cub Report



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 which 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 during March.

We'll be offering an 'early bird discount' too, with a cut-off of the end of June — so please look out for that! Leaders who assist with organising the Cuboree don't have to pay registration. And coincidentally, we need more volunteers. If you've got the skills to planning some activities, manage our finances, be a go-to person for a sub-camp (collection of about 100 Cubs), assist with catering organisation, assist with the site and problem-solving, or pretty much have a contribution of any kind you can make, please get in touch: bc.cubs@tas.scouts.com.au

Welcome to the new Leaders who completed the Scouts Essentials Course in the last weekend of February. It's great to have you aboard. For everyone else, have you noticed, eLearning is changing. There's now a whole bunch of "on-demand" modules about the new program available in the eLearning area of Scout Central. Please check it out and stay up-to-date.

At our recent Branch Council meeting, the District Cub Scout Leaders and I talked about a wide-range of topics including Child Safety, Training, the Cuboree, transition to the new Program and how to support you, current age ranges for Cubs, a status report from each District (including tentative dates for the Leadership Courses and District Seonee), TOP 15s, the 2021 Commissioner's Challenge, A Grand Leaders' Weekend, the recent email hack, local traditions (ceremonies and names). I'll share information about the District timetables, Commissioner's Challenge, and GLW as soon as I have them.

Your District Cub Scout Leader will be contacting you soon to have a District Seonee. See if you can get there. It's a great way to connect, and it's a great way to share and solve problems.

Good luck again with your Cubbing year. 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! Good Hunting!

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Grey Wolf Awards

Stella Chalke 10th Hobart

Olivia Treloyn 10th Hobart

Special Interest Areas

-  Adventure & Sport
-  Arts & Literature
-  Creating a Better World
-  Environment
-  Growth & Development
-  STEM & Innovation

pr.scouts.com.au has many tools to assist you and your Youth plan, document, and review their SIAs. Looking in the Achievement Pathways section reveals:

NAME ^	DOWNLOADS	VERSION	LAST MODIFIED	DOWNLOAD	FILE SIZE
Guide to Special Interest Areas	2965 downloads	2.0	05-11-2020	Download	677.1 KB
SIA Project Planning Tool - Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts	2591 downloads	2.1	31-05-2020	Download	590.4 KB
SIA Project Planning Tool - Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts	2416 downloads	2.2	31-05-2020	Download	580.4 KB
Special Interest Areas - Why?	426 downloads	1.1	01-09-2020	Download	1.4 MB
Special Interest Areas Factsheet	2733 downloads	2.1	26-11-2020	Download	3.4 MB
Special Interest Areas Flowchart	1653 downloads	2.2	03-11-2020	Download	201 KB

Special Interest Areas Cont'd

All of these resources are really useful. The Guide, Fact Sheet, and Flow Chart are a great read as an introduction. The Flow Chart is a great way to get a Youth member to brainstorm their ideas and work through the identification and planning process. The flow chart in part is simply:

What activities do you like to do inside that Special Interest Area?	How can this project be different or special to you?	What challenges you in this area of the Special Interest Area?	How should you research or get expert help?
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This allows you (and/or the Youth member) to think through what kind of challenges they're interested in, what they could do, and the help they would need.

In addition to this, of course, there is the more formal Planning Tool. There is one for Joeys and Cubs, and one for the older Sections. Recently, these have been turned into fillable PDFs for those who wish to complete them that way.

Space prevents a readable image of those here, but for the gist, here is the first page of one:

SIA Project Planning
Development Tool - Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts

Plan >

Name:	Date:	Section: Rover Scouts	How long will it take?
What is your Special Interest Area idea/ ideas?		Outline what you aim to achieve within the Special Interest Area	
Consider below which SPICES "I" statements found in the back of your Youth Guide relate to these goals and what UN's Sustainable Development Goals could be covered in your project.			
Goal 1:			
Goal 2:			
Goal 3:			
This will be a: <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Project <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Project		I am being supported by: <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Subject Matter Expert <input type="checkbox"/> Mentor	
Who is participating in this project with you? (Who else is involved?)		Named:	
How do you hope to personally grow by doing this project? (eg. Deliver a speech, demonstrate, teach others, keep a diary, code an app, engage a community group, etc.)			
The person that is supporting me feels comfortable assessing the success or quality of achievement in this project because of the following: (eg. The Leader has been working in a relevant area for a number of years, the mentor is a musician/photographer etc.)			

May 2020 – Version 2.2 - Scouts Australia Official Program Resource

If you've got questions, please ask the team. Thank you. Julian Dermoudy, on behalf of the Team:

Julie Creed, National
Jacki Fox, Howrah (Cubs)

Julian Dermoudy, Branch
Cindy Ruut, Kingston (Scouts)

Scout Report



Corroboree is not to be, this Easter

An Exciting 5 day Scout Camp in December 2021

The February 16th Branch Scout Council, along with other states, is very keen to run a 5 day camp at the end of December - presently titled TASJAM - this event will be a chance for us to expand on a multiday camping event and will offer a range of Adventurous Activities in and around Fulton Park. So to do this well, we would really appreciate the input from Scouts and Venturers, and interest from all adults and Leaders who are willing to support this fabulous opportunity to have a Scouting event.

So, if you haven't heard - AJ2022 is unfortunately not taking place in January 2022 – our National committee is yet to advise when the Jamboree will be rescheduled. This is also a reason we thought it would be good to concentrate on providing a really great camping experience in the summer months which we can encourage all Scouts to attend rather than running the Corroboree this Easter.

So - Ideas Wanted for Scouting activities you would like to participate in at TASJAM. Your District Leader will be looking for ideas at your next Youth Mindari from your Unit. It would be wonderful if we can have Scout representation actively participating in the planning of the event. If you are willing please let me know.

Other Events to consider coming up:

Tour de Tassie –to all the Scouts registered to go riding in April we hope you have a wonderful and safe adventure!

ANZAC day – what is happening in your District this year ? – discuss with your DSL.

17-18 July **Leader Weekend Away** will be an opportunity for all Leaders to meet and have a fun weekend away – highly valuable for networking and skills development.

Clark Trophy and District Camps – the event this year will be a lightweight hike so Patrols are encouraged to work on their hiking experiences in the coming months – when was your last Patrol hike??

District Camps and Leadership Courses – discuss with your DSL.

Activity Idea

I've been working through a wonderful book 'How to be an Explorer of the World' by Keri Smith who is interested in exploring the life that is ever present around us. It is part art, part science. Lots of nice ideas for activities you can do to consider how you relate to the world around you. **Exploration #14 Sound Map**

Sit in a locations for one hour. Document all the sounds you can hear and the times you heard them. Mark the approximate location of the sounds in relation to you on a map.

Jonathan Pyefinch

Branch Commissioner Scouts

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Scouts Terrain

Scouts | Terrain is Scouts Australia's new digital system which progresses Scouts through their Scouting journey. It allows Scouts and their Leaders to track progress and badge work from Joeys to Rovers.

Learning how to use a new system such as Scouts | Terrain can be challenging, so we hope to make this as easy as possible for you. Your local Tasmanian Terrain Team is here to help, providing advice, assistance and support for navigating the new system.

For those who haven't used it yet, the system can be accessed from <https://terrain.scouts.com.au/> The first time you log in, you will need to enter the default password along with your member number. This is your Date of Birth in the format of YYYY-MM-DD including the hyphens. If you don't know your member number, ask a fellow Leader in your Group, your Group Leader or contact Branch. For further login assistance, or to get your password reset, use the links on the website.

<https://pr.scouts.com.au/terrain/> is the official help page for Scouts | Terrain and contains a large amount of helpful resources and videos. There is also a helpful Facebook user group where you can ask for suggestions, ideas or help from other Scout Leaders from around Australia. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scoutsterrain>

We are still looking into potentially running some workshops and would like to know what you would like them to cover if we were able to. Please send suggestions to me via email: alistair.luckman@tas.scouts.com.au

Alistair Luckman

Terrain Champion



Heritage Report

TEAM HERITAGE

Our Team has been active outdoors since the weather has been kind at times. Late last year we cleaned up the front area around Timber Top building; now in February, we have erected a drystone wall adjacent to it. There are picnic settings available so all can now join in utilising this area in conjunction with The Lea Service Crew. (Left)

Our regular Wednesday meetings commenced with the Rev'd. David Parker visiting and presenting his former Hobart Scouting effects during a congenial morning tea. We have received lots of contributions from Jane Smith, South Australia, Marcelle Humphreys in Cairns, Qld, also Marion Berry at Stanley, Suzy Ihlow in Hobart and Kerri Pickford from Penguin.

One of our members, Fred Koolhof has applied his own talents by rejuvenating a dilapidated 1960's 7th Hobart leather trophy which has come up 'sparklers' for all to see. (second photo Left)

Team members were in attendance at the Memorial Service on Founders Day for June Flood. Her scouting memorabilia was displayed for all in attendance to view.

Thanks also are due to Marion Blight who has now finalised collating Training records.

2021 COMMEMORATIONS

This year we celebrate ourselves in Scouting. We're featuring at the Heritage Centre, all those who are prominent personalities, important and famous in one way or other through their Scout Training. From Scouts landing on the Moon, Presidents, TV personalities, Entrepreneurs to Explorers. Try this for a short range of Aussies who developed their talents initially from Scouting : Andy Lee (think Hamish & Andy), Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, Bert Newton, Peter Garrett, Harold Holt, Shane Jacobson, Dick Smith. We're working on a list of Tasmanian Scouting talents too – your contributions are welcome to inform us should someone who was in 'Scouts' you know was/is still prominent.

HOSTED AT FOUNDERS DAY

On 22nd February we welcomed Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and Parents from Huonville Group at our Centre. In response a nice presentation of Lord & Lady Baden-Powell spoons was made to us, now proudly on display. The Youth were very enthused from information dispensed and we trust their talents can now develop further their ambitions.

Did you realise the **1st NATIONAL MEETING** of Scout Commissioners was held a Century ago, post-World Influenza Epidemic, 1921 in Melbourne ? Second from the left in the photo is our Tasmanian State Commissioner. I obtained this iconic piece in the late 1970's from the Scouter on the immediate left. Born 1900, he is Charles Jackson, a 1908 original Boy Scout in Sydney at 1st Paddington. FastTrack to 1988, Australia became host for the 16th World Jamboree in Sydney. Charles then lived in Wollongong, still an active Scouter - and this World event was held in his own 'backyard'. Imagine the changes he saw during his 80 years Scouting. Then, imagine what you can do to enthuse your Youth for the next decades ahead.



1st All-Australian Scout Commissioners Meeting, Melbourne, 1921.



Heritage Report



TASMANIA'S FIRST SEA SCOUT TROOP

You may have noticed recently in "The Sunday Mercury", with thanks to Damian Bester, some Sea Scout photos depicting 1st Derwent Group, who are due to celebrate their 90th Anniversary. Always a controversial point, just who were our 'first Sea Scouts' in Tasmania ?

Well, it can now be revealed ! Through research, we have discovered the first Sea Scouts were formed in 1913 in Hobart, named the LORD NELSON SEA SCOUT TROOP, under the guidance of Scoutmasters Rees and Fleming. The Troop met bi-weekly on Monday and Thursday evenings, wore dark blue uniforms, parading at Eaton Bray School, at upper Davey Street, Hobart. Numbers grew so quickly that they were split into two separate 'watches'. The Troop appears to have unfortunately dissolved though due to the onset of WW1.

TASMANIA'S FIRST AIR SCOUT TROOP

Just for the record, our first Air Scouts, the LLANHERNE TROOP, was formed in 1950 and utilised Hobart Aerodrome, under the leadership of Scoutmaster K. Topfer. Parades were at the RAAF Drill Hall, Anglesea Barracks. Air Scouts were also formed near Launceston at Western Junction Aerodrome. In all Air Scouts continued in Tasmania for well over the next 50 years. Air Scout Groups and activities continue in Australia at Airports and Flying locations, such as Camden (NSW), Essendon (Vic) and Bullsbrook (WA).

Tony Peck Project Commissioner Heritage 6243 1500 / 0499 250 360 pc.heritage@scoutstas.org.au



1983 Scout Camp

In January 1983, Scout Troops from along North-West Tasmania held a unique Regional camp. It was a weeklong Summer Camp on Robbins Island, Northern Tasmania. This Island is 42 miles square, privately owned by the Hammond family of whom, Keith & John Hammond had both been involved with the Boy Scouts of America and assisted in running the camp.

Initially they had liaised with Scoutmaster Gene Raspin and his family to form the camp.

The campsite itself was officially opened on the Mainland, just out of Smithton. Scouts then had to walk and wade 1.5 miles across the channel to the Island itself. As it was low tide, the water was only knee deep when transiting. Scouts then hiked a further 10 miles to the campsite itself, situated on the opposite side of the island.

All camping gear and equipment needed, including army tents, army generator and fridge was transported by a flotilla of army trucks, a privately-owned DUKW army duck and additional tractors towing trailers. The campsite was situated in a flat area between some hills and lightly timbered area which offered a little protection against strong winds. Below the campsite was a long beautiful beach which all Scouts enjoyed immensely. The only problem developing with this ideal campsite was water required needed to be hauled in with tanks on trailers behind tractors.

The weeks' activities included rock climbing, repelling, pioneering, wallaby hunting, orienteering, mini regatta, visit to a mutton bird rookery, day trip to Walkers Island via Mosquito sound, Living off the land and campfires.

The Chief Commissioner for Tasmania, Mr Tas Knight honoured the camp with his presence. His arrival was memorable with all Scouts lining both sides of the small Island runway to form a guard of honour as he landed. When he left a few days later he disappeared quietly, however his presence and words remained with the participants.

In all some 100 Scouts and their Leaders participated in this unique Region Camp, held "on an Island, off an Island, of an Island" the first of its kind. Full credit was due to Scoutmaster Ray Eade and family for co-ordination of the camp itself.

Tony Peck Tasmanian Scout Heritage Centre pc.heritage@scoutstas.org.au

FOOTNOTE; Thanks to our Northern representative, Robert Milnes for forwarding this contribution. The Island is now home to the famous worldwide Wagyu beef cattle which are bred there.

A 2nd Robbins Island Region Camp was held in 1985. As a fundraiser available to Leaders at \$10 each while stocks allow. Kindly contact me direct if interested.





Training Report

Deputy Branch Commissioner Adult Training and Development

It is with much pleasure, I can let you know, Ross Smith has accepted the role of Deputy BCATD with the intention of taking on the BC role from December 2021. Ross has been a member of the Training Team as a Leader Trainer for many years, especially in the Scout Section and pioneering as well as taking on responsibility for the Basic Outdoor Skills (BOS) Course and now Scouting Adventure. Hopefully over the next few months we can complete the transition to the new Training including LOA and Wood Badge (Scouting Leadership), ready for Ross to continue on and develop it further.

Gilwell

The date for the Gilwell reunion has been moved to Saturday 7th August at The Lea. I hope as many Wood Badge holders as possible are able to attend and enjoy reminiscing with fellow Gilwellians. The cost is likely to be \$40.00 per head including drinks, nibbles, dinner and cheese and biscuits and as always partners are very welcome. Anyone who would like to assist with organising the Reunion would be welcome, please let me know.

Scouting Adventure

The next Course is the 27th-28th March at The Lea. All new Leaders of Youth must do this weekend, and any existing Joey Scout or Cub Scout Leaders who wish to further the outdoor experiences of their Youth members are also very welcome to attend. Remember that the program is open to all Sections, so the Scouting Adventure Course enables you to support your Youth members to Stage 5 of the Outdoor Adventure skills in the three compulsory areas of bushwalking, camping and camp craft.

Scouting Management

This is the second weekend for all new Leaders of Adults, who will also do the Scouting Essentials weekend. The management weekend is to support LOA's in the many areas which arise for Group Leaders, Commissioners and District uniformed Leaders. This weekend will be held at the same time as the Scouting Adventure weekends. We look forward to tailoring this to the needs of participants, depending on their roles.

On-demand Learning (eLearning)

Several new modules have been added to the on-demand units, so please check them out. This year will be a transition year and so consultation with your PLA or the BCATD around the number of units required will be essential for the achievement of the Certificate of Adult Leadership (CoAL), soon to become the Certificate of Proficiency.

It would also be a useful tool for existing Leaders to check out the eLearning on offer, as many of the new modules relate to the 'new' program and may assist you in supporting Youth members to an even higher standard. There are also some extremely useful elective modules that I am sure you would find interesting and helpful.

Geraldine Harwood Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development bc.specialneeds@scoutstas.org.au

VET Report

As I reported last year the Outdoor Recreation qualifications (SIS40319) are changing to a new qualification Outdoor Leadership (SIS40619). This will require all Leaders to transition to the new qualification.

Over the last few months our Adventurous Activities Team have been busy updating to the new qualifications. This has involved a lot of hard work, including attending many on-line meetings, providing logbooks and completing workbooks to gain the new qualifications.

At this stage Murat Djakic has achieved the Diploma in Outdoor Leadership (SIS50419) and been re-appointed as a National Assessor. This means Murat can assist (and assess) the rest of the Team. As of 23 March, Ross Smith has just completed the required work and I am in the process of having his diploma issued and his assessor position reinstated. The rest of the Team is very close to completion.

My thanks to David Walsh the Chief Instructor and the Team for their efforts.

Geoff Hurst has received 11 Units of Competency for Caving. Well done Geoff.

Mike Wilson

Branch Commissioner VET

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Gang Show



AUDITIONS 28th March

AUDITIONS FOR HOBART GANG SHOW 2021 ARE NOW OPEN TO ANY REGISTERED MEMBER OF SCOUTING AND GUIDING.

VENUE FOR AUDITIONS - CALEDONIAN HALL, 31 HOMER AVENUE, MOONAH

Hobart Gang Show is an annual theatrical production, written, produced and performed by members of Scouts and Guides Tasmania and volunteers. Those aged from 11 years of age may perform on stage but there are also opportunities for those aged from 16 years, to be involved in other areas of the show including; band, choreography, sound, lighting, audio or backstage crew. Everyone aged 16+ must have a current Working With Vulnerable People card.

Sadly there was no "on stage" show in 2020, but we are excited at the prospects for 2021. The 2021 Hobart Gang Show is NOW looking for Scouting and Guiding members who might like to explore the possibilities of being involved. Do you want to learn more about theatre? Perhaps you enjoy acting, singing and/or dancing and want to take these skills further? Maybe you just want to have a go? No matter the reason, this is your chance to join the "Gang", but if you don't come along, you will never know the enjoyment and friendships you can make from being. While preference is given to youth members aged 11 and over, any current member of Scouting or Guiding may audition. Gang Show offers a unique and easy to enter environment to learn the skills required to perform on stage, in front of an audience. Some former cast have gone on to perform with other theatre groups and professionally while others have extended their interest in a particular backstage field of work (e.g. lighting, sound or audio).

Hobart Gang Show is an inclusive production. Auditions are designed to help us find the best place for you in the show, ideally on stage. Everyone who auditions will be made welcome, regardless of ability and the audition is usually a group of 10-15.

There are three components of the audition - acting, singing and movement. Book an audition from the times listed below and answer some simple yes/no type questions to confirm your audition. Members of the same family please note each individual person must complete a separate booking. Once you have booked your audition you will receive a confirmation E-mail along with further information.

To learn more and/or make a booking go to ... <https://www.trybooking.com/BOJCE>

Times available; **11.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m. / 1.30-3.00 p.m. / 3.30-5.00 p.m.** If these times don't suit, please contact to make alternative arrangements.

Rehearsals start in May and are usually weekly on a Sunday afternoon, plus three weekend rehearsals including a camp. Performance dates are 19th, 20th and 21st August, 2021.

Any questions, contact Denice on 6224 1105 (after 6.00 p.m.)
Or E-mail pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au

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Scouts Tasmania



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