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# Easter Venture

Easter Venture is a 4-day competitive hike for Venturers, older Scouts & Guides. EV is a team event, and they hike in teams of four to seven. This year, EV started on Good Friday and ended on Easter Monday with the hiking undertaken in the Barossa Goldfields, Para Wirra, and Kersbrook Forest areas. This year the EV theme was "Spaced Out" - everything and anything related to space, aliens, science fiction.

Lone Venturers fielded two teams this year. The 3 Tassie Venturers, Connor Thompson, Nicholas Yam & Brayden Sykes ( photo below—arriving at Adelaide Airport ) from 4<sup>th</sup> Launceston, combined with 4 Venturers from the South Australia Lone Venturer Unit to form the Team "Orion's Belt". They had initial preparatory meetings on Zoom. This is the first time EV had participants from Interstate. Right from registration, the EV Coordinator had commented that they gel very well together and were a Team to watch.

Well indeed so. Orion's Belt won EV and picked up 4 trophies ( photo - cover page ) the most of any Team this year. The top trophy being (1) the EV Trophy, which is the top score from all activities, (2) the Hike Trophy for the top full pack Team reaching the most checkpoints, (3) the Theme Trophy for the best Team representing the theme Spaced Out, and (4) the Pick Trophy for being the Team that best embodies the Scouting spirit and values, and this was scored by all Leaders and Adults. They also won the annual Duck Challenge, acquiring 49 plastic ducks hidden in the bush at night. It was a sight to see Venturers in a mad scramble in the dark hunting for toy ducks! Totally quackers!

The SA Lone Venturer Leader commented: *"Lone Scouting has challenges a "normal" Scout Group does not have, namely the inability to have regular face-to-face contact and to practice working in Patrols and Teams. So, it was great to see the Lone Venturers and Tassie Venturers were more than able and capable of working very well as a Team. They deserve acknowledgement, recognition, and great BIG pats on their shoulders till they are worn out"*.

After EV, the Tassie Venturers visited MegaAdventure (a huge ropes course), Monarto Safari Zoo, Hahndorf (a German village), had 15-inch pizzas one night and Korean BBQ dinner another night, and checked out Adelaide CBD. To their Scouting credit, they teamed up with Blackwood Cubs and helped build an obstacle course to challenge the Cubs (the Tassie Venturers were staying at the Blackwood Scout Group Hall).

Many thanks to South Australia Branch for allowing the Tassie Venturers to participate in EV and to the SA Lone Venturers for letting the Tassie Venturers be part of their winning Team.



Connor Thompson, Nicholas Yam & Brayden Sykes

**Cover page photo** - Trophies from left to right: Hike Trophy, Theme Trophy, EV Trophy & Pick Trophy. Venturers from left to right: Lachlan Stokes (SA Lones), Connor Thompson (4<sup>th</sup> Launceston), Nicholas Yam (4<sup>th</sup> Launceston), Benjamin Forg (SA Lones), Jack McKenzie (SA Lones), David Forg (SA Lones) and Brayden Sykes (4<sup>th</sup> Launceston).



# Branch Calendar

August	Event	Where
31 - 1	Winter Moot	
2	Moot 2023 Meeting	
7 & 8	Training Team Conference & Gilwell Reunion	The Lea
14 & 15	Basic White Water Rafting ( Week 1 of 2 )	Arm River
14 & 15	Gang Show - Bump-in Crew	
16 - 18	Gang Show - Dress Rehearsals	
19 - 21	Gang Show Performance	Mt Nelson ( Hobart College )
20 & 21	1st Aid Course ( Course 1 )	Storm Hut - The Lea
21 & 22	1st Aid Course ( Course 2 )	Storm Hut - The Lea
27 - 29	Advanced Abseiling Course	Quercus Park
27 - 29	YOU Course	The Lea
28	Commissioners Conference	Online
<b>September</b>		
4	Joey State Event	Ross Town Hall
11	J/C/S Council & GL Meetings	Ross ( TBA )
17 - 19	Basic White Water Rafting ( Week 2 of 2 )	Arm River
18	Scouting Leadership ( previously Wood Badge ) ( all Sections )	TBA
19	Sea Scouters Council	
25 - 28	Cycling Skills Camp - MTB Derby	
<b>October</b>		
2 & 3	Scouting Essentials W / E 1 ( all Section & LoA )	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 )	
<b>November</b>		
1	Moot 2023 Meeting	The Lea
6 & 7	Scouting Leadership W / E 2 ( previously Wood Badge ) ( all Sections & LoA )	The Lea
13 & 14	Training Team Meeting & EOY Dinner	
20 & 21	Clark Trophy - Scouts	
20	Basic Kayaking ( North & South )	
<b>December</b>		
6	Moot 2023 Meeting	
10 - 12	State Venture	
17	Branch Closes	The Lea



# Chief Commissioner's Report



A big thank you to everyone who sent Susanne and I condolences after my mother's passing. She was a wonderful lady, as most mothers are, and our family will miss her dearly.

Unfortunately, COVID has hit again. The 2022 Moot in Ireland has been cancelled. The National International Commissioner informed me on 25/7/2021 that the Moot will not go ahead.

Tasjam might not be held over the New Year period; please see the Branch Commissioners for Scouts Report in the newsletter for more information.

It was great to hear the Leader in Charge of Queenstown Scout Group has been elected as Mayor of the West Coast Council. Congratulations Shane Pitt, and we hope your term as Mayor goes well.

On a side note, Paula Wriedt has become the Mayor of the Kingborough Council, which is The Lea's council.

The All-Leaders Weekend went well. I think most of the Leaders who attended got something out of it and went home with a new skill, or new information that they didn't have before. I think the session on Terrain was the most beneficial, followed by Danny's session on Behaviour Management. If you didn't get anything out of Danny's session, it was at least entertaining. Thank you, Danny, for putting that on for us, and thank you to Connell, Mary and Daniela for the Terrain session.

The Adventurous Activity Team are trying something different with how they list the AA endorsement of a Leader on MyScout. They will now go on to the front page of your MyScout profile with your other appointments. First check MyScout to make sure you have a current 1st Aid certificate and that your Adventurous Activity endorsement hasn't expired. If they are both current, ask your Group Leader or District Commissioner to email Sharon to have it listed along with your appointments on your MyScout home page.

It was great that I had the chance to present Marion Blight with her Silver Kangaroo and Noelle Rattray her Special Service Award. They were presented at a luncheon at the Botanical Garden held by the Heritage Centre. It is great Leaders can get together like this from time to time, but this was a special occasion. Well done Marion and Noelle. ( photos—Page 18 )

Coming up:- Gang Show will be with us soon, 19-21 August. If you haven't got your ticket by now, go online to purchase or purchase them on the night. ( more info on pages 14 & 15 )

The Gilwell Reunion is another great night to talk Scouting to your fellow Scouters over dinner and drinks. If you haven't told Geraldine or Marion you would like to attend, please call or email them ASAP, as this event is on the 7 August. ( page 18 )

Joeys State Event is also coming up at Ross on the 4 September.

1st Aid Course, our first Scouting course for Southern Tasmania, will also be held on the same weekend as the Gang Show. It was a pity that had to happen, but there are only so many weekends in a year. Now we have our own 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Trainers we should be able to keep your 1<sup>st</sup> Aid certificate updated.

Footnote:- the National Police Checks are taking a lot longer than usual; this also affects the WWVP Card. So, please get your WWVP card and NPC application forms in ASAP if you are due for renewal, so you are not without a card or up to date Police Check.

Michael Hovington

Chief Commissioner

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## Years of Service Awards

### 5 Years

Cherie Cox

Mark Dewsbury

Jenny Monks

Nicole Sweeney

Heather Walters

Committee Treasurer

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Committee Treasurer

Cub Scout Leader

Assistant Scout Leader

Spreyton Scout Group

Tamar Scout Group

4th Launceston Scout Group

Huonville Scout Group

Turners Beach Scout Group

### 10 Years

Isaac Smith

Julian Varney

BC Water Activities

PC Branch Cycling

Tasmania Branch

Tasmania Branch



## President's Report



The 30<sup>th</sup> of July is International Day of Friendship. I think that Scouts is a perfect example of how friendship and a common sense of purpose bridges divides and unites us as a movement. I am sure many of you will agree that connections made in Scouts are there for life.

Vice President Griffin Blizzard and I recently attended the All-Leaders Weekend at Roaches Beach. This opportunity allowed us to speak with many of you about issues and concerns, but also the needs and priorities of Leaders moving forward. As we all continue to work together to ensure that Scouts are sustainable for another 100 years and beyond, communication and working together is essential.

We spoke about the priorities of the BEC over the next 12 months and into the future. These included a business focus and strategy with our day-to-day operations, an increase in resources to members and communication with both internal and external stakeholders.

Scouts has a wonderful story to tell. We are not just a building with members that meet once a week. We are connected to the community. We are individuals from all walks of life working together to make a difference. I encourage you all to contact your local Councils, Politicians and Newspapers and share the amazing work of Scouts in your area.

We will continue to speak to as many of you as possible over the coming months. Thank you again for all your hard work and your commitment to our Movement. I look forward to speaking to many of you soon.

**Nigel Clutterbuck**

**President Scouts Tasmania**

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## Scout Cycling

Get your applications in quickly for the upcoming Derby MtB Camp, 25-28 September. There is already a fair bit of interest in this event, so don't delay & risk missing out.

The MtB Camp will aim to cover basic & intermediate MtB skills & maintenance, allowing for participants to progress in their OAS Award, as well as building on the leadership & ride planning skills of those that have attended training events already.

The Derby MtB Camp includes transport for participants & bikes to & from the event, meals & accommodation. Bike hire can be arranged for those without a mountain bike, for an additional fee.

We'll be planning more MtB events in the future, building on our successful road cycling events & getting as many Scouts as we can on two wheels!

For Derby MtB 2021 applications or more information on this & other cycling matters, email **[pc.cycling@scoutstas.org.au](mailto:pc.cycling@scoutstas.org.au)**

**Julian Varney**  
Project Commissioner  
Cycling.

## Derby MtB 2021

### 25-28 September



Experience this year's premier Scouts MtB camp.

4 days, 3 nights of MtB action!

- MtB trails, road & rail trail
- Fully supported:  
Transport, food & accommodation
- Grow your MtB riding & maintenance skills
- Earn OAS award progressions
- All for \$55 per day!
- Numbers limited, get in quick!

Information & applications: **[pc.cycling@scoutstas.org.au](mailto:pc.cycling@scoutstas.org.au)**

Scouts: \$220 Adults: \$120 (extra for bike hire) Applications close: 3rd September





*Seriously funny and historically inaccurate ...*

*"Hugh Stone! We. Have. A Problem!"*

**Hobart Gang Show 2021 presents...**



# A HISTORY IN REVIEW

## Dates

19th & 20th August @ 7.30 p.m.  
21st August @ 2.00 & 7.30 p.m.

## Venue

Hobart College, Mt. Nelson Theatre

## Ticket Prices

Adult: \$18 (early bird); \$20 (from August)  
Concession/child: \$13  
Red Scarf: \$15  
Groups: \$10 each (min. 10)  
All Matinee tickets \$10  
Door sales add \$2 per ticket



Try booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSLBW>  
(Online sales close 3 hours before each performance)

# Gang Show Report

Hobart Gang Show present a "History in Review"

THIS MONTH (August)

Have you bought your tickets yet? If not, now is the time to book.

There are great skits with loads of laughs and fantastic singing and choreography, a Show not to be missed!

All Units in the south should be supporting this event and coming along – just think Leaders – you don't have to program anything. Don't forget up to four Leaders can get their tickets free when attending with their Section. Please contact me for the discount code so you can get those LEADERS TICKETS FREE. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact email or phone (as below). To get tickets here is the link. <https://www.trybooking.com/BSLBW>



HOBART GANG SHOW 2021, A History in Review @ Mt. Nelson

Hobart Gang Show is an annual theatre production with songs, dancing, skits and laughter. Great family entertainment - written, produced and performed by Scouts and Guides of Hobart and surrounds who may be involved with the script, songs, music, choreography, back-stage work, set construction, costuming and/or perform. The show may be storyline or review style. Hobart Gang Show has been performing for over 40 years giving Youth a chance to grow their skills within the performing arts

[www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)

## Performance - Dates & Times

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August - 7.30 p.m.

*Saturday Matinee* 2.00 p.m. 21<sup>st</sup> August

**All tickets \$10.00 (dropped from 2019!)**

Denice Walter

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# Joey Report



I hope you all enjoyed a break during school holidays and that your Joey Scouts are ready for more action, fun and learning in term 3.

## All Leaders Weekend

Thank you to those that came to the All Leaders Weekend. It was fantastic to see so many Joey Scout Leaders attending (we had the biggest representation of all the Sections!). Special thanks to everyone involved in putting the weekend together and allowing Leaders the opportunity to come together and learn from each other. ( photo Below )

## Joey Scout State Event

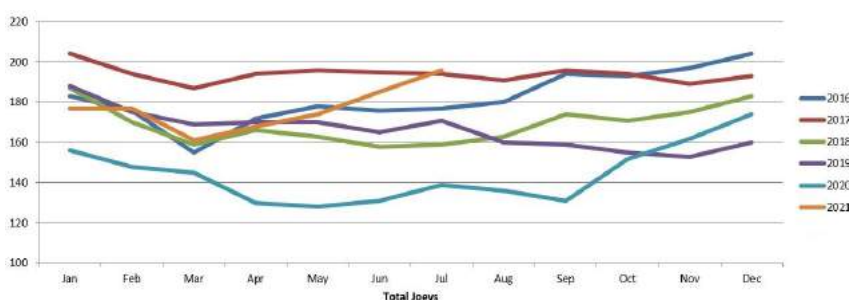
You should by now have the registration forms for the Joey Scout State Event. If you did not receive one, please let me know. We have a fun event planned for your Joey Scouts with wide games, a scavenger hunt around Ross, a picnic and cake.



Please note that Unit registration closes on the 16th of August.

## Joey Scout membership numbers

As you can see from the graph, Joey Scout numbers have risen significantly, especially over the past year. In fact Joey Scout Youth member numbers are now at their highest level since 2017. To me this really is testimony to the continuing dedication and commitment of all those involved in the Joey Scout Section. A special thank you to our Joey Scout Leaders who so generously volunteer their time, talents and skills to deliver such fun and challenging programs each term.



Congratulations to Megan Leeder on her appointment as District Joey Scout Leader for the Launceston & Tamar District. Megan has also taken on the role of Treasurer of the Joey Scout Branch Council. Megan will be ably assisted as DJSL by Kathy Rittman who will continue in a district role as Assistant District Joey Scout Leader. Thank you both for taking on these roles!

## Upcoming dates for your diary:

- 4 September, **Joey Scout State Event**, Ross Town Hall, 10:30am to 2:00pm.
- 9 October, **Cuboree Taster**, The Lea, 2:00pm – 4:30pm.

Finally, I'd like to say a special thank you to Lisa Lord who, due to work commitments, recently stepped down from the positions of District Activities Leader (Launceston & Tamar District) and Treasurer of the Joey Scout Branch Council. Thank you, Lisa, for all that you have done for the Joey Scout Section in Tasmania over the years.

Well that's it for this month. As always, please contact me anytime with any questions or suggestions.

Happy Joey Scouting!

**Ruth Henderson**  
**Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts**  
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# Scouting Album

## All Leader Weekend





# Cub Report

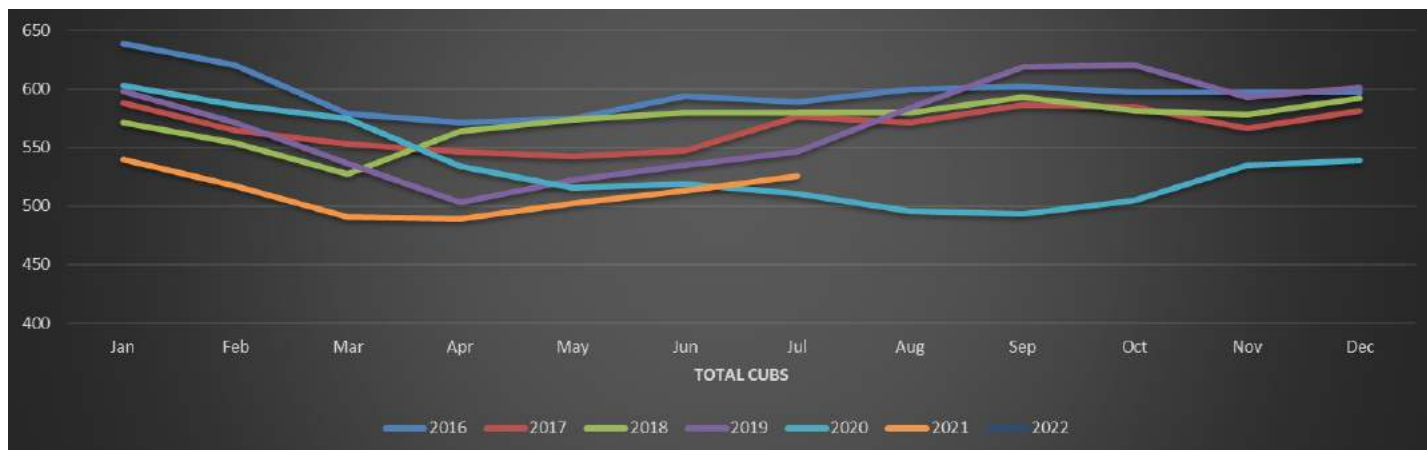


- This month I'm writing about:
- Numbers
  - All Leaders' Weekend
  - Commissioner's Challenge
  - Cuboree

## Numbers

It's great to see the rebound in our numbers continue. We have overtaken 2020 for 'this time last year' and the trajectory is up. In 2019, this time period saw a steep increase throughout August and September. I'm hoping for the same this year. And then, post Cuboree, I guess there'll be a slight fall in our numbers and a slight rise for the Scouts.

Thank you again Cub Leaders for all of your hard work.



If you can, please wear your scarf this International Scarf Day (August 1<sup>st</sup>) and encourage your Cubs to wear theirs to school! Let's make Scouting as visible as we can.

## All Leaders Weekend

On July 17 & 18 the All Leaders Weekend was held in the south of the state (at Orana). Photos can no doubt be found elsewhere in this Newsletter ( page 5 ) and many can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/ScoutsTas>

We heard about looking after our mental health as Leaders, how to use and understand Terrain, and behaviour management. We also had time together in our Sections to, in our case, discuss Cubs-specific matters. We talked about Cuboree, transition to the 'new' Program and the adjustment for Cubs and families, Terrain, COVID, risk assessment and activity limitations and approvals, Group/Unit life, and OAS and skill development.

After dinner, we heard from the President (Nigel Clutterbuck) and Vice-President (Griffin Blizzard) about redress, community and local government engagement, and had the opportunity to talk about any topic with them that we wanted to. The President asked us all to be active in our community newspapers to ensure the visibility and activity of Scouting.

On Sunday, some Leaders networked, others built a hurdy gurdy, others still went kayaking or abseiling. It was great to see so many Leaders there. There were about 50 Leaders including about 15 Cub Leaders from the 80 around the state. We enjoyed good food and good company, for some, this continued late into the night!

An evaluation of the weekend resulted in a rating of 4.4 stars out of 5. Please consider attending the next weekend in 2022!

## Commissioner's Challenge

How is your Unit doing with the Commissioner's Challenge? You have until the end of the Scouting year to get it done. Please encourage your Cubs to do their best.



Cubs are required to:

- Lead/Assist in running an outdoor activity
- Participate (or Lead or Assist) in at least four outdoor activities —
  - ◊ One with their Patrol (or additional Cubs)
  - ◊ One with their Unit (or additional Units)
  - ◊ One with the section(s) of their Group (or additional Groups)
  - ◊ One with other Units from their District (or additional Districts)
- Complete Stage 2 (or higher) in any three Outdoor Adventure Skills streams or complete the Section 4 (Outdoor Scouting) requirements of the Bronze/Silver/Gold Boomerang

Attending Cuboree is one way to achieve a lot of this!

# Cub Report cont'd

## Cuboree

The Cuboree is a Leader (and parent) supported three-day camp held at The Lea from October 8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year's Cuboree (the 26<sup>th</sup>) 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. Transport is arranged for the Units beyond the Southern Region. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Photo** ( right ) of Grey Wolf recipient Elijah Abbott who is the first Cub from Port Cygnet Scout Group to receive the Grey Wolf under the new program. His certificate is being presented by District Commissioner Maria Direen.

Good Hunting!

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## VET Report

### Activity report for 2021 up to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June

So far this year we have issued 552 Units of Competence (UOC) which is a fantastic result. Many of the UOC's were associated with outdoor recreation, now outdoor leadership qualifications.

We issued 13 full qualifications made up of Certificate IV and Diploma in Outdoor Leadership, a Diploma in Leadership & Management, a Certificate IV in Coordination of Volunteer Programs and a couple of Certificate II's in Outdoor Leadership. Well done everyone!

In July we issued a Certificate III in Business and a Certificate IV in Coordination of Volunteer Programs. Currently we have 45 students enrolled in various qualifications and UOC's.

### Attention Leaders, Rovers and Venturers.

Have you considered enrolling in the Certificate III in Active Volunteering?

The CHC34015 Certificate III in Active Volunteering reflects the role of people working in a volunteer capacity across a range of industries and organisations in a variety of contexts.

The learning pathways in Scouts Australia provide learning and experiences that align closely and will provide most of your evidence towards meeting the requirements of the Certificate III in Active Volunteering.

Venturer Scouts complete the Queen's Scout Award

Adults complete Wood Badge Basic Level Leader Training

Rover Scouts may have suitable evidence from participation in the Youth Program and/or from adult training

For more information please email [mike.wilson@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:mike.wilson@tas.scouts.com.au)

**Mike Wilson**

Branch Commissioner VET



**BHQ Office  
TIPS**

## Youth Membership Forms ( TOP 13 )

Leaders, Group Leaders & Leaders In Charge

When you send in your TOP 13 forms to BHQ, please make sure the forms have an Investiture Date, Date of Birth and that they are signed by the GL/LIC. Without this information the forms cannot be processed straight away.

Tips From BHQ to make your volunteering time less stressful



# Scout Report



TasJam was proposed to provide a mini style Jamboree for those Tasmanian Scouts after it became apparent our plans to attend the Australian Jamboree were frustrated by the Covid pandemic. An Expression of Interest for registrations saw less than 20% support from Youth members and about a third of Groups willing to get behind the event. The Branch Council for Scouts believe that it will be difficult to organise an event that will fully meet expectations of our Scouts at this time.

Any Scouts keen to participate in **VicJam**, this is an option you may wish to consider. <https://www.vicjam.com.au/>

Our District Scout Leaders are keen to ensure that we facilitate and diversify Scouting opportunities over Summer 2021/2022. So we asked, What can Groups in our Districts contribute to help create a **'Summer of Scouting'** across Tasmania?

The DSL's believe each District is capable of providing at least one extra camp over summer. It is proposed a series of camps be coordinated so Youth from across the State could participate in a range of different types of Scouting activities in different locations. It is anticipated we might have a series of Adventurous Activities available, climbing, kayaking, rafting, air activities, high ropes course, regaining, walking, sailing, could we see surfing/ windsailing/ snorkelling? And so on.

The camps would provide a minimum of 2 nights camping with the expectation that the Friendship of Scouting is promoted by encouraging participating from outside your District. The number of Scouts able to attend a camp will depend on the activities offered and will be limited by registration. Scouts will be able to go to activities they are keen to participate in either as individuals or a Patrol or a Unit even!

What we would like to be able to promote is a series of Scouting activities that encourage our Youth to participate in outdoors activities over summer with their friends and have a chance to develop new skills. We would encourage every Scout to have a go at participating in at least one additional activity over summer.

The need for Scout Leaders to attend a camp with Scouts ought not be a prerequisite for Scouts to join a camp. We would like Scout Leaders to promote the Calendar of events with their Youth so scouts have increased opportunities over summer.

A **Summer of Scouting** will have many benefits including:

- Stimulating Groups and Districts to consider what they can offer their Youth Locally over summer
- Collaboration and extending the friendship of Scouting
- Providing access to all Scouts to events they may otherwise not have readily available to them in their Group or District
- Provide the potential of one extra event over summer that may otherwise not have been considered for Youth across Groups/District/State
- Supporting our Leaders to working within our available resources and capacity to offer events.
- There is good potential for promoting vertical integration of Scouting by supporting Venturer and Rover leadership of activities.
- Marketing opportunity for Scouts

Your challenge as a Unit Council and at your Mindari with your District Scout Leader is to develop a camp idea you can run. What will you contribute to a calendar of activities from Clark Trophy in November to Mariners Trophy in May....?

We plan to circulate the Summer of Scouting camp activities by the end of Term 3.

## CLARK Trophy 2021

Planning for Clark Trophy is now well underway. This years event will be a Lightweight Hike at Oatlands on the weekend of 20-21 November. The event is open to all Groups regardless of your level of experience. The event is noted as a highlight for all Scouts who attend and your Unit is strongly encouraged to come along, we would love to see you there. Watch out for an information package which will be distributed in August.

Jonathan Pyefinch

Branch Commissioner Scouts

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# Venturer Report



Hello everyone, this is my first article as the new Branch Commissioner for Venturers, and what an honour it is.

I've got a few things I'd like to talk about this month and also a story or two I'd like to share from the Venturer Units across the State.

## All Leader Weekend

Over the Weekend 16-18 July the All-Leader Weekend was held at Orana Guides Camp. It was a fantastic weekend with many very insightful presentations and a great discussion regarding the Venturer Section, Outdoor Adventure Skills, Queen's Scout and Vocational Education and Training opportunities for Leaders and Youth members.

A huge thank you to the Venturer Leaders that attended, I really appreciated your thoughts and input.

One of the big things that was discussed were Units sharing programs with other Units in the Region or across the State. To assist with this, I have started work on a way for all Units to share calendars with each other. But until that is up and running, I'd like to suggest that we utilise the Tassie Venturers Facebook page and your Regional Council Facebook Pages.

Another topic was the Vocational Education and Training that is available for Leaders and Youth. If this is something you are interested in looking into, get in touch with the Training Team, they are more than happy to assist you with this.

## Upcoming Events

Keep an eye out for information regarding **Tenniswood** – From what I've heard so far it sounds like it will be an interesting new format this year.

**TAS Venture** – The Venture dates have moved due to booking availability – this year the Venture will be held during the second weekend in December. More information coming soon.

**White Water Rafting** – Weekend 1 is 21-22 of August, this is open for Venturers to attend.

**Advanced Abseiling** – 27-29 August open for Venturers who have completed a basic abseil course.

## Venturer reports

### Taroona Venturers

Each ANZAC Day the Taroona Ex-Services Club presents a Youth member with the spirit of ANZAC Award. This year the Award was presented to Adelaide Simpkins from the Taroona Venturer Unit in recognition of her willingness, friendliness and have a go approach to push herself and try something challenging. This is an amazing Award to receive and is fantastic recognition. Well done Adelaide. ( right )



### 4<sup>th</sup> Launceston Ventures

Over the June long weekend a Group of Venturers from 4<sup>th</sup> Launceston and a Mathew Brady Venturer set off on an incredible adventure to summit Frenchmans Cap. The walk has been described as an uphill slog that was absolutely worth it. Well done to the combined 4<sup>th</sup> Launceston / Mathew Brady Venturer Patrol, I look forward to your next adventures. ( below )

### Jason Page

Branch Commissioner Venturers

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# Ski Trip 2021



On Monday night, the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, several Hellyer, Leven, Mersey and Blackmans Bay Ventures set off on the Spirit of Tasmania toward what we thought would be a week full of snow, skiing and snowboarding fun.

On arrival at Mount Baw Baw we moved our belongings into the lodge we were staying at, quickly hired our ski gear and ran out to the fields to have our lessons. Once we had our fun the group wandered back to the lodge, a small Patrol was set to plan and make dinner, while the rest of us settled in for a chilled night.

Unfortunately, things were not to go to plan on the following day due to borders closing as the Corona virus situation developed quickly. After a full day of skiing it was decided for all of us to pack up and start preparing for a speedy departure.

Sadly, we did not get to enjoy the full experience we were hoping for but none the less every Venturer behaved with a great attitude and did everything that they could to help exit as quickly as possible so we could get home.

I'd like to once again thank everyone who went, and especially a big thanks to William Percy and Amy Stephens for making sure we were able to get out of Victoria before anything got out of hand.

**Yolanda Willcox**  
**Venturer**  
**Hellyer Venturer Unit**



# TURNERS BEACH SCOUTS

# Celebrate



## Sunday 12th September Turners Beach Hall 10:30 - 12:30

Calling all cubs, scouts, leaders, parents, treasurers, chairmen, secretaries, quartermasters, parent helpers, supporters, businesses and families who were involved in any way over the 50 years to gather and celebrate!

*RSVP - Online at the Turners Beach Scouting Community Facebook Page (Events) or phone 0438598571 or email [horneeunice@gmail.com](mailto:horneeunice@gmail.com). If you plan to attend please bring a mug, your photos and memorabilia to share and family to enjoy fellowship and stories and some bush donuts, billy tea, sausage sizzle and scouting ways and fun like the hurdy gurdy, tower and rope bridge and trails.*

Meet the visionary founders!

If you can help to make this amazing experience happen please contact Eunice Horne 0438598571.

Pass this info on and lets see the extent of the impact we have all made to our wonderful community. Wouldn't it be great to line up 50 years of cubs, scouts, leaders, chairmen, treasurers and supporters etc!



# Adventurous Activities Report

Last month I set a challenge for every Leader to check you own MyScout record and see whether you have current qualifications for bushwalking, boating etc recorded, I have only had 2 queries, so I am assuming most Leaders are sure their qualifications and current and recorded properly in MyScout.

You are looking for codes on your MyScout under the 'Qualifications' tab as CODE – TA AA BASIC BUSH (old code) or AA SP BUSHWALKING (new code) with an expiry date in the future. For other qualifications you hold, would be the old code such as TA AA ADV ABSEIL, TA AA BASIC KAYAK etc.

Well done for those that have already changed to the new logbook (TOP 27).

If you are applying for any new qualification you need to fill in the TOP31 – Activity Endorsement Application (this is about to be updated, but keep using the current one on MyScout) and send it into BHQ (training email) along with your 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and current logbook. For new Leaders you must also make sure you have completed the 12 Scouting Adventure eLearning modules, plus any eLearning associated with the qualification you may be applying for i.e. Abseiling, Canoe/Kayaking under Adventurous Activities in the eLearning portal under Scout Central.

You will start to hear the following skill levels – Safe Participant (SP) and Trained Participant (TP) as these are the starting level for all AA training and have replaced the old Level 1, 2 and 3, so if filling in a TOP 31 we now use the codes SP and TP, below is the definition:

**Safe Participant (SP)** - is a member who has undergone entry level training in an activity area and can operate under direct or indirect supervision depending on the activity area. On completion they possess elementary skills to participate safely with directions, understand the risks associated with the activity, and form part of an operational team. Apart from Bushwalking (tracked Environments), they are not recognised as holding a qualification to lead an activity, however in a learning sense they may participate in activity to further their skills, knowledge, and experience. It is desirable that an SP holds a current 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Qualification

**Trained Participant (TP)** - is a Member who holds all the **Safe Participant** requirements and has advanced through to the next level completing core units (VET or Scouting Skills) and having logged additional experience in more than one environment. e.g. different locations, weather conditions, or ages of participants. It is mandatory that a TP holds a current 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Qualification. Where the TP is a Youth member, an adult Leader with a suitable level of qualification must be present at the activity.

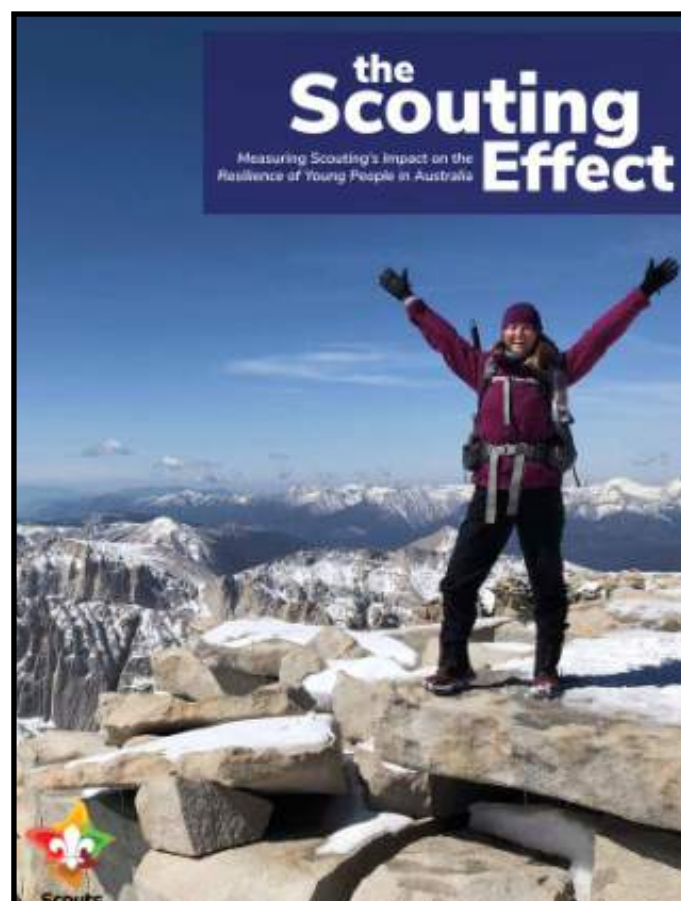
For those wishing to develop further skills we are able to offer Assistant Guide, Guide, Branch Activity Leaders. If you wish to discuss anything further feel free to drop me an email or call me on 0418 130 996.

**Advanced Abseiling Course** - Course info on next page.

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*Plan your next Adventure*





# Advanced Bushwalking Course

23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Congratulations to 9 brave souls plus instructors that completed the Advanced Bushwalking course last weekend at Cradle Mountain. There is nothing better than an Advanced Bushwalking Course where the weather throws everything at you to test your limits and that is exactly what we had. So much so we were officially snowed in with the road closed from Ronny Creek.

But step in our Fearless AA Advanced Bushwalking head Instructor David Chalk, BCAA and 4WD guide Andrew (No Nonsense) Thompson, and advised by our resident SME (Subject Matter Expert & Park Ranger extraordinaire) Ian Marmion we against all sound advice did an extensive risk assessment and cautiously exited the park, leaving Sim's Getz buried under a mound of snow. This is what I love about Scouting, living on the edge, Thanks guys.

**Ross Smith**



## Advanced Abseiling Course

27th—29th August 2021

**Based out of Launceston to include Artificial & Natural surfaces**

Advanced Abseiling is for Leaders planning to take their Youth members to new heights. Learn to setup anchors and ropes, correctly fit a harness, understand and use abseil and belay gear, learn rescue skills. Understand how to demonstrate and encourage Youth members to take the plunge, overcome their fear and enjoy the jump.



Send in your TOP 07 form to:  
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# GILWELL REUNION Reminder



## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Are you a member of Gilwell ? Do you have a Wood Badge ?  
Then here is your reminder to attend the  
Gilwell Reunion!

Contact Geraldine Harwood for more info - [gharwood@intas.net.au](mailto:gharwood@intas.net.au)

## Scouting Album



Belated Award presentations to Marion Blight of her Silver Kangaroo and Noelle Rattray of her Special Service Award.  
Wednesday 21 July



# JOTA/JOTI

Out of state in Darwin waiting for SA and Vic lock downs to finish so we can drive to Melbourne to catch the Spirit in early August after having to reschedule from 31 July.

On Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> Aug, 4 Scouts from Huonville & 3 from Cygnet will be sitting for Amateur Radio Licence Exams at Huonville Hall. Hope to have results before the end of month for inclusion in September Newsletter.

16 & 17 October - JOTA weekend is coming quickly and I will be getting busy when I get home, hopefully not into quarantine.

Launceston bookings will open soon and I am hopeful we will also be able to stream some Gang Show video on the large screen in the main hall. Skype will also be running as will JOTI chat stations. Radio foxhunting is again on the program and other activities will again depend on Covid requirements.

I am told Tamar Group is looking at operating from their Hall, but this has yet to be confirmed.

There is radio foxhunting equipment available for use by Leven District, and again thanks to local amateurs who have been doing some upgrade works at Ulverstone Hall and Paton Park.

Huonville operations are well in hand thanks to Michael Sweeney and the Scouts down there.

Mount Stuart is planning to organise an operation with Wellington District.

That is all I have at the moment, but hoping a few more Groups will get involved. Please email me if your Group is planning an activity.

**Peter Dodd**  
**PC Radio and Electronics**  
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## Tax. Super + You Competition

The ATO couldn't run the **Tax, Super + You competition** in 2020, but this year it's back, and better than ever!

The Tax, Super + You competition is a fun and engaging way for high school students to learn about the value of tax and super, and the role they play in our community. Plus, there are some great prizes for both the winning students and their schools!

Students are asked to develop a creative project on their topic. There are two entry topics this year:

- **Junior (Year 7–9):** Highlight the value of tax or super (or both) in the community.
- **Senior (Year 10–12):** Your first job – what you need to know about tax and super.

Super + You competition is now open and I have included some shareable resources that you're welcome to use on your own channels:

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/atogovau/posts/182289753940357>

**LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6824161656076161024>

**Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/ato\\_gov\\_au/status/1418395400361283589](https://twitter.com/ato_gov_au/status/1418395400361283589)

We have also created some resources for teachers that would like to incorporate the competition into their lesson plans. You can find out more at [taxsuperandyou.gov.au/competition-teachers-kit](https://taxsuperandyou.gov.au/competition-teachers-kit)

I'd love to hear if you find these resources useful and if you will be sharing the Tax, Super + You competition with your networks.

**Roslyn Allen— Australian Taxation Office**

**Roslyn.Allen@ato.gov.au**



## Heritage Report

Each week it never ceases to amaze team members just how much dedication has been evident over the past 120 years with Tasmanian Scouting. We are always uncovering new facts which greatly add to our research records, be they about individuals, Sections, Groups, Districts or even BHQ.

Current Research Projects are underway with compiling a list of State Life Members, Gallantry Awards associated with 1<sup>st</sup> Penguin Group; District histories dating from 1910's to present day, 1<sup>st</sup> Strahans' Kings Scouts in 1930's, Comemorative plaque work to honour Bill Shankley - Inventor of the Scout Woggle and also restoration of movie projector/s to view old Scout film footage.

Staff Awards were presented and congratulated by Chief Commissioner, Mike Hovington at our recent social luncheon, 21 July at the 'Succulent' restaurant, Royal Botanical Gardens, Hobart. 14 members and guests were 'scarfed up' to witness the belated award presentations to Marion Blight of her Silver Kangaroo and Noelle Rattray with her Special Service Award, both held over from the AGM. ( photos on page

New Display. Fred & I recently drove to New Norfolk and collected a 1950's store glass display case. This has now been refurbished and houses nice materials from Scoutings Yesteryears covering the last 100 years. Think - Bugles, knives, whistles, flags, games, Kudu Horn, "Lemon Squeezer", compass, semaphore, etc. If anybody knows the location of an old Scout Drum, we are seeking one for display. Please notify me direct, as they have to exist somewhere, hidden in our communities around Tasmania.

Acquisitions have come from Bill Shankleys son, Rolf Shankley of Hobart, who recently visited our museum. Rolf presented us with his Fathers Lariat (lasso) he used in the 1920's, apparently at Gilwell Park UK; also a photo of his Father holding it, dressed in his original Western clothing gear ! These are now displayed proudly in the new display case. Norfolk Plains has donated one of their new Group scarfs for our collection (with neat new logo on the braid). Sue Hill has located a Sisal Rope splicer, a Montagu Bay patrol box & Geilston Bay totems and flags. Former DC John Thorne contributed films and old glass slides from the 1920's; Joey Scout Reunion members, via Sue Hill, donated some exciting Joey Scout Tasmanian badges to display covering the past 30 years. Also our members personal additions such as shelving, polo shirts, Gang Show pieces, etc; Craig from Tasman Key Service has kindly contributed his time to assist with plaques and door lock corrections.

As we have some excess books now available, these are free for any Groups or Individuals who may require them for Games, Activities and programs. Please contact me if you need any.

Visitors have slowed just a little, however we did have "three lots" in one day, at one stage. We welcomed Malcolm Wilson from NSW Heritage Fellowship Group, also Cubs, and Peregrine School from Nichols Rivulet. Damian Bester (former Scout), Editor of "New Norfolk News" and the Pandani Bush Walkers.

Welcome to Sue Hill from Clarence District. Sue will be assisting us whenever possible. Marion has also returned from her interstate jaunt just in time prior covid lockdown. We are still recruiting people, not having necessarily been in Scouting, moreover with a talent, knowledge or may be historically minded to just assist. Social activities are on our agenda at times, a lot of interaction between adults with a like-minded outlook. This included recently our annual Winter Soup Day, joining at 'Timber Top' cabin with The Lea Service Crew, a brilliant turnout for everybody. Contact me if you are interested to join us. For those outside Hobart, we are looking for regular Spotters/Contacts who might assist us gathering local Group or District material, held in safe retrieval at our Scout Museum.

**Tony Peck      PC Heritage      03 6243 1500    or    0499 250 360**

### Photos next page:






- 1      1st Geilston Bay Group Wolf Cub totem, flags and items.
- 2      Joey Scout Leaders Reunion badge donation.
- 3      1st Montagu Bay named patrol box.
- 4      Editor, Damian Bester from "New Norfolk News" with Branch President, Nigel Clutterbuck.
- 5      1920's Bill Shankley, in authentic Western clothing with his Lariat, Gilwell Park, UK.
- 6      Peregrine School members on their visit become "Scouts for a day".
- 7      Norfolk Plains Group scarf, featuring beautiful border showing new scout logos.
- 8      Staff member, Fred Koolhof repairing our 1950's 'new' display cabinet.



# Heritage Report



# Peak Awards

	Intro to Scouting	Intro to Section	Milestone	OAS	SIA	Advanced Journey	Leadership Course	Personal reflection
	✓	✓	3	Core Stage 1	6 2 Areas	Min 3hr	✗	✓
	✓	✓	3	Core Stage 3 8 Progressions	6 2 Areas	Min 4 hr	✓	✓
	✓	✓	3	Core Stage 5 10 Progressions	6 3 Areas	Min 3 days 2 nights	✓	✓
	✓	✓	3	Core Stage 5 12 Progressions	6 3 Areas	Min 4 days 3 nights	✓	✓
	✓	✓	3	Core Stage 5 14 Progressions	6 4 Areas	Min 4 days 3 nights	✓	✓



**Scouts**



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**Australian Scout Award**

**Personal Reflection**

At least a weekend in duration

**Personal Development or Unit Management Course**

Plan and lead a 3 day, 2 night Journey

**Adventurous Journey**

Complete Stage 5 in the 3 Core Outdoor Adventure Skills, and 10 progressions in total. (Includes Core)

**Outdoor Adventure Skills**

Core Complete All	5	5	5
Specialist Optional	1	5	4
	3	5	3

**Special Interest Areas**



Complete 6 projects across at least three areas 8hrs duration each

**Program Essentials**

Complete Milestone 3

**Milestone 1**



**Milestone 2**



**Milestone 3**



**Introduction to Scout Section**



**Introduction to Scouting**



# 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.



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