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Chief Commissioner's Report



It's been a busy month, with the Commissioners and GL Conferences being held. The weekend 12-13 of September had District Camps, Turners Beach 50th year celebrations and the Venturer's Teniswood Trophy. I had a chance to go to the Turners Beach celebrations, but couldn't be at the other places. From what I have heard the others went well and the Turners Beach celebration was grand. Eunice Horne did a great job organising the event which received a great write up in the Advocate Newspaper, which is great PR.

One significant event posted on our Facebook page was the Last Great First Antarctic Expedition, partnered with Scouts Australia. If you get a chance, have a look.

<https://scouts.com.au/blog/2021/03/25/the-last-great-first-antarctic-expedition-partners-with-scouts-australia/>

I have been working on renaming the Project Commissioners position/appointment; those who have done project management before would know a project has a start and a finish date. But most of our Project Commissioner positions are ongoing, which doesn't really make them "Project" Commissioners. So, what I have been suggesting is to put the name of the position first and then Commissioner or Manager. For example, the Project Commissioner for Leader Build would be Leader Build Commissioner. As most of these positions could also be done by people outside of Scouting, I have also made it possible to have Manager on the end, so the person wouldn't have to do any leadership training. So, for example, the Project Commissioner for Containers would be Container Manager, if a non-Leader person, or Container Commissioner if a Leader.

The Regatta Committee is going ahead with the Regatta providing we don't go into lockdown. A leaflet has been sent out to all parents of Scouts and Venturers, plus Rovers, and Leaders of these Sections. Entry Forms are on MyScout for Leaders to fill out. This year's registrations will be via MyScout, eliminating any Youth member who isn't on there the ability to register. Hence, Leaders, please make sure your Youth members are on our MyScout and registered.

The Cuboree will be in full swing on the 9 and 10 October; the committee has been working hard in the past 12 months. So, fingers crossed, touch wood and all those things that we don't have a lockdown before completing the camp.

For those Leaders who have been in our Movement for more than three years, we have rewritten the Reviews, called them Catchups, as they are not Reviews. As we recognise that the Leaders need help to give the Youth a great program. The Leaders can also pick the Leader of Adults who they wish to do the Catchup with, so if you prefer another LOA other than your Group Leader, you may choose your District Leader instead. We hope this works as we need Leaders to feel wanted and appreciated.

As most Leaders would have seen, I sent out an email a couple of weeks ago, asking Leaders for good hi-res photos. The Marketing Committee wants good hi-res activity photos to put on our web page, posters, and so on. We have several Port Arthur giveaways for the Leaders and parents who can provide us with good activity photos. Please make sure you have permission from the parents before you send them, as we don't want photos of Youth members we can't use.

Michael Hovington

Chief Commissioner

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Years of Service Awards

5 Years	Christina Birley-Schindel Rosemary McMullen	Committee Treasurer Committee Treasurer	Port Cygnet Scout Group Huon District
10 Years	Elizabeth Dent Neil Ruut	Adult Helper Venturer Scout Leader	St Helens Scout Group Kingston Sea Scouts
15 Years	Jenna Lumley	Adult Helper	Howrah Scout Group
20 Years	Eunice Horne Neville Wilson	Group Leader Committee Treasurer	Turners Beach Scout Group Lea Board of Management

Scouts Tasmania Office

**Will be closed on Show Day (Thursday 21 Oct)
and Friday (22 Oct)**

Re-opening the following Monday (25 Oct)



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President's Report



I would like to congratulate all involved in the many events that have been running over the last few months. Whether they be at a Group, District or State level. They all showcase to the wider community what the Scouting Movement has been up to.

The scouting Movement is a very strong movement not just in our State but worldwide. Sometimes going unnoticed but always continuing to encourage and support our Youth to be the best that they can be. So let's reach out to our Community, Local and State Government and invite them along and tell them what we are doing.

All the best to the Cuboree coming up in October. Great to see the Guide Movement involved in this also. I ask that we all look at these events as opportunities to engage the wider community also media if appropriate. Reflecting back in my time in Scouting, in my various roles, I always look back on when I was a Cub Leader with great memories.

Now if I may, let's talk recycling. As an organisation we have had multiple conversations, zoom meetings, presentations etc from numerous organisations tendering for the recycling scheme.

First thing to make clear everyone loves Scouts and wants Scouts involved. Regardless of how the tender process pans out. WE WILL GET OUR 10 CENTS FOR EACH RECYCLABLE CONTAINER THAT WE BRING IN.

We are also working with various groups to achieve an additional earn and when finalised I will give you more information on this. This will be a great opportunity to capitalise on our wide reach into our local communities, to either donate their Recyclables to us or support a statewide network that we are part of.

We have setup an email called recycling@tas.scouts.com.au

Can I ask that each Group set up a link person, so as we have further information and updates, we can get this out to each Group quickly. We can then start sharing information on how to best benefit from the scheme and do our part to head towards 100% recycling.

Please feel free to email your Group contact to that email address and any thoughts and questions you may have.

All the Best in Scouting. Take care of each other.

Nigel Clutterbuck

Branch President

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MT STUART SCOUT GROUP GARAGE SALE

Cake
Stall



BBQ!!

8AM - 2PM

Saturday 13 November 2021
MT STUART MEMORIAL HALL
corner of Byard St & Raymont Terrace



**Donated items for sale accepted Friday, 12 November, 3:30 - 6:30 pm
at the Hall, or by appointment. Pick up can be arranged.
For details, please contact gl@mtstuartscouts.org.au**



Branch Calendar

October	Event	Where
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)	
November		
1	Moot 2023 Meeting	The Lea
6 & 7	Scouting Leadership W / E 2 (all Sections & LoA)	The Lea
13 & 14	Training Team Meeting & EOY Dinner	
20 & 21	Clark Trophy - Scouts	
20	Basic Kayaking (North & South)	
December		
6	Moot 2023 Meeting	
10 - 12	State Venture	
17	Branch Closes	The Lea



Your Personal Invitation to
WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE
 28 July - 12 August 2023
 Seomangeum, South Korea



scouts.com.au/ws2023




#AustralianContingent #WSJ2023 #DrawYourDream

We would like to invite you to be part of the Australian Contingent to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Seomangeum, South Korea in 2023. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed!

Join over 50,000 other Scouts and Venturers from around the world from over 180 countries. It's your turn to take the opportunity to immerse yourself in South Korean culture and experience an adventure like never before. You'll make many friends and join another Scouting Family.

WSJ2023 is the experience YOU want!
Applications Open 1st October 2021
 so head over to registrations.international.scouts.com.au to apply!

**If your were born after
 13 Aug 2005**

Your eligible to apply





Scouts Australia – Tasmanian Branch & Girl Guides Tasmania

Tasmanian Scout Guide Regatta

email: sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au



The Scout Guide Regatta is on again at Snug Beach next March long weekend 2022! If you haven't been to a Regatta before, you are in for loads of fun. Talk to your Leader and register. If you have been to a Regatta before, you will know you can take part in many different activities, make new friends and have a great weekend. You don't have to be good at anything, but you may like to 'have-a-go' on a pacer sailing dinghy, row a patrol boat, paddle a kayak and learn new skills. There are many shore-based events as well – you don't even have to get wet if you don't want to. Enjoy watching outdoor movies at night.

Leaders, the Regatta is a great way to start the year. Bring your Scouts/Guides to a three-day camp where the programming and catering are organised for you. Take time to enjoy being with your Youth.

The registration process is slightly different this time - for detail on how to register and for more information about the 2022 Regatta please see MyScout " Documents " under Resources or email me, Lyn Muir at sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au or to register go to <https://tas.scouts.com.au/events/scout-guide-regatta/>





Joey Report



It's hard to believe that we will soon be starting Term 4! Where has the year gone? I hope that you get the chance to have a bit of a break over the school holidays.

State Event

A very successful Joey Scout State Event was held at Ross on September 4. Despite a very average forecast, the weather for the day was fantastic and much fun was had as around 100 Joey Scouts went on a scavenger hunt around the town of Ross, learning about the town as well as participating in lots of challenging activities. The Joey Scouts did a fantastic job planning, doing and then reviewing the scavenger hunt. A special "roo, roo, rah" to the Joey Scouts who took on leadership roles on the day, especially Madeleine Henwood from Howrah Joey Scouts for sharing an Acknowledgement of Country and Loki Joyce from 1st Derwent Joey Scouts for running a fun game of Mushroom Tag. Thank you to Leaders and Parents for travelling to Ross (a particularly long journey for some) and for looking after the Joey Scouts on the day. Special thanks to the members of the Joey Scout Branch Council for their help in running this event, especially Megan Leeder for looking after the registration. Photos of our State Event are included below and on the next page.

Cuboree Taster

It's a little over a week until the Cuboree Taster. Unit registration forms should now be in. With around 90 Joey Scouts registered it promises to be a busy afternoon. The Joey Scouts will be travelling by bus from Kingston Primary to the Cuboree. They will then explore the Cuboree Camp, participating in some of the activity bases (such as the ever popular hurdy gurdy!) and enjoying some "bush donuts".

Commissioner's Challenge

Congratulations to North West Bay Joey Scouts on being the first Unit to complete this year's Commissioner's Challenge. Keep up the great work Joeys Scouts as you plan, do and review activities from across the four Challenge Areas. Badges can be ordered by emailing djsl.launceston@scoutstas.org.au



Upcoming dates for your diary:

- 2 & 3 October, Scouting Essentials, The Lea.
- 9 October, Cuboree Taster, Kingston Primary (then bus transport to The Lea), 2:00pm – 5:20pm.
- 23 & 24 October, Scouting Adventure, The Lea.

Well that's it for this month. If you have any questions or concerns about anything Joey Scout related, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Happy Joey Scouting!

Ruth Henderson

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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DISCOVER ADVENTURE



Joey State Event Album





Cub Report



- This month I'm writing about:
- Cuboree
 - Numbers
 - Commissioner's Challenge
 - Events

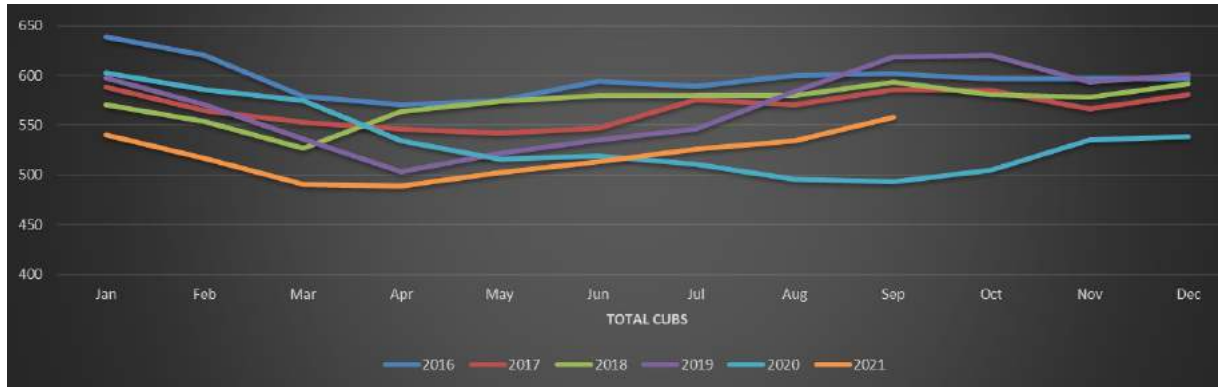
Cuboree

At the time of writing there's under two weeks until Cuboree XXVI. I want to take a moment to thank everyone who's put so much time in to making the Cuboree happen. Singling anyone out is problematic, but there have been some real heavy lifters: Susanne Hovington and David Blanch most notably, but also Maria, Lori, and Bronwyn at HQ, not to mention all the Activity Base Coordinators, and the Portfolio Managers on the Organising Committee. Thanks too to all of you for the work you've put in getting your Unit registered and for the support. See you there!



Numbers

Other than the Cuboree(!), I hope you're taking a break these school holidays. I'm really grateful for the work that you're doing in assisting your Cubs to have great programs every week. The numbers are continuing to climb and we're ahead of where we were at the start of this year and only three away from the Scouts! Thank you again Cub Leaders for all of your hard work.



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. I've had a few Groups complete the Challenges. Will your Unit be next?

- 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!

Events

Welcome aboard to the new Leaders who attended Scouting Essentials on the 2nd and 3rd. Scouting Adventure is coming up on the 23rd and 24th and so I hope to see many of you there as well. Finally, I'd like to mention JOTA/JOTI on the 16th and 17th. for more information on JOTA/JOTI please see page 12

Good Hunting!

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Grey Wolf Award

Lily Finch-Forinash

Christy Anning

Sam Woolley

Lucas Howard

North West Bay Scout Group

Howrah Scout Group

Kingston Sea Scouts

Motton-Preston Scout Group

Scout Report



I was recently speaking to some Leaders who were excited about the program tool function on Terrain. They had observed that it had enabled a less confident Scout to table a considered program idea to the Unit Council, someone who previously had been reticent to contribute in Unit meetings. It is great to hear that this tool is supporting more Scouts to add to Unit Programs. Scout programming has enormous potential to undertake a wide range of activity types beyond what we might commonly undertake. We know programs that optimise input from Youth build the strength and success of a Unit. The more that is learnt about the interests of every Scout the greater the chances a Unit Program will be diverse and more engaging. The AIM for Patrol Councils and Section Councils is to generate Challenging/Inclusive/Adventurous programs that are Fun. What new challenges can your Unit create that you have never tried before?

"A Scout is never taken by surprise; he/she knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens" – Robert Baden-Powell explained the meaning of our Scout Motto, 'Be Prepared', as meaning you are always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty. Our motto reminds us that every adventure in life requires us to think clearly about how we take on challenges. There is always something new to learn. Pretty exciting really.

CLARK Trophy 2021 – Registrations Open.

Instructions have been issued to all Groups for this year's Clark Trophy at Oatlands on the weekend of 19-21 November. Please discuss with your DSL if you are unsure about what is involved in participating. It is a great weekend and it would be great to have a Patrol from your Unit attend. The event is open to all Groups regardless of your level of experience. Register your Patrol now – Registrations open till 27 October 2021.

Scouting events around Tasmania

Districts are working on activities to be run over Summer that will allow Scouts an opportunity to participate in a number of different events in January and February.

Proposed events include:

- Leven – Air Activities Weekend 8 / 9 January 2022
- Wellington – Water Activities Weekend – Hobart Regatta weekend – 12-14 Feb
- Kingborough are working on a water based weekend

Great activities for Scouts to participate in and Patrols to work towards:

Mariners' Trophy	World Scout Day – 1 August
Tour de Tassie	Cuboree
ANZAC Day	Clark Trophy
Gang Show	JOTA/JOTI
YouthFest	Plus, District Mindari, District Camps and Scout Leadership Courses

Scouts Australia recognises the following values:

1. The importance of individuals developing a sense of personal identity and self-worth which leads to responsibility for oneself and one's actions as a citizen.
2. The belief that young people are able and willing to take responsibility and contribute to society.
3. The rights and responsibility of individuals to regulate their own health.
4. The importance of adults in providing suitable role models for young people.
5. The importance of not exposing young people to harm or exploitation.
6. The importance of individuals and the community adopting a lifestyle that allows ecologically sustainable development through preventing environmental overload, environmental degradation and resource depletion.
7. The importance of respect for and equity in dealings with all people, irrespective of culture, gender, religion or impairment.
8. The importance of mutual support and help between members of a community to maximise the quality of life for all.
9. The importance of the development of understanding between individuals as a contribution to peace between nations.
10. The importance of gainful employment in contributing to the sense of dignity and self-worth of the individual.
11. The importance of harnessing technological innovation to benefit human society.

Jonathan Pyefinch

Branch Commissioner Scouts

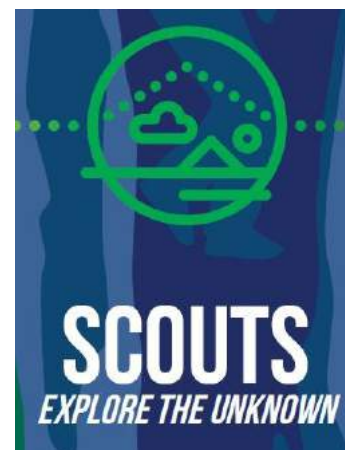
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P.S Open questions

How do you put the Scout in the position with the lead hand..?

What am I doing as the Leader which might be blocking the Youth member from taking the initiative?

How do we plant seed ideas that help develop an idea and activity ?





Gang Show Report

The dust has hardly settled on one Show and it is time to start on the next.

If you would like to be involved with writing the script for Hobart Gang Show 2022 you are invited to attend the first Script Writers Workshop.

When - Sunday, 10th October, 2021

Time - 12.00 noon to 3.00 p.m.

Bring - your lunch, drink, notebook and pen plus ... Your ideas, thoughts and willingness to contribute and work with others

Venue - to be confirmed, but probably 10th Hobart Scout Hall

Who - anyone who is interested in being involved in this workshop

Workshop lead by - Isaac Beswick

Please contact me if you can't come but would like to hear about future workshops
OR register your interest and get confirmation about the workshop venue
OR ...If you have any further questions.

Looking forward to hearing what Hobart Gang Show 2022 may be about.

Denice Walter

Project Commissioner Gang Show

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YOU Course

Over the weekend of the 27th – 29th August, 37 Scouts and Venturers undertook the 'YOU' Course at The Lea!

They participated in sessions on communication, gratitude, leadership, inclusivity and more whilst making friends from across the State. The next step for these participants is to apply to attend the National 'LEAD' Course (online for 2021) which is a follow on to the State based 'YOU' Course.

This Course is entirely organised and facilitated by Youth members, most of whom are alumni from the 'LEAD' Course who have applied the Leadership skills they learnt to help run future courses and complete other projects to benefit Scouting!"

Justine McKeown

Branch Commissioner Youth Empowerment

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Adventurous Activities & Leader Training Report

Another month closer to Xmas and this month we have had a very successful 2nd weekend for white water rafting and I sitting here writing this wearily after four fantastic days on the Derby MTB 2021. Well done to Julian Varney and the Cycling Team. I am excited by the amount of different and the variety of AA we are currently offering our Youth and Leaders. As I have already mentioned, next year the cycling events will allow Leaders to gain training in the Cycling arena.

In October there are two Leader Training Courses (Scouting Essentials and Scouting Adventure) and a Basic Seamanship (Sailing and Rowing). Unfortunately the proposed Basic Abseiling at the end of October is being postponed to 9-10th April 2022. The Basic Abseiling will now return back to a 2 day Course to ensure the correct content is covered and have all trainees get the chance to abseil in both Natural and Artificial environments.

Shortly we will provide dates for Training Courses next year and as discussed in the last Newsletter we are hoping to run additional AA Courses for Leaders and Youth. I am interested in gauging interest in the following AA activities- Canoeing/Kayaking – Moving Water, Caving, Climbing, Sea Kayaking, Power Boat / PWC and Pioneering. There are other activities being considered that are included in the OAS and we would be interested to hear from anyone that is interested in being involved in any of the areas above as either a participant or assisting with training.

Some may have heard of a recent incident with Abseiling in NSW, the injured individual from the incident is recovering well and the investigation is completed. Scouts NSW have found many variations in the way their abseiling is run in the State and are running re-training sessions for all Abseiling/Vertical Leaders. Safework NSW are not pressing any charges in relation to this incident. Currently within Tasmania all our abseiling activities are run to higher minimal standards using best practice within incorporates a top-belay for abseiling and climbing activities.

Just to clarify all activities that we are currently running in Tasmania are subject to TOP's regulations and risk management requirements to ensure we meet our insurers guidelines and limitations.

If you wish to discuss anything further feel free to drop me an email or call me on 0418 130 996.

Ross Smith

**Assistant Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development and
Acting Assistant Branch Commissioner Adventurous Activities (AKA Thommo's sidekick)**

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JOTA/JOTI



JOTA/JOTI is just around the corner on the weekend of 16/17 October.

The Joeys at Spreyton are starting early with a sleepover on the Friday night before continuing on until Saturday afternoon. We are hoping to have a radio operator there for several hours on the Saturday, depending on his other commitments.

The VK7HSD station at Huonville will be on air 12 noon Saturday until 12 noon Sunday, complete with a crew of licensed Youth members. See accompanying/below article showing them in action a few weeks ago.

Thanks to the North West Tasmania Amateur Radio Club, the antennas and cables at Paton Park have been replaced, and tested ready for use. As previously reported there has also been a donation of equipment again from local Amateur Radio operators. So all is ready for VK7SDL to be on the air from Leven District.

For those Scouting members in the Hobart area, thanks to the Radio and Electronics Association of Southern Tasmania Inc., there is the invitation to attend their open day on Sat 16th. This will be located at their clubrooms (old coastal radio station) at the top of the Domain. Suggested time between 10 am and 2 pm. This will enable members who cannot otherwise participate in JOTA, the opportunity to get on a radio and contact other Scouts. I hope to have badges available for \$2 on site or have a participation certificate available so your Leader will know you are eligible to receive a badge.

Queenstown Scouts also intend participating, but not from Cradle Mountain this year. The station at Rocherlea will be on air from noon until 6pm Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday. Activities will include hidden transmitter hunting, Skype and JOTI TV on the big screen. Look for JOTI.Launceston on Skype. Also on Echolink VK7KPC-L. There is an opportunity for Venturers to attend on Saturday evening. All bookings to Peter Dodd dodd.pc@bigpond.com or **0408 805 086**. Badges will be available for Groups to purchase on site.

As with last year, Youth members may participate in JOTI from home with scoutlink or Skype with parental supervision. Link here <https://webchat.scoutlink.net/#/connect>

Badges will be available from BHQ from Tue 5th for those Groups from the South who would like to present them on the day. Order forms on MyScout in Resources, Form/Events for those who cannot get to HQ.

Hoping to hear some of your members on air, and see some on Skype or Scoutlink.

Peter Dodd **Project Commissioner Radio** pc.radio@scoutstas.org.au **0408 805 086**



Huonville Scouts participate in Australian Ladies Amateur Radio contest.

Saturday the 28th of August saw the annual ALARA radio contest with 2021 seeing a new category "Scouts & Guides" 2 girls & 4 boys operated for a 6-hour period between 4.00pm & 10.00 pm on Echolink & H.F. radios from their permanent radio shack at the Huonville Hall.

The contest is all about the "Ladies" of amateur radio, getting on-air to chat & try to gain points for contacts over a 24-hr period. One of a few rules sees the boys, or "OM" in radio terms, only able to gain points by speaking with the YL's (Ladies). Our 2 YL operators chose to use their own Foundation licences & managed to speak with an operator from the Netherlands!

It was a very hands-on experience for the 6 Scouts, giving them a personal challenge to operate the radios which included changed bands & modes of operation, organise & compile the log book entries, sending & receiving precise information all for their very first time!

Many comments were made on how focused all the operators were & envious of being able to participate not in lockdown. In total, a huge 31 stations were logged & it is hoped, the 2 call signs, VK7LJB & club station VK7HSD will hopefully be on the points board for 2021. What was gained from the experience? putting Tassie Scouts on the map, Fun & hopefully a certificate.

With JOTA coming up, Huon District are excited to see this years event a "Youth led, Adult supervised" event.

Special thanks to Brian Marriot VK7BM for mentoring the event.

Michael Sweeney
Assistant Commissioner Radio



International Report

Finally, International Contingents are back on the agenda, and we are kicking off with the biggest of them all. The 2023 World Scout Jamboree, to be held in Korea, contingent applications open on October 1 (see page 4 for more info). This event is the biggest event in the World Scouting calendar and is not to be missed. Australia is looking to send a huge contingent to this event, so make sure you jump right in and check it out. Anyone born after 13 August 2005 is eligible to attend, including Rovers and Leaders as part of the Service Team. Head to <https://scouts.com.au/wsj2023> for more information on the event, itinerary and applications or get in touch with me.



Also opening on October 1 are applications to the 8th International FinnJamboree (Kajo2022), to be held in July 2023. This event will see a small contingent of Venturer aged Scouts to Finland for three weeks of adventure including a home hospitality stay, a sailing expedition and then attendance at the Jamboree. For more information, visit <https://scouts.com.au/event/kajo2022> Applications close on October 31.

Also coming soon on November 1 will be applications to Kandersteg International Scout Camp Centenary Celebrations, also in 2023. This event is open to members born between 14 July 1997 - 1 July 2009. For information <https://scouts.com.au/event/kisc100/>



Hopefully you have your plans for the JOTA/JOTI weekend sorted. This year promises to be a huge event with a wide range of activities running across the weekend including virtual challenges, and the opportunity to earn virtual badges. More information can be found at <https://scouts.com.au/blog/2021/08/17/2021-jota-joti/> (Jota info page 12)

Of course there is always so much more happening, with so many ways to bring International Scouting to your own hall, so if you require any more information, do not hesitate to get in touch. Yours in International Scouting.

Craig Gardner

Branch Commissioner International

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VET Report

Financial value of SAIT (All Branches) For 2021 up until 31/7: Units of competency 7564, Qualifications, made up of:

Creative industries	11
Outdoor	182
Business/volunteer	167
Total	360
Total value	\$ 2,270.710 (if leaders/volunteers/youth had to pay)

Assessor development (PD).

During the year SAIT has been running professional development seminars (via ZOOM) for our assessors. July 29th, RPL process, August 26th, professional conversations.

SAIT Operations Committee

The SAIT Operations Committee is made up of the BC's SAIT from all Branches and the principal team. We look after the day to day operations of SAIT. We have been meeting quarterly via Zoom since the COVID outbreak.

At the last meeting we looked at Branch audits, assessor PD, the updated Business Services Package and the SAIT Scope Extension, to name a few items!

Later in the year we will have the Certificate II in Workplace Skills, Dip of Project Management and the advanced Dip in Leadership & Management on scope. Stay tuned for more information.

Murat Djakic is working with the National office regarding VET in schools.

Students who are doing a Cert 2 in Business, Creative Industries or Leadership can program it as a Course at year 11 or 12. If we do this via SAIT it will give them the chance to free up a line for something else or a study line. Murat is also working with Luke Dimsey & Will Percey who are working towards their SAIT assessor qualifications.

We have been working with some of the Training Team to update their Language, Literacy & Numeracy (LLN) qualifications. The new unit is called TAELLN411, Addresses adult language, literacy and numeracy skills exactly the same as the old unit! The new unit has been issued.

Mike Wilson Branch Commissioner VET



Scout Cycling

The cycling team have just completed a successful Mountain bike (MtB) Camp (24-28 Sept). 19 Scouts & Venturers spent 4 days honing their MtB skills & riding on the trails at Derby, St Helens & the rail trail to Scottsdale.

As well as improving & testing their riding skills, the riders also learnt how to assess & manage the risks on the trails, some 1st aid & basic bike maintenance.

Our Youth leadership team, Leon Smith (ride Captain) & Alex Varney (assistant ride Captain) were assisted by Patrol Leaders Simran Grubb, Kentaro Watts & Josh Fulton. Leon completed his progression through the cycling leadership program, gaining the coveted 4th star. We look forward to seeing the other Youth leadership team step up in responsibility for planning our next cycling event.

Thank you to the adults/Leaders that assisted us in running a successful event: Pip Cornish, Annette Levis, Ross Smith, Ian Hart, David Chalk, Jan Tuxworth, John Wanless, Stuart Sargent, Helen Skeggs & Teresa Sweeney. Thank you to Sam Brooks (Rover), our MtB lead, for setting up our MtB Skills Course. And a special thank you to the two parent subject-matter experts that assisted us: Jared Mendham & Peter Barrett. We were also fortunate to receive assistance from AutoRent campervans in kindly providing a minibus for our use.

The cycling team look forward to expanding our MtB & road cycling events in 2022. Keep your eyes on the Branch Newsletter and calendar.

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Project Commissioner Cycling
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Heritage Report



We welcome our newest member. He is QUASIMODO, or "Quasi" for short. Not that he is small by any means! He is a very affable Labrador pup, being trained by our member Marion Blight in support for a future blind person. (photo 1)

This report contains many photos to show a typical assortment of activities we undertake during a brief time period.

New Display stands featuring Joeys & unusual Jamboree pieces have been mounted in BHQ hallway; Restoration of an original 1924 woolen worsted shirt, worn by Gordon Gourlay our first Kings Scout at the 2nd World Jamboree, Denmark & Empire Jamboree, England.

Visitors attended from 1st Kingston Cub Pack, (photo 5) who turned from Sea Scouts into Land Scouts for the evening; Paula Wriedt graced us with a visit as Kingborough Mayor (photo 2), as did stalwart John Tenniswood, who kindly donated his Fathers' Silver Acorn & Medal of Merit Awards (photo 3), Norfolk Plains Scouts also visited our Centre.

When I recently contacted our National Office to finalise Tasmania's Bravery Awards, I was advised of several more previously unknown. We have further located an Ex-1st Blackmans Bay Cub, Natalie Conlan who saved a 5 year old boy from drowning, awarded a Medal for Meritorious Conduct (photo 4). A few other gaps with other awards are being researched too.

Dugald McDugall kindly gave us his Scouting movie films going back to the 1950's which are now being 'fine tuned' to bring them up to current standards to view. Also Dugald presented us his 1951, 50th Reunion items from when he attended the 7th World Scout Jamboree in Austria.

Important information from our compatriots at Queensland Scout Heritage has revealed about the 1980's controversy for girls being admitted into Tasmanian Cubs. This now forms a goodly part of our historic records.

Small items are always appreciated, such as from Sue Hill with scarves, Robert Milnes with Leven District reports and badges, From David Chalk some wine bottles used as Fund Raising in Lenah Valley Group, and a Tasmanian State Supporters scarf from Suzanne Hovington.

Besides a nice Air Scout uniform arriving, I also contacted the Tasmanian Aviation Historical Society at Launceston about our former two Air Scout Groups, Western Junction and Llanherne Group. A feature article for additional information has subsequently been placed into their regular newsletter.

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