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Chief Commissioner's Report



Our Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC was invested by two Cubs at the recent State Cuboree, the Cubs gave her a big Cub Wolf, which she then returned. Once, officially a Scout, the Governor had a ride on the flying fox and tried a bush doughnut. We also had Heather Chong, Paula Wriedt, Madeleine Ogilvie, Dean Winters, Rosalie Woodruff, Army Major Michael Linacre, and the Guide Commissioner Linda Durran join us at on the first day, which was great to see. Nigel Clutterbuck (our Branch President) persuaded a TV crew to attend and we had 9 minutes of good PR on the news on Sunday night. We were very lucky to have missed lockdown by just one weekend!

We have had a couple of visitors in the last couple of weeks to The Lea. The Kingborough Mayor and the Sport and Rec minister were impressed with what we are doing. Both didn't know The Lea was used so much by schools and other departments.

JOTA in the south didn't happen outside this year because of the 3 day lockdown in the south. We hope most Youth still had a chance to JOTI at home on their computer. (Photos and Report pages 16 & 17)

Unfortunately - or fortunately, whichever way you like to look at it, Susanne and I had our lockdown at Swansea. We were the only people at the resort: it was a quiet weekend, but Scouting continued.

We now have another six fully trained Trainers, and I am one of them. We all did the CLT training over the internet (Teams), and I think it was the hardest thing most of us had ever done. Over a period of about three months, we had Patrols get together every week which included members from all over Australia, to prepare a presentation at our last weekend, which we also held on Teams.

Still on training, some of our Leaders missed out on a course run in Launceston, as they were locked down in Hobart. Hopefully, the course will be run again soon for these Leaders.

The Awards Committee has started its quest for exemplary Leaders who need should be recognised for the 2022 AGM. This year we have all the committee people on our list; (thanks to them now getting Service Awards), which is good, but makes a list look more extensive than usual. So, Group Leaders and District Commissioners please look at the list I have sent you and get a nomination into the Chief Commissioner ASAP.

Some more good news, one of our Youth members has been shortlisted for the World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Message of Peace Award. I think her mother (Mary Webb, Summerhill Cub Leader) would be delighted with all she has achieved. Well done, Petalynn Webb.

The Regatta is still going ahead at this stage. With the other states coming out of lockdown people will be free to move from state to state, so we might end up with COVID in our State, making it harder to run the event. Anyway, we have the event on MyScout now for Groups to register their Leaders and Youth. If a Leader or Youth member is not on MyScout, please get the paperwork required into BHQ ASAP. We must have Leaders and Youth registered on MyScout for them to be insured, that is why we are using our MyScout database.

As mentioned, a month or so ago, our Friend Finder torches are coming to an end; so, you only have one month left to get forms in with Friend Finder on them to get a torch. The Youth will still get a badge, but the torches will be phased out.

Scott, who is on the marketing committee, is doing more car stickers for us. He wants everyone on our database to have a car sticker on their car, so if your car hasn't got one, please ask BHQ for one or two.

Michael Hovington

Chief Commissioner

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Years of Service Awards

5 Years	Anthony Dickinson Rebecca Edson Alisha Foggo John McCausland	Assistant Venturer Leader Assistant District Commissioner Assistant Scout Leader Committee Treasurer	Leven Venturer Unit Launceston & Tamar District Huonville Scout Group Riverside Scout Group
10 Years	Richard Kemp	Scout Leader	Burnie Scout Group
20 Years	Adam Bracken Ivan Dolbey Danny Munting	Scout Leader Committee Chairperson Cub Scout Leader	Penguin Scout Group Mersey District Derwent Sea Scout Group
50 Years	Joy Bracken	Leader in Charge	4th Launceston Scout Group



President's Report



Hi to all in our wonderful Scouting family, I hope all are well. I just want to update you all a little about recycling, but first the Cuboree.

I was able to attend the Opening Ceremony and the investiture of our new Chief Scout new Governor Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Walker. What a wonderful experience and I have to say Griffin Blizzard our Vice President and I were in awe of the ceremony and how well our Youth conducted themselves.

Our new Chief Scout didn't leave in a hurry and even went on the flying fox. Mike Hovington and myself walked the site for an hour or so after and had a great opportunity to see Guides/Cubs and all the other Sections having a great time. Big thanks and congratulations to all involved. Well done an absolute credit to you.

With recycling by now you may be aware that we have entered into a partnership with St Vinnies in relation to the impending containers deposit scheme. Even though the start date is a little while off we both wanted to start talking to our possible supporters. Why ST Vinnies ? St Vinnies have large suitable properties throughout the state as well as trucks, staff etc, Scouts have 50 locations and a huge community reach. Both organisations have valuable experience in other states we can call on.

Will Scout Groups still get there 10 cents per approved container? Yes. The arrangement will also allow Scouts Tas to gain an additional financial benefit by us supporting one organisation state-wide. This benefit will be over and above the 10 cents and will also apply to other organisations and community groups that through our reach support the ST Vinnies/ Scouts Tas partnership. This will overtime allow us to keep costs down and provide additional financial assistance state-wide. As time goes on more information will come to hand.

What I ask in the meantime, let's start talking within our local communities about how they can support Scouts by donating their recycling cans to Scouts once the deposit scheme is up and running

Please contact me on recycling@tas.scouts.com.au for queries suggestions etc.

Regards

Nigel Clutterbuck
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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

November	Event	Where
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



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



Despite the school holidays and a 3-day lockdown, October has proved to be a very busy month for the Joey Scout Section. Joey participated in the Cuboree Taster, the Aussie Backyard Bird Count and JOTA/JOTI (from home), whilst a number of Joey Scout Leaders attended Scouting Essentials and Scouting Adventure Courses at The Lea.

Cuboree Taster (Photos Below)

Term 4 has gotten off to a great start with the Cuboree Taster which was held on the last weekend of the school holidays. Around 80 Joey Scouts and well over 100 people attended in total (including Joey Scouts, parents and Leaders). Yummy bush donuts, a hurdy gurdy ride and lots of activities (including use of the low ropes course) made for a great day. A big thank you to the Cuboree Committee for their help in organising this event, to Fiona Roberts for looking after registration, to Sue Hill and Fiona for helping with the buses, to Danie Forinash, Mel Abbott and Victoria Felsche for running the low ropes course activities, and of course to all of the other Leaders and parents who helped make this day a great success.

Commissioner's Challenge

Congratulations to the Joey Scout Units at Mount Stuart, Penguin and Blackmans Bay on their completion of this year's Commissioner's Challenge. Keep up the great work Joey Scouts! Badges can be ordered by emailing djisl.launcestonamar@scoutstas.org.au



Scouting Adventure

It was great to see a number of Joey Scout Leaders at the Scouting Adventure Course last weekend. Participants worked on their camping, navigation and other outdoor skills. If you haven't attended this course yet, keep an eye on next year's Branch Calendar for dates. It's a fun and challenging weekend of learning by doing.

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!

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Henderson
Joey Scouts



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SCOUTS
DISCOVER ADVENTURE





Cub Report



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



Cuboree

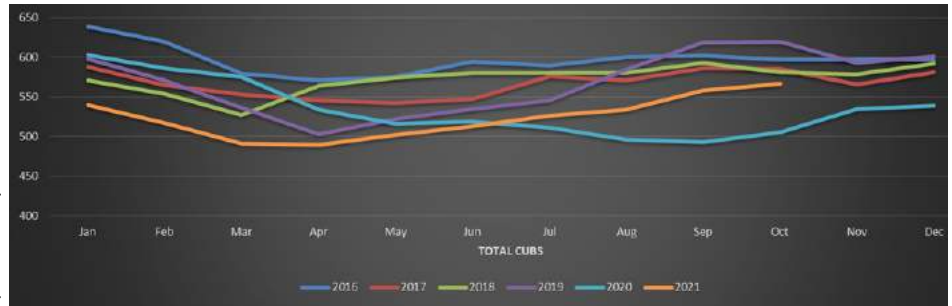
Well, Cuboree XXVI is now behind us. We had 377 Cubs and Guides, 75 Scouts and Guides supporting them, 83 Leaders and 69 parents assisting, and around 20 Venturers and half a dozen Rovers running activities. We also had around 80 Joeys for the Cuboree Taster.

I hope you all had fun. If you've got some photos, please send them through — but make sure you have the permission of everyone pictured. Thanks to Neil for the photos of the Water Activity Base featured in this Newsletter. (pages 8 & 9) I'd like to thank many people and although it's risky, I'll name just a few: Danny Munting, Susanne Hovington, Mike Hovington, David Blanch, Isaac Smith, Tim Marzsalek, Brad Thompson, Fiona Woolley, Neil Ruut, Scott Thomson, Mary Webb, Robyn Russell, Alec Reavell, Tony McDonald, Emily Ezzy, Narelle Ball, Andrew Thompson, Caz Gregory, Dan Gregory, Murat Djakic, Terry Bryan, Virginia Newcombe, Stuart Ferguson, David Henwood, Connell Maskrey, Jacqui Sherriff, Mary Laing, Sue Martyn, Adrian Mather, Anita Kerrison, Jon Bentley, Deb Lehman, Ruth Henderson, Corey Pilkington, Jillian Parkinson, Maria Direen, Lori Jack, Bronwyn Thompson, Scott Harper, and all those that I've forgotten!

Numbers

The Cubs numbers are continuing to climb. At our census date in October we'd returned to 567. That is more than 60 greater than this time last year and close to the numbers from 2017 and 2018.

In good news, we're the most populous Section once more having more Cubs (567) than there are Scouts (563). I know this is likely to change now that Cuboree has occurred, but in friendly rivalry, I love to mark the occasion!



Commissioner's Challenge

To finish this month, let me encourage you and your Unit to complete the Commissioner's Challenge this term.

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



Cubs that attended the Cuboree would of achieve a lot of this!

Until next month, Good Hunting!

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Grey Wolf Award

Xzavier Viney

Andrew Howard

Cody Gray

Zara Kay

Macarthur Bell

Queenstown Scout Group

Howrah Scout Group

Howrah Scout Group

Howrah Scout Group

Blackmans Bay Scout Group

Cuboree Album



Cuboree Album



Cuboree Album



**Cuboree
Water Activities
Base**

**Kingston Sea
Scouts**

Kingston Beach

Scout Report



Scouts is a fantastic extracurricular activity for all Youth (and adults) who are able to participate. A recent Flinders University study confirmed that outside school activities are highly beneficial to children beyond what school offers. The value to children who may experience levels of social disadvantage is particularly significant. There is evidence that children who are able to engage in activities like Scouting, develop confidence, have a higher sense of belonging to their community; and can improve their educational and lifelong outcomes. Often financial barriers prohibit participation. In Tasmania Ticket-to-Play offers a level of financial support for families to assist with meeting the cost of activities like Scouting. If your Group is unfamiliar with the Ticket-to-Play program it might be 'just the ticket' to help a child to embark on the great adventure that is Scouting. <https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/ticket-to-play>

A big thankyou to the great number of Scouts who assisted as Patrol Leaders at the highly successful Cuboree. Hopefully you have now each received a personal certificate of thanks from BC Cub Scouts.

We are looking forward to a fun Clark Trophy weekend on 20/21 November. A number of Australian Scout Medallions will be presented at the closing parade. Exciting to know so many Scouts have achieved their Peak Award in the past few months.

Summer Scouting events around Tasmania

Districts continue to working on activities to be run over summer. All you have to do is find out what is going on in your area and be willing to participate and have fun.

Proposed events include:

- Leven – Air Activities Weekend 8 / 9 January 2022
- Wellington – Water activities Weekend – Hobart Regatta weekend – 12-14 February
- Kingborough - Water based weekend
- Launceston/Tamar is working on a camp in late January
- Hellyer is planning a week long camp at Blythe Park in January

Regatta Registrations are now open for the March long weekend – hoping to see as many people from around the state as possible. (more Regatta info on page 4)

Jonathan Pyefinch

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Branch Life Member Recognition Board

Located in the foyer at Scouts Tasmania Head Office
The Lea Scout Centre.

Thank you to Marion Blight for organizing the board
Opening ceremony TBA

Venturer Report



It has been a busy time for Venturers over the last two months. There was the Tenniswood Trophy, a number of outdoor adventure skills courses, the recent Scout Invasion and of course plenty of activities being run by Sections across the state.

Backing up a bit, I just wanted to congratulate the winning Team for Tenniswood 2021, Leven Venturer Unit. An absolutely fantastic effort from a very determined group of Venturers. This year Tenniswood was based on a lightweight hike / survival rogaining challenge. Participants were provided an equipment list containing very few items and a recipe for a survival bar (quite tasty), on arrival the teams registered and were sent off into the wilderness of Mt Cameron to survive the night. In the morning all teams returned to base camp and were given a list of grid references, a map, compass and a list of how many points each check point was worth. The teams were then required to navigate cross country (avoiding roads) and decide which checkpoints they should try to find. Overall, the activity was well received and the feedback I have gotten from the Venturers indicates that a similar format would be enjoyed in the future. Again, a huge thanks to Neil and Murat for putting this activity together.

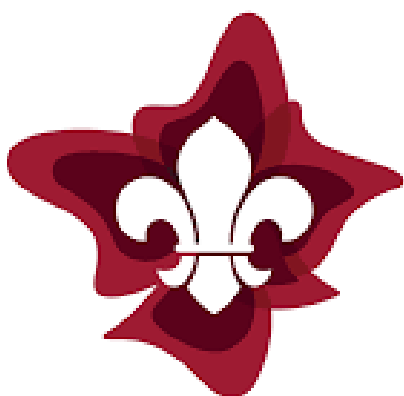
It has been great to see and hear that Venturers are attending training provided by our Adventurous Activities Team and the Training Team. Venturers have attended First Aid Training, White Water Rafting Courses as well as Bushwalking and Abseiling Courses.

We are also fast approaching the end of the year and with it the 2021 State Venture, being held out of the Arm River Camp over the weekend 10 - 12 December. Flyers have been put up on the Tassie Venturers Facebook page and have been emailed out to Leaders. There is also the application flyer attached below. This year the team organising the Venture have set up a QR code and an online page for individuals to sign up.

I'd like to mention to everyone how well Venturers in Tasmania are doing. In terms of registered members, we currently have 208 Venturers in the state, which is more than we have had in the past 5 years. I'm hoping we can continue to build on those numbers and see more Venturers at future activities such as Regatta next year.

Well done to our Venturers and Venturer Leaders.

Jason Page
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Venturer Scouts

Get involved, Start your next Adventure
Join Scouts



SCAN ME

State Venture

Info and Applications

10th - 12th December
Arm River camp

Lightweight camp; bring own tent & gear;
NO GAZEBOS!!
All meals provided except for Saturday lunch

Prices: Youth \$90
Leaders/Adults \$40

More information on receipt of entry form.

Use the QR code or use the link tassieventurers.com.au for the application




ACTIVITIES: Bushwalking, Caving, Rafting, Sailing, Photography, Abseiling, Mountain Biking, 4WDing, White Water Kayaking.

Scouting Album



A very wet but enjoyable trip to Fraser Creek Scout Hut for Ventures Toby and Rachael from North West Bay Scout Group and Taryn from Kingston Scout Group. Thanks Terry for all the help you gave Toby in planning the trip. **Lorna Barrett - North West Bay LIC**

Duke of Edinburgh

The Award is a leading structured youth development program, empowering all young Australians between age 14 to 25 to explore their full potential regardless of their location or circumstance. The Award is a fully inclusive program and has no social, political, or religious affiliations.

Each young person who takes part in the Award learns a skill, improves their physical well being, volunteers in their community and experiences a team adventure in a new environment. All Participants are supported by a network of adult Award Leaders, Assessors, Supervisors, and Mentors.

The Key elements of our program are:

- Open to all between the ages of 14 to 25.
- Three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold, each progressively more challenging.
- Four Sections: Physical Recreation, Skill, Service, Adventurous Journey

Achieving an Award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and achievement.

Through this challenging journey of self-discovery, our Participants:

- Are equipped and empowered to achieve their personal best;
- Learn to take responsibility for their goals and choices;
- Become connected to and actively engaged within their immediate community;
- Make a real difference to society through their positive contributions and involvement;
- Learn to persevere and overcome barriers to success;
- Learn important life skills; and
- Increase their career opportunities.

Today more than 140 countries have adopted The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program with over 8 million young people having participated worldwide. Locally over 700,000 young people have completed the Award in Australia in the past 57 years, with on average 40,000 very diverse participants annually working towards achieving an Award.

The Fundamentals of the Award

Regular participation in activities is required to meet the time requirements of each Award Section and Level.

Focuses on capacity building by encouraging all young Australians to make independent decisions and to negotiate priorities through participation.

Provides a framework that works with all young people in any conceivable situation. This includes youth at risk, Indigenous youth, new refugees, marginalised youth, young people in regional and remote communities, and young people with disabilities.

Assists with the provision of social infrastructure in the community and draws together and connects people, institutions and generations with the common purpose of youth development and inclusion.

For more information feel free to contact me by email pc.dukeofed@scoutstas.org.au or 0428797166.

Jessica Smith, Project Commissioner Duke of Ed

What is The Duke of Ed?

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global framework for non-formal education, which challenges young people find their purpose, passion and place in the world. The Award is open to young people aged 14 to 24, and is run in over 130 countries.

SECTION	WHAT IT'S ABOUT FOR PARTICIPANTS
Skills	Unleashing talents and broadening abilities and interests - anything from refereeing, to digital production, learning an instrument, to jewellery making.
Voluntary Service	Connecting with the community and providing service to others - activities such as youth work, environmental and charity work.
Physical Recreation	Improving physical fitness and wellbeing by getting active - team sports, individual pursuits or getting creative and working up a sweat.
Adventurous Journey	Team building inspired through adventure and discovery journeying in unfamiliar and challenging environments - building resilience and teamwork skills along the way.
Gold Residential Project	Broadening horizons and challenging views of the world - in Australia or anywhere around the globe

Participants design their own program and set their goals according to the minimum requirements summarised below.

Refer to the **Award Handbook** at www.dukeofed.com.au

Sections	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Skills	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
Voluntary Service	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
Physical Recreation	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
Major Section	All Participants must complete an additional 3 months in either Skills, Voluntary Service or Physical Recreation	Participants who have not achieved a Bronze Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Skills, Voluntary Service or Physical Recreation	Participants who have not achieved a Silver Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Skills, Voluntary Service or Physical Recreation
Adventurous Journey Includes: Preparation & Training; at least one Practice Journey; & a Qualifying Journey	2 days + 1 night	3 days + 2 nights	4 days + 3 nights
Gold Residential Project	N/A	N/A	5 days + 4 nights
Minimum age to start	14 years #	15 years or after completing Bronze	16 years
Minimum duration to finish an Award	6 months	Bronze Awardees: 6 months Direct entrants: 12 months	Silver Awardees: 12 months Direct entrants: 18 months
Maximum age to finish	Before 25 th birthday	Before 25 th birthday	Before 25 th birthday



Joey Scouts



Cub Scouts



Scouts



Venturer Scouts



Rover Scouts

International Report

Its official, Tasmania's borders are opening, which means your dreams of International travel are so much closer. There are loads of events open for applications that you can get involved with. Where will Scouting take you in the next few years?

7 Tasmanians have already applied for their adventure of a lifetime, joining 431 from around Australia for the World Scout Jamboree. Make sure you are next! The Jamboree is open for participants to anyone born between 13 August 2005, and 1 August 2009. Anyone older who is a registered Rover or Adult Leader can apply as part of the International Service Team or Line Leader. Head to <https://scouts.com.au/ws2023> to find out everything you need to know!

The Contingent Management Team will be holding a live Facebook Q&A session on November 10th, look for their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wsjacontingent> to find out more.



Applications are now open for the Kandersteg International Scout Centre Centenary camp for 2023. This event is open to anyone born between 14 July 1997 and 1 July 2009. KISC is located in the heart of Switzerland, and opened its doors to the Scouting community in 1923. To celebrate their centenary in 2023, Scouts Australia are sending a Contingent to KISC to experience this permanent Mini Jamboree.

From the moment you step off the train, 1,200m above sea level, you know you're somewhere special. Close to nature and away from the distractions of every day life, you'll find nowhere else like Kandersteg. That's why Baden-Powell chose here. A place where you can pitch your tent under the stars, climb mountains with your friends, paddle across lakes and enjoy stunning sunsets at the end of each day. To find out everything you need to know, head to <https://scouts.com.au/event/kisc100/>



Don't forget, there are loads of ways you can get involved with International Scouting from your own Scout Hall, with a range of World Scouting badges to achieve. These integrate perfectly with the Youth Program, so get in touch to find out how your Group can get involved.

Yours in International Scouting

Craig Gardner

Branch Commissioner International

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Environment / Grants Report

Environment Report

National Environment Advisor Role Up For Grabs

Are you passionate about Scouts and the Environment? Are you interested in a new challenge with the opportunity to make a difference in both Tasmania and to Scouts across the country? Applications are now open for the National Advisor Environment role, which could be just the opportunity you've been waiting for!

Tasmania has lots of people who are very passionate about the environment and sustainability. If you're a Leader, or a senior Rover, who likes to drive environmental projects and could co-ordinate a small team of representatives from different states – check out the role at <https://scouts.com.au/blog/2021/09/12/national-advisor-environment-vacancy/>

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of something great, at a National level! Your ideas and leadership can make a difference, and help shape the future of Scouts Australia.

This photo (right) appears on the Scouts Australia Environment Program Page, just one of the networks and resources available to the National Advisor Environment.



Grants Report

Grant Opportunity - Clarence, Kingborough and Huon Districts.

Are you part of a Scout Group in the electorate of Franklin? The office of your local Member of Parliament, the Hon. Julie Collins is now accepting expressions of interest for Round 7 of the Stronger Communities Programme.

This grant program aims to deliver social benefits to local communities with grants between \$2,500 and \$20,000 available to undertake projects in the Franklin electorate. The grant amount can be up to 100% of eligible project expenditure.

Expressions of Interest will be assessed by the electoral office, with the help of the Franklin Community Consultation Committee, and up to 20 projects will be nominated to be part of the Federal Government's grant round. The number of projects chosen will depend on the amount they ask for. A maximum of \$150,000 is available for the Franklin area.

Scouts Tasmania has a Project Commissioner for Grants— Gabby Brown, who can help provide advice to prepare your application. This round of EOIs are due to Ms Collins' office by 5:00pm Monday 29 November 2021, so get in touch to let me know you're preparing an application, and allow at least four days before this date to have your grant checked me. If you're interested, would like a copy of the Expression of Interest form, the Grant Guidelines or fact sheets, get in touch, Gabby Brown – Project Commissioner Grants – for more information on gabsbrown16@gmail.com

How could a grant help your Scout Group grow?

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The Tasmanian
 Scout Heritage
 Centre

The Lea Scout Centre,
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 Tasmania, Australia



For more information call Tony Peck - 0499 250 360



JOTA/JOTI

Well that was a different JOTA/JOTI, even more so than last year.

10th October, 1 week out and we had stations organised for Paton Park, Spreyton, Rocherlea, and Huonville, plus an invite to attend the radio club open day at the Domain in Hobart. Badges were on hand and supplies had been delivered to HQ for the southern stations, plus some were on the way north for Spreyton and Ulverstone.

Monday morning I was informed the Spreyton operation had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, slight change of plans saw Spreyton Joeys invited to attend Paton Park, so not a complete loss.

Then Friday afternoon while setting up the station at Rocherlea we heard rumours of a 3 day shut down in Hobart. By 2:45 this was confirmed as a shut down of the southern half of the state, so much for plans. A quick trip back home on other side of Launceston and my laptop to try and promulgate alternate arrangements for Southern Groups to participate from their homes. Then back to Rocherlea to let the JOTI crew into hall so they could set up the pc network.

Saturday morning and thankfully forecast rain did not appear, so the foxes could be let loose in the Rocherlea back yard ready for the intrepid hunters. Radio equipment set up was completed and the Matthew Brady Venturers arrived to assist with the JOTI operation and other duties as required. First group arrived at noon and we were kept busy until 6pm. Venturers then recessed for pizza and an evening of computer gaming. Groups returned at 10 am Sunday, until 3 pm. Overall we had just over 70 visiting the site, but sadly the 20 Guides we had booked could not attend.

Some highlights were zoom meetings with Michael Turner VK2 WMT - JOTA/JOTI Co-ordinator South Metropolitan Scout Region Sydney. These occurred on both days and included 2 Canadian Scout Leaders in one of the sessions. Skype contacts were made with Oman and Japan, much to the enjoyment of one of the Venturers who was studying Japanese. Fox hunting and internet chat were popular as usual.

Thanks to the team from Northern Tasmanian Amateur Radio Club Inc. for supplying operators.

Paton Park had 40 attend from Leven District and about 10 from Mersey District and were on air from 8am Saturday until 10pm that night. I am not sure about their operations on Sunday. The refurbished equipment worked well as they had several hours of good contacts with Queensland on HF radio. They also had fox hunting and made Morse Code trainers as well as utilising the local radio repeaters. Thanks to the local members of the North West Tasmania Amateur Radio Club who attended and the other Amateurs around the state who came on air to provide contacts when other Scout stations could not be reached.

I was looking forward to hearing the Scouts from Huonville running their VK7HSD station as licensed amateurs, maybe next year. Also in the same vote were Amateurs including Randall Treloyn, who were going to be at the REAST clubrooms at the Domain.

I have not heard if any other groups managed to participate although Queenstown and Howrah Groups were registered on the JOTAJOTI.info website.

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JOTA/ JOTI Album



The logo for JotaJoti 2021 Australia Jamboree. It features a stylized globe with colorful orbits (red, blue, yellow, purple) around it. To the right of the globe are two fleur-de-lis symbols, one black and one colorful. The text "JotaJoti 2021 AUSTRALIA" is at the top, "15TH - 17TH OCTOBER" is on the left, and "Jamboree ON THE AIR - ON THE INTERNET" is at the bottom. The entire logo is enclosed in a red border.



Training Report

CLT – Course for Prospective Leader Trainers (four beads)

Well done to the six Tasmanian participants who lasted through the whole course from April until this week, with all sessions being run on-line. Much feedback has been provided to the National Commissioner for Adult Training and Development and while much of it was positive there is always room to improve. Given this was the first time a course like this has been run virtually, much credit goes to the presenters, tutors and most of all the participants.

Instead of a whole course dinner at Gembrook (Victoria) the Tassie participants enjoyed dinner together, while many of our mainland participants had a 'virtual' dinner.

This course will likely be expanded to include Commissioners both at National and Branch level over time, in accordance with the WOSM Wood Badge Framework.

NTC

Last weekend I participated in the National Training Committee meeting.

Some of the major items discussed were:

- Mental Health, First Aid.
- Review of the Project Management Course.
- eLearning, with SE Patrol System for One Program been up-dated, SE Grow and SE Spiritual include new material and should be up-loaded by end of November, SL Camping has been identified as a gap.
- Scouting Leadership modules should be finalised by March 2022.
- New promotional videos are being developed for Leadership courses.
- Remote Area First Aid.
- Papers are to go to NEC/NOC on the introduction of a National Risk Register.
- Adults in Scouting standards have been up-dated to include the Individual Volunteer Plan.

New Resources

Guide to Performance Conversations and Guide to Disciplinary Action have been added to the key resources on the website.

Vaccination Policy has been released – note that Public Health Orders will override Scout Policies and Scouting is inclusive, and subject to safety, no-one will be discriminated against due to vaccination status. See next page for full Policy Statement.

Child Safe Policy

This has had a major review and as a result there are likely to be significant changes to the mandatory Child Safe module. It is still being considered as to whether the changes are of such significance that everyone should redo the module prior to the normal three year cycle. The changes include grooming, on-line and Youth on Youth abuse.

Wood Badge

All systems are go for the 2021 Wood Badge Course, with 16 participants ready to entertain and feed us in grand style, whether pirates or Aussies or.....

Geraldine Harwood

Branch Commissioner Adult Support



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Policy Statement

The Scout Association of Australia has a duty of care to all its members to provide a safe environment that protects them from harm when participating in its programs. All Adults are accountable to deliver that Duty of Care on behalf of the Association, at all times.

Policy: The policy of Scouts Australia is for individuals to follow the health guidance provided by governments (Federal/State and or Territory), including any Public Health Orders, and to seek medical advice as to their own particular circumstance to make an informed decision in relation to vaccination.

It is not the policy of Scouts Australia to exclude unvaccinated members from membership.

General. Scouts Australia and its State and Territory Branches aim to promote a general position of supporting government / medical authority led advocacy for vaccination, for members of Scouting in Australia and we see it as a public health benefit. Members who are not vaccinated may be at increased risk, particularly from highly contagious diseases

However, there are risks to be considered where some members are unvaccinated.

The Risk. In day to day scouting an unvaccinated member may present a risk to themselves and to others. They may be at an increased risk of contracting infectious disease with the potential to spread it to others. In the normal course of events a small percentage of vaccinated people will not be protected from the disease for which they were vaccinated against. Some other members may be vulnerable, as they may not be able to receive vaccinations due to medical conditions or be immune compromised.

For this reason, should an outbreak of an infectious disease occur, people who are unvaccinated may be excluded from contact with others by Public Health Officials, for the duration of the outbreak. Scouts Australia will always follow any specific Public Health Orders and adapt its program in accordance with that advice. Therefore, Scouts Australia will not allow exemptions to Public Health Orders or legislation.

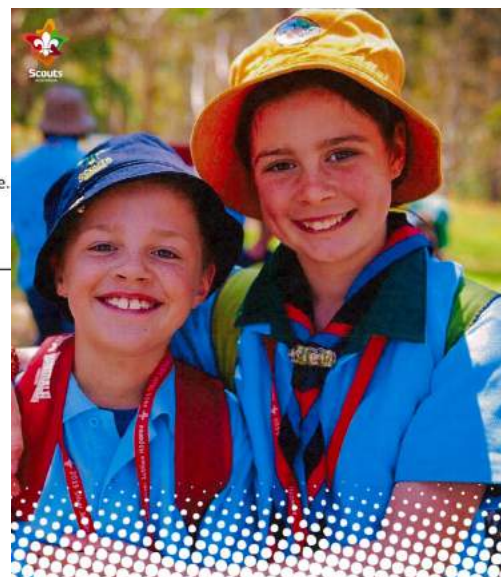
Should such an outbreak occur at a camp or major event this may result in the return home of unvaccinated Scouts. This may incur additional cost for the Participant/Parent(s)/Guardian(s). Alternatively, it may see a member placed into isolation until the outbreak has passed. In some rare cases the special/complex medical conditions of a member may require a certain level of broader vaccination in others to be necessary. It is here that consideration needs to be given to prioritising the care of the majority of members who wish to safely practice Scouting. In these circumstances advice of the relevant Branch authorities must be sought before any requirement is advised.

Scouts are also at risk of infection from injury, such as tetanus and wound infection.

Participant/Parent(s)/Guardian(s) consent for medical attention is included in all forms for activities and includes treatment for injuries and infections. Scouts Australia strongly encourages all members to be up to date with all vaccinations they may be able to medically receive and to seek advice on the need for additional protection before any overseas travel.

Scouts Australia Vaccination Policy
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Reviewed as required

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Vaccination Policy
Approved and updated by the authority of the
Scouts Australia National Executive Committee
Date: Updated October 2021

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**A full copy of the Scouts Australia Vaccination Policy
can be found on MyScout under Recourses.**





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