



# Scouts TASMANIA

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# Happy Easter



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# Chief Commissioner's Report



The National Operational Committee meeting was held online on the 5th of March with all Chief Commissioners and the National Commissioners. Phil Harper, Emily Ezzy (our under 30 rep) and myself from Tassie. At the meeting, it was decided to change the frequency of Jamborees, Ventures and Moots from every 3 years to 4 years. Our Branch was against this as the Ventures will now be part of the Scout Jamborees. New Zealand is doing their events every four years. So, any Youth who might miss out on the Australian events can attend the New Zealand events. They are saying the Youth like attending overseas events more.

National is also looking at having pronouns put onto the end of names, for example, John Smith (he/his). They have given this task to the Diversity and Inclusion team to look at. Emily had a lot of input around the pronouns paper as she is the Diversity and Inclusion Commissioner. Thank you Emily for doing this for us.

National has put a good link for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme in their last National Newsletter. Our Award Scheme is similar, and the Youth should consider doing both if possible.

<https://scouts.com.au/blog/2020/02/23/support-for-scouts-completing-the-duke-of-edinburghs-international-award/>

A Queen's Jubilee badge will be produced, likely to cost \$2. Groups or Districts can do any activity to celebrate this event and get the badge.

I have completed my last Group Leader and Commissioner Conferences, but meetings are still coming thick and fast. A big thank you to Nigel Clutterbuck (President) and Griffin Blizzard (Vice President) for attending most of the District AGM's this year with me, it's a busy time of year, but it is also been a good time to get to know the Leaders and parents in Groups and Districts.

The Awards Committee have completed this year's Awards, and we have approximately 65 to be presented at the Branch AGM on the 3rd June.

We were sorry to hear Allan Butt's wife passed away the same day we said goodbye to Dugald, she was a big supporter of the Scouting Movement and a big help for Allan. Our sincere condolences go to Allan and his family. Gone Home below.

Dugald's funeral went well. I would say that 70% of attendees were Scouting people. Mike Wilson and his team did a great job getting the other rooms ready with sound and video and set up the live streaming. Denice Walters and the Gang Show Crew also did a great job singing around the hearse. Susanne Hovington got most of the Fellowship Crew there and helped organise things. All in all, a great send-off for a great man.

I attended another Queen's Scout presentation. This time, at the Taroon Group. It was great to have a Group AGM and a Queen's Scout presentation simultaneously. It was also good to see that more time was put into the presentation than their AGM.

We have had some luck with the papers in the last week. With the launching of a pontoon at Paton Park and the Microplastic Count and Clean-up at Lauderdale with the Sandford Group. All good PR for our Organisation.

**Michael Hovington**  
Chief Commissioner  
cc@scoutstas.org.au



**Gone Home**



**Lynette Anne Butt 14 June 1952 - 2 March 2022**

Lyn was the wife of Scouts Tasmania Life Member Allan Butt and a big supporter of the Scouting Movement. Throughout her long illness she was still supporting her husband in his Scouting life.

**Stalwart will be fondly remembered**

**Rest in Peace**



**Gone Home**



**Kathleen Mary O'Grady 20 December 1928 - 15 March 2022**

Kath was the Cub Master for the Westbury Group from 1970 to 1984 when she became the District Commissioner for North Midlands, then in 1990 changed to be a District Leader.

**Stalwart will be fondly remembered**

**Rest in Peace**



## President's Report



Well, District AGM's are in full swing. The ones that Griffin and Myself have been able to attend, we left with great admiration for what our Leaders and Committees do, along with parent help.

When you take into account Covid over the last couple of years our Leaders have had to diversify from the traditional format. Which makes the increase in numbers all the more rewarding.

Well done to everyone for what they do for the Youth in our Community.

Also I managed to visit Fulton and Blyth Park, it's been a few years. Congrats on the launching of the new pontoon at Paton Park named "Eunice". We also made it into the Advocate Newspaper, thanks to them for their time.

We are continuing to engage with the Local and Federal Government and are pleased with the outcome, Sport and Rec have given us grants over the last two years. We thank the Government for their support and faith in us. We were also successful in obtaining a improving the playfield grant for The Lea. This will go to modernising the toilet facilities for the users and disability sectors. Well done to Phil and his Team. Another strong sign of our Governments support.

The Sport and Rec grants will assist us in moving to a single accounting system as well as reviewing our constitution. It's important our constitution is not only relevant for today, but allows us to progress in the decades to come. Please reach out to me if I can help with any political engagement. We have a project underway to ensure all local Councils have been met with.

The Branch Council and Branch Executive Elections are completing soon. It's important that we have good statewide representation as well as people that can assist in forming our strategy for the future. Please recommend anyone you feel can assist in our direction.

We also have a number of Committees that need statewide representation. Property, Marketing and IT just to name a few. Please email through your interest.

Recycling legislation has been past, so good to be moving forward. As mentioned previously we need a person in each Group to be a controller. Between 2k and 5k, I have been led to understand should be easily obtained, a great funding boost for our Groups.

In closing thanks everyone for your support in Scouting and also to me in my role. Have a great Easter break.

Yours in scouting

**Nigel Clutterbuck**  
Branch President

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## Years of Service Awards

**5 Years**

**Loren Bullock**

**Luke Dimsey**

**Shane Johnson**

**Brady Johnston**

**Committee Secretary**

**Committee Treasurer**

**Assistant Cub Leader**

**Assistant Cub Leader**

**Newstead Baptist Scout Group**

**Tasmania Branch Rover Council**

**Sandford Scout Group**

**Huonville Scout group**

**40 Years**

**Allan Butt**

**Group Leader**

**Tamar Sea Scout Group**

The Tasmanian  
Scout Heritage  
Centre

The Lea Scout Centre,  
330 Proctors Rd. Kingston,  
Tasmania, Australia



For more  
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# Branch Calendar

| April            | Event  | Where               |
|------------------|--|---------------------|
| 1                | Clarence District AGM  |                     |
| 1 - 2            | First Aid Courses ( Friday 1st 7pm - 10pm ) & ( Saturday 2nd 8am - 5pm ) | The Lea             |
| 6                | Kingborough District AGM ( 7pm - 9pm )                                   | Kingston Scout Hall |
| 16 & 17          | Glow ( Venturer Leaders )  |                     |
| 22 - 24          | Road Cycling Camp  |                     |
| 23 - 25          | White Water Rafting  |                     |
| 29 - 1           | First Aid Remote Area  | Scout Island        |
| <b>May</b>       |  |                     |
| 6 - 8            | Advanced Abseiling Course  | TBA ( North )       |
| 14 & 15          | Basic Seamanship Course ( Sailing & Rowing ) & Seamanship Update         | TBA ( South )       |
| 14 & 15          | Climbing TP — Natural  | TBA                 |
| 21 & 22          | Leadership Course ( Venturers ) North                                    |                     |
| 27               | Queen's Scout & Baden Powell Award Presentations                         | Government House    |
| 27 - 29          | Bushwalking — TP   | Mt Cameron          |
| 28 & 29          | Pioneering — TP  | Fulton Park         |
| 28 & 29          | Scouting Essentials Course   | Fulton Park         |
| <b>June</b>      |  |                     |
| 3                | Branch AGM ( South )   | TBA                 |
| 3 - 5            | Scout Invasion—Stateside Event for Venturers                             |                     |
| 3 - 5            | Caving Trained Participant Course  | TBA                 |
| 17 - 19          | Scouting Adventure Course  | Fulton Park         |
| <b>July</b>      |  |                     |
| 2                | Gilwell Reunion  |                     |
| 2 & 3            | Training Conference  |                     |
| 29 - 31          | Advanced Bushwalking & Alpine Course                                     | BP Lodge            |
| 30 & 31          | Gang Show Camp   |                     |
| <b>August</b>    |  |                     |
| 18 - 20          | Gang Show Performances   | TBA                 |
| 19 - 21          | First Aid Course   |                     |
| 24 - 27          | Agfest - Abseiling Assistance required, perfect for experience           | Quercus Park        |
| <b>September</b> |  |                     |
| 3                | Scouting Leadership Course W/E 1 ( Wood Badge )                          | Ross ( TBA )        |
| 10               | J/C/SGL Conference   | TBA                 |
| 23 - 25          | Tenniswood Trophy ( North West )   |                     |
| 30 - 2           | Bushwalking TP   | Mt Cameron          |



# Branch Calendar

| October         | Event   | Where   |
|-----------------|---|---------|
| 1 & 2           | Scouting Essentials Course  | The Lea |
| 7 - 10          | Mountain Bike Camp  |         |
| 14 - 16         | Basic Seamanship Course & Seamanship Update                                 | TBA     |
| 15 & 16         | JOTA/JOTI   |         |
| 16              | Cubs Regional/District Event  |         |
| 21 - 23         | Scouting Adventure Course   | The Lea |
| 28 - 33         | Scouting Leadership Course W/E 2 ( Wood Badge )                             | The Lea |
| <b>November</b> |   |         |
| 12 & 13         | Training Team Conference & End of Year Dinner                               | The Lea |
| 19 & 20         | Basic Abseiling Course ( Day 1 ) & Basic Kayaking/Canoeing Course ( Day 2 ) | TBA     |
| 20              | Basic Kayaking/Canoeing   | TBA     |
| 27              | Gang Show Reunion   | TBA     |
| <b>December</b> |   |         |
| 2 - 4           | State Venture   |         |
| 16              | Branch Headquarter Closes for 2022  | The Lea |

**APPLE ISLE MOOT**  
**FULTON PARK**  
**31 DEC 2022 - 8 JAN 2023**

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TASMANIA

**Join Scouts Today & start your adventure**

# Training Report

So we are well and truly into another year and we have a lot of Leader training for all our new and old leaders with some fantastic NEW training courses coming up over the next few months. If you are interested please put your applications in ASAP to make sure these courses go ahead as we have minimum numbers to allow courses to run.

Here is a list of upcoming training and dates:

**Abseiling SP** - 9<sup>th</sup> April – Cancelled due to lack of numbers to be reschedule later in the year

**Canoeing/Kayaking** – Moving Water, postponed till later in the year but replaced with **Water Water Rafting TP 23-25<sup>th</sup> April**  
**\*\*\*Limited Numbers, previous WW training preferred\*\*\***

**Abseiling TP** 6-8<sup>th</sup> May – Quercus Park

**Basic Seamanship** (Sailing and Rowing) 14-15<sup>th</sup> May – South TBA

**Seamanship Update** – 15<sup>th</sup> May – South TBA

**Climbing – Natural TP** 14-15<sup>th</sup> May **\*\*\* NEW COURSE\*\*\* Limited Numbers**

**Scouting Essentials** - 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> May – FULTON PARK – NW

**Pioneering TP** — 28-29<sup>th</sup> May – FULTON PARK – NW **\*\*\*NEW COURSE\*\*\* Limited Numbers**

**Caving SP/TP** — 3-5<sup>th</sup> June – Mole Creek TBA **\*\*\*NEW COURSE\*\*\* Limited Numbers**

**Scouting Adventure** 17-19<sup>th</sup> June - FULTON PARK – NW

**Bushwalking TP** (Alpine Conditions) 29-31<sup>st</sup> July – Cradle Mtn **Limited numbers**

**4WD SP/TP** — 13-14<sup>th</sup> August **\*\*\*NEW COURSE\*\*\* Limited numbers**

I would like to note we are up on the NW coast for training and looking forward to having a great turnup as we did last year for the Scouting Essentials and Adventure courses. We have even put our first Pioneering training weekend AT Fulton Park and I would like to encourage anyone that would like to learn more about Pioneering (Building stuff out of spars and ropes) to come along, the more trainees we have the bigger and more “STUFF” we can build.

Later in the year there will be another Scouting Essentials, Scouting Adventure, Scouting Leadership, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid course, Bushwalking TP (Non-Alpine), Kayaking/Canoeing – Moving Water, and possibly Power Boat / PWC and another Pioneering weekend. There are other activities being considered that are included in the OAS and we would like to hear from anyone that is interested in being involved in any of the areas above as either a participant or assisting with training.

**Cycling Team.** The cycling team are running some safe cycling day courses (South, North and NW) in April so look out for the details and support this fantastic training for both Youth and adults. ( flyer page 10 ).

So as you can see we have a lot of different activities for us to put the OUT in SCOUT, for more details watch the Newsletter, Facebook page and also check the calendar in MyScout as all Courses have the basic information listed there.

eLearning is an essential part of everyone’s training and you need to complete the required eLearning before attending any Courses, including Adventurous Activity courses. Interesting fact that a lot of people do not know, eLearning is also available for Venturers to complete for any AA course i.e. Bushwalking, Abseiling and Kayak/Canoeing in the training portal.

## Email reminders – mandatory eLearning

Just a reminder to check your junk email in case the early reminders for completion of the mandatory eLearning modules has slipped through into junk and you miss completing the units on time. The two mandatory units are **SPCHILD - Child Safe Scouting** and **SPWHS for Scouting**, and they are required to be undertaken every three years, along with your Police Check and renewal of your Working With Vulnerable Peoples Card. This is part of Scouts Australia response to being a Child Safe organisation.

I am often asked what is required to be completed when you agree to be a Leader so here is a brief list.

- 1 – Complete Leader/Adult Helper Induction Pack which includes TOP1 Adult Member application, TOP3, TOP9, National Police Check, WWVP and Referee checks etc
- 2 – Invested into the Group (Must have WWVP and police check returned)
- 3 - eLearning – WHS and Child safe plus the Scouting Essential eLearning

## Training:

- 4 - Scouting Essentials Course (TOP7 – Leader Training required)
- 5 - eLearning – Scouting Adventure
- 6 - Scouting Adventure Course (TOP7 – Leader Training required)
- 7 - In Service/ Technical task workbook
- 8 - CoP Evaluation – included with TOP5
- 9 - TOP5 – Application for CoP – Certificate of Proficiency
- 10 - eLearning – Scouting Leadership or Management
- 11 - Scouting Leadership or Management course (TOP7 – Leader Training required)



# Training Report cont'd

For any Adventurous Activities

1 - eLearning for particular AA

2 - AA training (TOP7 – Leader Training required)



One date of note this year is AGFEST, if you don't already know has been moved to the 24-27<sup>th</sup> August. We will be running the tower at AGFEST which is a fantastic PR event for Scouts and we will be looking for people that may be able to assist both as an abseil/climbing belayer etc. or assisting with the administration. Thommo is keen to hear from anyone able to assist.

Just a reminder that all activities 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. Once again can I ask people check their MyScout to confirm their AA Qualifications are up to date. All AA Qualification are now lined up with your 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certificate, so once this expires so does your AA quals!! If your current qualifications are under a year old you should see the qualifications for bushwalking, boating etc recorded on the first page. You are looking for codes on your MyScout under the Qualifications tab such as CODE – TA AA BASIC BUSH (old code) or AA SP BUSHWALKING (new code) with an expiry date in the future. If your qualifications are over about a year old, look in your Archive folder or look for the letter from Branch stating when you were awarded the qualifications.

Please remember to record all your AA activities in your logbook (TOP 27). To update/record your AA appointments you need to fill in the TOP 31 – Activity Endorsement Application and send it into BHQ (training@tas.scouts.com.au) along with your 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, complete any required eLearning and send in your current logbook. Remember to use the new codes of – Safe Participant (SP) or Trained Participant (TP) instead of the old Level 1, 2 and 3.

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.

## Injuries and Incidents

Another very important topic and one we all like to avoid is injuries and incident / near miss reporting. These can be recorded on TOP 25 (Injury) and TOP 26 (Incident) forms and are an important part of us meeting our Risk Management and required as part of our commitment to our insurance company. TOP 25's are a no brainer, and required for all injuries but many people will avoid filling out an incident or near miss. Reported incidents or near misses may assist us with preventing future injuries so they are equally as important!!

## Gilwell Reunion

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – all holders of a Wood Badge are invited to catch up with their fellow Gilwellians at the Gilwell Reunion, The Lea Scout Centre from 5.30 pm. Nibbles, main course, dessert and cheese and biscuits, including all drinks, more information to come, but keep the date free and come along. As always partners are **very** welcome to attend.

## Sum-up

- Please ensure TOP 7 forms are sent to Branch at least three weeks before a course to help us make sure the course can be run.
- In my last article I looked at doing a bulk GPS order but unfortunately there was not enough interest to move this forward with this.

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

**Ross Smith**

**Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development**

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# Joey Report



It's hard to believe it is almost Easter. It's been lovely seeing our Joey Scout Units out and about this Term participating in community activities such as Clean Up Australia Day and Harmony Day.

It has also been a busy time for Joey Scout Leader get-togethers. District Leaders and District representatives attended a Joey Scout Branch Council meeting on the 26th of February at Campbell Town and a Southern Joey Scout Leader get-together was held at the Tarooma Scout Hall on the 26th of March. A big thank you to the Leaders who attended those events.

*Spreyton Joey Scouts collected 3.2kgs of rubbish for Clean Up Australia Day. Well done Joeyes!*



## 2022 Commissioner's Challenge

Last year's Commissioner's Challenge was successfully completed by 147 Joey Scouts. That's an amazing effort!

The focus for this year's Commissioner's Challenge will be on challenging Joey Scout Units to Plan, Do and Review, **8 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**. More information will be coming out soon.....

## Joey Scout State Event

One of the main focuses for the Joey Scout Branch Council meeting in February was the planning of this year's Joey Scout State Event. Whilst in Campbell Town we took the opportunity to have a look at the recreation ground which is going to be a fantastic venue for our event. The date for the event will be Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of September, so please put that date in your diaries. Thank you to those Units that submitted theme ideas for the State Event, I should be able to announce the theme in the next Newsletter.



## Leader Catchups

You would by now have received an email from our Chief Commissioner regarding Leader catchups (the replacement for the 3 year review). These catchups are being undertaken to ensure your needs as a Leader are being met and to identify how we can provide you with support. You may choose to have your catchup with your Group Leader/Leader in Charge, your District Joey Scout Leader (if your District has one) or, if you are familiar with another District Joey Scout Leader, then that District Leader. As a reminder, your District Joey Scout Leaders are:

- Wendy Granger** (DJSL) and Sue Hill (DC/ADJSL) Clarence District;
- Sue Cooper** (DJSL) Hellyer District;
- Ruth Henderson** (BC) and (DJSL) Kingborough District;
- Megan Leeder** (DJSL) and Kathy Rittman (ADJSL) Launceston & Tamar District;
- Mel Abbott** (DJSL) Wellington District.

## Joey Scout Challenge Award

Since the last Newsletter, two Joey Scouts have been presented with the Peak Award for the Joey Scout Section. Congratulations to Alia Stamatova from North West Bay Joey Scouts and to Ryan Teahan from 1<sup>st</sup> Tamar Joey Scouts on earning the Joey Scout Challenge Award. Well done to you both!

That's it for this month. I look forward to seeing you all at the many events over the coming months.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful and relaxing Easter.

Happy Joey Scouting!

**Ruth Henderson**  
Branch Commissioner Joeyes  
Ruth.Henderson@tas.scouts.com.au







# Cub Report

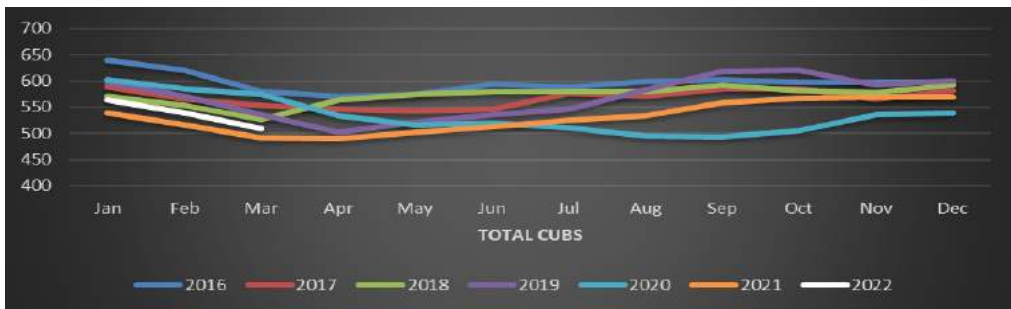


I hope you are well and COVID is not disrupting your Unit. There's a lot of it about unfortunately.

This month I'm writing about our numbers, how to find support on FaceBook, about the Commissioner's Challenge, and a renewed request for photos.

### Numbers

We're in our usual shedding stage of the year when some of our Youth members decide not to renew their membership, and when some of the Groups update the membership to move them up to Scouts. 2022 is looking like a typical year so far. We're at 510 Cubs as of mid-March which is a good number and very close to the Scouts number of 527. For those interested, there are presently 232 Joeys, 206 Venturers, and 66 Rovers.



### Facebook Groups

There are lots of on-line resources for Scouts. I'd like to share with you details of a few useful FaceBook groups you might be interested in: "Scouts Australia", "Scouts Australia Tasmanian Branch", "Aussie Cub Scout Resources", "Tassie Cub Scouts", "1st Facebook Scouts Group", and "Scout Uniform eXchange". If you know of others, please share them with me so I can promote them.

### Commissioner's Challenge

This year, the Commissioner's Challenge will be based around the Achievement Pathways. To earn it, Cubs will need to complete an SIA badge, participate/assist in an activity from the Challenge areas with their Patrol, Unit, and another Group, and complete the Stage 2 or higher requirements of an Outdoor Adventure Skill from any of the streams.

### Photos for the Annual Report

If you're reading this in the first couple of weeks of April, and you have some photos from 2021 of your Cubs (that you have approval to share), please email them to me for the 2021 Annual Report.

Good Hunting!

**Julian Dermoudy**  
 Branch Commissioner Cub  
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## Grey Wolf Award

**Alice Patten**

**Tamar Sea Scout Group**



# Scout Cycling

## Safe Cycling Day Course

Coming to a place near you!

23/24 April 2022

- North - South - North-West



### For Scouts & Venturers

- Learn safe riding skills
- Cover elements from OAS stages 2 & 3
- Learn how to check your bike & equipment
- Learn how to ride safely in a group
- Learn how to spot & avoid hazards

**Nic Broxam**

**From Little Things,  
Cub Scout  
Learning with the  
Scout Safe Riding  
program 2017**

**Big Things Come!  
Venturer Scout  
U17 Team Pursuit  
National Champion  
2022!**

### Contact us ASAP to join a ride!

24 April—Hobart—Sandford Hall  
10:00am-3:00pm  
Contact: Annette Levis - 0438 441 154  
sec.clarence@scoutstas.org.au

23 April—Launceston—4th Launceston Hall  
10:30am-3:30pm  
Contact: Pip Cornish — 0419 524 186  
jc.cornish45@gmail.com

23rd April—Ulverstone—TBC  
10:30am-3:30pm  
Contact: Julian Varney — 0429 311 267  
pc.cycling@scoutstas.org.au

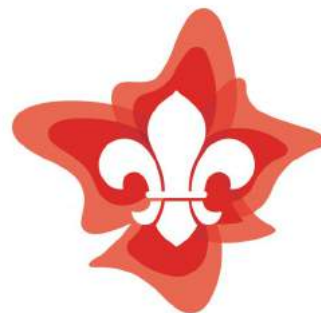


# Rover Report

In place of Regatta this year, Venturers and Rovers from around the state gathered at Fulton Park for the first RoVenture. The weekend saw us visiting local offsite activities including Gunns Plains Caves, Wings Wildlife Park, and Kart Magic in Latrobe before spending our afternoons bushwalking, abseiling and mountain biking. Of course it wouldn't have been Regatta weekend without some Regatta activities, calling for a day at Narawntapu National Park. Complete with sailing, kayaking, greasy pole, ski biscuiting, and an ice cream truck, it was the perfect day for all! Thank you to our team of Rovers who worked extremely hard to run this weekend!

As we move closer to Apple Isle Moot, be sure to follow 'Friends of Fulton' on Facebook to see our Moot site transforming, be sure to keep an eye out for the working bees too! Moot Flyer page 5

**Sherie Ball**  
**Pr Officer**  
**Tasmanian Branch Rover Council**



**Rover  
Scouts**



**Venturer  
Scouts**



# Relay for Life

On Saturday 26th March, **Hobart Gang Show** had a team of 14 in the Hobart Relay For Life ... which raises funds for the Tasmanian Cancer Council. The event took place at the Athletics Centre on the Domain. After the opening ceremony at 1.00 p.m. it was time to put on the Team "Baton" (a very recognizable red cape) and commence 20 hours of "relaying". The Baton must be continually taken round the track and so in relay form each team member takes a turn. Those who are extra keen (and fit), can run, but the majority walk.

A fantastic effort from Kirstyn, Donna, Emmerson, Alex, Alan, Chinique, Brandon, Jess, Jacki, David M, Alistair, David H, Sai and Denice. This meant the baton travelled round the track 253 times in the 20 hours. This equates to 101 kms. The total number of laps covered by the team were 1,244 and this means the team collectively travelled 497.6 km, which is a pretty amazing distance (Margate to Deloraine and back). The team has also raised over \$2,000.00. Well done to everyone ... maybe others would like to join our team next year?



**Celebrate.  
Remember.  
Fight Back.**



## Gang Show Report

Hobart Gang Show cast, crew and supporters were rather busy over this past weekend with the Relay for Life and Auditions for this years Gang Show.

Almost immediately after Relay for Life finished on Sunday morning, auditions for Hobart Gang Show began. Tracey, Amberlei and Leonie put everyone through their paces in acting, singing and movement.

This year there are nine new Hobart Gang Show cast members and seventeen former cast members, giving a total of 26 in cast this year.

Scripts are being finalized at the moment and are to be handed out to cast at the information session on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. This will allow cast members who are lucky enough to have school holidays, time to look through the script and start learning lines etc. and be ready for rehearsals which commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Now is the time to reserve one of the dates for Hobart Gang Show performances. The show will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August at Hobart College, Mt. Nelson Theatre.

Leaders – want to get a night of programming, then bring your Section to one of the Hobart Gang Show performances.

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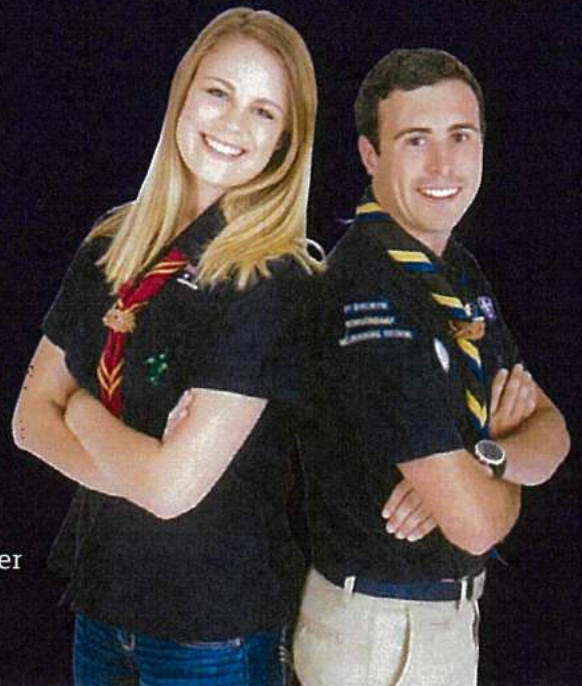
# Adults in Scouting

Learn new skills, enjoy adventure, and meet new friends while making a difference to young people in your local community.



**Find out more about Scouting**

Check out your local Group!  
You can contact the local Group Leader through our website  
[www.tas.scouts.com.au](http://www.tas.scouts.com.au)  
They would welcome your visit!



# JOTA/JOTI

Not a great deal happening at the moment, but I do have a couple of items of news.

Several members of the North West Tasmania Radio Club attended the Paton Park camp site at the end of February to finish of some repairs to the Radio Shack there. They tidied up the coaxial cable entry point to make a neat patch panel for the various antenna connectors. Following this they tested all the antennas and confirmed the main antenna rotator was working correctly. Shack is now ready for the next JOTA Thanks to Matt VK7ML, Ross VK7WP and Eric VK7EV.

From the other end of the State, another Huonville Scout, Avia has just received her amateur radio callsign, VK7AKT. She and Lokia VK7LJB had their photo on the front of a recent edition of AR, the Wireless Institute of Australia magazine. They were also mentioned in a 936 ABC Hobart Drive program during an interview with Linda VK7QP President of the Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Association (ALARA) for International Women's Day.

The Huonville radio Scouts have also been trying some of the newer digital modes of operating with interstate contacts as well as Japan and various European countries.

Hoping we wont get a lockdown for this years JOTA/JOTI coming your way on 15,16 October.

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## Adult Support Report

It was with much pleasure that I presented Danny Munting with his Axe and Log at a joint Derwent Cub and Joey night at the Low Ropes Course at The Lea. The Axe and Log requires a Leader to have achieved a Diploma in Leadership & Management as well as completing two additional VET equivalent Units to the required standard approved by the Branch Commissioner for Adult Training & Development and the National Commissioner for Adult Training & Development.

Danny completed his Diploma and much of the work during the COVID-19 lockdown and his project on what Scouting means through a pictorial of photos over almost twenty years was a testament to Danny's dedication to the Movement. Danny is only the second Scout Leader in Tasmania to have achieved this Award. Congratulations Danny.

Danny's achievement demonstrates what can be achieved as a Leader through Scouting with the range of VET qualifications through the Scouts Australia Institute of Training continuing to grow. At no cost to Leaders, much can be achieved that can be used in employment and other areas outside of Scouting, as well as benefiting the Youth members we support.

During this year I hope to be meeting with District teams and Groups to introduce the Individual Volunteer Plan. Please feel free to contact me via email to suggest a time.

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# VET Report

This month is an introduction to the website associated with SAIT (Scouts Australia Institute of Training).

<http://scouts.com.au/members/sait/>

This website link allows participants who wish to sign up for various Certificate Courses or Individual Units to see what is available under each section.



### Venturer Scouts

Venturer Scouts can use their experiences and learning from participation in the youth program as evidence towards a range of Certificate II and Certificate III qualifications.



### Rover Scouts

Rover Scouts have a broad range of options and potential learning experiences in Scouting that they can use as evidence towards an assortment of qualifications.



### Adult Members

Adult members can use their training and experiences as a volunteer, previous qualifications and workplace experiences as evidence towards qualifications.

The second part of this month is a link for the Venturer section, which shows how they can complete On-Demand Learning modules. This is accessed through Scout Central: – e-Learning – Online Electives – Curriculums – Training for Youth.


## Training for Youth Members

This curriculum contains both modules written specifically for youth members and adventurous activities training. It may contribute to award scheme completion. Successful completion of Adventurous Activities training may also contribute to your portfolio of evidence for VET unit recognition.

### Youth Member Modules

The following modules have been written for youth members.

They are designed to assist you within both your Scouting Journey and any additional Scouting roles you may hold such as youth helper or even patrol leader.



Within this section there are several Units that a Venturer or Rover can complete that will go towards several Units in a Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation and Certificate III in Outdoor Leadership.

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