



# Scouts TASMANIA

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# Chief Commissioner's Report



This is my second last Newsletter Report as Chief.

To start this month's Report. I would like to thank Julian Dermoudy for swapping Sections to help the Scout Section by taking on the role of BC Scouts, which was a big ask! The current Assistant BC Cubs, David Henwood, will be taking Julian's BC Cubs position. Thanks also to David for stepping into the BC Cub role. These changes will take effect on the 1st of May.

Talking about Branch Commissioners and Branch titles, we hope to change these to State Commissioner and State titles as these Leaders and members in these positions or meetings are there for the whole State. Therefore, the name should reflect the role that they have. The Branch title does imply that they are attached to BHQ, which they are not. Consequently, they are all Leaders and State members and should have a State title.

The Marketing Committee are still working on the Branch website and getting the correct age ranges on there. They are also working on a Show-bag to give out to potential new Youth and Leaders. They are also looking at putting a lot of good posters into a program called Carva, so all Leaders can download the posters and print them out.

We are getting the Children Uni program back and running after a 2-year COVID hiccup. We hope to do some programs for them during the following school holidays, hopefully the Show-bags will be available to give out by then.

I've been busy with all the AGMs in the last month or so, and thanks to Nigel and Griffin (President and Vice President) for attending most of them. It is a busy time of the year for Groups and Districts. We had one AGM online, and one was cancelled because of COVID, but most went to plan.

We have had a couple of good PR items in the papers—one at Paton Park and a raft launch in The Advocate newspaper. Sandford Group were in the Mercury, doing a clean-up and a microplastic project in Ralphs Bay. One of the NW Groups were also in the Advocate newspaper asking for new Leaders.

The Branch (State) Commissioners are trying to get the start date of the Youth changed from the Investment date to the Joining date. The problem they are finding is that many children, are not getting into MyScout (State Database) within the 4–6-week period required by our insurance. So, to overcome this, we are looking at changing the start date from the Investment date to the Joining date, so the GL's don't have to wait to get an Investment date to send in the TOP 13 form. So, the Youth certificate will have to be changed from the Investment date to the Joining date, which shouldn't be a problem. All we need is to get it changed in MyScout. If we can't get it changed, we will leave it. The Joining date will be when they first attend the Section or the closest date.

I was pleased to present a Queen's Scout badge at the Taroona AGM and an ASM (Scout Medallion) at a BBQ at Cornelian Bay for the Derwent Group (my first Medallion for the new program) and a farewell gift to Graeme Nichols for all the service he has given to the Derwent Group. I also had an ASM presentation to a Scout at the Clarence Sea Scouts. Unfortunately, this was the last time the Scouts met in their old hall.

We have a new Grants Officer who will be looking into how best to help Groups with Grants. As most Groups now apply for grants, the Grants Officer can't help all Groups with their applications and determine which is the best way to apply for these grants. All she will be able to do is find these Grants for you. Beyond that, it will be up to her to help Groups with applications if she has time. Her contact details will be coming from her to the Group Leaders and District Commissioners soon.

The new badge for the Queen's Jubilee is now available. I have emailed the Group Leaders and District Commissioners that this badge was on its way. To receive the badge, Groups/Districts must have a special event (BBQ/hike, etc.). The organisers will purchase the badges on the Youth's behalf and present them.

**Michael Hovington** Chief Commissioner



## Volunteer Photographer needed

Scouts Tasmania is having their AGM and ARA Presentation and needs a photographer/someone interested in photography to take photos of the event. If you are interested, please email [admin@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:admin@tas.scouts.com.au)



**Gone Home**



## Linley Maibel Grant OAM 22 July 1933 - 13 April 2022

Linley was the wife of deceased Scouts Tasmania Life Member Malcolm Grant. Linley was a great supporter of Malcolm's long and varied Scouting journey.

**Stalwart will be fondly remembered**

**Rest in Peace**



# ANZAC Day Scouting Album



ANZAC Day Services from around the State.









# ANZAC Day Scouting Album



*"lest we forget"*

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them"*

## Years of Service Awards

**5 Years**

**Michael Dodd**  
**Gwen Harper**  
**Jessica Jameson**  
**Jeanette Loosmore**  
**Corey Pilkington**

**Cub Scout Leader**  
**Assistant Cub Scout Leader**  
**Assistant Cub Leader**  
**Scout Leader**  
**Assistant Cub Scout Leader**

**Kingston Scout Group**  
**Blackmans Bay Scout Group**  
**Glenorchy Scout Group**  
**Howrah Scout Group**  
**Burnie Scout Group**

**10 Years**

**Annette Levis**

**Committee Treasurer**

**Scout Cycling Team**

**15 Years**

**Lorraine Gowland**

**Committee Treasurer**

**N'th Districts Property Com.**

**30 Years**

**Kim McCullagh**

**Assistant Venturer Leader**

**North Midlands Venturer Unit**

**35 Years**

**Paul Leitch**

**Rover Scout Advisor**

**Wellington Rover Crew**





The President of Scouts Australia  
Tasmanian Branch  
Mr Nigel Clutterbuck  
Requests the pleasure of  
your company at the  
Annual General Meeting to be held on  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 commencing at 7.30pm  
at the City Gate Baptist Church  
400 Cambridge Road, Mornington

In the presence of

**The Governor of Tasmania**  
**Her Excellency The Honourable**  
**Barbara Baker AC**

**Presentation of Awards**

Good Service Awards and Scout Medallions will be presented  
Queen's Scout and Baden-Powell Awards acknowledged.

Dress: Uniform or Lounge suit (ladies after 5 wear)

Decorations may be worn

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend

**RSVP by 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**to Branch Headquarters on**

**Phone 6229 9385 or**

**Email: [admin@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:admin@tas.scouts.com.au)**

# Adult Recognition Awardees 2022

Awards will be presented at the AGM on the 3rd June 2022 ( see previous page for details.

Congratulation to all Awardees , your Award is well deserved. Scouts Tasmania appreciates your time and support of our Youth members.

## Special Service Award

|           |         |             |           |            |            |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Tracey    | Adams   | Shane       | Johnson   | Anthony    | Phillips   |
| Narelle   | Ball    | Brady       | Johnston  | Corey      | Pilkington |
| Lorna     | Barrett | Nicole      | Johnston  | Fiona      | Rawson     |
| Jessica   | Black   | Jeremy      | Kerr      | David      | Sakko      |
| Tim       | Chalke  | Connell     | Maskrey   | Matthew    | Smith      |
| Emily     | Ezzy    | David       | Mayhead   | Jacqueline | Townsend   |
| Klaus     | Felsche | Carolyn     | McKinley  | Randall    | Treloyn    |
| Ian       | Green   | Christopher | McGuire   | Mary       | Webb       |
| Carolyn   | Gregory | Olivia      | McMenamin | Fiona      | Woolley    |
| Catherine | Grey    | Donna       | Mee       | Niall      | Woolley    |
| Gwen      | Harper  | Emerson     | Mee       | Paul       | Woolmer    |
|           |         | Michael     | Mewburn   |            |            |
|           |         | Michael     | Patterson |            |            |

## Meritorious Service Award

|          |          |         |            |
|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| Melanie  | Abbott   | Richard | Kemp       |
| Derek    | Beaumont | Fred    | Koolhof    |
| Victoria | Eastman  | Annette | Levis      |
| Dale     | Foggo    | Stuart  | Morse      |
| Denise   | Foggo    | Neil    | Ruut       |
| Michael  | Green    | Mark    | Williamson |

## Outstanding Service Award

Keith Presnell

## Silver Wattle Award

Leanne Caunter  
Maree Kemp  
David Thomas

## Distinguished Service Award

Nigel Clutterbuck  
Lance Cowled

## Silver Koala Award

|        |        |          |          |
|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| Terry  | Bryan  | Geoff    | Hurst    |
| Murat  | Djakic | Graeme   | Nichols  |
| Neil   | Harris | Jonathan | Pyefinch |
| Andrea | Heap   | Simon    | Stephens |

## Silver Kangaroo Award

Phillip Harper



# Huon Rover Crew

Did you know that the land surrounding our Salmon Nursery and net slab in Port Huon, Southern Tas ( Huon Agriculture ) was once used as a paper pulp mill? While we love to acknowledge the history of our site, it's been "out with the old and in with the new" recently as we prepare for some exciting improvements!

The land has been replanted with native species, in particular the critically endangered Black Gum (Eucalyptus Ovata) – this site already houses one of the largest Ovata communities remaining in the Huon Valley and the recent additional planting will only increase this little stronghold.

We have to thank the recently formed Huon Rovers who assisted us with the replanting (in less than ideal conditions!) – it's fantastic to see our Huon Valley Youth actively seeking out ways to assist local business and serve the local community – especially this week as we celebrate all our young people for Youth Week Tasmania.

The remediation has clearly delineated the work area and the natural zones of the site, ensuring less interaction between the site and the surrounding Ovata forest area. **Huon Agriculture**



# Easter Moot

Rovers have spent the last month exploring the state from their local Crew areas to the Coal River Valley and Tasmanian Peninsula during Easter Moot. Thank you to Wellington Rover Crew for a fantastic weekend of expeditions, Easter cooking, and scavenger hunts.



As we move closer to Apple Isle Moot our Tassie Contingent is starting to gear up.

See Moot flyer on page 7 or [appleislemoot.com.au](http://appleislemoot.com.au)

Congratulations to Leon for designing the logo to represent the Tasmanian Contingent, we're excited to see it on the contingent merch!

Sherie Ball      Apple Isle Moot      [sherie.ball@moot2023.com.au](mailto:sherie.ball@moot2023.com.au)







# Joey Report



It may be school holidays but it has been a busy time with many Joey Scout Units enjoying bushwalks and other activities over the break. In particular, it was great to see so many Joey Scout Units involved in ANZAC Day commemorations throughout the State. It means so much to the Veterans and older members of our Community to see the involvement of our Joey Scouts at such events and it is a wonderful way to show our commitment to our Community. Well done to all those involved!



Clarence Joey Scouts marching to Park War Memoria, Lindisfarne

## Commissioner's Challenge

I hope your Joey Scout Unit is ready to take on this year's Commissioner's "Outdoor" Challenge. Whilst the challenges come from the four Challenge Areas, they are each designed to be completed in our beautiful outdoors. To complete the Commissioner's Challenge your Joey Scout Unit needs to complete 8 out of the 12 challenges during 2022. If you have not yet received details of the Commissioner's Challenge, please let me know.

## Joey Scout State Event



Calling all Heroes! Campbell Town needs you! The theme for this year's Joey Scout State Event is "Heroes" and it is going to be a jam packed day of adventure and fun! As I mentioned in the previous Newsletter, the event will be on the 11th of September. Further information will be coming out soon. Don't forget to save the date!



## Jamboree on the Trail

Just a reminder that Saturday, May 14 is 'Jamboree on the Trail' (JOTT), an annual day for the World Scout Movement to hike together. It's a great event which gets Scouts of all ages outdoors and sharing their experiences. Joey Scouts can also earn a badge as part of this event. Visit [www.jamboreeonthetrail.org](http://www.jamboreeonthetrail.org) for badge orders and information. There is also a Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/jotthike>) where Scouts from around the world post photos of their JOTT walk.



## Joey Scout Challenge Award

Congratulations to Hamish Isaac-Stone from Mt Stuart Joey Scouts on earning the Joey Scout Challenge Award. It was a pleasure to present the award to Hamish and to see the reflections poster he created showing all the amazing things he has done whilst at Joey Scouts. Well done Hamish!

Well that's it for this month. Good luck with Term 2! As always, if you have any Joey Scout related questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Happy Joey Scouting!



Ruth Henderson

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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

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# Cub Report

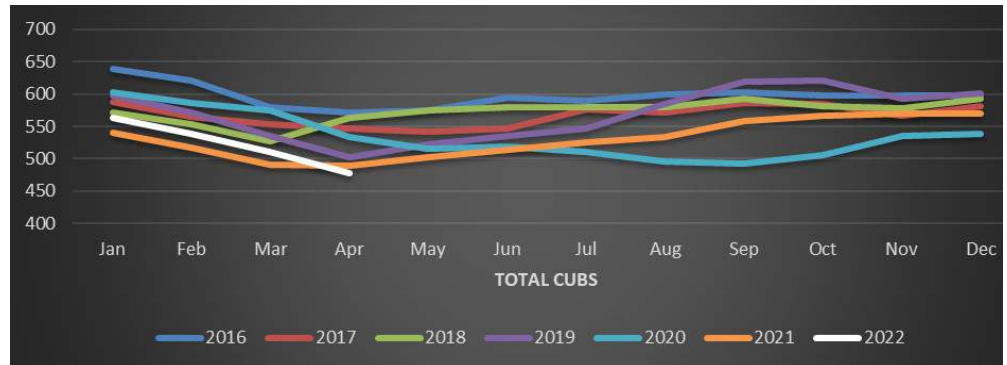


I hope that you've all been able to enjoy the school holidays and either have a break from Scouting or alternatively, had the time to do something with the Cubs that you'd not been able to do while the school term was on. Was your Cub Unit involved in a local ANZAC Day? If so, please forward photos — ensure you have permission first — that can be used in the next Newsletter.

This month the column has information about our Numbers (as usual), a reminder to you about the Commissioner's Challenge, information about upcoming events (JOTT and a variety of training courses), a sad goodbye (well, *au revoir*), and a happy Hello.

## Numbers

I am saddened to see the decline in Cubs numbers is still continuing. The annual downturn has lasted as long as in 2019 so far and I'm hopeful that May numbers will show a rebound. Concerningly, the decline has lasted longer than in 2021 and the losses have been greater in terms of absolute numbers (477 as of mid-April — which is the lowest point for any month in the years shown) which is a real concern. I am hopeful that when we move into a true post-COVID world, and with the incredible numbers of Joeys becoming of Cubs age, that the trend is reversed and we return to 2019 numbers. Much of the State is really doing well with Cubs numbers and hence the demand is definitely there; I believe we just have to be patient and 'keep on keeping on'. For those interested, our decline of 33 to 477 between mid-March and mid-April compares against a decline of 22 to 210 Joeys, a decline of 15 to 512 Scouts, a decline of 2 to 204 Venturers, and a decline of 2 to 64 Rovers.



## Commissioner's Challenge

Another reminder to supplement and/or motivate engagement in the Achievement Pathways, there is a Commissioner's Challenge available in 2022. This badge can be earned by Cubs for doing the following during 2022 (i.e. at any time in the calendar year — including prior to the Commissioner's Challenge being announced last month):

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## Upcoming Events

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# Cub Report Cont'd



Looking much further ahead, there will be a District/Regional Cubbing event (likely to be a scavenger hunt) on/ around Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please put this in your diaries as a fun opportunity to promote Cubbing around the State, to give your Cubs an opportunity to complete the Group activity for the Commissioner's Challenge, and to keep that weekend a Cubs weekend on the year between Cuborees!

## Au Revoir

It is with a huge amount of sadness (really!) that this is my last Newsletter as your Branch Commissioner (Cubs). I started 4.5 years ago feeling very nervous, but I hope I've grown into the role and done some good in that time. As I said in my email to Cub Leaders when I decided to step aside, it really has been a great time, and departing was a hard decision to make. I've had some terrific support and made some wonderful friends. Thank you to everyone for that. Although there was no reason to depart, the Scouts Section had been without a Branch Commissioner for many months with seemingly no one on the horizon. Although I was a Cub Leader, I'd followed my son into Scouting and am now a Scout Leader, and so it seemed like an option to consider. I remain a strong advocate for Cub Scouts and look forward to seeing you at future events, whatever the Section!

I am very proud of the Cub Scout Branch Council — and you should be too. These are the District Cub Scout Leaders who work hard within their District and at Branch level. Cubs is in very good hands. I am extremely pleased the Assistant Branch Commissioner Cubs, David Henwood, has been appointed as the next Branch Commissioner Cubs. He's been on the scene for many years, doing an excellent job, and I've really enjoyed working with him. But I'll let him introduce himself! David took over on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Hello from David

*Hello everyone! A quick introduction for those who don't know me and/or for those who need a refresher. I started in Scouting as a Cub (and have never left). As a Youth member I was a Cub, Scout and Venturer and then undertook training to become a Cub Leader in the early 2000s. Over the last 20 years I have been involved in a number of areas (Cuborees, Jamborees, Gang Show, Branch IT, BEC, Training Team and Ventures to name a few), so you have probably bumped into me at some point. My two children are also involved as a Joey and Cub.*

*I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Julian for all of his hard work over the last 4.5 years. He has done an outstanding job as BC Cubs and I look forward to continue to work with him in his new role of BC Scouts. ONE TWO THREE WOLF!*

*Finally I'd like to say thank you for all the messages of support I have received since it was announced I would be taking the role. This means a lot and in true Cub style I will answer the call of "DYB" (Do Your Best) and do the best job I can. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any ideas or suggestions you may have.*

**David Henwood**

Good Hunting!

**Julian Dermoudy**

(Outgoing) Branch Commissioner Cubs  
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# Scout Report



Welcome to the Scouts column for May. I commenced as Branch Commissioner (Scouts) at the start of this month and I have to say that I'm looking forward to working with all of you Scout Leaders, Adult Helpers, and members of the Scouts Section community.

If we haven't met before then let me introduce myself. I'm the Scout Leader at Taroona (a suburb of greater Hobart). I've just finished my term as the Branch Commissioner Cubs and have moved across to Scouts because, after four months of trying, a new BC Scouts hadn't been found. In addition to being on the National Training Team, I'm also the District Commissioner for my home District of Kingborough and the Branch Coordinator for Special Interest Areas. I started with Scouts Australia when my son started Joeys (moving up with him as far as Scouts) and he's now almost 17. My partner (who is the Branch Commissioner of Joey Scouts) has two Venturers and a Scout.

At some stage the email address [bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au) will come to me, but in the meantime you can reach me at [julian.dermoudy@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:julian.dermoudy@tas.scouts.com.au) Whenever you have any questions or need anything, please don't hesitate to write.

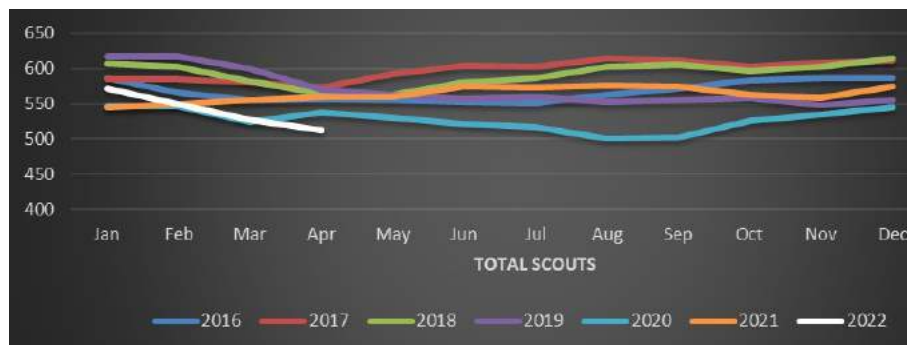
If you've ever read any of my Cubs columns then you'll know I like to share information about the status of the Section in the Newsletter, together with upcoming events, and any photos/news from Groups in the previous month. This column will be no different and my apologies for any duplications this month as I complete the transition of roles.

Before I get on with things, I'd like to acknowledge and thank Jonathan Pyefinch for his 5.5 years in the chair. Jon is a very wise and knowledgeable Leader, and in his tenure, the Scouts Section has navigated its way through the implementation of the new program, and through two years of a pandemic. Jon was instrumental in the All Leaders' Weekend initiative and a very strong advocate of ensuring a Scout's journey involves them in activities across the Sections of their Group. Thank you Jon for your hard work and dedication to the role.

In the remainder of this column I want to write about our Numbers (as will be usual), promote upcoming events (JOTT and a variety of training courses), give you a quiz(!), and let you know about a new initiative: the Commissioner's Challenge.

## Numbers

It is traditional, as yearly subscriptions are issued our numbers drop off until new members are Invested and that paperwork processed. The annual decline has lasted longer than it did in 2020 but, as you can see, is not that different to 2018 and 2019. As with Cubs, the Scouts Section is very strong in many parts of the State and I believe we just have to be patient and continue to offer fun, challenging, and inclusive adventurous activities, and the numbers will rebound. (For those interested, our decline of 15 to 512 between mid-March and mid-April compares against a decline of 22 to 210 Joeys, a decline of 33 to 477 Cubs, a decline of 2 to 204 Venturers, and a decline of 2 to 64 Rovers over the same month).



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Looking much further ahead, the Sir Ernest Clark Trophy camp will be held in mid-November. More to come on that next month, but it will be a heavy-weight (standing) camp and every Group can send Scouts!



# Scout Report cont'd



## Quiz

How well do you know Scouting? The first person to write to me with all the correct answers will get named in the June Newsletter and get bragging rights! Will anyone get them all right?

1. What is the expansion rate of LP gas?
2. What does the "Branch" mean in "Branch Commissioner"?
3. To earn the Australian Scout Award, what are the three compulsory OAS areas?
4. When a kayak paddle's blades are at an angle to each other, the paddle is said to be what?
5. Who is the incoming Chief Commissioner of Scouts Tasmania?
6. When will this year's Scouts Tasmania AGM be held?
7. If you have a Wood Badge, to what stage of the core OAS can you 'sign off' achievements of your Scouts?
8. How long does a Scout need to typically spend working towards an SIA badge?
9. True or False: Scouts can start in the Section at 10.5yo and remain until they are 15.
10. What is the adult:Scout ratio for supervision purposes of general activities?

## Commissioner's Challenge

Many of our Scouts have come from Cubs (and before that Joeys). In those sections the Branch Commissioner sets an annual task to encourage the youth to engage in the program, learn skills, and have fun with their patrol, group, and district. I'd like to create this in Scouts and all the feedback on the idea I've had so far has been encouraging.

Here are the tasks: during 2022 (i.e. at any time in the calendar year), a Scout should:

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Once I have a badge design to share I'll also share the order form.

Have a good May.

Julian Dermoudy

Branch Commissioner Scouts

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# VET Report

## VET enrolments

There are currently 45 Leaders and Venturers enrolled in various qualifications, skill sets and Units of Competency. The most popular qualifications are the Certificate II, III & IV in Outdoor Skills/Leadership with 24 students.

### BSB20120 Certificate II in Workplace Skills.

This is available to Venturer Scouts (14-18 years old) and recently finished Venturer Scouts (18 years old). The learning associated with this qualification is embedded in the Venturer Scouts Youth Program.

This qualification reflects the role of individuals in a variety of entry-level business services job roles or who may have not yet entered the workforce and are developing the necessary skills in preparation for work. These individuals carry out a range of basic procedural, clerical, administrative or operational tasks that require self-management and technology skills. They perform a range of mainly routine tasks using limited practical skills and fundamental operational knowledge in a defined context. Individuals in these roles generally work under direct supervision.

Scouting pathway:

- Have at least six (6) months Scouting experience and completed the relevant learning pathways.
- RPL Tool Kit is available.
- Completed Milestone 1.
- Completed OAS Stage 5 Core Skills.

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

Mike Wilson

Branch Commissioner VET





# Training Report

Unfortunately we have had to cancel some courses due to lack of numbers. so PLEASE if you are interested 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 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**

NW coast Leaders we have 3 (4 if you include caving) courses in your area in the next 2 months so do not miss the opportunity to train up on the NW - Scouting Essentials, Adventure course and a Pioneering training weekend.

## 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 SP Child Safe and SP Work Health and Safety, 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.

Shortly we will be asking for assistance at AGFEST which is on the 24-27<sup>th</sup> August. We will be running the climbing tower at AGFEST which is a fantastic PR event for scouts and will be looking for people that may be able to assist both as an abseil/climbing belayer etc or assisting with the administration. Thommo will be keen to hear from anyone able to assist.

## 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.

Now, not wanting to sound like a broken record but all Leaders need to fill in a TOP 31– Activity Endorsement Application to have their AA qualifications endorsed at the time of their 1<sup>st</sup> aid renewal. The other item that Leaders need to make sure they complete is the AA eLearning. For new Leaders this seems to be obvious, but for older Leaders you are still required to complete this eLearning. So if you have a bushwalking, abseiling or paddling Scouting qualification you need to have done the Level 1 courses for the activity i.e. Paddling Skills plus also complete the Adventurous Activities Common Core Level 1 and Common Core B1 & B2 (not the Banana's) see below a snapshot of the training. Many of the modules follow through to each activity so you will only do it once.

A key reason for doing this eLearning is it provides Branch with evidence that we are following best practice and our Leaders are continually updating their skills (this especially applies to long term Leaders who may not have done any training for many years) and this keeps our insurance provider happy and YOU out of trouble.

Some Leaders may struggle to be able to keep up their hours and experience in areas they may have been trained so here is a possible lifeline for any Leaders this applies to. We are going to offer places on certain course for Leaders to attend to assist and add hours to their TOP 27. For some courses there may be a small fee. So if this is of interest let me know, remembering some courses are restricted to number limits.

So please ensure your TOP 7 is sent to Branch at least three weeks before courses to help us make sure the course can be run. Have you filled in your TOP 27 for the month!!

If you wish to discuss anything further feel free to drop me an email [ross.smith@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:ross.smith@tas.scouts.com.au) or call me **0418 130 996**.

Ross Smith

Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development

**Level 1 Bushwalking**  
The Level 1 Bushwalking Course is a collection of Adventurous Activities modules that cover the basic skills of Bushwalking.  
After completing these modules, the linked workbooks and face-to-face practical experiences, you will have developed some basic Bushwalking skills.  
As with all e-Learning modules, you can pause at any time and come back later to continue.

Planning for Outdoor Activities  
SA OUTDOOR PLAN

Bushwalking Skills  
SA BUSHPLAN

Equipment for Lightweight Camping  
SA EQUIP

**Level 1 Canoeing/Kayaking**  
The Level 1 Canoeing and/or Kayaking Courses are a collection of Adventurous Activities modules that cover the basic skills of Canoeing and/or Kayaking.  
After completing these modules, the linked Assessment of Proficiency and face-to-face practical experiences, you will have developed some basic Canoeing and/or Kayaking skills.  
As with all e-Learning modules, you can pause at any time and come back later to continue.

AA OUTDOOR PLAN Planning for Outdoor Activities  
AA EQUIP Equipment for Lightweight Activities  
AA PADDLE Canoeing and/or Kayaking skills  
Level 1 Canoeing and/or Kayaking Assessment of Proficiency

Planning for Outdoor Activities  
SA OUTDOOR PLAN

Paddling Skills  
AA PADDLE

Equipment for Lightweight Camping  
SA EQUIP





# Branch Calendar

| May              | Event  | Where                                |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 6 - 8            | Advanced Abseiling Course  | Quercus Park ( North )               |
| 14               | JOTT ( Jamboree on the Trail )                                   |                                      |
| 14               | Climbing TOP Rope — SP   | Cataract Gorge Launceston            |
| 14 & 15          | Basic Seamanship Course ( Sailing & Rowing ) & Seamanship Update | TBA ( South )                        |
| 14 & 15          | Climbing TP — Natural  | Cataract Gorge Launceston            |
| 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 )   | City Gate Baptist Church, Mornington |
| 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                | Safe Cycling Day Course  | Sandford Scout Hall                  |
| 2                | Gilwell Reunion  |                                      |
| 29 - 31          | Advanced Bushwalking & Alpine Course                             | BP Lodge                             |
| <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                                  |
| 11               | Joey State Event   | Campbell Town                        |
| 23 - 25          | Tenniswood Trophy ( North West )                                 |                                      |
| 30 - 2           | Bushwalking TP   | Mt Cameron                           |
| <b>October</b>   |  |                                      |
| 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                              |





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