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# Queen's Scout & BP Presentation













Queen's Scout & Baden-Powell Award Presentation 27th May 2022 Government House

# Adult Recognition Awards Album



# Chief Commissioner's Report



I'll start off in the way I aim to continue. I'm not a great one for items for the sake of items so I want to make sure information that is important for day to day functioning of Scouting is conveyed in a relevant, timely and reliable method.

You'll find my "report" will be giving an overview on what's happening in the "big picture" and details will be by other means.

I will be working with the Marketing Team, our Commissioners and Headquarters Staff to transition the monthly Newsletter to a means of sharing our endeavors and achievements, both within Scouting and the wider Community, and at the same time develop an efficient, more easily and widely read means of conveying operational information.

A huge thanks to Mike Hovington for his term as Chief and to Susanne for her support to Mike. He has had to manage the way through some real challenges and the fact Scouts is still here and functioning well, is in no small way attributable to his incredible input across all areas. He also proactively "recruited" his successor by consistently working on someone to take on some support roles, which, as we all know in volunteering, grew into the next challenge, in this case for me. Mikes knowledge and assistance in the transition is really appreciated, and I am returning the "favour" by recruiting him into some support roles for me. Thanks Mike.

Murat Djakic will be stepping into the role of Deputy Chief. His role will be to help share the workload and ensure all areas of the State have one or the other or both of us working with them to meet local challenges, and to work with our Board to further develop the State strategic direction required to ensure we meet the compliance standards and the Community pro-

file needed to grow for another 100 years.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to support all our members during my term.

Phil Harper
Chief Commissioner
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### **MyScout**

All Leader's, Commissioners & Adult Helpers can you please login to MyScout and check to make sure all your details are correct and amend if needed.

We don't want you to miss any important information, emails or messages.

Thank you







### Kenneth ( Dicko ) James Dickinson

n 19 July 1930 - 27 May 2022

Dicko started his Scouting journey in 1948 as a Scout Leader with the 12th Launceston Scout Group and became a Life Member of the Tasmania Branch in 2007 before receiving his 65

Years of Service Award.

Stalwart will be fondly remembered

Rest in Peace





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### Brenda Lomer-Jackson 9 September 1947 - 28 May 2022

Brenda started her Scouting journey as Assistant Cub Scout Leader on Flinders Island in 1977 and had many roles within the Launceston / Tamar District before ending her 30 years of Scouting as the Group Leader of the St Helens Group

Stalwart will be fondly remembered

**Rest in Peace** 







### Leo Anthony Minol 25 March 1923 - 26 June 2022

Leo was a former Scout Leader, Group Leader and Commissioner for the L'ton Esk District then became a Fellowship member after giving over 20 years of service to Scouting.

Stalwart will be fondly remembered

**Rest in Peace** 

## President's Report



Happy New Financial Year! For most of us this Just means its time to get your taxes done, but for so many in our Movement it's a culmination of planning, dedication and hard work and an opportunity to look to the future.

One particular focus and a passion of mine is the critical importance of our committee's and the vital work they do across the State at every level. Committee's serve an often unrecognised and behind the scene critical importance in everything that we do.

I want to acknowledge and thank members of our Scouting family that serve on any Committee. Whether it be a Group or District Committee, IT, Marketing, Campsite or Heritage; all are fundamental in the daily operations of Scouts in Tasmania and ensuring we are here for generations to come.

The BEC is putting a particular focus in this work across the State as we continue to roll out Xero. We want to make sure we are all supporting each other and making things as easy as possible. We are also looking at membership and making sure these committees have the resources and skill sets needed to perform. We will be speaking with many of you over the next 12 months to see what can be done better and how we can help.

This is also an opportunity as we look to the next 12 months to volunteer to help where you can. If you think you can help, don't be afraid to raise your hand and volunteer with something that takes your interest.

I look forward to working with you all with a renewed sense of pride and passion for what we do. If you ever wish to discuss anything please don't hessite to get in touch – 0458 799 933.

Griffin Blizzard
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### The Lea Scout Centre & Hobart Bush Cabins

The staff at The Lea Scout Centre have begun Traineeships across a range of Cert III's utilising the R.T.O Status of Scouts Tasmania (Via SAIT)

This is an exciting new step in ensuring our staff are given every opportunity to develop skills and qualifications that will benefit them into the future and assist The Lea Scout Centre and Hobart Bush Cabins achieve our goal of further developing a first class community asset for the future.

The Lea Board of Management





From Left. Matt Bush ( Caretaker ) Mal ( MAS Traineeship ) Bronwyn Thompson ( Bookings Officer ) Kellie Wall ( Cleaner ) Murat Djakic ( Training Team ) Scott Harper ( Activities Officer ) Phil Harper ( CC ) and Geraldine Harwood ( Training Team )

### ONE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM ACROSS FIVE SECTIONS



#### **Appointment**

I am pleased to advise Mike Hovington has accepted the appointment to the role of Assistant Chief Commissioner Administrative Support.

As part of our ongoing review of our operations, Mike will work his way through the Systems we use to identify areas where we can improve or get better value out of what we have.

Mike will also examine the systems other States use for data bases, accounting and documentation. The National Operations Committee has already identified all the states having differing systems is a potential weakness in Scouts Australia structure, so we want to be in a position to make informed decisions should any National approach get traction.

To free up our hard working office staffs valuable time so that more time is available to support all members, Mike will also become our liaison with Mindvision, who are our current system provider.

He will also provide statistics & general information to both State and National committees.

I thank Mike for taking on the challenge. Phil

	Branch Calendar					
July	Event	Where				
29 - 31	Advanced Bushwalking & Alpine Course	BP Lodge				
August						
18 - 20	Gang Show Performances	ТВА				
13 & 14	4 Wheel Driving (SP/TP)	Quercus Park/Mt Cameron				
19 - 21	First Aid Course X 2 (one course 19 & 20, Hobart ) (second course 20 &	& 21, Launceston )				
24 - 27	Agfest - Abseiling Assistance required, perfect for experience	Quercus Park				
September						
3	Scouting Leadership Course W/E 1 ( Wood Badge )	Ross ( TBA )				
10	J/C/SGL Conference	ТВА				
11	Joey State Event	Campbell Town				
17	Safe Cycling Day Course	Sandford Scout Hall				
17 & 18	Ventuer Leadership Course					
23 - 25	Tenniswood Trophy ( North West )					
30 - 2	Bushwalking TP	Mt Cameron				
October						
1 & 2	Scouting Essentials Course	The Lea				
7 - 10	Mountain Bike Camp					
14 - 16	Basic Seamanship Course & Seamanship Update	ТВА				
15 & 16	JOTA/JOTI					
16	Cubs Regional/District Event	ТВА				
21 - 23	Scouting Adventure Course	The Lea				
28 - 30	Scouting Leadership Course W/E 2 ( Wood Badge )	The Lea				
November						
19	Basic Abseiling Course					
19 & 20	Clark Trophy					
1	Basic Kayaking/Canoeing					
20	Dasic Rayaking/Candeing					
20 December	basic Rayaking/Canoeing					
	State Venture					

## JOTA/JOTI



The Huonville Youth Radio Patrol, H.E.A.R.T, attended a Cub night at the Glenorchy Group for their very first STEM's program outside of the Huon District. Nine Cub Scouts rotated through 4, twenty-minute nodes.

Activity included, Fox Hunting, Phonetics, simple kit constructions & on-air Amateur radio practice with a very special "Talking Parrot". 6 Radio Patrol members, Lakia, Aiva, Owen, Robbie, Billy & Alex solely planned & ran the night.

At the closing parade, the Cubs were very appreciative of the activities & very enthusiastic that they had learnt something new. Thanks to the Glenorchy Cubs, their Leaders, Amber, Jess, Simon & G.L. Simon for allowing us to visit your awesome Group!

No matter what Section in Scouting, have you thought about a Youth lead STEM activity night? The H.E.A.R.T. Radio Patrol are always keen to make it happen for your Section. With JOTA just around the corner, why not invite the Radio Patrol to visit & make 2022 an awesome JOTA experience. Just ask a Glenorchy Cub what they thought!

Thanks also to Huon District Commissioner Maria, Huonville Scout Group G.L. Brady, Scout Leader Cath, along with Brian, H.E.A.R.T. coordinator/mentor for their help in making the night possible.

# Michael Sweeney Assistant Commissioner Radio & Electronics 0428505191



#### JOTA/JOTI Update

Please remember that JOTA/JOTI 2022 is on the weekend 15-16 October although there may be some activity on the Friday night. Please register your Station or Group/Section at https://vkjotijota.com

Remember you can also participate using Skype, Scoutlink or zoom between groups if you cannot attend a site providing radio contacts.

There is a Cubs District/Regional event on for Sunday 16 Oct, but this date is still to be confirmed. There may be a possibility of Cubs visiting their local JOTA station as a part of their activities, stay tuned for further developments.

**Peter Dodd** 

### International Notice Board

Scouts Australia is sending a Contingent to the next New Zealand Jamboree. Set in one of the most picturesque countries on the planet, Australian Scouts will be offered a program of outdoor adventure and cultural immersion that will deliver a oncein-a-lifetime experience.

The official Jamboree dates are Saturday 30 December 2023 till Sunday 7 January 2024. The Australian Contingent will most likely gather in New Zealand a few days before our arrival onsite at the Jamboree for a short Pre-Jamboree Camp. An optional post-tour is also likely to be offered to Australian Contingent members.

The Jamboree will be held at the Mystery Creek Events Centre, Hamilton. The Jamboree site is around two hours south of Auckland.

The Australian Contingent is seeking to build a team of talented, dedicated, and enthusiastic Scouting people to lead the participation of Australian Scouts in the 23rd New Zealand Jamboree. Young people looking to develop their skills in International Scouting are encouraged to apply, as are experienced supporting adults.

Joining the Contingent Management Team is a challenging yet rewarding opportunity. Team members will be supported as they grow into their role over the next 18 months.

The following positions are currently available:

#### Applications close at midnight (AWST) on Sunday 10 July 2022.

**Deputy Contingent Leader** Assistant Contingent Leader Health & Wellbeing Lead

Admin & Finance Lead Program Lead Marketing & Communications Lead Operations Lead

To apply for a position on the Contingent Management Team,

visit our website: https://scouts.com.au/event/23rd-new-zealand-jamboree-2024/ or https://m.facebook.com/NZJamboreeAu/





Applications for the Contingent Management Team to the 1st Africa Rover Moot 2023 are now open!

The Australian Contingent is seeking to build a small team of talented, dedicated, and enthusiastic Scouting people to lead the participation of Australian Rovers to the 1<sup>st</sup> Africa Rover Moot 2023.

If you are interested in finding out more about the roles, please click on the link and apply now!

https://form.jotform.com/221591313686862

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# International Scouting

International Scouting is back in full swing, with our first international contingent to FinnJamboree heading off this week, and NZ Venture only 6 months away!

We have 13 Venturers heading to the NZ Venture in December, plus 14 Scouts, Venturers and Leaders off to the World Jamboree in Korea in 12 months time! These participants will all be in the midst of frantic fundraising to get them on their way so make sure you keep an eye out and provide what support you can!

The 23rd New Zealand Scout Jamboree is happening in January 2024 and the Contingent Leader is currently recruiting their Contingent Management Team. See more information on page .... International Noticeboard.

Did you know, your international Scouting adventure doesn't need to be as part of a contingent to a major event. You can plan your own international adventure, and make it a Branch Friendship Tour. Whether you want to hike your Queen's Scout Expedition in New Zealand, complete a service project in the Pacific Islands, or go on a bigger tour further afield, if you can dream it, you can do it. BFTs will involve only Tasmanian participants, and can be run as a Group, District or State event. We would love to see some more Tasmanians heading internationally, so if you want to make it a reality, please don't hesitate to get in touch. With direct flights to New Zealand now running, it has never been easier!

As always, if you need any information for all things international Scouting, please don't hesitate to get in touch

#### **Craig Gardner**

Branch Commissioner International bc.international@scoutstas.org.au







# Years of Service Awards

5 Years	Fiona Fittkau Luke Foster	Committee Treasurer Scout Leader	City of Devonport Scout Wynyard Scout Group
10 Years	Dylan Pearce Timothy Swann	Scout Leader Adult Helper	City of Devonport Scout Hobart Gang Show
15 Years	David Thomas	Venturer Scout Leader	Mt Stuart Scout Group
20 Years	David Duncan Colin MacKenzie	Cub Scout Leader Adult Helper	Riverside Scout Group North Midlands District
40 Years	Helen Chick	Assistant Scout Leader	Clarence Sea Scouts

#### **AGM Life Member Function**

The Life Member function is held prior to the AGM and ARA presentations.

At this years function the new Life Members board was unveiled by the Governor of Tasmania Her Excellency The Honourable Barbara Baker AC.

The Life Member Board resided at The Lea in the foyer of Scouts Tasmania Branch Headquarters.







## Joey Report



It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of Term 2 and that we are halfway through the year! Despite the cold weather it has been great seeing Joey Scout Units out and about going on bushwalks, ice-skating, climbing, completing physical fitness challenges, enjoying campfires and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Some photos of our Joey Scouts in action are below.

#### **2022 Joey Scout State Event**

Registration for the Joey Scout State Event "Heroes" is now open! If your Unit has not yet received a registration form, please let me know. As we prepare for this exciting event, it's a fantastic opportunity for your Joey Scout Unit to reflect on what being a hero means to them. Registration for this event closes on 1 September.



#### Scouts in Action Month – The Great Australian Scout Cook Off!

Scouts in Action Month is on again this August. In its thirteenth year, over 240,000 Youth and adult members from around Australia and overseas have participated in programs from first aid in 2010 to Sustainable Development Goals in 2021.

This year's Scouts in Action Month is all about getting outside cooking and of course having heaps of fun! The Scouts

in Action Month website **www.scoutsinactionmonth.com** has cooking programs and activities for all Sections. A unique Scouts in Action Month badge is also available via the website. You can join in the fun by registering your Unit or the whole Group.

#### Joey Scout Challenge Award

Since the last Newsletter, Liam Wells from the Taroona Scout Group has been awarded the Joey Scout Challenge Award. Congratulations Liam on such a fantastic achievement! Photo left

Well that's it for this month. I hope you enjoy the upcoming school holidays and I look forward to hearing about the adventures you have planned for Term 3.

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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## Cub Report



I hope you have all had a great second term and get some well deserved down time during the school holidays before launching into Term 3! What has your Unit got planned? Please get in touch and let me know! I love hearing about all the different ideas and activities and I'd love to share them with everyone. Feel free to send ideas, programs & photos for me to include in the Newsletter.

Some ideas to help you plan for Term 3:

Commissioners Challenge

A reminder of the requirements for the Commissioners Challenge badge for 2022. Remember these can be completed at any time during 2022.

- Earn at least one SIA badge from any of the six areas;
- Participating/assisting in three activities from the Challenge areas (Creative, Community, Outdoors, Personal Growth), with (at least one from *each* of)
  - ⇒their Patrol,
  - ⇒their Unit, and
  - ⇒another Group; and
- complete the Stage 2 (or higher) requirements of an Outdoor Adventure Skill from any of the nine streams.

This should be achievable for Cubs by just attending the weekly meetings. If you need some help with joining another Group please contact your DCSL for assistance & ideas.

#### **Scouts In Action**

This year Scouts in Action Month is all about outdoor cooking. Why not get together with other Units in your District and have some friendly competition? For further details and to register head to https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/

#### **Cub District/Regional Event**

As previously advised there will be a District/Regional Cubbing event (likely to be a scavenger hunt) on/around Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> (this may change as it is also JOTA/JOTI weekend). This will be a fun opportunity to promote Cubbing around the State!

#### **Upcoming Events**

29-31 July – Bushwalking (Alpine) 01-31 August – Scouts in Action

18-20 August – Hobart Gang Show

16 October – Cub District/Regional Event (TBC)

Good Hunting!

**David Henwood** 

**Branch Commissioner Cubs** 



Sebastien Pilkington James Levings Hailey Ratcliffe Burnie Scout Group
North West Bay Scout Group
Summerhill Scout Group

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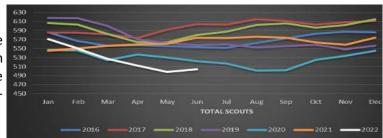
### Scout Report



Welcome to July! I hope your Scout Unit is having a good Term 2. This month I'm talking about Numbers, COVID, Upcoming Events, Quiz, the Commissioner's Challenge, and future Newsletters.

#### **Numbers**

It's gratifying to see our numbers have bounced and we're heading back up where we want to be and where we've been prior to COVID-19. As the community learns to live with the virus I am expecting parents will return to extracurricular activities.



#### COVID-19

Our COVID-19 policy changed again on June 27<sup>th</sup> and we are now managing the risk of COVID-19 through our Risk Management processes (TOP 15s). Please ensure you factor the risk of transmission into your plans for transport, activities, cooking, camps, and so on. I recommend you share the updated position with your Scouts and with your Scouting families so that all can work together to protect each other.

You can find the current Guide Lines at <a href="https://tas-1.myscout.com.au/DocumentDisplay/2682">https://tas-1.myscout.com.au/DocumentDisplay/2682</a>

#### **Upcoming Events**

Looking ahead into **July**, there is a Trained Participant (i.e. Advanced) Bushwalking Course (Apline) last weekend of July. **August 1**<sup>st</sup> it's World Scout Day where everyone is encouraged to wear their scarf to school, college, university, and/or work to celebrate and publicise Scouting. Please send me your photos!

August is in fact a big month in Scouting — it's Scouts in Action Month! This year the theme is "The Great Australian Scout Cook Off".

Details can be found at https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/ and you can copy programs, register your involvement, and order the event badge. Once again, please send me photos!

#### Quiz

Jan Tuxworth has bragging rights for July as the first person to correctly answer the June Quiz.

The answers were: 1. No. The '2-Deep Rule' applies in all situations — face-to-face, in the car, on the phone, on the Internet, everywhere; 2. Yes. Yes it is.; 3. Nope, they can be for anything your Scout is doing — inside or outside of Scouting; 4. 1<sup>st</sup> Gilwell Park Scout Group; 5. Well now, that just depends on which District you are in now doesn't it.

This month's questions are:

- 1. As far as slogans go, what do the initials A, F, C, and I stand for?
- 2. True or False: Scouts need to gain a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certificate in order to complete the Peak Award?
- 3. True or False: COVID-19 is a thing of the past and we can just get back to pre-2020 Scouting now?
- 4. True or False: A 3-year catch-up is optional?
- 5. True or False: Outdoor Adventure Skills, a Scout can just pick the stage to start at, skipping over all the simple stuff?

#### **Commissioner's Challenge**

To earn the Commissioner's Challenge badge, during 2022 (i.e. at any time in the calendar year), a Scout should:

- Earn at least one SIA badge from any of the six areas;
- participate/assist/lead in three activities from the Challenge areas (Creative, Community, Outdoors, Personal Growth). with (at least one activity from *each* of) 1. their Patrol, 2. their Unit, 3. another Group.
- complete the Stage 3 (or higher) requirements of an Outdoor Adventure Skill from any of the nine streams.

It's not onerous, and most Scouts should achieve this just by coming to Scouts throughout the year! Many Districts share events such as buddy nights, Founder's Day, ANZAC and Remembrance Day, Leadership courses, District Camps, and District/Regional Events. I've set the bar low because I want it to be inclusive, and I want to encourage participation. If you have any questions about anything, please get in touch.

#### **Future Newsletters**

The Scouts Tasmania Newsletters are aimed at two audiences. I talk mostly to Leaders, but I also think Scouts and their families might read the Newsletter too. That's our internal audience.

But the other audience we write to — and to who we are grateful for their interest — are our outside of the Organisation stakeholders. There will be a push to increase the messaging to our out-of-Scouting supporters and this is where I need the help of our in-of-Scouting members.

I want photos, I want stories, I want your good news, your brags, your exciting plans, your Youth member testimonials, exclamations, and laughs. I want to know where you go and what you do. And I want this so I can show those outside of

# Scout Report cont'd



Scouting how Adventurous, Fun, Challenging, and Inclusive, Scouting in Tasmania actually is.

I've created an online folder: Scout stories and photos (https://tasscoutscom-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/julian\_dermoudy\_tas\_scouts\_com\_au/EsfJ\_EP3XUxFmNCXGhQvfmUB2BGU7gCJin1BClA8KFoX\_A?e=NZOiLF

If you wish, please create a folder with your Group's name inside and leave me photos and stories. Make sure you have permission for what you leave behind. And I'll include it in future Newsletters. It's publicity for your Scouts, for your Group, for you, and for us. You do good stuff right? Share it!

Best Wishes,

Julian Dermoudy
Branch Commissioner Scouts
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# Venturer doing VET

Moving in line with the soon to start new Newsletter format, I would like to introduce a Venturer who is working on a Cert II in various forms whilst in Venturers. Rather than present a series of facts and figures on how many units are completed and how many certificates are given out, I want to highlight what range of activities members of Scouting Tasmania are participating in.

First of the rank is Charlie Hindrum who is enrolled in a Cert II in Outdoor Recreation and a cert II in Volunteering. Whist doing the 2 certificates at the same time may seem difficult for Charlie it is a relative doddle as being involved in a wide range of activities such as bushwalking, rafting canoeing, and sailing has allowed a wide range of competencies to be ticked off by just having fun.









Certificate II in Active Volunteering, Charlie has been assisting the Cubs and Joeys at 1<sup>st</sup> Tamar. However, to make this qualification more authentic, Charlie was able to secure a school-based work placement at the Parks and Wildlife Mole Creek Visitors Center. In this position, Charlie has been assisting the park rangers with reception work, tour guiding, and general duties around the visitor's center. In addition to the VET qualification, Charlie has been able to tick off many of the targets within the OAS pathway.

Any Venturer, Rover, Leader, or adult member of Scouts Tasmania interested in any of the VET qualifications offered by SAIT, feel free to contact Mike Wilson, Murat Djakic, or the State Office for information. Emails addresses below

### Adventurous Activities & Leader Training

#### Planning and Risk Management creating great Scouting Activities and Adventures

Have you got a challenging adventure or Scouting activity coming up for your Youth members, something which might push the boundaries, challenge their limits and test their (and your) skills? Then you're on the right path in Scouting, creating adventure and challenge and an environment where our Youth learn to plan, manage risks, manage themselves and extremely important, communicate in challenging conditions.

There are several key processes we need to ensure our Youth are trained to a high level when it comes to Adventurous Activities, we also need to ensure that we as Leaders verify all of the steps in the approval process are complete before an activity or adventure goes ahead.

Always remember that within our 'Youth Lead, Leader Supported' system that as a Leader you are responsible for ensuring your Youth members have completed all the planning, risk management and communication required to ensure success on that adventure or activity.

This doesn't mean that everything will go to plan, it ensures that our youth, Leaders and parents are prepared for what might change and challenge them in the adventure or activity and if help is required, we are all prepared to take the relevant action.

A few key steps to ensure are complete as part of planning and Risk Management;

- Layout your plan for the adventure or activity.
- Risk Management Complete a Risk Assessment (templates are available to guide you).
- Consider the skills and ability of all participants including adults.
- Review and modify your plan in relation to your Risk Assessment
- Complete a TOP 15 identifying qualified Leaders for the event.
- Have youth member form (TOP16/16A) complete and returned for all youth members
- Submit the TOP 15 to your Group Leader for approval, this may go to the DC
- Seek advice from the AA Team members in your area for higher risk activities i.e. Hiking in the snow, White Water Rafting, Natural Surface Abseiling etc.
- Set up your local communication;
  - ⇒Primary contact person within the group
  - ⇒Information for parents
  - ⇒Notification to local authorities when hiking, boating etc
- Communication process options on the adventure or activity
  - ⇒UHF Radio between group members if appropriate.
  - ⇒Garmin Inreach (or similar) for progress and status information when hiking/boating
  - ⇒PLB/EPERB required for all Hiking/WWR/Canoe/Kayak on rivers and open water etc.

( Various groups have PLB/EPERB's and Garmin Inreach available for hire. )

- Navigation equipment required for hiking in higher risk areas;
  - $\Rightarrow$ Maps and compass are required.
  - ⇒GPS units are required for all higher risk hikes etc.
  - ⇒Phones are ok in some areas but cannot be relied upon.

Great Planning and Risk Management ensures we bring everyone home safe from our Scouting Adventure, they may be a bit battered but what an adventure doesn't have that!!

#### How good planning and preparation can get you home safe.

Recently a Venturer hike struck some challenges, they had a great plan to hike in and camp on day 1 then hike and climb some peaks and stay in a hut or camping in tents at the hut on the second night and on the third day, walk back out completing a loop. On the first day they struck some snow which was quite ok seeing as they were in the mountains and planning had allowed for snow, during the second day this snow deepened for quite a distance then reduced quite a bit, at this point the party discussed the conditions and changed their plan to stay in a hut which was much closer and also decided to cancel the climb to the peaks as they were concerned about the safety of climbing in the snow and possible icy conditions and also realised they may need more time to make it back.

This was an excellent decision, and we all need to be able to accept change during activities and change our plan to suit. The great point of having the Garmin Inreach is that the hiking party were able to notify those at home of the change in their plans. At the time of this hike an area along the Western Tiers had a massive storm with high winds and rain, this gave everyone at home base a major concern however in the mountain area where the hikers were the conditions were quite ok.

On their third morning the party headed south still following their original hike plan without the climbing of the peaks, after a period they struck snow again (there was a small amount of overnight snow) which was a bit deeper. Once again, the party discussed the conditions and changed their plan again and decided not to go to the next hut but to change direction and meet up with the track which would take them out towards their start point. Once again, the Garmin Inreach was used to



### Adventurous Activities & Leader Training

communicate this to home base. They also advised that everyone was travelling well which is good information to share.

Later in the day the snow became very deep and the party started to become tired and fatigued, their target was a campsite at a waterfall which was estimated to be about 1 to 1.5km away. As they pushed on, there was a creek crossing which was about knee deep, later this same creek had to be crossed again however it was very deep with no good crossing point. While trying to find a crossing 2 of the party slipped into the creek resulting in a high risk of hypothermia in the snowy conditions. The party set up their emergency shelter (a Boffy Bag) and got under cover and out of the cold air, checked how everyone was, then made the call to get assistance. The call was made using a PLB and because the party were prepared, they also communicated to home base until assistance arrived ensuring everyone made it home safe.

Some would look at this and say it was a disaster, however due to the Scout training and the party's planning, risk management preparation and ability to communicate it was a success. They all learnt new things, they all challenged themselves and they all came home safe.

I can't reiterate enough the importance of detailed Planning, Risk Management and communication to ensure first class activities and everyone coming home safe.

#### Agfest 2022 – August 24 to 27

This year we will be running our Quercus Park Climbing Tower at AGFEST again, this event will be run over 4 days stating on the 24<sup>th</sup> August and finishing at the end of the 27<sup>th</sup> August. Each year we run abseiling on 3 walls of the tower and 2 walls of

This is a major promotional event for Scouting and we need your support to make it succeed. We will set up the tower in the few days prior to AGFEST, then each day we will operate from 8.00am through to around 5.00pm, previously we have had between 500 and 800 people have a go at abseiling and climbing and have had a great time doing it. We have been on the radio at AGFEST and in the local newspapers etc.

We need your support so please start considering your availability, we need about 15 people per day to run the event (allowing for people to have a break and tour AGFEST)

Are you available on;

Wednesday 24th 8.00am to 5.00pm

Friday 26th 8.00am to 5.00pm

Thursday 25th 8.00am to 5.00pm

Saturday 27th 8.00am to 5.00pm

I have to purchase exhibitor tickets prior to the event so I will need to know who can make it, please contact me at andrew.thompson@tas.scouts.com.au if you can assist, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

#### General

Adventurous Activities continues to grow it's scope of activities with interested Leaders putting up their hands for training, while some areas are challenging we continue to work through the training required to meet the qualifications both under Scouts and VET. Keep your eye out for upcoming training courses, the next is Trained Participant Bushwalking Alpine at the end of July (was Advanced Bushwalking). Get your registration in early.

Later in the year we will also be running Trained Participant Bushwalking in moderate terrain for those who don't like the cold and mountains, keep your eye out for it.

We will also be running a trial course in 4 Wheel Driving, this will be limited as it will be our first trial run.

I must thank Ross Smith BCATD for covering my lack of reports over the last few months.

**Andrew Thompson** 

**BC Adventurous Activities** 

#### **Leader Training**

We had another very successful Scouting Adventure Course at Fulton park a couple of weekends ago. Fulton park is a fantastic and beautiful site. So we are halfway through another year and still have lots of upcoming courses.

Here is a list of upcoming training and dates

Bushwalking TP (Alpine Conditions) 29-31st July – Cradle Mtn Limited numbers course is ½ full (or 1/2 empty for some)

**4WD SP/TP** 13-14th August \*\*\*NEW COURSE\*\*\* Limited numbers – Cost \$100.

1st Aid Course – 19-20 August – Hobart and 20-21st August - Launceston

Scouting Leadership (Wood Badge) 1st day – 3rd September (2nd Weekend 28-30th October)

Scouting Management - TBA shortly

Scouting Essentials – 1-2nd October

Please ensure your TOP 7 is sent to Branch (training@tas.scouts.com.au) at least three weeks before Courses to help make sure the course can be run. Have you filled in your TOP 27 (LOGBOOK) for the month!!

\*\* GILWELL REUNION \*\* Unfortunately this has been cancelled due to lack of interest, do Leaders have any exciting ideas to help us celebrate as holders of a Wood Badge, would a local area catch up be of interest to Leaders???

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

**Branch Commissioner Adult Training & Development** 



### **KEY INFO**

#### **Overview**

OneCamp is a new event concept for Scouts WA, bringing together everyone from Joey Scouts to Rover Scouts to participate in adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive activities linked to Milestones, Outdoor Adventure Skills and Special Interest Areas.

#### Theme

Western Australia is the best place on the planet to see the total solar eclipse in April 2023! Just as the sun, moon and earth align, OneCamp 2023 – Eclipse will unite our age sections as we share out-of-this-world Scout adventures.

#### When

The core event runs from Tuesday 11 April till Wednesday 19 April, 2023. Sections attend for different durations. Expeditions for Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts of varying length will run from Friday 7 April till Thursday 13 April. Visitors' Day will be on Tuesday 18 April 2023, when all age sections will be onsite.



#### Location

OneCamp 2023 will be held in the Swan Valley, around 30 minutes from Perth City. Expeditions and offsite activities will be held across Western Australia.

#### **Event fees**

The event fee for interstate participants will include:

- full event program, including all activities and evening entertainment.
- all accommodation costs
- transport to and from offsite activities.
- airport transfers from Perth Airport to and from the event site.
- all meals for the duration of OneCamp 2023.
- a merchandise pack including a badge, shirt, and hat,

Expeditions for Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts will attract an additional fee, determined by the expedition chosen by the participant.

#### Interstate participants

Patrols of interstate participants, with accompanying supporting adults, will be hosted within OneCamp Units. OneCamp Units will consist of at least two WA Scout Groups. Interstate participants will engage in the OneCamp program as members of their OneCamp Unit.

#### Contact

Don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions by emailing onecamp@scoutswa.com.au.

#### **Program**

OneCamp 2023 participants will experience everything Scouting has to offer across a variety of program elements.

#### Program element

Challenge Zones: onsite activities focused on Challenge Areas of Outdoor, Personal Growth, Creative or Community.

Outdoor Adventure Skills Zone: onsite adventure-based activities with experienced participants leading less experienced participants.

**Special Interest Area Zone**: onsite activity zones focused on STEM, innovation, sport, arts, literature, environment, and creating a better world.

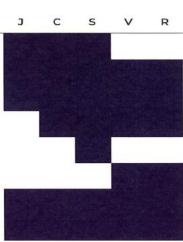
**Adventure**: one offsite day with a specific focus such as abseiling, boating, personal development, bushcraft, or creative arts.

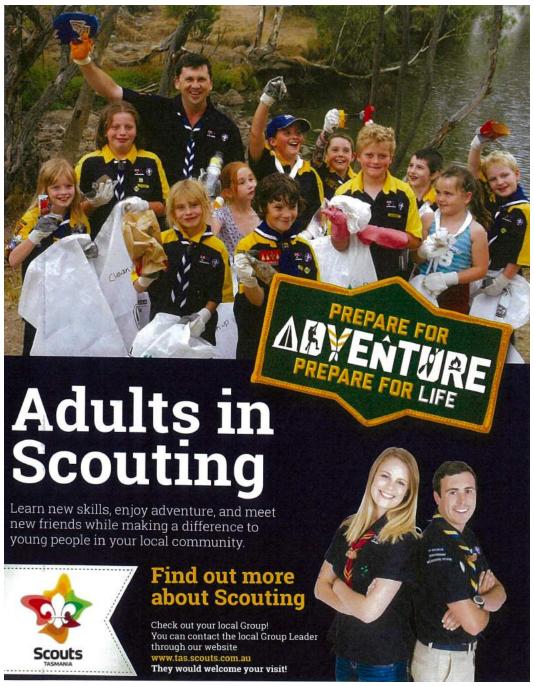
**Mini Expedition**: overnight offsite experience with a specific focus such as cycling, photography, cooking, target sports, or snorkelling.

**Expedition**: multi-day offsite experience with a specific focus such as kayaking, sailing, bushwalking, leadership, or pioneering.

**Entertainment**: evening activities including live music, silent discos, chill zones, outdoor movies, finale party and magic shows.

One Program Day: everyone onsite for market day, district showcases, and a big night of evening entertainment! Open to visitors.







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questions
about
Scouts Terrain?

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### **Forms**

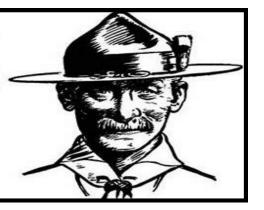
Leaders, Group Leaders & Leaders In Charge

Please check your forms before sending them to Branch to make sure they are signed and completed correctly, this will make processing forms much quicker if all the required info is already included on the form.

Tips From BHQ to make your volunteering time less stressful

# The Tasmanian Scout Heritage Centre

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



For more information call Tony Peck 0499 250 360

# Peak Awards

	Intro to Scouting	Intro to Section	Milestone	OAS	SIA	Advanced Journey	Leadership Course	Personal reflection
	~	1	3	Core Stage 1	6 2 Areas	Min 3hr	×	1
	1	✓.	3	Core Stage 3 8 Progressions	6 2 Areas	Min 4 hr	✓.	<b>√</b>
	<b>4</b>	1	3	Core Stage 5 10 Progressions	6 3 Areas	Min 3 days 2 nights	Ý	<b>✓</b>
	4	4	3	Core Stage 5 12 Progressions	6 3 Areas	Min 4 days 3 nights	4	*
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Joey Scout Challenge Award

**Personal Reflection** 

Complete Stage 1 in the **3 Core Outdoor Adventure** Skills (Bushcraft, **Bushwalkingand Camping) Specialist Optional** 

Participate in a 3hr journey

**Adventurous Journey** 

#### **Outdoor Adventure Skills**

Complete All



















### **Special Interest Areas**



Complete 6 activities across at least two areas 2hrs duration each

### **Program Essentials**

**Complete Milestone 3** 

Milestone 1



Milestone 2



Milestone 3





**Introduction to Joey Scout Section** 



**Introduction to Scouting** 



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