

Scouts Tasmania Newsletter

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ONE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM ACROSS FIVE SECTIONS



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Chief's Report

Welcome to the first of our new internal information Newsletters. Thanks to Julian and his team for taking on the challenge to get it up and running.

Scott Lovell and the Marketing Team have got the Scout Magazine launched so we are now set up with two very good communication formats that cover our internal and external needs.

We are going through a challenging and exciting time in Scouts Tasmania to best position ourselves for the future. A series of workshops involving BEC, Commissioners and Group Leaders has resulted in a new structural model that emphasises the importance of support for all members.

Those workshops were targeted at the Principal Purposes of the restructure:

- To provide support to Groups and members through easier access to locally based support resources.
- To reinforce the State operation and provide a platform for involvement of all areas of the state in the operation of Scouts Tasmania.
- Meet Governance and Compliance obligations.
- To define the Operational and Executive functions of the organisation.
- Enable the State Executive Committee to become a Strategic skills-based Board in line with ASIC requirements for corporations.
- Enable the principal Support areas to manage the operations within the portfolio.
- To be able to delegate responsibility and authority across the organisation.
- Provide a means for all Support areas to have consistent representation by way of a dedicated State Operations Committee.
- Provide opportunities for younger members to be involved in key positions within Scouts.
- To remove/minimise Scouting jargon when dealing with outside Organisations and government.

The Group Leaders highlighted a desire for more localised support, and as a result a new support team for the 3 areas of the State is being developed.

That structure is currently with the Commissioners and Group Leaders for review before going to the State Executive Council and State Council for final approval.

The Constitution, Regulations and TOPS will also be adjusted to reflect the changes.

Once that is completed it will be circulated to all, with the target to have it fully implemented during the first half of 2023.

Cheers

Phil

Scout Report

Dear all,

Welcome to November! It's good to be back and to have an internal newsletter again. Thanks to Robyn Bishop for offering to edit/curate this.

This month I'm talking about:

- [Numbers](#)
- [Clark Trophy](#),
- [the Commissioner's Challenge](#), and
- [Scout/Guide Regatta!](#)

Numbers



Numbers in the Scouts section are pretty flat but happily are still in excess of 500 (501!). This compares well against Cubs (also flat and currently 450), Joeys (flat at 200), Venturers (declined to 200), and Rovers (essentially flat at 60). Well done and thanks again for all that you do to provide a great experience for the Scouts.

Clark Trophy

Clark Trophy is now about 3 weeks away and I hope that your Unit is sending a Patrol. It should be another great year and I'm very much looking forward to seeing you and your Scouts. If you have any questions about anything, please get in touch.

If you have Scouts wanting to receive their Australian Scout Award at Clark, please ensure you get in touch with me no later than November 12th.

Commissioner's Challenge

Thanks to those who got back to me to say that their Unit is working towards the Commissioner's Challenge. It's not difficult to achieve. A reminder: 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)
 - their Patrol,
 - their Unit, and
 - another Group; and
- complete the Stage 3 (or higher) requirements of an Outdoor Adventure Skill from *any* of the nine streams.

Scout/Guide Regatta

It's back!!! In the last two weeks you should have received an email from Mike Hovington about the Regatta. To commence the registration process, your Unit's Scout Leader needs to enter details for the event registered on MyScout. Early-bird payment is due before December 15th; but payments will be received up until February 23rd.

If you've not been to Regatta, please try to get there and to get your Scouts there. It's an absolutely fantastic weekend and your Scouts will love it!

Until Next Time...

Well that's it for this month. More is likely to come by email between now and December.

If you've any comments or questions on anything at any time, please just contact me!

Best Wishes,

-Julian.

Dr Julian Dermoudy

Branch Commissioner, Scouts

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Cub Report

I hope you have all had a great start to term 4! 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.

Commissioner's 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)
 - o their Patrol,
 - o their Unit, and
 - o 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. Badges can be ordered via <https://shorturl.at/gqLT9>

Cub District/Regional Event

Please make sure you get the names of those who attended to your DCSL so certificates can be sent out. These should all be completed by the end of November.

Cuboree 2023

Information about the first Cuboree 2023 meeting has been sent out but here it is again if you missed it.

When: Friday 4th November

Time: 8:00pm

Where: Zoom

Meeting URL: <https://utas.zoom.us/j/84476899956>

Meeting ID: 844 7689 9956

Good Hunting!

David Henwood

Branch Commissioner – Cubs

Joey Report

What a busy few months it has been for the Joey Scout Section! It has been fantastic to see so many Joey Scout Units out and about, participating in events such as Scout Scarf Day, Scouts in Action Month, JOTA/JOTI, the Aussie Backyard Bird Count and of course the Joey Scout State Event.

Joey Scout State Event

I would like to reiterate my thanks to all those that helped in the planning of the State Event and also to our amazing Joey Scout Leaders who took a day out of their weekend to come to Campbell Town and put so much energy into running a diverse selection of fun-filled activity bases. One Joey Scout was overhead saying to their parent "this was the best day of my life". You can't get much better feedback than that!

I'd like to say a special thank you to our real-life heroes who came along and contributed to the Event. Thank you to Kahlia, a paramedic, who brought along an ambulance to show to the Joey Scouts. Thank you also to Richard from the Northern Midlands Unit of the SES for bringing along a SES vehicle and talking to the Joeys about what the SES does to help the Community. The Joeys even got an opportunity to assist with a practice rescue.

Finally, I would like to recognise the Northern Midlands Council for the support they gave in staging this event. The staff were fantastic, and the Council kindly assisted us with the cost of the hire of the Recreation Ground. We were also fortunate to have Mayor Mary Knowles, OAM from the Northern Midlands Council attend and spend a considerable amount of time at the Event.



Commissioner's Challenge

Well done to the Blackmans Bay and Port Cygnet Joey Scout Units for being the first Units to complete the Commissioner's Challenge. Joey Scout Units have until the end of 2022 to complete the Challenges. If you have any queries about the Commissioner's Challenge, please let me know. You can order the badges (\$3.50 each) by completing the online form <https://forms.office.com/r/DEpKEgaQgX>



Joey Report

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Joey Scout Challenge Award

It has been absolutely an absolute privilege to be able to present 8 Joey Scout Challenge Awards since the last newsletter. Congratulations to Zoe Fielding from the Kingston Joey Scout Unit, to Logan Barwick, Matthew Choi and Lucy Hurst from the Mount Faulkner Joey Scout Unit and to Willow Moore, Henry Munting, Evan Reavell and Ben Roberts from the 1st Derwent Joey Scout Unit on achieving this Award. Well done Joeys on all your hard work!



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

Happy Joey Scouting!

Ruth Henderson
Branch Commissioner (Joey Scouts)
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Good news! The Regatta is on again at Snug Beach next March long weekend! The registration fee has been heavily subsidised to encourage youth members to return to this fantastic event after a Covid-enforced break. Register early (before Christmas) for the best saving. Registrations will increase by \$15 if paid after 15 December.

Information for Scouts and Venturers

If you haven't been to a Regatta before, you are in for loads of fun. Talk to your Leader who will register you online. If you have been to a Regatta before, you know you can take part in many different activities, make new friends and have a great weekend. You don't have to be good at anything, but you may like to 'have-a-go' on a Pacer sailing dinghy, row a patrol boat, paddle a kayak and learn new skills. There are many shore-based events as well - you don't even have to get wet if you don't want to. Enjoy watching outdoor movies at night. Scouts, you must be ten years old at the time of the Regatta to participate.

Information for Leaders

The Regatta is a great way to start the year. Bring your Scouts to a three-day camp where the programming and catering are organised for you. Take time to enjoy being with your youth members.

The registration process will be done differently this time as all attendees must be registered on-line. Registrations open in mid-October. Remember that youth members must be ten years old to participate in the Regatta. To do this:

- Enthuse your Scouts about the Regatta
- Collect the registration payments from your Scouts and Leaders, and from adults camping overnight and being catered for. There is no charge for self-catering adults staying overnight.

- To register go into MyScout database and click on Scout Guide Regatta in the Event box. Tick the names of those wishing to participate and fill in the details required. For those not able to eat what is offered in the standard menu, please select vegetarian, gluten-free or gluten and dairy free from the drop-down box. A separate document on how to do this will be sent to you.
- Make a bulk payment from your troop to the Regatta account. Here are the details for BSB payments:

BSB: 807-009

A/C: 12102060

Name: Scout Guide Regatta

Use your group name as a reference and email a Registration Form to sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au to let me know payment has been made and how the total was arrived at

- Of course, you can add to your initial registrations up until 23 February
- Adults camping with your group (staying overnight) – they will need to hold a WWVP card. This is a legal requirement. Please ensure you have their card number and expiry date. Rather than camping on the oval, they may wish to stay overnight at the Snug Caravan Park – but would need to book this soon – or make alternative arrangements. Scout parents and other adults can also camp at The Lea near Kingston. Contact The Lea Caretaker to make a booking - 0437 377 718 or bookings@hobartbushcabins.com.au
- During the registration period, the SL will be emailed lists of those in the troop currently registered for cross checking

Registration fees are as follows:

	Paying by 15 Dec	Paying after 16 Dec
Southern participants	\$125	\$140
Northern participants	\$115	\$130
North western participants	\$110	\$125
Self catering youth members	\$30	\$30
Rovers	\$20	\$30
Children u/10 being catered for	\$60	\$60
Leaders and other adults being catered for	\$100	\$115
Self-catering adults camping overnight	No charge	No charge

Please keep in mind:

- Those requiring vegetarian, gluten-free or gluten and dairy-free food should select one of these three options when registering. These are the only variations of the standard menu on offer. They will be issued with a wristband of a different colour. **Only Rovers, youth members or Leaders who require a specific diet because of a medical condition may self-cater**
- Youth members under the age of 18 must have at least one adult for every 10 youth members or part thereof camping with them. Participating youth members must be at least 10 years old at the time of the Regatta
- Remind everyone associated with your troop/crew that all areas used for the Regatta are **alcohol, smoking, vaping and drug free zones**.

Duties

The Committee tries to allocate duties fairly and, of course, a lot of help is required to run an event where many activities are occurring concurrently. Please have parents or other adults available during the Regatta for the duties and security shifts allocated to your troop

Camping

Please plan to arrive at the Snug Oval after 6pm and set up by 11pm on Friday night. Youth members should not arrive before their Leaders. All tent pegs must be made obvious by tying coloured ribbon (provided) around each tent peg. Electricity will not be available. Please do not connect to existing outlets. If there is an urgent need to charge a mobile phone, talk to a member of the Regatta Committee. Generators are prohibited.

Refund policy

Regatta registrations close on 23 February 2023. If a participant advises the Regatta of their withdrawal by 16 February, a full refund is generally offered. If cancelling registration by 23 February, there will generally be a 50% refund. Cancellations after 23 February will not be refunded except for a medical or family emergency. Requests for refunds shall be in writing prior to the event to email sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au. If the 2023 Regatta has to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances eg bushfire or State Covid rules, the refund amount will depend on payments which have already been made by the Committee

Taster Day

Youth members under 10 are invited to Taster Day. There will be more details later, but this event is cost free for participants, a great introduction to the Regatta and good fun.

Please contact Scout HQ (mike.hovington@tas.scouts.com.au) or 0458156262 or email sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au if you have any queries about registering for the Regatta. See you at Snug!

Jota/ Joti

Participation numbers were down this year, mainly due to the event falling on the last weekend of the school holidays. However there were 6 activations that I know of. I have been told that there were about 25 or so through the station at Burnie. Thanks to Lucas Bryan VK7LSB and local operators Dave VK7DC and Matt VK7ML.

Paton Park was also activated with reported 1 Joey, 6 Cubs, 6 Scouts and 4 unspecified. They had HF radio contacts with QLD, SA, NSW and ACT using the recently repaired and refurbished antenna system. They were also active on VHF and UHF radio and were in contact with at least 2 Tas stations. Thanks to Shirley VK7HSC, Ann VK7BYL, Ross VK7WP, Anthony VK7AAQ and Graham VK7GS.

Michael Sweeney reported that Huon District had 25 attendees. 100% Youth run station with lots of activities to rotate through. Awesome and inspiring atmosphere, both days, plus absolutely wonderful to see the Radio Patrol excelling in the Youth led / Adult supervised program.

Small turn out at the Lea. 3 groups. 8 cubs, Scouts 8 Cubs, Joeys, total. 2 Parents stayed, a bonus. They communicated using DMR digital radio system. No HF or other bands as the Groups were making a day trip only. Thanks to Noel VK7FLCN and Danny VK7HDM

Randall VK7VWK reported The Domain JOTA event was attended by 3 Joey Scouts, 2 Cub scouts and leaders from the Howrah and Mount Stuart groups. The morse code display was the most popular activity. Were not able to make contact via radio at the time the Joeys and Cubs attended, but we did make contact via EchoLink on my network radio, where they were able to talk to Cubs and Scouts in Queensland, and some were even lucky enough to speak to scouting people in Brazil and the USA.

The Station at Rocherlea in Launceston had 77 attend including 7 from St Helens and 19 Guides. The JOTI operation was supervised by the Matthew Brady Venturers who also monitored the Skype, robot and electronic kits activity. Skype contacts with New Zealand, Canada, Vietnam and Indonesia to name a few. No idea how many countries contacted via Scoutlink. Fox hunting and morse code again popular. Radio contacts using digital radio, Echolink and VHF to Paton Park and Hobart. Thanks to 10 members of the NTARC radio club who attended and several others who provide backup contacts when no scouts available.

Peter Dodd
PC Radio and Electronics



RETURN OF TRUCHANAS KAYAKS.

Following a recent external clean-up in October during a spot of sunny weather at The Lea, team members from the Heritage Centre uncovered two Kayaks which had emanated through the intrepid Tasmanian explorer, Olegas Truchanas (1923 – 1972). It appears around 10 such kayaks were built and utilised during his lifetime through scouting personnel. These kayaks subsequently circulated far and wide over the past 50 years, the best now featured at the National Museum of Australia, Canberra. The two canvas kayaks we found were not in the best of shape, despite being stored away and covered up for some years beneath decking at the The Lea Training Centre. Through a Facebook site, both were offered up for public gifting. Much interest pursued On-line, and through a series of events this ultimately resulted with one kayak subsequently reunited back to its' 1960's original scouting owner-builder, the other kayak forwarded to a former scouting adult; both now bound for restoration. A Good Turn which only took 60 years to eventuate.

PUBLIC DISPLAY.

At the request of our State President, Nigel Clutterbuck the Heritage Team has again mounted another scouting public display in the shop window at Boniwell Blinds, Main Road, Moonah. Our initial display was in March this year; this second display will feature during all November. It is a modern display of uniforms, flags, brochures, etc. to supplement our state scout youth recruitment & public awareness, also to augment and advertise scout groups within the local Tasmanian community.

VISIT TO "ORANA".

Despite inclement weather, the Heritage Team still strives outdoors which includes visiting our compatriots, the Guide heritage group situated at the "Orana" state campsite, Roaches Beach near Hobart during November. This is an annual social trek we undertake by return, whereby both groups exchange Guide for Scout heritage items, which the other group has been asked to forward.

SCOUT GROUP RECORDS & HERITAGE ANNIVERSARY.

The Tasmanian Scout Heritage Centre is now well and truly "of age", being one of the youngest of the six Australian States' heritage centre. Mainland scout heritage centres, such as West Australia have been established for over 40 years, in Victoria 50 years, etc. We, in Tasmania, are pleased to celebrate our 25th Anniversary on 12th December this year, thanks to the initial establishment by the former State Cub Commissioner, Fran Maddock.

The upshot is, after a quarter of a century, Tasmania has now exploded its' Group archives from just an initial portion sharing a mere fifth of one shelf storage wall, to two full shelves containing over 300 groups' records. So, when your group is finished with its 'old' written records, minute books, photos, archive materials, plaques, flags – you name it – they can be safely stored at our state Heritage Centre in perpetuity. Please make contact with us, email or phone, via your friendly headquarters staff.

ADIOS, AMIGOS.

As the fifth incumbent in the lineage of the Tasmanian Scout Heritage Commissioner chair, my time is up at years' end after six years. THANK YOU to my invaluable Team members, and all whom have assisted to advance your state scouting museum during this time. It has been a pleasure to serve scouting in this portfolio.

Tony Peck
Tasmanian Scout Heritage Centre

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Spreyton

Spreyton Group have been put into a position of having to find new a residence. The opportunity arose for the hall and land to be sold to the IGA next door. This created grief and sorrow within the Group as we had been in the district for over 60 years and in this hall for the past 40+ years.

Because we house the Mersey District Room and the Mersey District Venturer Unit as well as our own Joeys, Cubs and Scouts, we have outgrown our space here. We have had more than 60 youth members however recently the numbers have declined. This follows the usual trend. The specifications for the new facilities centre on a large main hall for activities and provides office space, up to date kitchen facilities, toilets and shower which will include disabled access.

Considerable thought has been given to ensuring that the proposed facilities' will meet the current and anticipated future needs of the Spreyton Scout Group. The bigger hall will allow for more scouting activities and the bigger land space will also be great.

Finding land in the vicinity was very time consuming and difficult, this was rectified after consultation with the Devonport City Council who have offered us land down the road on the old tip site.

We are awaiting the architect drawings to move forward with the planning permission and project.

Funding is at a premium with a Go Fund Me page, and many various other avenues to be explored.

We are looking forward to anyone who can come forward to give us some of their time in their field of expertise,

Looking forward to a bright and fruitful future. Go Spreyton.

Jan Tuxworth
Group Leader

Kingston

Kingston cubs have been busy at the end of the Oct holidays.

On Sat 15th Oct, Kingston Cubs went to The Lea and did JOTI/JOTA. They learnt the Morse code in 30sec and wrote their names using it! Then they practiced their Phonetic Alphabet whilst playing Battle Ships and used Walkie Talkies.

We got a connection to NSW and had a scout conversation! Thank you to Noel Gadd for running this Fun Activity for the Cubs!

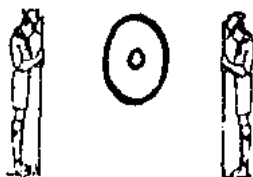
The next day, Sun 16th Oct, Kingston Cubs joined in with the Southern State Event - Cub Regional Scavenger Hunt. Using clues, they walked around the Wharf, Parliament House Lawns, St David's Park and Salamanca answering questions. A great way to learn Local History and Have Fun at the Same Time! We finished up at Prince's Park where the Cubs had a play in the playground with their new friends that they just made! Thank you to BC Cubs David Henwood & DC Clarence Jackie for organising the Fun Event!

Then on Tues 18th Oct we had a special presentation for one of our Cubs Grace Fielding, for achieving her Grey Wolf Award! At the same time, her sister Zoe Fielding achieved her Joey Scout Promise Award! We had BC Joeys Ruth Henderson and Kingston's GL Scott Thomson proudly present their awards. Grace & Zoe had proud family members watching on, and we finished the night with eating Chocolate Cake and Lemonade to celebrate and played games for the rest of the night. Fantastic Effort Grace & Zoe Fielding! You should be very proud of your efforts!

Fiona Woolley
1 st Kingston Cub Leader



Gone Home



Victor Patrick Slavin 12/1/1934 – 11/10/2022

Vic started his Scouting journey in Tasmania in 1980 with 4th Devonport as ASL, then City of Devonport as ASL then AGL until 2018.

Vic became a Life Member in 2007.