

Scouts Tasmania Newsletter

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ONE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM ACROSS FIVE SECTIONS



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Future Directions:

The new structure has now been approved by the State Executive and Nigel Clutterbuck, Mike Wilson, myself and other members of the SEC beginning a series of information sessions around the state to ensure everyone has an understanding of what will start happening over the next few months and have the chance to ask questions.

Regatta:

Regatta is the best opportunity in Scouting to get the whole State together, catch up with other Leaders and be a part of a terrific event. Mike Hovington has the on line Registration up and running, so if you haven't already done so, get the dates on your program and hit the Registration button as soon as possible to help the Regatta Committee have things well under control at the earliest possible time.

MyScout:

MyScout has been our Data base for many years now and has, to be fair, not performed as well as we had expected. After some in depth discussions with the system provider, Mindvision, we have accessed many new features that we have not had available to us previously. These will enable all levels of our structure to better utilise and manage our data base.

The roll-out of the upgrades began on the 14th November and will be gradually implemented when we are confident that they are functioning and provide the outcomes needed.

I want to thank you all, as hard working and dedicated Volunteers, along with our invaluable State Office staff, for your part in Scouting during 2022.

Make sure you all take a breather over the Xmas/ New Year break and enjoy the Festive season with family and friends.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Phil

President's Report

A very warm welcome to all members of our movement,

Whether you're a Leader, helper, volunteer, board member committee secretary, commissioner or supporter of Scouts in Tasmania, thanks will never be enough for the work you do for the youth of our organisation, as well as the benefit to our local community's. We have been reflecting a lot this year on the true impact of Scouts across the globe. It is so much more than an weekday night. The impacts and education that our programs provide stay with you for life. Statistically children who spend increased time outdoors up are 50% less likely to ever suffer mental illness as an adult. The support and mentorship will always be at the core of what we do.

Our message has been crystal clear this year. This is who we are, and this is what we do. This has been the culmination of hard work and a focus by so many on reintroducing Scouts to Tasmania. We have seen a significant increase in grants received, community engagement and political gain this year.

We will continue with this focus in 2023 will increased communication both internally and externally with newly elected mayors first on the agenda. Partnerships between scouts and other organisations across the state will be key to our success in the future.

Scouts has a legacy most other organisations don't have. Griffin and I, as your President and Vice President, as well as the entire leadership team will continue to look to the future and look at all things we do with a strategic focus. We encourage you to do the same. Sustainability on all levels will be important to our survival.

With strategic and sustainable thinking comes big projects and opportunities. We have lots underway, and more are in the pipeline. Our new Chief Commissioner Phil Harper has been consulting widely about what our structure needs to look like to carry us forward. We all need to do our part and be open to new ideas and support where we can. Change is never easy, and we don't expect everyone to always agree but it's important that we support others in these endeavours.

Constitution, financial governance and board structure are some of the big projects still underway and will remain a focus in 2023. We are incredibly encouraged by the way everyone has embraced these necessary and critical changes. Our charity status as well as the financial risk are one of the greatest threats to our future. A huge amount of work has already been done and there is much more to do.

President's Report

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Whilst its not really our core "business" (pardon the pun) we need to treat our operations as such. Our campsites and properties can support and underpin us financially. Where improvements can be made, we will work through these. A recent review of the Lea which is a state asset revealed that it has a net result of \$70,000 plus in earnings and cost savings to the state.

This is just one way that we can keep costs down. We will look at this model state-wide. We want our membership fees to go down, not up.

We are one branch, one team with a common goal.

Our final message of the year must be thank you. I know we harp on, and you have probably heard it a million times, but we are really proud of each of you and cannot wait to see what next year has in store.

You can always reach out to Griffin and myself at anytime, we are here to help and listen to everyone.

Wishing you, your family and friends a very happy festive season.

Yours in Scouting

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Years of Service

Thank you!

5 year

SAINSBURY, Rowen SL 10th Hobart Scout Group

10 year

BONNICE, Daniel Warden BP Lodge Committee

BLYTH, John Committee BP Lodge Committee

BONNICE, Jeremy Committee BP Lodge Committee

HOLLAND, Ian Committee BP Lodge Committee

HOLLAND, Marcus Com Sec BP Lodge Committee

HOWARD, Peter ASL Motton-Preston Scout Unit

JAMESON, Christopher Committee Hobart Gang Show Team

JAMESON, June Committee Hobart Gang Show Team

JOHNSTONE, Leigh Group Leader Summerhill Scout Group

REAVELL, Greta Committee Hobart Gang Show Team

20 year

BROADBY, Fiona Committee The Lea Service Crew Team



Scout Report

Dear all,

Merry Christmas and welcome to December!

We've had a great Clark Trophy and Congratulations go to Lindisfarne Scout Group (which has now won three in a row!). In second place was Mt Stuart, and in third was Sandford.

Below is a picture of the Patrol Leaders from the fifteen patrols. More information and photos can be found in the next Scouts Tasmania Magazine.

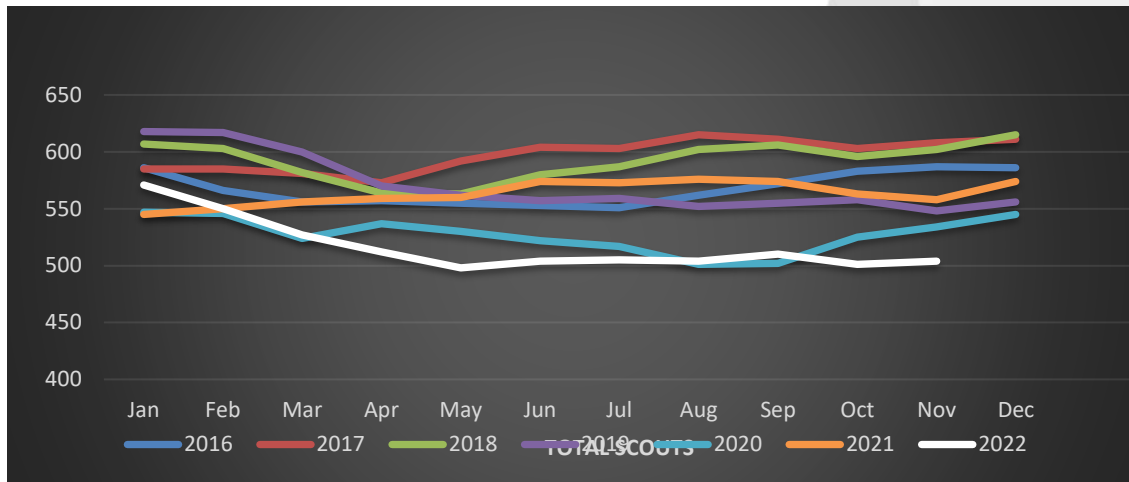


My thanks go to the Camp Co-Chiefs, David and Andrea Heap, to the Scouts of the 15 participating patrols, and to the leaders and parents that supported the patrols.

This month I'm talking about:

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

Numbers



Numbers in the Scouts section remain flat as do numbers in Cubs and Rovers. Joeys is increasing slightly and Venturers is decreasing slightly. Thank you again for all that you do to give our Scouts a great experience.

Commissioner's Challenge

A reminder of the Commissioner's Challenge requirements...



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.

I'll send an email with the 'order' form to all leaders; please look for that in your in-box.

Scout/Guide Regatta

Mike Hovington has sent another update about the Regatta via email (November 22nd). 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!

Merry Christmas...

Well that's it for 2022 Newsletters. I hope that you and yours have a safe and happy Christmas and festive season. If you have holidays, I hope they are restful and recuperative. Thank you for all that you do for our Scouts.

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

Merry Christmas,

-Julian.

Dr Julian Dermoudy

Branch Commissioner, Scouts e: bc.scouts@tas.scouts.com.au

Well, here we are at the end of 2022! What are your highlights for the year? Please feel free to send me through some photos and reports of your activities for me to share with everyone. What have you got planned for 2023? Remember 2023 will be a Cuboree year so try to get some camps in your program to get the Cubs prepared.

Commissioners Challenge

A final reminder to order badges for this years Commissioners Challenge. Those who have ordered & paid for badges already should now have them, please let me know if you don't. Badges can be ordered via <https://shorturl.at/gqLT9>

Cuboree 2023

A big THANK YOU to those who attended (or sent apologies) the first Cuboree 2023 meeting held recently. Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on 18th January at 8:00pm. Please get in touch with me if you would like to be involved. We still need more people to make the event happen!

Grey Wolf Awards

Congratulations to the following Cubs who have achieved their Grey Wolf Award since they were last published in the newsletter (July 2022).

Alfie London Turners Beach
Lucas Stokes 1st 2nd Ulverstone
Maggie Double Northwest Bay
Phoebe Tarrant 1st 2nd Ulverstone
Chase Barnett Kentish
Toby Ralph Kentish
Grace Fielding Kingston
Pippin O'Shea Turners Beach
Charlie Giveen Spreyton
Henry Smallbon Turners Beach
Max Dagleish Tamar Sea Scouts
Liam Marshall Turners Beach
Amina Taylor Taroon
Thomas Rolliston Taroon
Lucie Venn Motton-Preston
Daniel Reeves Huonville
Audrey Edwards Taroon



Photo of Lucas & Phoebe 1st 2nd Ulverstone

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas & Summer period.

Good Hunting!
David Henwood Branch Commissioner – Cubs

Joey Report

2022 has again been a year of achievements for the Joey Scout Section. Member numbers have stayed strong (with over 200 Joey Scouts across the State), we had a fantastic State Event with around 90 Joey Scouts in attendance, 72 Joey Scouts completed the Commissioner's Challenge, and 23 Joey Scout Challenges Awards were awarded. In addition, our Joey Scouts enjoyed many fun-filled Group and District Events.

Commissioner's Challenge

Speaking of achievements, well done to the Joey Scouts from the St Helens, Burnie, Huonville, Howrah, Taroona and Summerhill Joey Scout Units for completing the 2022 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>



Terrain

For those who have not been into Terrain for a while, you will be pleased to know that over the last 12 months there have been a number of improvements in the programming area of the system. These improvements make it easier for Leaders to record their nightly program and to relate a programmed activity to the Outdoor Adventure Skills. In particular:

- There has been a simplification of the process for entering programmed activities (you no longer are returned to the calendar multiple times for example!).
- You can now associate and award I-statements to Youth Member's Outdoor Adventure Skills pathways as part of creating and finalising a programmed activity (eg a nightly program, bushwalk or camp).

More information on Terrain can be found at

<https://pr.scouts.com.au/terrain/> If you need assistance with Terrain, please let me know.



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Joey Scout Challenge Award

As the year comes to a close, I am looking forward to presenting a number of Joey Scout Challenge Awards. These Awards will be included in our next newsletter. Well done to all of our Joey Scouts that completed the Joey Scout Challenge Award this year. The number of Joey Scout Challenge Awards presented this year is almost triple the number presented last year!

This really is a testament to the quality of the program provided by our Leaders, the hard work of our Joey Scouts and the fantastic support we get from parents.



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Re-issue of Peak Award badges

Youth Members who were awarded the Joey Promise Challenge Award under the old Program are eligible to purchase the Joey Scout Challenge Award badge to wear on their Cubs/Scouts/Venturer/Rover uniform. If a Leader or a parent would like to purchase the reissued badge for a Youth Member they can do so by emailing admin@tas.scouts.com.au.

Thank you

I'd like to finish the December report with a number of thank yous. I'd firstly like to thank our Joey Scouts for coming along to Joeys and sharing your many talents, your sense of fun and your friendships. Thank you also to all the parents and supporters that have helped the Joey Scout Section during 2022. We could not do it without you! A huge thank you to our Joey Scout Leaders for your commitment, your time, your caring spirit and your energy.

Finally, I would like to make a special mention of Wendy Granger who recently retired from Scouting. Wendy was a Joey Scout Leader for over 20 years, as well as being a member of the Training Team, Branch Commissioner for Joey Scouts (2007 to 2014), District Joey Scout Leader for the Clarence District (2014 to 2022), and a valued member of the Joey Scout Branch Council for many years. Thank you, Wendy, for your significant contribution to Scouts Tasmania, and to the Joey Scout Section. We look forward to seeing you at Leader reunions.

Well that's it from me for 2022. I hope you all get a chance for a break over the Summer holidays ready for an action packed year of Joey Scouting in 2023.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas.
Happy Joey Scouting!

Ruth Henderson
Branch Commissioner (Joey Scouts) bc.joey@scoutstas.org.au

Youth Program

Scouts Terrain has had some recent updates. The Scouts Terrain Steering Committee has provided the following information...

Scouts | Terrain has now reached its third major release. Scouts | Terrain has come a long way in the last few years, like any journey despite the planning there has been some challenges.

Like any project technology project there is so many aspects that can be built out and developed, at each stage we have taken a Plan > Do > Review > approach to ensure the system is meeting the needs of the program and supporting our member to manage modern scouting. Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback via the surveys and via email.

The project has evolved, from an initial release that focused on setting up the basics, such as recording achievement pathways, enabling basic programming and organising groups, units & patrols. The second release aimed to improve user experiences by reworking and streamlining the programming workflow, embedding a calendar function, adding a logbook to support the outdoor adventure skills, and adding notifications to provide updates on approvals.

The third iteration provides the ability for Program support leaders who may not have a role within a group to get more active within the system and support those around them. The major focus of this release was around providing that so the system had ability for the typical support structure of scouting to get involved. Check out system update notes here.

It is as simple as logging in, switching to the Support Leader Role, clicking into Branch Life then searching for the formations you would usually support with your role. You can use this tool to search formations across the branch, each formation will have an aggregate view of how they are using the system across the group. You can even request access to support with almost the same access as a leader who is within group. Check out the Program Support Leader Guide to see how to do each of these functions.

We have also made improvements to troubleshooting with our volunteer support team now having the ability act as if they were any member to help resolve issues more efficiently, reducing the less back and forth.

Now with the third release we have a well-rounded system to manage scout program. The system will continue to evolve and is shaped on your constructive feedback we have received along the way. Program support leaders can now actively support scouting and this is a huge stride forward. The team will continue to Plan > Do > Review > every step of the way. Keep your eyes peeled for the next opportunity to provide feedback and shape the system in H1 of next year.

ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS 2023

Now everyone is looking forward to a Christmas break could I please request that all those involved with Scouting in Tasmania think about, and THEN ACT, and complete a nomination form for an Adult Recognition Award.

All forms must be in to BHQ by 31st January 2023, and emailed to admin@tas.scouts.com.au

The Awards committee will consider all nominations in February and make recommendations for Awards to the Chief Commissioner by the end of February so that all relevant paperwork can be sent to National Office for processing in March.

Tasmanian Awards are presented by the Governor of Tasmania (Tasmania's Chief Scout) at the Scouts Tasmania AGM, next year to be held on the North West in June.

All the forms and information can be found on MyScout.

These Awards are a crucial way in which the Scouting family in Tasmania (and across the world) recognises the tremendous impact that our adult volunteers have in continuing the great tradition of Scouting, but the system totally relies on nominations being received. Nominations can be completed by anyone, not just limited to those in leadership roles. Across the organisation, our adult volunteers give many hours of support, through youth and adult leadership roles, committee roles and other support roles, and we want to recognise their input and the vital role they have within Scouting.

So, please get out your pen and paper (or computer), complete a nomination for all those adults who put in above and beyond and let us recognise their efforts.

Please note that Awards need to meet the criteria set out in the Guidelines, and that many of the higher Awards require several years of exemplary service – in many cases this is not difficult to achieve.

I look forward to receiving a pile of nominations and the committee being inundated with quality submissions.

Geraldine Harwood
Branch Commissioner Adult Support
Chair of the Adult Recognition Committee

Please may I also take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy, safe and enjoyable Christmas and a fabulous 2023.

At time of writing this Regatta update, we only have 10 members registered on MyScout. If anyone is having problems with getting the leaders and youth into the Regatta event, please contact Mike Hovington on mike.hovington@tas.scouts.com.au.

When you get your leaders, youth, and adult helpers (which includes parents/carers) onto the MyScout Regatta Event, you must send Lyn the short cut form (sg.regatta@tas.scouts.com.au) and pay for the adult and youth. It would be appreciated if you would email Lyn to let her know a payment has been made. All information is on the short cut form, which all Scout, Venturer, Rover Adviser should have.

Leaders, if you have youth members or adults who would like to know more about the Regatta, then there are youtube videos available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mdcox4wenFw> (short version) and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wB1Gg931ykg> (3 minute version)

The cheaper rate ends on the 15th of December 2022, so please get your members into the system ASAP.

As some leaders would have seen in the last week or so, MyScout has been updated. There are also many updates that have not been implemented yet but will be in the coming weeks and months.

New Youth Member – we will be looking at parents filling in straight into MyScout, which will make it quicker to get the new youth member into the system. Every group will have a QR code for the parent to scan and fill in a quick name and email address. The parent then will get an email with a link to fill in the rest of the information that we need. This will give the new youth member three weeks to say yes or no. If no the information is deleted out of our database. If yes, Branch will bill the group for their new member. We don't know at this stage who will be notified of new member, but we hope the Treasure and the GL, as well as the Branch will be contacted.

Security – we will also be switching on Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) to make our data safer from hackers. An email will be going out to all Adults who have access to MyScout telling them what will happen and when.

The preferred name will be added to the youth member data.

Leaders who have not completed their COAL will be converted to Adult Helper after three years. It is considered that three years is long enough to complete the first part of their training.

Rovers will automatically be deregistered from MyScout from the Rover position on turning 26. If the Rover has other adult roles, they will keep this position.

There is lots of extra reports that Branch can now use, but most leaders and other adults will not need to know any of these.

The Adult Awards will be processed better, with the form being on MyScout to nominate an adult for an award.

Financial returns will be enforced, to make should our organisation complies with all audit requirements.

The Event function has also been improved, just in time for the Regatta. We can give a parent a temporary position of Event Member, they will still need to give their WWVP card number before this can be done. This will make it easier to change them back to their parent position after the event.

To come – Adult forms will be replaced by the forms in MyScout. This will make sure the steps are followed and filled in and makes sure the forms don't get lost.



Scouts
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Scouts wish to thank all of its
members and volunteers for their time
and hope you all have a Merry Christmas

**BHQ end of year Christmas
Drinks & Nibblies**

Friday 16th December, 4pm - 6.30pm

Scouts Tasmania
330 Proctors Rd
Kingston

BHQ closes on
16th December
BHQ Re-opens
16th January



Spreyton

In memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Spreyton Scout Group have produced a commemorative badge as a fundraiser.

Dimensions: 76mm Octagonal Design

Price: \$6 each

Postage(within Australia)

1 - 4 items \$1.10

>4 items \$2.20

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Available from: 14 /11/ 2022 until stocks run out

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With Thanks

Cherie Cox

