

Scouts Tasmania Newsletter

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ONE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM ACROSS FIVE SECTIONS



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Chief's Report

A very successful workshop was held with our Future Directions – The Next Steps team to plan the next stage of our implementation.

A working model for the Support Structure has now been developed and will be taken to all our Group Leaders & Commissioners at a workshop at Ross on the 18th March for feedback and input.

The Area Support Teams will be a major focus of that meeting as well.

Should any Group Leader be unavailable, a representative is invited to take their place, as the outcomes of this workshop will directly affect all Groups into the future. The more involvement we have will make sure as many options as possible are discussed.

Numbers are looking good for Regatta. Almost 640 at last count. Remember there is no late fee this year, so if you have any member of your Unit that is “umming & aahing” about coming, encourage them along and let Mike Hovington know asap.

What a terrific effort from our Scouts at the Wooden Boat Festival. Leanne Caunter coordinated with the organisers to provide a high profile event for Scouting and received great feedback. On behalf of all our members, I give Leanne our sincere thanks for the huge effort put in over many months and to all the Groups that helped out over the festival.

Phil Harper

Chief Commissioner

Scouts Tasmania

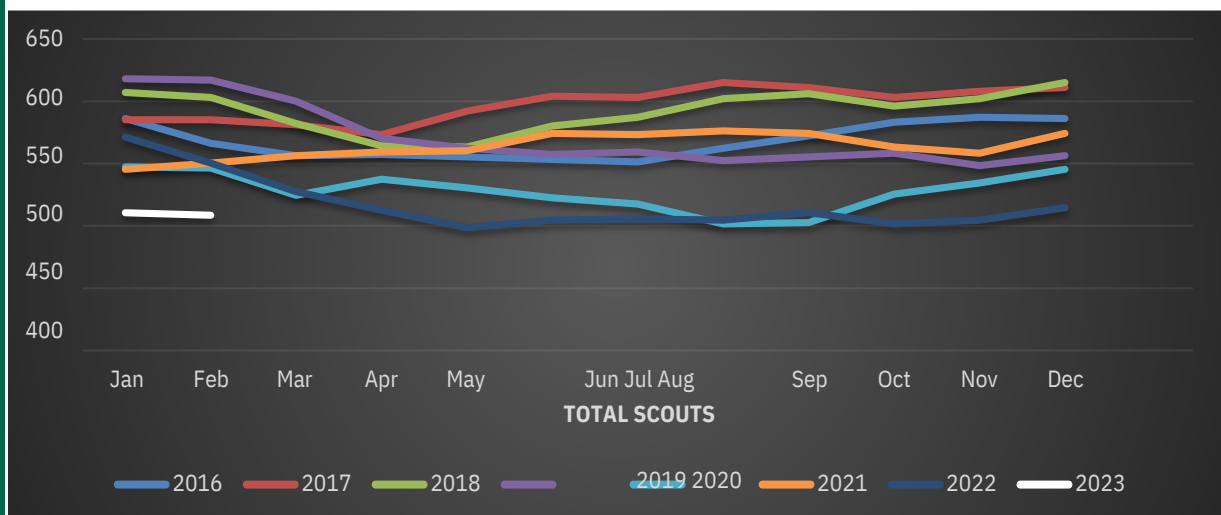
Scout Report

Welcome to March. I hope your Scouting year has begun well and that it is a bumper year for you.

This month I'm talking about:

- Numbers,
- Scout/Guide Regatta,
- the Commissioner's Challenge
- All Leaders Weekend,
- upcoming Training Courses,
- and · Clark Trophy.

Numbers



Regatta, Regatta, Regatta!

Our Scout numbers (currently 508 and nearly 38% of the 1350 total youth members of Scouts Tasmania) have remained very stable since about April of 2022. Please continue with what you're doing to ensure our Scouts get Fun, Adventurous, Challenging, and Inclusive activities.

The countdown is on. By the time you read this, it might already be done and dusted! I hope you enjoy yourself (or did enjoy yourself!).

If the Regatta is still yet to happen when you receive this, well I hope to see you there. Please come and say Hello if you are!

Commissioner's Challenge Competition!

This year the Commissioner's Challenge badge will be designed by a Scout. And perhaps it'll be one of your Scouts! Please share the competition with them and invite them to send their designs to me. This can be done by sending a photo of a drawing or by emailing a digital design. The winning design will be chosen by the District Scout Leaders and will be put on a 7.5x7.5cm badge.

Entries should contain the text "Commissioner's Challenge 2023" and the Scout logo somewhere within them. Entries should be received by the end of Term 2.

All Leaders' Weekend

The 2023 All Leaders' Weekend will be held at Fulton Park (Forth) on the weekend of June 24th and 25th. Please put this in your calendar now!

The All Leaders' Weekend is a fun weekend of social interaction, personal development, and consultation and includes leaders across all Sections.

What do you want to know more about? What support do you need? What would you like to try? Send me an email with ideas for topics that we can invite experts to discuss/demonstrate.

Training

The Training Team has just delivered another Scouting Essentials weekend. Next up will be Scouting Adventure. Don't forget that the cut-off for all training courses is 14 days from the start of the course.

Are you a new leader? Are you an existing leader who's interested in learning/doing more? Please have a look at the calendar on *MyScout* for training opportunities (https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/calendar_month).

Clark Trophy

Way off in the distance of the year (November 18th and 19th) is the next Clark Trophy. It's a light-weight hike camp this year. Attendance from all Groups is encouraged; please put it in your Calendar now and please try to avoid organising other camps/activities at that time.

Best wishes,
-Julian.

Dr Julian Dermoudy
Branch Commissioner, Scouts
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Cub Report

Most of you will now have had 3-4 nights with your Cubs for the new year. Have you been making the most of the nice weather and extended daylight? Have you been “out and about”? Please let me know what’ve been up to for the start of the year. It’s always great to hear and share ideas! You might also like to consider sending things through for the new Scouts Tasmania magazine!

Regatta Taster

The Regatta is back and so is the Cub Regatta Taster Day!! Saturday 11th March 1pm – 4pm. See the separate notice attached.

Commissioners Challenge

There will likely be a Commissioners Challenge again this year. Do you or your Cubs have any thoughts or ideas on what this could be? Please let me know!

Cuboree 2023

Planning is well underway for the 2023 Cuboree. The theme this year will be Pirates!

We still have positions available on our Committee and really do need a few more people to join. Two positions that we need to fill urgently are Camp Chief & Site Co-ordinator. If you or someone you know are interested in these roles please get in touch with me.

Good Hunting!

David Henwood

Branch Commissioner – Cub Scouts

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Joey Report

Term 1 is well underway, and I hope all is going well in your Joey Scout Unit. It has been wonderful to see so many Joey Scout Units making the most of the nice weather and enjoying our beautiful outdoors. In particular it was lovely to see Joey Scouts involved in the Wooden Boat Festival. Well done to all involved in this fantastic event!

Commissioner's Challenge



Don't forget that you have until the end of March to send in forms for Units that completed the Commissioner's Challenge in 2022. You can order the badges (\$3.50 each) by completing the online form <https://forms.office.com/r/DEpKEgaQgX>. Congratulations to the 1st Tamar Joey Scout Unit who recently received their badges for completing the challenges.

Keep an eye on your inboxes as the 2023 Commissioner's Challenge will be coming out soon! The theme for this year's challenge will be "Our Community". Our Joey Scout Units will be encouraged to be active members of their communities by completing a series of challenges with a community focus.

Congratulations

Two Joey Scout Challenge Awards have been presented since the last newsletter. Congratulations to Theodore Retallick from the 1st Tamar Joey Scout Unit and to Nausicaä Finch-Forinash from the North West Bay Joey Scout Unit for achieving this Award. Well done to you both on all your hard work!



Upcoming events

Don't forget to check out Scouts Tasmania's Calendar in MyScout (https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/calendar_month) for upcoming training opportunities. Upcoming training courses in March and April include TP Kayaking/Canoeing Moving Water, Scouting Adventure, Scouting Management, SP Abseiling and a variety of First Aid courses.

Some other upcoming events:

- 21 March, Harmony Day, www.harmony.gov.au
- 1 April, Southern Joey Scout Leader get together, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (mid-afternoon - time to be confirmed).

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

Happy Joey Scouting!

Ruth Henderson
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Cubs and Guides not old enough* to join the full regatta, along with your Cub/Guide Leader are invited to come along to the

SCOUT GUIDE REGATTA 2023 @ SNUG BEACH REGATTA TASTER

Saturday March 11th 1-4.00pm

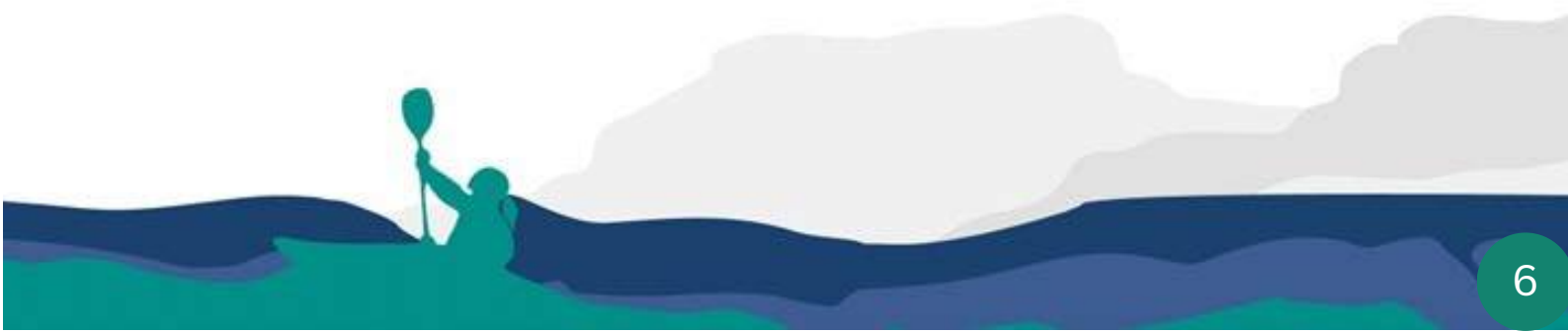
The Scout Guide Regatta has been an annual highlight on the Scouting and Guiding Calendar for older members (until Covid disrupted things), BUT Cubs and Guides (along with your Leader) are invited to come along to the Regatta Taster! This is a great opportunity to see our members in action on the water and what you'll get up to as you go through the ranks of Guides and Scouts.

The fun commences after lunch time, gather on the parade ground at 1pm (form into groups of about 10) and head off for some awesome fun-filled activities like:

Come and have a go- kayaking/canoeing (2 leaders/parents will need to help in the water) **OR** Greasy/slippery pole

- Bucket relay • Thong throw
- Squeazy bottle battle • Musical flags
- Splash about • Sand sculpting

*****4 way Tug-of-war*** @ 3.30pm **Finishing with a HUGE sponge battle on the oval at 4.00pm (sponges supplied)****



What to bring:

- a leader or parent
- afternoon tea and drink
- water shoes on at all times
 - o oyster shells on the beach are sharp.
- bathers and rashie or a wet suit
- goggles if needed
- Warm dry clothes for afterwards
- Towel x 2
- Sunscreen and hat
- Raincoat if the weather looks wet



Remember: Lost property stays lost if it's not named, we like to get things back to their rightful owners, so please name your gear and include your group.

Each group will need a leader or suitable parent to go around the activities with their cubs or guides. We aim to provide the leaders/parents with instructions for the activities via email in the week prior to the event. The leaders/parents will need to run the activity for their group as we are guests at the Regatta. Your group will need to choose between kayaking and the greasy pole (there will be some assistance from Rovers here).

If you are a small group, we may arrange for members to join with another small group. This is a free event but please RSVP to Shada melanieabbott@mac.com indicating whether you're more interested in kayaking or the greasy pole. For further information please contact Shada (Melanie Abbott) melanieabbott@mac.com or Raksha (Jacki Fox) howrahcubs@outlook.com.

*Due to the difference in age groups between the Guide and Scout organisations, we have defined the age range for participation in the taster to Guides aged 7+ and registered Cubs.





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Tour de Tassie 7

14-22 April 2023

**Blow the top off
Tassie!**



- * 8 days cycling across the top of Tasmania!
- * Fully catered & supported
- * 450km cycling divided into bite-sized day rides
- * Patrol challenges
- * Scout-age & above
- * Learn how to ride with a road-cycling bunch

Event fee: \$350

That's less than \$50 per day!

Road Bikes available to hire

Riders may need to attend a local training session prior to the event.

For more information & applications email: cyclingscoutstas@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: 24th March 2023

Venture 24

Victoria



Venture24 - a two-week Venturer Scout activity camp taking place in early January 2024 in Victoria. This event will be held at Lardner Park, Gippsland and will follow a similar format to past national Ventures with a variety of expeditions on offer. With a focus on affordability, there will be a range of price points available for the expeditions and a special base camp program for Leaders.

The organising team has extensive experience in managing Scout events and involves young people at every level. We expect to welcome approximately 700-800 attendees.

For more information, please visit venture24.au where basic details about the event are currently available. Additional updates will be released in the coming weeks.

An invitation to all

Whilst Venture24 is a Victorian event, we are eager to reach out to potential participants from other states. We understand that the cost of attending overseas events may be prohibitive for some, which is why we would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in attending.



HOBART GANG SHOW 2023
AUDITIONS
SUNDAY 19TH MARCH
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN
TO REGISTERED MEMBERS
SCOUTING AND GUIDING



What is Hobart Gang Show?

For over forty years Hobart Gang Show has been providing young people with opportunities to develop confidence, resilience and teamwork through the performing arts. Along the way, they also have lots of fun!

Hobart Gang Show is an annual theatrical production which is a training activity providing young people of Scouts and Girl Guides Tasmania with practical experience of performance and stage-craft. Involvement may be in singing, dancing/movement and speaking roles on stage. There are also opportunities to be involved in band or backstage. Many of the Gang have developed life-long passions in areas related to the performing arts with some, as a direct result of their involvement with the Show, going on to notable professional careers either on stage or in a backstage field.



Each year we are looking for young people to be involved, to open doors they may not have explored, or give further experience in an interest area. There is so much to be gained through the experience of Hobart Gang Show. It goes further than a talent or technical skill, but builds character through rehearsals, discipline, being physically active and gaining confidence to the end result of showcasing their work to an audience. There is also the opportunity for your involvement to be used towards achievement awards or attain a Certificate II or III in Creative Industries.

What's Next

The next step to gaining so much through your experience with Hobart Gang Show and the performing arts is to book an audition. It is your chance to be involved, but if you don't come along, you will miss the opportunity offered. Casting is usually youth members aged 11 - 26, but any current member of Scouting or Guiding may audition. Gang Show offers a unique and easy to enter environment to learn the skills required to perform on stage and in front of an audience.

About the audition

Hobart Gang Show is an inclusive production. Auditions are designed to help us find the best place for you in the show, ideally on stage. Everyone who auditions will be made welcome, regardless of their ability and the audition is usually as a small group. There are three components to the audition - acting, singing and movement. Book an audition (link below). If you can't attend, please contact to discuss an alternative. Times listed below ...

Follow this link to find out more and to book an audition. <https://www.trybooking.com/CGIWT>

- 10.45 a.m. arrival - 12.15 p.m. pick up
- 1.00 p.m. arrival - 2.30 p.m. pick up
- 2.45 p.m. arrival - 4.15 p.m. pick up



Any questions, contact Denice on 6224 1105 or email: pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au

Huon District

While the Huon District Founder's Day activities on the beach couldn't go ahead due to the rain, a great fun day was held at the Port Cygnet Scout hall with Huonville and Port Cygnet Scouts finding some fun alternatives. The billy carts however, did not fair too well.



Port Cygnet Scout Group

Celebrating 100 years! Fun day in the Park April 30th

Port Cygnet Scout Group are celebrating 100 years since Scouting first began in Cygnet!

to commemorate this special occasion we would like to invite other Scout groups to join us to provide family friendly activities for our community.

If you would like to run an outdoor game, build a herdy gerdy or flying fox etc.

Please call Robyn on 0438950163 if you would like to participate

email: portcygnetscouts@gmail.com