

Scouts Tasmania Newsletter

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ONE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM ACROSS FIVE SECTIONS



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Chief's Report



Let's talk about Oops, something that happens with all of us from time to time.

Oops generally means something that is an inconvenience, usually defined as: exclamation to show recognition of a mistake or minor accident.

Because of the range of activities undertaken we, in Scouting, have lots of oops happening, usually in different areas and not all at the same time.

What's this all about?

Lots of oops of a similar nature can indicate an inherent problem with the way we are doing things. We currently have no consistent means of collecting and recording these, which means that potential solutions to problems are not addressed in a consistent or timely manner. As a part of our **Risk Management Compliance** we need to improve this.

How are we going to do it?

Incidents (from oops to major) all need to be reported and a **redesigned TOPS26 (Incident Form)** has been added to MyScout – Documents - Forms. The new version is focussed on information gathering and getting your input on how we might be able to avoid the incident in the future. Examples may be (but not limited to) equipment failure, inappropriate Social Media posts, not acceptable behaviour, bad press, break ins, financial and any of the myriad of niggly incidents that happen.

The form is not a vehicle to lay blame, it is a vehicle for improvement, so don't worry that you are creating work or creating a problem for someone by filling in the form. Not filling it in ultimately creates more work and problems.

So, even if you think it's only an oops, please get into the habit of providing Scouts with the information we need to make your and all our members time in Scouting as safe as we can. So please embrace Incident Reporting as an opportunity to improve Scouting. It's definitely not a negative thing to do, so hop on and complete one as a matter of course, rather than only when it's "major".

Cheers



The President of Scouts Australia
Tasmanian Branch
Mr Nigel Clutterbuck
requests the pleasure of your company
at the
Annual General Meeting
to be held on
Friday 2nd June 2023 commencing at 7.30pm
at the Latrobe Memorial Hall
170 Gilbert Street, Latrobe

Presentation of Awards

Good Service Awards, Chief Commissioner Achievement Awards and Achievement Certificates and Australian Scout Medallions will be presented.
Queen's Scout and Baden-Powell Awards acknowledged.

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

Decorations may be worn.

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

**RSVP by 12th May 2023 to Branch Headquarters on
Phone 6229 9385 or
Email: admin@tas.scouts.com.au**

Scout Report

It's May and Winter is coming! But before it does we have Jamboree on the Trail!

This month I'm talking about:

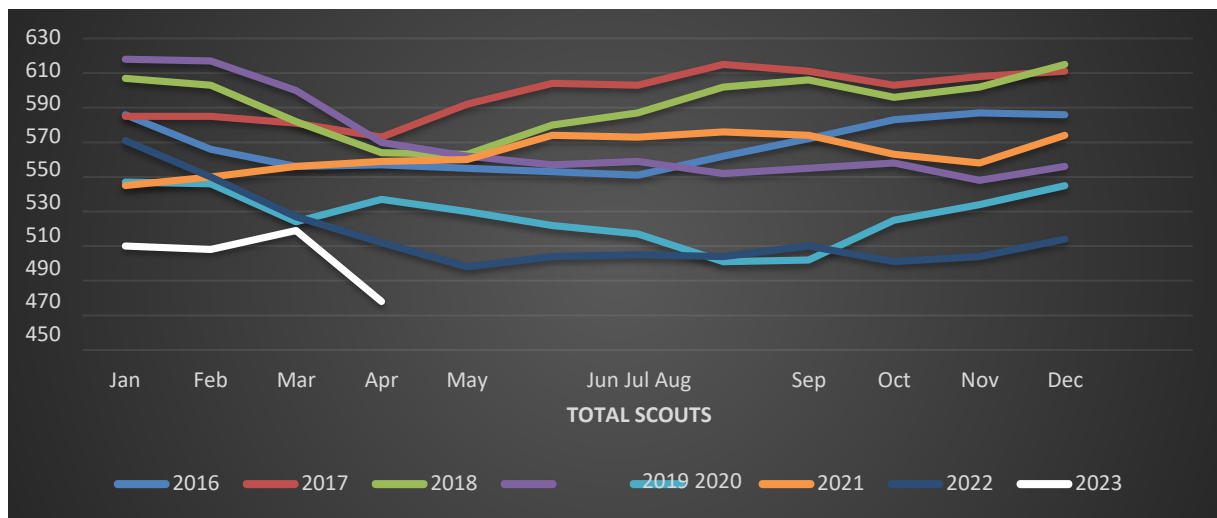
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Jamboree on the Trail

From <https://jamboreeonthetrail.org/>: "Jamboree On The Trail is an annual day for the World Scout Movement to hike together. All Scouts, whatever their age and wherever they may be in the world, are invited to participate in whatever way they can." Saturday May 13th is JOTT 2023. Please get out on the trails, take photos, post them to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/322450121700>, and order the badges!



Numbers



Sadly our numbers are in decline this month and have decreased by 41 since mid-March. This isn't unusual at this time of the year but the decline, though occurring later than usual, is also steeper than usual and we've fallen below 500 for the first time. Scouts Tasmania has lost 51 youth members in this last month and our numbers have unfortunately fallen below 1300 for the first time. Over the last month, the other sections' numbers have remained stable.

I will be creating an 'exit survey' so that we can learn more about why those who leave are leaving. More about that in email soon.

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.

Program and Form Changes

Recently there have been changes to the Outdoor Adventure Skills Bushcraft activity requirements. Changes affect all stages, stages 1-9. I have requested the text of the alterations, but if you use Terrain, then Terrain is already up-to-date with the changes.

There have been changes to the Incident Form (TOP26) and Leader Training Application Form (TOP07). This is just a reminder not to stock-pile paper forms, but to always refer to MyScout for the latest versions. I urge you to look at the new TOP26 (<https://tas-1.myscout.com.au/DocumentDisplay/456>). It should be used for a variety of reasons and will allow Scouts Tasmania to identify issues, protect leaders and youth, and recognise trends. It's purpose is to fix potential issues and it is not punitive in any way.

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, so please talk to your Scouts and get those designs in!

Cuboree

This year is a Cuboree year! A Scout or two will be required to support each patrol of Cubs. Scout leaders, could you please talk to your Cub leaders and also start talking to your Scouts to determine who would be a good choice to assist.

Scouts also run an Activity Base. If you have Scouts interested in assisting, please respond when I call for assistance but start talking to your Scouts now!

Training

The next Scouting Essentials weekend will be held at Fulton Park in Forth in the North West In May 27–28th. Also on that weekend is a TP Pioneering course and a Youth Helper course.

Don't forget that the cut-off for all training courses is 14 days from the start of the course.

Please have a look at the calendar on *MyScout* for this and other 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.

Well that's it for another month. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM in Latrobe in early June!

Best wishes,

-Julian.

Dr Julian Dermoudy

Branch Commissioner, Scouts

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Cub Report

Term 2 is here! I hope you all had a good break to recharge. Did your unit participate in ANZAC Day? If you have some photos to share please send them through! What have you got planned for Term 2? Remember Cuboree is coming up this year so it would be good to start the Cubs on some practice camps, or even just practicing setting up a tent in the hall.

Cub Numbers

Looking at My Scout the number of Cubs we have across the state continue to decline. At the start of 2022 we had 580 Cubs. This has now dropped to 402 which is a concern. I would love to hear your thoughts on what you feel is causing this, and what we could possibly do to help address the issue. Has your unit been able to recruit and retain members? If so please get in touch and share your methods so we can pass them on to other units.

Cuboree 2023

Planning is well underway for the Cuboree and I thank all those who are on the committee. We are still looking for a Camp Chief so if you or someone you know are interested please get in touch. Further information about the Cuboree should be sent out this month so keep an eye on your email.

All Leaders Weekend

As I'm sure you are already aware there is an "All Leaders Weekend" coming up next month (24-25 June) at Fulton Park. We will have some time just for Cub Leaders and I'm interested to know what topics would be beneficial to cover during this time. What would help you in your role? What areas are you struggling with? Please get in touch and let me know.

Grey Wolf Awards

Congratulations to the following Cubs who have achieved their Grey Wolf Award! This is a fantastic achievement! One! Two! Three! WOLF!!!!

Rhys Reavell	1st Derwent
Ella Farquhar	Summerhill
Isabelle O'Keefe	Summerhill
Karli Manning	Summerhill

Good Hunting!
David Henwood
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Joey Report

Whilst it may have been school holidays, there was lots going on in the Joey Scout section. In particular, it was great to see so many Joey Scout Units involved in ANZAC Day commemorations throughout the State. It means so much to members of our community to see the involvement of our Scouts at such events and it is a wonderful way to show our commitment to our Community. Well done to all those involved.

Commissioner's Challenge – "Our Community"

I hope your Joey Scout Unit is getting ready to take on this year's Commissioner's "Community" Challenge. If your Unit participated in an ANZAC Day service then they have completed one challenge already! As I mentioned in my email, to complete the Commissioner's Challenge your Joey Scout Unit needs to complete 8 out of the 12 challenges during 2023. If you have not yet received details of the Commissioner's Challenge, please let me know.

Also, not long now until the badge design competition closes (May 5) so please get those entries in. Well done to those Joey Scouts, such as Conwae (pictured), who have already sent in their entries.



Messengers of Peace

Whilst on the theme of Community, as part of your Joeys Scout Unit's community engagement they might like to consider working on the Messengers of Peace Badge. For those that are not familiar with the badge, the Messengers of Peace badge is a WOSM program that encourages Scouts to explore challenges within their community and then implement a project to solve the problem they have identified. For the Joey Scout section the requirements are:

- Learn about the Messengers of Peace initiative in a Joey Scout Unit meeting.
- Participate in a positive action that helps your community.

More information can be found at <https://members.scout.org/messengersofpeace> . Badges are available from the Scout Shop.



Jamboree on the Trail – the final hike!

Saturday, May 13 is 'Jamboree on the Trail' (JOTT). JOTT is an annual day for the World Scout Movement to hike together. It has for the last 26 years been a wonderful event, getting Scouts of all ages outdoors and sharing their experiences (as well as earning a cool badge).

Sadly this is the last JOTT as the organiser is retiring. Thank you to David Wibe (JOTT Hike Chief) and his team (including Peter Thomas, Australian coordinator) on behalf of all the Tasmanian Joey Scouts and Joey Scout Leaders



who have enjoyed this event over the years. Until recently I did not realise that this event, which has become a staple part of Scout Group calendars across the world, was started and run by a handful of volunteer leaders. It shows how a small group of people working together really can make a difference.

Visit www.jamboreonthetrail.org for badge orders and information. For inspiration there is also a Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/jotthike>) where Scouts from around the world post photos of their JOTT walk. Some of these photos are just amazing. I'd really like to encourage Joey Scout Units to register for JOTT and to get out walking on May 13. Let's send JOTT out with a bang!

Congratulations

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Danie Forinash on her appointment as District Joey Scout Leader for Kingborough. Welcome to your new role Danie! We are delighted to have you in our Joey Scout Branch Council Team .

As always, If you have any questions or concerns about the above or anything Joey Scout-related, please feel free to contact me
Happy Joey Scouting!

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Adult Recognition Awards

Special Service Award

KENNETH CLAYTON
IAN DUNCAN
FELICITY GIVEEN
JUNE JAMESON
DARREN MATTHEWS
GAIL SAUNDERS
JODIANNE SMALLBON
ELENI VAN ZANTEN
HEATHER WALTERS
GARY WEILEY

silver Wattle

JULIAN DERMOUDY

Meritorious Service Award

CHERIE COX
TRACEY HOWARD
MARKEETA MATHEWS
JACQUELINE SHERRIFF

Outstanding Service Award

MICHAEL GREEN
KATHY WINDUSS

Silver Emu

ALLAN DOLBEY

Silver Kangaroo

GERALDINE HARWOOD

Chief Commissioner Awards

Chief commissioner's Achievement Award

BRADLEY THOMPSON
JUSTINE MCKEOWN
LUCUS BRYAN
NARELLE BALL
PHOEBE DJAKIC
SHERIE BALL
OWEN HOLLOWAY
GLENN MADDOCK
STUART MORSE

Chief commissioner's Achievement Certificate

GABRIELLE DEWSBERRY
SAM BROOKS
LUKE BRYDON
NAOMI HOWE
OLA HOWE
SARAH WHITFORD
BRYCE ANDREWS
WAYNE MOORE
GEOFF PILGRIM
ALEXANDER OTTEN
SAM FITTKAU
DAMIAN POKE
KRISTIE POKE
ALEXANDER FINDLATER
HELEN BALL
IAN BALL

Training

Leader Training and Support

OJT (On the Job Training) has now been turned on and there seems to be some teething issues. Changing the Team Leader and next level up is having issues and we are working to find a solution.

Upcoming training is listed below and please make sure you put in your TOP 7 to Branch ASAP as some course are looking like being cancelled, this needs to be done at least three weeks before any Courses to help us make sure the course can be run. Here is a list of upcoming training and dates:

Abseiling 4-6th May – Quercus Park (Logbook hours and training refresher, no course fees)

Basic Seamanship (Sailing and Rowing) 13-14th May – South TBA

Climbing – Natural TP 13-14th May *** Limited Numbers ***

Scouting Essentials 27-28th May – FULTON PARK – NW

Pioneering TP 27-28th May – FULTON PARK – NW ***NEW COURSE*** Limited Numbers

Caving SP/TP 2-4th June – Mole Creek TBA ***NEW COURSE*** Limited Numbers

Scouting Adventure 17-18th June - FULTON PARK – NW

Scouting Management 17-18th June - FULTON PARK – NW

Bushwalking TP (Alpine Conditions) 28-30th – Cradle Mtn Limited numbers

Later in the year - 4WD SP/TP 13-14th August, Abseiling TP – 25-27th August, Scouting Leadership (Woodbadge) 1st day – 2nd September (2nd Weekend 27-29th October)

Congratulations to the cycling team as the TDT7 has been completed and a great and safe time was had by all, please look out for the Mountain biking in October , which will be a perfect progression for any leaders training to SP and TP Cycling for MTB.

Are you having issues keeping your hours up? Maybe consider coming along to a training course as a mentor or participant.

GILWELL REUNION

Saturday 1st July – all holders of a Wood Badge are invited to catch up with their fellow Gilwellians at the Gilwell Reunion, The Lea Scout Centre from 5.30 pm. Nibbles, main course, dessert and cheese and biscuits, including all drinks, more information to come but keep the date free and come along. As always partners are **very** welcome to attend.

Adult Helpers

Have been asked numerous times recently what is required for Adult Helpers so here is an explanation, Scouting TAS loves Adult Helpers and many become future leaders!!

New Adult Helper signup.

Scouting in Tasmania is fully supportive of encouraging parents to sign-up as Adult Helpers when they are keen to assist with activities that they have an interest in. Many Adult Helpers do go on and become future leaders, but we must make sure we cover all Child Safe and WHS requirements. For any adult that is interested in assisting with any group the process for signing up as an Adult Helper is:

1 – Fill in the New Leader/Adult Helper paperwork which includes WWVP card, a National Police Check and referee checks.

2 – Complete the 2 compulsory eLearning modules under the Scouting Preliminary section of the training portal – Child Safe Scouting and WHS for Scouting

Once this is completed, Adult Helpers are able to assist and be involved with all scouting activities except for the following AA activities.

Where an adult is performing a role in an Adventurous Activity where they are working with youth or adult members on a continuing basis the following training is required i.e. a parent is coming along to Abseiling/Climbing and belaying participants on a climbing wall. A one-off time under the supervision of the AA activity leader does not require a trained person but once a person is doing this on multiple occasions, they are required to complete the following training to a minimum of SP (Safe Participant)

Bushwalking (overnight hikes only) – Complete the Scouting Adventure weekend course and required eLearning. This can be done by RPL/RCC

Vertical (Abseiling), Vertical (Climbing), Vertical (Caving) – Complete the SP (Safe Participant) Abseiling or Climbing or Caving course and required eLearning i.e. Level 1 Abseiling and Adventurous Activities common core. There is NO RPL/RCC for any Vertical path.

Kayaking/Canoeing, White Water Rafting, Sea Kayaking – Complete the SP (Safe Participant) Kayaking/Canoeing or WWR or Sea Kayaking course and required eLearning i.e. Level 1 Canoeing/Kayaking and Adventurous Activities common core. This MAY be able to be done by RPL/RCC.

Any Adult Helper is encouraged to do TP (Trained Participant) and higher training, and this can be part of a VET outcome i.e. Certificate 3 or above in Outdoor Leadership.

Q&A

What is the difference between Adult Leader and Adult Helper signup and training?

The signup is the same for both Leaders and Helpers, however Adult Helper training does not include all Scouting Preliminary eLearning (just the 2 mandatory modules), with neither the Scouting Essentials course/eLearning, or Scouting Adventure training required (unless they wish to assist with overnight bushwalks). As per TOPS, Scouting Adventure eLearning modules are required for some AA activities.

If you have completed any training in the outdoor space i.e. bushwalking, boating etc have you completed your TOP31 to have the scout endorsement updated?

Have you filled in your TOP27 (LOGBOOK) for the month!!

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

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AJ2025 IS COMING

You can be part of the Leadership Team to make it all happen for our Tassie Scouts

MARYBOROUGH – QUEENSLAND

6th – 15th Jan 2025

Gold Coast after Tour

16th – 19th Jan 2025

A Jamboree doesn't happen without the support of team of adults to help our Scouts enjoy the Scouting Experience of a lifetime.

All sorts of opportunities are available, and if you talk to Leaders and Adults who have been a part of a Jamboree they will tell you it's a rewarding and fun experience, with a fair bit of work thrown in to keep you on your toes.

In particular we are seeking people interested in the following positions:

*Contingent Leader (Unfortunately Stuart Bennell is now unavailable)

- Organising our team and part of the National Jamboree Organising Committee

*Merchandising Manager – Organising Contingent Merchandise and Shop

*Travel Manager – Organising getting us there and back

**Preliminary work has already started, so these positions need to be up and running during May so please get in touch by 13th May to express your interest to me at phil.harper@tas.scouts.com.au*

Jamboree Troop Leaders – Manage a team of 4 other Leaders for 6 Patrols

We look forward to you joining us at AJ2025.

Sophie (Admin), David (QM) & Phil (Gofer) - AJ2025 team (so far)



JAMBOREE IS BACK!

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16th – 19th Jan 2025

Join the Tasmanian Contingent and have the experience of a lifetime with 10 days of activities and entertainment with 10,000 other Scouts.

Information Sessions will be held on:

Sunday September 10th Ulverstone Hall 1 – 2 pm

4th Launceston Hall 6 – 7 pm

Wednesday September 13 Lindisfarne Hall 7 – 8pm

Corroboree 2024

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Will be held at Fulton Park – Forth - Easter 2024 - 29 March – 1 April

This is a family friendly event, so put it in your diary now and and join the fun and challenges.

Tour de Tassie 7

Tas Scouts Cycling Team

In April, 20 Scouts, Venturers, a linking Cub & 6 leaders completed over 400K of cycling, from Stanley to St. Helens. They were not cowed by the rain, which seemed to follow us every couple of days. The riders learnt new skills in cycling & had plenty of fun along the way!

Day one started in Stanley, learning how to ride safely in a bunch before hitting the long road to Burnie. They made it as far as Sisters Hills, before rain hit & they were forced to ride the rest of the way in the supporting minibuses.

The next day brought sunny weather & the riders made their way from Burnie by road & cycle path to Latrobe, stopping for ice-cream along the way. Then after a night at Fulton Park, they rode from Latrobe, via Railton to Deloraine & Westbury, trying not to get lost along the way! Plenty of small lanes & railway crossings made to avoid the busy highway.

Day 4 brought more rain, so a morning was spent on cycling skills at Fulton Park as part of a patrol challenge. Then they made to ride from Westbury to Carnaroo camp, before rain again hit & the bus was called in to drive to Paper Beach. Before retiring to Carnaroo, the riders competed in a 1K time trial, earning patrol competition points & some chocolate too!

On day 5 the cycle route took them from Carnaroo to Bridport, save for a gravel stretch that the grader had unexpectedly moved in to work on and the riders had to be bussed past. Time to play on the playground & inspect the beach, before returning to Carnaroo to sleep.

Bridport to Winnaleah School on day 6; the school being kind enough to yet again host our riders, as with many prior events. Along the way the patrols competed in a Patrol Time Trial race, winning points & more chocolate!

Then the final day, and an early individual hill climb time trial, before topping over Weldborough pass & starting the long descent towards the coast. And then after 7 days of cycling, the riders achieved their destination at the wharf in St. Helens. With of course an ice-cream to celebrate!

As is traditional in cycling camps, the last night was celebrated with patrol skit performances & prizes of (yet more) chocolate!

Ablly assisted by our cycling team, the riders gave it their all, learnt new skills, made new friends & completed an epic challenge! The next event at Derby now beckons for October!

Julian Varney

Cycling team Leader

Scouts Tasmania



Port Cygnet Scout Group have had a very busy month!

During the school holidays with the help of our Scouts and Venturers, we laid 116sq metres of cement, held an all night vigil for Anzac, held a Curan our community Dawn Service and breakfast, marched in the 11am Service including being the cataflaque party, sent one Venturer off on the Lady Nelson trip and 2 off on a 4 day hike with Blackman's Bay to Cradle Mountain.

To finish off the month we organized a community day in our local park, to celebrate 100 years since Scouting first started in Cygnet. Several community groups joined with us to making it a great day and the beautiful sunshine brought the town out to celebrate with us. We will finish our centenary celebrations with a dinner for 110 past and present members on the 6th of May.

Anzac



Port Cygnet Scouts present the Dawn Service to the community of Cygnet every year



Port Cygnet Scouts lead the Cygnet march for the RSL and this year were asked to be the catafalque Party

Port Cygnet Celebrates 100 years



2 of our Scouts rocking it with their band 'Better Than Detention'



History of our group on display along with Scout Heritage with Susan Gardner



Hoon Valley Amateur Radio Hut joined in our celebrations

