

# Scouts Tasmania Newsletter

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## *Queen's Scouts and Queen's Guides*

Government House Presentation—26th May 2023

Her Excellency The Governor Barbara Baker



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# Chief's Report

This month I would like to give you all an update on where a few things are at.

The new **State Operations Committee** has been working on how it will most efficiently function. Now that all areas are managed by an Assistant Chief Commissioner, it has been identified that the membership of SOC should be each of the ACCs and their Deputy, the Chair & Vice Chair of TBRC and the Chief Commissioner and the Deputy CC. Additional skills can be seconded as required. Currently Ruth Henderson & Mike Wilson are involved in the set up and review.

Each of the three **Support Area teams** have now met and the outcomes from these meetings determine the Agenda for the State Operations Committee. With the delegated authority of each area to manage their own portfolios and make decisions that are within policy, the role of the SOC is to deal with matters that require coordination between areas, or may require a review of a Policy.

The Northern Midlands Council has accepted our proposal for the lease of **Avoca School**. There is still a lot of paperwork to sort out between Government Departments so a time frame is not confirmed as yet. It is a terrific site and will provide the Launceston area a multi-purpose facility to replace Carnaroo. Sale proceeds will be utilised to make provisions for our redress obligations, plus make some funding available for improvements to Scout Island access and to the Avoca site. There have been many offers to be on the committee to look after Avoca and thanks to those who have put their hand up. Perhaps the first challenge may be to come up with a suitable name for the property.

**Volunteer Week** gave us all the chance to collectively pat ourselves on the back in recognition of the efforts we all put in for our Organisation. We are part of vast army of volunteers across Australia contributing to our Community and providing services governments do not have the resources to fund. Our Youth benefit with life time experiences from your input and I thank you all on behalf of the State team. Thomas Reed from Cygnet Group, who earned his Queens Scout Award last year, earned the **Young Person of the Year Award 2023** from the Huon Council ( story on page 10 ). Well done Thomas and to the dedicated team of leaders in Cygnet who guided him through his time in Scouting.

Cheers

**Phil Harper** Chief Commissioner

## Youth Program Report

The catch phrase, 'Youth Leading, Adults Supporting' should now be familiar to the ears of all involved in Scouting in Australia. The concept is as old as Scouting itself but has been given renewed emphasis with the latest iteration of the Youth Program.

In April, I was fortunate to see a great example of 'Youth Leading, Adults Supporting' when I was able to visit the Western Australian Branch's 'One Camp – Eclipse'. The concept for this event was developed by a Design Squad of Youth members and then put into practice by another huge group of Youth members. For example, one young Rover was in charge of the roll out of all food to all of the sub-camps over the course of the event. He used skills that he has developed in the paid workforce and was supported by a range of others, including adult members.

One of the important things to come out of the review of the 'One Camp' event is that, while youth empowerment was at the core of the event, Youth members still value and seek out adult involvement. After all, the statement does not just say 'Youth Leading'...the 'Adults Supporting' bit is equally important. I would love to hear of great examples from around our state of Youth members being supported by their adults to Plan>Do>Review> in authentic ways. Let me know what you have been up to. I am keen to showcase these stories in future newsletters.

**Ros Beswick**  
Assistant Chief Commissioner Program Support

# Wooden Boat Festival update

A few months ago, you will remember Hobart hosted the largest Wooden Boat Festival in the Southern Hemisphere. Scouts Groups in the South supported the event and the challenge was managing cross contamination of compostable items to keep them out of landfill.

An update on this, is Scouts made a huge impact !

WBF organisers have advised of the impact Scouts had on keeping the event clean.

**Over the 4 day event, 100% of all compostable bins on site, plus the skip bins were successfully processed as compostable recycling.**

**This relates to equivalent of 250, 240Ltr bins of compostable recycle saved from land fill or contaminated recycle.**



Following on from this outcome, a suppliers has gone one step further. Craig from Bio Pakk donated over 2400 food containers, 1000 water/ juice glasses and 4000 cups to be used at the Cuboree. These were delivered to the Lea mid May. We would like to thank Craig for his wonderful support to Scouting with this donation.

Leanne Caunter

**AUSTRALIAN  
WOODEN  
BOAT FESTIVAL**

## Adult Recognition Awards 2023

Omitted from the May Newsletter issue

**Silver Koala Award**

**Hellen Skeggs**

**Glenn Maddock**



# Joey Scout Report

Well done to those Joey Scouts that participated in Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT). It really is fantastic to think of Scouts from around the world all outdoors hiking on the same day. If you want to see some fantastic photos of Scouts from around the world participating in JOTT go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jotthike>.

## 2023 Commissioner's Challenge

It has been great seeing Joey Scouts out and about and participating in community events and activities as part of the Commissioner's "Community" Challenge. Keep up the great work Jo-eyes! Don't forget that your Unit needs to "plan, do and review" 8 of the 12 community challenges.

Entries for the Commissioner's Challenge badge design competition have now closed. The winning badge design will be announced in the next couple of weeks. Picking a winner will be a tough decision as we have received some fantastic entries. Well done to those that participated in this competition.



### Joey Scout Challenge Award

Since the last Newsletter, Felix Booth from Clarence Joey Scouts has been presented with the Joey Scout Challenge Award. Well done Felix on all your hard work!



## All Leaders' Weekend

June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> is the All Leaders' Weekend at Fulton Park, Forth. It's a chance to network, to talk, to have dinner and a social drink, to plan, to learn skills, and to share program activities and ideas. Please register before June 10<sup>th</sup> using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/eXvnTgxAcD>

## Upcoming events

In addition to the All Leader's Weekend, we have a range of training opportunities and Leader get-togethers on offer during June. These include:

- 2 June, Branch AGM, Latrobe Memorial Hall, 7:30pm
- 11 June, Southern Joey Scout Leader get together, TMAG, 2pm
- 17-18 June, Scouting Adventure, Fulton Park (closing date 5 June 2023)
- 17-18 June, Scouting Management, Fulton Park (closing date 5 June 2023)
- 24-25 June, All Leaders' Weekend, Fulton Park

Well that's it for this month. As always, please contact me anytime with any questions or suggestions. I hope to see you at one of our many Scouting events over the coming month.

Happy Joey Scouting!

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# Joey Scouts in action



# Cub Scout Report

Winter has now arrived! What winter activities does your Unit have planned? Night hikes? Alpine OAS? A winter camp? Get the Cubs prepared for sleeping in tents at Cuboree! Remember it gets cold at the top of The Lea overnight! Did you participate in the last ever JOTT? I'd love to see some photos, please send them through.

## **Cuboree 2023**

Thank you to all who filled in the survey about the Cuboree Shirt. The end result is that this will be offered for an additional cost at early bird sign up only. Further details about the Cuboree will be sent to Leaders during June.

## **All Leaders Weekend**

Everyone should now have received an email about the "All Leaders Weekend" on the 24-25 June at Fulton Park. Please make sure you register if you are attending by filling in the online form before 10<sup>th</sup> June. <https://forms.office.com/r/eXvnTgxAcD>

## **Kingborough District Cub Leadership Course**

Last month the Kingborough District held a Cub Leadership Course. Below is a report from Terry Bryan (DCSL) and some photos ( next Page ).

*It was a very successful day, as we had 24 Cubs attend from 4 Units, including Northwest Bay, Blackmans Bay, Kingston Groups, and we were also joined by Huonville Cub Unit.*

*The Cubs talked about what leadership is, what makes good Leaders and how youth leaders can help their Units run exciting and fun programs. They participated in a couple of team building games, trying to make the tallest towers from dried spaghetti and marshmallows, as well as trying to move water from one bucket to another, when you have been given a cup with no bottom, a balloon with a hole in it, a plastic teaspoon and a piece of thick paper. It was a great day, and I thank the Leaders who gave up their time to help.*

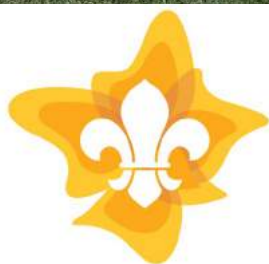
## **Newsletter Content**

I'm interested to hear from Leaders what sort of content you would like to see in the newsletter every month. Please let me know.

Good Hunting!

**David Henwood**  
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# Kingborough District Cub Leadership Course



**Cub  
Scouts**

# Scout Report

Welcome to June!

This month I'm talking about:

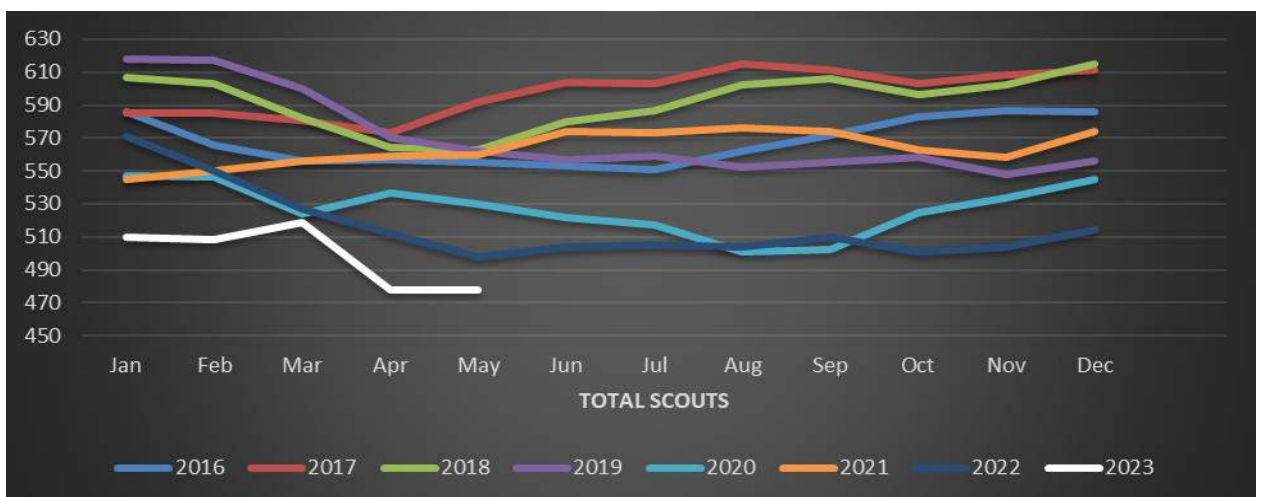
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## All Leaders' Weekend

The 2023 All Leaders' Weekend will be held at Fulton Park (Forth) on the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please register by visiting: <https://forms.office.com/r/eXvnTgxAcD>.

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

## Numbers

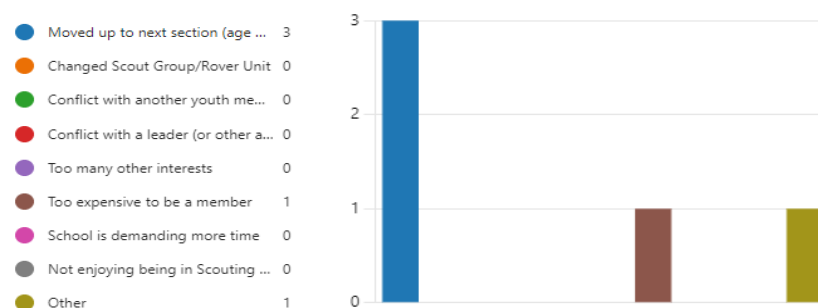


Scouts numbers have stabilised (which is fantastic!). Let's keep working towards an increase.

In the last month, for comparison, Joeys has increased by 6 and Cubs has increased by 19 — so hopefully the pipeline is building. Venturers has declined by 4 and Rovers has declined by 1 over the month.

If you have a Scout leave, could you please ask the reasons, and either ask them or their parents to complete a short 'exit survey' or, could you fill it in on their behalf? The link is: <https://forms.office.com/r/HXvjqDWV4b>

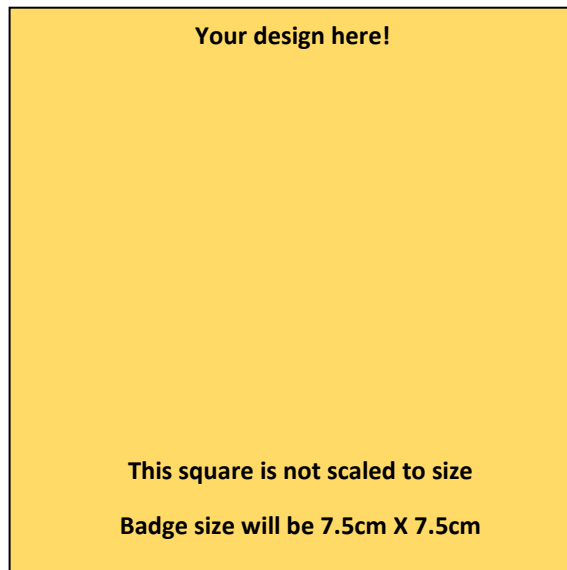
During May we had 5 recorded departures: **Why did the Youth Member leave the Unit**





## 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. (It doesn't have to be square but it has to fit into the square!)



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

Arrrr, this year be a Cuboree year, and the theme be Pirates!

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!

### Clark Trophy

Way off in the distance of the year (November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>) 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.

Congratulations to all — but a big Congratulations to those who are receiving awards at the AGM.

**Julian Dermoudy**

**Branch Commissioner Scouts**

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# Training Report

## Leader Training and Support

Upcoming training is listed below and please make sure you put in your TOP 7 to Branch ASAP 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:

- **Scouting Adventure 17-18<sup>th</sup> June - FULTON PARK – NW**
- **Scouting Management 17-18<sup>th</sup> June - FULTON PARK – NW**
- **Bushwalking TP (Alpine Conditions) 28-30<sup>th</sup> – Cradle Mtn Limited numbers**
- **4WD SP/TP 13-14<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Abseiling TP – 25-27<sup>th</sup> August**

For any Leader wishing to complete their WOOD BADGE the Scouting Leadership Course will be run this year (assuming we have enough applicants!!!) on 1<sup>st</sup> day – 2<sup>nd</sup> September with a full weekend on the 27-29<sup>th</sup> October. Please put your application in ASAP to make sure this runs this year.

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

## Gilwell Reunion

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Please RSVP to [ross.smith@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:ross.smith@tas.scouts.com.au) by 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 if you would like to attend, once again if we do not have enough people this WILL NOT go ahead.

**AA Teams** – Over the next 6 months we will be forming some AA teams to help upskill and maintain our adventurous activity skills for interested Leaders and Adult Helpers. We hope to include all AA skills but will start with the key OAS activities being Bushwalking, Vertical, Boating, Cycling and Paddling. The aim will be to have a group of people that meet via “Teams” once a term and discuss best practice, training and hopefully organise upskill sessions. If you are interested please let me know and you will be added to the proposed Teams.

If you have completed any training in the outdoor space i.e. bushwalking, boating etc have you completed your TOP 31 to have the Scout endorsement updated?

Have you filled in your TOP 27 (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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# Huon Valley Community Awards 2023

On Saturday 20 May 2023, seven volunteers were honoured at Huon Valley Council's Community Awards Ceremony held at the Huonville Town Hall.

In 2022, Huon Valley Council combined what was the Australia Day Awards with the Volunteer Service Awards. Together, the awards are now known as the Huon Valley Community Awards and are presented in May, to align with Volunteer Week.

## Thomas Reed – Young Citizen of the Year

Thomas has been inspiring people since the age of eight, when he joined the Port Cygnet Scout Group. Ten years later, he won the highest award for a Scout youth member – the Queen's Scout Award. He was also School Leader, School Captain, and College Dux during his time at St James College. Thomas is described by one of his seniors at the Scout Group as being the most outstanding Youth member they've seen in 40 years. He is known for his willingness to serve and help others, his work ethic and willingness to lead. Those values have also been recognised by his employer, the CSIRO with a special teamwork award. Thomas has volunteered at garage sales, folk festivals, school fairs, fundraising drives and even put together an Anzac Day Dawn Service on film for the community during lockdown. Congratulation Thomas



*Thomas Reed, with Dean Winter MP, Nic Street MP and Acting Mayor Toby Thorpe ( Top )*



*Right Thomas & District Commissioner Maria — Direen*

*Right bottom — Thomas with proud parents*



# Port Cygnet Celebrates 100 years



Port Cygnet Scouts concluded their 100 year celebration on May 6th with a dinner for just over 100 past and present members. They were joined by 7 of their past Queen's Scouts who are pictured holding the photos of their fellow Queen's Scouts who could not attend.

A birthday cake was cut by their newest i Joey Scout invested on the night - Esther Harvey, their newest leader and Queen's Scout Isabel Weiley, Maria Direen- the districts longest serving leader, and Peter Fletcher the oldest past scout they could find. Peter's father Geoffry Fletcher had also been a past leader.



Below: Mayor Sally Doyle took the opportunity to announce that our 2021 Queen's Scout Thomas Reed, has been awarded Young Citizen of the Year Huon Valley 2023



The group dinner was held on the Coronation day of King Charles, and a portrait of him was unveiled by Isabel to celebrate the occasion.

