

Scouts Tasmania Newsletter

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ONE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM ACROSS FIVE SECTIONS



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Chief's Report

In the last month the State Operations Committee has been refining it's role and reviewing the Support Area structures.

What it is highlighting is the multiple hats that key members of our management team are wearing and the desirability of spreading the tasks of running Scouts Tasmania throughout our membership. This not only makes everyone's life a bit easier, but also broadens the experience available to better support each other.

We really appreciate the time given so freely by so many of you and I'm sure that everyone on the State team would love an extra person or two to share their knowledge and experience as part of a team, rather than work on their own.

There are a wide range of opportunities to utilise your interests and skills, and whether that be a few hours or a few days per month or per year, it all helps.

A great example is a Team that Emily Ezzy as Team Leader Diversity & Inclusion is setting up that will include a wide range of areas, such as Disability, Learning, Cultural & Gender support. I know there are members out there with skills and experience in these areas and I encourage you to contact Emily to see how you can use those to assist all our members.

Peter Dodd wants to build up a team for Radio/Electronics/JOTA/JOTI. This is a fun and interesting area to be involved in. Give Peter a hoy to join him.

A new position is being established to reflect a very important focus of our operations, that is Child Safety. This will be a State position of Commissioner Child Safe and be a part of our Training & Adult Support Team. This role will be partly ensuring our Leaders are trained and supported in their roles, keeping abreast of Child Safe Policies at National & State levels plus being part of the Scouts Australia Child Safe Team.

We are also looking for people to be involved in the team as Advisors for Adult Recognition, Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, Commissioner for Youth Empowerment, Commissioner Youth Program, Commissioner Training, Team Leaders for Environment, Leader Build, District Commissioner Wellington and Deputy Assistant Chief Commissioner Program Support, Deputy Assistant Chief Commissioner Training & Adult Support.

If you would like to be a part of any of these roles and maybe even recruit some others to assist you, get in touch with me and we can have a talk about how to make it happen.

Cheers

Phil

Scout Report

Welcome to August!

This month I'm talking about:

- [Corroboree](#),
- [Scouts in Action Month](#),
- [Numbers](#),
 - [the Commissioner's Challenge](#),
- [Cuboree](#), and
- [Clark Trophy](#).

Corroboree

At Easter next year (29/3–1/4) at Fulton Park in Forth, Corroboree 2024 will be held. This is a preparation camp for Australian Jamboree 2025 ("AJ2025") and is targeted at those who'll be Scout age (11–14) when AJ2025 is held (<https://aj2025.com.au/>).



Scouts will camp in their Group/District with leaders by night and their Camp will self-cater.

During the days, the Scouts will likely participate in the following onsite activities:

- disc golf
- billy carts

- slippery slide
- laser tag
- catapults
- archery
- environment activity
- screen printing
- damper/bush doughnuts
- orienteering
- astronomy
- aboriginal crafts
- flying fox
- high ropes

and also the following likely offsite activities:

- mountain biking
- abseiling/climbing
- flying experience
- sailing/rowing
- white-water rafting
- city exploration

Each patrol of Scouts will need to be accompanied at camp by a leader, parents are required too — parents will camp in a separate area, but are needed to run activities. Each District will be allocated activities to run and without adult participation the camp could not occur. Parents staying overnight will need a WWVP card.

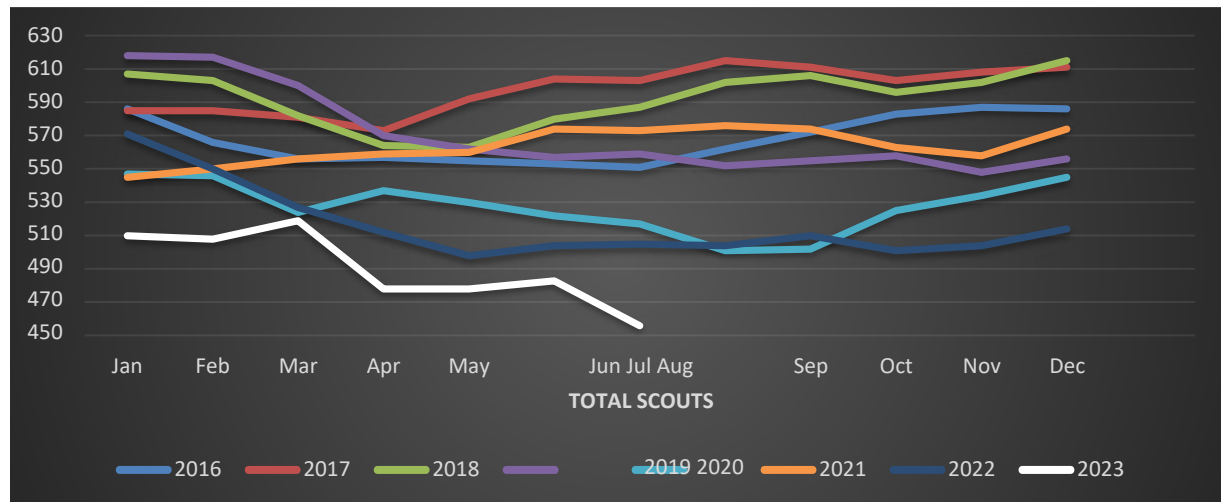
Scouts In Action Month

August is *Scouts In Action Month* (<https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/>). And this month the focus, strangely because we're in winter, is solar energy. There are some sample programs for Scouts at <https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/scout-programs-activities> including instructions for building two different solar ovens.



Would your Scouts like to work on these as projects?

Numbers



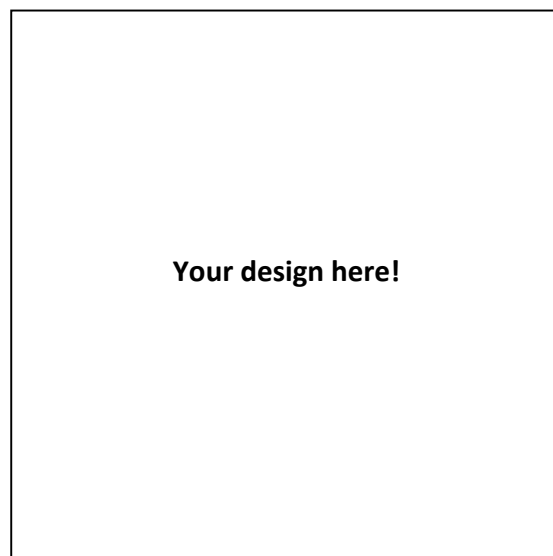
Well, the slow climb we'd experienced from April–June has ceased and we've lost 27 Scouts since June! We're now at 456. It's been a poor picture during July in many sections sadly — leaders down by 10 (to 331), Venturers down by 25 (to 141), Rovers down by 4 (to 50). Once again, there is hope on the horizon via the pipeline with Joey numbers unchanged (205) and Cubs increasing by 7 (to 424).

With regard to the Scout numbers, two Groups have lost 5 Scouts each, four have lost 3 Scouts each, and six have lost 1 or 2. But in good news, two groups have increased their Scout numbers and I'd like to welcome New Norfolk back to Scouting from a period of closure. Well done to those concerned.

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> Despite the 'loss' of 27 — and many could have moved up to Venturers, there's no new data for Scouts during July and I don't know what has happened to those Scouts or why. And we can't do anything useful if we don't know what we're responding to!

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. One final call for designs — please get them to me by the end of August.

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. **Early Bird registration closes on August 11th as does shirt orders.** Go to <https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/events/11> to register your Patrol Leaders!

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

Finally, a reminder that in fourth term (November 18th and 19th) the next Clark Trophy will be held. It's a light-weight hike camp this year and will be held near Oatlands. Patrols will be spread around the property camping in tents within 500m of a couple of leaders and need to walk around the property over two days solving problems at 'nodes' with leaders and answering questions scattered around the property as 'point-to-points'. It's a great fun weekend of independence and enjoyment for the Scouts and attendance from all Groups is encouraged. Please ensure it's in your Calendar and please try to avoid organising other camps/activities at that time.

See you next month.

Best wishes,

-Julian.

Dr Julian Dermoudy

Branch Commissioner, Scouts

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Cub Report

Term 3 is here and I can't believe how fast 2023 is going! Hopefully you have got a Cub Unit that is super excited for Cuboree! Are you having a camp this term in preparation? Even a sleepover at your hall is a good option. Commissioners Challenge As mentioned last month the 2022 Commissioners Challenge has been extended into 2023. The requirements are below:

Remember these can be completed at any time during 2023.

- 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.

A link to order badges will be sent out later in the year. Cuboree 2023 Information has now been sent to all Cub leaders twice. You should have received the information on 1st July and 27th July. It has also been put on the Scouts Tasmania website & Facebook page. Please contact me ASAP if you haven't received anything as the closing date for early bird (including the ordering of a Cuboree shirt) is approaching. Speaking of the early bird closing date this has now been extended to 11th August. Grey Wolf Awards Congratulations to the following Cubs who have achieved their Grey Wolf Award! This is a fantastic achievement! One! Two! Three! WOLF!!!!

Brendon Hurley Turners Beach

Adam Tuxworth Spreyton

Good Hunting! David Henwood Branch Commissioner – Cub Scouts
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Joey Report

By the time you read this report, Term 3 will be underway. I hope that you had a chance for a break during the school holidays and that your Joey Scout Unit is geared up for more action, fun, and learning!

Commissioner's Challenge Badge Design Competition

I am delighted to announce that Billie Roper from the St Helens Joey Scout Unit is the winner of the Commissioner's Challenge Badge Design Competition. Congratulations Billie on your winning design! It was an incredibly hard choice as we had a number of fantastic entries. Billie's design was chosen as the winner by the popular vote of Joey Scouts from a number of Joey Scout Units across the State.



Introducing the new Joey Scout Hop

As part of the "old Program" Joey Scouts would do a Joey Scout Hop (the Hop) as part of Opening. For those that would like to continue to do the Hop at the start of the night, we have revamped it so that it now includes the Scout Law. For those that are interested in continuing this tradition a copy of the new Hop is below (with thanks to Kelsey). A video demonstrating the HOP has been posted on the Tassie Joey Leaders Facebook Page.

Northern Region Joey Scout Event

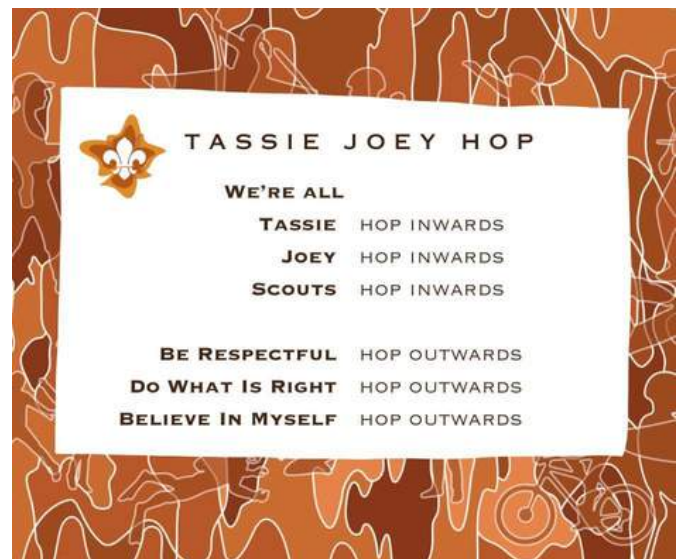
The first weekend of the school holidays saw 26 Joey Scouts, as well as siblings, parents and Leaders enjoy a scavenger hunt around the Launceston Tram Museum and QVMAG at Inveresk.

According to Megan Leeder, District Joey Scout Leader for Launceston & Tamar "We enjoyed learning about the history of the trams before we jumped on the tram for a ride. During the tram ride we ticked things off our scavenger hunt list by being aware of our surroundings and what we could see. After a quick stop for lunch, we headed off to learn about Australia in space, where with hands on activities we learnt how satellite beams worked, how far away each planet was, what Australia sends to space and much much more."

Thank you to Megan and to all the Leaders from the Launceston & Tamar District for organising such a fun event for the Joey Scouts. Some photos of their adventures are at the end of this report.

Other Regional Events

By the time you read this report the Southern Region Joey Scout Event will have occurred (on the 30th of July). I hope that everyone had an unforgettable time exploring the exhibits at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. I will report on this event in the next newsletter. Plans are also now underway for a North West Region Joey Scout Event at the "HIVE" in Ulverstone. Keep an eye out for updates from the North West District Joey Scout Leaders!



Solar Scouts in Action Month

It's fantastic to see that some of our Joey Scout Units have registered for Scouts in Action Month which this year is themed "Solar Scouts in Action." If your Unit is interested in participating it is not too late to register at www.scoutsinactionmonth.com. Participating in Scouts in Action Month provides an excellent opportunity for our Joey Scouts to delve into topics like sustainability, renewable energy, and caring for our planet.



One last date for your diary....

As you would be aware, this year is a Cuboree year and that means it is a Cuboree Taster year for our Joey Scouts. This year it is a Pirate Cuboree and the Joey Scout Taster will be on the afternoon of Saturday, 14 October. More information will be coming out soon.

Well that's all for this month. As always, feel free to contact me anytime with questions or suggestions. I look forward to meeting you at one of our many exciting Scouting events in the coming month.

Happy Joey Scouting!

Ruth Henderson
Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts
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Northern Region Joey Scout Event

Training

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:

4WD SP/TP 13-14th August

Abseiling TP – 25-27th August

For any leader wishing to complete their WOODBADGE BEADS the Scouting Leadership course will be run this year (assuming we have enough applicants!!!) on 1st day – 2nd September with a full weekend on the 27-29th 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.

Last month I explained the new On the Job Training (OJT) that we all now have to use. One point that I just want to make clear is there is 3 OJT sections and you only need to do the section that applies to your current training i.e. YSL (Youth Support Leader) is for section leader that is leaders leading the youth and PSL (Program Support Leader) is for all the Leader of Adults i.e. GL's, DC's DSL's etc. and SL (Scouting Leadership) which is for anyone doing their Wood Badge.

IAMP's (Individual Adult Volunteer Plans). As part of national changes to leader signup and reviews, all leaders are required to complete an IAMP, when they are first signed up, complete their COP (Certificate of Proficiency) or Wood badge or every 3 years during a review process. This is an alternative to the 3 year review that some leaders will have already done. Over the next 12 months we will be looking at having all leaders complete an IAMP with their Team Leader or mentor. Sample below



Individual Adult Volunteer Plan

Phase 1

The Individual Adult Volunteer Plan Phase 1 should accompany the application for adult membership and be completed for an adult member changing roles.

The expectation is that this Phase will be achieved no later than 12 months after joining the Movement or assuming a new role within the Movement.

If unable to tick each box, and your Team leader is unable to assist, refer to your next level up Team Leader or Branch Office for assistance.

I have received;

- a copy of my role description
- the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct (Policy & Rules P5.2)

I have discussed what I would like to achieve in Scouting with my Team Leader

I have identified and agreed current proficiencies¹ relevant to the role with my Team Leader

I understand my rights and responsibilities as listed in the Mutual Agreement (Policy & Rules P5.3.5)

I commit to completing the requirements of the Certificate of Proficiency relevant to my role by ² Refer Training Plan overleaf

I am aware who will provide me with support towards achieving a Certificate of Proficiency, that person being

I understand that should I not complete the requirements of the Certificate of Proficiency I will participate in an Adult Volunteer Performance Plan with my Team Leader.

Trainee Name:	<input type="text"/>	Team Leader Name:	<input type="text"/>
Membership Number:	<input type="text"/>	Membership Number:	<input type="text"/>
Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Signature:	<input type="text"/>
Date:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>

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.

Ross Smith

Assistant Chief Commissioner Training & Adult Support

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VET enrolments

There are currently 57 Leaders, staff and Venturers enrolled in various qualifications, skill sets and units of competency.

The most popular qualifications are the Certificate II, III & IV in outdoor skills/leadership with 23 students. This includes a number Venturers and leaders involved in the Cert III in outdoor leadership at the Lea.

Qualifications issued this year.

So far, we have issued a Diploma in Project Management, Certificate IV in outdoor leadership, a Certificate II in outdoor recreation and some training units. The second half of the year will be busy as a number of students are close to completing their qualifications.

Our assessors are busy working with Tasmanian and interstate students.

BC VET Conference

I'm heading to the national conference in Sydney over the weekend of 11th – 13th of August. This is the first face to face conference since 2019.

VET qualifications

Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT)

SAIT has on its scope qualifications in Business (Cert II & III, Cert IV & Diploma in Leadership & Management), Outdoor Cert II – Diploma, Creative (Cert II in creative industries & Cert III in community dance & events) Volunteering (Cert II – IV) and project management (Cert IV, Diploma and advance diploma) to name a few. This is free to Leaders, Rovers, Venturers and staff!

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment is used to gain externally accredited qualifications.

For more information, please contact BHQ or drop me an email at mike.wilson@tas.scouts.com.au

Mike Wilson

BC VET

Youth Program Report

The last weekend in June saw a gathering of around 50 leaders from most sections at Fulton Park for the annual All Leaders' Weekend. There was a range of input including...

Information from Scott Lovell who heads the Marketing Team about how to effectively market your group

A perspective from our International Commissioner, Craig Gardner (ably delivered by Julian Dermoudy) about different ways of having an international focus with your unit

Some input about behaviour management and inclusion

Ross Smith provided some training updates, including an introduction to Individual Adult Volunteer Plans (IAVP)

There was also opportunity to learn or pass on skills in pioneering and navigation and to spend some time in our various sections. If you would like to see some of the resources from the weekend, you can find them [HERE](#).

An exciting opportunity for our youth members of all ages (Joeys to Rovers) exists with the invitation by the Governor, the Hon Barbara Baker to attend a morning at Government House on Friday 13th October. There are spaces for 60 youth members to attend. Please encourage the members of your unit to express their interest and availability by 1st September by filling in this form

Ros Beswick

Hobart Gang Show

Gang Show camp is now over and it is less than three weeks until opening night!

We have a group from Launceston heading to Hobart to come and see the show ... it would be fantastic if others could do the same. There is a special discounted ticket price for any group who travels from the north of the State to see one of the performances. Please contact me if you wish to take up this offer.

Online bookings are now open. I do hope every group in Hobart and surrounding areas are coming to see the show. Our cast have been rehearsing since May and now that the costumes and props are being obtained and sets are being made and painted, the show is coming together and by opening night the cast will be ready to have an audience watch and show appreciation for their efforts.

Don't disappoint the cast/crew ... come along in your droves. We need EVERYONE to support. There are laughs to be had, songs and to be enjoyed, dance moves to get you interested and skits that will surprise, but above all there is a cast who need you to book NOW.

There is a 2.00 p.m. matinee on Saturday 19th August and nightly shows on the 17th, 18th and 19th August. Hobart College, Mt. Nelson Theatre has the seats, but Trybooking is waiting for you to go online and purchase tickets. Discount of \$2.00 for Adult, Group and Matinee tickets purchased by the 12th August.

FOR BOOKINGS GO TO ... <https://www.trybooking.com/CHZFA>

All matinee tickets same price – \$14.00 (less \$2.00 if you book early), DISCOUNT PRICE FOR “Red Scarfers” and adult tickets are \$25.00 (less \$2.00 if book early).

Up to four leaders per group/unit can get in free just by coming with your youth members. Buy the Leader tickets and apply the discount code HGS23LEAD at the checkout. If you have any difficulties please contact me.

Please “see” the attached poster “All At Sea” for further details, but above all, please book ASAP and don't miss out.

Denice Walter

Hobart Gang Show



"Has anyone seen my hot air balloon?"

"ABANDON SHIP!"

ALL AT SEA!

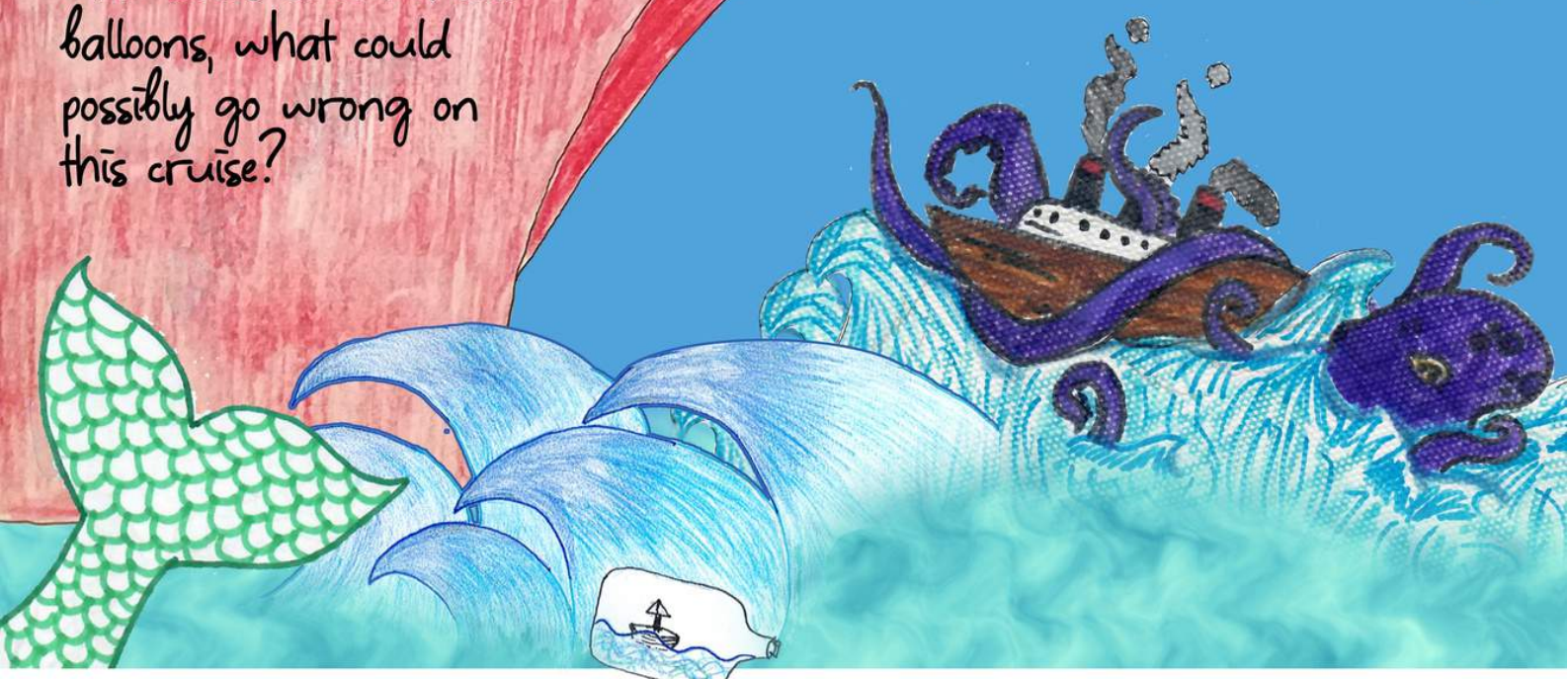


Hobart Gang Show 2023

With pirates and mermaids and hot air balloons, what could possibly go wrong on this cruise?

17th & 18th August
7:30pm
19th August
2:00pm & 7:30pm

Mount Nelson Theatre
Hobart College



Adults \$23* • Concession/Child/Red Scarf \$15 • Groups (min 10) \$14* each
All matinee tickets \$14* • All prices include booking fee
*Early Bird Pricing: book by 12th August for \$2 off adult/group/matinee tickets

www.trybooking.com/CHZFA

Online sales close 4 hours before each performance





Its on again this year 20 to 22 October.

Station planned at Rocherlea in Launceston.

Hoping to also have station operating from Paton Park

Not sure at this time what is planned in Hobart Area

For leaders who are unable to access a JOTA station on that weekend there is an alternative available. Scoutlink provides a means of communication with scouts worldwide and only requires a pc or laptop with internet connection. This is the link to the site <https://webchat.scoutlink.net/#/connect> Give it a try before hand.

Peter Dodd

PC Radio and Electronics



The Lea Scout Centre

Top of The Lea Bush Camping

<https://www.thelea.com.au/summer-camping>



The Lea is looking for help over the summer months to run our summer camping, which is a major fundraising activity for The Lea and Scouts Tasmania.

Volunteer Camp Host/s

Duties include:

Welcoming guests, taking payments and general supervision of site.
General site tidying on daily basis
Cleaning of amenity Block (*an honorarium of \$85 per day is paid for this*)

A Current National Police Check and Working with Vulnerable People Card is required

A Powered site with caravan/office, a private toilet and shower facility and phone with internet access are provided. Own Camper/van is able to be set up adjacent to the office. You can do this on your own, with a partner, or bring your family and combine some part time work with a camping experience. If you know someone suitable who may be interested please feel free to forward this to them also.

Volunteer/s are not expected to be on site all day, however there are specific times required.

Dates are still available: 1st December 2023 to 31st March 2024

Minimum Volunteer period is preferred to be 1 month, but shorter periods will be considered.

Want to have a go? Please contact: phil.harper@tas.scouts.com.au



Derby MtB

5th-8th Oct 2023

All Tiers, and no tears!

Sign up now for this year's premier MtB camp!

Learn MtB skills. Have fun. Simple!

\$240 youth members \$120 adult riders

Applications & information: <https://forms.gle/UaCjCtXXcTMRCPXNA>

or email: cyclingscoutstas@gmail.com

Entries close 31st August.





Australian Jamboree 2025 Update

All eligible youth members should have received a welcome letter in the post with information about AJ2025. All leaders should have received the same information by email

Included in this information is the competition “Can you design our

new contingent logo? “.So, scouts get your creative hats on and get drawing. For more information go to the below website, this includes how to submit your entry

<https://www.tas.scouts.com.au/australian-jamboree-aj2025/contingent-logo-competition/>

For more general information you can visit the website below

<https://www.tas.scouts.com.au/australian-jamboree-aj2025/>

Expressions of interest to attend the Jamboree are now open so jump on line and visit <https://www.AJ2025.com.au> to register .

You can follow the Tasmanian Contingent Facebook page for more updates

[Facebook.com/AJ2025Tas](https://www.facebook.com/AJ2025Tas)

Andrea Heap

Tas Contingent Leader

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Celebrating 50 years of female youth members in Scouting.

Scouts Australia is looking for female youth members from all sections that would be interested in participating in a marketing campaign to celebrate 50 years of female youth members in Scouting.

They are looking to feature female youth members by sharing a photo of them in uniform or not in uniform (with Scout Scarf) along with a short paragraph of their positive experience in Scouting.

What does Scouting means to you?

How long have you been a Scout? (For example: Joey – Rovers)

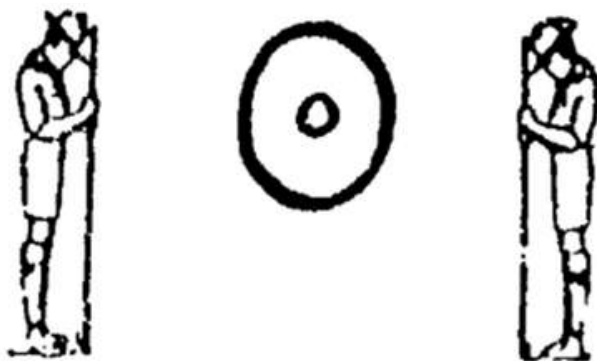
They are also looking for female leaders who were ex-Scouts in significant roles (CEO/ in Parliament etc...)

Once again they are looking to feature female youth members by sharing a photo of them in uniform or not in uniform (with Scout Scarf) along with a short paragraph of their positive experience in Scouting.

How does Scouting shape the person they are today?

What are the skills and experience that helped them developed into the person they are today?

Please send photos and short paragraph to marketing.tas.scouts.com.au and we will forward to Scouts Australia.



Ann Lawton 28.12.1936 - 22.7.2023

It is with great sadness that Port Cygnet advise of the passing of their beloved friend and past Joey Scout Leader, Ann Lawton. Ann first joined our group in 1995. Ann also joined the WACT team serving at several Cuborees and helped out on the training team.