

# Scouts Tasmania Newsletter

## September 2023

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### ONE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM ACROSS FIVE SECTIONS



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# Chief's Report



Hi all,

As I mused over what to write about this month, it led me to think what a large and complex team we are and about the great deal of work happening around the State that is “unsung”. Everything from parents getting their Scouts to and from camps and helping at fundraising events, Committees that oversee a multitude of necessary functions, to the Leaders making sure our Program is delivered week in and week out, to those who put in to organise major events at Group, District and State levels.

So, in line with our State Teams priorities, what can we do to make everyone’s involvement better recognised and supported?

Our AGM highlights the recognition of many of our deserving members, but how many slip through the system and miss that important part of being thanked publicly for their volunteering. After all we don’t and can’t pay our members but we can pay them through thanks and also recognising their efforts. You are all members of the State team in one way or the other and you are best placed to see the day to day things that happen and those who should be nominated for an Award. Please don’t leave it to others or wait until Awards time rolls around again, make it an ongoing process and nominate while still fresh in your mind.

Send a nomination any time of the year to our Awards Team via email ([admin@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:admin@tas.scouts.com.au)) or paper, whichever suits you.

Previously I have talked about more efficient use of all our resources and the way we have restructured to assist this. It’s great to see the number of combined unit, Group & District activities and events happening which enables bigger and better with the workload spread over more people.

This time I want to give the heads up on what the Group Leaders & District Commissioners will be working on at our workshop on October 1st. The key area will be to identify the best, and worst, of our current communication channels and work towards the best outcomes for the future. We will also look at what we can do to make all our members comfortable with dealing with Child Safety, Diversity & Inclusion, and the role our GLs can play in assisting their team. We will identify what support is needed/wanted and what is available. Not only that, we will be asking what additional support GLs need to make the responsibilities of their role more easily managed.

Thanks again for all you do.

Cheers

Phil

# Scout Report

Hi Scout leaders,

This month I'm talking about:

- [Jamboree](#)
- [Corroboree](#),
- [Numbers](#),
- [Cuboree](#), and
- [Clark Trophy](#).

## Jamboree (AJ25)



The 2025 Australian Jamboree information sessions are being held this month:

- Ulverstone Scout Hall on September 10th from 1–2PM;
- 4th Launceston Scout Hall on September 10th from 6–7PM; and
- Lindisfarne Scout Hall on September 13th from 7–8PM.

Please check out the following resources:

- <https://www.facebook.com/AJ2025Tas>;
- <https://www.tas.scouts.com.au/australian-jamboree-aj2025>; and
- <https://www.aj2025.com.au>.

For any enquiries, please contact Andrea Heap, the Contingent Lead via [AJ@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:AJ@tas.scouts.com.au).

## 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:

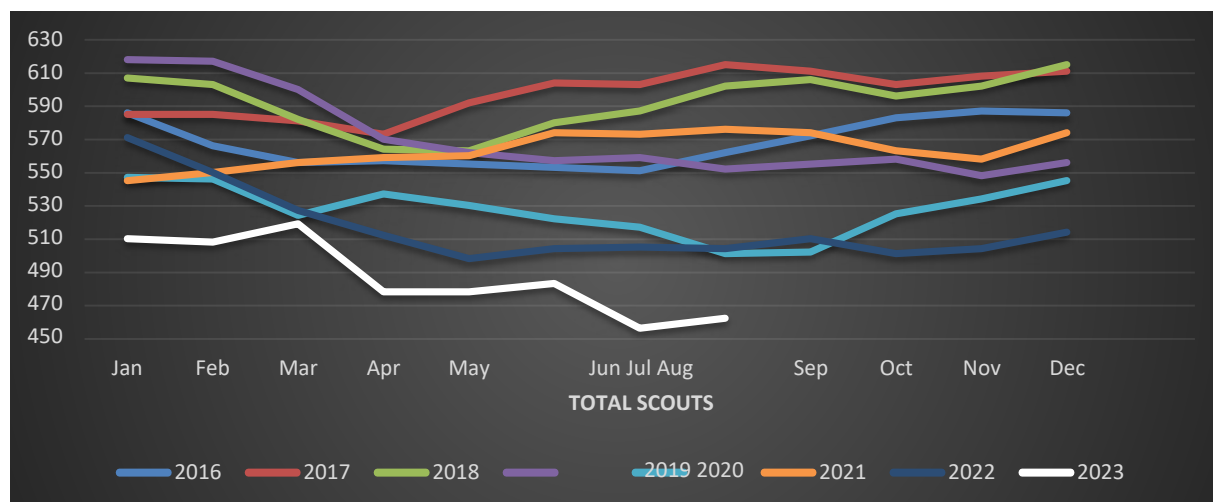
- disc golf
- billy carts
- slippery slide
- laser tag
- catapults
- archery
- environment activity
- screen printing
- damper/bush doughnuts
- orienteering
- astronomy
- aboriginal crafts
- flying fox
- high ropes

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.

## Numbers



Fortunately our decline has turned a corner again. We're now at 462. In the last month our total youth numbers in Scouts Tasmania have gone up by 6. Scouts has increased by 6 and Cubs by 17, while Joeys has decreased by 10, Venturers by 4, and Rovers by 2.

If you have a Scout leave your unit, 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/HXvjgDWV4b>. Please use it even if your Scout moves up to Venturers. We can't do anything useful if we don't know why the numbers are changing!

## Cuboree

Scouts are required to be Patrol Leaders for Cubs. Has your Group registered your PLs yet?



Go to <https://tas.myscout.com.au/admin/events/11> to register them. **Registrations closes on September 8th.**

### 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. Information will come out shortly.

See you next month.

Best wishes,

-Julian.

Dr Julian Dermoudy

Branch Commissioner, Scouts

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# Cub Report

Term 3 is flying by!! Did your Unit take part in Scout in Action? What ideas did you come up with? I would love to see some photos! I am very pleased to report that the number of Cubs has increased! This could well be due to Cuboree but lets try and keep it up!!

## Cuboree 2023

Final registrations close at 11pm on Friday 8th September, so there is still time to register those last few people to attend! Invoices for the Early Bird registrations (which closed on 11th August) have been sent out to the Group Treasurer. **Please check your invoice!!** If you think something is wrong (people missing from the invoice) please make contact with myself or the Registrar at [cuboree.registrations@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:cuboree.registrations@tas.scouts.com.au) so it can be fixed **BEFORE** 8th September. Please note that the Referendum has been set for Saturday 14th October so all adults attending the Cuboree will need to vote early or do a postal vote. We can't operate the camp effectively with 100 adults having to go offsite through the day.

## 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.

## Grey Wolf Awards

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

Oliver Robertson	Kentish
Zaiden Marychurch	Kentish
Armarli Hampton	Riverside
Amy Lee	1st Tamar
Brianna Baldock	Kentish
Elliott Notley	City of Devonport

Good Hunting!

**David Henwood**

**Branch Commissioner – Cub Scouts**

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# Joey Report

August has been a busy month for the Joey Scout Section with a number of events and activities across the State. August was Scouts in Action month with the theme of 'Solar Scouts in Action'. Well done to those Joey Scout Units that participated in this event and delved into topics such as sustainability, renewable energy, and caring for our planet.

Well done also to those Joey Scouts that participated in World Scout Scarf Day on the 1st of August. It was fantastic to see so many photos of Joey Scouts and Leaders out and about proudly wearing their Scout Group scarf!



WORLD SCOUT SCARF DAY  
2023

1ST DERWENT SEA SCOUT JOEY UNIT

## Southern Region Joey Scout Event

At the end of July, over 90 Joey Scouts from 10 Joey Scout Units from Southern Tasmania had a fantastic start to Term 3 with the 2023 Southern Region Joey Scout Event. The Joey Scouts gathered at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) for a fun-filled scavenger hunt. Divided into patrols, the Joey Scouts explored the fascinating exhibits and galleries of TMAG, uncovering hidden treasures and answering questions.



A big thank you to Mel Abbott for her assistance in organising this event, as well as to the Southern Joey Scout Leaders for their support and for the energy and the enthusiasm they brought to the event. An extra special thank you to TMAG for helping us to create an unforgettable experience for our Joey Scouts. Some photos from the event are at the end of this report.

## Launceston & Tamar Stage Show

Saturday the 12th of August saw the Launceston and Tamar District put on their annual stage show. Groups and Sections from within the District put on a short skit or act to entertain the audience. 1st Tamar Joey Scouts sang a song about farm animals with cute masks and actions, 4th Launceston Joey Scouts acted out the song 'On Top of Spaghetti' and Summerhill Joey Scouts performed a campfire scene. Acts were independently judged based on criteria such as group involvement, costumes, sets, props and audience enjoyment. Congratulations to 4th Launceston who come in first and took home the trophy for the Joey Scout Section.



## Cuboree Taster

Joey Scout Leaders should by now have received registration forms for this year's Cuboree Taster. This exciting event (14 October, 2:00pm to 5:20pm), will give Joey Scouts an opportunity to discover the Cuboree Camp firsthand. After a fun bus ride from Kingston Primary to the Lea, the Joey Scouts will explore the Cuboree camp, engage in various activity bases, and delight in some delicious 'bush donuts.' Beyond the fun, this occasion offers Joey Scouts a valuable glimpse into the array of opportunities and activities awaiting them as they progress in their Scouting journey.



## Congratulations

Five Joey Scout Challenge Awards have been presented since the last newsletter. Congratulations to Aneka Tuxworth and Lucy Stott from the Spreyton Joey Scout Unit, to Reuben Hanna from the 1st Tamar Joey Scout Unit, to Oscar Lumley from the Howrah Joey Scout Unit, and to Lincoln Dale from the North West Bay Joey Scout Unit for achieving this Award. Well done to you all on all your hard work!



## District Joey Scout Leaders

In around a month's time the Joey Scout Section will be holding its Branch Council meeting. If you have any ideas for the Joey Scout Section, concerns or feedback, or anything else that you would like discussed at that meeting, please pass it on to a District Joey Scout Leader (or to me).

Your District Joey Scout Leaders are:

**Clarence** – Sue Hill (DJSL) [djsl.clarence@scoutstas.org.au](mailto:djsl.clarence@scoutstas.org.au)

**Hellyer** – Sue Cooper (DJSL) [djsl.hellyer@scoutstas.org.au](mailto:djsl.hellyer@scoutstas.org.au)

**Kingborough** – Danie Forinash (DJSL) [djsl.kingborough@scoutstas.org.au](mailto:djsl.kingborough@scoutstas.org.au)

**Launceston & Tamar** – Megan Leeder (DJSL) [djsl.launcestantamar@scoutstas.org.au](mailto:djsl.launcestantamar@scoutstas.org.au), Kathy Rittman (ADJSL) - [joeyposs@internode.on.net](mailto:joeyposs@internode.on.net)

**Mersey** – Kath Milburn (DJSL) [djsl.mersey@scoutstas.org.au](mailto:djsl.mersey@scoutstas.org.au)

**Wellington** – Melanie Abbott (DJSL) [djsl.wellington@scoutstas.org.au](mailto:djsl.wellington@scoutstas.org.au)

Well that's all for this month. As always, feel free to contact me anytime with questions or suggestions.

Happy Joey Scouting!

Ruth Henderson

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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# Southern Region Joey Scout Event



# Thank you for your Service

Name

Appt.

Formation

*5 years*

CORCORAN, Jane  
 DJAKIC, Alexander Dale  
 MCMENAMIN, Olivia  
 WILLIAMS, Molly Nella

Com Sec  
 Tnee. - ACSL  
 Scout Leader  
 Tnee. - AJSL

Port Cygnet Scout Group  
 Tamar Cub Unit  
 Lindisfarne Scout Unit  
 Mt Faulkner Joey Unit

*10 years*

COULSON, David Michael  
 GROSVENOR, Gwendoline  
 KINGSTON, Shaun  
 POKE, Kristie Lee  
 RAWSON, Leon David

Prov. - GL  
 Prov. - AJSL  
 Prov. - GL  
 Ad Help  
 Cmtee (QM)

Old Beach Scout Group  
 Tamar Joey Unit  
 Smithton Scout Group  
 Somerset Scout Group  
 Clarence Sea Scout Group

*15 years*

GREEN, Michael

AVSL

Mt Stuart Venturer Unit

*25 years*

MADDOCK, Joanne Phyllis  
 WILLIAMSON, Mark David

Prov. - ASL  
 Com Tres

Sandford Scout Unit  
 Howrah Scout Group

Scouts



A new challenge at The Lea is nearing completion!.



### Youth Program Report – September 2023

Expressions of interest have been flowing in nicely for the morning at Government House. The Governor is very keen to hear from as many of our youth members as possible and so there are still some spaces for late entries. Ideally, we would like expressions of interest by **1st September** but if you do not quite make the deadline, it may still be possible to consider your application. See below for details on how to apply.

Last month I shared the details of a OneDrive file which contains resources from the All Leaders' Weekend. Unfortunately, the link was not 'live' and so it was not possible to follow it. You can find resources from June's All Leaders' Weekend [HERE](#). Make sure that if you were unable to attend the weekend, you talk to those who did attend and update yourself on the useful and interesting information that was shared.

A morning with the  
**Governor**

Here's your chance to spend a morning with the Governor at Government House. 60 lucky Scouts Tasmania youth members will be chosen to attend.

A Questions and Answers session will be followed by a tour of Government House with the chance to see some amazing behind-the-scenes areas.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of this special day.

**Friday Oct 13**  
**10am - 12 noon**

Complete your expression of interest by  
Friday 1st September  
[www.tas.scouts.com.au/events/a-morning-with-the-governor](http://www.tas.scouts.com.au/events/a-morning-with-the-governor)



It's on again this year 20 to 22 October.

Sorry not much new info available.

Bookings info for Launceston station should be available shortly.

For other areas please contact me if you wish to make use of a radio equipped station and I will endeavour to find you a site or operator.

Can leaders outside the Northern Region who are planning JOTA/JOTI activities please register at <https://vkjotijota.com/welcome/> so other Australian sites can see your site.

There is also an international site <https://www.jotajoti.info/> which will give you access to a range of activities.

Hope to do badge distribution the same way as last year

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

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## Australian Jamboree 2025 Information Sessions

Thanks to those who submitted a Badge Design for our Logo competition. The winner will be announced at the Information Sessions.

Please come along to our Information Sessions to find out more about AJ2025 with the opportunity also to ask questions

**Dates and locations for the Information Sessions are:-**

### **Sunday, September 10th 2023**

- Ulverstone Scout Hall 1pm – 2pm
- 4th Launceston Hall 6pm – 7pm

### **Wednesday, September 13th 2023**

- Lindisfarne Hall, Ford Parade 7pm – 8pm

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>

Andrea Heap

Tas Contingent Leader [aj@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:aj@tas.scouts.com.au)

# Hobart Gang Show

We did it! Hobart Gang Show has now finished for 2023 and my heartfelt congratulations and thanks to all involved. Final curtain also brought the announcement of the two 2023 Hobart Gang Show Awards ... The John Chisholm Award was presented to Kate Fox and the Don Fitzpatrick Award was presented to Amberlei Darlington.

The Matinee was almost a sell-out – it was so good to see so many youth members of both Scouting and Guiding coming along (with their leaders) to support the cast who have put so many months into rehearsing.

There were some great songs, some written by our Musical Director (Adrian) and Assistant Musical Director (Lance) along with a couple of commercial songs. Songs Six Months in a Leaky Boat was enjoyed by all, but it was the Lido Deck Dance Medley that had the audience up from their seats and joining in. This was followed by many laughs when, for each performance, an audience member was selected to take on the part of Goldilocks when no-one else was available! The Entertainment Director and assistant were on hand to guide the newly recruited Goldilocks through their part.

Missed this year's show ... that's sad ... but don't miss next year.

The annual Gang Show reunion is to be held on Sunday 12th November. If you are a "red scarfer", you are invited and very much welcome. Details available next month.

Script workshops will be under way shortly, cast from this year will be informed via e-mail, but others are invited to also be involved, so if you are interested, please let me know.

Denice Walter – [pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au) (phone 6224 1105)

Hobart Gang Show





# Scouts Tasmania Donation

Scouts Tasmania has received a generous donation to assist in providing extra support to all our members as we move forward with improving our systems and documentation.

Xero has been identified as a priority project and this donation will assist us in the transition to Xero for our financial management and meet our audit reporting obligations.

As a result of the donation, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mel Lewis as our Xero Project person who will assist with the transition to the Xero Financial Management platform.

Mel will help your District, Group or Section through the process. She will be also developing Training Guides to make the change easier and will also be available for online training as required.

Stay tuned, as other projects will come online over the coming year to help ensure we meet our Governance Obligations and the need for improved support systems.



## 1st Tamar Sea Scouts



30 July · 🌐

### Save The Date

As part of our 60th anniversary celebrations we will be having a Formal Dinner on Saturday 28th October and an Open Day on Sunday 29th October.

Please save these dates and we look forward to celebrating with you all.

# 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](mailto:phil.harper@tas.scouts.com.au)