

# Scouts Tasmania Newsletter

## October 2023

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### ONE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM ACROSS FIVE SECTIONS



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# Chief's Report



Something that has been the focus of the SEC & SOC over the last 12 months is how to ensure we meet the ever increasing compliance requirements of the multitude of areas we work in.

Priorities are: (in no particular order as they are all important)

- Group Gazebos & Large Tents anchorage requirements
- Gas Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Risk Management & Reporting
- Financial
- Insurance
- Compulsory On line Modules
- New Child Safe Legislative Compliance

Spare a thought for those working on these, as it's no small task to try and find a practical solution to complex issues. If you have any skills in these areas, please feel free to put your hand up to help. Sussane Hovington has done an indescribably large amount of work on the first 3 items above and Guides have been distributed for Tentage, Gas & Electrical Safety to assist everyone. We are still working with the Government on the Gazebo & Large tent issue. Thanks Susanne.

You will receive from time to time requests for information and prompts to complete modules, National Police Checks, update WWVP registration, overdue accounts, outstanding financial information and sundry other matters that, despite being "just Scout volunteers", we have to keep on top of. What you will notice over the coming months is a tightening of the "leeway" that has been given for our members to respond to the compliance obligations.

The last thing we want to do is to have to remove members from the current members list because of compliance matters outstanding, particularly as your Insurance cover and other protections drop off at the same time.

So when you get your prompt to complete your modules or update your checks, please don't miss the deadline. It saves you and our hard working staff a lot of hassle and extra work.

Melissa Lewis is working through the Groups to support the transfer to Xero. If you haven't already heard from her, you will over the next months. You can pre-empt that by contacting her by email [xero.project@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:xero.project@tas.scouts.com.au) and get the process happening.

I am very pleased to let you know that Katrina Munting has taken up the very important role of **State Commissioner – Child Safe**. To ensure we provide the highest standard of Child Safe practices, Katrinas role in ensuring we meet our obligations to support our Youth and Leaders plus compliance with Legislation, will be a vital and essential one for Scouts Tasmania.

Cheers

# Venturer Report

It's been quite a while since there has been a venturers report in the monthly newsletter, unfortunately it appears that it has been a quiet year for units across the state. But with the recent Tenniswood trophy conducted over the weekend 15 – 17 September it's about time our section was represented in the newsletter again.

Before announcing this year's champion unit allow me to tell you a bit about what's been happening in the Venturer section this year.

Firstly, there has been some work conducted around recognition of some leader positions, specifically the 3 Regional Coordinators. For years the 3 coordinators have assisted the State Commissioner Venturers and the Venturers by organising the 3 main state events Maritime Challenge, Tenniswood Trophy, and Tassie Venture. The coordinators have taken on this additional responsibility without complaint but also without proper recognition of the important role they play within the organisation of the section. This year the Regional Coordinators are being renamed to align with the new Branch structure and will now be referred to as Team Leaders Venturers (North, South, Northwest) and are Branch positions that report directly to the State Commissioner Venturers. Being a Branch position means that all fees are covered by Branch rather than their host groups. This is an important step in the recognition of the hard work these fantastic leaders do. I am hoping that soon we will add youth assistant Team Leaders for each of the regions in a similar concept to the Branch Youth Council of previous years. This exciting opportunity may allow youth to essentially receive a "free" year of Scouting with all fees paid for by the Branch in exchange for assisting the Team Leaders to run activities and promotions. Watch this space.

Next up is youth training and OAS courses. I as yet have not had a request for a venturer leadership course to be run this year, if there is enough interest, I will happily put a program together and make it happen for you. There are however other options. With the release of the new Leadership courses,

you have the option of completing this within your Districts or Regions, there is a Venturer course available as part of this module that from my understanding will have you leading Scouts, Cubs and Joeys.

With the OAS courses the Training team has had difficulties in getting numbers for courses and as a result many courses have had to be cancelled. In 2024 a new approach to training will be rolled out but I won't steal too much thunder from the Branch Commissioner Adult Training and Development. What I ask instead is that there is a specific OAS course you want to attend that you speak to Venturers within your unit, district, and region. If enough of you are willing to attend a training session the training team and I will organise the course and make it happen for you. Currently there is one such course being organised in the South for climbing. We can run training in most disciplines including Vertical, Cycling, Paddling, Boating, Alpine and Bushcraft. We can also run some of these activities locally to avoid the travel burdens. If this is something you want, speak to your unit, districts, regions, Venturer Leaders, and the new Team Leaders, we will make it happen.



Now onto the promised Teniswood results. Over the weekend 15 – 17 September Teniswood was held out of Orana Guide camp and 5 Mile beach. This year 21 Venturers formed 5 teams and conducted several challenges including navigation, construction, cooking and even an obstacle course. This year's winners and gridders are Blackmans Bay Venturer Unit. The competition was very close and at times was too close to call with 2 teams jostling for the top spot right up until the last activity. In the end Blackmans Bay pulled ahead to take home the trophy. This is the first time that the trophy will have a Blackmans Bay plate attached. Well done to all the teams and a huge thankyou to the event organisers and supporting staff.

Lastly, we have the Tassie Venture at the end of the year being held over the weekend 1 -3 December in the North (Carnacoo Scout Camp). There will be information released shortly for this event, but I encourage you all to save the date and hopefully I'll get the chance to speak to most of you there. Until next time, keep up the good work, keep having fun and just remember if you want a visit from me just ask your Venturer Leader.

Yours in Venturing

Jason Page

State Commissioner Venturers







Teniswood Trophy winners from Blackman's Bay Unit pictured with John Tenniswood.



# Cub Report

Term 3 is now done!! The next big thing on the calendar is **CUBOREE!!!** I'm looking forward to seeing you there! Cub numbers have once again increased this month which is great! Again I suspect this is due to Cuboree but lets try and keep it up!!

## **Cuboree 2023**

Registrations are now closed and the final preparations are being made for a great weekend! Everyone by now should have received the procedures manual (for all adults) and kit list (for all attending). If you haven't received anything, **PLEASE GET IN TOUCH NOW!** It is important that **ALL** adults attending **READ** the procedures manual as there are things that have changed this year!!

Please ensure that all adults attending have either voted early for the Referendum by prepoll or postal vote as they will not be able to leave the site during the day.

Finally, I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all of the committee who have been meeting for the last 12 months to bring this all together. You have all done an amazing job and I'm sure the Cubs are going to have a fantastic weekend!

## **Commissioners Challenge**

As you know 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 early in term 4.

## **Grey Wolf Awards**

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

Eva Wright Mt Stuart

Genevieve Holloway Mt Stuart

Samantha Ship Mt Stuart

Zoe Cowles North West Bay

Margot Bucaille North West Bay

Sam Spedding North West Bay

Christopher Stapleton North West Bay

Benjamin Stapleton North West Bay

Good Hunting!

David Henwood

Branch Commissioner – Cub Scouts

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# Joey Scout Report

Yet another term is behind us, and hopefully you can all enjoy a break over the school holidays before a busy final term for the year.

## Commissioner's Challenge

Well done to the Clarence Joey Scout Unit for being the first Unit to complete the Commissioner's Challenge. To earn this badge the Clarence Joey Scouts completed a range of community based activities including visiting the police station and the SES, learning first aid, putting together donations for Tassie Mums and learning about Aboriginal culture.



Joey Scout Units have until the end of 2023 to complete the Commissioner's Challenge. If you have any queries about the Commissioner's Challenge, please let me know. You can order the badges (\$3.50 each) by completing the online form <https://forms.office.com/r/EkSa0MSL7b>

## Cuboree Taster

It's only a couple of weeks until the Cuboree Taster. Unit registration forms should now be in. With around 80 Joey Scouts registered, it promises to be a busy afternoon. The Joey Scouts will be travelling by bus from Kingston Primary to the Cuboree at the top of the Lea. There, they'll have the exciting opportunity to discover the Cuboree Camp, engage in various activity bases, and savour some delicious "bush donuts", before returning by bus back to Kingston Primary.



## Youth member survey

Just a reminder that we now have an exit survey available for when a Youth Member decides to leave a Section (whether to move to the next section, another Scout Group or to leave Scouting altogether). This survey can be filled out by the Youth Member, their parent or guardian, or you, their Leader. This survey is continuous and has no set closing date. The address for the survey is <https://forms.office.com/r/HXvjQDWV4b>.

## Congratulations!

Since our last newsletter, William Bonser from the 1st Tamar Joey Scout Unit has been presented with the Joey Scout Challenge Award.





Well done William on achieving this award and for your dedication and effort!

Well that's all for this month. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any Joey Scout related questions or suggestions.

Happy Joey Scouting!

Ruth Henderson

Branch Commissioner Joey Scouts

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## 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.

# Thank you for your Service

Name

Appointment

Formation

*5 years*

Axar, Alexander  
McKeown, Justine  
Radcliffe, Amber  
Woodberry, Tony  
Wood, Nicholas

Cub Scout Leader  
BC Youth Empowerment  
Prov- Assistant Cub Scout L eader  
Prov - Venturer Scout Leader  
Assistant Rover Crew Leader

Penguin Cub Unit  
Tasmania Branch  
Glenorchy Cub Unit  
Leven Venturer Unit  
NARC

*15 years*

Thomson, Scott

Membership Officer

Kingborough Rover Unit

*35 years*

Harris, Neil

Prov. Assistant Scout Leader

North West Bay Scout Unit

Scouts



## 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 21-22nd October – The Lea, Kingston

Scouting Management 21-22nd October – The Lea, Kingston

Abseiling SP/TP – 25th November

Kayaking/Canoeing SP/TP – Flat Water – 26th November

Remote location 1st Aid - 8-10th December

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**

I recently explained (Aug23 newsletter) the new On the Job Training (OJT) that we all now have to use. Unfortunately, we have seen a number of leaders complete the incorrect training. Can all Mentors/Team Leaders please ensure that leaders are completing the Correct OJT section. There are 3 options that are:

- 1 – On the job Training – Youth Program Leader – This is for all Youth section leaders.
- 2 – On the job Training – Program Support Leader – This is for all Group Leaders, District Leaders, District commissioner or Leader of Adults role and
- 3 – On the job Training – Scouting Leadership – This is for all leaders that are completing their Scouting Leadership training i.e. Woodbadge training to receive your Gillwell scarf and Wood beads.

IAVP's (Individual Adult Volunteer Plans). A reminder for Leaders to checkout the new IAVP that are available on Myscout. There are 4 plans and they are:

IAVP phase 1 – to be completed for all new leaders with their signup person.

IAVP phase 2 – to be completed by leaders to receive their Certificate of Proficiency (Gilwell woggle)

IAVP phase 3 – to be completed by leaders completing their Woodbage and leaders requiring a review (every 2-3 years)

IAVP phase 4 (called a Adult Volunteer performance plan – to be done with leaders requiring a performance review.

The expectation is over the next 12 months we will be looking at having all leaders complete an IAVP with their Team Leader or mentor.



## TOP's rewrite

The current TOPs rewrite for the Adventurous Activities section has reached a draft release for review for some section. If you are interested in assisting with the review process please let me know and I may be able to send you a draft for comment/review.

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? Please note it is important you use the version that is current (Feb 2022) and on MyScout all old versions do not have the required information on them and will be rejected.

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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## Youth Program Report

One of the most important things for adults in Scouting to ensure is that our youth members are kept safe at all times. This refers not just to their physical safety but also their social and emotional safety. In order to enhance the safety of our youth members, Scouts Australia has produced a series of 'Safeguarding YOUTH I-statements', one for each section and also one for adults. These were launched this week to coincide with National Child Protection Week at the beginning of last month.

The statements are designed to be added to the 'Introduction to Section' part of the Achievement Pathway and are written in age-appropriate language and include age-appropriate content for each section. They are designed to reinforce positive behaviours in the way in which youth members treat each other. You can find a copy of all of the statements [HERE](#).



## Its on again this year 20 to 22 October.

Bookings for Launceston station open

Planning well advanced for Paton Park activation on Saturday 21 October for North Western groups. Plan to have badges available on the day.

Pse contact Eunice Horne for more info; horneeunice@gmail.com

JOTA activity at Cygnet has been planned.

I have not heard from any other groups

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.

Badges for Southern groups will be available from Lori at HQ still \$2 ea.

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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Fun

Friendship

Adventure



2024

59<sup>th</sup>

# Scout Guide Regatta



*iron person, regatta relays, greasy pole, get wet area*

**Water**



*novelty events on oval, tug of war, movies outdoors*

**Land**

**Boating**

*sailing, kayaks, canoes, dinghies, rowing, SUP*



**Beach**

*bucket relay, raft building and racing, sandcastle building*

registrations  
Open In's  
October 2023

Using or learning new skills on water, beach and land

## When, Where, and who?

- **8-11th March** at **Snug in Tasmania** – Friday night till Monday afternoon for **Scouting and Guiding members over 10 years old** at time of event. Numbers at the Regatta can vary but consistently around the 800 mark.

### What is the Scout Guide Regatta

- Scouting and Guiding members camp on the Snug oval with their own units – if your unit isn't going your Scouting and Guiding HQ's should be able to link you up with a participating group. Each unit provides their own camping gear.

### Cost

- Costs for the weekend include catering – done by external caterer using onsite facilities. 2024 fee for youth to be **\$XX for South, \$XX for North and \$XX for North-West** if paid before **XX DATE** (late registration will include additional fees).

### Safety

- **Qualified First Aiders on site 24/7 plus rescue craft on the water during the day.**

### Others

- **Parents/families** are encouraged to help with program activities, cleaning duties, security, serving meals, washing up or other duties. Parents can also participate in leader/parent events.
- The event has a comprehensive **risk management plan**, including current Covid-19 protocols and cleaning practices plus evacuation procedures



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Talk with your Leaders and/or contact **Girl Guides Tasmania** or **Scouts Tasmania** for more information.

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# October AJ 2025 Update



Thankyou again to all the scouts who sent in their designs for our Logo Design competition there were some great entries.

I am very pleased to announce the winning design, as displayed, was by Oscar Wu from Derwent Sea Scouts and will now be used as our official logo and badge design. Well done Oscar.

We have now had our Jamboree Roadshows both North and South, and it was great to see so much interest.

Just a reminder if you are coming to the Jamboree please start your

registration

by filling in your expression of interest at [www.aj2025.com.au](http://www.aj2025.com.au)

We have been informed that is unlikely you will not be able to complete the registration process until after November 1st

Andrea Heap

Contingent Leader

# Hobart Gang Show

Hobart Gang Show down, and we are already starting on the next one!

Before mid October a decision will have been made on what sort of shape the script may take for 2024. As I write this, the first script workshop is being held this weekend with former cast/crew being involved.

Anyone interested in attending the Script workshops are more than welcome to come along – it doesn't matter if you want to be in the show or not. The script workshops of for those interested in this side of Hobart Gang Show. It is always helpful to know if you are coming, in that I can advise if any changes, but basically you can just turn up.

Workshop 1 = Saturday 30th September (1.00 – 5.00 p.m.) at Howrah Scout Hall

Workshop 2 = Sunday 1st October (10.00 a.m. – 2.00/2.30 p.m.) at Howrah Scout Hall

Workshop 3 = Sunday 22nd October (10.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.) ... venue TBA

Workshop 4 = Date TBA

Reunion for all past/current Hobart Gang Show cast, crew and band ... “red scarfers”. Being held at the Howrah Scout Hall, 12.30 – 3.30 p.m. BBQ lunch @ \$5.00 per person. Soft drinks and choc bars available to purchase on day @ \$2.00 each.

Denice Walter - [pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au](mailto:pc.gang@tas.scouts.com.au) (phone 6224 1105)  
Hobart Gang Show









# Scouts

## TASMANIA



# Pen PALS

If you are looking for an item to add to your Youth Program, why not look at Pen-Pals

Scout Tasmania is asked regularly if we could arrange for a Section/Group to be Pen-Pals with a Group from another country.

If this is something your Youth members would like to do, then please contact our

Pen-Pal co-ordinator ( Mary Webb ) [mary.webb.akela@gmail.com](mailto:mary.webb.akela@gmail.com)

For more information

# 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)