

SCOUTS TASMANIA 27th TASMANIAN CUBOREE
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GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
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Hello and good morning, everyone!

I can't believe that it has been two years since the last Cuboree here at the Lea. Some of you will have been here. For some of you this will be your first Cuboree. For those who are here for your first big camp together with the other Cubs, it must be a very exciting time for you!

I begin by paying my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community and recognise their enduring culture and continued connection to land, sea and waters.

The last time we all met, you honoured me by investing me as your Chief Scout. As your Chief Scout, I am very proud to open this year's 27th Scouts Tasmania Cuboree. I look forward to spending some time with you all. You will see that both my husband, Don, and I, are wearing our Tasmania Branch scarves and scout woggles to join in solidarity with all scouts here today.

I have learned that there are nearly four hundred of you here. It is great that your Cuboree is once again joined by the Girl Guides.

Together with the Leaders and Parent/Adult helpers, I'm told there are about 750 participants for this year's Cuboree. That's a very large group and reflects the popularity of the scouting movement in Tasmania.

I want to personally thank all the adults who have done so much work to organise this weekend and who will continue to play a big role over the next two days.

You have a wonderful program over the three days of the Camp. I am very impressed with how it has all been put together. You have four sub-Camps with a Pirate theme, Davey Jones' Locker, Sea Dogs, Neverland and Skeleton Island. You will have plenty to do.

You will also enjoy the five Activity Bases today and tomorrow, including the Water (Set Sails) activity, the Adventure, Pioneer, Scouting and Fun, at the Treasure Island location.

You will have the opportunity to learn about teamwork, leadership and challenging yourselves over these two days. I urge you all to do your very best. As your Governor and the Chief Scout in Tasmania, let me give you a few important tips:

One: learn new skills;

Two: solve problems;

Three: have lots of fun.

You will develop your social, physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual and overall character. This is all part of the Scouting Model.

As this is a Pirate Cuboree, you should also make sure to talk like a pirate at every opportunity!

Don and I will enjoy watching some of your activities.

Thank you for being here. Please enjoy Cuboree 27: A Pirate Cuboree.

Thank you.