

**SCOUTS TASMANIA 26<sup>th</sup> TASMANIAN CUBOREE**  
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Hello everyone!

It's great to be here this morning at the Opening Parade of the 2021 Tasmanian Cuboree.

As your brand-new Chief Scout in Tasmania, I feel very proud and thank you very much to Mr Hovington and the four Cubs who have invested me this morning.

My husband, Don, is also thrilled to have received his Tasmanian Branch scarf as he was once a cub, a long time ago.

I know that this is likely to be the first big camp for you Cubs aged eight to eleven, so it's an exciting time. There are nearly four hundred of you here today.

And it's great that the Cuboree is once again to be joined by your Scouting sister organisation, the Girl Guides.

Together with the Leaders and Parent/Adult helpers, I'm told there are about 750 participants here. That's huge. I want to personally thank the adults who have done such a terrific job in organising the weekend and who will continue to play such a big role over the next two days.

I have looked at your program over the three days of the Camp and must say I am so impressed with how it has all been put together – starting with your three sub-Camps: Alfa, Bravo and Charlie.

And if some of you don't yet know where those A-B-C names come from, this weekend is the time to find out!

You will really enjoy the five Activity Bases today and tomorrow, including this year's offsite activity at the Memorial Park and Browns River, with heaps of water and beach fun – even though there's a bit of rain around.

This weekend is not only about fun. It is just as important that these Cuboree camps develop a relationship between the Cub Scouts of a Cub Unit and a Patrol Leader from the Scout Unit.

This provides Patrol Leaders with an opportunity to guide Cub Scouts into Scouts.

I very much support the idea that the activities are designed to develop life skills and resilience.

This means that you have the potential to learn about teamwork, leadership and challenging yourselves in just two days. I urge each of you to do your very best. As the Governor and the new Chief Scout in Tasmania, let me leave you with a few important tips:

One: enjoy each other's company.

Two: help each other whenever that might be necessary.

Three: be nice and polite to the grown-ups!

Four: offer to help tidying up, arranging things, moving things – because you're all young and full of energy.

And five: make sure you collect the unique Cuboree Badge Set.

Don and I will now have a cup of tea and then enjoy looking at some of the activities.

Thank you again for making me your Chief Scout and enjoy Cuboree 26 ("Fun from A-Z").