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## HOT OFF THE PRESS

**Active Kids is back for 2020!**



Scouts is back for 2020, and so is the Active Kids rebate! Like last year, families can claim two Active Kids vouchers per school aged child. However, this year both Active Kids vouchers redeemed with Scouts will go towards offsetting the price of the Scouts NSW membership fee, as well as the one-off joining fee for new members. The first voucher can be redeemed now, and the second voucher will be available to redeem beginning 1 July. For more information about Active Kids, [click here](#).

**Kick start your Scout Group's fundraising with the 2020 Monster Raffle**



We've teamed up with our friends at Scouts Victoria to bring the 2020 Monster Raffle to Scout Groups in NSW! The Monster Raffle has been a tremendous success in Victoria, raising over \$7 million over 16 years. For the first time ever, Scouts Groups across NSW can register to participate in the Monster Raffle and sell as many tickets as they can to raise funds for their Group.

With a MONSTER prize pool consisting of over 100 prizes, and 75% of proceeds going back to your Scout Group, there's no better way to kick-start your Group's 2020 fundraising! For more information about the 2020 Monster Raffle, the prizes up for grabs and how you can register your Scout Group to participate, [click here](#).

## Emergency Relief Campaign

The tragic impact of the extended drought and devastating bushfires across NSW have brought out some amazing acts of heroism, courage and generosity from volunteers at Scouts NSW. Sadly, some of our Scouting families have been directly impacted by this ongoing disaster, losing their homes, their businesses and their livelihoods. We're doing everything we can to support them through our Emergency Relief Campaign, and we're directing donations via the Family Support Fund so that the young people who've been affected don't have to miss out on a future Scouting experience.

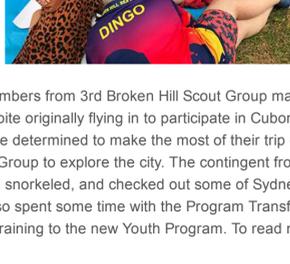
Our Emergency Relief Campaign has received strong support and we're so grateful to everyone (from around the world!) who's offered donations, gifts and practical assistance. There are many individuals and Groups to thank. In particular the teams who relocated the Rover Moot from the ACT to Bundilla, and who worked on the Cuboree cancellation, were outstanding despite the difficult circumstances. The dedicated [webpage](#) is your source of information about the Campaign and how Scouts NSW is helping. Please direct any correspondence to our [email address](#) and we'll be able to assist you to find the most valuable way to offer your help to where it's most needed.

## Use Scouts NSW Summer Scouting Activities Guide to keep up the summer fun!

Looking for activities to round out the summer with your Group? Check out the Scouts NSW Summer Scouting Activities Guides for Joeys, Cubs, and Scouts [here!](#)

## RECENT EVENTS

**3rd Broken Hill Sea Scouts head on adventure to Sydney!**



In early January, 41 members from 3rd Broken Hill Scout Group made the 1,092-kilometre journey to Sydney! Despite originally flying in to participate in Cuboree, the Cubs, Leaders and Parent Helpers were determined to make the most of their trip east, teaming up with 1st/2nd Harbord Scout Group to explore the city. The contingent from Broken Hill went on beach walks, swam and snorkeled, and checked out some of Sydney's most fun attractions and museums. They also spent some time with the Program Transformation Team and completed their upskill training to the new Youth Program. To read more about their journey, [click here!](#)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**Join the Scouts float at the Sydney Mardi Gras**

Scouts NSW is marching in the Sydney Mardi Gras parade this February and we're inviting you to join us! This year's "What Matters" themed event aims to unite the community and come together to share what matters to each of us! Click the link [here](#) to express your interest in the event. Submissions will close 31 January so get your name in soon!

**Clean Up Australia Day 2020**

The 30th Clean Up Australia Day will take place on Sunday 1 March 2020! Participating groups will need to register by mid-February to ensure their Clean Up kit arrives on time. Get in quick to avoid missing out! Register your Group event and find promotional resources [here](#).

**Take it to the next level at the 2022 Jamboree**

A brand New Year means more adventure, more amazing experiences and a whole new level of fun at Scouts. The 25th Australian Jamboree has become "so last year", and it's now time to start planning ahead. The good news is that our NSW Contingent team has already started work on the 26th Australian Jamboree, being held in 2022! We reckon it'll be so popular, that AJ2022 will become the 29th biggest town in Victoria! Find out more [here](#) and start talking to your Scouts (and older Cubs) all about it!

**Valkama 2020**

Venturer Scouts aged 15, 16 and 17 years are invited to attend Valkama 2020 on 11-26 July 2020. Valkama is a Jamboree style camp in Finland during the July school holidays. Cost is \$3,850 and includes all meals, accommodation, activities, flights and ground transportation (as well as a bonus trip to Tallinn in Estonia). All eligible Venturer Scouts must complete their applications no later than Friday 7 February 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

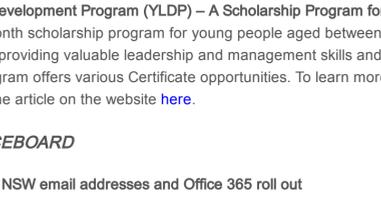
## YOUTH LEADING

**Applications now open for 2020 State Youth Council**



We're on the lookout for Scouts, Venturers and Rovers aged 13-25 years to join the 2020 State Youth Council! This is a perfect opportunity for youth members who want to have their say about Scouting and want to work with others across NSW on some fantastic projects including Scout of the Year Awards, Project 17 and state-wide Youth Forums! Applications are open now until midnight 14 February. Click [here](#) to apply, and [here](#) for more information.

**Expressions of Interest - 2020 NSW YOU Courses are coming soon!**



Do you want to be a leader in Scouting and your community? Do you just like you? If so, the YOU Course is for you! We're so excited to be holding two YOU Courses for our youth members in NSW this year. At the NSW YOU Course, our youth members will spend the weekend beginning to understand themselves and the way they work within a team. Register your interest [here](#). For more information, [click here](#).

**Young Leader Development Program (YLDP) – A Scholarship Program for Young Leaders**

YLDP is a 12-month scholarship program for young people aged between 17½ to 25 years of age aimed at providing valuable leadership and management skills and qualifications. This unique program offers various Certificate opportunities. To learn more about the program, read the article on the website [here](#).

## STATE NOTICEBOARD

**Update - Scouts NSW email addresses and Office 365 roll out**

In October 2019 Scouts NSW began the active phase of Microsoft Office 365 Online E1 (Non Profit) to all adult members that hold official appointments in ScoutLink. For a complete update of the program roll out, read the rest of the article [here](#).

**Two Deep Leadership**

This time of the year is a great opportunity for all Adults in Scouting to reacquaint themselves with the Child Protection Policy and Procedure and Social Media Guidelines. Please remember that Two Deep Leadership applies for all activities where youth are involved. This mandatory requirement extends to both physical and online environments. Adult members should not engage in one-on-one discussions with youth members online or via telephone. If there is a need to contact a youth member electronically, always include another adult (for example, by 'CCing' a Leader or parent, or including them in the message thread). Further information can be found by contacting your District or Region Commissioner.

**Conflicts of Interest – Policy, Procedure and the Register**

Members and employees of Scouts NSW are required to complete a Declaration of Conflict of Interest annually, and as conflicts arise. Before completing the Declaration of Conflict of Interest, please review the Scouts NSW Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedure. To view the Policy and Procedure and to declare a conflict of interest, please [click here](#).

**2019 WHS Incident Summary**

Of the 303 incidents reported in 2019, 60% involved youths, 27% involved adults and the remaining 13% related to school groups, employed staff and Rovers. Some more information about our 2019 results are included here in the snap shot.

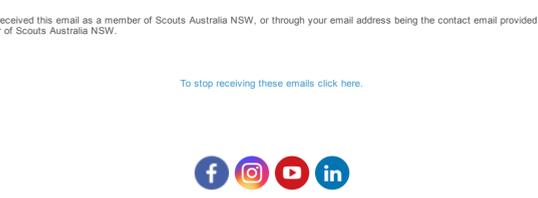


Considering our love of fun and adventure, some incidents are inevitable however we must prevent serious injuries. Thanks to all members who actively manage risks throughout activities – your actions help to prevent incidents that can impact the wellbeing of members and their families. Thanks also to Leaders who report incidents through the Scouts NSW website so that we can learn from our mistakes and have an opportunity to look into the causes and make improvements.

**Air quality in relation to bushfire smoke**

Guidance material is available on the Scouts NSW website to support Leaders who are faced with making decisions about whether to cancel or modify planned activities. Refer to this information in conjunction with using air quality application such as Air Visual. There may be a need to make special consideration for anyone who has an existing respiratory condition. You can access all Safety Alerts and Legislative updates through the Scouts NSW WHS web page [here](#).

**Scouts NSW professional staff raise funds for Family Support Fund**



Celebrating the end of 2019, the Scouts NSW team combined their holiday Christmas lunch with fun and games and raised \$680 to support Scouting families who have been affected by the drought and bushfires through the Family Support Fund. Want to make a donation? Use the link [here](#).