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Scouting@Home goes live

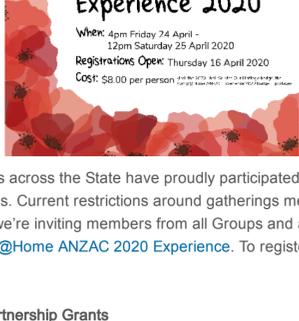


On 2 April, Scouts NSW launched Scouting@Home – an online portal to keep our members connected to Scouting at a time where face-to-face activities cannot take place. Scouting@Home includes a range of activities and challenges for Scouts (and non-Scouts) to participate in, either as part of their weekly program or as a stand-alone activity in their own time. More activity ideas and further resources for Leaders will be added over time.

A big BRAVO to all who have dived into Scouting@Home for their Groups and members so far. If you have activity ideas you'd like to share, [click here](#).

To view Scouting@Home, [click here](#).

Camp@Home this ANZAC Day



Each year Scout Groups across the State have proudly participated in local ANZAC Day ceremonies and parades. Current restrictions around gatherings mean we are unable to do this in 2020. This year we're inviting members from all Groups and all Sections to participate in our [Camp@Home ANZAC 2020 Experience](#). To register for the event, [click here](#).

Community Building Partnership Grants

Scouts NSW has been awarded 76 successful projects for the 2019 Community Building Partnership Grants, totaling \$1.2 million in funding. This makes the 2019 round our most successful CBPG year ever. All successful applicants have been sent an email with more information.

The next round of Community Building Partnership Grants open on 4 May, making now the perfect time to seek contractors' quotes for applications. For more information, contact Cassandra Armstrong, Grants Administrator on grants@nsw.scouts.com.au.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Transforming our Youth Program - Update from the Program Transformation Team



The Program Transformation Team is halfway through upskilling our Scout Groups into the future of Australian Scouting. We are ahead of schedule and are getting ready to continue the implementation of the new Youth Program throughout 2020! To find out about upskilling for your Group, including how we're evolving our upskill training to suit members while Scouting@Home, [click here](#).

TRAINING

Training@Home opportunities coming soon

The Scouts NSW Training team is investigating ways we can support our Leaders to continue their training over the coming weeks and months. This includes providing opportunities for Leaders to complete their training online to ensure you're ready to get stuck into the fun as soon as face-to-face Scouting activities resume. Keep a look out on the Scouts NSW website and Facebook page over the coming weeks for more information!

Gain accredited qualifications

There are opportunities for our adults to obtain nationally recognised accredited qualifications in the areas of Outdoor Recreation, Business, Leadership and Management. Members who have sufficient evidence in these areas can apply for Recognition of Prior Learning. These qualifications are free to complete and can be useful for your CV. To learn more, [click here](#) or contact the Scouts NSW Training team on training@nsw.scouts.com.au.

eLearning Elective Modules

If you're looking to upskill or refresh your memory on topics of relevance to your role in Scouting, there are dozens of eLearning elective modules available online now for you to complete. To view these elective modules, [click here](#).

STATE NOTICEBOARD

Have your photos featured in our Annual Review!



We're in the process of pulling together the Scouts NSW Annual Review for 2019-20, and are on the lookout for fun images to include in the publication! If you have any high-quality images from your Scouting activities, adventures and events over the past year, send them through via email to communications@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Similarly, if your Unit, Group, District or Region has recently hosted an online meeting using Virtual Scout Halls (Microsoft Teams) or another platform, we'd also love to see your photos, so please send them through!

YOUTH LEADING

2020 State Youth Council Projects

The Scouts NSW State Youth Council is undertaking work on a number of projects to support Scouting in the community. This includes:

- Bushfire Recovery Project Patrol to promote ways our Scout Groups can participate in supporting local communities affected by the fires and other emergencies
- Project 17 to target the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals by designing and facilitating activities based around the goals for any Scout section to run
- Scout of the Year to create, direct and promote our annual Scout of the Year Award
- Online Scouting, providing activities for youth members to do at home or with their Unit online.

The State Youth Council Facebook page includes many activities for Scouts to do at home or with their Unit, incorporating ideas and skills that reflect the interests of our youth members. [Click here](#) to view the [SYC Facebook page!](#)

If you would like to get in touch with the State Youth Council about any of the above projects or have an idea you believe the SYC can get involved in, please email Carinya White, SYC Chair on Carinya.White@nsw.scouts.com.au or Meg Cummins, Youth Commissioner on Meg.Cummins@nsw.scouts.com.au.

SAFETY

Be Risk Aware, Be Scout Safe online

When adults and young people interact with one another through Scouting@Home, our responsibility to provide a healthy and safe recreational environment moves from the Scout Hall or campsite, into members' homes and surroundings.

Leaders can facilitate healthy and safe Scouting@Home experience, firstly through thoughtful selection of activities that are appropriate to the general home environment. Prior to each activity, consider the safety aspects of activity you are planning. Outline the safety aspects and coach youths to look around their immediate work space for hazards using the principles of Plan>Do>Review.

- Plan to conduct the activity away from household items that could get damaged or cause injury.
- Do the activity once the youth members feel safe.
- Review the outcome to consider if any changes are needed to improve the experience for next time.

Look out for more information in the following weeks about how to run a successful and safe meeting online.

eSafety

At Scouts NSW, our responsibility to ensure the safety of our Youth Members extends to the online environment as well as face-to-face, physically. While we may not be conducting face-to-face Scouting activities for the meantime, Two Deep Leadership still applies for all interactions with Youth Members, whether they be online or via phone.

Check out our new guide - 10 Ways to Keep Young People Safe while Scouting at Home [here](#).

Our [Code of Conduct](#) and [Code of Ethics](#) guides our interactions with each other. Please ensure you maintain polite and respectful interactions online.

We've pulled together useful resources for our Leaders so you know exactly what is expected when communicating with our Leaders online. To view these resources, [click here](#). The Office of the eSafety Commissioner also offers guidance on how you and your youth members can stay safe online. To view these resources, [click here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

2020 Monster Raffle provides opportunity for Scout Groups to raise funds virtually



While face-to-face fundraising activities have been suspended for the meantime, that doesn't mean fundraising needs to stop altogether. Consider taking your fundraising online by signing up to participate in the 2020 Monster Raffle! To find out more and to register your Group, [click here](#).

Become a Youth Safe Advocate



Youth Safe Advocates are important members of our Scouts NSW community, working to ensure all members are able to enjoy Scouts within an environment where they feel safe, supported and empowered. If you're passionate about youth safety and want to join our panel of 100+ YSAs across the State, why not take this time to nominate yourself as a potential Youth Safe Advocate by submitting an Expression of Interest on our [website](#)?

All Expressions of Interest are forwarded to relevant Region Commissioners for endorsement. Members and Supporters selected as Youth Safe Advocates will undergo extensive high-level training by the Office of the Children's Guardian, as well as with Scouts.

Recognition through the Order of Australia

Recognition others for their contributions is a key facet of Scouting. This culture of recognition can take place at any level - from a simple 'thanks' and a certificate of appreciation at the local level, through to the national level with an Order of Australia. If you wish to nominate an individual for an Award within the Order of Australia, you can find support materials on our [website](#) or by contacting Roger Butler, Chair of the Scouts Australia Honours and Advisory Committee via email to rbutler@colebutler.com.au or 02 6752 1677 during business hours.

Child Safety in Scouting

Scouts Australia NSW is committed to operating as a child safe organisation and implementing child safe policies and practices in accordance with the elements of a child safe institution outlined by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse report entitled Creating Child Safe Institutions.

Remember

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matter or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner (Youth Safety, Compliance and Support), the CEO or the Child Protection Officer at the NSW State Office.

To make a report use the [online child protection form](#), call 02 9735 9000 or email childprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Imminent Danger

If a young person is in imminent danger, the matter should be reported directly and immediately to NSW Police on 131 444.

Where a report is made to the police, you should also subsequently notify the NSW State Office.

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