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AJ2022 Special Edition

Dear Leader,

We have some exciting news to share with you.

We're launching the 26th Australian Jamboree event with a special newsletter and a new website dedicated to this once-every-three year adventure.

Scheduled to take place in January 2022, the next Australian Jamboree should be as successful and popular as its predecessors, and after all, isn't it great to have something fun to look forward to!

This newsletter is being sent to all Leaders across NSW. Once we have final details about the costs of the event from the Jamboree Organising Committee, we'll launch AJ2022 to all members.

So sit down, take a load off, and find out all about [AJ2022](#).

When	Monday 3rd January - Thursday 13th January 2022
Where	Elmore Field Day site, Campaspe Shire in Northern Victoria
Theme	Take it to the Next Level
Family Day	Saturday 8th January



So what's a Jamboree?

A Jamboree is a huge event for Scouts in Australia, which is held every three years. It takes place in early January and lasts for about ten nights. It even has its own [Wikipedia entry](#).

The Jamboree site is like a small city, housing & feeding thousands of people. It includes stages, entertainment, activities, campsites, meeting places and food. It's like taking a small town and filling it with all your Scouting friends and many more!

The Jamboree attracts Scouts from all over Australia who spend ten nights sleeping in tents, and ten days enjoying a wide range of fun activities. Past Jamborees have included circus training, flying fox races, obstacle courses, mud, snake charming, abseiling, swimming, zorbing, high ropes, tattoos, as well as laser tag, waterslides, nerf wars, indoors challenges, and visits to nearby events and parks.

In the evenings, there is plenty of entertainment available including acting, dancing, music, well-known bands and comedians on the main stage.

There is something exciting to do every day.

And there's something for everyone. Scouts don't have to participate in all the events, but they'll probably be persuaded to try!



Meet the Contingent Team

The NSW Contingent Management Team oversees the management of the State Contingent. You can find out about them [here](#).

This will be NSW Contingent Leader Chris Buggie's 7th Jamboree, so he knows a thing or two about what works. Let's find out what he's been up to, and how he's planning ahead for the big event.

We've been working since last year on shaping our experiences and ideas from previous Jamborees into something new, creative and exciting for youth members and Leaders.



The Contingent Team consists of 5 Directors and a Deputy Contingent Leader, together with youth members to ensure everything we do is going to work when we get there.

The Directors have a range of technical and Scouting experience, and I've worked closely with all of them before. I'm confident we've got a great team for this Jamboree.

Since the start of the year, we had to review and redirect our energies, as the impact of the bushfires and now the coronavirus pandemic have taken their toll on our AJ2022 plans.

But there are some things that stay the same. We want to make sure we offer a safe event where everyone - children and adults - is cared for and looked after to the highest standards. We also want to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible (notwithstanding the potential weather conditions!) and that all participants have an awesome experience.

We're also working closely with the Jamboree Organising Committee (the JOC) and the Victorian branch who are hosting AJ2022, to see how we can generate a sustainable event, both from a financial and an environmental perspective.

Personally, I'm enjoying the camaraderie that strong teams build, especially when facing some of the most unusual challenges we could ever imagine.

I hope you find this newsletter useful, and that it sparks your interest in what will be one of the best events we design for our Scouts. It'll create memories they'll never forget.

Chris Buggie

Want to join Chris and his team? Check out the [available roles](#) and make sure you send your interest to the relevant Director by **15th May**.

Meet our Jambassadors

Never heard of a Jambassador? Well you're in luck, because the NSW Contingent has got two of the best. Find out more about [Amy Snowdon](#) and [Toby Luck](#).

Both Amy and Toby have been to Australian Jamborees and they've even attended a World Jamboree, so they've got lots of recent first-hand experience that they can share with Scouts.



Going to Jamboree is a big investment in growing up. It teaches Scouts to be independent. They get to raise their own funds so they can afford to go, they pack their own bags, and they get a chance to do the cooking, and maybe even the cleaning, while they're there.

But most importantly, they get to meet some awesome new friends, and have the opportunity to participate in activities they've never tried before, never imagined before, and may never get the chance to experience again.

Meet Amy

Hi everyone

Here's some fun facts about my experiences at Jamboree. Firstly, three things I did at Jamboree that I'd never done before:

- I had never washed my clothes in a bucket before AJ2016!*
- I had never been on a bus for so long going to AJ2019 in South Australia from Wollongong NSW! (15 hours)*
- I had never eaten so many Snow cones!*

And here are three things I learned at Jamboree:

- I learned to give everything a go! At previous AJs, I really pushed myself out of my comfort to try all the activities I possibly could.*
- I learnt that the friends you meet in scouts are definitely friends for life.*
- I also learned that your socks disappear and having lots of socks is a necessity.*

Meet Toby

Greetings,

I've been in Scouting for about 8 years, and I love it. Although I'm adventurous, I'm not as nuts as Amy, and I have a quiet side like lots of my Scouting friends.

Three things I learned at the Jamboree:

- 1. Just because it's raining, doesn't mean you can't have fun!*
- 2. It's important to sleep. This camp isn't a sprint, it's a marathon!*
- 3. Don't be afraid to say hi to other random scouts. They're just as interested in making new friends!*

Three things I did at Jamboree that I haven't done before:

- 1. I did a stunt jump!*
- 2. I went to my first concert.*
- 3. I traded badges for the first time!*

We're looking for Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and Leaders who'd like to join Amy and Toby's Jambassador team. They need to have been to a Jamboree and would like to help promote the event to new Scouts. If you know someone who'd be a great fit, find out more [here](#).

Finally, have you got any Questions?



Yes, what are the eligibility criteria for Scouts to attend?
The current information on who can attend is available [here](#).

And how much is it going to cost me?
Although the final cost of AJ2022 hasn't been set yet, last year was \$1855 for Scouts and \$1390 for Adult Leaders. The costs are usually paid in instalments, with the final payment likely to be due in September 2021.

So it's about \$25 a week if you start saving today.

How do Scouts and Leaders find that sort of money?
Fundraising is a major part of the Jamboree experience.

We recommend starting with a simple plan and a fundraising target in mind. Then gather together as many Scouts from your Troop as you can that are interested in attending. Organise a gathering to discuss ideas for fundraising.

It's a good idea to try and share the load. It's a lot easier to save the money if you are supporting each other, setting and reaching goals and swapping ideas.

Put some fundraising activities into the calendar. One per term makes all the difference! Below is a list of ideas to get you started:

- Burning BBQs
- Monster Scout raffle
- Phone book deliveries
- Flyer deliveries for local businesses
- Chocolates
- Sell Christmas trees
- Raffle a trailer of firewood
- Car wash
- Garage/Car boot sale
- Trivia night

And how do I get there?
Transport arrangements will be made in advance for each Region with a national coach firm.

If you elect to travel independently, this will reduce your fee – but remember that it's not as simple as just flying into Melbourne airport!

There are more Q&As on the website - check it out [here](#).

We hope you've enjoyed this special newsletter dedicated to AJ2022.

For more information, you can visit our [new website](#).
And if you have any questions, just email NSW.Contingent@nsw.scouts.com.au



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 matters 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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