

Note: Watch out for a bonus Leader News on the 3rd March

HOT OFF THE PRESS

New Deputy Chair of Scouts NSW



At the February meeting of the Board of Scouts NSW, Richard Hodge was appointed as the new Deputy Chair of Scouts NSW.

Richard has been involved in Scouting for more than twenty years, initially enrolling as a Cub Scout aged 7. The values and skills that Scouts gave him as a young person have informed both his professional life and his role on the Board of Scouts NSW.

We congratulate Richard Hodge on his new role and cannot wait for the positive approach and impact he will bring to Scouts NSW!

[Click here](#) to read more.

The new Adventurous Activity Hub is live!

Two weeks ago, the Chief Commissioner outlined why we are making changes in Adventurous Activities. Now we are launching the Adventurous Activity Hub, which you can access [here](#). From this one link, you can access everything you'll want to know about Adventurous Activities in Scouts NSW. There are pages:

- showing you all the Activities available in NSW
- outlining how to Get Qualified with tools and systems to help you
- explaining how to Plan an Activity with access to resources and tools
- introducing the Team who is here to help
- providing all the Policies and Procedures in one place
- giving you Resources and guides for when you need them
- communicating the latest Adventurous Activity news

We are running two information sessions on Teams on the 8th and 10th March for 60 minutes starting at 7PM. If you would like to attend a session, please register below. Please also let us know if you have any feedback or areas where you'd like our focus by emailing us at adventurousactivity@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Note: These pages are a work-in-progress so please check-in regularly for any new updates.

[8th March Webinar](#)

[10th March Webinar](#)

Scouts to March in Mardi Gras Parade



Make sure you tune into ABC broadcast or our Facebook livestream spots on Saturday 5th March from 6:30pm to catch our NSW Scouts marching in this year's Mardi Gras parade. Scouts from across NSW are coming together under the theme of 'United We Shine', showing how Scouts brings together diverse people into one leading youth organisation.

Promotions Webinar

Does your Group need more youth members? Do you want to set up new units like Joeys or Cubs and need to get the word out in your local area? If you want to keep Scouts front and centre for parents and youth in your suburb, come along to our **Promoting your Group** webinar.

This is a practical session covering a range of promotions you can do for your Group. Whether it is Bring a Friend nights, school ads and presentations, your hall working as a visual billboard for Scouts, or harnessing the power of social media – a big range of topics will be covered.

The webinar will be on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm. Register now below to attend:

[Register Here](#)

Terrain Development Survey

Scouts | Terrain (developed by Scouts Australia) has been active for over 12 months now, and throughout 2021 it gained additional functionality. The team working to support Scouts | Terrain is aware of many enhancements that Scouts members have raised, and areas they would like to see improved. You now have an opportunity to contribute your thoughts and suggestion through this [survey](#).

Have your say now and the collective input will be used to inform recommendations on the roadmap ahead.

[Complete Survey](#)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Dragon Skin



2022 is shaping up to be an exciting year with lots of opportunities for us to get back into the great outdoors and we can't think of a better way to celebrate than at Dragon Skin 2022!

Dragon Skin will run over the Easter long weekend, 15 – 18 April 2022, and registrations close 3 April 2022.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Clean Up Australia Day

A Youth Clean Up is a great way to learn about the impact of rubbish on your local environment while playing an active role in your community 🌱

Your Group can work together to Clean Up - it can be on Scouts grounds, at a local park, or maybe at bushland near your school - it's up to you!

Create a Youth Clean Up [here](#).

Jamboree on Pedals (JOP) 2022



Registration and ordering of badges are now open for 2022 Jamboree on Pedals (JOP).

All Scouts, of every age and location, can plan and/or participate in a cycling adventure this March. There is no one central event, rather lots of Patrols, Project Patrols, sections, and Groups all undertaking their own cycling adventures.

There are no minimum distances, minimum time-limits, or strict rules (it can be adapted to your conditions, relevant OAS stages or other badge work). It's your cycling adventure, and you can decide how you want it to look and feel.

To learn more, access handy resources, and start planning your activity, head to: jamboreeonpedals.com

To register your event and/or purchase badges [click here](#).

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Mental Health First Aid Courses

After two years of pandemic, and enormous challenges to our young people, Scouts NSW knows that equipping Scout Leaders with Mental Health training is vital. And we have a busy program planned to do just that.

MHFA courses teach members of the public how to provide initial help to a person who is developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional help is received, or the crisis resolves.

Scouts NSW has a team of dedicated trainers who are now looking to develop our leaders and train them in various aspects of mental health first aid. The aim is for leaders to be Mental Health First Aiders, not dissimilar from Physical first aid. It is a three-year competency with refresher courses.

We are running a series of training courses so come along and learn how to do things better.

Contact mhfa@nsw.scouts.com.au and indicate which of the planned courses you are interested in attending to book.

Month	Date	Type	Location
March	5 th & 18 th	Blended	Anywhere
	12 th -13 th	Youth MHFA	Wagga or Albury
	19 th -20 th	Youth MHFA	Newcastle
	26 th -27 th	Youth MHFA	Broken Hill
April	2 nd -3 rd	Youth MHFA	Hume
	23 rd -24 th	Youth MHFA	Anywhere
May	21 st -22 nd	Teen	Lake Heights

GRANTS

Grants Policy

Each year, Scouts NSW benefits by successfully applying for a wide range of grant funding programs. These programs (including community based, local, State and Federal government-run grants) assist Scouts in the development of our resources, training, capital works on our halls, and the purchase of new equipment, amongst other projects.

In recognition of the growing complexity of grants programs, Scouts NSW now has an official Grants Policy – POL43 – and you can see it [here](#).

[Click here](#) for more information.

STATE NOTICEBOARD

Program Manager

- Do you have a passion for education and a love for the outdoors?
- Do you want to inspire and mentor students of all ages?
- Do you want to work for a leading youth development organisation?

If you answered yes to all these questions, Scouts NSW wants you!

Scouts NSW is looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Program Manager to join the team at the Cataract and Baden-Powell Activity Centres. As a Registered Training Organisation, Scouts NSW is committed to training and development for all staff.

[Click here](#) to see full position description.

Audit and Risk Committee

Scouts NSW is seeking to appoint two (2) passionate and experienced committee members, one (1) of which is an under 30 years of age position, to the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC).

Reporting to the Scouts NSW Board of Directors, the Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for providing advice to the Board about Scouts NSW risk management and governance obligations.

The Audit and Risk Committee Member role is an honorary appointment for 3 years.

[Click here](#) to read the full position.

Deputy National Commissioner International Vacancy

Scouts Australia is recruiting for the next Deputy National Commissioner International. This role is one component of our commitment to empowering young people in decision making.

The Deputy National Commissioner International (DNCI) is a senior governance role within Scouts Australia promoting youth involvement in decision making and providing active leadership to the delivery of key international projects. This role is intended to provide a development opportunity at a national level for an adult member under 30 years of age.

The successful applicant will be appointed for a term of up to three years.

The primary purpose of the role is to manage the delivery of key International Scouting programs on behalf of the International Commissioner of Australia (ICoA).

Applicants should ensure they have the flexibility in their time to be able to accommodate this significant contribution considering their work and study requirements. This is a volunteer position.

[Click here](#) to apply. Applications for this position close at 5PM AEDT on 28 February 2022.

Conflicts of Interest

All members and employees of Scouts NSW are required to complete a Declaration of Conflict of Interest, for all actual, potential, or perceived conflicts when they are identified, as a conflict arises and on a six-monthly basis.

Full details of the Scouts NSW Conflicts of Interest Policy and Procedure are located on the Scouts NSW website. View the Policy [here](#), view the Procedure [here](#).

To declare an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest, complete the Declaration of Conflict of Interest Register form [here](#).

Youth Safety in Scouting

Scouts NSW is committed to operating as a youth safe organisation and implementing youth 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 Scouts NSW Service Centre. To make a report use the online youth protection form, call 02 9735 9000 or email youthprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Imminent Danger

If someone is in danger NOW, the matter should be reported directly to NSW Police on 000. Where a report is made to the Police, you must also subsequently notify Scouts NSW Service Centre.

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