


NSW Flood Emergencies

The last week has been very challenging for many across NSW with the major rain event and accompanying floods. We know Scout families, leaders and properties have been affected, or may be in coming days. As you would expect though, Scouts step up to the challenge and there are stories of Scouts active in their communities helping others. Certain Scouting properties are also being offered as an evacuation point for their local community and Scout families requiring shelter and facilities. We send our sympathies to all members personally affected.

Sincerely,



Neville Tomkins OAM JP
Chief Commissioner



Carolyn Campbell
CEO

HOT OFF THE PRESS

2021 Scout of the Year Winners



On February 26 we celebrated our incredible Scout of the Year Finalists - we can't wait to see the change that they all continue to create!

Here are the Scout of the Year winners for 2021!

- People's Choice winner - Benjamin Caughey
- Joey Scout winner - Kaysanne Lockman
- Cub Scout winner - Jayden Savage
- Scout winner - Tynielle Gomez
- Venturer Scout winner - Thomas Furness
- Rover Scout winner - Taya Bates

You can learn all about our Scout of the Year finalists on our [webpage](#).

A massive thank you to our sponsors: Fairy Meadow Rotary Club, Paddle and Portage Canoes, Osprey and Zart Art.

Scouts NSW Stands in solidarity with Ukraine



Ukrainian Scouts urgently need your support to coordinate humanitarian relief efforts. Donate today [here](#) and share widely!

Scouting has a long and proud history of promoting peace, dialogue and human rights, including the rights of children all around the world, particularly in areas where conflict arises.

Adventurous Activities Webinar

Thinking of running an Adventurous Activity or want to learn more about this exciting part of Scouts? There have been important new information and resources developed, and there are key new procedures for this section of Scouting. To help you we are running two information sessions on Teams on the 8th and 10th March for 60 minutes starting at 7PM - 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](#)

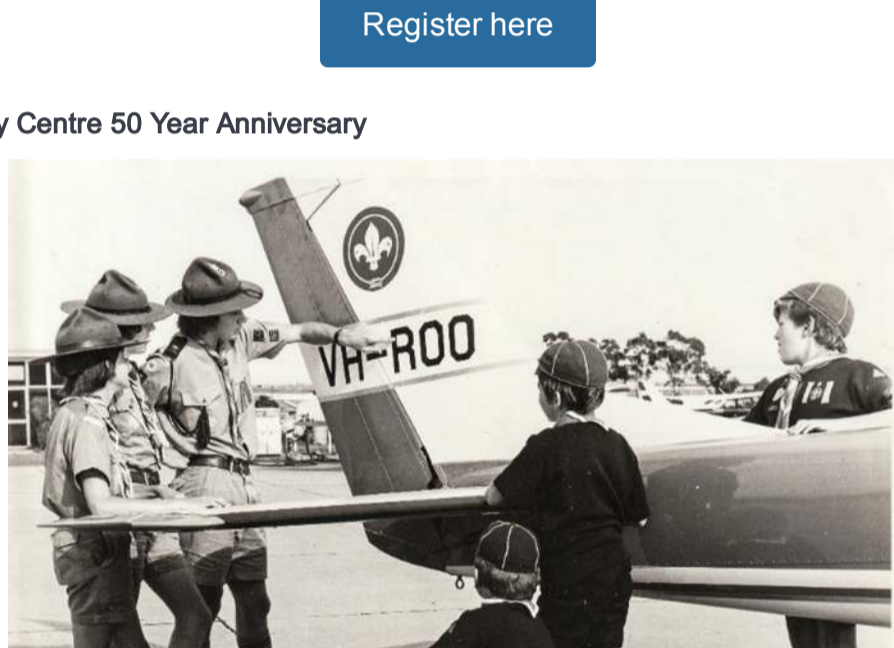
Promo Webinar

Scouts NSW is running a practical session covering a range of promotions you can do for your Group. Whether it is Biting a Friend nights, school promotions, your hall working as a 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 below:

[Register here](#)

Air Activity Centre 50 Year Anniversary



2022 marks the 50th anniversary of The Scouts NSW Air Activity Centre providing all Scouts and Girl Guides with safe and fun aviation experiences right across NSW.

50 years of Scouts NSW operating Air Activity Days is a significant milestone to celebrate, not only to commemorate the achievements of Scouts pioneers, but to inspire and encourage our youth to live their aero dreams.

[Click here](#) to read more.

Harmony Week 21 – 27 March



Harmony Week is held from 21 - 27 March this year and celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The same values and principles Scouts stand for. Now's the time to start thinking how your Scout Group can celebrate. If you would like ideas on how to get involved, [click here](#).

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Air Activity Centre Air Venture Flying Camp

The AAC has developed an Introductory 'Air Venture' Flying Training Program for Venturer Scouts. The training program is structured to introduce you to the world of aviation by delivering the first five hours of your flying training, in the pilot's seat, hands on and in control of the aircraft.

The camp will be on the 11th, 13th, and 15th of April 2022 (due to Covid-19 precautions, the program is currently run over 3 days on a day-only basis). However, the program can be run over any mutually agreed dates with school holidays generally preferred for Venturer Scout camps.

For further details, please download the comprehensive Information Pack and application form [here](#).

Scouts NSW KISC 2023/2024 Winter Trip

Scouts NSW is organising a trip to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in December 2023. This is different to the KISC 100 Australian Contingent which is going in July 2023.

The program will make the most of the snow-capped mountains and international friendships, as well as closing out the KISC 100 Centenary. During this time away we will be in the heart of the Swiss Alps for 12 days and there will be 10 days of programmed activities and 2 Free Days for you to explore the Village of Kandersteg.

Register your Expression of Interest [here](#).

Scouts Australia Contingent Leader Vacancies

Scouts Australia is currently recruiting new Contingent Leaders to lead future overseas events in 2023 and 2024! Applications are now open for:

- 81st New Zealand Rover Moot: 6-10 April 2023
- 1st Africa Rover Moot: 15-25 April 2023
- 23rd New Zealand Jamboree: January 2024

[Click here](#) to apply. Applications for all events will close on 31 March 2022.

STATE NOTICEBOARD

Individual Adult Volunteer Plans

In 2021 the National Operations Committee supported a recommendation from the National Adults in Scouting Committee that the Adult Development Plan (ADP) be replaced with a suite of plans which focus on learning and development outcomes tailored to each adult member. The plans are delivered in 4 phases:

- IVAP Phase 1 – New leader to be filled in with application
- IVAP Phase 2 – After completing a certificate of proficiency
- IVAP phase 3 – At Woodbadge and Annually
- AVVP Phase 4 – Adult Volunteer performance Plan

[Click here to read more.](#)

Order Your Peak Award Badges

The new Uniform Layout for Youth Members was approved in July 2020. This means our Scouts can now wear a badge on their uniform for each Peak Award earned across their entire Scouting journey!

Badges cost \$4 each and are open to current youth members who have achieved a Peak Award during their Scouting journey.

Complete the form [here](#) to submit a badge order request.

If you have any questions, please email peak.awards@nsw.scouts.com.au

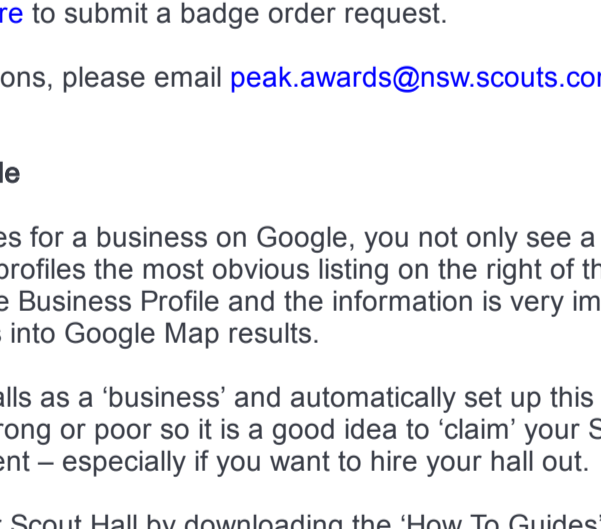
Google Business Guide

When anyone searches for a business on Google, you not only see a choice of options, but Google also helpfully profiles the most obvious listing on the right of the screen in a box. This is called a Google Business Profile and the information is very important for public awareness, and feeds into Google Map results.

Google sees Scout Halls as a 'business' and automatically set up this listing box. But the information may be wrong or poor so it is a good idea to 'claim' your Scout Hall on Google and improve the content – especially if you want to hire your hall out.

See how to claim your Scout Hall by downloading the 'How To Guides' folder [here](#).

Joey Scout & Cub Scout Colour-In Backpack



Is your Joey Unit or Cub Unit going on Camp soon? We have a fun activity for Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts to do in the Hall, at camp or at home - Joey Scout and Cub Scout colour-in backpack/bags.

This bag is the perfect size to be used for day trips or can be used at camp as a mess kit, dilly bag, swimming bag or shoe bag. The uses are endless!

Place individual orders or an order for the whole Unit - discounted price for bulk orders!

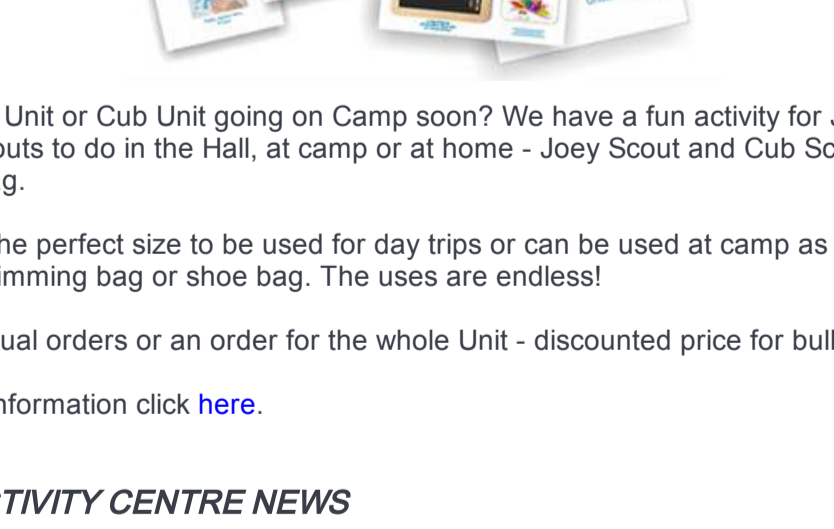
For further information click [here](#).

STATE ACTIVITY CENTRE NEWS

\$12 Camping

Cataract, Baden-Powell and Alpine Activity Centres are offering \$12 a night p.p. member camping fee (conditions apply). Available for upcoming School Holidays!

25% Off Cottages and Lodge at Alpine Activity Centre



Visit Alpine Activity Centre between 1 February and 31 May and you can save a massive 25% on any bookings of two or more nights at either the Fred Read Cottages or the Tony Balhasar Lodge.

[Click here](#) for more information and to book. Your retreat in the heart of Australia's high country is waiting for you.

And if you're looking for a winter getaway, get in quick, as the months of July and August are booked out with June and September filling fast! [Book here now!](#)

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.

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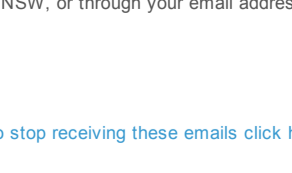
All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner (Youth Safety, Compliance and Support), the CEO or the Child Protection Officer at the Scouts NSW Service Centre. To make a report 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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