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Local Scout Kirah Doyle (left) of 1st Jerrabomberra received the Queen's Scout Award from Governor of NSW, Margaret Beazley AC QC, at a ceremony at NSW Government House on Saturday 2 April. Photo supplied.

Jerrabomberra Scout honoured with Queen's Scout Award

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After two years of Covid-19 lockdowns and disruptions to organised outdoor activities, local Scout Kirah Doyle of 1st Jerrabomberra received the Queen's Scout Award at a ceremony at New South Wales Government House on Saturday 2 April.

The Queen's Scout Award aims to widen the interests and knowledge of Venturer Scouts and encourage them to 'look wide'. The award is designed to be challenging and encouraging for Venturer Scouts aged 14-17, over a range of activities.

To achieve this prestigious award, a Venturer Scout must be able to set a goal; plan progress towards that goal; organise their self and others; and maintain the determination to overcome difficulties and complete the task. They must also have achieved the Venturing Skills Award and complete the requirements in four award areas: Adventurous Activities, Community Involvement, Leadership Development, and Personal Growth.

"Completion of the Queen's Scout Award is a major milestone in a Venturers Scouting journey and carries an outstanding reputation within Scouting and the wider community," said Neville Tomkins, OAM JP, Chief Commissioner, Scouts NSW.

"On behalf of Scouts NSW, I congratulate our local Queen's Scout Award recipients and look forward to them returning to their local Scout halls to inspire younger Scouts."

In a statement, Scouts NSW said Kirah started her Scouting journey with the 1st Jerrabomberra Scout Unit in February 2015, where she achieved her Australian Scout Medallion in September 2018. Kirah attend the 2019 Australian Scout Jamboree as a Unit Leader and represented Scouts Australia at the World Scout Jamboree in 2019.

During her time as a Venturer Scout, Kirah has continued to demonstrate positive Scouting values and is a reliable mentor for Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, and other Venturer Scouts both within 1st Jerrabomberra and at a District, Region, State level, including representation on several youth forums. Kirah's ability to assess situations, identify appropriate solutions and step up to give a hand will be skills that will allow her to be a strong team member and leader in any future endeavours and career paths that she chooses, Scouts NSW said.

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