

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Gang Shows underway



The Albury Gang Show (Picture: James Wiltshire, The Border Mail)

Congratulations to the Gang in Albury for having been first with the shows this year and for getting in the local [paper](#)!

Next up is Kirrawee (5, 6, 8 & 9 July), Cumberland (6, 8, 9 & 10 July), Central Coast (7, 8 & 9 July), Hornsby (8, 9, 10, 13, 15 & 16 July) and Korimul (9, 10 & 11 September).

[Find out all the details and book here.](#)

State Youth Council – welcome to 13 new representatives!



The State Youth Council (SYC) is a multi-sectional body made up of members aged 13-25 from every Region in NSW. It aims to develop leadership and community involvement, and to connect passionate Scouts from across the state to have a say in Scouting at a state level. Representing the needs and interests of youth members, the SYC rolls out a variety of projects each year. The Scouts NSW SYC are excited to welcome 13 new Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts from across the state to the Council. We're keen to see the difference that our changemakers will create during their two-year term - so keep an eye on the [State Youth Council Socials](#) to follow their progress and achievements!

EVENTS

NAIDOC Week: 3-10 July



NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held from 3-10 July 2022, recognising the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Scouts are encouraged to learn about our First Nations through researching their local Aboriginal communities and participating in events in their area. In Sydney, the National Indigenous Art Fair is on from 2-3 July, offering two immersive days of Indigenous Australian art, design, food and culture at the Overseas Passenger Terminal in The Rocks (gold coin donation to enter, to support First Hand Solutions' Aboriginal youth program) – [see more here](#).

Special Interest Area Camp – School of Magic



Registrations are open until 12 August for the Special Interest Area Camp being held at Glenfield Scout Camp (AKA Glenfield School of Magic) from 26-28 August 2022. Join the State Special Interest Area (SIA) team on an adventure to discover the magic of what an SIA can be. You'll take a journey through magical classes to uncover new and exciting ideas to inspire your own SIA projects. With a Harry Potter theme, this is sure to be a fun and informative event - [Get your tickets for the Glenfield Express today!](#)

State Rally – early bird closing 8 July!

Early bird registrations for the State Rally close on 8 July 2022 at midnight! This highlight of the Scouting calendar takes place from 5-7 August 2022 and is the biggest, annual state-wide Scout event. Held at Cataract Activity Centre, it's open to all Scouts in NSW – [register here](#).

Kaleidoscope 2022 applications now open

Kaleidoscope is a jam-packed, networking and informative weekend for all adults in Scouting supporting the Youth program. Applications are now open for this highly interactive event, taking place from 16-18 September 2022 at Glenfield Scout Camp. You'll spend the weekend sharing and learning new ideas, concepts and talking about experiences to enhance your ability to deliver and support an adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive program experience for our Youth. Adding to the excitement, this year's theme is 'This is it, The Greatest Show!'. [Apply here.](#)

GRANTS

Australia Post 2022 Community Grants

Hurry to get your grant application in by the 3 July deadline for the Australia Post Community Grants scheme. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for local projects that connect individuals and communities to help improve mental health and mental wellbeing. This could include small capital works or purchases for Scouting activities. Be sure to follow the Scouts NSW [Grants Policy](#) and [Toolkit](#) and to forward a copy of your submission to grants@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Find out more [here](#) and check out all the grants opportunities [here](#).

STATE NOTICEBOARD

Save on art, craft & STEM activity materials!

Your Group can now get 20% off at Zart with a special discount code for Scout Leaders across NSW on any art, craft or STEM activity materials. Simply use the promotional code **SUPPORT20** at checkout when you order at www.zartart.com.au.

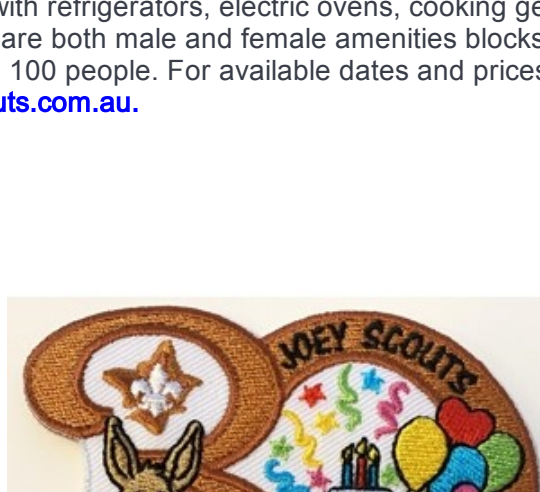
Zart are also running a student art competition with the theme 'My Environment' that Scouts can enter for free. This could be a wonderful opportunity for Joys through to Venturers to join in with for a Special Interest Area badge (e.g. Arts & Literature or STEM) – [click here](#).

Lostock Scout Camp



Are you seeking a new venue for your next Scouting event? Well look no further than Lostock Scout Camp – just an hour and twenty minutes from Newcastle. Situated right next to the Paterson River, there's an idyllic swimming hole, so pack your cossies – or bring your mountain bikes for riverside rides. This unique property consists of two farmhouses sleeping over twenty people in each (in double bunks). There are indoor fireplaces as well as outside fire pits and gas BBQs, along with covered al fresco dining areas. Both properties are stocked with refrigerators, electric ovens, cooking gear, crockery and cutlery. For larger groups there are both male and female amenities blocks, with hot showers, suitable for use by 50 to 100 people. For available dates and prices, email camp.lostock@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Event badges



Are you hosting a major or special event with an event badge? Looking to have it on your uniform? If so, please remember the following steps:

- The Scouts NSW Chief Commissioner must approve the wearing of this badge (email Commissioner@nsw.scouts.com.au to obtain this in advance)
- If the Chief approves, the badge can only be worn on the front right-hand side of the uniform
- The top of any event badges needs to be in horizontal alignment with the top of the Australian Flag badge
- The emblem or badge is to be no larger than 75mm wide and 75mm deep/long
- Only one event badge may be worn on the uniform at any one time
- The badge can only be worn for a maximum of 12 months.

Bargain merchandise up for grabs!

Have you ever wanted merchandise from an event but didn't order any? Well, here's your chance to get your hands on some awesome merchandise at low prices, starting at just \$1, at the [Scouts NSW Event Shop](#).

Seeking Scouts | Terrain feedback

Scouts | Terrain is our national tool to track progress at all stages through the Scout program. It offers an interactive technological solution to replace paper booklets. It's now been live for nearly 18 months, and in that time has gained additional functionality. Scouts Australia is committed to ongoing support and maintenance of the system and are aware of many desires that members have raised, and areas they would like to see improved. Have your say in the future development of this platform by providing your feedback online [here](#).

Training calendar

Don't forget to check out the latest updated Training Calendar. Leaders all have different needs and learn in different ways so there are many different options to complete your training pathway. Find out about all the upcoming courses [here](#).

Scout & About - new e-newsletter for parents & guardians



From early July 2022, we'll be sending out a dedicated monthly e-newsletter for parents and guardians of Scouts in NSW. Named *Scout & About* it'll contain all the information about upcoming events and activities from the Scout world, as well as more background information to help their child's membership. If you have any suggestions for contributions, please send them to communications@nsw.scouts.com.au

Young Naturalist – School Holiday Workshops



Earlier this year, 1st Lilli Pilli Scout Group conducted nature workshops and environmental activities with *The Young Naturalist*. If you're looking for engaging activities these school holidays to keep children entertained and educated, they'll be running workshops at Sydney Olympic Park from 12-14 July (10.30am to 3.30pm). The NSW Creative Kids Voucher can be used to cover the full cost of one workshop per child (for ages 7-16). [Find out more here](#).

It's an Honour!

Congratulations to all Scouts recipients from the Order of Australia in the recently announced 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours. Sincere thanks go to them for giving so generously of their time to Scouting, and for empowering the young people and adults who participate in our Movement:

- Jamie Clark OAM, former Group Leader of 1st Merimbula Scouts, for service to youth and to the community
- Moira Franklin OAM, former Group Leader of Bellingen Scouts, for service to the community of Gleniffer
- Robert Smith OAM, former member of Scouts Point Clare, for service to veterans and to the community
- Adrian Walsh OAM, former member across 3 Branches (Scouts NSW, Scouts Victoria, and Scouts ACT) for service to youth through Scouts.

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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