

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

The Last Great First: Antarctic explorers' presentation – 29 August 6pm live & via Zoom



Scouts Australia invites you to participate in an inspiring evening, in person or via Zoom, at 6pm on 29 August, to hear about the upcoming Antarctic expedition – *The Last Great First* – being undertaken by Scouts' ambassadors' Doctors Gareth Andrews and Richard Stephenson. Scouts has partnered with the expedition which promotes having a sense of adventure and exploration in life. The adventurers credit their time in Scouts with seeding their interest in undertaking incredible trips.

[To register for Zoom click here](#)      [To attend in person click here](#)

Dick & Pip Smith Leadership through Adventure Fund – opens 1 September

Thanks to the generosity of the Dick & Smith Leadership through Adventure Fund, an amazing opportunity exists for Scouts under the age of 25 to challenge themselves and tick some things off the bucket list! Whether to scale a mountain or lead a Unit to explore the unknown for an epic experience, applications open on 1 September 2022. [Click here to apply](#).

## GRANTS

Webinar - 5 September at 7pm

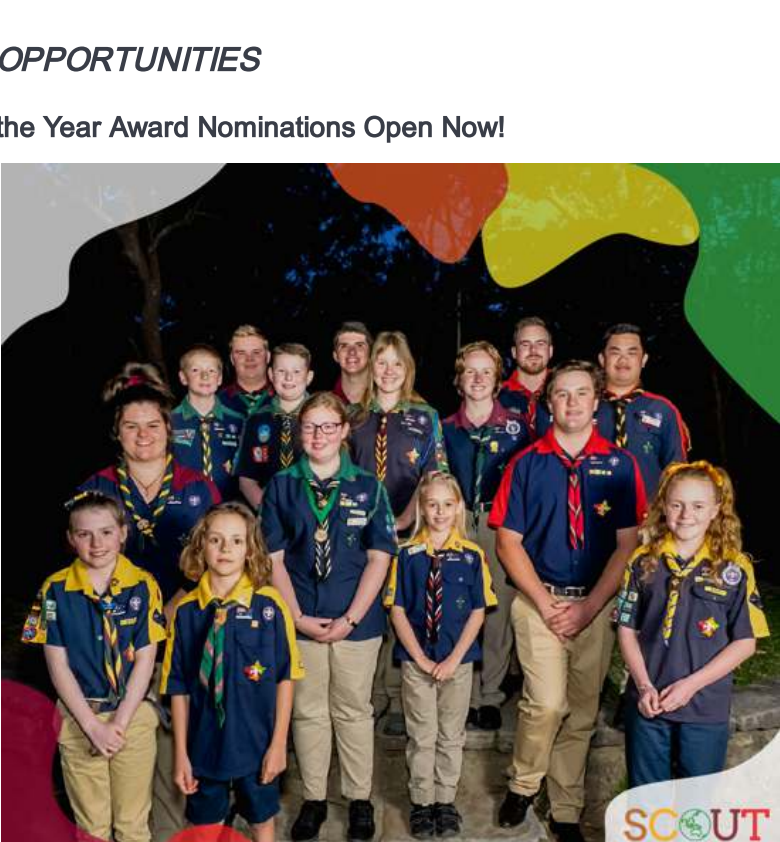
Expressions of interest are now open for Scout Groups to apply for a range of grants, including the Federal Government's Volunteer Grants Program. Unlike many other grants programs, this one is not for capital works projects but can cover things like computer or audio-visual equipment, the cost of undertaking training programs or other small equipment purchases. Maximise your chances of success by attending our special webinar for Scouts NSW Groups, with all the information and tips you need to know.

[Register For the Webinar Here](#)

And to find out more about all the grants currently open to apply for, [click here](#).

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

2022 Scout of the Year Award Nominations Open Now!



These awards recognise youth members from Joey Scouts through to Rover Scouts who have undertaken projects and made amazing contributions to Scouting and their communities. The awards will be presented at a twilight ceremony in November - an uplifting event that brings the community together to celebrate the incredible impact of young people in Scouting. Hurry - applications close on 5 September!

To find out more and to apply, [click here](#).

Scouts Australia seeks Contingent Leaders for international events

Applications are now open for four Contingent Leader roles for the 7th Roverway in Norway 2024, the Pacific Jamboree in Canada 2024, the Essex International Jamboree in UK 2024 and the Canadian Venture in 2024. [Full details are available here](#) – applications close 23 September 2022.

Scouts NSW National Council Nominations

Nominations are sought for five candidates to represent Scouts NSW on the Scouts Australia National Council, two of whom at the time of appointment are under 30 years of age (candidates do not need to be uniformed members of Scouts NSW). Applications close 5pm on 1 September 2022. [Click here to find out more and apply here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Korimul Gang Show – 9 & 10 September

It's not too late to catch the last Gang Show in Korimul on 9 & 10 September. [Book here](#).

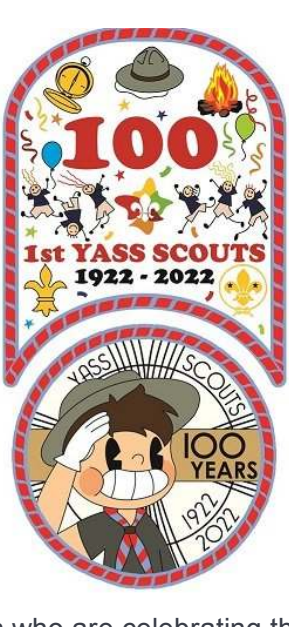
Kaleidoscope 2022 – book now!

Don't forget to book in for this fun, informative event for all adults in Scouting supporting the Youth program, taking place from 16-18 September 2022 at Glenfield Scout Camp. Registrations close 5 September, 10pm. [Click here to apply](#).

Rat Skin – 24-25 September

From 24-25 September, at Canobolas Scout camp Orange, Venturer Scouts will give the adults a break by setting up and running interesting and challenging bases for Leaders, Rovers and other adults. This year's theme is Shocking Moments and Scandals - registrations close 4 September. [Click here to register](#).

1st Yass Scouts Centenary



Congratulations to 1st Yass Scouts who are celebrating their Group's 100th anniversary with a formal dinner on 3 September 2022 – for details contact [1stYassScouts@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:1stYassScouts@nsw.scouts.com.au)

## STATE NOTICEBOARD

State Rally a huge success



Thanks to everyone who was involved with the recent State Rally from 5-7 August, whether setting up, packing down, running challenges and obstacle courses, or just participating. Special thanks go to Mitchell Stubbs and Charlotte Gleeson and their Team for organising the event, and to the crew on the ground at Cataract for its smooth running. [Click here to view photos of the weekend](#) (taken by Cecilia Jackson and Damian Hughes).

Meet 'Hunter'



How cute is Hunter & Coastal Region's mascot – the appropriately named 'Hunter' pictured here in action at a recent promotional event!

Scouts in the media

- [State Rally featured in Campbelltown-MacArthur Advertiser](#)
- [Yass Valley Times featuring local Cub Scout](#)
- [Women on Boards featuring two new Directors & a new Vice President](#)

National Alpine School



Did you know that Scouts teaches incredible alpine survival and snowcraft skills? During July a National Alpine School was held at Alpine Activity Centre in the Snowy Mountains, with over 50 participants from the Scouting community. [Read all about it here](#).

If you're keen to spend some time in the snow before the season is over, it's not too late; [contact Jen](#) at the Alpine Activity Centre for availability in September!

Get Ready for Cuboree 2023

The 7th NSW 'Explore the World' Cuboree will be held from 29 September to 3 October 2023. In the lead up, Cub Scouts from across the State are encouraged to embrace the theme, so get together and show us your best 'Explore the World' adventure. Take a photo or video of your Unit or Patrol and post it to social media with the hashtag #followmetoCuboree2023 or email it to [cuboree@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:cuboree@nsw.scouts.com.au) and you might just see it as part of the opening entertainment at the Cuboree! Register interest and keep up to date [here](#).

## Wellness

The Scouts NSW Member Support team are gathered from all Regions across NSW and are here to support our youth and adult members and supporters as part of our broader culture of member wellbeing and satisfaction. We care for our members across issues management, youth safety, mental health first aid and in general. We are your listening ear! To find out more contact the State Commissioner, Members Support, Wendy White [wendy.white@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:wendy.white@nsw.scouts.com.au), your Region Officer, or the State Service Centre.

Also remember that you can contact your local GP or the organisations below directly. Their websites have great resources, and we encourage you to have this discussion in your Unit soon.

- Lifeline -
  - Phone: 13 11 14
  - Website: <https://www.lifeline.org.au>
- Kids Helpline
  - Phone: 1800 551 800
  - Website: [www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)
- Beyond Blue
  - Phone: 1300 22 4636
  - Website: <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>
- Black Dog Institute
  - Website: <https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/>

R U OK Day - 8 September

On the topic of wellness, don't forget that a conversation can change a life. R U OK inspires and empowers everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and start a conversation with those in their world who may be struggling with life.

Use these four tips and have a conversation that could change a life:

- Ask 'R U OK?'
- Listen
- Encourage action
- Check in

For more info check out <https://www.ruok.org.au/>

Air Activity Centre

Did you know that Scouts teaches the next generation to fly? Find out more at one of their events!

- **Regional activity day, Casino, 27-28 August**

If you're in the Northern Rivers area, come and see a flyover of Scout planes from the Air Activity Centre in Sydney – [details here](#).

- **Activity day, Camden**

The Air Activity Centre runs regular activity days at their Camden base. [Click here to read more](#).

Check out this great feedback from 1st Pymble Scouts who recently undertook the full day of activities:

*"Thank you so much for hosting our group. I have attached a group photo from 1st Pymble Cub Scouts together with your recognition sheet signed by the pilots and groundcrew, which is now proudly displayed in the Hall. The Cub Scouts did not stop raving about the full day experience from the tour of the plane hangars, the flight itself and all the instruction on how flying works. We have used aviation as our term theme for Cub Scout programs for term 3, so the day out has provided us with so much content for multiple evening events. Best Regards, Glen and Lawrie"*



Wings Over Illawarra Airshow, 12-13 November

If you're really keen on aviation, this event is also a great way to get involved and undertake a service activity. They're seeking adults 18+ years to volunteer to work in many positions including ground operations, air operations, transportation, hospitality, security, setup and pack down, merchandise and program sales – [find out more 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**

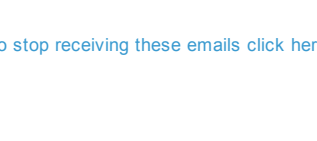
All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner (Youth Safety, Compliance and Support), the CEO or the Child Protection Officer at the Scouts NSW Service Centre. To make a report use the [online youth protection form](#), call 02 9735 9000 or email [youthprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto: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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