

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Single-use plastics ban



We all love The Great Outdoors and want to protect Mother Nature - so, let's get behind the ban on single-use plastics in NSW from 1 November. There is a range of resources Groups can use to inform members and parents. [Find out all the details here.](#)

If you've got bulk supplies of single-use plastics you need to get rid of, there is an organisation arranging recycling for Not-for-Profits called Great Plastic Rescue [register here](#) before 18 November.

Christmas trees



Ho, ho, ho, yes it really is already less than two months until Santa arrives... so start planning your Group's Christmas tree sales now! This is a great fundraising opportunity but also a terrific way to build awareness of your Group in your local area and encourage new members. Get all the info and tools you need, including an editable flyer and Facebook tile [here](#).

Cuboree 2023 – Bookings Now Open!



Want to attend the biggest Scouting event of 2023? Now is the time to book the amazing Cuboree 5-day camp to be held at Cataract Adventure Centre between 29 September-3 October next year. Find out more and book in [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

Seeking Nominations Committee members



Would you like to join the Nominations Committee of Scouts NSW? There are two roles available for the right candidates, involving providing advice to the Board on the process of the election of Directors and recruitment of key leaders (including the Chief Commissioner, Deputy Chief Commissioners and the CEO). Apply by 1 November [here](#).

Mardi Gras 2023 – badge design competition



Scouts NSW is once again marching in the Sydney Mardi Gras parade in February 2023, and we want your help to design the badge! Designs should reflect the theme of the event – "Cather, Dream, Amplify" – and be able to easily translate to a woven badge. [Submit your designs here](#) before 1 December 2022 – apart from fame and glory, if your design is chosen, you'll win a place on the float!

NSW Adventurous Activities roles for young leaders

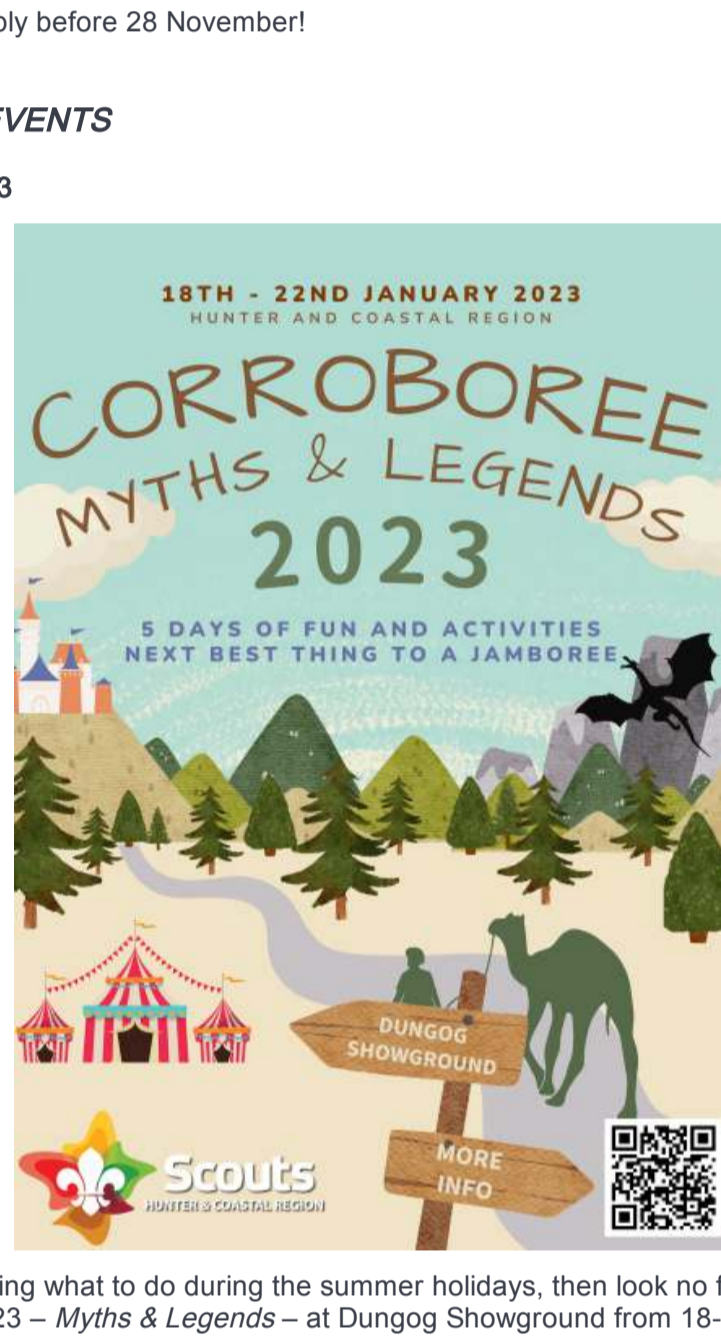
Looking for a new challenge and love adventurous activities? Calling young leaders (aged between 15–34) to take on the following roles:

- State Leader Activity Program
- State Leader Activity Capability
- State Leader Activity Systems

[Click here](#) to apply before 28 November!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Corroboree 2023



If you're wondering what to do during the summer holidays, then look no further than Corroboree 2023 – *Myths & Legends* – at Dungog Showground from 18-22 January. This five-day fun-filled event is open to Scouts from all over the State – just scan the QR code or [click here](#) for details.

Centenaries



1st Merewether Scouts are 100 years young and invite all past and present members and supporters to celebrate! An event will be held at Newcastle United Sports Club, Blyant Street Adamstown on 13 November 2022 from 1pm-3pm. For more information, [contact xx](#)

And don't forget to let us know if you've got a major milestone coming up – email the details to communications@nsw.scouts.com.au

STATE NOTICEBOARD

Member Experience survey

Check your inbox for an email about participating in the annual Scouts NSW Member Experience Survey (MEX). We want to hear from you about your personal experiences in Scouting – what you value, why you volunteer with us, and how well our program and our Association is adapting to the changing needs and perspectives of young people and their families. Have your say up until 13 November. [Click here to participate in the survey.](#)

Our Stories

The State Youth Council have set up an *Our Stories Patrol* and they would love to hear from you! They're producing an online treasure trove of stories about members' best experiences of Scouting. This will form a modern day 'time capsule' for Scouts of the future, as well as allow current members to reflect on their time in Scouting and contribution to their communities. Add your story [here](#).

Stay at Scouts Activity Centres this summer

For a break away that won't break the bank, pack your tent and eskie, and head for Cataract and Baden-Powell Activity Centres on a camping trip. There's no minimum numbers required, or set length of stay, and it costs from just \$12 per person per night. At Baden-Powell, you'll enjoy a beautiful bushland setting on the edge of Lane Cove Valley in Sydney. At Cataract, half an hour from Wollongong, you'll be close to nature, with lots of shady trees and picnic spots. Book here:

- [Cataract Activity Centre](#)
- [Baden-Powell Activity Centre](#)

You can also camp - or stay in the lodge or cute cottages - at Alpine Activity Centre, overlooking tranquil Lake Jindabyne. After all, the Snowies are not just for the snow season! [Book here for the Alpine Activity Centre.](#)

Duke of Edinburgh Award x Queen's Scout Award

The Queen's Scout Award is a pinnacle award within Scouting. However, there's also a great opportunity to combine it with completing The Duke of Edinburgh International Award. Venturer Scouts planning to work towards their Queen's Scout Award can investigate this option [here](#).

Get ready for 2023

Hi! Term 1 running with new Scouts and Leaders joining your Group through *Leader Build* and *Bring a Friend* events! Scouts NSW has produced these handy resource kits to guide you through how to recruit both new Leaders and new Scouts at all levels –

- [Leader Build](#)
- [Bring a Friend](#)
- There's also a range of ideas, tips and resources for promoting your Group available [here](#).

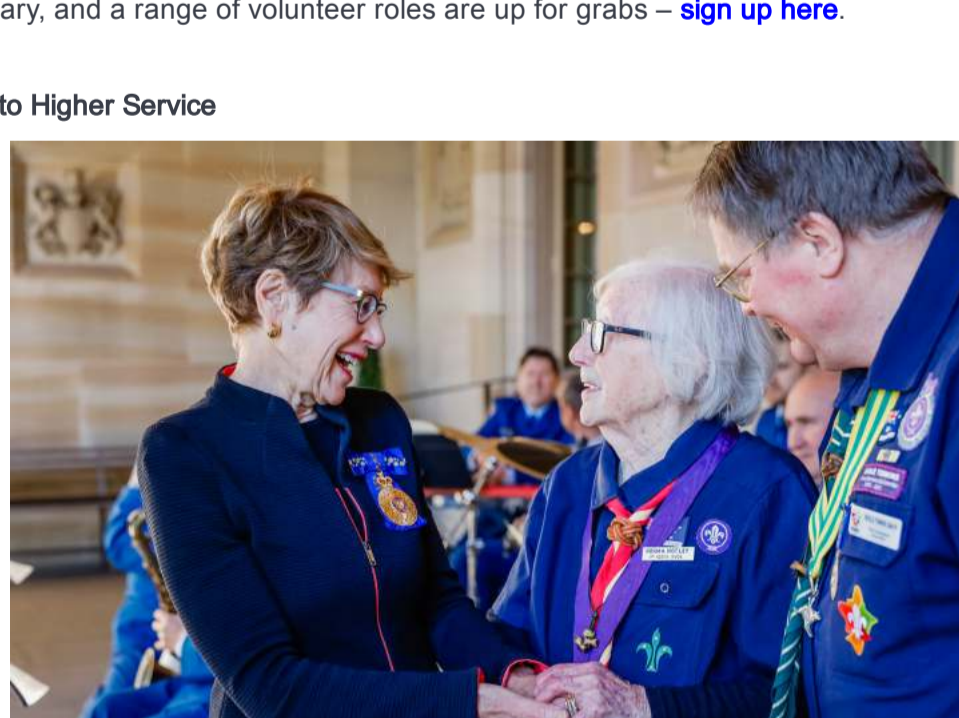
Or just reach out to the Marketing & Communications team for further support – email communications@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Volunteers needed for MS Gong Ride - 6 November



Calling Scout Groups located between Sydney and Wollongong to volunteer to help out with the MS Gong Ride on 6 November. Involving up to 10,000 cyclists and 400 volunteers, this year marks the 40th anniversary of this epic fundraiser. You'll be making a difference to the lives of people living with multiple sclerosis and might also be able to fulfil some service requirements for a Scouting award while giving back to the community. No experience is necessary, and a range of volunteer roles are up for grabs – [sign up here](#).

Called to Higher Service



Vale Norma Jean Nolley OAM (Jan 1921 – 11 Oct 2022) who passed away recently at the ripe old age of 101. For close to a record 70 years, Norma served as a dedicated Leader of Scouts NSW, predominantly with the 1st North Ryde Scout Group. For her extraordinary service, Norma received many accolades, including the Silver Emu in 2017 and a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2021, for her service to youth through Scouts.

Norma was also presented with a Chief Commissioner's Certificate of Appreciation on 30 January 2021 to coincide with her 100th Birthday. On that day, over 100 Scouts, Leaders, supporters and friends gathered outside her home to sing Happy Birthday and give her a huge B-R-A-V-O-O-O. Norma was a legend, and an inspiration to all – may her soul rest in peace.

TRAINING

Leader Training: On the job phases

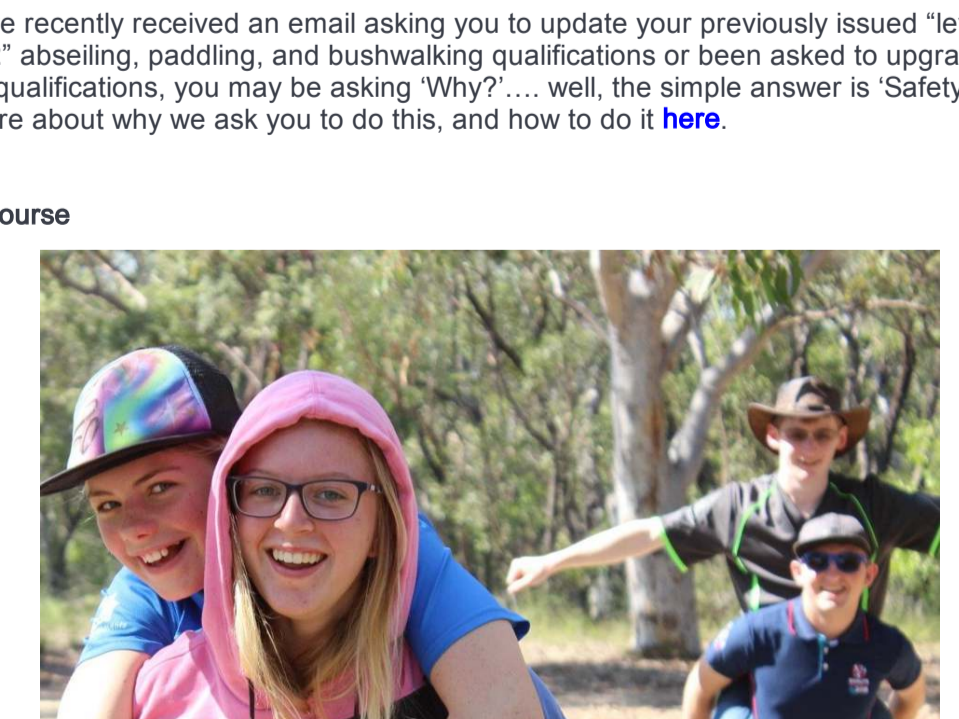
After the roll out of the *On The Job* phases in July, we've had many questions from both the members completing and verifiers. To help simplify the process – we've tried to cover all of these questions in a handy, visual document which will shed some light on these phases for everyone.

This information document can be found [here](#).

Activity qualifications

If you've recently received an email asking you to update your previously issued "level 1" or "level 2" abseiling, paddling, and bushwalking qualifications or been asked to upgrade your Guide qualifications, you may be asking 'Why?' ... well, the simple answer is 'Safety'. Find out more about why we ask you to do this, and how to do it [here](#).

YOU Course



Do you want to be a leader in Scouting and your community? Do you want to develop your understanding of yourself? Do you want to make new friends and have a fun-filled weekend with Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rovers Scouts just like you? Then the YOU course is for you! You'll spend a weekend beginning to understand yourself and the way you work within a team. Once the weekend is over, you'll feel more comfortable as a team member and leader within any team.

We're excited to be holding two courses in NSW this year: Heathcote (Sydney) 11-13 November (applications close 28 October) and Glenroek (Newcastle) 9-11 December (closing on 25 November). Be quick though - [apply here](#).

SCOUTS IN THE HEADLINES

- [Scout of the Year finalists in the Riverine Grazier](#) (6 October 2022)
- [Antarctica 2023 - Scouts Ambassador interview on Sky News](#)

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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