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Welcome to the latest edition of *Scout & About*, your monthly e-newsletter to keep parents and guardians updated about everything in Scouts beyond your local Group's activities.

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Scout Events

World Scarf Day and Adult Recognition Awards



Today, **1 August**, is World Scarf Day – the biggest annual global celebration of Scouting, when every Scout or former one is encouraged to wear their scarf out and about! The idea is to make the "Spirit of Scouting" visible: Once a Scout - Always a Scout! The date of the event commemorates the very first Scout Camp on Brownsea Island in England in 1907. [Find out more here](#).

It is also when we celebrate outstanding adult volunteers, who have made an incredible contribution to Scouting through their generous gift of volunteering.

This year, 182 of NSW's finest adult members and supporters of Scouts NSW have been honoured in the annual Scouts Australia Adult Recognition Awards. They are a fitting tribute to the outstanding service of many adults across our great State. Collectively, they have given thousands of young people the opportunity to flourish through adventure, discovering new talents and developing skills for life.

To view the full list of Adult Members who received Adult Recognition Awards, [please click here](#).

Gang Shows



Congratulations to the Kirrawee, Cumberland, Central Coast and Hornsby Gang Shows for their amazing performances this month. It's not too late to catch one if you haven't yet as the Korimul shows are on 9 & 10 September. [Book here](#).

Latest News

Scouts NSW Annual Review



The 2021-2022 [Annual Review](#) is out now, showcasing some of the incredible activities that our Scouts got up to over the past year. Can you spot any photos from your Group in it?

1st Sailors Bay Sea Scouts little legend!

It takes a special kind of Scout to spend their school holidays doing selfless things for charity but that's exactly what a very dedicated 1st Sailors Bay Sea Scout did recently. Pictured is 12-year old Casey, who single-handedly collected over 360 surplus towels from Sydney's lower north shore local community these recent holidays. These were then batched up and delivered in response to an appeal by the [Wayside Chapel](#) Community Centres at Potts Point and Bondi Beach. Along with donated personal care items such as soap and deodorants, these will provide care packs for people experiencing homelessness – gratefully received at both locations. What a labour of love by young Casey, who step by step organised the whole effort himself - take a bow!

Photos:

- Preparing *Thank You Notes* - all donors were given a note, either in hard copy when the towels were delivered or collected, or sent electronically
- Delivery on the first sunny day of the week!
- Sorting out other donated items



We hope you find lots of useful information in this e-newsletter – if you'd like to send in your stories or suggestions about other topics, please email communications@nsw.scouts.com.au.

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.

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