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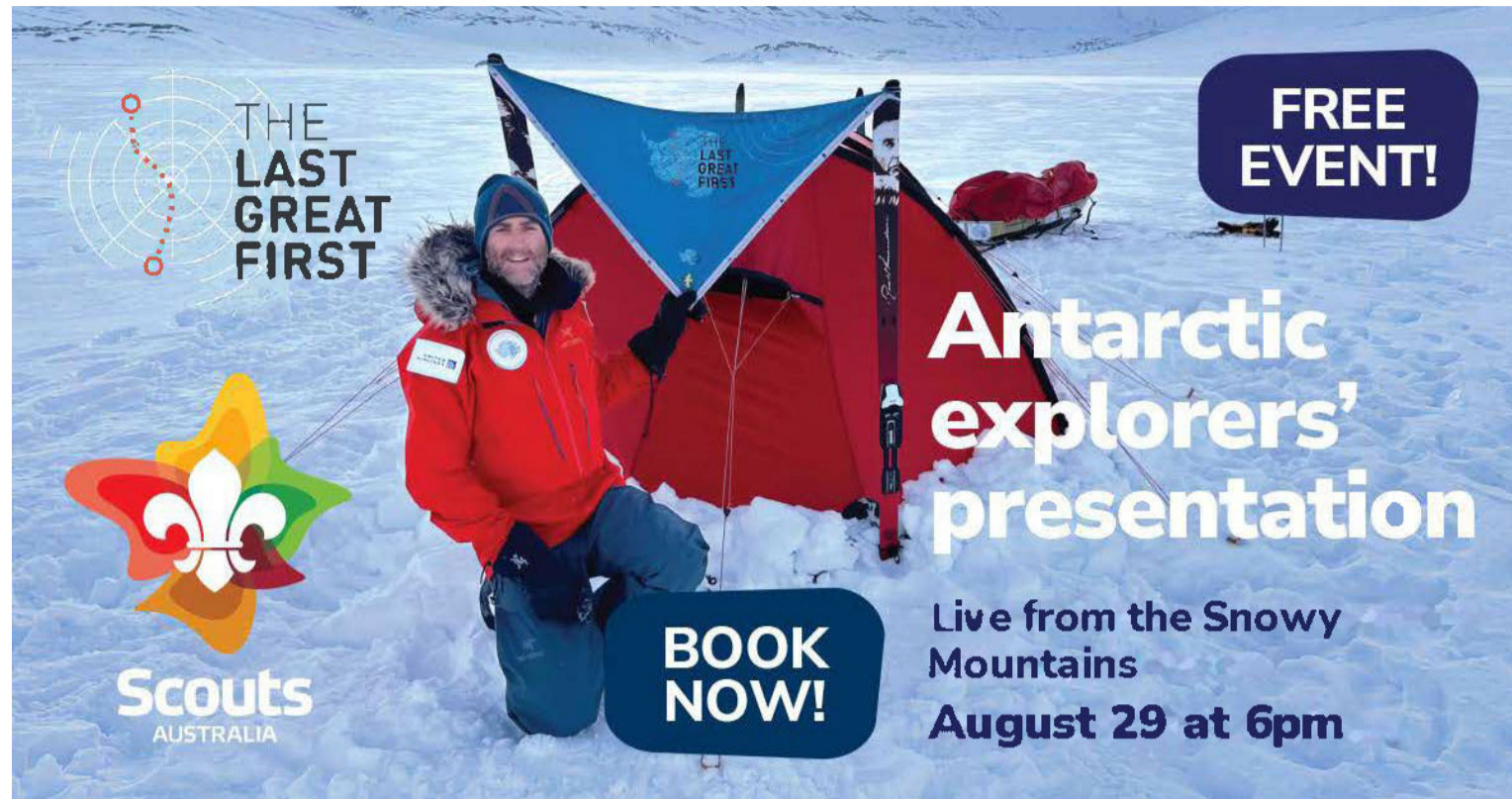
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Welcome to the latest edition of *Scout & About*, your monthly e-newsletter to keep parents and guardians updated about everything in Scouts beyond your local Group's activities.

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Scout Events

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



Tune into an inspiring evening, 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.

[Register for Online Event](#)

Upcoming Opportunities

2022 Scout of the Year Award Nominations Open Now!



The Scout Of The Year 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.

Do you know an inspiring Scout? Has your youth member been busy this year and has achievements to share? Scouts can self-nominate for this award which recognises our exceptional members.

Hurry - applications close on 5 September! To find out more and to apply, [click here](#).

Latest News

State Rally a huge success



State Rally is Scout's annual premier camp event – a chance for Scouts from 11 to 25 years old (and their Leaders) to enjoy a fun, action packed adventure.

State Rally 2022 went off this year without a hitch with over 1,600 Scouts and Leaders having a great weekend at Cataract Activity Centre! Thanks to the Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and Leaders who made this year's event an amazing experience. Everyone had a great time and we are already looking forward to State Rally 2023!

[Click here to view photos of the weekend](#) (taken by Cecilia Jackson and Damian Hughes).

And [click here](#) to view this years results.

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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