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

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Happy Scouting!

## Latest News

### Gang Shows



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

If you thought Scouts was only about the great outdoors, think again! There's also a thriving cultural side to the Movement, that you can experience first-hand at a Gang Show near you.

These fun, skit-based shows are taking place across NSW over coming months, with the next one at 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 more here.](#)

### 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 [www.niaf.com.au](http://www.niaf.com.au).

## Scout Events

### State Rally – early bird closing 8 July!

Everyone knows that Scouts love camping! Even better is a whole weekend of fun and adventure, with hundreds of other Scouts. State Rally is the largest Scout camp held each year in NSW and is an action-packed weekend.

Early bird registrations for the Scouts NSW State Rally close on 8 July 2022 at midnight. This huge get-together takes place from 5-7 August 2022 at Cataract Activity Centre. It's open to all Scouts in NSW – [find out more here](#) and have a chat with your leader about taking part.

## Upcoming Opportunities

### Save on art, craft & STEM activity materials

Save 20% at Zart with a special discount code for Scouts 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](http://www.zartart.com.au).

Zart are also running a student art competition with the theme 'My Environment' that your children may be interested in entering for free.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



### 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 your kids entertained and educated, check out their 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.](#)



## Find out more

### Bargain merchandise up for grabs!



Has your child recently attended an event but didn't get a chance to purchase merchandise? Well, here's your chance to get your hands on some awesome leftover merchandise at incredibly low prices, starting at just \$1!

Head to the [Scouts NSW Event Shop](#) and hunt down merch from your child's recent favourite event!

### Scouts Activity Centres



The Rock Climbing Wall at Cataract Activity Centre

Did you know that Scouts NSW run four Activity Centres across the State? Scouts of all ages can experience the adrenalin rush of Challenge Valley at [Cataract Activity Centre](#), the serenity of the bush at [Baden-Powell Activity Centre](#), and the tranquillity of the lake at the [Alpine Activity Centre](#) in Jindabyne.

Perhaps the most unique one though is the Air Activity Centre at Camden in greater Sydney, where Scouts even have three planes! They have just celebrated **50 years** of fun and safe flying, with many Scouts having gone on to great careers in aviation as a result of first spreading their wings here. [Find out more here.](#)

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](mailto: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](mailto:youthprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au).

### Imminent Danger

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