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Here's another jam-packed edition of our monthly e-newsletter to keep parents and guardians updated about everything in Scouts.

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Latest News

Vote for Scout of the Year - People's Choice!

SCOUT of the Year 2022 Finalists

Check out all the amazing things our Scouts have been up to this past year! We have nineteen incredible Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts who are our 2022 NSW Scout of the Year Finalists. These awesome young people have created epic community-based projects and changed the world in 2022. We want YOU to help celebrate their achievements by voting for your favourite before midnight on 18 October 2022.

Just [click here](#) to read all about them – and encourage your friends and family members to vote too!

The People's Choice winner will be announced with all the Section winners at our Scout of the Year Award Ceremony on 26 November 2022.

Joey Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts
Pepper Thompson Chloe McLennan Ollie Wicks	Daniel Green Lucy Gabriel Varoon Lalithurban Sophie Penisini	Lauren Channon Glyn Savage Casey Lee Cobalt Walsh
Venturer Scouts	Rover Scouts	
Emma Johnston Elizabeth Wells Archie Todd Patrick Hubbard	Aaron Tomlins Melissa Jones Eleanor Critchley Cameron Letta	

Dick & Pip Smith Leadership through Adventure Fund – closing soon

It's not too late for Scouts under the age of 25 to throw their hat in the ring to undertake life-changing challenges with support from the Dick & Pip Smith Leadership through Adventure Fund. Successful applicants will receive co-contributions to activities that develop leadership skills and demonstrate responsible risk-taking, including Outdoor Adventurous journeys, Training courses for Outdoor Adventure Skills - even international expeditions!

Applications close 9 October so hurry. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Antarctic explorers' presentations & Scouts challenges



Not long now until our Scouts 'Ambassadors' - Doctors Gareth Andrews and Richard Stephenson - set off on a mission to undertake the longest ever unsupported ski crossing of Antarctica! Ahead of that, their final training session took place in the Snowy Mountains, alongside Scouts from across the State – from Dubbo to Broken Hill and beyond.

A special presentation was also given about the expedition – [watch it here](#).

The last Queen's Scout Awardees



Congratulations to our recent Queen's Scout awardees – some of the last in the world to receive this honour in Her Majesty's name. We were proud to see twenty New South Wales based Venturer Scouts receive this peak award at a ceremony at New South Wales Government House on 3 September 2022, just days ahead of Queen Elizabeth's passing. This prestigious accolade encourages Venturer Scouts aged 14-17 to cover a range of challenges across Adventurous Activities, Community Involvement, Leadership Development, and Personal Growth.

The award is also held in high regard by educational establishments and future employers, who value both the personal self-development and the wider contribution to the community that achieving it demonstrates. [Find out more here](#) (please note the renaming of the Award will be confirmed upon confirmation of the next Patron of Scouts Australia.)

North Coast Region Rally



North Coast District Scout Leader, Phil Shepherd, sent in this serendipitous photo of the recent North Coast Region Rally (that took place from 9-11 September), thanking Scouts NSW Chief Commissioner Neville Tomkins OAM, JP and everyone else involved for participating.

Vale Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II



Scouts commemorated the passing of our Royal Patron in many ways. One former Scout (Karen Scott) recalled this moment on a regal visit to Australia as her most treasured memory, presenting a bouquet to Her Majesty.

Scouts in the headlines

- [Read this touching tribute to Her Majesty from 1st Burrill-Ulladulla Scouts](#)
- [Meet Chloe Starling, one of the last Queen's Scout Award recipients](#)
- [And meet Sam Marinovich, another recent Queen's Scout Award recipient](#)
- [Finally, check out the ABC's coverage of Scouts' Ambassadors' Antarctic Challenge](#)

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.

Imminent Danger

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