

## LEADER NEWS SUMMARY

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### HOT OFF THE PRESS

#### Christmas Trees - buying & selling



The countdown to Christmas is on – only a month to go! And Scouts are gearing up for a huge fundraising effort, selling trees again. Check out the recent coverage on Channel 9 about this [here](#).

Thanks to all the Groups who've listed their trees for sale on the Scouts NSW website already. If your Group is also planning on selling some, send us the details ASAP after you check out our Festive Fundraising handy tips [here](#).

And if you're looking to buy a fresh tree for your own home, head to our [interactive map](#) where you can find a Scout Group close to you to buy your tree from. Some do pre-orders while others you will need to visit the location and purchase on the fundraising date.

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

#### Australian Jamboree 2025 – Director positions

Would you like to be a member of the team leading the Scouts NSW Contingent to the 26th Australian Jamboree in January 2025? Several positions are up for grabs – find out more [here](#) and apply by 5pm AEDT on 12 December 2022 [here](#).

#### Mardi Gras Float 2023



Scouts NSW is once again marching in the Sydney Mardi Gras parade in February 2023 and we're calling on members to join in! The parade is being held on Oxford Street on 25 February 2023. We'll join together and show the world how Scouts brings together people of all types and how we embrace the theme of 'Gather, Dream, Amplify'. Learn more and express your interest before 31 January 2023 [here](#).

#### ONECAMP 2023

ONECAMP 2023 is a new event by Scouts WA, bringing together everyone from Joey Scouts to Rover Scouts to participate in adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive activities linked to Milestones, Outdoor Adventure Skills and Special Interest Areas.

Scouts from all over Australia across all sections are welcome to join in on the fun! To read more about ONECAMP 2023 click [here](#). To register for ONECAMP 2023, click [here](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 7 Day Summer Alpine Camp - 13-20 January 2023



Visit the beautiful Snowy Mountains this summer for altitude with attitude! Navigate the Alpine world, go bushwalking above the clouds, cross mountain streams, and mountain bike amongst real mountains! This week-long camp based at Alpine Activity Centre is for Scouts 14 years and above. Choose from white water kayaking, canoeing, bushwalking, fishing, abseiling, horse-riding, slack-lining and more. Book by 4 December [here](#) (note, there is a two hour theory training session on 2 December).

#### New Zealand Jamboree

Scouts Australia is sending a contingent to the next NZ Jamboree, from 30 December 2023 to 7 January 2024 in Hamilton. An optional week-long tour traversing the best of the North Island is also available afterwards. Discover the adventure and apply online by 19 February 2023 [here](#).

#### 2nd Mortdale turning 70



Congrats to 2nd Mortdale on their 70th Anniversary!

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

### TRAINING

#### 2023 Calendar

Leader training courses have now opened for 2023. For more information including a list of prerequisites for each course, check out the training calendar [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Training Services at [training@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:training@nsw.scouts.com.au).

### GRANTS

As the year wraps up, it's time to tidy up any loose ends reporting on grants. It's also a great time to think ahead about what projects you might like to apply for in 2023. Contact [grants@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:grants@nsw.scouts.com.au) to discuss your ideas.

### STATE NOTICEBOARD

#### Safety: play your part

Are you sometimes confused about when to report a safety related incident? If so, check out this new webpage for assistance in this important area, outlining when and how to report safety incidents or near misses. Please take the time to read this vital information, as nothing is more critical than the safety of all our participants in Scouting events. [Click here to view the page.](#)

#### Hunter & Coastal Adult Recognition Awards



On 29 October, Scouts NSW Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins OAM JP and Deputy Chief Commissioner (Operations), Greg Barrier attended the Hunter & Coastal Adult Recognition Awards Ceremony for the Hunter & Coastal Region. Sharon Claydon MP (the Federal Member for Newcastle) and Sonia Horner MP (State Member for Wallsend) were presented with special scarves to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in the Newcastle & Hunter Area, and Hunter & Coastal Region (pictured).

#### Celebrating Betty Truscott's 70 years of service to Scouts

A presentation took place on 29 October for Betty Truscott who celebrated 70 years of service to Scouts NSW. Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins OAM JP recently presented her with a Long Service Certificate. Betty comes from a strong Scouting family, with her son and granddaughter both also being Scouts. Congratulations to Betty and thank you for your amazing service these past 7 decades.

#### Youth Member Experience survey

It's not too late for our younger members to tell us what they think about Scouts! The Youth Member Experience survey closes on Monday 28 November – it's just a click away [here](#).

#### New Treasurer for Scouts NSW



Scouts NSW welcomes new Non-executive Director & Treasurer, **Stuart Thorpe** (GAICD), appointed to the Board to fill a casual vacancy from 14 November 2022. Stuart is a Chartered Accountant with extensive financial services industry experience. He was recently appointed as Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary for Australian Sailing - making him a perfect fit for Scouts NSW with his love of the outdoors! Stuart is also an active community member with substantial experience coordinating and delivering youth programs. He was a Scout himself, as well as having held leadership roles in Scouting, and is currently a member of the Scouts NSW Public Fund Committee. We look forward to having Stuart on board and also thank interim Treasurer **Richard Hodge** for his contribution over the past few months in the role.

(Pictured: Scouts NSW Treasurer - Stuart Thorpe; Chair – Kerry McGoldrick; CEO – Carolyn Campbell, and Chief Commissioner – Neville Tomkins OAM JP)

#### Search for Skippy Socialgaine



On 20 November, a team of volunteers from 1st Waitara Scout Group were thrilled to be able to cater for the *Search for Skippy Socialgaine* hosted by Rogaining NSW at Duffy's Forest. The 300-strong Rogainers favourite was the Watermelon slices, although as always, the sausage sizzle was enjoyed by all. Our friends at Rogaining said the offerings helped get the social into Socialgaine as people stayed on and enjoyed the food and atmosphere. It was also a valuable fundraising activity for the Scout Group. Special thanks go to the volunteers, Woolworths Macquarie and Buttercup Bread for donations.

#### Christmas stocking fillers

Seeking goodies for Xmas stockings? Check out the [Scout Shop](#) – there are lots of unique items from previous Scouting events just waiting to be nabbed by Santa.

### SCOUTS IN THE HEADLINES

- [SES Flood boats undertaking flood reconnaissance and medical transfers - The Riverine Grazier \(November 2 2022\)](#)
- [Called to Higher Service - Norma Jean Notley OAM - Weekly Times, Sydney \(November 2, 2022\)](#)
- [Scouts Honour! Two youngsters nominated for top recognition - Parra News \(November 16, 2022\)](#)
- [Caring Cobalt's up for 'Scout Of The Year' Award - Canterbury Bankstown Torch \(November 16 2022\)](#)

#### 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

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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