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## November 2022

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

### Single-use plastic ban



We all love The Great Outdoors and want to protect Mother Nature - so, let's get behind the ban on single-use plastics in NSW which came into effect earlier this month on 1 November.

As parents, please ensure you are not sending your children to Scout camps or activities with any of the **outlined banned single-use plastics** packed in their bags. Instead, opt for reusable mess kits, cups and cutlery and bags such as draw bags or tote bags. If single-use plastics end up at the bins of your local Scout Halls or the Scout camps you visit, the NSW government can issue us hefty fines!

Download some handy resources and find out all the details [here](#).

# Upcoming Opportunities

### Mardis Gras 2023 - badge design competition



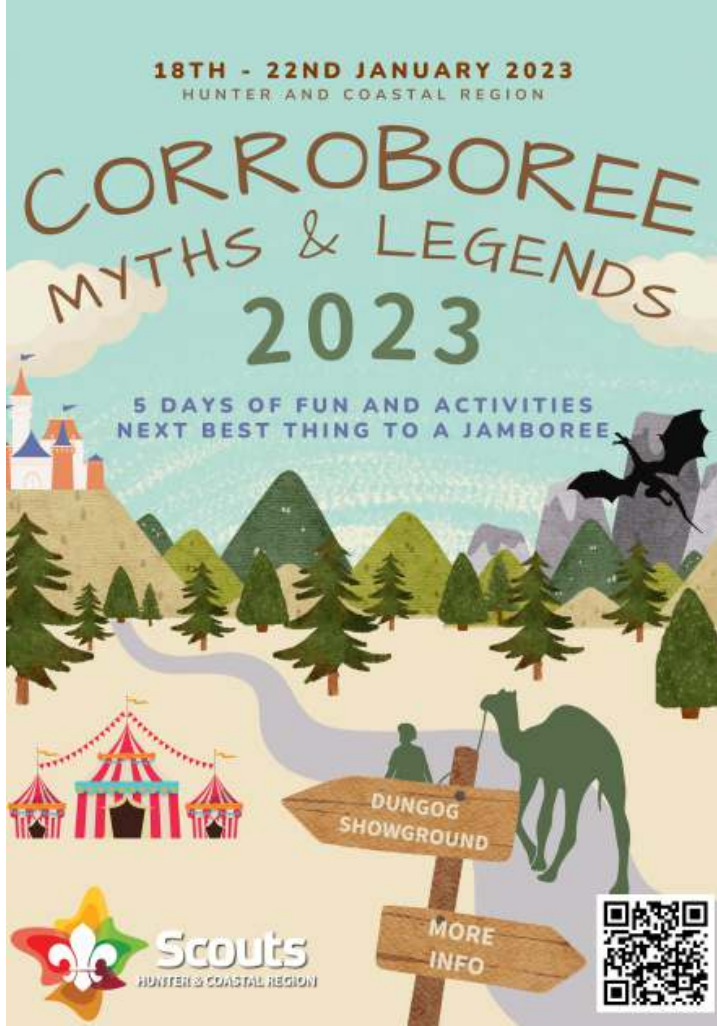
Scouts NSW is once again marching in the Sydney Mardi Gras parade in February 2023, and we want your help to design the badge! Designs should reflect the theme of the event – 'Gather, Dream, Amplify' - and be able to easily translate to a woven badge. Submit your designs [here](#) before 1 December 2022 – apart from fame and glory, if your design is chosen, you'll win a place on the float!

### Our Stories

The State Youth Council have set up an *Our Stories Patrol* and they would love to hear from you! They're producing an online treasure trove of stories about members' best experiences of Scouting. This will form a modern day 'time capsule' for Scouts of the future, as well as allow current members to reflect on their time in Scouting and contribution to their communities. [Add your story here!](#)

# Scout Events

### Corroboree 2023



If you're wondering what to do during the summer holidays, then look no further than Corroboree 2023 – *Myths & Legends* – at Dungog Showground from 18-22 January. This five-day fun-filled event is open to Scouts from all over the State – [click here for details](#).

### Cuboree 2023 Applications Open



Do you want your kids to embark on an adventure, make new friends and have lots of fun?

The 7th NSW "Explore the World" Cuboree is an NSW Cub Scout camp that runs from 29 September - 3 October 2023 at Cataract Activity Centre, only 1.5 hours southwest of Sydney CBD.

Cuboree is an action packed, five-day camp, where Cub Scouts from across NSW will make priceless memories together. It offers them the opportunity to make new friends, experience new and exciting activities, challenge themselves and learn new valuable life skills. Cuboree is the peak Cub Scout camp and an adventure like no other.

To participate, your child must be a fully registered member of Scouts NSW, be an invested Cub Scout and be between the ages of 8 and 12 years old. If your child is in Scouts and Venturer Scouts, they can still join as a Junior Service Leader - there is something for everyone (\*Full eligibility criteria [here](#).)

[Click here to register.](#)

# Find out more

### Youth Member Experience Survey

Check your inbox for the annual Scouts NSW Youth Member Experience Survey (YEX). The YEX will help us learn from your personal experiences in Scouting – what you enjoy, how we compare to other experiences and organisations, and how well our Youth Program is adapting to your changing needs and expectations.

The survey is open to all Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts who do not hold an adult appointment. Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts are welcome to complete the survey however they may need help from you or another adult to answer the questions.

Have your say up until 25 November [here](#).

### Scouts in the headlines

- [Called to Higher Service - Norma Jean Notley OAM](#)
- [Local go getters nominated for Scout of The Year](#)

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).

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