



Scouts NSW

December 2022

Welcome to our final monthly e-newsletter of the year for parents and guardians to keep up to date about what's happening in Scouts across NSW.

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Latest News

Congratulations to our Scout Of The Year 2022 Winners



This year we had 19 incredible Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts who were our 2022 Scout of the Year Finalists. These powerhouse young people have created epic community-based projects and changed the world in 2022!

Click here to learn more about each finalist and their projects, and to find out who won Scout Of The Year in each category, as well as the People's Choice.

Christmas Trees



It's already December, so the countdown to Christmas is on! And Scouts are gearing up for a huge fundraising effort, selling trees again. Check out the recent coverage on Channel 9 about this 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

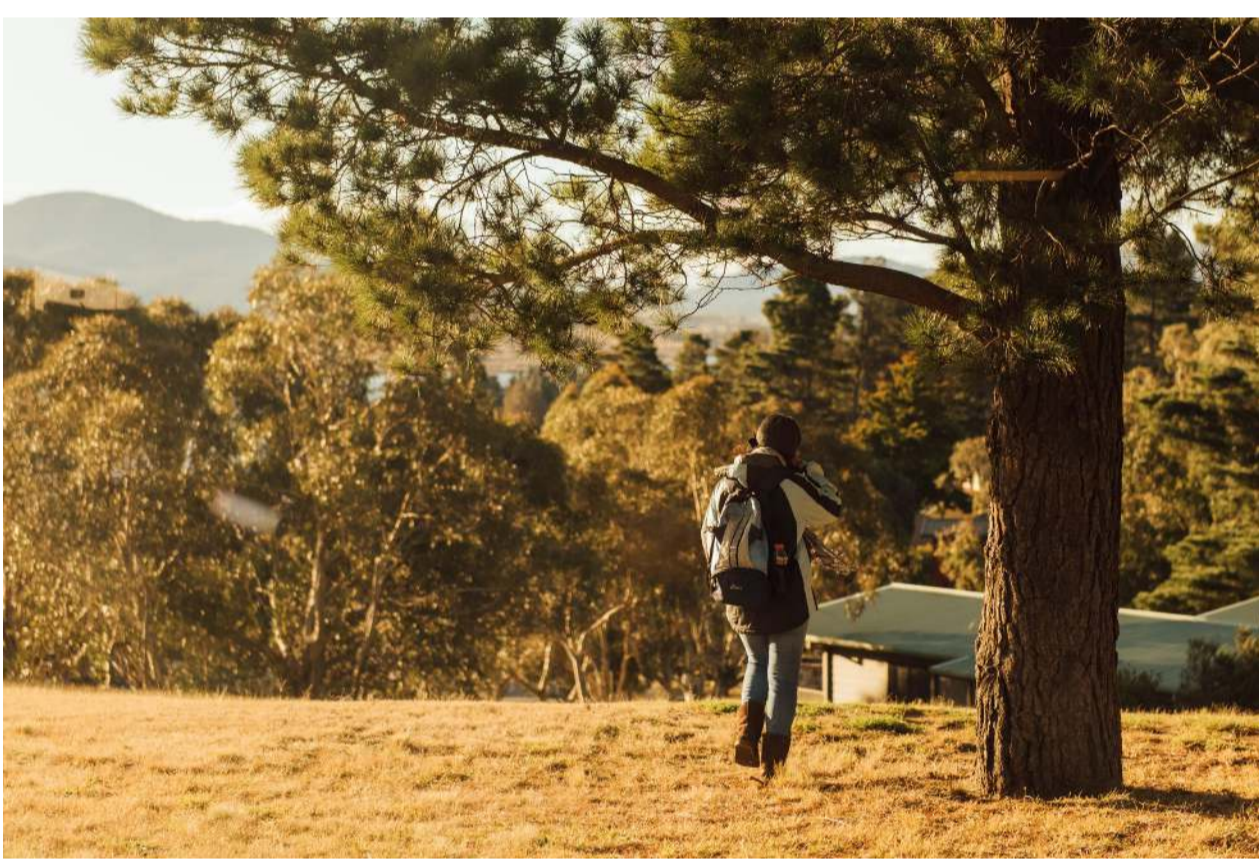
Mardi Gras Float 2023 – 25 February 2023



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 get your Scout to express their interest here before 31 January 2023 - all ages are welcome but those under 15 require adult supervision. Click here to express your interest.

Scout Events

7 Day Summer Alpine Camp - 13-20 January 2023



Your Scout can visit the beautiful Snowy Mountains this summer for altitude with attitude! They'll be able to 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. They can choose from white water kayaking, canoeing, bushwalking, fishing, abseiling, horse-riding, slack-lining and more.

Register here by 4 December (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.

Cuboree 2023 Applications still open!



Applications for Cuboree are still open!

Cuboree is an action packed, five-day camp, that is being held on 29 September - 3 October 2023 at Cataract Activity Centre. Cub Scouts from across NSW will make priceless memories together, make new friends, experience new and exciting activities, challenge themselves and learn new valuable life skills.

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.

ONECAMP2023



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. Get in quick, applications close 11 December 2022.

Find out more

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. Click here to visit the shop.

Scouts in the headlines

- **SES Boat undertakes flood reconnaissance and medical transfers** - The Riverine Grazier (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)
- **Hay Scouts produce two State champions** - The Riverine Grazier (November 27 2022)
- **"Get in quick": Local Christmas tree shortage impacting Mosman, Cremorne and Neutral Bay** - Mosman Collective (November 29 2022)
- **Ulladulla-Burrill Scout, Pepper the 'people's choice' in 2022 annual awards** - Ulladulla Times (November 30 2022)

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

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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