

**HOT OFF THE PRESS**

**Federal NSW Senators & MPs Scarf Up For Scouting**



Fostering greater connection between Federal Parliamentarians and the Scouting Movement, a 'Scarf Up For Scouting' event took place yesterday at Parliament House. Elected leaders were presented with Scouts NSW supporter scarves and badges, including politicians from across the political spectrum.

The event also presented the opportunity for younger local Scouts to visit Parliament House, connect with the elected representatives of their communities and learn more about government. Scouts from 1st Murrumbateman and 1st Bungendore came along to participate in this unique educational experience – B-R-A-V-O-O-O to all involved!

**Venturer Scout Peak Award**



On 18 March, 39 Venturer Scouts from across NSW were presented with their Peak Award (formerly known as Queen's Scout Award) by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC *Governor of New South Wales* and Chief Scout of NSW. Congratulations to each and every one of them, as they are the next generation of leaders - our future Chief-Commissioners in the making!

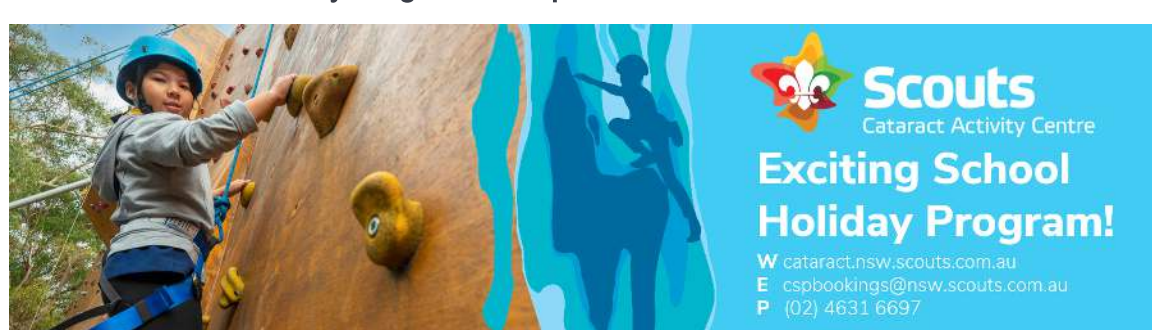
**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Australian Scout Jamboree (ASJ) Volunteers needed**

The next ASJ will take place in Maryborough, Queensland, in January 2025. This incredible event is not possible without the support of a dedicated team of volunteers. Whether your passion lies in marketing, media, logistics, events and hospitality, photography, health and wellbeing, or transport, check out the [positions available here](#) and submit your application by 14 April 2023.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Cataract School Holiday Program - 13 April**



Registrations to book with our upcoming Cataract Activity Centre School Holiday Program have been extended to Monday 3 April - hurry to book before it's too late!

Taking place on 13 April, this action-packed day will include three exciting activities, such as caving, high ropes, and Challenge Valley. Targeted at 8-18 year olds the program costs \$65 and will keep kids active from 8am to 3pm (BYO lunch and water bottle).

[Read more about the program here.](#)

**ScoutHike 2023 – Registrations close 9 April!**

An exciting weekend of lightweight hiking, camping, and activities, ScoutHike brings together over 1,000 Scouts in the State Forest for loads of fun and adventure with over 30 different activities to complete. It's an event not to be missed!

Registrations for ScoutHike 2023 'Entertainment Central' are still open for another week! Get in quick they close on the 9th April.

[Register here now!](#) Need more information? [Click here.](#)

**STATE NOTICEBOARD**

**ScoutHub Update**



Work on ScoutHub is continuing behind the scenes, and the feedback from our Champion and Early Adopter groups at our first training sessions has been very positive! Our next step is to make some final adjustments to the system before our Early Adopters start their testing. For the rest of NSW, we will start conducting training sessions from late April, so please keep an eye on your inbox for further information. We remain on target to have everything in place for Trek 2 in July 2023!

**Individual Adult Volunteer Plans (IAVP)**

Scouts Australia has developed Individual Adult Volunteer Plans (IAVP) to be used throughout a Leader's Scouting Journey. To help Team Leaders further navigate these forms, an [IAVP Information document](#) is now available answering the most common questions regarding the IAVP Phases 1, 2 & 3.

**The Young Naturalist School Holiday Workshops**



Three independently run workshops, complementing the Scouts Environment Special Interest Area, are being run by The Young Naturalist at Sydney Olympic Park from 18-20 April 2023 as follows:

- 18 April: Nature Detectives
- 19 April: Butterflies, Beetles & Biodiversity
- 20 April: Creating Habitat for Biodiversity

NSW Creative Kids Vouchers cover the full cost of one workshop per child. Workshops run from 10.30am to 3.30pm daily - find out more and [book here.](#)

**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, CEO, State Commissioner (Youth Protection & Issues Management) or the Manager of Safeguarding Youth, Issues Management and Research at the NSW State Service Centre. To make a report you may use the [online youth protection form](#), call 9735 9000 or email [YouthProtectionTeam@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:YouthProtectionTeam@nsw.scouts.com.au).

**Imminent Danger**

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