

A message from Lloyd



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Hi Members,

I'm Lloyd, and I am beyond thrilled to commence my new role of Chief Commissioner of Scouts NSW today, and I'm privileged to have been selected to fulfil this important role.



At a ceremony on Saturday 18 March, I was appointed by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales and Chief Scout of NSW, as the new Chief Commissioner of Scouts NSW. Over the past few weeks I have had the pleasure of working alongside our outgoing Chief Commissioner Neville Tomkins, and I'm excited to step into the role and continue to work as part of the amazing team that enables Scouts to be such an incredible movement.

With each new generation of young people come new ideas, new perspectives and different expectations. We are not just interested in their views on the climate, social media, social inequality, mental health, and the future of work. We want their views to influence and guide the way we deliver our program.

We already know that the skills for life we are building make a positive impact on young people's resilience, courage and leadership abilities. To stay relevant in 2023 and beyond, we'll make sure their voices are more prominent than ever before, both within our organisation and in leadership positions everywhere. That's how we'll build on the incredible legacy we've been given.

I could not be prouder to be a small cog in the incredible machine and family that is Scouting.

We have an amazing legacy and strong foundations, and we will continue to build upon it. We will embrace new ideas, ways of working and we will be innovative and creative in our approach to Scouting. We will listen to our youth and leaders, empowering them to take the lead and shape the future of the movement.

I truly believe that we can make a difference to help create a better world, and I'm excited to lead Scouts NSW into the future and continue to grow it to be the largest youth organisation in Australia. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us!

A little bit about me

I've been a member in Scouts for over 17 years, starting as a youth member and growing into Leadership roles. Scouts has truly had a profound impact on my life over that time. Through Scouts, I've learned so much about leadership, teamwork, and community involvement. And I would suggest if it wasn't for Scouts, I wouldn't be where I am today in my professional career. I've had the chance to meet incredible people from all different backgrounds, to learn from them and to form lifelong friendships.

As a volunteer Leader, I was appointed as the first Youth Commissioner for Scouts NSW. I am currently the State Commissioner International and Assistant Group Leader for my local Group. In 2020, I took on the role of Deputy Contingent Leader for the 25th World Scout Jamboree, being held in South Korea later this year. Previously, I have attended various other World Scouting Events such as the 24th World Scout Jamboree and the 42nd World Scout Conference. I was a member of the Youth Program Review from 2015 – 2017 and have been involved in several Scouts NSW Board Sub Committees, currently serving on the Public Fund Committee. I also work full time with a global tech company, and I am proud to be able to show how Scouts can successfully balance their commitments across work, family and community.

Over the weekend I joined over a thousand Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and Leaders in the forest at Dragon Skin, and soon I will travel overseas in my role as Deputy Contingent Leader for the 25th World Scout Jamboree for the Heads of Contingent Meeting in Korea. It is crucial to remain engaged with youth members at the grassroots level, to truly listen and be able to represent you in an authentic and open way.

I am excited and privileged to be leading Scouts NSW into the future as we continue to grow it to be the largest youth organisation in Australia, and I look forward to connecting with you throughout my term.

Alongside our Chief Executive Officer Carolyn, I am looking forward to fostering open and clear communications with everyone within our organisation. At any time, you are welcome to send questions, comments or feedback to ask.chiefs@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Yours in Scouting,

Lloyd Nurthen
Chief Commissioner
Scouts NSW

Youth Safety in Scouting

Scouts Australia 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.

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