



May 2023

# HOT OFF THE PRESS

## Scouts at the King's Coronation



Congratulations to Jenny Riley and Toby Chandio who recently had the honour of representing Scouts Australia and Scouts NSW at the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III held at Westminster Abbey on 6 May 2023.

Part of an Australian contingent of six Scouts, Jenny and Toby were guests of Scouts UK, including camping at Gilwell Park near London - the original leadership training base of the global Scouting movement. They were joined by Scouts from across the Commonwealth, from Bermuda to Canada, and Singapore and beyond. It was the experience of a lifetime, ushering guests to the coronation events, so we thank them for being there and sharing the excitement of it all with us through the media and on social media!

[Click here to view the TV Coverage of Jenny Riley on Channel 9!](#)

## National Sorry Day & National Reconciliation Week



May 26 marks National Sorry Day, a day to remember and acknowledge the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'.

Following this, May 27 is National Reconciliation Week. NRW is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Scouts NSW encourages all Scouts to be a voice for reconciliation in our everyday lives, and to actively engage in discussion that fosters a more equitable and reconciled country for all.

Scouts NSW is committed to working in mutual respect with our First Nations people to understand the past, and work towards a brighter future.

For ideas and ways to get involved, [visit the Reconciliation Australia website here](#).

## National Volunteer Week

15 – 21 May was National Volunteer Week, and Scouts NSW celebrated by highlighting a few nominated individuals / Groups on our social media channels. If you missed those posts, please see our Facebook page [here](#).

Chief Commissioner Lloyd Nurthen also recently created a thankyou video for all 8000 epic volunteers at Scouts NSW. [Click here to watch it](#).

Scouts NSW would like to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers that make this organisation as amazing as it is! We appreciate each and every one of you, whether you're a leader running programs at your local Group; an adult helper assisting with events; if you've taken on a state leadership role, or one of our many and varied volunteers at Scouts, we sincerely thank you for everything that you do.



# RECENT EVENTS

## ScoutHike

At the start of May over 900 Scouts from across NSW took part in ScoutHike, one of the largest annual events for the Scout section (ages 11-14), run by the Sydney North Region. Scouts hiked through Belanglo State Forest, navigating to a huge variety of themed activity bases. The Scouts are supported by leaders, Rover Scouts and Venturer Scouts setting up overnight sleep points, providing cooking facilities, and staffing the activity bases.

Thank you to all who helped make the event possible and amazing!



# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## State Alpine School | 10 - 16 July

Scouts (over 14 years), Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts, and leaders can take part in the State Alpine School, based out of the Alpine Activity Centre, to learn skills for basic cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, alpine survival and general snowcraft. The cost is \$675, including accommodation and all meals and ski equipment hire is approximately \$75.

[Register here!](#)



# SCOUTS

## State Rally

There's still time to register for State Rally 2023 – with the exciting theme of 'Around the World in 3 days'. Cataract Activity Centre will come alive with Scouts of all ages staying there from 4–6 August 2023 – Early Bird bookings close on 25 June so book your spot now!

[Register here!](#)



# VENTURER SCOUTS

## Air Venture Flying Camp

There is an upcoming Air Venture Flying Camp on 3, 5 & 7 July available to Venturer Scouts, so get a group together and start getting excited! You can also do a single day "Venturer Flight Experience" package if the entire camp is too big of a commitment.

And if you're a leader, adult helper or Rover Scout, the Adult Introductory Flight Training program is available seven days a week!

[Click here to read more about each program.](#)



# TRAINING

Don't forget to check out these upcoming courses – closing soon!

- **Train the Trainer:** Ever had an interest in Training? There are two "Train the Trainer" courses available - Introductory and Basic. Both are running at Baden Powell Activity Centre over **30 June - 2 July** and are open to those working towards appointment as an Assistant Leader Trainer.
- **Scouting Essentials:** This course will be running at Camp Kurrajong, Wagga Wagga on **29 - 30 July** for those just beginning their Leader journey.

[Find out more information about both courses, and book today here.](#)

# STATE NOTICEBOARD

## ScoutHub Update



Training is almost complete for Group Leaders (or Group representatives) for the new Scouts NSW membership platform **ScoutHub**. We've received fantastic feedback from those who have attended training so far – so please ensure someone from your Group has attended or is booked to attend a training session **prior to 4 June!**

All groups will be trained by 4 June, in time for ScoutHub to open for Trek 2 registrations and payments from 1 July. Group Leaders will receive an information pack from the first week in June that provides further communications on what to expect, and will support Groups and families with the transition to the new platform.

[Learn more here!](#)

## Sail aboard the HMB Endeavour

The Australian National Maritime Museum has announced that there is opportunity to sail aboard the HMB Endeavour as Trainee Crew during the month of June 2023 for a short series of day sails. To be eligible you must live in Sydney (or be willing to travel at your own expense), be over 18, and be fit enough to meet the challenges that sailing entails. Applications close 19 June for the Sailing Period of 27 June – 2 July 2023. To learn more about this great expedition, or to express your interest, email [hmbendeavour@sea.museum](mailto:hmbendeavour@sea.museum).



## Social media tools

The Marketing & Communications team have produced some sharable, editable Canva templates for your Group social media with Scouts NSW branding!

Canva is a free-to-use online graphic design tool; if you already use it, the templates are ready to access - and if not, it's easy to set up an account [here](#).

You can customise these templates with your own photos and share across your social pages!

Visit our Trello board to view all the different customisable templates available for your group here.

[Click here for the Trello Board.](#)



## Reporting Safety Incidents & Near Misses

### Posting for Scout Halls

In the case of safety incidents or near misses occurring at Scout Halls, the Executive Manager for Operations, Compliance and Risk recommends all groups to download the following **Incident Report/Near Miss Poster** and hang it up in your Scout Halls, preferably on a noticeboard. This poster has a QR code that, when scanned, takes you straight to the incident report form.

[For more information on reporting safety incidents, click here.](#)



To contribute to the next Leader News, send submissions to [communications@nswscouts.com.au](mailto:communications@nswscouts.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

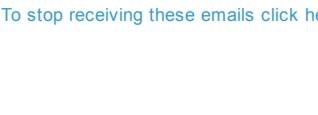
All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, CEO, State Commissioner (Youth Protection & Issues Management) or the Manager of Safeguarding Youth, Issues Management and Research at the NSW State Service Centre. To make a report you may use the [online youth protection form](https://online.youth.protection.nsw.gov.au), call 9735 9000 or email [YouthProtectionTeam@nswscouts.com.au](mailto:YouthProtectionTeam@nswscouts.com.au).

#### Imminent Danger

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