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

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# Latest News

## Australian Scout Award Ceremony



Congratulations to our 30 newest Australian Scout Awardees at Baden-Powell Activity Centre!

The Australian Scout Award is the highest award that can be achieved in the Scout section and is the culmination of multiple hours of hard work and dedication.

A big BRAVOOO to all the awardees!

## 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!](#)

# Scout 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 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 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. Venturers can also do a single day "Venturer Flight Experience" package if the entire camp is too big of a commitment.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



# Find out more

## ScoutHub

We're excited to announce a new membership and billing platform called **ScoutHub** is launching soon – from Saturday 1 July (just in time for Trek 2)! The new system will provide members with access to their own information, as well as a simple and easy way to register and pay for their Scout membership, all in one place.

For existing youth members, leaders and adult helpers – your membership details will be transferred across, you simply confirm your details are correct and make any required payments at the beginning of each Trek.

Trek 2 registrations will open from Saturday 1 July, at which time members can easily register and pay online. More information to come – stay tuned!

## Become a Youth Ambassador for Scouting!

The Scouting Ambassador program offers an exciting opportunity for talented youth members to become the media face of Scouts Australia.

As a Scouting Ambassador, young people can use their skills and creativity to communicate the values and achievements of Scouting through various media channels. This prestigious program empowers young people to make a positive impact by shaping the narrative and showcasing the incredible experiences Scouting offers.

[Click here to learn more about the Scouting Media Ambassador Program.](#)



## Leadership Through Adventure Fund Grants Round 2 Now Open!

The 2nd round of applications for the Dick & Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund are now open!

The fund has been created to support adventurous activities that develop leadership skills and demonstrate responsible risk-taking. If you know a youth member who would benefit greatly from this fund, encourage them to apply!

For more information, please [click here](#).

Applications close Thursday 15th June 2023 and late applications may not be accepted.



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, 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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