



July 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Directors!

At the Annual General Meeting held at Baden-Powell Activity Centre on 15 July, Scouts NSW members voted in two new Board members and confirmed the appointment of a third. Nathan Leivesley and Brett Grimmond were elected as Ex-Officio Directors, while Treasurer Stuart Thorpe was also voted into his role after being elected under casual vacancy last year. Congratulations and welcome!

[Learn more about our Board here.](#)

The 2022-23 Annual Review was also received at the AGM. [To read it, click here.](#)

New State Team



As announced in a recent email, Chief Commissioner Lloyd Nurthen has been assessing the applications for the Deputy Chief Commissioner and Assistant State Commissioner roles, with six of the eight positions filled. Congratulations go to:

- Deputy Chief Commissioner – Governance: Nathan Leivesley
- Assistant Chief Commissioner – Program: Niamh Hitchman
- Assistant Chief Commissioner – People: Phil Crutchley
- Assistant Chief Commissioner – Events: David Jacobs
- Assistant Chief Commissioner – Youth: Jennifer Riley and Toby Chandick (shared appointment)
- Assistant Chief Commissioner – Adventure: Kenton Jurgs.

The appointment of the Deputy Chief Commissioner and Assistant Chief Commissioner – Program Support Leaders are currently on hold. The reporting lines for Region Commissioners remain unchanged into the Chief Commissioner.

RECENT EVENTS

Centenary Celebrations



Happy Birthday to 1st North Ryde Scout Group, which marked 100 years on 16 July. The Group celebrated with a community barbecue featuring displays of memorabilia and Unit activities on 23 July. A special commemorative patch was also created for the event and a plaque dedicated to recently departed Cub Scout Leader Norma Notley OAM.

[See more photos from the celebrations here.](#)

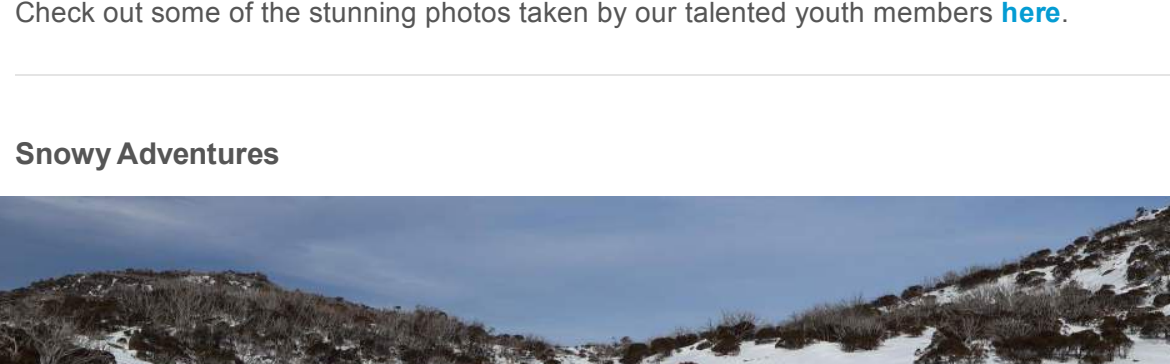
International Encounters



An amazing time was had by the 26 NSW youth members and Leaders who travelled to Switzerland for the 100th anniversary of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre. From 1 to 13 July, Scouts from across Australia had the time of their lives exploring this incredible hub of international Scouting.

Check out some of the stunning photos taken by our talented youth members [here](#).

Snowy Adventures



Scouts from across the state descended on Jindabyne for State Alpine School from 10-16 July. The 53 Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts, and 38 Adult Leaders and support staff enjoyed a range of alpine experiences, including overnight cross-country skiing and snow shoeing treks. Scouts who visited the snow for the first time also learned necessary skiing and snow skills to enjoy the activities.

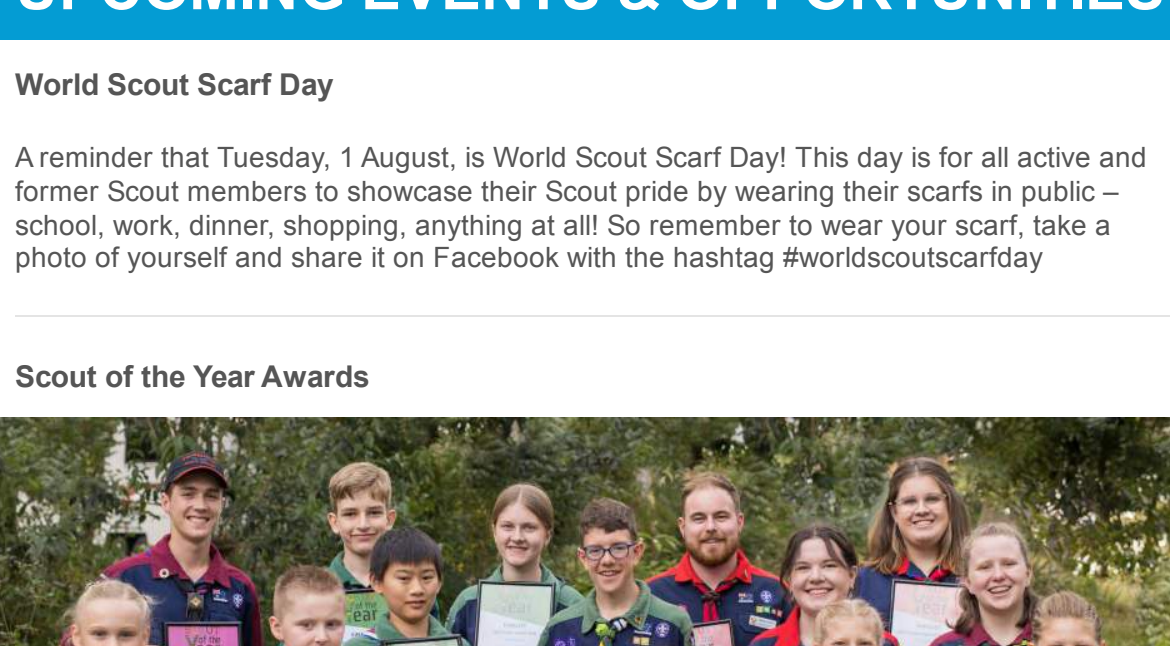
[Check out all the fun here!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

World Scout Scarf Day

A reminder that Tuesday, 1 August, is World Scout Scarf Day! This day is for all active and former Scout members to showcase their Scout pride by wearing their scarfs in public – school, work, dinner, shopping, anything at all! So remember to wear your scarf, take a photo of yourself and share it on Facebook with the hashtag #worldscoutscarfday

Scout of the Year Awards



Do you know a youth member who has contributed exceptionally to Scouting and the wider community? Make sure you nominate them in the fifth annual NSW Scout of the Year Awards before 2 August.

The Scout of the Year Awards have been running since 2019 in conjunction with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The awards seek to encourage youth empowerment and advocacy at all levels, fulfilling Scouts' role as "responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities".

Visit the [website](#) for more information about the awards and to nominate.

To celebrate the awards' fifth anniversary, the State Youth Council is asking for your support in fundraising towards their goal of \$1000. All donations are appreciated and will go towards the ceremony to recognise awardees for their achievements. [Click here to donate.](#)

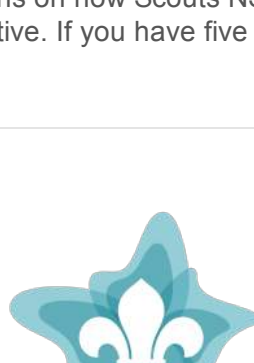
Have Your Say

The State Youth Council's Community Outreach Patrol wants to hear about your Group's favourite weeknight activities. The Patrol was formed to gather the opinions of the NSW Scouting community and channel them to the State Office, as well as ensuring the representation of Scouts NSW is consistent with youth member experiences. A recent survey noted "boring weeknight meetings" as a cause for people wanting to leave the Movement, so the SYC is looking into creating a resource to support Groups with activity ideas. [Share some of your favourite activities here.](#)

The SYC has also created another survey to gather opinions on how Scouts NSW is represented in the community from a promotional perspective. If you have five minutes, [please fill out this survey here.](#)

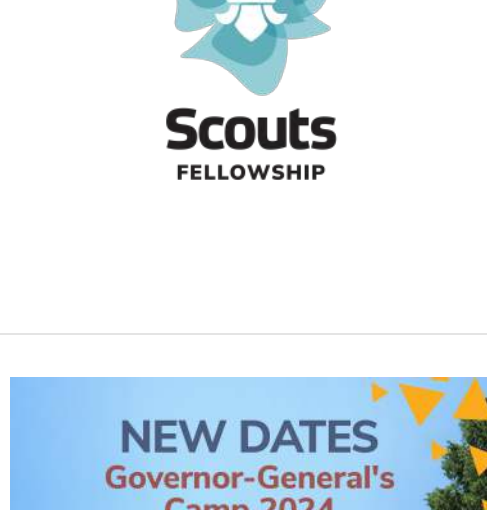
November to Remember

Because the bonds of Scouting never end, NSW Fellowship members should get ready to head to Cataract in November for Infinity 23. This gathering will include a formal dinner, guest speaker, campfire and activities on the weekend from 4-5 November. Camping, caravans, motorhomes, bunkhouse and private pod accommodation are available. For more info, email stacy.kempton@nsw.scouts.com.au.



Camp Postponed

The Governor-General's Camp 2023, planned for September 2023, has been postponed to April 2024. Scouts Australia is postponing the camp to give more people an opportunity to attend and to take on board feedback and suggestions to deliver a great event. Anyone who had already applied would have received an email on 25 July detailing refund and reimbursement information for any payments already received or travel arrangements made.



TRAINING

Courses closing soon

Don't forget to check out these upcoming courses – closing soon! There's a choice of training at locations both in Sydney and regional areas, including Scouting Essentials and Scouting Adventure at Camp Eagle Eye, Glenreagh, and Scouting Adventure at Camp Kurralong, Wagga Wagga, on 2-3 September, while Scouting Essentials, Scouting Adventure, Scouting Management and Scouting Leadership are all running at Baden-Powell Activity Centre over the weekend of 9-10 September. [Find out more and book here.](#)

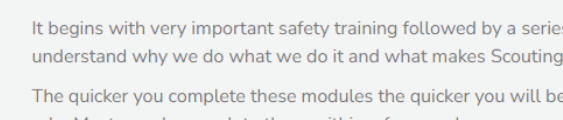
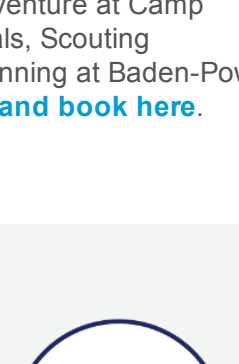
Mandatory on-demand training module

Scouting Preliminary

Scouting Preliminary presents the foundation material that you need to know in order to be able to begin contributing to the delivery of the Scouting program.

It begins with very important safety training followed by a series of modules that will help you to understand why we do what we do and what makes Scouting so successful.

The quicker you complete these modules the quicker you will become more comfortable in your role. Most people complete them within a few weeks.



A reminder that it is now a requirement for all members aged over 18 who interact with our youth members, including Adult Helpers, to complete the following two mandatory on-demand training modules:

- Child Safe Scouting
- WHS for Scouting.

Adult Helpers will need to complete these modules by 18 August 2023 by visiting training.scouts.com.au. Check the email sent 19 June for more information.

STATE NOTICEBOARD

ScoutHub Update



Thank you to every member who has already registered using ScoutHub. Nearly 95 per cent of our existing members have already registered! **A reminder that members (including youth and adult) CANNOT participate in Scouting activities and meetings until they have registered.** To register, visit your unique group portal URL, which you have been sent via email, or by searching on the website scoutsnsw.com.au/club-finder. We encourage Leaders to continue to remind their members to register as soon as possible through local channels (e.g., WhatsApp, Facebook, in person etc) to support the State communications that are ongoing.

The Project Team continue to work hard to support members, finalise phase one implementation and begin planning for phase two features and functionality.

If any members are facing technical issues or financial hardship, our Member Experience Team for support.

Board Committee Roles

Scouts NSW Board of Directors is seeking to appoint enthusiastic, passionate and experienced committee members for the following:

- Asset Committee (x2 positions, one being a young adult under 30)
- Finance Committee (x2 positions)
- Public Funds Committee (x2 positions, one being a young adult under 30).

Candidates must be 18 or older, hold a current Working With Children Check and consent to a National Police Check and background checks. Candidates do not need to be a current member of Scouts NSW. The role of a Committee Member is an honorary appointment for a period of three years.

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

To contribute to the next Leader News, send submissions to 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.

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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