



August 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

26th Australian Jamboree EOI open now!

Expressions of Interest for the 26th Australian Jamboree, to be held 6-15 January 2025 in Maryborough Queensland, are now open! Just [click here](#) to fill out the EOI form to let Scouts Australia know you're interested. No deposits, no obligations, just a simple way to show your enthusiasm.



November to Remember

INFINITY ∞23

NSW FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

BECAUSE THE BONDS OF SCOUTING NEVER END

Formal Dinner, Guest Speaker, Campfire and Activities

4-5 November 2023 | Cataract

Camping, caravans, motorhomes, bunkhouse and private pod accommodation available

All adult members are invited to **NSW Fellowship's Infinity 23** gathering on the weekend of 4-5 November. This gathering at Cataract, for Fellowship, Rover Scouts and Adult Leaders, will include a formal dinner, guest speaker Christopher Holcroft (an acclaimed author and current Venturer Scout Leader in South Metropolitan Region), campfire and activities. Camping, caravans, motorhomes, bunkhouse and private pod accommodation are available. Early bird price is \$90, which includes catering, camping and some activities (adventurous activities and alternative indoor accommodation will be extra). For more info or bookings, [click here](#).

Archery for Joey Scouts

Yes! Joey Scouts can do real archery, thanks to State Leader – Archery Tracey Hansford. Tracey, who is an Olympic Rescue archer, introduced the 1st East Ryde Joey Scouts to the fun of archery, with milk bottles targets hung from the rafters and thick rubber targets with bullseyes on the floor. The equipment was real, so the Jokeys were taught how to be safe, use correct technique and safety "marshmallows" were put over the tips of the arrows.



Find out more about this fun activity [here](#). If you are looking for a terrific activity at a reasonable cost, email Tracey.Hansford@nsw.scouts.com.au and get a date booked in.



Cuboree 2023 is almost here!

More than 1600 Cub Scouts will Explore the World at Cuboree 2023. As a special adventure, all Cub Scouts will get to explore the savannah at Symbio Wildlife Park! They will meet kangaroos, meerkats, alpacas and more. Attendees are reminded to preorder their Cuboree 2023 merchandise [here](#).

Can you help the Historic Team?

The Scouts NSW Historic Team is looking for copies of the 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 Scouting in NSW or Australian Scout magazines to be scanned for our records before being returned to their owners. If you can help, please email Holly at holly.kinens@nsw.scouts.com.au.

TRAINING

Mandatory on-demand training modules

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.

Child Safe Scouting

SP CHLD - 42 min

WHS for Scouting

SP WHS - 18 min

A reminder that all Adult Helpers are now required to complete mandatory on-demand training modules (Child Safe Scouting and WHS for Scouting). Existing members were required to complete by 18 August 2023, and all new Adult Helpers have three months from the date they join to complete the modules.

To access the modules, please visit training.scouts.com.au or call the Member Experience team for assistance on 9735 9000.

Courses closing soon

UPCOMING TRAINING COURSES

<p>Camp Cudgegong Cudgegong 7-8 October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouting Essentials Scouting Adventure 	<p>Bundilla Scout Camp Winstan Hills 14-15 October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouting Essentials Scouting Adventure Scouting Management Scouting Leadership
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Don't forget to check out these upcoming courses – closing soon!

[Find out more and book here!](#)

GRANTS

Volunteer Grant Funds Distribution

The Grants Team is working hard to connect our Volunteer Grant Application records with relevant grant funds deposited by the Department of Social Services in July 2023. Unfortunately, there is one amount for \$16,500 from the Stronger Communities Grant Programme, which does not have an associated Grant Reference Number, so the team needs your help to determine who should receive the funds.

Please email a copy of your Volunteer Grant 2023 application to grants@nsw.scouts.com.au if you have not already done so. Once the missing application has been received, Scouts NSW will distribute the funds.

MEMBER SERVICES

Group Leaders were reminded in an email from Chief Commissioner Lloyd earlier this month that any existing members who have not yet registered through ScoutHub have been removed from ScoutLink. This means those members will also have been removed from our other systems, including **Operoo**, **on-demand training** and **ScoutsTerrain**.

Members who are not registered through ScoutHub are not able to participate in any Scout meeting, activity, or event.

It is important to work together to ensure all Groups are compliant, particularly from a youth protection and risk perspective, as unregistered members are now non-compliant and uninsured.

Should these members wish to re-register, they can reactivate at any time by completing a returning member registration for Trek 2 within ScoutHub.

POSITIONS VACANT

National Council Nominations

Scouts NSW is seeking five candidates to represent NSW on the Scouts Australia National Council. Three positions are for one-year terms, two of whom at the time of appointment are aged under 30. The other two positions are for three-year terms.

National Councillors are expected to vote on issues affecting the national body of Scouts Australia with the interests of both Scouts Australia and Scouts NSW in mind. Meetings are held on at least one occasion per year, with NSW Councillors generally meeting by teleconference prior to National Meetings to review any items requiring decisions. Nominations close at 5pm, Sunday 3 September.

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

Board Committee Roles

A reminder that the 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. Applications close **COB, Monday, 4 September**.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Queen's Scout Awards

Congratulations to the 26 Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts who received their peak awards at Government House on Saturday, 26 August.

Assistant Chief Commissioner – Program Niamh Hitchman commended the recipients on their hard work. "My congratulations to the recipients on their awards. Your commitment to Scouting and the work you have been doing in your wider communities and Groups is truly inspirational."



Adult Recognition Awards Celebrations

More than 200 of Scouts NSW's Leaders have been recognised in Scouts Australia's Adult Recognition Awards. The 288 Leaders, Rover Scouts and Supporters are recognised not just for the longevity of their service, but for the quality of their Leadership, within both their individual Units and to Scouts as a whole.

Find out more about the ARAs [here](#) and come behind the Scarf with Silver Kangaroo recipient Brian Roberts [here](#).

RECENT EVENTS

From heat to rain at World Scout Jamboree 2023



Welcome back to the intrepid travellers from World Scout Jamboree 2023. The NSW Contingent of 388 participants joined more than 900 from across Australia in SaeManGeum, South Korea, along with 45,000 other Scouts from around the world from 1-12 August. Despite a change of a heatwave and typhoon, our Aussie Scouts were still smiling and making **friends**. A true testament to their resilience and spirit!

Going around the world at State Rally



Speaking of making friends, more than 1700 Scouts from across NSW descended on Cataract on 4 August for the 2023 State Rally. The largest annual event for Scouts in NSW featured a range of challenging activities across the weekend. From pitching tents and rock climbing, to flying fox, obstacle courses and homemade escape rooms, there were plenty of challenges for all. The night-time activities were also a hit, with Scouts letting down their hair and partying with friends in the light of the bonfire. The top prize was taken out by 1st Turramurra Scout Group's Patrol 1 – congratulations!

[Click here to check out all the fun!](#)

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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