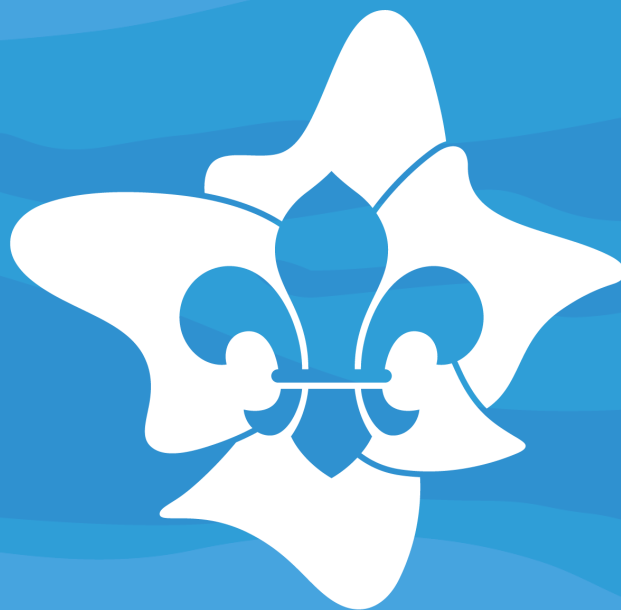




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“Binoculars”

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Events & Activities

What's on..



May 2025

Region Rally

Friday 30 May (6.00pm) – Sunday 1 June (2.00pm)

Register by Monday 5 May 2025 (11.59pm)

June 2025

MTB Skills Weekend (TP)

Friday 13 June (5.00pm) – Sunday 15 June (2.00pm)

Register by Friday 6 June 2025 (11.59pm)

Reach the Peak Camp & Cub Leadership Course

Saturday 14 June (9.00am) – Sunday 15 June (4.00pm)

Register by Monday 2 June 2025 (11.59pm)

North Coast Region ARP

Saturday 14 June (10.00am – 5.00pm)

Registrations: Opening Wednesday 7 May 2025 (12.00am)

July 2025

RoVenture 2025

Thursday 10 July (12.00pm) – Sunday 13 July (4.00pm)

Registrations: Opening Saturday 31 May 2025 (12.00am)



Region Youth Council

An update..



The Region Youth Council has had a productive start to the year, with the Leadership Patrol planning our first camp, set for the end of June. This camp will be a brainstorming event where youth can shape the events our region will focus on over the next calendar year.

The Newsletter Project Patrol has also wrapped up their first project — a puzzle section designed for all sections, with challenges ranging from Joeys to Venturers. See below!

Youth members have also contributed to various parts of this newsletter, including:

- The Peak Award section
- A roundup of activities from different groups
- A review of a major Venturer camp held in Term 1

Exciting news!

The Region Youth Council is no longer capped at two members per group — but we are still encouraging at least two delegates from each group.

If you're unsure who your group's current delegates are, or have someone interested in joining, please email nc.youthcouncil@nsw.scouts.com.au.



Region Youth Council

An update..



Bored...? Listen up!

Looking for ideas? Here are some activities Scouts across the region have loved!

JOEYS

2nd Casino Joeys have been busy with water activities, from pool fun to water fights. They've also built remote-controlled cars and run exciting science experiments — bi-carb volcanoes were a favourite!

CUBS

Cubs around the region have battled it out in epic Nerf wars, dodging and weaving for victory. They've also enjoyed rock climbing, craft nights, and even had a go at knitting!

SCOUTS

Lismore Scouts stayed active with bike rides and treasure hunts (or maybe a combo of both?). They also took to the water canoeing* and gave back on Clean Up Australia Day.

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Region Youth Council

An update..



VENTURERS

Nambucca Venturers got creative with a team-building challenge called Radioactive Pizza — making pizza without touching the dough or ingredients! Garbage pickers saved the day... whether the pizza tasted good is another question.

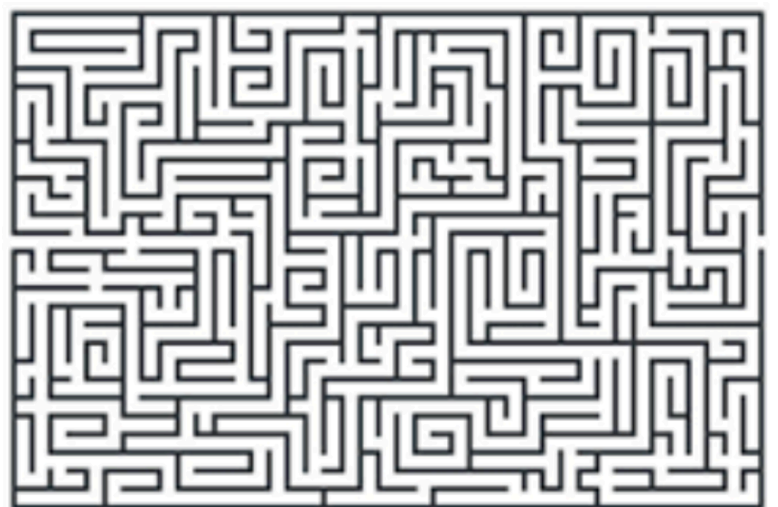
*Joeys and Cubs — keep an eye out for a regional canoe day later this year!

Medieval Camp

Venturers enjoyed a Monty Python–themed camp with pool hangs, sword fighting, archery tag and more — all in medieval costume for an unforgettable experience!

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Achievements

Congratulations..



This month, we celebrate the achievements and service of dedicated Scouts and leaders across our Region. Congratulations to all!

Youth Achievement

Michael Perdikaris — Grafton Scout Group

Grey Wolf Award

The highest award in Cub Scouts — well done, Michael, on your outstanding leadership and commitment!

Adult Service Awards

Thank you to these members for their years of dedication to Scouting:

- Tim Gordon — Camden Haven Sea Scout Group — 2 years
- Tracy Walsh — 1st Port Macquarie Sea Scout Group — 20 years
- Kevin Gooding — 1st Iluka Scout Group — 20 years
- Lachlan Fellows — 1st Sawtell Scout Group — 5 years
- Harrison Winchester — North Coast Region — 2 years
- Jodi Hancock — 2nd Casino Scout Group — 10 years
- Aaron Ruigrok — 1st Bellingen Scout Group — 5 years



Achievements

Congratulations..



🎓 Wood Badge Achievement

Candice Savell — Grafton Scout Group

Congratulations on earning the Wood Badge — a mark of advanced leadership and dedication!

🏞️ Adventurous Activity Guide Qualifications

Congratulations to these leaders on qualifying as Adventurous Activity Guides across multiple disciplines — enhancing outdoor adventure in our Region!

- Geoff Tosio — 1st Bellinghen Scout Group
- Jeremy Thewlis — Nambucca Valley Scout Group

📈 New Appointments

Phil Shepherd — Now Region Commissioner (Activities)
(Promoted from District Commissioner (Activities), Northern Rivers)

Nigel Fellows — Now Assistant Region Commissioner (Activities)
(Promoted from District Commissioner (Activities), Orama)

Thank you all for your service and leadership — you help keep the Scouting adventure alive! 🌸



Joeys & Cubs

Discover adventure to create the path..



We hope you're all geared up for some exciting scouting adventures ahead!

Unfortunately, due to unsafe weather conditions, we had to cancel the Thrills and Skills Camp this year. But don't worry—this popular camp will be back from 1–3 May 2026. Make sure to save the date!

Calling all Cub Scouts aged 10 or 11 working towards your Grey Wolf Award!

Ready to build your leadership skills and take your scouting journey to the next level? Don't miss the Reach the Peak Camp on 14–15 June at Camp Eagle Eye. This camp will include the Cub Scout Personal Development Leadership Course, a fantastic opportunity to grow your skills and confidence. Register now at <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/2109>.

Bring a Buddy Badge Alert! Want to earn a limited-edition blanket badge? It's easy! Just chat with your Leaders about how you can introduce a buddy to the adventure of scouting. Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to share the fun.

Keep an eye out on ScoutEvent for more details about our next big scouting event—the Joey & Cub Big Day Out on 3 August. It's going to be an adventure to remember!



Scouts

Explore the unknown..



A quick reminder that Region Rally registrations close tonight! If you haven't registered yet, make sure you get in before the deadline — we'd love to see as many Scouts as possible join us for an action-packed weekend.

Looking ahead, State Rally is locked in for 1–3 August at Cataract Scout Park. It promises to be another fantastic event on the calendar. Keep an eye out for more information as it becomes available.

For those working towards their Peak Awards or interested in completing a Personal Development Course, we're pleased to share that a course will be run later this year in the North Coast Region, facilitated by Butch. Dates and full details will be released soon — stay tuned.

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for their support throughout my time on the Region Team. I'll be stepping down from my role as of 1 June as I move on to new Scouting adventures. If you're attending Region Rally, please come and say hello — it would be great to catch up. I wish the very best to whoever takes on this rewarding and challenging role moving forward.

Melinda Hine
Region Commissioner - Scouts (Outgoing)



Venturer Scouts

Look wide..



Venturers have kicked off 2025 in style.

In February and March, 44 Venturers and 15 Leaders came together for Medieval Games, featuring Monty Python and the Holy Grail, a three-team battle for the Wabbly Plinth, and a Venturer-DJ'd Doof to cap off a weekend of games and socialising.

Dragon Skin saw 800 Venturers and Guides gather at Penrose State Forest, with support from 600 Rovers and Leaders. North Coast sent four teams and seven Leaders, placing 61st, 48th, 23rd and an impressive 4th out of 160 teams. We look forward to supporting those keen to return next year.

Coming up, we'll be at Region Rally and there are plenty of hikes and activities ahead. Check Scout Event — many training activities are open to Venturers and are a great way to build your OAS. RoVenture is also coming up these winter holidays.

If you're not on our Venturer Discord, ask Quoll or a fellow Vent. We share hike plans, meeting ideas and chat — youth-led with leader support. Who's tackling the new multi-day hike first?



Rover Scouts

Get a glimpse beyond the horizon..



Over the term our Rovers attended quite a few events, such as Mootagascar, Mootology, Nothern Rivers Founders Fun Camp and most recently 5 of us attended Whale of a Moot, Aotearoa's 82nd Moot over in Kaikōura in New Zealand, all of us also attended ANZAC Day ceremonies with various New Zealand Rover Crews whilst on our travels.

Four of our Rover Scouts also went on a road trip from Wellington to Auckland, exploring many sights and experiences that the North Island has to offer.

Roventure!

During July school holidays the Rovers will be running a Roventure for the Venturers on the Gold Coast, from the 10th - 13th of July, which will involve a trip to movie world, rock climbing and other fun activities!!!

Please keep an eye out for applications which will be out by the end of the month!!



Groups

A Scout is helpful..



A huge thank you to all of our Group Leaders and Committees who have completed their Annual Report Presentations (ARP) and submitted the required paperwork on time. Your ongoing commitment to good governance and accountability helps keep Scouting strong across our Region. It's greatly appreciated.

I'm pleased to confirm that the Region ARP will be held on Saturday, 14 June, commencing at 10:00am at Camp Eagle Eye. This is a valuable opportunity to reflect on the year just gone, celebrate achievements, and look ahead together. Registrations open this Wednesday – you can secure your place here: <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/2385>

Finally, a reminder to all Group Leaders to please complete the form regarding the upcoming Region Wide Open Days. This information will assist with planning and promotion to ensure a successful event for all Groups involved.

Thank you again for all that you do to support Scouting in our Region.

Lynn MacDonald
Deputy Region Commissioner, Group Support



Training & Development

What comes next..



A strong start to Adult Training in Term 1, 2025

Term 1 has seen great progress in developing our adult leaders on the North Coast. All trainee leaders and their team leaders have been emailed details on the training needed to complete their Certificate of Proficiency. If you're unsure of what's required, please contact me for support. Let's work together to help our trainee leaders complete the first phase of their training.

Mandatory Training

All members must complete the new Adult Code of Conduct by 1 August to avoid suspension. New members must complete this upon registration, along with other mandatory modules. Please ensure all mandatory training is current — modules must be renewed every two years.

Scouting Leadership

Scouting Leadership is the final part of leader training. Refer to the flow chart at [Leader Training](#) for details. Eligible members have been sent a survey about completing the course — please respond by 20 May. We need minimum numbers to run a local course; otherwise, travel to Sydney or Queensland will be required. Scouting Leadership is essential if you're considering a District, Region, or State leadership role.

IAVP (Individual Adult Volunteer Plans)

These should be completed annually with your team leader to guide your journey in Scouting. If unsure, contact your Group Leader or me.



Training & Development

What comes next..



SAIT (Scouts Australia Institute of Training)

Scouts Australia offers nationally recognised qualifications (Cert II to Diploma) through Recognition of Prior Learning. For details, visit [SAIT Information](#).

On the Job Phases

When submitting On the Job Phases, ensure your answers are thoughtful and in full sentences. Team leaders should encourage improvements if submissions are too brief.

On-Demand Modules

Many leaders haven't reviewed these modules since the Program's launch. Please revisit them regularly to stay current.

Training Courses

Upcoming courses can be found at the [Training Calendar](#). New leaders should complete Scouting Essentials and Scouting Adventure as soon as possible to gain the most benefit and best support their groups.

As always, reach out if you have any questions about your training.

Tara Chapman

Region Commissioner, Adult Training and Development



Adventurous Activities

Navigate..



Adventurous Activities & Training – Get Involved!

Keen to boost your adventurous skills, gain new qualifications or just get out and experience something exciting? Here's what's coming up for members looking to get active and involved:

Take to the Skies – Lift-Off 2025

Ever wanted to soar in a small 4-seater aircraft? Lift-Off 2025 is your chance!
29–31 August, Casino

[Find out more & register](#)

Skill Up with Targeted Training

Whether you're a Venturer, Rover or Leader, there are some fantastic opportunities to expand your qualifications in Adventurous Activities:

MTB Skills Weekend (TP On & Off Road)

- 13–15 June 2025
- Develop your technical mountain biking skills and work towards on and off-road endorsements.

Leader Development Weekend (LDW)

- 16–17 August 2025
- A great opportunity to complete your TP-Core — the essential starting point for all Trained Participant (TP) qualifications.



Adventurous Activities

Navigate..



Even More Opportunities

- Explore further courses via the QLD Scouts Training Calendar — qualifications recognised Australia-wide:
- scoutsqld.com.au/training
- NSW State Summer School
- 10–18 January 2026
- A fantastic week of training across multiple adventurous disciplines. Event details will be released on Scout Event (State) soon — keep an eye out!
- Check Scout Event listings across other Regions for even more training sessions popping up throughout the year.

Lend a Hand – Girl Guides International Jamboree

The Girl Guides are hosting their International Jamboree at Murwillumbah Showground, 28 September – 5 October 2025.

We've been invited to help run Region Rally-style “Adventure” or “Bush” activity bases on:

- Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 October
- 9.30am–12.30pm & 1.30pm–4.30pm

If you're keen to volunteer, please get in touch with Phil Shepherd.



Important Updates

Whats news..



National Policy and Rules Update

There has been a recent update to the National Policy and Rules. Please ensure you are referring to the online version each time you access it to make sure you are viewing the most current policies and rules.

Reminder to Re-Register in ScoutHub

A reminder to all Youth Adult Helpers and Leaders — it's time to renew your registration in ScoutHub. You must renew before 2 June to avoid your membership with the organisation being resigned. You can access your Group's portal here: <https://www.scoutsnsw.com.au/club-finder/>

You no longer need to fill out a form to apply a payment plan for your registration, or to redeem your Active & Creative Kids Vouchers. Simply use our interactive checkout to complete this process yourself!

