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Anthony Boland

Region Commissioner



Membership Update – October Snapshot

We're pleased to share the latest membership figures as of October 5th – and the news is encouraging!

Total for NSW: 17,494 members (including supporters)

Youth Members: 11,176

North Coast Region:

Youth: 407

Leaders: 96

Supporters: 169

Total: 672

These numbers represent 90% of our membership at the end of Trek 2, 2024, with the state average sitting at 88% – a strong indicator of our resilience and growth.



Anthony Boland

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Strategic Direction & Regional Support

Scouts NSW has released its Strategic Plan, setting a clear path to help us maintain and build on this upward trend. We're also excited to continue to build relationships with two key team members:

- Hayley Furlong – Region Support Officer
- Hayden Paterick – Region Operations Manager

Their contributions are already making a significant impact on how our Region functions.

State Support & Community Engagement

Rest assured, State is committed to empowering Regions, giving us full control over our operations while offering strong support.

There's also a major push on advertising, and we all play a role in this. Let's continue to spread the word in our communities about who Scouts are and the incredible things we do.

Looking Ahead

I remain positive and confident that we can surpass these numbers before year's end. Let's keep the momentum going!



Events & Activities

What's on..



North Coast Region – Upcoming Events (Oct–Nov 2025)

As 2025 wraps up, there's still plenty happening across the region:

- 📍 RASOREE Region All Sections Camp – 17–19 Oct | ❌ Registrations Closed
- 📍 Moving Water (Canoe/Kayak) Training – 31 Oct–2 Nov | ❌ Event Full
- 📍 Grafton Canoe Regatta – 7–9 Nov | ✅ Open (Closes 27 Oct)
- 📍 Abseiling & Climbing Skills Weekend – 14–16 Nov | ✅ Open (Closes 31 Oct)
- 📍 Venturer Social Camp – 21–23 Nov | ✅ Open (Closes 15 Nov)
- 📍 Gilwell Reunion 2025 Northern Regions Satellite Site
Sat 29 Nov, 4–8pm | ✅ Open (Closes 15 Nov)

🔗 For all events, register here:
<https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/region/nc>

🔗 For Gilwell Reunion, register here:
<http://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/2714>



Achievements

Congratulations..



🎉 Congratulations to Our Peak Award Recipients! 🎉

A huge shout-out to two outstanding young members of the North Coast Region who have recently achieved significant milestones in their Scouting journey:

🏆 Lilly Moran from Grafton Scout Group has been awarded the Grey Wolf Award—the highest achievement in the Cub Scout section.

🏆 Toby Anderson from 1st Port Macquarie Scout Group has earned the Joey Scout Challenge Award, recognising his commitment and growth in the Joey Scout section.

Well done to both Lilly and Toby! Your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to Scouting are truly inspiring. We're proud to celebrate your achievements!



Joeys & Cubs

Discover adventure to create the path..



☀️ “Shake It Up” at Queensland Cuboree 2026! ☀️

North Coast Region is heading to Baden-Powell Park, Samford in April 2026 for Queensland Cuboree—five incredible days of fun, friendship, and adventure!

This exciting camp will replace Thrills & Skills next year, so Cubs—don’t miss your chance to be part of this unforgettable experience. With the theme “Shake It Up!”, expect action-packed activities, new challenges, and the chance to meet Cubs from across Queensland.

 When: April 2026

 Where: Baden-Powell Park, Samford

 Apply now: cuboree.scoutsqld.com.au

Let’s make Cuboree 2026 the biggest adventure yet!



Scouts

Explore the unknown..



Scouts Section Highlights & What's Ahead

Last term, we celebrated a milestone with the final Basic Scout Leadership Course held at Sawtell Scout Hall, led by Nigel Fellows. This successful course saw 15 enthusiastic participants develop their leadership skills as youth members — a fantastic way to wrap up this chapter of leadership training!

RASOREE Camp This Weekend!

Excitement is building as Scouts from across the region prepare to come together for the North Coast's annual RASOREE camp! This event brings together youth from all sections for a weekend of fun, connection, and adventure. We can't wait to see the energy and spirit on display!

Coming Soon: Region Commissioner (Scouts) Recruitment

Keep an eye out for the upcoming recruitment process for a new Region Commissioner (Scouts). If this is a role you're passionate about, now is the time to start preparing!

We recommend that interested applicants begin arranging to complete a Scouting Management course through Scouts NSW or a neighbouring branch. A Certificate of Proficiency as a Program Support Leader is essential for both appointment and success in this role.



Venturer Scouts

Look wide..



Venturer Social Camp – November 2025

Venturers are wrapping up the year with a bang at the Venturer Social Camp in Lismore! After an active Term 3, it's time to come together for a weekend of swimming, riding or hiking the Northern Rivers Rail Trail, Clay Target Shooting, and of course, camping and hanging out with mates.

 Note: Limited spots available for Clay Target Shooting—get in quick!

 Register now: events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/2668

As some Venturers tackle their HSC or begin their post-school journeys, we're cheering you on. Remember, we're with you every step of the way.

Looking ahead to 2026:

 Dragonskin is coming at Easter—early bird registrations open December.

 Planning an Adventurous Journey? Bring your ideas to camp and find your crew!

 Want to progress your OAS? Check out Summer School: [event link](#)

 And yes, Venturer Social Camp 2026 is already in the works—back to our wild roots!

Got questions or ideas? Reach out to Quoll via Discord or email: rc.venturers.nc@nsw.scouts.com.au (don't forget to copy your leader or parent).



Rover Scouts

Get a glimpse beyond the horizon..



Rover Scouts – Growing & Going Places!

It's been a busy term for Rover Scouts, with membership hitting double digits — a huge milestone for the North Coast!

Two of our Rovers joined forces with North West Region to take part in Normanhurst's Magical Mystery Tour, a wild scavenger hunt from Thornleigh Maccas to The Golden West, ending with a pub night alongside 100+ Rovers from across NSW.

Rovers also kept the momentum going by meeting online to plan the rest of the year and stay connected. Plus, four Rovers supported the Region's Joey Cub Big Day Out at Coffs Harbour's Big Banana Ice Skating Rink — a great show of leadership and teamwork!

What's Next?

- RASOREE Camp – joining all sections for a weekend of fun
- Rover Social Camp – a relaxed hangout in Woolli



Groups

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Group Support – Gearing Up for Year-End

While it's been a quieter term in Group Support, Community Building Grants from the NSW Government and other funding bodies are in full swing. If your group is interested, Shirley Kelly, our Region Grants Officer, is ready to help — reach out at shirley.kelly@nsw.scouts.com.au.

As we approach the end of the year, it's time to start preparing for your Annual Review Process (ARP). Whether it's test and tag, fire inspections, arborist reports, or lining up your financial auditor, next year we're sticking to deadlines — so get ahead now to avoid surprises!

Need help with ARPs? Contact lynn.macdonald@nsw.scouts.com.au or harrison.winchester@nsw.scouts.com.au for support.



Training & Development

What comes next..



As we wrap up another busy year, it's been wonderful to see so many people continue their training journey.

In 2025, the North Coast hosted Scouting Essentials, Scouting Adventure, and Scouting Leadership courses. Participation numbers were amazing, and we look forward to seeing similar enthusiasm in 2026.

Scouting Essentials and Scouting Adventure support newer leaders starting their training. This year, we've seen a reduction in long-term leaders needing these courses on the North Coast—an encouraging sign of progress.

On September 20–21, Scouting Adventure was run by Mel H, Anthony B, and Steve M, with 8 participants gaining new skills and completing the first part of their official training.

Scouting Leadership returned to the North Coast for the first time since 2019, with 15 participants committed to completing their formal training to become fully trained leaders. A huge thank you to Harrison, Nigel W, and Will for keeping everyone fed and happy throughout the weekend.

We're excited to see more Woodbadges presented on the North Coast soon. Will you be the next to complete your training and earn yours?



Training & Development

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Gilwell Reunion



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Are you or do you know someone who has received their Woodbeads? This includes leaders who are no longer in the Scouting movement. November 29 2025 will see Camp Eagle Eye host a satellite site for the NSW Gilwell Reunion. This is the first reunion that has been run in many years. Registrations can be completed <https://events.nsw.scouts.com.au/event/2714> by 15 November. Please spread the word to make this event fantastic.

As we wrap up for 2025, remember to revisit your on demand learning, ensure all of your mandatory modules are complete and take a look at the training calendar for 2026.

As always, if you need any support please reach out.

Tara Chapman
North Coast Region Commissioner
Adult Training and Development



Adventurous Activities

Navigate..



Adventure Skills on the Rise!

Leaders across the region have been busy sharpening their white water paddling skills — and once qualifications are in place, this will become an exciting new activity for our youth!

Coming up this term, we're hosting another abseiling weekend in the North Coast. Spots are limited, so make sure to register soon before it fills up!

Choose Your Own Adventure – Summer Adventure School

Join Scouts NSW in Jindabyne for a week-long Summer Adventure School packed with fun and skill-building! It's a great chance for youth to progress in OAS, and for Venturers, Rovers, and Leaders to gather evidence for VET qualifications or Scouts Skills Recognition.

Plus: A Youth Unit Council will be on hand to help review your OAS, SIA, and Duke of Edinburgh progress.

 [Register here](#)



Important Updates

Whats news..



Prohibited and Commercial Activities

We have recently updated the Prohibited Activities Policy, which outlines the activities that are not permitted in Scouts NSW. Please read the policy and ensure that you comply, as these activities are not authorised nor covered by any insurance.

Further, we have updated the Commercial Activities Procedure, which must be followed when using a commercial provider to run an activity. Note that we are working to pre-qualify a number of common commercial providers. ANS and the WACIR are being updated to provide further support and guidance.

If you have any questions, please reach out to ACC Adventure
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