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Region

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Term 2 2026



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Anthony Boland

Region Commissioner



We've successfully made it through Term 1—well done everyone. Our numbers prior to the end of Trek were consistent, and I'm hopeful they will remain stable as we move through the re-Trek period.

That said, it's important to acknowledge the broader picture. Scouts NSW has experienced a decline in membership of more than 2% per year over the past decade, and we are currently sitting at 93% of last year's numbers. This makes ongoing focus on engagement and support more important than ever.

ARP season is now underway. While several Groups have already completed this process, a few are still to go. Members of the Region Team are looking forward to attending these events. This is an excellent opportunity to review progress, reflect, and re-focus your energies for the remainder of the year.

I'd also like to confirm for those who may not be aware that Spud (William Genge) has taken on the role of Deputy Region Commissioner, Program and Group Support. Spud is available to support Group Leaders and Leaders-in-Charge with Group-related matters and can also assist with program issues. As always, your first point of contact for program support remains your Sectional Commissioners:

- Venturers: Katherine Gates
- Scouts: Nigel Fellows
- Cubs & Joeys: Marie Cullen

Thank you all for your continued commitment and leadership.



Events & Activities

What's on..



May 2026

Scout & Venturer OAS MTB Progression + Leader SP/TP Qualification
Weekend

15–17 May

Mountain biking skills progression and leader qualifications

Wild Wild West: Region Rally 2026

29–31 May

Major region camp with themed activities, challenges and fun

June 2026

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(All running across the same weekend)

Abseiling Skills Weekend

19–21 June

Vertical skills development and qualifications

Working Bee (Camp Eagle Eye / Region Site)

19–21 June

Help maintain and improve our region facilities

Region Youth Council Camp

19–21 June

Youth-led planning, leadership and collaboration weekend



Region Youth Council

An update..



Term 2 is shaping up to be a big one for the North Coast Region Youth Council, with three exciting opportunities for youth to get involved.

We're kicking things off with two District Days, open to all Scouts and Venturers who want to see what Youth Council is all about:

Orama District Day – Saturday 23 May, Bellingen Scout Hall

Northern Rivers District Day – Sunday 24 May, Ballina Scout Hall

These days are a great chance to get involved in skill-building activities, meet like-minded youth, and help brainstorm ideas for future Region events.

Following this, we'll be holding our Region Youth Council Camp:

19–21 June at Camp Eagle Eye

This camp brings together current and new members to turn those ideas into action, helping shape what the Region delivers next year. Youth will also have a voice on key matters across the Region, alongside plenty of fun activities — and maybe even some abseiling thrown in!

If you know a young person keen to build leadership skills, have their voice heard, and be part of shaping the future of Scouting in our Region, **we'd love to hear from you.**

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Achievements

Congratulations..



Shoutouts

A huge congratulations to the following members for their recent achievements:

- **Pip and Joy** (Ballina) on achieving their **Grey Wolf Award** — a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to their hard work and commitment.
- **Venturer Scouts** Hayden, Sam, Sasha, Syrus, Caitlyn & Olivia on successfully completing their **Adventurous Journey** — an awesome effort and a great milestone!
- **Katherine Gates** on gaining her **Guide** qualifications in Paddling (Flat Water) and Bushwalking (Tracked & Difficult Tracked) — a fantastic achievement and a valuable contribution to our Region.
- **Lachlan Fellows** and **Sam Watts** on achieving their **Wood Badge** — a significant accomplishment recognising dedication to leadership and training in Scouting.
- **Tara Chapman** on receiving the **NSW Chief Commissioner's Commendation** for her outstanding efforts in supporting the planning and delivery of the Gilwell Reunion in November last year. This is a significant recognition of her dedication, leadership, and contribution to the wider Scouting community — incredibly well deserved.

Keep up the great work — we love celebrating your successes!



Joeys & Cubs

Discover adventure to create the path..



Our Cubs had an amazing time at the QLD Cuboree, with big smiles, new friendships, and plenty of action-packed adventures. From flying adventures to abseiling and walking the plank, it was a fantastic experience that built confidence, teamwork, and loads of great memories.

A huge thank you to our leaders and families who helped make the journey such a success!

Looking ahead, it's time for our Joeys and Cubs next big adventure — so please save the date!

“Level Up” Joey Cub Camp

Camp Eagle Eye, Glenreagh

7 – 9 August 2026

This fun-filled weekend will be all about trying new things, leveling up skills, and enjoying the magic of camping with friends. More details will be shared closer to the date - but get ready to press start on another great adventure!



Scouts

Explore the unknown..



Scouts Section Update – Term 1 & What's Ahead

Term 1 has been a busy and rewarding start to the year for our Scout Section. Scouts have embraced new challenges, built their outdoor skills, and worked together through a range of engaging activities.

A standout this term has been the completion of Adventurous Journeys. These youth-led experiences challenged Scouts through planning, navigation, teamwork, and resilience — and created some fantastic memories along the way. Many Scouts have used these journeys to progress toward, and in some cases achieve, their Peak Award, which is a significant milestone. Congratulations to all who have reached this goal, and to those continuing their journey.

What's Coming Up in Term 2

Term 2 begins with ANZAC Day, providing an important opportunity for Scouts to participate in local services and reflect on the values of service, courage, and sacrifice.



Scouts

Explore the unknown..



Beyond this, Term 2 is shaping up to be a strong mix of adventure and skill development:

North Coast Region Rally (Wild Wild West)

A highlight of the Region calendar, bringing Scouts together for a weekend of patrol challenges, teamwork, and fun.

MTB Progression & Leader Cycling Qualifications Weekend

An excellent opportunity for Scouts and Venturers to progress their Outdoor Adventure Skills (Cycling), while Leaders can work toward their Safe Participant (SP) and Trained Participant (TP) qualifications.

Throughout the term, Scouts will continue working toward their Peak Awards, strengthening leadership within the Patrol system, and taking an active role in planning their own activities.

With great momentum from Term 1, we're looking forward to a Term 2 full of adventure, growth, and achievement.

Yours in Scouting,
Nigel Fellows
Region Commissioner – Scouts



Venturer Scouts

Look wide..



Venturers have blasted into 2026 with some seriously epic region-level adventures. We kicked things off with 25 Venturers and 21 leaders taking over Glenreagh Rec Grounds for our Venturer Social Camp. Sure, it was “social”... but in true Venturer style that meant abseiling at Sherwood Buttress, pioneering challenges, bushwalking, canyoning, and plenty of laughs around camp.

Old friends reconnected, new friendships formed, and heaps of people pushed their skills (and their OAS) further than they thought they could. And the highlight? Four new Venturers were invested under Scouts Falls — welcome to the adventure, especially our newest crew from the south. Kempsey Venturers are officially on the rise.

Then came the Easter Holidays... and Dragonskin.

Three teams from our region joined 800 Venturers and 400 leaders in Belanglo State Forest for four days of hiking, bases, challenges, and three nights of dancing, activities and catching up with everyone. Our teams smashed their goals with 3rd, 9th, and a proud top-60% finish for the team who came purely for the experience.



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Look wide..



We also sent five incredible leaders as BOOTS to support Venturers on the ground — absolute legends. If you're curious about Dragonskin, just ask. It's one of the most unforgettable, skill-building, confidence-boosting events in the Venturer world.

And we're not slowing down.

Next up: our first Personal Development Course in a long while, plus gearing up to run bases and support Region Rally.

Look out, venturers are everywhere and growing!!



Rover Scouts

Get a glimpse beyond the horizon..



The North Coast Rover Unit has been keeping busy on multiple fronts, with plenty happening both locally and beyond.

Fundraising efforts are well underway to support attendance at Way Out West Moot 2027, with the Unit steadily working towards their goal. At this stage, we have a number of Rovers planning to attend, with three North Coast Rovers currently confirmed to head west for the adventure.

Over the Easter period, our Rovers were out and about representing the Region in true Rover fashion:

One Rover was involved in Dragon Skin, supporting the event by helping run a base for Venturers and contributing to a fantastic program.

Another Rover travelled internationally to attend the New Zealand National Rover Moot (NZ Moot), gaining new experiences and connecting with Rovers from across the globe.

It's great to see our Rovers embracing opportunities to lead, serve, and challenge themselves—whether that's supporting youth locally or taking on once-in-a-lifetime experiences further afield.

Photos to come – keep an eye out in the next edition!



Groups

A Scout is helpful..



ARP season is well underway across the North Coast, with many Groups already having held — or preparing to hold — their Annual Reports & Presentations (ARP).

A reminder that all ARPs must be completed by the end of April, so if your Group hasn't held theirs yet, now is the time to lock it in.

We strongly encourage all members of Scouting — both youth and adults — to attend. ARPs are a great opportunity to reflect on the past year, celebrate achievements, recognise award recipients, and connect as a Group.

You'll also see Region representatives attending ARPs across the North Coast, showing our support and celebrating alongside you.

Let's make the most of this important time in the Scouting calendar



Training & Development

What comes next..



What a great start to 2026.

Training Courses

Scouting courses are now available for registration. These can be found on [ScoutEvent](#) under the [Leader Training Courses](#) tab.

Save the Date: 27th and 28th June Scouting Essentials Hybrid course is going ahead. This course will be run in person at Camp Eagle Eye. Participants will be in the course in person with some sessions being presented via online. Members of the training team will be onsite to train you. The course will be available for registration soon, tell your trainee leaders.

Mandatory Training modules and leader training modules

Thank you to everyone who has kept their mandatory training modules up to date. For those who have not completed or reviewed your training modules on the On Demand learning platform recently, we encourage you to do so soon to keep your knowledge up to date.

SAIT – Scouts Australia Institute of Training

Enjoy Volunteering with Scouts or Supporting Your Kids in Scouting Programs? Did you know that you can earn nationwide recognised qualifications while doing what you love?



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Thanks to Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) (RTO 5443), it's never been easier to take your skills to the next level!

By applying online, you can submit your experiences (not just Scouting!) and earn qualifications, with full support every step of the way.

Ready to unlock new opportunities? Explore all the qualifications on offer here: <https://scouts.com.au/SAIT>

Scouting Leadership

It is great to see so many people working on their Scouting Leadership and Woodbadge projects. We have already had 4 awarded on the North Coast this year. We look forward to seeing more being awarded this year as well as others completing the Scouting Leadership course.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Tara Chapman

RC Adult Training and Development – North Coast



Adventurous Activities

Navigate..



The Region has recently purchased a **Garmin inReach** device, which will soon be available for hire by Groups and individuals.

This device provides a **safe** and **reliable** communication option for youth and adults undertaking bushwalks and other activities under remote supervision — a fantastic addition, particularly with the strong uptake in **Adventurous Journeys** we've seen this year.

More information on the device, including **pricing** and **how to hire**, will be shared soon.



Important Updates

Whats news..



From the Region Executive Committee (REC)

Your REC has been busy behind the scenes supporting Region Leaders and Commissioners to help deliver the best possible program for our youth.

We've also invested in some exciting new gear for the Region, including OzTags, a giant waterslide (a hit at Rasoree!), and upgraded speakers to keep our discos pumping — all things we know our youth love.

If you're interested in getting involved and helping support the Region in a meaningful way, we'd love to hear from you.

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Important Update – NSW Social Media Policy

A reminder to all members regarding the updated NSW Social Media Policy (December 2025):

Photos that include youth members who are marked as non-publishing must not be used at all — this includes images where faces are blurred, covered with emojis, or otherwise edited.

Please ensure all content shared online is compliant with the updated policy.

