

23RD WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT



Bulletin 4 March 2015

To: *All Australian Contingent Members*
CC: *Branch Chief Commissioners*
Branch International Commissioners

FROM THE CONTINGENT LEADER

Recent months have been very busy for the Contingent Team as we prepare for the World Scout Jamboree and no doubt the excitement is certainly building for each of you as well as we get closer to our departure.

I had the great opportunity to visit Scouts from 1st Balgownie on the South Coast of NSW in November, who had organised a very innovative fundraising initiative – Over The Edge – inviting people to abseil off the Wollongong City Council building. A great weekend was had by all with more than 100 abseilers descending the 45 metre journey and raising nearly \$12,000. Well done to all involved.

During January, I was also able to meet up with many of our Contingent Members attending the AV2015 where everyone was having a Heaps Good time in South Australia.

There is a meeting of Contingent Leaders from around the world at the Jamboree site later this month. Some of the other Contingent Team members will be joining me as we review the latest preparations for the event. We will also be inspecting each of our accommodation venues during our visit.

Contingent merchandise is now beginning to arrive and we look forward to having this distributed at our briefing sessions in May. Shane is currently doing an amazing job to prepare all of our gear for distribution. If you have any questions about our Contingent gear or the briefing sessions, you can contact Shane directly using the details provided in this bulletin. All Contingent members should wear full uniform to these sessions.

Just when we thought that the flights were finalised, Qantas has changed their schedules between Japan and Australia from August onwards. This has resulted in several flight changes for our return journey. A summary of these changes is included in this Bulletin and all changes have been updated in the online registration system. A printed itinerary for each Contingent member will also be provided with the next Bulletin in June.

The Australian Contingent has received a request for IST members that would like to work as lifeguards during the Jamboree at the various onsite and offsite water activity locations. Any volunteers should send an expression of interest to Harry together with details of any relevant experience or qualifications.

Otherwise, there is lots more news throughout this Bulletin that I encourage everyone to read carefully. Don't forget to pass this Bulletin to your parents to read as well. Also remember to keep working on building your fitness level and maximising your camping experience to ensure you are as prepared as possible before our departure.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in May as my team and I travel around Australia to distribute the gear. See you then!

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WENDY SHEPPARD



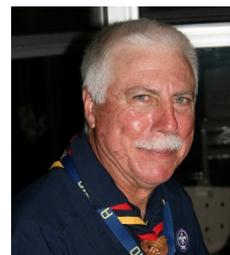
Wendy is an Assistant Venturer Scout Leader in Greater Western Sydney. Wendy is also a Japanese Teacher and frequently travels to Japan in support of the student exchange program.

Wendy will be working with the Australian Contingent to support all aspects of our journey with important Japanese translations. In particular, Wendy has already been of great assistance in having your names recorded in Japanese script on each of the Contact Cards.

Wendy will also be helping to coordinate our pre-Jamboree camp logistics and other essential tasks throughout our time in Japan.

Wendy has attended previous Australian Jamborees and Ventures and is looking forward to joining with everyone in Japan later this year.

HARRY LONG



Harry is now the Branch Chief Commissioner in South Australia and is a member of the National Training Committee. He has also served his Branch as International Commissioner.

Harry is an Eagle Scout (Queen's Scout equivalent) in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), as are his two sons, Sam and Chris. His volunteer work in training for Scouts Australia sees him travel to all parts of Australia as well as his own state of South Australia. Harry also serves as a Commissioner for the BSA.

Harry has attended a number of international Jamborees and conferences and was a member of the International Service Team (IST) for the last World Scout Jamboree in Sweden.

Throughout the Jamboree, Harry will be working closely with the IST members to assist them in their roles and other day to day needs.

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER OF AUSTRALIA

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Australian Contingent Bulletin!

You will find this bulletin full of details for both the pre-Jamboree camp and the Jamboree itself. With many of the arrangements falling into place, I can now feel the excitement building!

In particular, I would like to draw one particular issue to the attention of Troop Leaders, IST members and other adults - and that is the importance of completing the Safe from Harm training. I urge you to complete the on-line training by end May.

Secondly, based on experience at previous Jamborees, I also urge every Contingent member to continually update their medical information on the on-line registration system. Current information is critical in an emergency situation.

Further details of both requirements are contained in this bulletin.

I again congratulate Aaron Wardle, our National Contingent Leader, and his entire Contingent Management Team, with their level of preparation for the event. It is impressive!

"WA -A Spirit of Unity" - the 23rd World Scout Jamboree is getting closer!

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SAFE FROM HARM

In order to ensure the Jamboree is an event free from abuse, all Troop Leaders, IST members and other adults will be required to take Safe from Harm (SfH) training before the Jamboree.

SfH addresses the types of abuse, such as bullying, harassment, neglect and exploitation, and focuses on how to prevent such behaviour.

All adults in the Contingent are required to take the SfH training on the Internet before the end of May 2015. On the e-learning platform, each individual will be able to create an account and then start the online training course. The training consists of modules, with each module having a presentation format. The training will take about 90 minutes to complete all the modules, with a short test at the end with an accuracy of at least 75% required to pass.

Upon completing the training, each individual will receive a certificate which certifies that they have completed the SfH training. Individuals should keep a copy of the certificate themselves, and then forward a copy to the Australian Contingent in the Postage Paid Return Envelope provided.

Access to the SfH online training is available at <http://sfh.23wsj.jp/>

JAMBOREE ONLINE SHOP

The Scout Association of Japan has an online shop now open with extra merchandise available for sale. Visit <http://bs-ent.jugemcart.com/> for more details.

CONTINGENT TEAM CONTACT NUMBERS

The Australian Contingent now has three new unique mobile phones available should you have any questions prior to our departure. These phones will also be used for 24hr emergency contact during our time in Japan.

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ELECTRONICS

All Contingent members are discouraged from bringing electronic devices to Japan. The Australian Contingent will have phones available for emergency contact. All participants should leave their personal mobile phones in Australia as charging facilities will be limited, international phone calls are expensive and no responsibility will be offered for their safety. If you are bringing a camera, you should bring spare batteries with you. Portable solar chargers are another good option, although are carried at your own risk, and must fit within your normal baggage limits. The Contingent has arranged for essential medical devices only to be charged.

UPDATED MEDICAL INFORMATION

This is another general reminder to ensure that your medical information is continually updated in the online registration system. If you have changed medications, dietary requirements or other medical conditions, you are required to notify the Contingent Welfare Officer of these changes and ensure that the information is properly recorded in your registration account.

YOUNG CORRESPONDENT

The following Contingent members have been successful in their application to become Young Correspondents at the Jamboree:

- 094 Alexandria Riddel NSW
- 689 Aiden Mather QLD

Thank you to everyone else that applied.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance has been taken out on behalf of all members in the Australian Contingent and covers you from the moment you depart your first flight until you return to your home airport.

The following extract from the policy is required to be provided to all Contingent members for your reference.

Insurer:

Chubb Insurance Company of Australia Limited

Summary Schedule of Benefits:

Coverage	Category B
Personal Injury Events 1-19 Lump Sum Benefit	\$50,000
Temporary Total Disablement Weekly Benefit Amount	\$500
Medical Expenses	Unlimited
Emergency Medical Evacuation	\$1,000,000
Repatriation of Mortal Remains	\$50,000
Cancellation / Curtailment / Additional Expenses	Unlimited
Personal Liability	\$5,000,000
Luggage, Personal Effects, Travel Documents	\$5,000
Money and Credit Cards	\$5,000
Portable Business Equipment	\$5,000
Alternative Employee or Resumption of Assignment Expenses	\$5,000
Rental vehicle collision damage and theft excess cover	\$10,000
Missed transport connection	\$5,000
Kidnap, Ransom and Extortion Insuring Clause 1	\$250,000
Insuring Clause 2	\$250,000
Insuring Clause 3	\$250,000
Political Evacuation and Natural Disaster Expenses	\$10,000
Corporate Traveller's Family Assistance	Refer to Policy

Aggregate Limit of Liability:

Personal Injury – Any on Accident or Occurrence	\$	2,000,000
Kidnap, Ransom & Extortion	\$	500,000
Political Evacuation	\$	100,000

Deductible:

\$50 – Portable Business Equipment
\$50 – Medical Expenses

FLIGHT CHANGES

Listed below is a summary of the flights that have changed since our previous Bulletin. Please refer to the online registration system for your updated personal itinerary.

Domestic Connections

QF1073	17/07/2015	Broome	13:30	Perth	16:05
QF843	17/07/2015	Darwin	13:50	Sydney	18:35
QF969	18/07/2015	Townsville	05:50	Brisbane	07:35
QF1508	18/07/2015	Hobart	12:35	Sydney	14:20
QF791	18/07/2015	Alice Springs	13:25	Sydney	16:35

International Flights

JAL126	12/08/2015	Itami	16:25	Haneda	17:40
GK206	12/08/2015	Kansai	16:35	Narita	17:55
QF62	12/08/2015	Narita	20:55	Brisbane	07:15
QF26	12/08/2015	Haneda	22:00	Sydney	08:30

Domestic Connections

QF842	13/08/2015	Sydney	08:55	Darwin	13:05
QF423	13/08/2015	Sydney	10:00	Melbourne	11:35
QF1509	13/08/2015	Sydney	10:00	Hobart	11:55
QF790	13/08/2015	Sydney	10:00	Alice Springs	12:50
QF1473	13/08/2015	Sydney	10:45	Canberra	11:40
QF1555	13/08/2015	Sydney	11:30	Adelaide	13:10
QF2285	13/08/2015	Melbourne	15:30	Launceston	16:40
QF1930	13/08/2015	Perth	15:50	Broome	18:20
QF782	13/08/2015	Brisbane	09:45	Cairns	12:10
QF2366	13/08/2015	Brisbane	13:35	Rockhampton	14:50
QF974	13/08/2015	Brisbane	13:55	Townsville	15:55
QF2534	14/08/2015	Brisbane	07:55	Longreach	10:40

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Participants will be expected to wear Full Scout Uniform when departing Australia. Full Scout Uniform will consist of the following:

- Australian Contingent Akubra (supplied)
- Normal Scout or Venturer Scout Uniform Shirt with correct badges (incl. Australian Contingent badge)
- Australian Contingent Scarf (supplied)
- Australian Contingent Gumnut Woggle (supplied)
- Australian Contingent Name Badge (supplied)
- Australian Contingent Uniform Shorts (supplied)
- Scouts Australia Belt
- Dark Blue Socks (recommend thick hiking style socks)
- Comfortable Walking Shoes (preferably walking boots that are brown in colour)

RECOMMENDED GEAR LIST

Your Contingent Travel Bag must be packed to a maximum of 20kg per person for our travel to Japan. A recommended gear list is attached to this Bulletin to assist you with your packing. Several items on the list are issued by the Contingent. You will need to have 1x Contingent Shirt in your Day Pack when we depart for our first day in Japan. A change of comfortable clothes for during the flight is also recommended.

FOOD ALLERGY INFORMATION

Managing food allergies in a foreign country can be a very challenging task, especially when communicating with other people that have English as a second language.

There are a wide range of resources available that can help in this situation. Two different websites offer pre-designed cards that can be printed and laminated and carried with you to help communicate your allergy.

Cards can be downloaded from:

- <https://www.brokerfish.com/food-allergy-translation-cards>
- or
- <http://justhungry.com/japan-dining-out-cards>



PATROL ALLOCATION CHANGES

There have been a small number of changes to some of the Patrol allocations as listed below:

774 Darren Pemberton	NT	M	>	new addition into Golf.3
540 Michael Donohue	NSW	M	>	moved from Golf.3 to Echo.1
475 Makaila Gordon	NSW	F	>	moved from Echo.1 to Foxtrot.3
781 Christian Cansancio	VIC	M	>	new addition into Alpha.2
608 Tristan Grinter	VIC	M	>	moved from Alpha.2 to Alpha.3
660 Jackson Fitzpatrick	VIC	M	>	moved from Alpha.3 to Charlie.2

DAY VISITORS

For any friends or family who will be in Japan during the World Scout Jamboree, the opportunity to attend as a Day Visitor is now available.

Tickets are limited to 5,000 per day on Thursday 30 July 2015, Friday 31 July 2015, Saturday 1 August 2015, Monday 3 August 2015, Tuesday 4 August 2015, Wednesday 5 August 2015 and Thursday 6 August 2015.

Ticket sales are available from www.23wsj.jp/day_visitor.html. Cost is ¥2000 (14+) or ¥1000 for children.

HOME HOSPITALITY

All Youth Participants and Line Leaders will be hosted with Scouting families after the Jamboree. All 7 troops in the Australian Contingent will be hosted on the island of Shikoku, the smallest of the four main islands of Japan.

It is recommended that each participant take one small gift with them to give to their Host Family. Try to avoid items made in Japan or China (as many Australian souvenirs are) and instead consider homemade items or Scouting memorabilia from here in Australia.



JAPANESE CULTURE

During our pre-Jamboree camp, the Australian Contingent will be staying in dormitory accommodation. These youth hostel style facilities feature traditional Japanese bathhouses (separate male and female) and will be shared with other Contingents. It is therefore essential that all participants from Australia become familiar with how to use these facilities correctly.

There will be a guided tour of the facilities at our first venue, however, here are a few tips on bathhouse etiquette in Japan.



- In hot springs and public bathhouses, you must take a shower and clean your body thoroughly before you get into the bath. No soap is allowed in the bathwater.
- Shampoo and body wash are provided for use in the shower.
- To use the hand-held shower, you must sit down on a bath stool to prevent the shower water from splashing.
- You should step into the bath slowly as the water can be quite hot. This will also help to avoid creating waves that will disturb other bathers.
- After exiting the bath, you may like to take a cool rinse from the rinsing showers before returning to the changing area to dry off.
- You must not wear swimsuits or other clothing in the public bathhouse. The Japanese point of view is that body parts are just body parts – we all have them. In the bathhouse you just focus on your own personal space.

POCKET MONEY

The Australian Contingent is offering a secure Pocket Money system to all Contingent members. Members that would like to use the secure Pocket Money system should complete the enclosed Pocket Money Order Form. Completed forms must be returned by 30 April 2015 in the envelope provided or handed to a Contingent Management Team member at your Contingent Briefing Session.

Pocket money is only needed for souvenirs and snacks during our time away as all meals, accommodation, transport and activities are already included in our Jamboree Fee.

Please indicate on the form the amount you would like to purchase (in multiples of ¥2000). The Australian Contingent recommends a daily maximum of ¥2000. Pocket Money will be distributed in multiples of ¥2000 at a set exchange rate of A\$22 at set times during our trip.

Money for meals will also be handed out on some days during the Pre-Jamboree Camp (¥1000 for lunches and ¥2000 for dinners). This money will be from the Contingent fund, not your pocket money.

The exchange rate has been set to cover costs associated with:

- Exchange rate fluctuations
- Exchange fees
- Bank fees in Australia and Japan

Surplus Pocket Money will be refunded at the same exchange rate after our return to Australia.

CONTINGENT LEADER'S FAVOURITE FACTS

There are 30 birthdays in the Australian Contingent during our journey. We have organised to celebrate each and every one of these birthdays during our time in Japan.

18 July	Xavier Calder
20 July	Jay Pitson, Ryan Blunt
21 July	Bradley Krikke
23 July	Xavior Kennedy, Damon Harris, Alan Baker
24 July	Steffan Nemeth
26 July	Peter Quan
29 July	Steven Varga, Jennifer Nielson
30 July	Scarlett Pearce, Claire Budden
31 July	Aiden Mather
1 August	Archie Berry, Lynda Calder
3 August	Alice Southey
4 August	Ashleigh Butcher
5 August	Timothy Kirsopp
6 August	Andrew Ellis
7 August	Karen Fuller
8 August	Jaedan Calder
9 August	Joanne Trinder
10 August	Julian Weaver, Jaidyn Ivers, Ian-Ross Macdonald, Georgia Griffiths
11 August	Elizabeth Melville, Gerard Matthews
12 August	Nicolas Gardiner

JOIN-IN-JAMBOREE

The Join-in-Jamboree programme allows Scouts from all over the world the opportunity to learn more about the Jamboree experience and the culture of Japan in their own Scout Groups. Program resources are now available from the Contingent website. Special recognition is deserved for one of our IST members – Tim Kirsopp from the DRACO Fellowship in the ACT – for producing extra materials specifically for the Cub Scout section here in Australia. Bravo!

A souvenir Join-In-Jamboree badge is available from the Australian Contingent for \$2 each, including postage to anywhere in Australia. The order form is available for Groups to download from the website. Why not organise a Japanese evening for your whole group to earn the badge together!

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TEAM

At each World Scout Jamboree, the UK and Australian Contingents play an “Ashes” Cricket match. During the pre-Jamboree camp, selections will be held for our best 12 players to play in the 12 over-a-side match. Australian has won the last 5 events – Holland 1995, Chile 1999, Thailand 2003, UK 2007 and Sweden 2011. Everyone will be encouraged to cheer on our team for a sixth straight win!

ATTACHMENTS

- Recommended Gear List
- Pocket Money Form
- Postage Paid Return Envelope