

AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT Information Pages



ELIGIBILITY

All applicants are reminded that attendance at the 15th New Zealand Venture is a privilege, not a right, and that behaviour standards will be monitored prior to the event before final approval is granted for attendance.

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| Youth Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Born between 8 January 2005 and 28 December 2008 inclusive (i.e. minimum age 14 years and not had your 18th birthday by the end of the Venture).• An invested Venturer Scout and have completed Outdoor Adventure Skills Camping Stage 4 prior to departure.• A minimum of ten (10) nights camping under canvas within Scouting, with at least three (3) of them consecutive.• Must be recommended as suitable to attend by your Group Leader and Region/District Section Commissioner, and be approved by the Contingent Leader and your Branch Headquarters. |
| Adult Members | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registered members of your Branch as a Rover Scout, Adult Leader or Fellowship Member.• Must be recommended as suitable to attend by your Group Leader or next appropriate level of Commissioner, and be approved by the Contingent Leader and your Branch Headquarters.• Adult members will be selected to meet required quotas as prescribed by the Venture Organising Committee. |

COVID-19 NOTICE

The safety of all Scouting members is always our highest priority!

Scouts Australia and the Contingent Management Team (CMT) look forward to a successful Contingent travelling to New Zealand, however, the current coronavirus pandemic obviously has the potential to have a significant impact on this event.

In preparation for any Contingent, the Australian International Team obtains the very latest updates and advice from the Event Organising Committee, our Travel Insurer and the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Should official advice ever change in the future, the International Commissioner of Australia will make an informed determination on cancelling Contingent travel to New Zealand when necessary.

It is a condition of your Contingent application that members of Scouts Australia cannot attend the site of the New Zealand Venture if such a determination is issued, irrespective of whether the Venture continues for local members.

If the Contingent is cancelled (e.g. on medical advice or due to border restrictions), Scouts Australia will provide a refund of all recoverable amounts paid.

APPLICATIONS

Applications open on 14 February 2022 and close on 28 February 2022 or until all available positions are filled. All applicants must register using the Australian Contingent's online application system, OLEMS:

<https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au>

An application is not considered complete until the authority is signed in your application form and your deposit has been received.

CONTINGENT INCLUSIONS

The Contingent Fee includes all meals, accommodation, flights and ground transportation between the date of departure from Australia and the date of return to Australia. The phase 1 expedition and any optional activities are an additional expense. There are four basic fee options available to members:

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| Venture Lite | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrive in New Zealand on Opening Day of the Venture.• Depart New Zealand the morning after the Closing Ceremony. |
| Venture Plus | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrive in New Zealand on Opening Day of the Venture.• Complete the full Venture experience.• Enjoy the biggest sites and attractions of Queenstown – the adventure capital of NZ!• Depart New Zealand five days after the Closing Ceremony. |
| Venture Help | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADULTS ONLY• Arrive in New Zealand on Opening Day of the Venture.• Depart New Zealand the morning after the Closing Ceremony. |
| Venture Lead | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADULTS ONLY• Arrive in New Zealand on Opening Day of the Venture.• Complete the full Venture experience.• Enjoy the biggest sites and attractions of Queenstown – the adventure capital of NZ!• Depart New Zealand five days after the Closing Ceremony. |

VENTURE FORMAT

The New Zealand Venture consists of Phase 1 – Expeditions and Phase 2 – Core.

Phase 1 – Expeditions are an additional cost and vary from approximately \$550 to \$1,550.

Phase 2 – includes a range of onsite and offsite activities and are fully included in the Contingent Fee.

QUEENSTOWN

The Venture Plus and Venture Lead options allows for participants to select from a range of activities to satisfy all interests. Some activities are included in the Contingent fee whilst some optional activities have an extra fee.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment	Lite	Plus	Help	Lead	Due Date
Deposit	\$670	\$940	\$470	\$740	28 February 2022
2nd Payment	\$670	\$940	\$470	\$740	1 April 2022
3rd Payment	\$670	\$940	\$470	\$740	1 June 2022
4th Payment	\$670	\$940	\$470	\$740	1 August 2022
5th Payment	\$Exped+	\$Exped+	\$Exped+	\$Exped+	1 October 2022
TOTAL	\$2,680+	\$3,760+	\$1,880+	\$2,960+	

Submitting an application is no guarantee of acceptance to attend the 15th New Zealand Venture.

Payments more than one month late may result in withdrawal.

The Contingent reserves the right to refuse any application at any time, in which case a full refund will be made.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

There are some additional costs you need to account for:

- obtaining a passport if you do not already have one;
- any visa costs that might be applicable based on your passport's country of issue (Australians do not need a visa);
- any spending money for souvenirs or incidental items (you will not need much); and
- any additional optional activities.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Members withdrawing from the Contingent must notify the Contingent Leader in writing as soon as possible. Since many expenses must be paid well before our departure, it is not possible to provide full refunds upon withdrawal. The following table highlights the amount of any refund payable.

Notification Received	Refund Amount
On or before 31 March 2022	Full Refund
1 April 2022 – 31 July 2022	Amount paid less \$500
On or after 1 August 2022	No Refund

CANCELLATION POLICY

If the Contingent is cancelled by Scouts Australia or by Scouts New Zealand, this decision will be promptly communicated to all registered Contingent members. The following table highlights the amount of any refund payable.

Date of Cancellation	Refunds
On or before 31 March 2022	Full Refund
After 1 April 2022	Scouts Australia will refund all recovered funds. Non-recoverable expenses may include travel insurance, bank charges, international exchange fees, accounting license fees and expended Contingent planning costs.

MEDICAL OBLIGATIONS

As part of your application, you are required to disclose all medical conditions, medications, allergies, dietary requirements and mental health conditions that may impact your participation in the planned itinerary, together with any applicable Action Plans for these conditions. Failure to disclose any relevant information may result in you being withdrawn from the Contingent. Furthermore, your insurance cover may be invalidated.

Should your medical situation or conditions change, from the information you enter into your application, you will need to log back in and update this information immediately to ensure correctness and completeness.

Individuals are strongly encouraged to seek medical advice from their own medical practitioner with regard to any vaccinations and immunisations. Applicants should be aware that some airlines and some countries might require evidence of COVID-19 vaccination prior to departing Australia. Known restrictions will be advised once confirmed.

CONTINGENT CONTACT DETAILS

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