

AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

NEWSLETTER #1

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Contingent Leader's Welcome

Welcome to the Australian Contingent for the 15th New Zealand Venture – Ignite'23!!

My name is Aaron Wardle and I am the Australian Contingent Leader for our travel to New Zealand! I also have the unique privilege of being the International Commissioner of Australia and I am very pleased to have an amazing team to help me in preparing for our journey.

After the past two years of border restrictions, I am sure that everyone is looking forward to travelling overseas once again and the opportunity to meet new friends from across Australia, New Zealand and beyond. To assist our team in preparing for this epic adventure, please be sure to read all of the information contained in this newsletter and remember to share this update with your parents as well.

Scouts Australia is committed to a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants. Our volunteers are working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure compliance with the very latest Public Health Orders, travel requirements and insurance obligations to make this event a success. Your safety is our highest priority, and we have every confidence in a very enjoyable journey for all participants. Remember as well that you are travelling to the NZ Venture both as a representative of Scouts Australia and as an ambassador of our country and therefore all members have an important responsibility to always uphold your Scout Promise and Law.

To assist in our preparations, please ensure that you return to your online registration and update any medical or travel information whenever a change occurs.

Otherwise, all the very best with your ongoing fundraising and I look forward to seeing you in New Zealand at the end of this year!

Yours in Scouting,

Aaron Wardle

Australian Contingent Leader



Important Key Dates

1 April 2022	Next Payment Instalment Due
1 May 2022	Final Date to upload Passport Details
1 May 2022	Final Deadline for Merchandise Orders

Introducing the Contingent Team



Angus Boxall
Deputy Contingent Leader

Angus has previously travelled to NZ as Contingent Leader for the NZ Moot in 2018 and was the Deputy Contingent Leader for the 16th World Scout Moot. Angus will be providing oversight of our financials and contract negotiations as well as coordinating our risk management controls.



Zoe Cowen and Max Angliss
Assistant Contingent Leaders

Zoe is a Rover Scout from NSW and Max is a Rover Scout from Victoria and both attended the last NZ Venture in 2019 as participants.

Zoe and Max are responsible for shaping our entire journey from a youth perspective – including the activities on offer, the branding and merchandise, our social media, newsletters and online promotions.



Luke Saunders
Program Officer

Luke Saunders is a Region Adviser in NSW and was previously the Deputy Chief Commissioner of Australia. Luke will be managing all our activity arrangements on the Optional Post Tour as well as helping to coordinate transport movements within New Zealand.



Wombat Lyons
Health and Welfare Officer

Wombat is the State Commissioner for Diversity and Inclusion in Victoria and was the General Manager of Welfare and Wellbeing at the recent VicJam. Wombat will be coordinating all our welfare needs for the Australian Contingent.

Please note that all members of the Contingent Team are volunteers and may not always be immediately available to answer questions about the Venture.

Contingent Registrations

Applications for International Contingents observe a strict closing date where all eligible Youth Members that submit their application AND pay their deposit before the closing date are automatically accepted.

Over the past week, the Australian Contingent Team has spent a significant amount of time and energy negotiating with our travel providers to secure arrangements for all registered members to attend the New Zealand Venture.

In response to the unprecedented weather events across Australia in the past week, our Contingent Team volunteers have worked tirelessly to negotiate additional capacity in our travel arrangements.

It is therefore with great pleasure that we can announce that our Team has today had success at securing a limited number of additional positions to join the Australian Contingent! From today (Wednesday 9 March 2022) applications to join the Australian Contingent for the 15th New Zealand Venture have reopened. Applications will close as soon as capacity is reached or no later than Monday 14 March 2022. Anyone that has not paid their deposit by Monday will automatically be rejected. NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS ARE POSSIBLE!

International Scouting Guides

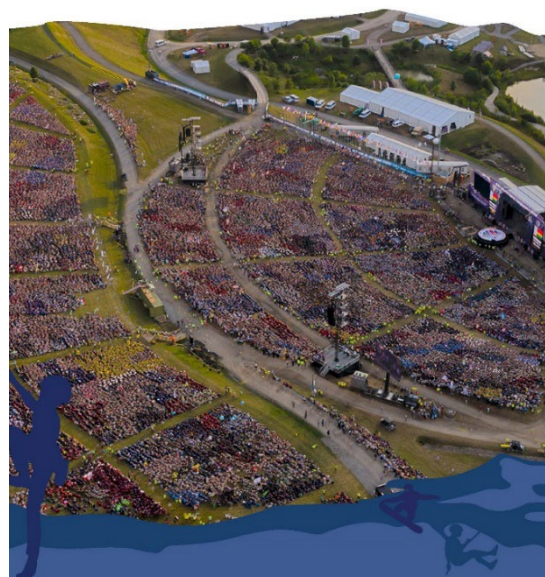
Scouts Australia has published two information guides to assist members in their preparations for overseas travel. The first is a Parent Guide designed to answer many of the most common questions about Contingent travel. The second is an Adult Application Guide to help explain the role of an Adult Leader at an International Scouting event.

Download your copy at: <https://scouts.com.au/what-we-do/international/resources/>

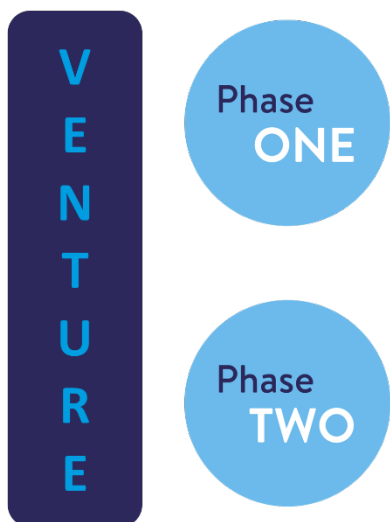
**INTERNATIONAL
SCOUTING EVENTS**
Parent Guide



**INTERNATIONAL
SCOUTING EVENTS**
Adult Application Guide



The Adventure



Contingent Arrival Day

All Contingent members are planned to depart your nearest capital city airport on Wednesday 28 December 2022 and arrive at Christchurch where we will overnight at a local Scout Camp before the Venture begins.

Phase One (Expeditions)

After meeting in Christchurch you'll head off with your Expedition Unit to your very own adventure. You have already selected your preferred Expedition during your application.

All Phase 1 Expeditions will be assigned by the New Zealand Venture Organising

Committee (VOC) and not by the Australian Contingent. We expect confirmation of the final Expedition allocations in the middle of this year with the Expedition payment due on 1 October 2022.

No matter what Expedition you complete, you can be sure that each Expedition will showcase the best of the South Island, with plenty of adrenaline, touring, scenery and fun!

Phase Two (Onsite)

With the Phase One Expeditions completed, everyone returns to the Venture Site in Mayfield for Phase Two.

Phase Two provides five days of choice for you to decide how to spend your time with an extensive range of on-site activities, off-site adventures, and evening events. It can be as adventurous (or not!) as you like, with as many activities (or time to socialise!) as you wish. The hardest part will be fitting it all in!

Optional Post Tour

All Contingent Members that have selected the Venture Plus or Venture Lead options will travel to Queenstown after Phase Two for the Optional Australian Contingent Post Tour!

You will participate in a 4-day, 4-night post stay following the Venture where you can enjoy all the sights and attractions to be had in the adventure capital of the world!

Several activities are already included in the Contingent Fee, however there will also be the option available to complete additional activities at an extra cost.

On our final night together, and with the adventure drawing to a close, we will celebrate with a special dinner for the Contingent. This will give you the chance to say goodbye to your new mates and prepare yourself for going home the next day.

Contingent Departure Day

Venture Lite and Venture Help members will return to Christchurch Airport for return flights to Australia on Sunday 8 January 2023.

Venture Plus and Venture Lead members will travel to Queenstown Airport for return flights to Australia on Thursday 12 January 2023.

Further information on flight times will be provided at the Orientation Days.

Independent Travel

On advice of the Australian Government, no independent travel is available for members of the Australian Contingent.

Passports

To travel to New Zealand with the Contingent you will need a current passport with an expiry date of no earlier than 12 July 2023. We require your passport details by no later than 1 May 2022.

If you do not currently have a passport, or it expires before or during the Venture, you need to apply for or renew your passport as soon as possible. You can pick up a passport application form at any Australia Post outlet or find more information online at www.passports.gov.au.

Passports can take some time to arrange, so we recommend you follow this up NOW. Once you have your passport details, please ensure they are updated in the Travel Details section of your online registration.

Adult Roles

The Australian Contingent has received a surplus number of adult applications for this event. As a result, we will be working with the New Zealand Venture Organising Committee to complete a selection process. The outcome will be advised as soon as possible.

Orientation Days

We know that you're excited to head on this trip of a lifetime, and we are too! So that we're all on the same page and able to jump straight in to Ignite'23, it is important that you attend the Orientation Day for your nearest capital city. You will meet the Contingent Team, find out the very latest details about our adventure together, collect your Contingent issue merchandise (we love new stuff) and be ready to take on New Zealand!

We are currently working through those options for those in Tasmania and remote regional areas. More information on specifics will follow in later newsletters.

The O-Day dates are as follows:

Location	Date
Melbourne	Saturday 12 November
Adelaide	Sunday 13 November
Sydney	Saturday 19 November
Perth	Sunday 20 November
Brisbane	Saturday 3 December
Canberra	Sunday 4 December

Make sure to save the date!



Merchandise

What awesome included merchandise do you get?

1x Travel Bag

All your stuff must fit into this!

2 x Australian Contingent Shirts

2 x Australian Scarves

2 x Australian Contingent Badges



Optional merchandise is available at an additional cost. The final deadline for ordering additional merchandise is **1 May 2022**. After this date, the selections will be locked. Available items include:

Extra Australian Contingent Shirts

@ \$23 each

Extra Australian Contingent Badges

@ \$2 each

Snowgum Storm Shelter 2 Person Tent

This high quality, all-season tent features tri-pole construction which offers greater rigidity and strength in high winds and other extreme conditions. Fully seam-sealed fly and tub floor, with extra waterproofing for added protection. This tent is designed to last and will serve well as your hike tent through to Rovers. This tent retails for \$419.95 however the Contingent price which includes delivery into New Zealand ready for collection in Christchurch is \$270.



(NB. Every participant will need an individual tent in NZ that is either brand new or correctly cleaned to satisfy all New Zealand Government Biosecurity Requirements. All delivery and New Zealand import fees are included in the special Australian Contingent price.)



Australian Contingent Softshell Hoodie

This Snowgum Rymill Windtec® Softshell hoodie features a 3-layer fabric with 100% windproof membrane laminated inside a durable water repellent outer shell and soft warm fleece inside. The jacket is branded with the Australian Contingent logo and normally retails at Snowgum for \$180, Australian Contingent price is reduced to \$90. Pickup at your O-Day.

Contingent Communications

This is the first of several newsletters that will provide the very latest updates for our travel to New Zealand. We will also provide updates on our Contingent website and Facebook page at the following links:

<https://scouts.com.au/event/ignite2023/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NZVentureAu>

Payment Schedule

To enable us to take you on this adventure of a lifetime, you need to make sure you stay up to date with your payments. If you're reading this right now it means you've already paid your deposit.

Payment	Lite	Plus	Help	Lead	Due Date
Deposit	\$670	\$940	\$470	\$740	PAID
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+	

*The 4th payment is subject to change. The amount will not be increased, but if the Contingent can make savings on the budgeted figure, this is where it will be passed on to all Contingent Members.

Please note that we are unable to provide payment plans for these payments. We strongly suggest that if you need a payment plan, set up your own bank account and deposit money into that on a regular schedule. When a payment comes due you should have the required amount ready to go.

How to make payments

Payments to attend Ignite'23 with the Australian Contingent can only be made through the On-Line Event Management System (OLEMS).

1. Log into your account at: <https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au/Login.asp>
2. Select **NZV2023** under "My Current Events".
3. Click on "Make a Payment" in the menu.
4. Tick the checkbox of the instalment you wish to pay and add your Card Details.
5. Then click "Process Transaction" and you will receive confirmation that your payment has been approved.

Withdrawal Policy

Members withdrawing from the Contingent must notify the Contingent Leader in writing at nzv2023@scouts.com.au 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

In the unlikely situation that 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.

Further Enquiries

More information will be released throughout the year in future newsletters. However, if you have any urgent enquiries, please email nzv2023@scouts.com.au and the Contingent Team will respond as soon as possible. Alternatively, please call our After-Hours Contingent Hotline on 02 8440 5999.

