

# AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

## NEWSLETTER #2

MAY 2022



### Contingent Leader's Message

Over the past two months, your Contingent Team have been exceptionally busy with preparations for our travel to New Zealand. I am pleased to confirm that all travel bookings for our journey have now been completed and a summary of flights is included on the following page.

All merchandise for the Contingent has now been ordered and is currently in manufacture. Tents that have been ordered will be delivered directly to Christchurch for collection on day one of our journey. All other merchandise will be available for collection at our O-Days at the end of this year.

The NZ Venture Organising Committee are currently finalising Expedition allocations and expect to have these confirmed in the middle of this year. As soon as we receive notification, we will be sure to update everyone with the very latest information. As a reminder – the cost of your Expedition will be due as the 5th Payment on 1 October 2022.

I would like to emphasise the important of ensuring that your information in the On-Line Event Management System (OLEMS) is complete. The Contingent Team has already had to contact over 200 members for missing information during the past two months. For example, 11 members had their membership number incorrect, 30 members were overdue on their second payment, 89 members had in-complete merchandise orders and 147 members did not record a departure airport for their travel. Please login today and check that all information is 100% up-to-date!!

The Australian Contingent is also aware that Passport applications are currently experiencing extended delays of up to four months for processing. We will continue to work with our Travel Agent to manage any further delays. However, it is very important that your Passport details are recorded in OLEMS and a copy of the details page uploaded as soon as your new passport arrives!

Finally, please ensure that both you and your parents have a thorough read of all information in this newsletter and I look forward to meeting with you all later in the year.

Yours in Scouting,  
*Aaron Wardle*  
*Australian Contingent Leader*

### Important Key Dates

1 June 2022

Next Payment Instalment Due

## Flight Schedule

All flights have now been booked for the Australian Contingent!!

Individual itineraries will be uploaded to OLEMS later this year, however a summary of flights is included below for your reference.

Departure/ Arrival Airport	Arrival Day Christchurch (Full Contingent) 28 December 2022	Departure Day Christchurch (Venture Lite/Help) 8 January 2023	Departure Day Queenstown (Venture Plus/Lead) 12 January 2023
Adelaide	Flight: <b>VA421</b> Departs: <b>1:35 pm</b> <b>*27 Dec*</b> Via: <b>Sydney</b>	Flight: <b>QF691</b> Arrives: <b>6:05 pm</b> Via: <b>Melbourne</b>	Flight: <b>VA241</b> Arrives: <b>7:00 pm</b> Via: <b>Sydney</b>
Perth	Flight: <b>VA556</b> Departs: <b>10:15 am</b> <b>*27 Dec*</b> Via: <b>Sydney</b>	Flight: <b>VA555</b> Arrives: <b>11:25 am</b> <b>*9 Jan*</b> Via: <b>Sydney</b>	Flight: <b>VA569</b> Arrives: <b>9:55 pm</b> Via: <b>Sydney</b>
Hobart	Flight: <b>VA1535</b> Departs: <b>3:20 pm</b> <b>*27 Dec*</b> Via: <b>Sydney</b>	Flight: <b>QF1557</b> Arrives: <b>7:00 pm</b> Via: <b>Melbourne</b>	Flight: <b>VA1334</b> Arrives: <b>10:05 pm</b> Via: <b>Melbourne</b>
Canberra	Flight: <b>VA655</b> Departs: <b>3:35 pm</b> <b>*27 Dec*</b> Via: <b>Sydney</b>	Flight: <b>QF1528</b> Arrives: <b>7:30 pm</b> Via: <b>Melbourne</b>	Flight: <b>VA1226</b> Arrives: <b>10:40 pm</b> Via: <b>Brisbane</b>
Melbourne	Flight A: <b>QF133</b> Departs: <b>7:40 am</b> Flight B: <b>NZ212</b> Departs: <b>9:05 am</b>	Flight: <b>QF132</b> Arrives: <b>3:40 pm</b>	Flight: <b>VA146</b> Arrives: <b>4:50 pm</b>
Brisbane	Flight: <b>NZ200</b> Departs: <b>8:00 am</b>	Flight: <b>NZ147</b> Arrives: <b>4:55 pm</b> Via: <b>Auckland</b>	Flight: <b>VA118</b> Arrives: <b>5:40 pm</b>
Sydney	Flight: <b>EK412</b> Departs: <b>8:45 am</b>	Flight: <b>EK413</b> Arrives: <b>8:05 pm</b>	Flight: <b>VA162</b> Arrives: <b>5:00 pm</b>

## Introducing the Health and Welfare Team



### Christopher Logan and Christine Almaraz

Chris and Christine are both leaders from Victoria and have joined the Contingent Team in supporting the health and welfare needs of the Contingent.

Christine is a Cub Scout Leader but when she is not Scouting, she works as a Learning Support Officer and has more than ten years' experience assisting the health & wellbeing of youth. No matter where she is, you'll always see her with a camera in hand snapping away!

Having retired from teaching – it was a long 4 years! – Chris is back being a student. In addition to being a social loafer, he enjoys drinking coffee and avoiding study. Chris is heavily involved in Camberwell Showtime – musical theatre – and likes playing DnD.

### Health and Welfare Team Update

As a Team, we have started a process of calling all participants with a medical need, disability, health note, dietary requirement and alike to ensure we have the plans in place for you to have a fantastic time in NZ. These calls are based on the application data, so if by the 1st of July you do not get a call but think you should have, please let us know.

We ask that you're honest in these calls! Nothing you say will prevent you from achieving your goals at this event, but this information will help us ensure you get the support you need. Like all information shared with Scouts, it will be handled with care, privacy, and respect.

We might ask in the call for a "support plan" and do not stress if you don't have one as we can help you create one for this event. You also might be asked to see your medical professional for documents like an ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan which is why we are starting this process now.

The goal of this process is to be supportive, to ensure all participants (youth and adult) have an amazing time in NZ.

Cheers,  
Wombat Lyons

## Adult Applications

As reported in our first newsletter, Scouts Australia received an overwhelming response to our advertising and recorded a surplus of adult applications for this event.

The Contingent Management Team have worked diligently over the past couple of months to review all applications and identify those members that fit within the quota for this event. All members in excess of our quota have already been notified of the selection outcome.

We do however have some important tasks that we need all remaining adults to complete with respect to transport and role preferences as highlighted below.

Thank you again for your application to attend this event and we look forward to having you join us in New Zealand at the end of this year.

## Adult Transport

During Phase One of the Venture (Expeditions), the NZ Venture Organising Committee have notified Australia of their intention to use Adult Leaders to assist in the transportation of Units to some Expedition locations. Typically, this will involve having a small number of adult leaders driving a 12-seater van between Christchurch and the Expedition venue, and again between the Expedition venue and the Venture site in Mayfield.

The On-Line Event Management System (OLEMS) has now been updated with a new page titled – **NZ Info Request**. This page asks if you are comfortable driving a van with youth during the event, and subsequently to confirm your type of Driver's Licence (for example Car, Light Rigid, etc).

## Adult Role Preferences

To maximise the number of adult applications that could be accepted for this event, the Australian Contingent has negotiated a very limited number of staff (IST) roles at the event.

Staff roles at the event include activity leaders, catering, logistics and transport staff.

To recognise these new opportunities, the On-Line Event Management System (OLEMS) has now been updated with an additional **Job Preferences** page to allow all adults to have additional choice in whether they complete a Line Leader role or a Staff (IST) role.

The Australian Contingent invites all adult applications to please return to their online application and complete the additional page.

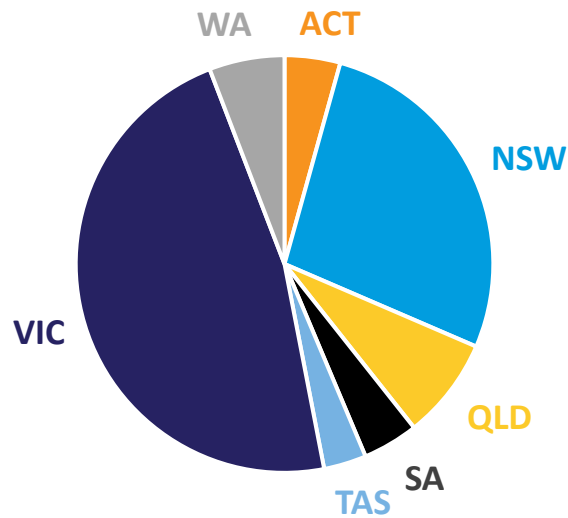
Thank you again for your cooperation and we look forward to your participation in this event.

## OLEMS Website Link

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

## Contingent Statistics

The Australian Contingent is pleased to have representation from right across Australia travelling to this event. Congratulations to Victoria for recruiting nearly half of all participants in the Contingent!



Of the 23 Expeditions on offer, some choices attracted the most popularity with two in every three participants selecting from just six options!

Most Popular Expeditions
To the Max
West Coast Wonders
Christchurch Vibes
Amazing Race
Take the Plunge
Pit Crew

## Post Tour Update

Our Contingent Team are now working to finalise all of the activity options available for our Post Tour in Queenstown. All members attending our **Venture Plus** or **Venture Lead** itineraries will be receiving a special Post Tour newsletter in June 2022. This update will feature all the activities on offer and details about the allocation process. Stay tuned for more exciting information very soon!

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