

AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

NEWSLETTER #3

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Contingent Leader's Message

It has been another busy few months for your Contingent Team, finalising our travel arrangements for New Zealand and ensuring that we have the safest possible event for all our members.

I can confirm that there have been numerous changes to our flight schedules that have had to be coordinated as airlines continue to adapt to the post-pandemic world. Exact flight itineraries for each member of the Contingent will be uploaded into OLEMS later this year for you to download.

The Contingent Team has also spent considerable time following up with members about special diets, medical concerns, missing passports and late payments. Literally hundreds of hours have been spent on phone calls, and I appreciate your cooperation as our team work to resolve many of these outstanding issues.

Included in this newsletter is the very latest information about expedition allocations as well as answers to some Frequently Asked Questions. Please be sure to read this information thoroughly.

Our Orientation Days are also fast approaching in November and December of this year. The dates were shared earlier this year and this newsletter includes the exact times and venues for each session. You are now required to login to OLEMS and select your preferred session. This will allow for your gear to be sent to the correct location for collection. If you are unable to attend these venues, you will also have the option to select "Please Contact Me". Please select this on your application and we will be in contact to make alternative arrangements.

Lastly, in our previous newsletter, we did advise that there would be a special Post Tour newsletter. This has been delayed beyond our control due to many challenges in finalising contracts with our activity providers. Rest assured; a complete update will be available very soon with all the instructions for how to select your optional activities.

Yours in Scouting,

Aaron Wardle

Australian Contingent Leader

Important Key Dates

16 September 2022	Orientation Day Selections Due
1 October 2022	Final Deadline for Expedition Payments

Expeditions

The New Zealand Organising Committee released the expeditions on Monday 22 August 2022 with all details uploaded into your OLEMS application. You will be pleased to know that 98% of youth members received their first preference!

Please remember that all expedition payments must be paid no later than 1 October 2022! The amount payable is listed on the Expedition and Status pages in OLEMS.

Please note that some Expeditions also require a Waiver Form to be completed and uploaded into OLEMS. This must be completed no later than 1 October 2022!

Of interest, Expedition Unit Numbers have two parts – the first one or two numbers is the Expedition and the last two numbers is the Unit. For example: Unit Number 1704 = Expedition 17 and Unit 04. A full list of expeditions is included below:

##	Expedition
1	All Woks of Life
2	Amazing Race
3	Animal Antics
4	Behind the Scenes
5	Christchurch Vibes
6	Coast to Coast
7	Full Send
8	Gear Up
9	Get Ya Tan On
10	Hike the Pass
11	One With the Wild

##	Expedition
12	Pick n Mix Queenstown
13	Pit Crew
14	Shutter Up
15	Take Aim
16	Take the Plunge (Beginners)
17	To the Max
19	West Coast Explorers
20	West Coast Wonders
21	West Ghost Tramping
22	Whitewater Washover
23	Tow Me Out

Orientation Days

The Australian Contingent Team will be hosting six Orientation Sessions across the country.

Every member of the Contingent is now requested to register for one of these sessions in OLEMS.

We are already organising to have at least one of these O-Days streamed live and/or recorded for those that are unable to join us in person.

Location	Date	Venue
Melbourne	2pm Saturday 12 November	TBC
Adelaide	10am Sunday 13 November	Mount Barker Scout Hall
Sydney	1pm Saturday 19 November	Heathcote Scout Camp
Perth	10am Sunday 20 November	Scouts WA HQ
Brisbane	10am Saturday 3 December	Marsden Scout Hall
Canberra	10am Sunday 4 December	Scouts ACT HQ

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I find out more information about my Expedition?

Each Expedition has a dedicated Facebook group with additional information. Invitations will be sent to all participants very soon. Those without Facebook access will receive communications from their Unit Leader in the near future.

As a Unit Leader, how do I contact other members of my Unit?

All adult leaders have received a link to the NZ Data Security and Confidentiality Agreement. After this is completed, you will receive access details to the NZ database that will allow you to communicate securely with your Unit members.

Will there be a published menu?

No. Most meals will have a buffet style selection. All dietary requirements as updated in OLEMS will be provided for.

Is travel insurance included in the Contingent Fee?

Yes. Scouts Australia provides comprehensive travel insurance for all overseas Contingents. Full details are available for download in your OLEMS application.

Will I receive a personal itinerary for my flights?

Yes. A full itinerary will be uploaded to OLEMS in late November.

