

AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

NEWSLETTER #4

DECEMBER 2022



Important Messages

It was amazing to meet so many of our Contingent members across the country over the past month. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is now available as a download from our Contingent website. The last of the merchandise deliveries are now with couriers and expected to arrive in the coming days.

Please be aware that there have been many changes to flights over the past six months. The "Travel Details" page in the Australian OLEMS has an updated itinerary for every member of the Contingent. A summary of these flights is included on the following page. You are asked to arrive at the airport to meet your Flight Captain at the time listed. You will then proceed to check-in, immigration, security and your departure gate together as a group.

You are to wear your uniform when travelling on all Contingent flights. This includes your official uniform shirt, Australian Scarf, and Contingent name badge. You are to wear any pants that are comfortable for flying – as long as they are respectful of being an ambassador for Scouts Australia!

Please ensure that all personal gear is packed inside your travel bag as provided. Since every member of the Contingent has a different itinerary with a different combination of programs, there is no single packing list possible. Please ensure that you have all your normal lightweight camping gear as well as any special items requested by your Expedition or Optional Activities.

**** A reminder for all our Adult Leaders to reach out to their Expedition Team in New Zealand for the latest information and then share these details with the Youth Members in your Unit. ****

If you have any other questions or concerns, please reach out to the Australian Contingent using the email and phone number listed below. This Australian based number will reach the Contingent Team throughout the entire event, so please make sure that all parents have this number recorded!!

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Flight Schedule

As announced at the O-Days, the airlines are continuing to make changes to their flight schedules and many of our flights have been affected.

The very latest individual itineraries are available in the Australian OLEMS, however a summary of the flight details is included below for your reference.

Departure Airport	Meeting Time	Flight Captain	Flight
Perth	8:00 AM 27 December	Kerwyn Jonker	Flight: VA556 Departs: 10:10 am
Hobart	9:30 AM 27 December	Jamison Airs	Flight: VA1533 Departs: 11:25 am
Adelaide	12:30 PM 27 December	Michelle Bartholomew	Flight: VA425 Departs: 2:30 pm
Canberra	1:00 PM 27 December	Søren Mansted	Flight: VA655 Departs: 3:35 pm
Melbourne ^A	6:00 AM 28 December	Robert Chrisfield	Flight: NZ120 Departs: 8:40 am
Melbourne ^B	6:00 AM 28 December	Josh Lacey	Flight: NZ212 Departs: 9:00 am
Melbourne	6:00 AM 28 December	Cheryl Stancombe	Flight: QF133 Departs: 9:10 am
Sydney ^C	7:00 AM 28 December	Daryl Bywater	Flight: NZ102 Departs: 9:55 am
Sydney	3:00 PM 28 December	Karen Fisher	Flight: NZ228 Departs: 6:05 pm
Brisbane	3:00 PM 28 December	Kelly Martin	Flight: NZ206 Departs: 5:30 pm

^A This flight includes Expeditions for Animal Antics + West Ghost Tramping.

^B This flight includes Expeditions for Take the Plunge + To the Max.

^C This flight includes Expeditions for Behind the Scenes, Christchurch Vibes, One With the Wild, To the Max, Tow Me Out, and Whitewater Washover

Passenger Screening

All departing passengers are subject to security screening prior to boarding the aircraft. Passengers are reminded that sharp items, such as nail clippers, scissors, pocketknives and metal nail files, should not be packed in carry-on luggage.

Please ensure any items of this kind are packed in your checked luggage.

Detection of these items at screening points will require you to surrender them to be destroyed.

Please ensure you do not carry any flammable liquids, gases or other dangerous goods with you in your bags. Those items will also be removed by security staff when detected.

Laptop computers must be removed from bags at the security point and screened separately. Electronic equipment will not be damaged by x-ray screening. Checked baggage is also subject to screening.

**** All batteries and power bank chargers must to be carried in hand luggage. ****

Liquids, Aerosols and Gels

To protect you from the threat of liquid explosives, there are rules for taking liquids, aerosols and gels on flights in and out of Australia. These rules also apply to passengers arriving on international flights who are transiting in Australia, and passengers travelling on the domestic leg of an international flight within Australia.

Quantity Limits

Passengers travelling on international flights from Australia need to be aware of the **quantity limits** for liquids, aerosols and gels that can be taken through a security screening point at the airport.

- Liquid, aerosol or gel products (such as toiletries) must be in containers of 100 millilitres or less (broadly equivalent to 100 grams or less).
- The containers must be carried in one transparent, resealable plastic bag, like the one in the image below.



- The four sides of the bag's sealed area must add up to no more than 80 centimetres (e.g. 20x20 cm or 15x25 cm).
- The plastic bag must be the type that can be sealed and resealed with a sealing mechanism, like a sandwich bag or freezer bag.
- Only one bag is allowed for each passenger, with exceptions for carers who may carry the bag/s of the people in their care, including children.
- All containers must fit comfortably into the plastic bag and the bag must be sealed.
- Containers larger than 100 millilitres, even if only partially filled, will **not** be allowed through the security screening point.

Welfare Advice

Now that we are so close to our adventure, we need to take care of ourselves to ensure we get to travel and keep those we are travelling with safe as well.

A big risk in this space is COVID, and while we are all over talking about it, in our weeks leading to prevent picking up COVID-19, we recommend the following:

- Maintain a safe distance from others (at least 1 metre), even if they don't appear to be sick. We know this is hard in the festive season but try your best.
- Wear a mask in public, especially indoors or when physical distancing is not possible. Masks will also be welcome on your flights to NZ and during the event.
- Choose open, well-ventilated spaces over closed ones. Open a window indoors.
- Clean your hands often. Use soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your nose and mouth with your bent elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek medical attention. Call in advance so your healthcare provider can direct you to the right health facility. This protects you and prevents the spread of viruses and other infections.
- Always follow the advice provided by your local health authority.

Activity Waivers

Due to the variety of optional activities available, many choices do require an Activity Waiver to be completed. These include some Expeditions, Phase 2 Offsite Activities and Post Tour Activities.

Expeditions

If your Expedition requires a waiver, it is clearly displayed in the Australian OLEMS.

Phase 2

If your Offsite Activity requires a waiver, it is available in the Ignite'23 Event System.

Post Tour

Waivers available at: <https://scouts.com.au/blog/2022/10/11/nzv2023-post-tour/>

- Routeburn Canyon (Digital Link Now Available)
- Xquisite Kingston Hill Climb (Not yet available – expected shortly before Christmas)
- Nevis Swing (New Digital Waivers expected shortly before Christmas)

Important Reminder!!

Please re-read all newsletter available at our website: <https://scouts.com.au/event/ignite2023/>

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should I contact if I need assistance?

When we are in New Zealand, any participant needing assistance should speak with any of the available Adult Leaders. This may include your Unit Leader, a nearby First Aider, or the Contingent Health & Welfare Team. Nothing is too small, and our team is ready to assist!

How will the Australian Contingent be travelling within New Zealand?

The Australian Contingent has organised buses for all travel within New Zealand. Please ignore all requests for details of your travel arrangements. These requests are only for New Zealand participants travelling individually to the event.

At what times during the event will we be camping?

The Australian Contingent will be camping at Omaka Scout Camp on arrival in Christchurch. Participants will also be camping at Phase One Expeditions and Phase Two at Mayfield.

Contingent Members will be in dormitories for our Post Tour in Queenstown. Inter-state participants will also be in dormitories during their overnight stay in Sydney.

What washing facilities will be available?

Laundry facilities are available on the Post Tour in Queenstown. For the rest of our travel, buckets will be available, and participants are recommended to bring laundry powder to do their own hand washing.

How do I identify my travel bag as my own?

Please clearly write your name and Unit number on the identity card included with your travel bag. You are also welcome to add any other name tags or ribbons to help with making your bag recognisable to you.

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Arrival Times After Venture

** All times are for information only and are subject to change. Flights may be delayed for many reasons including weather, aircraft maintenance or airport processing. The Australian Contingent will endeavour to publish information on any significant delays when they are known. **

Arrival Airport	Venture Lite/Help 8 January 2023	Venture Plus/Lead 12 January 2023
Sydney	Flight: NZ227 Arrives: 8:10 AM	Flight: VA162 Arrives: 5:00 PM
	Flight: NZ229 Arrives: 4:50 PM	
Perth	Flight: VA561 Arrives: 5:20 PM Via: Sydney	Flight: VA569 Arrives: 10:20 PM Via: Sydney
Brisbane	Flight: NZ147 Arrives: 4:50 PM Via: Auckland	Flight: VA118 Arrives: 5:40 PM
Melbourne	Flight: VA146 Arrives: 4:05 PM	Flight: VA878 Arrives: 8:05 PM Via: Sydney
		Flight: VA356 Arrives: 11:45 PM Via: Brisbane
Adelaide	Flight: VA243 Arrives: 8:00 PM Via: Melbourne	Flight: VA442 Arrives: 9:10 PM Via: Sydney
Canberra	Flight: VA291 Arrives: 9:20 PM Via: Melbourne	Flight: VA1228 Arrives: 11:15 PM Via: Brisbane
Hobart	Flight: VA1334 Arrives: 10:05 PM Via: Melbourne	Flight: QF1559 Arrives: 8:45 pm Via: Melbourne