

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 1
May Edition



For your immediate action!

We know you're all busy, so we've created your very own TO DO list to make sure you have everything ticked off. Print it out and stick it on the fridge or in a place where you can see it easily.

**Tick Once
Complete**

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Are your payments up to date?

Please check the registrations system, as we won't be book your flights if they're not up to date.

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

Payment now **OVERDUE:**

- 2nd Payment - 1st of April

Payments due before next newsletter:

- 3rd Payment - 1st of June

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Print this Newsletter out and show it to your family!

Don't miss the little details.

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Read this Newsletter carefully.

It's quite long and has lots of new information.

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Put the Orientation day dates into your calendars

These dates are important to attend so put them in now,

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Apply for a Passport or Renew your Passport and upload a scanned copy to the Registration System

Don't forget to enter the details to the online event application system (OLEMS), on the Travel Details page, and upload a scanned copy too. You'll need a passport with an expiry date of 15 February 2024 or later,.

If you need a new passport **APPLY TODAY**. It is currently taking up to 3 months to get a new or renewed passport.

Passport details and scanned image must be uploaded by 1 August 2023

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Submit your Patrol Preferences

Please read the 'Patrol Preferences' section of this newsletter and submit these 16 June 2023!

Contingent Leader's Welcome

Welcome to our journey towards the 23rd New Zealand Jamboree. In just 225 days our Contingent, including just over 700 Australian Scouts, will depart for 12 days of adventure with our Kiwi friends. Our Contingent will include 80 Patrols each made up of six Scouts and one Patrol Adult Leader (PAL). Plus, we have 80 Venturer Scouts who will take part in the Venturer Active program during their New Zealand experience.

The Contingent Management Team (meet them on page 7) has been working hard to finalise plans for travel, merchandise, health and wellbeing, and our program. In the coming months our priorities are to finalise flights and undertake the process of forming Australian Patrols.

Thanks everyone for updating your merchandise sizing and submitting orders for optional merchandise. Orders have closed and our merchandise has been ordered from our supplier, so no further changes to sizing can be made. The relevant fields in the online event application system (OLEMS) have been locked. We will have a small supply of Australian Contingent badges available for purchase onsite.

Dates for our Orientation Days have been set for October and November. Be sure to add them to your calendar. The Orientation Days are an essential part of your preparation for the Jamboree and it is critical that all Contingent members attend one of the Orientation Days. For those in Tasmania, the Northern Territory, and regional parts of Australia, there will be a virtual Orientation Day available on 11 November 2023. Specific times and venues will be communicated once finalised.

Attending an international Jamboree is an exciting and unique opportunity. To make the most of the experience, it's important all our Contingent members are suitably prepared. If you are yet to achieve the eligibility requirements for this event – 10 nights camping in a tent within Scouting (with at least three consecutive nights) plus Outdoor Adventure Skills Camping Stage 4 – then it is time to get a plan together to achieve those requirements over the next six months. Reach out to your Unit Council or adult Leader if you need support.

Post-tour attendance is now finalised. If you are unsure whether you have been allocated a place on the post-tour, please check the 'Travel Details' tab in the online event application system (OLEMS). If you have been allocated a place on the post-tour but do not wish to participant, please contact us urgently as this impacts flight bookings.

Please take the time to carefully read this newsletter. Each Contingent member is responsible for ensuring they are suitably prepared for the Jamboree, and part of that responsibility includes keeping up with communications you receive from our team.

If you have any questions at any time, please reach out by emailing nzj2024@scouts.com.au.

Congratulations on being part of the Australian Contingent to the 23rd New Zealand Jamboree. My team and I are super excited to be joining you on this once in a lifetime journey.

Tom Dowsley
Australian Contingent Leader

Patrol Preferences

With the sheer number of youth members coming to the New Zealand Jamboree we will be placing Scouts in Patrols of six with an Australian Patrol Adult Leader (PAL) to support you once we get over to New Zealand. Each Australian Patrol will be placed into a New Zealand Jamboree Unit. Some Jamboree Units may have multiple Australian Patrols.

To try and make this an enjoyable experience for all those involved, we are asking for Scouts and adult members to provide the Contingent Management Team with some preferences for Patrol allocation. These preferences are around who you might like to be within a Patrol for the Jamboree.

Please complete the online form by Friday 16 June 2023.

Each Australian Patrol will include a mix of members from the Australian Contingent, including Scouts from different states and territories. For example, a Patrol might have two Victorians, two Tasmanians and two Queenslanders. Our aim to have balanced Patrols in terms of experience, age, gender, and geographic location.

Please note that whilst we are asking for these preferences, it is not a guarantee. We shall try our best to accommodate these preferences. Remember that a key part of the Jamboree experience is meeting new people from Australia, New Zealand and around the world!

At this stage, we are seeking preferences from Scouts only. Once we have additional details about the Venturer Active program, we will get in touch with Venturer Scouts to seek their preferences if the New Zealand Jamboree Organising Team advises that Patrols will be a feature of the Jamboree for Venturer Scouts.

Please [click here](#) to submit your patrol preferences!

Youth Patrol

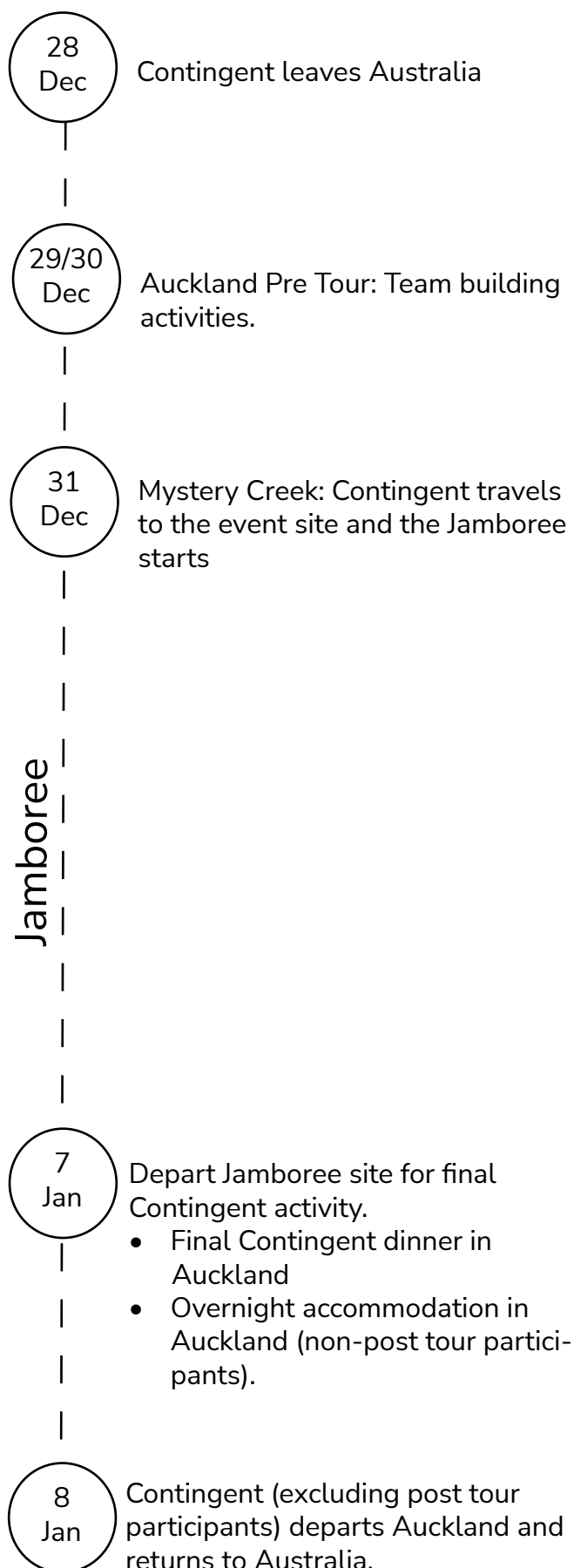
Organising a Jamboree is no easy task, and we need YOUR help!

For some of the activities that the contingent participates in we need a youth perspective to give us some fresh ideas. The Patrol will help make the 2023/24 New Zealand Jamboree the best it can possibly be for the Australian Contingent! The Youth Patrol will consist of one Scout representative from each state and 4 Venturers from all over Australia. If this sounds like your cup of tea, apply through the [link](#)!

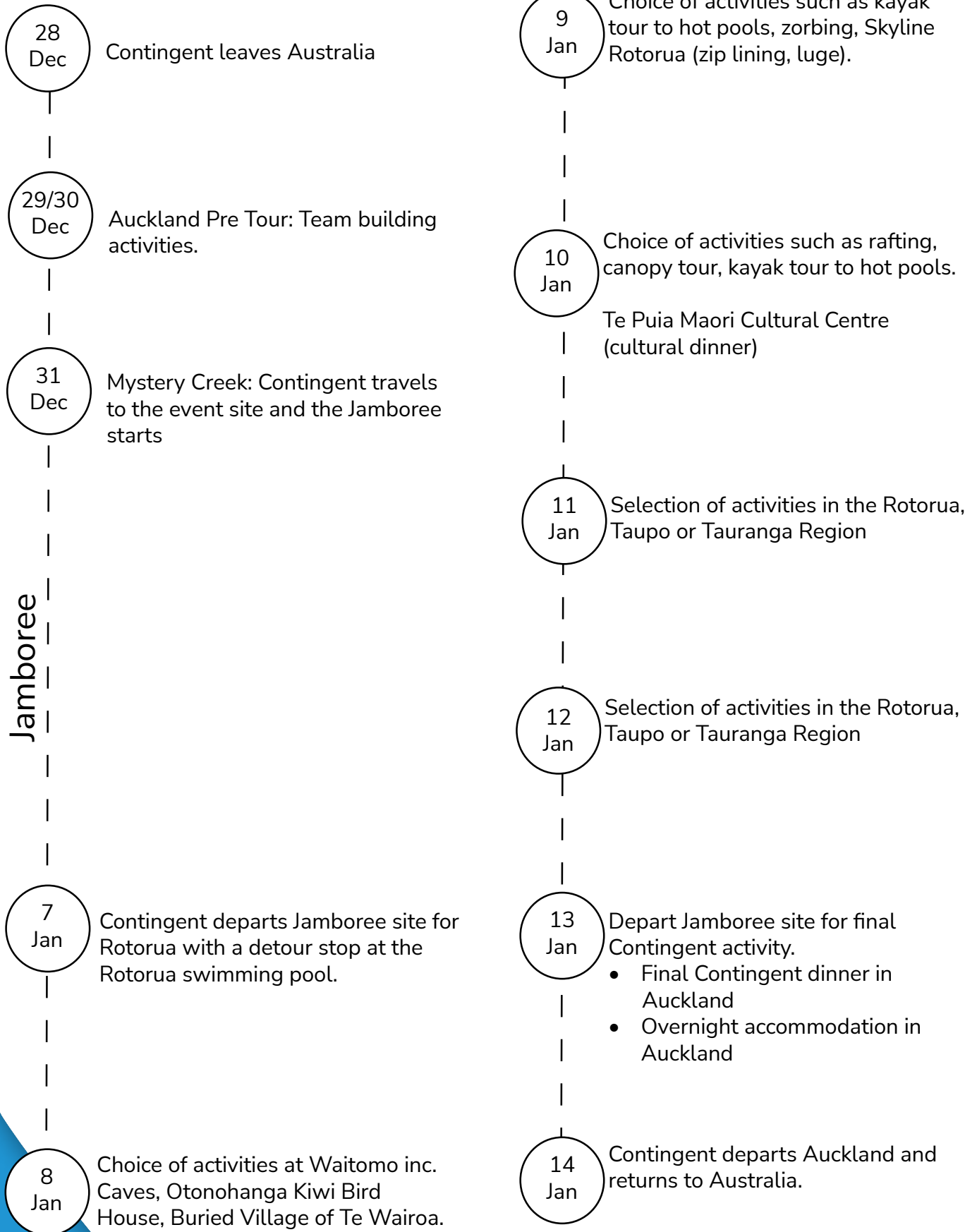


Jamboree Road Map

Jamboree only road map

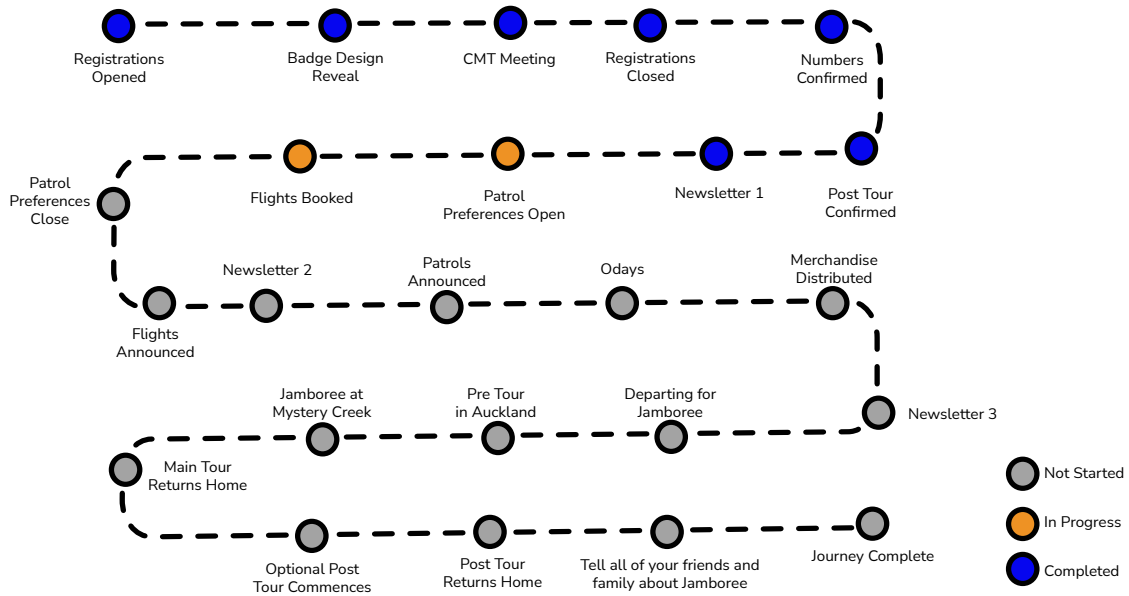


Jamboree and optional Post Tour road map



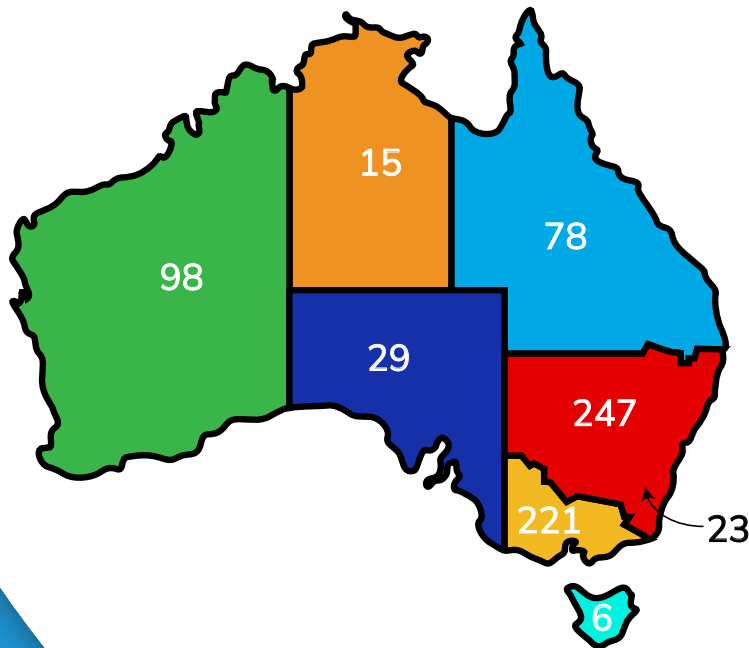
The Jamboree Journey

As has been mentioned we are on a journey to the Jamboree. The following maps out our path to get us to the Jamboree, as with all journeys it may change as we go along.

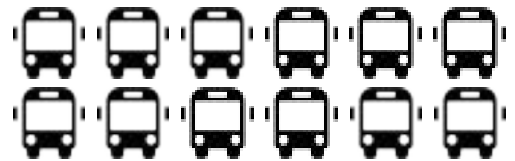


The Australian Contingent

The CMT are so excited about the group of fantastic Australians who are joining us on this fantastic journey. We have over 700 Australians coming with us to New Zealand! Let's see what that looks like:



Number of Buses needed to transport our contingent



Luggage Allowance each way



kg = 1 000 kg

Meet the Team



Tom Dowsley - WA
Contingent Leader



Kellee Gibby - WA
Deputy Contingent
Leader



Alan Murray - QLD
Contingent Advisor



Kate Leyden - VIC
Assistant Contingent
Leader



Lily Canalese - QLD
Assistant Contingent
Leader



Steph Millicer - VIC
Assistant Contingent
Leader



James Warren - VIC
Marketing &
Communications
Lead



Georgia Griffiths - VIC
Program Lead



Samuel Thomas - VIC
Operations Lead



Debbie Schotte - WA
Admin & Finance
Lead



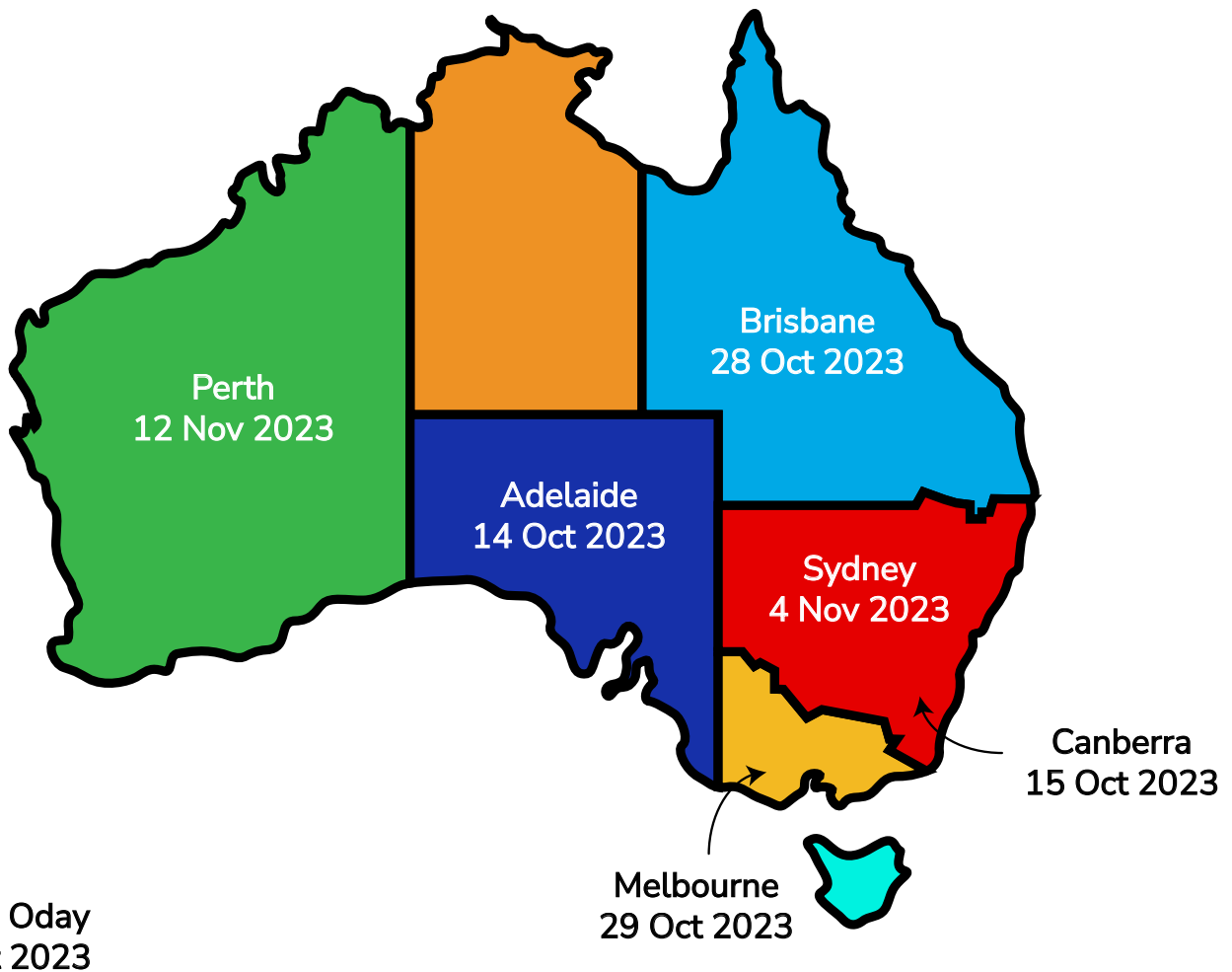
Louise Van Galen - ACT
Health & Wellbeing
Lead



Marlene Haese - SA
Health & Wellbeing
Team member

Orientation Days

The Orientation Days are really important opportunities to meet the contingent team and get information about our amazing experience. Please put these dates in your calendars now! This is where we also hand out your contingent kit. Venues will be confirmed in our next newsletter!



We're really sorry that we can't get around to everyone in person but rest assured that you won't miss a thing! Please just join us online on the 22 October 2023, a link will be advertised closer to the date.

Admin & Finance

Payment Reminder

The third installment of the Jamboree payment is due on 1 June 2023.

Payment	Scout & Venturer Active	Scout & Venturer Active + Post Tour	Venturer Scout (JST) & Supporting Adult	Venturer Scout (JST) & Supporting Adult + Post Tour	Due Date
Deposit	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	19 February 2023
2nd Payment	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	1 April 2023
3rd Payment	\$750	\$1,200	\$750	\$1,200	1 June 2023
4th Payment	\$750	\$1,200	\$750	\$1,200	1 August 2023
5th Payment	\$750	\$1,235	\$95	\$535	1 October 2023
TOTAL	\$3,795	\$5,135	\$3,095	\$4,435	

Please log into the Online Event Management System (OLEMS) and make your third payment as soon as possible by clicking on the 'Make a payment' tab and following the instructions.

You can login to [OLEMS](#) here.

Please get in touch if you are experiencing any difficulty making this payment by emailing nzj2024@scouts.com.au

Withdrawing from NZJ2024

If your circumstances have changed and you sadly need to withdraw from the Contingent, the first step is to email us at nzj2024@scouts.com.au.

We will then be able to organise a refund, in line with the table below.

Notified Within	Refund Amount (Leaders and Youth)
1 April 2023 – 31 May 2023	Amount paid less \$500
On or after 1 June 2023	No Refund

Health & Wellbeing

Our Health and Wellbeing Team is here to support you on your amazing Jamboree experience, but key to any experience is that you must prepare yourself as well.

Here are some tips to help prepare yourself:

- Enter all the required medical and dietary information into the online event application system (OLEMS). This will enable us to do our job to the best of our ability. Referee reports completed by people who know you well, and your ability to work in patrols and how you will cope being on an amazing overseas experience.
- Ensure that all your dietary requirements are listed up to date as early as possible – there is nothing worse than getting the wrong food.
- Make sure that any medication or wellbeing information is available for us to support you.

We understand that everyone has different tipping points and needs, but we need to understand yours, so we can support you in your time of need.

So – Start preparing your self now, and learn when you need to reach out and ask for help early – everyone needs support from time to time, the trick is not to leave it too late to ask.

Our job is to be that support – please help us get it right!

Marketing & Communications

Fundraising

A great way to get to the New Zealand Jamboree is through fundraising and that is exactly what a group of scouts from 2nd Colac Sea Scout Group have been doing. This was what they said about their BBQ:

“Raised over \$700. We always promote our BBQs on our Facebook page and share that post in the local Facebook fundraising pages or noticeboard to help drum up customers.”

If you don't have a fundraising poster to keep track of your goals in your hall you can grab that [here](#).



Operations

Passports

You will need a valid passport with an expiry date of no earlier than 15 February 2024 as New Zealand requires entrants to have a passport with at least a month's validity after the intended period of travel. If you do not have a passport, you will need to apply for one [here](#) by completing the details and then presenting to your local Australia Post with the required identification and a print out of your forms.



We would highly recommend having your photos done by Australia Post to ensure speedy processing of your passport application. Australia Post can also provide paper forms if you would prefer not to apply online. We need all Contingent members to have their passport as soon as possible and we recommend starting your application early because passports can take some time to issue, especially for youth in a split family or foster care situation. If you are planning to travel to NZJ2024 on a passport other than an Australian passport, or if you are not an Australian citizen, please contact us immediately with the details.

If you already have a passport that will expire before 15 February 2024, please arrange to renew your passport by as soon as possible.

Flights

Flight bookings are progressing and we are close to finalising bookings for the entire Contingent. As soon as all bookings are finalised, flight details will be uploaded to the 'Travel Details' tab in the online event application system (OLEMS). We sincerely appreciate your patience whilst we complete this complex task and assure you that we are working hard to publish the flight details as soon as possible.

Frequently Asked Questions

Having questions is a normal part of an experience like this, head over to our FAQ page to check us some of the questions that might be coming up regularly.

