

VENTURE'26

AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

16TH NEW ZEALAND VENTURE **WELLINGTON, AOTEAROA**



Newsletter Edition 2
July 2025

For your immediate action!

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**Check that you have a valid passport.
Apply for one if needed.**

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**Upload a PDF of your passport and
details to OLEMS by 15 August 2025.**

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**Check your ID Photo in your OLEMS
application.**

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**Book an Orientation Day via OLEMS by
31 July 2025.**

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**Keep your medical and contact
information up to date in OLEMS.**

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**Stay up to date and connected via our
Socials, Website and Newsletters.**



Contingent Leader's Welcome

The team has been working hard over the past few months to finalise flight arrangements for our New Zealand adventure. Those arrangements are now finalised, with 1,274 seats booked to get our Contingent members from all corners of Australia to Wellington on 28 December 2025, and back home again after the Venture.

Personalised flight details will soon be available on the Travel tab of your online application. We will communicate with you once these flight details are available.

Our travel arrangements include three chartered aircraft for the trip across the Tasman. These planes will be full of Aussie Venturers heading across the ditch to the New Zealand Venture!

Times and venues have been finalised for our Orientation Day events. As soon as you can, please log into your online application and book into one of the Orientation Day events. Orientation Days are an important aspect of being prepared for your Venture experience. We will cover important information for our trip, plus you'll meet other Contingent members and collect your merch. It is compulsory for all Contingent members to attend a face to face Orientation Day, with the exception of those further than three hours' drive away from an Orientation Day location. Get the details on [page 4](#).

A friendly reminder to continue to make your Venture payments by the published due dates. The schedule is on [page 4](#). Reach out early if you are experiencing difficulty and we will do our best to assist where possible.

Lastly, if you haven't got a passport yet, now is the time to get that sorted. We need to provide final passenger details to airlines in the coming months, and require a copy of your current and valid passport to be uploaded to the online application system. Please ensure your passport is uploaded by 15 August 2025. Details are on [page 6](#).

If you have any questions at any time, please reach out to nzv2026@scouts.com.au.

Tom Dowsley
Contingent Leader



Application ID Photos

As part of your application, you'll need to upload a **passport-style ID** photo that meets specific requirements. This photo is used for identification, travel documents, and event credentials, so it's important that it's clear and meets the criteria below.

Your Photo Must Be:

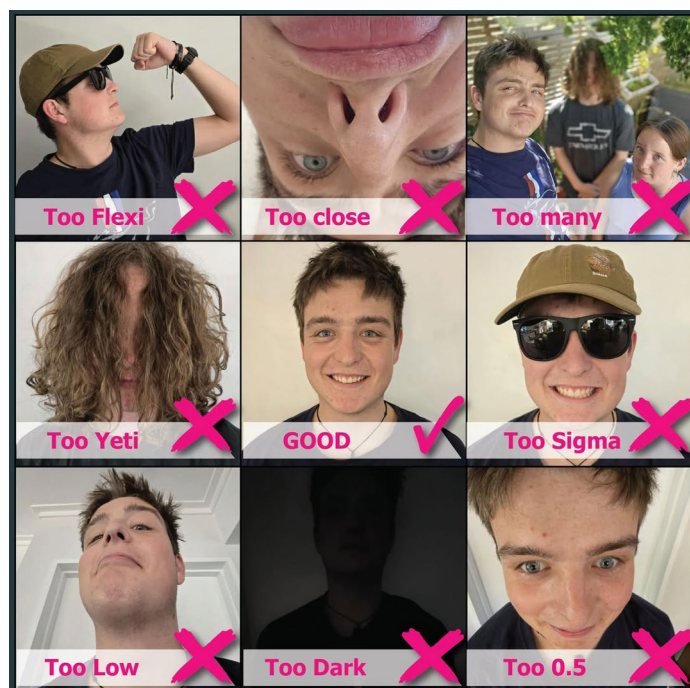
- High quality, in full colour
- Taken against a plain, light-coloured background (e.g. white, pale blue, or cream)
- Uniformly lit with no shadows or glare
- Sharp and in focus
- Taken within the last 18 months
- Sized to print between 35–40mm wide and 45–50mm high

Your Photo Must Show:

- Head and shoulders clearly, with your face between 32mm and 36mm from chin to crown
- Your face and shoulders square to the camera (not turned or tilted)
- Your eyes open and clearly visible (no sunglasses or hair covering your eyes)
- A neutral expression or natural smile, looking directly at the camera

Make sure you have your photo ready before uploading it to your OLEMS application. A good quality photo helps avoid delays in processing your documents—so check those details carefully!

Use this helpful guide from the Venture'26 organiser [here](#).



Payment Reminders

With the NZ Venture just 6 months away, a reminder that the third payment was due on 1 June 2025. Your next payment is due 1 August 2025

It's important to stay up to date with your payments to ensure your place is secured.

To make a payment, please log into the Online Event Management System (OLEMS), click on the 'Make a payment' tab, and follow the instructions. You can log into OLEMS [here](#).

All additional merchandise payments are now overdue. This includes items such as extra shirts, badges, tents, and other equipment. Please ensure all outstanding payments are completed in full.

If you're experiencing any difficulty making a payment, please reach out by emailing nzv2026@scouts.com.au.

Withdrawing from NZV2026

If your circumstances have changed and you need to withdraw from the Australian Contingent, please email us at nzv2026@scouts.com.au.

Please note that no refunds will be provided for withdrawals made after 1 June 2025.

Payment	Venturer Scouts	Adults	Venturer Scouts with Post Tour	Adults with Post Tour	Due Date
Deposit	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	23 February 2025
2nd Payment	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	1 April 2025
3rd Payment	\$750	\$750	\$1,450	\$1,450	1 June 2025
4th Payment	\$750	\$750	\$1,450	\$1,450	1 August 2025
5th Payment	\$860 + Exped fee	\$150 + Exped fee	\$1,500 + Exped fee	\$700 + Exped fee	1 October 2025
TOTAL	\$3,860	\$3,150	\$5,810	\$5,100	

Orientation Days

Orientation Days are a key part of getting prepared for your Venture experience. You'll receive important trip information, meet fellow Contingent members, and collect your merchandise.

Attendance at a face-to-face Orientation Day is **compulsory** for all Contingent members. Those in regional or remote areas will be invited to a **virtual Orientation Day** instead. Your Orientation Day need to be booked by 31 July 2025.

Due to the number of attendees at each session, **each participant may bring only one parent or caregiver**. While we know many families would love to be involved, space is limited, so please help us by respecting this rule. To secure your place and ensure your merchandise is sent to the correct location, please book your session now:

1. Log into the OLEMS Registration System [here](#).
2. Click on 'NZV2026' under the 'My Events' heading.
3. Select 'O-Days' from the left-hand side menu.
4. Choose your preferred session and hit **Save**.

Time, locations and more information is available [here](#).



We Want Your Stories!

Are you getting ready for the adventure of a lifetime at the 16th New Zealand Venture? Maybe your Unit has been flipping snags at every weekend BBQ to fundraise, planning an epic journey across the country, or celebrating a milestone moment along the way.

We're collecting short stories, photos, and fun updates from Venturer Units and Leaders preparing for the big Venture. This is your chance to share the excitement with the rest of the Contingent.

Here's what we're looking for:

- **A photo** – if you've got one, send it in!
- **A short, fun story** – aim for 100–200 words
- **Something personal and adventurous** – show us what makes your Venture journey special!

A selection of stories will be featured in upcoming newsletters and on our social media. So get creative, be bold, and let your spirit shine! Submit your story to nzv2026@scouts.com.au.

Health & Wellbeing Update

We are excited to announce that Kelly Martin from Queensland will be joining us as the Health and Wellbeing Lead for Venture'26.

To assist Kelly and the team in their planning, please ensure you complete your medical details in your application with as much detail as possible. As well, continue to update your details over the coming months with any changes that may occur before we depart for the Venture.

It is important we know all your medical / mental health history so the team can be prepared to look after you the best we can. Please be assured that everything you record is held in the highest of confidence.

If you have any specific questions, please reach out to Kelly via nzv2026@scouts.com.au.



Venture Youth Patrol

Are you ready to help shape the ultimate adventure for Aussie Venturers heading to the Venture? We're forming a Youth Patrol, a team of Venturers from across Australia, who will work alongside the Contingent Team to help create an inclusive, fun, and unforgettable experience for everyone in the Australian Contingent.

This is your chance to, **share your voice** on key aspects, **collaborate with Venturers** from across the country, **represent your state** at Orientation Days and beyond, **help guide things** like Contingent culture, expectations, and activities, **build leadership, teamwork, and communication skills**.

We're looking for 2–4 Venturer Scouts from each state and territory who are passionate, reliable, and ready to make a difference. The Youth Patrol will meet online a few times between August and October 2025, and you'll be supported by the Contingent Team the whole way.

Apply by 31 July 2025 by submitting your expression of interest to nzv2026@scouts.com.au. Tell us about yourself, your Scouting experience, and why you'd be a great addition.

Passports and Visas

The Contingent Management Team would like to remind all participants of the importance of **uploading a copy of your passport** and ensuring that **all details entered in the OLEMS registration system exactly match your passport by 15 August 2025**.

This is essential for booking flights, arranging travel insurance, and complying with immigration requirements. Accurate and matching information helps avoid travel delays, complications, or issues at border control.

You will need a valid passport with an expiry date of no earlier than 15 February 2026 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.

If you are planning to travel to NZV2026 on a passport other than an Australian passport, or if you are not an Australian citizen, please contact us immediately with the details at nzv2026@scouts.com.au.

How to upload a scan of your passport

1. Log onto the OLEMS Registration System [here](#).
2. Click on 'NZV2026' found under the 'My Events' heading.
3. Select 'Travel Details' from the menu on the left hand side.
4. Press 'Load Scanned Passport Details Page'.
5. Upload your passport as a PDF (all passport **MUST** be uploaded in this format).
6. Select the correct country of issue for the passport (e.g. Australia).

Details check

After you have uploaded your passport to the OLEMS Registration System it is important to check all of your details match!

1. Log onto the OLEMS Registration System [here](#).
2. Click on 'NZV2026' found under the 'My Events' heading.
3. Select 'Travel Details' from the menu on the left hand side.
4. Please Check that the following details on the registration system match your passport exactly:
 - Nationality
 - Dual Citizenship
 - Country of Birth
 - Primary Passport Issued by
 - Expiry Date
 - Issue Date
 - Passport Number
 - Name on Passport

Name on Application

The above must match **EXACTLY** with your passport. If it does not please update your name on the "Personal" tab.

Post Tour

Our Program Team is busy pulling together an exciting range of activity options for those heading on the Queenstown Post-Tour after the Venture. From high-adrenaline adventures to scenic experiences, there's something for every kind of traveller.

Further details, including how to make your selections, will be shared in a special edition of our newsletter coming soon. Keep an eye on your inbox, your Queenstown adventure is just getting started!

Frequently Asked Questions

Have a question? Check out the FAQs on our website [here](#).

Contact Us & Socials

Reach out at any time with any question by emailing nzv2026@scouts.com.au.

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