



## Bulletin No 1.

### **From the Contingent Leader**

G'day! I'm Lachlan Whitta, the Queensland Contingent Leader for the 25<sup>th</sup> Australian Scout Jamboree, being held in in January 2019. This will be my 9<sup>th</sup> Jamboree. I've been a Scout Leader for over 20 years at the Oakleigh Scout Group, located on the North side of Brisbane. I live in Brisbane with my wife Rachel and our fluffy schnoodle Maia. My Scout name is "Sloth" which some (unkind) people say I resemble early in the morning.

This is the first of three information bulletins to be issued by the AJ2019 Queensland Contingent. These bulletins will be emailed to all Queensland applicants and will be also be posted on the Contingent web site for anyone who is yet to decide or would like to know more.

An Australian Jamboree is a massive event that is only held every 3 years and the 25<sup>th</sup> Australian Jamboree is shaping up to be one of the best Jamborees ever held! There are many exciting activities being planned to ensure all Scouts attending have a great time. The Queensland Contingent team are busy making arrangements for your attendance and participation in this great event.

The more Scouts and Leaders we have come along the bigger and better the Jamboree will be, so please talk to your scouting friends and encourage everyone to come camping with you in January 2019.

If you haven't already applied, don't hesitate – go directly to <http://applications.aj2019.com.au/> !! Early applications help us provide a great Jamboree experience, so please help us to help you.

Are you ready for the fun, adventure and to meet new friends? If so, AJ2019 is ready for you.

### **Jamboree Life**

The Jamboree site is a small city, housing & feeding over 13,000 people. It includes stages, entertainment, activities, campsites, meeting places and food. It's like taking a small town and filling it with Scouts – imagine the friends you'll make! This isn't just fun, it's learning the Scouting way. The activities and excitement start right from Day 1..

But if that's getting too scary, relax – you will always have your troop campsite to retreat to and chill out. There will be 6 patrols in each troop all made up of a mix of Scouts from troops across Queensland, not just members from your home troop. Each Jamboree Troop will consist of 36 Scouts in 6 Patrols with 4 Troop Line Leaders (1 Jamboree Troop Leader, (JTL), and 3 assistants, (AJTLs). Where possible, you'll be with Scouts and Leaders from your home Troop.

The Queensland contingent will be "glamping" in the new Scouts Queensland bell tents. These tents are cool, clean and waterproof in heavy storms and will comfortably accommodate six Scouts for the 10 days.

### **Applications**

*Please get your applications in!*

Whilst it may be possible to squeeze your application in at a later stage, we have been advised that there are a number of major events in South Australia that will limit our transport options. Accordingly, it's now very important that everyone attending the Jamboree finishes their application by March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you apply later than March 31<sup>st</sup> we'll do our best to accommodate you within the Contingent however, there is a risk that you may not be able to travel with your mates or via a convenient route.

## *Applications Status*

The Status Tab in the applications system lists the status of your application, including what payments have been received by the Contingent. Also, the Activity Consent information is listed on this tab.

If your application is currently marked **“Initial”** it means you have commenced your application but has not entered all the information. If it's still showing **“Submitted”** it means the application has now been submitted, but the paperwork and first payment has not been received.

Applications will not be **Branch Headquarters Approved** until the first payment is received and the forms have been signed and uploaded. The initial payment is important as it funds the deposits for our transport and confirms your commitment to attend the Jamboree.

## *Online Applications*

Applications are made online at <https://applications.aj2019.com.au/Login.asp>

All sections must be filled in, and the Online Application submitted. You then need to print your application, sign it, get signatures from your Scout Leader and Group Leader/Leader in Charge, scan the signed application to PDF and upload it back to the Jamboree Application system (that's right, no more sending in paperwork!).

Remember your login and password! You will need to come back to make payments and to update your application if personal situation changes (medical details, contact numbers or similar). It is important your application remains up to date as this will be used in the lead up and during the Jamboree for managing each participant's welfare.

The email you use needs to be the primary adult contact (not the Scout) as will be used for all important correspondence. The secondary email could be the Scout member's.

## Helpful hints for your application

- Photos must be clear, straight-on and identify the person. No hats (even Sloth's photo was rejected for this reason). For hints: [www.passports.gov.au/Web/Requirements/Photos.aspx](http://www.passports.gov.au/Web/Requirements/Photos.aspx)
- Ensure that your email address is up to date as this will be used to contact you
- Medical details – including medication – need to be up to date. You can change and update these in the AJ2019 application portal in the lead-up to AJ2019
- Dietary Requirements will be taken directly from the information you provide so be clear if you require a special diet
- Jamboree shirts and Contingent shirts will use the t-shirt size listed in your application – remember, you might grow a bit between now and January!

## **Withdrawals**

If, after making application, you are unable to attend the Jamboree, you must advise the Contingent in writing as soon as possible. A withdrawal form will be made available to you to complete. Withdrawal fees apply (as detailed on the application information). Contact: [admin@aj.scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:admin@aj.scoutsqld.com.au)

## **The First Payment is due 31 March 2018**

The first payment of \$850 for Scouts or \$665 for Leaders is due now. If you haven't already done so, please log into the online application system and ensure your application is 'Submitted'. You'll then be able to make a payment via these simple steps:

1. Log into the online application system
2. Click on the 'Status' tab
3. Click on the 'Make a payment' button and make your payment using the payment gateway.

A FAQ document is available by following the link below if you need any assistance with payments or are looking for alternative payment options.

<https://scoutsqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/QUEENSLAND-CONTINGENT-AJ2019-Q-and-A.pdf>

## **Activities Update**

Wow, the Jamboree program team are pulling out all the stops this time. The activities planned for AJ2019 are taking jamborees to another level. Below is a taste of the experiences being developed just for you. After reading the list below I'm not sure I can wait until January!

### *Woodhouse Activity Centre*

Patrols camp overnight at the famous Woodhouse Activity Centre for great outdoor activities including lightweight cooking, high ropes and problem solving. The challenge course on Woody's Challenge Hill is a major feature of Woodhouse, and one of the best of its kind in Australia! Scouts at AJ2019 will crawl, climb, swing and slide their way up the hill, but the biggest challenge is in the Scout's ability to work as a team and show leadership skills. Think "Australian Spartan" Scout style. Did someone say mud?

### *Metro Mania*

'Metro Mania' will see Scouts dropped off in the Adelaide CBD and make their way to either Port Adelaide or Glenelg Beach. This will see 1200 Scouts in the Adelaide CBD on any given day!

### *Water Activities*

AJ2019 has secured an amazing water activities location right on the waterfront of the Wellington Marina on the mighty Murray River.

### *Bang! - Archery / Shooting*

Heading offsite for a half day activity to the local Sporting Shooters Association range at Monarto is sure to be a highlight for many Scouts.

### *Adventurous Activities*

Rock climbing, abseiling, crate stacking, flying foxes, haystack climb, water traps and all things adventurous and adrenalin.

### *TechHaus*

Appealing to the inner nerd in all of us, the Technology house will provide exciting demonstrations from local universities, defence, and industry. Scouts will get to experience cutting edge robotics, computer programming, drones, Virtual and Augmented reality, and lots of other cool tech stuff.

### *Trades House*

Hands-on, 'come and try' activities to teach the Scouts something they'll be able to apply when they get home. This could cover anything from home plumbing to makeup and hairdressing.....

## **Have your mates applied?**

It's awesome that you have submitted your application for AJ2019 – congratulations on being a member of our Contingent!

Now it's time to get all your Scout mates involved. The Jamboree experience is best shared amongst friends – so make sure yours apply!

Think about how much fun it will be catching the plane to AJ2019 with the other members of your troop. Please keep a look out for the Jamboree ambassador in your district and start talking with your mates to get them excited about AJ2019.

## **Gamarada**

Hi, my name is Gamarada Koala and I'm the mascot for the Queensland Contingent. My name means friend or comrade, which is fitting as the theme of the Jamboree is *Friends for Life*. The Koala is also the faunal emblem of Queensland.

My close friends and I will be participating in the Jamboree as members of the Queensland contingent. Please follow our preparations on Facebook or the contingent internet page over the coming months. Like our posts and if you see us around on camp, say G'day!

(Gamarada was the winning entry of the Mascot competition.)



## ***Smokey's Camping Tips and Tricks***

One of the highlights of a Scout's experience is to attend an Australian Jamboree. Of course we want you to have fun and along the way learn new skills and return home healthy and wiser. To do this you need to prepare for this once in a lifetime event. So, what do you need to do this far out to have a safe and enjoyable Jamboree?

To ensure you are prepared:

See what is required to complete your Badge work, talk to your Leaders and Patrol members.

- Get your nights under canvas up. You need 10 for the Jamboree, but the more practice you get, the better!
- You will need to wash your clothes while you are away. Your Jamboree Troop Leader will explain how this is done at AJ but you can also practice how to hand wash your clothes before you go to the Jamboree.
- Safety on the Campsite is important. When camping practice looking for trip hazards and thinking about what can you do to make the campsite safer.
- How do you keep your dishes clean? What if dust collects on them during the day? Have you heard about dipping your plates prior to eating? Don't be afraid to ask your Leader.
- The Bell tent will be your home for 10 days, so practice keeping the tent tidy, free of dirty clothes (especially socks) and smelly shoes. Make sure your sleeping bags are aired each day.
- Try this: put a wet sock (an old one) in a sealed plastic bag for a few days and place in the sun- after 3 days open up the bag and have a smell. Yuck!!
- Think about if it rains - do you have decent wet weather gear to keep you dry?
- Shower each day and wear clean clothes, brush those teeth.

*That's it from me this time. I will have more ideas for you in the next bulletin. Happy Camping – Smokey (Camping Director)*

## ***Welfare***

We have a dedicated team to keep an eye on the welfare of our Scouts and Leaders. But much of this is actually up to you!

- Please ensure that detailed health information is provided with your application. This includes copies of any action plans (approved by a doctor or medical professional) for conditions such as asthma, anaphylaxis or other serious medical conditions. This information is essential so that we are well informed to help you enjoy your Jamboree. Of course, this information will be kept in confidence.
- If providing dietary or allergy information, please detail the consequences as these vary greatly. There's a big difference between a minor rash and anaphylactic shock and we need to know the correct treatment.
- Keep the health information in your application up to date.
- Learn how to stay healthy in camp. Practice good hygiene at home and on camp – wash your hands, wash up really well, separate clean and dirty clothes, even practice showering!

If you have any concerns with health matters, restrictions, etc., you can contact our welfare team directly via [welfare@aj.scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:welfare@aj.scoutsqld.com.au).

## ***Transport***

We'll be organising transport to and from the Jamboree by air and coach from most major centres in the State. This cost is included in the Contingent fee. Some buses will depart from designated locations for travel to airports but mostly you will need to get to your allocated airport yourself.

When completing your application form please identify the suburb or town you will be travelling from and the Transport team will determine the closest designated departure point. Once you've submitted your application, please don't change your pickup point. For changes please contact the transport team at [transport@aj.scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:transport@aj.scoutsqld.com.au).

Travel movements for members located in south-east Queensland and major centres will likely be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. However, members from some regional areas may commence travelling as early as 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.

Once we've got the transport arranged, you'll be sent a Personal Transport Advice, which will detail the transport arrangements for your journey. This is expected to be provided in November 2019.

Applicants have the option to travel independently and thus receive a rebate on the final payment – refer to the application information on the website. Independent travellers must arrange their own transport to and from Tailem Bend, South Australia. Arrival is likely to be during the afternoon of January 4<sup>th</sup> 2019, and collection during the morning of January 14<sup>th</sup>. The drop-off & pick-up locations and exact timing will be advised in later Contingent Bulletins.

### ***Jamboree Merchandise***

As part of the Queensland Contingent you will receive the following items:

- Jamboree Scarf
- Jamboree Shirt
- Jamboree Hat
- 2 Jamboree badges
- 1 Jamboree woggle
- 1 Queensland name tape for your uniform
- 2 Contingent Badges (one to keep and one for swapping)
- 1 Contingent Shirt
- 1 Contingent Backpack

### ***Queensland Contingent Souvenirs***

The Queensland Contingent will be setting up an online store for souvenirs and additional Contingent items. There is no obligation to purchase any of these items. The Contingent badge is popular for swapping and you may wish to purchase seven or more so that you can swap to collect one from each State and some overseas countries.

Orders will need to be submitted through the online shop by 30 June 2018. If ordering an extra Contingent shirt or other clothing items, please ensure that you order the correct size as it will not be possible to exchange for different sizes.

A link to the online store will be available on the contingent web site (expected to be up and running by the end of March 2018). <http://aj.scoutsqld.com.au/>

### ***Staying up to date***

The Queensland Contingent web site is running hot, with many people accessing useful information for Scouts and Leaders (<http://aj.scoutsqld.com.au/>).

We also have close to 1000 people following our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AJ2019QldContingent/>).

Please feel free to contact the contingent team if you have any questions.

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