

QLD NEWS FROM AJ, WEDNESDAY 08.01.2025



HELLO FROM THE AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE!

G'day, Queensland families! Grab a snag and a cuppa as you read our update from the Australian Jamboree.

The energy here is absolutely infectious, and we're over the moon to share the buzz with you all!

Opening Ceremony Excitement 🥍

We kicked off the Jamboree with a bang! The opening ceremony was nothing short of spectacular, with stunning performances by Mitch Tambo and Amy Shark. Their music had everyone dancing and singing along, setting the perfect tone for the adventures ahead. The atmosphere was electric, and the energy was contagious!

Lost in Translation: The Thong Tale 😂

Our friends from the UK had quite the chuckle when they saw the packing list request for thongs. Little did they know, in Queensland, thongs are shoes, not the underwear they were thinking of! The confusion led to some hilarious conversations and a good laugh for everyone involved.

Swaps: More Than Just Badges 💠

Swapping has taken on a whole new meaning at this Jamboree. Not only are Scouts eagerly exchanging badges, but they're also swapping slang and bits of their culture. You can hear new phrases being shouted across the campsite and see Scouts from different countries teaching each other their unique lingo. It's a beautiful blend of cultures and friendships.

Camping Standard Awards 🏆

Our Scouts have been showing off their top-notch camping skills, and we've got some early winners for the Camping Standard Awards:

- C006
- FC042
- C048
- T011
- T029
- T046
- T048
- T061

Congratulations to these teams for their outstanding setups and teamwork!

Gateways Judging Begins Today 🌈

The excitement is building as the Gateway judging is about to kick off. Scouts have poured their creativity and hard work into crafting amazing gateways, and we can't wait to see the incredible designs. Judging starts today, so stay tuned for the results!

Special Visit from the Governor of Queensland in

On Tuesday, 07/01/25, we had honour of welcoming the Governor of Queensland. She visited C048 and the Queensland headquarters. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Scouts to meet her and share their experiences.

A Special Edition Newsletter will release soon covering the Governor's visit.

Family Shout-Outs 👏

A big shout-out to all the amazing families back home. Your Scouts are making memories that will last a lifetime and learning invaluable lessons about teamwork, resilience, and the beauty of nature. Keep those letters and care packages coming—they mean the world to our Scouts out here! Your investment in your children will pay off for their lifetime.

Volunteers: The Heart and Soul of the Jamboree 💚

Our volunteers are the unsung heroes of the Australian Jamboree, working tirelessly to ensure that every Scout from Queensland has an unforgettable experience. From early morning to late night, they keep everything running smoothly with high spirits and endless fun at daily meetings. Their dedication and enthusiasm make the Jamboree magical for the Scouts while also providing them with rewarding experiences and lasting memories. A heartfelt thank you to all our incredible volunteers!

Stay tuned for more adventures and stories from the heart of the Jamboree. Until next time, keep the spirit of Scouting alive and well in Queensland!

Yours in Scouting, The Queensland Contingent Jamboree Team

P.S. Don't forget to check out the photo gallery on our <u>Queensland Facebook</u> page and spot your Scout in action! You'll also spot them on the <u>Australian Jamboree</u> <u>Facebook</u> page.

REMINDER: MESSAGES FROM HOME

A reminder that we have a special way for families to stay connected with their Scouts attending the Australian Jamboree!

Letters (via email)

Parents and carers can send messages to their children via email at messagesfromhome@aj.scoutsqld.com.au.

These messages will be printed and delivered once a day to each of the Units. This is a wonderful way to ensure that your Scout feels supported and loved, even while they're away having epic adventures.



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