

26TH AUSTRALIAN SCOUT JAMBOREE QUEENSLAND CONTINGENT



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A VICE REGAL INSPECTION

Jamboree has shown typical Scouting hospitality as the Chief Scout of Queensland, Her Excellency, The Governor, Dr Jeanette Young AC, PSM has made her way around the entire Jamboree site.

“Brolga”, a former Girl Guide, has loved being back in the camp setting and has taken time to engage in conversation as she makes her way through, visiting many Units and finding out more about Queensland Scouting.

From ceremonial duties at the Opening Ceremony to lunch in “The Eatery” and a visit to “Your Seaside”; Brolga hasn’t held back in experiencing all that Jamboree has to offer.

Making her way around, Her Excellency visited QLD Contingent HQ to give her Vice Regal approval to the slushies, dropped by the Heritage Activity and learnt more about our Scouting history, inspected campsite standards and sat down for conversations with Scouts both on the site and by the coast at Hervey Bay.

“I’ve had an overview of the site, and with 10 thousand people here, it’s amazing how everyone knows where they are and how to get around” she commented. “But I’ve also been amazed at how tidy the camps are, and I was shown some of the tents, and they were spotless – not even any ants in them.”

Brolga has even been inducted into the age-old tradition of “pegging” after a visit to Unit C048 on Tuesday night. She was spotted leaving camp with a peg attached to the back of her scarf, much to the amusement of her staff travelling with her and the pride of the JSL Koro.

Scouts lucky enough to meet the Governor walked away with a special challenge coin that will surely be a most treasured memento of Jamboree. The coin itself features the Governors Flag on one side and the official floral emblem of QLD – the Cooktown orchid – on the other.

Her Excellency says she was grateful for the warm welcome and will treasure the many conversations and gifts she has received. She promises to get herself a camp blanket so that she can start sewing on the many badges she has received.

Editor’s Note: What do the letters after the Governor’s name mean?

AC is the Companion of the Order of Australia – the highest award in the Order of Australia recognising outstanding achievement and service to Australia or Humanity.

PSM is the Public Service Medal – an award that is presented by the Governor General recognising outstanding public service by employees of the Federal, State, Territory or Local Governments