

# 26TH AUSTRALIAN SCOUT JAMBOREE QUEENSLAND CONTINGENT

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# HELLO FROM THE AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE!

G'day, Queensland families! Well, what a buzz! The energy here is consistent, and the spirits are high! Our young people are having the time of their life, and it's incredible to see them challenge themselves, make new friends and go on epic adventures!

## A Smashing Good Hoe Down 🎸

From the Stockyard to Peeling the Banana and Knees Up Mother Brown – the big AJ2025 Hoedown was full of life and fun with the Smashing Bumpkins.

If you were expecting a small bush band with music that reminded you of primary school PE; you were way off base. The unique Rock n Roll sound of this 5-piece band from Brisbane had the Scouts (and everyone else) eating out of their hands.

Whilst our Queenslanders were in the thick of it (perhaps remembering some of their primary school PE), special mention to the girls from New Zealand who had their own line dance action, the UK crew who knew the Nutbush, the macarena and the chicken dance and to the sites and services team in the VIP area who nailed the Stockyard dance.

NB: no bananas were actually peeled or bumpkins smashed in the course of this activity.

## Messages from Home

Our Scouts are loving the messages from home! The best one we saw yesterday was a family sharing with us that they saved \$300 on their grocery shop! They kindly requested our contingent keep their child for a few more weeks so that they'd have enough to buy a new car!

You can send a message from home using this email address:  
[messagesfromhome@aj.scoutsQLD.com.au](mailto:messagesfromhome@aj.scoutsQLD.com.au)

## Camping Standard Awards 🏆

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

- C026
- C065
- FC028

Congratulations to these teams for their outstanding setups and teamwork!

## Gateway Awards 🌈

The very first gateway award was presented yesterday. We're told another 10 are due to be delivered in the coming days. There are some very impressive gateways and now that we're on day four of the Jamboree, we'll be sure to capture the variety and share on socials. Gateway Awards:

- C018
- FC042

## Your Seaside Awards 🏆

Your Seaside has an exciting rotational base featuring eight diverse activities designed to challenge and engage the Scouts. Each patrol rotates through these activities, earning points based on their performance and teamwork. The aim is to see which patrol can accumulate the highest score by the end of the session. This competitive yet fun setup encourages Scouts to hone their skills, collaborate effectively, and strive for excellence, all while enjoying the variety of tasks presented to them. Results:

### Tuesday 07.01.25

- 3rd place... Patrol 2 -CO69
- 2nd place Patrol 4- TO57
- Winners- Koala Patrol CO55

### Wednesday 08.01.25

- 3rd place Patrol 2 TO51
- 2nd place patrol 4 CO28
- Winners patrol 2 FC062

## Interesting Way to Wake Up 🏆

At the Jamboree, scouts were treated to an unforgettable wake-up call on Wednesday, as the melodic strains of bagpipes filled the campsite. This unique reveille was courtesy of a talented Victorian Scout who marched through the grounds, piping tunes with gusto. You can see the video on our Facebook page.

## Patrol Leader Thank You Event 🙌

On Wednesday evening, the first of our thank you events for Patrol Leaders was held at Queensland Headquarters. Our Patrol Leaders are putting in an incredible amount of work to ensure their patrols are on time, organised, and exactly where they need to be. It's a big task but they're delivering! Each Patrol Leader in attendance was presented with a special Queensland Contingent Patrol Leader hat, a tradition in Queensland each Jamboree.

## Family Shout-Outs 🙌

A very big thank you once again. Your investment in your children will benefit not only them for life, but our community, state and country. Scout volunteers are nurturing the leaders we need tomorrow, today, and you have made that happen by sending your Scouts to such an incredible event. Thank you!

## Clothes Pegs at Jamboree? ❤️

Not even the Chief of Scouts Queensland was safe from the game of placing a clothes peg on an unsuspecting person! In the fun-filled and mischievous world of Scouts at a Jamboree, this game refers to the playful act of clipping clothesline pegs onto unsuspecting people without them noticing. It's a light-hearted game that adds an element of surprise and laughter to the camp experience.

This quirky tradition creates a sense of camaraderie and joy, as scouts bond over their shared antics and the inevitable discovery of pegs clipped to their clothing or gear. It's all in good fun and part of the memorable, carefree spirit of the Jamboree.

Yours in Scouting,  
The Queensland Contingent Jamboree Team