

26TH AUSTRALIAN SCOUT JAMBOREE QUEENSLAND CONTINGENT

QLD NEWS FROM AJ, FRIDAY 10.01.2025



HELLO FROM THE AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE!

Hey there, Queensland families! What an absolute blast it is here! The energy is through the roof, and everyone's spirits are soaring! Our young adventurers are having the time of their lives, pushing their limits, creating new friendships, and embarking on amazing adventures. It's truly inspiring to witness!

Dinner "On the Line"

By Matt Gees

An offer of a free meal with one of our QLD units was too good to pass up as Cassowary (QLD HQ Marketing and Communications) and Finch (QLD Camping Team) were invited to dinner at T046. Led by the Dynamic Duo from 2nd Nambour, Bear & Kanga, this unit gathers Scouts from Brisbane, Lockyer Valley, Goondiwindi, Sunshine Coast and even the UK.

Plenty of stories were shared about Jamboree experiences, travelling the vastness of QLD to get to Maryborough (our UK friends spent 48 hours travelling with half of it on a train from Cairns to Maryborough) & their favourite moments so far.

As a special treat, the UK Scouts from Essex were introduced to the uniquely Aussie concept of a "Bunnings Sausage Sizzle" and it was a resounding tick of approval from all who partook! Cold Milo was also introduced to the UK scouts - another Aussie delicacy met with excitement and delight.

Overall the food, hygiene and the experience of dinner was given 10 out of 10 by the guests, but eyebrows were raised by the number of British accents that the Australian Scouts and Leaders seem to have adopted. Is this a new pandemic sweeping through the sub camps or have our Aussies just been learning how to be bilingual so as to communicate better with our guests? More investigation may be required!

Messages from Home

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messagesfromhome@aj.scoutsQLD.com.au

Camping Standard Awards 🏆

Our Scouts have continued showing off their top-notch camping skills, and this morning the Camping Team shared how impressed they were with the standard set and the maintenance. We've got some additional winners for the Camping Standard Awards:

- C040
- FC017
- FC035

Congratulations to these teams for their outstanding setups and teamwork!

Gateway Awards 🏆

There are some very impressive gateways here at the Jamboree and we'll be working towards collecting photos of them all and sharing them on socials. We thank you for your patience while we gather these. Gateway Award:

- T061

Your Seaside Awards 🏆

At Seaside, Scouts dive into a rotational base packed with eight distinct activities designed to both challenge and captivate. Each patrol moves through these tasks, racking up points based on their skills and teamwork. The goal? To see which patrol can amass the highest score by the end of the session. This fun, competitive environment not only motivates Scouts to refine their abilities and work together but also ensures they thoroughly enjoy the diverse range of activities on offer. Results:

Thursday 09.01.25

- 1st place - TO24, Patrol 4
- 2nd place - CO27, Patrol 4
- 3rd place - FCO51, Patrol 1

Birthdays at Jamboree 🎂

We thought the bagpipes were an impressive accessory at the Jamboree however yesterday, during the birthday cake deliveries and songs, a South Australian volunteer stopped to play the tune of Happy Birthday on a saxophone.

Patrol Leader Thank You Event

On Thursday evening, the second of our thank you events for Patrol Leaders was held at Queensland Headquarters. Our Patrol Leaders are doing incredible 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 for each Jamboree.

Stories of Commaraderie

On Thursday, a QLD Marketing and Communications team member witnessed a young person come off their bike while trail cycling. It was a minor incident, yet what was observed was truly inspiring. A group of Scouts from a separate activity saw the incident and raced to the aid of the fallen. Without hesitation, they jumped in and ensured the bike rider was ok and ready to keep cycling.

Yours in Scouting,
The Queensland Contingent Jamboree Team

PS - Leaders & Volunteers: We'd love to feature your stories or observations in our newsletter! If you'd like to contribute, please email dc@capricorn.scoutsqld.com.au

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