

# 26TH AUSTRALIAN SCOUT JAMBOREE QUEENSLAND CONTINGENT

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# HELLO FROM THE AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE!

Hello Queensland families!

As the sun rises on another beautiful day (and we hope it stays out), we are thrilled to see our Jamboree spirit shining bright! Our fantastic team is hard at work, ensuring our young participants and volunteers are safe and well-prepared for the adventures ahead. At Jamboree, we live by our Scouts' motto: Be Prepared. It's all about building resilience, confidence, and lifelong friendships. Let's continue to support our young people as they tackle challenges and grow into strong, capable individuals! Whether it be from home, or at the Jamboree.

## **Dick and Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund**

By Matt Gees

Recipients of funding from The Dick and Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund were celebrated and recognised at a special function held in the Nat Shack at AJ 2025.

Among those present were a patrol of Bribie Island Venturers, led by Charlie Atkins, who received funding for an adventurous journey that had them hiking across K'gari/Fraser Island.

Their journey took them across 35km of the 120km length of this World Heritage Listed Island that sits off the south-eastern coastline of the Wide Bay Burnett Region of Queensland.

Charlie explained that they hiked through the soft sands of the world's largest sand island; learning about the island's heritage along the way including how there had once been significant logging of redwood trees in the centre.

The LTAF enabled the small group to not worry about any cost as it covered ferry transfer from the mainland, all their food and even some new hiking pants for the patrol in preparation for this soft sand adventure.

"At the end of our journey, we have to submit a report back to the LTAF Committee that showed what we did" Charlie said. "The process of applying is pretty simple and the committee were really excited for us".

The Leadership Through Adventure Fund is open only to youth members from all sections and Branches in Australia. It provides grants to undertake activity skills, leadership training, adventurous journeys and expeditions in Australia and overseas. For more information contact [LTAF@scouts.com.au](mailto:LTAF@scouts.com.au)

### **Venturer Service Leader, Thank You**

On Saturday evening, we had the pleasure of welcoming the VSLs into the Queensland Headquarters for a very special thank you event. We were thrilled to honour the 57 dedicated Queensland Venturers who are serving at this Jamboree. Their hard work and enthusiasm are making an incredible difference, enabling an outstanding experience for both younger Scouts and fellow Venturers. Their commitment to building resilience, confidence, and camaraderie demonstrates the true spirit of Scouting. A huge thank you to all our Venturers for their tireless efforts and for being such inspiring role models.

### **AJ's Got Talent**

Heat #2 occurred Saturday evening, and with one more heat to go on Monday, we will soon be crowning our champions. The excitement is building as our Scouts demonstrate their skills, teamwork, and determination, competing against Scouts and Venturers from around Australia and the world. Stay tuned for the final results on the Australian Jamboree Facebook page, and let's cheer on all our participants for their incredible efforts!

### **Visitor Day / Future Scout Day / Market Day**

Despite the weather, we embraced the true Scout spirit and made the most of Market Day, Visitor Day, and Future Scout Day! Market Day was buzzing with excitement as Scouts set up stalls, showcased their entrepreneurial skills, and engaged in lively bartering. Visitor Day brought a wonderful mix of families and friends, adding to the festive atmosphere and allowing our Scouts to proudly share their Jamboree experiences. Future Scout Day was a fantastic opportunity for younger aspiring Scouts to get a taste of the adventure and camaraderie that lies ahead. Rain or shine, our community came together, demonstrating resilience, creativity, and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to everyone for making these days so memorable!

### **Camping Standard Awards 🏆**

Due to recent weather challenges, we were unable to issue any camping awards for yesterday. However, our Scouts are impressively maintaining high camping standards despite the wet conditions. They're digging trenches and embracing old-school camping techniques, showcasing their preparedness and resilience in true Scout spirit.

### **Gateway Awards 🏆**

If you haven't yet seen all of the Gateways, please find the three Facebook posts on the QLD Contingent page from Friday 10.01.25, where they're showcased per sub-camp. No Gateway Awards were issued yesterday due to the wet weather.

### **Your Seaside Awards 🏆**

The Your Seaside program didn't run due to Future Scout Day, Market Day and Visitor Day. The results will return tomorrow.

Yours in Scouting,  
The Queensland Contingent Jamboree Team

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