

26TH AUSTRALIAN SCOUT JAMBOREE QUEENSLAND CONTINGENT

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HELLO FROM THE AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE!

Good morning Queensland families!

It's a vibrant Tuesday, and we're wrapping up our fantastic programs with a bang! Today marks the program end of our journey together, where we've seen amazing growth and boundless enthusiasm from everyone involved. Our team is dedicated to creating a memorable experience filled with fun, learning, and laughter.

As we prepare to bid farewell to this incredible chapter, let's celebrate the friendships created, the challenges overcome, and the resilience demonstrated. Whether you're at home or with us in person, let's make today unforgettable and carry the Jamboree spirit with us wherever we go.

Camping Standard Awards 🏆

How does a Unit achieve a Camping Standard Award?

A Camping Standard Award acknowledges excellence in outdoor living, focusing on health and hygiene, Unit morale, tentage, and campsite management. High standards of health and hygiene are crucial, including regular handwashing, proper waste disposal, and maintaining clean sanitation facilities. Boosting morale is essential, with activities that promote teamwork, resilience, and a positive camp atmosphere. Tentage should be well-pitched, stable, and secure, using the correct pegs and guy lines, and the inside of a tent should be clean and tidy. Lastly, campsite management involves maintaining a tidy and organised site, with designated areas for sleeping, cooking, and activities, as well as ensuring clear pathways and effective litter control. These criteria together create a safe, clean, and enjoyable camping experience for all participants.

New Camping Standard Awards:

- C018
- T017
- T020
- C010

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.

New Gateway Awards:

- FC017
- T025
- FC035

Your Seaside Awards 🏆

- 1st Place - FCO54 Patrol 1
- 2nd Place - FCO47 Patrol 6
- 3rd Place - FCO06 Patrol 5

Service Leader, Thank You

On Monday evening, we welcomed the second group of our exceptional adult service leaders into the Queensland Headquarters for a very special thank you event. Our Contingent Leader, John Parr, was thrilled to recognise the dedication and hard work of these amazing individuals, whose efforts are crucial in making this Jamboree a resounding success.

Their commitment to ensuring a safe, enriching, and enjoyable experience for all Scouts and Venturers is truly inspiring. By enabling resilience, confidence, and camaraderie, they demonstrate the true spirit of Scouting. A heartfelt thank you to all our adult service leaders for their tireless contributions and for being such outstanding role models.

Cheeli Awards Best Sub-camp Gateway

Cheeli subcamp presented Gateway awards on Sunday (12th Jan) and the first one to be presented was a gateway they considered the best. The award went to C048!

The gateway was designed by Mudgeeraba Venturer Liam Le Couteur who spent 3 months (a whole school term) designing the gateway and through trial and error and a few ideas knocked back by his JSL was happy with the design and the way his Unit pulled together to build it.

"I wanted it to be big, beautiful and with lots of moving parts" Liam laughed "and I think I succeeded. I hope others like it too".

The gateway is by far the tallest in the Cheeli sub camp with JSL Koro wanting it to be seen from the mall so he knew where his camp was amongst the tent city. It features a rotating boom gate and a large frame on either side of the gateway with the unit sign hung proudly above the gate and lighting on the high uprights as a beacon to aim for when navigating in the dark.

But Liam and his merry band of Scouting engineers aren't satisfied with just building it and letting it shine - they are always tweaking something or adding another item to their gateway and the camp itself. "Pioneering is my thing in scouting" he explains "I enjoy it more than anything else."

This is the second award for Unit C048 who also received a QLD Contingent camping award earlier in the Jamboree. Liam is hoping he can hold on to this award though. "This is extremely cool, it looks great and if I get to take it home its going to look even better sitting on my shelf."

The question on everyone's lips who traverse past the gateway though seems to be "When will you stop working on your gateway?" Liam laughs as he answers "probably the day we pull it down to leave".

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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