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# CONNECTIONS

FRIENDS NEW AND OLD

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## THE GREEN

CENTRE OF EVENTS

## RIMU & TOTORA

CHIEF, QUEEN'S & KING'S SCOUT AWARDS



23RD AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND SCOUT JAMBOREE - MYSTERY CREEK



The first day of 2024 was chance for Scouts to make connections with those around them and for families and friends to come to Mystery Creek to discover the adventure of a Scout Jamboree.

Approximately 1000 families and friends came onto the site which had special events laid on for the day, these included a scavenger hunt, hourly activities, an attempt for a World Record, and at the end of the day a movie on The Green.

Scouts also made connections with those from other Troops that now could develop into lifelong friendships that are an integral part of the Worldwide Scouting Family.





# THEGREN

Want a break from the daily rush? A quick game of chess? A seat to watch the world go by?

The green is the place to hang out.

On New Year's Day was the start location for the massive Scavenger Hunt ranging to all corners of the Mystery Creek Jamboree site, hourly during the day where there were various activities for Scouts and visitors alike, building paper planes, teaching new skills and providing space for many picnic lunches.







# BABGE ECOM

Trading badges has been a stalwart of the Jamborees Past and Present and the 23rd Aotearoa New Zealand Scout Jamboree is no different.

Out in the camps, you can always stumble across a trade ongoing and regularly hears the quest asked if you have this badge of that.

However, with the sun blazing on visitor day, the Scouts moved the daytime trading and swapping of badges into the Hub. Many enterprising Scouts utilised every spare space to display their wares. Badges of every type were there, and when viewed from above, the Hub rivaled the trading floors of any of the major global financial exchanges or North African Souks.

















The 23rd Aotearoa New Zealand Scout Jamboree at Mystery Creek celebrates youth, adventure, and friendship. While the event itself spans several days, one particular day stands out as a unique opportunity for curious visitors and enthusiastic well-wishers to step into the vibrant world of Scouting and explore the Jamboree.

This special day, known as "Connections Day" offers an exclusive glimpse into the heart and soul of the Jamboree, where fun and excitement await around every corner.

On this day Mystery Creek transformed into a bustling hub of activity, as friends and whānau, community leaders, and other Scout members gathered to witness the magic that unfolded within the Jamboree grounds.

From mid-morning to late afternoon, Mystery Creek came alive with a myriad of experiences.

On the Green, which is the hub of the community for Scouts to come together to form connections with others, the events team on the hour ran a variety of different activities for Scouts and visitors alike to join.

Activities included a paper aeroplane competition, an extensive Scavenger Hunt and an attempt to break the World's Longest Conga Line Record

Some visitors took the chance to visit the Scout Museum in the Hub and to reminise fondly of their days experiencing the great outdoors.

Scouting values were showcasted thoughout the day and everyone left with the smile on their faces, the younger whānau members dreaming of the day when they would be able to attend as a Scout themself.

The day was declared to be a success and Scouts who had families or friends attend enjoyed the chance to host their visitors around the site and introduce them to their friends.

"I can't believe how huge this place is and how many scouts there are here"

Hunter E-Scout Aotearoa











The Rimu and Totora Capstone awards are the pinnacle of the Scout or Vernturer's journey.

Recipients of these prestigious Chief, Queen's and King's Scout Awards were invited to get together to share stories of their journey.

Aotearoa New Zealand, Australian and USA Scouts were invited to the gathering. The Scouts Aotearoa New Zealand National Commissioner, Raani Kelderman, gave an address congratulating those that achieved these prestigious awards recently.











## **Exploring the Australian Contingent at the New Zealand Jamboree**

It's a great time to shine a light on the awesome Australian contingent. This year, a whopping 688 Aussies have made the journey to join in, bringing a whole bunch of different experiences and backgrounds from all over our huge country. Let's take a closer look at what makes this group so special.

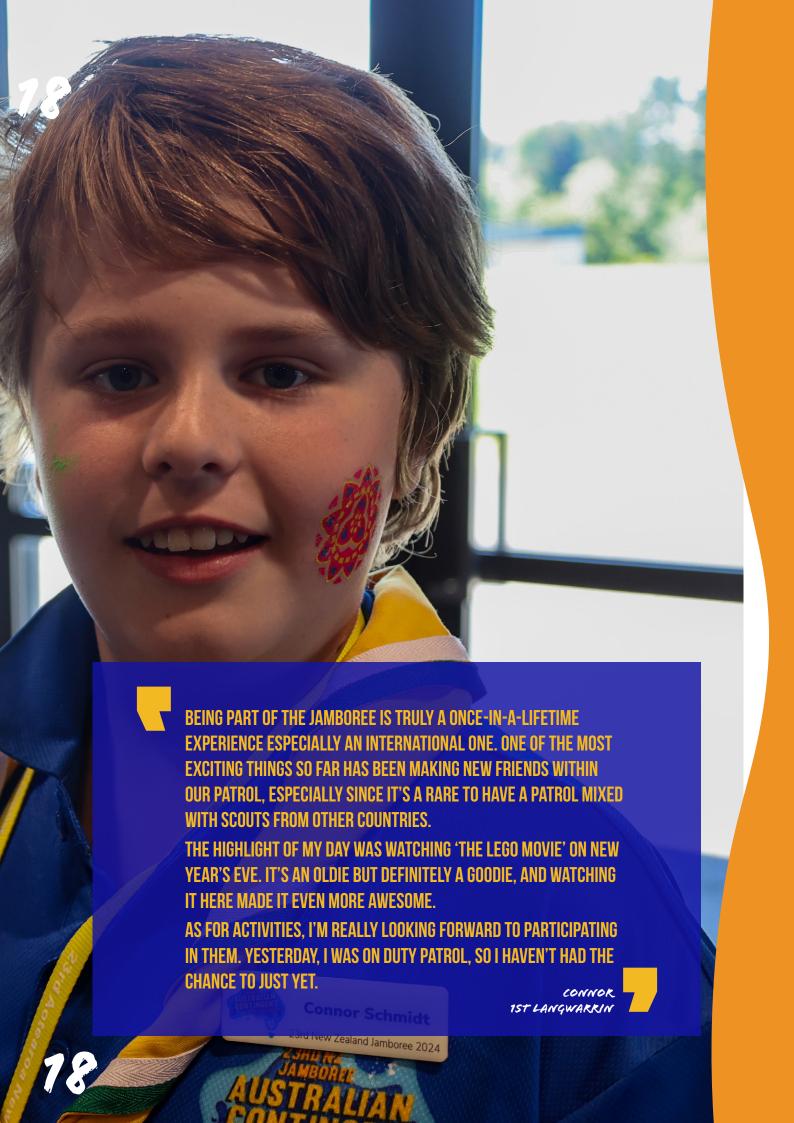
## **People from All Over Australia**

Our Australian Contingent has members from every single State and Territory, which just shows how much we love Scouting all across the country.

## Here's the breakdown:

- Western Australia (WA): 91 members
- New South Wales (NSW): 242 members
- Queensland (QLD): 72 members
- Australian Capital Territory (ACT): 27 members
- Victoria (VIC): 210 members
- Tasmania (TAS): 6 members
- South Australia (SA): 26 members
- Northern Territory (NT): 14 members





### **Some Fun Tidbits**

Guess what? We've got seven sets of twins among us. It's pretty cool that the most common age among our Contingent is 14 years old. We've got 198 members in that age group. That just goes to show how much youthful energy is at the heart of our Contingent.



ARRIVING AT THE JAMBOREE WAS LIKE STEPPING INTO A WHOLE NEW WORLD, ESPECIALLY SINCE I MISSED OUT ON THE AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE WHEN I WAS A SCOUT. IT'S INSANE TO FINALLY SEE WHAT A JAMBOREE LOOKS LIKE IN PERSON. THE SCALE IS SO MUCH BIGGER THAN ANYTHING I COULD HAVE IMAGINED. AS SOMEONE WHO LOVES BEING OUTDOORS, THIS EXPERIENCE IS A DREAM COME TRUE. BUT WHAT MAKES IT TRULY SPECIAL IS THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE SCOUTING ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME TRAVELING OVERSEAS WITHOUT MY FAMILY, AND IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY SO FAR. THE ACTIVITIES, THE FRIENDSHIP — SCOUTING BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN US ALL.

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