

24th World Scout Jamboree Australian Contingent

Newsletter 1 – June 2018



Be Prepared...
for new adventure!



Make Sure You Tick Things Off This List...

For YOUR Immediate Action!

We know you're all busy, so we've created your very own TO DO list to make sure you have everything ticked off. Print it out and stick it on the fridge or in a place where you can see it easily.

Tick if Complete

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| 1 | Are your payments up to date?
Check the registration system at https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au/ - we won't be booking your flights if you're not up to date. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Print this Newsletter out and show it to the family.
Don't miss the little details! | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | Read this newsletter carefully.
It's quite long with lots of new information. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Double-check your study & work commitments for the trip - contact us ASAP if there might be any potential clashes with dates | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | Email any Unit Requests by 31 July 2018.
units@wsj2019.scouts.com.au | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | Get your computer ready for 8pm AEST on 1 July 2018 for the Post Tour Release Opt In.
More information can be found at wsj2019.scouts.com.au/posttour or Page 7 of the Newsletter. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | Final Day for IST Independent Travel Requests - 12 July 2018 - If you are an IST Member and would like to opt into Independent Travel you need to let us know by this date. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Contingent Leader's Welcome

Hello and welcome to the **largest** Australian Contingent to ever attend a World Scout Jamboree. To date we have 744 people registered to attend with over 600 youth members making up some 30 plus units.

As you have seen recently through communications from the International Commissioner I have been appointed the Contingent Leader following the resignation of Phil Britt, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Phil and his team for all his hard work over the last 18 months. The Contingent is in a good position to build on his hard work - the foundation has been laid for a fantastic experience.

A bit about myself - I am a Turf Farm Manager for Jimboomba Turf in Brisbane and in Scouting I am a Group Leader in Brisbane with the Marsden Scout Group, I have attended the last 3 World Scout Jamborees so I know what a great World Jamboree **experience** is all about. I want to assure you that myself and the Contingent Management Team (CMT) have plans for our trip well advanced.

Currently our trip sees us making visits to Washington DC and Los Angeles, not to mention attending the 24th World Scout Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Further to this we are offering an **Optional Post Tour** to Calgary, Canada. You will find further information about this later in the Newsletter. Please read this and action immediately if you wish to join us.

At present we are in the middle of negotiating our flights, which is why it is very important that you are up to date with all your payments as we can not book flights if you are not up to date.

Make sure you **read** this bulletin thoroughly, **print** it out and **share** it with your family, friends or carers. **Follow** all instructions in the Newsletter as soon as possible.

Congratulations on being part of the **Australian Contingent** to the **24th World Scout Jamboree**. I look forward to joining you on this once in a lifetime journey.

Yours in Scouting

Shane Troyahn
Australian Contingent Leader

International Commissioner's Message

Congratulations on joining the Australian Contingent to the 24th World Scout Jamboree!

You join over 700 members from all parts of Australia who will travel to North America next year for an event that is tipped to be the largest Jamboree in history.

A World Scout Jamboree is a truly life-changing experience and one that will bring you unforgettable memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Joining with other young people from across the world is a wonderful part of what Scouting offers!

Your Contingent Team is devoting considerable time and effort to prepare for your travel to ensure that each and every member has a safe and enjoyable experience. Be sure to read all of the information in this Newsletter and follow all instructions as soon as possible.

Remember as well that you are travelling to the World Scout Jamboree both as a representative of Scouts Australia and as an ambassador of Australia. Use this visibility in your local community to build support that can assist with your fundraising. Write to your local newspaper and arrange a photo with your local MP. Be proud of your Scouting involvement and be sure to promote your upcoming adventure widely!

The countdown is already on and I look forward to meeting with you very soon!

Aaron Wardle
International Commissioner

About the Summit Bechtel Reserve

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is a massive purpose-built Scout camp which features a range of high adventure activities. It's around 23km wide and 15km long with lots of ups and downs.

It plays host to the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree every 4 years and their last 2 National Jamboree's have been there. The World Jamboree will be the 3rd major event on the site.



As it's a purpose-built site, all of the amenities and camping facilities are already built, tried and tested. This is a big difference when compared with previous World Jamboree sites.

The site is broken down into 6 base camps which are then broken down into 4-6 sub camps. Each of Australia's 34 units will be spread out across these base camps with one base camp dedicated to the International Service Team (IST).



Introducing the game plan

The Contingent team have been working hard to finalise our game plan. With over 700 Australians attending we need to scale things up to support the increased numbers.

The plan is designed to offer a range of adventure, entertainment and culture throughout our time in America. Below is our current day by day plan which is now close to final.

17 July, 2019 - Depart Australia for Washington DC. Settle into accommodation
Over the next four days; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore Washington DC• The Smithsonian Museums• The White House• Arlington Cemetery• And much more
Over the next 12 days; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in the World Jamboree Experience
2 August, 2019 - Depart the Jamboree Site for Los Angeles!
Over the next two days; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit Disneyland• Visit Six-flags theme parks
6 August, 2019 - Arrive back in Australia

The Optional Canadian Post Tour

As previously advised by email, the Contingent is also offering an optional post tour to Canada so you can really make the most of your time in North America.

The optional post tour is based in Calgary and Banff. We will stay in University Accommodation Calgary.

The Plan
Depart USA for Calgary, Canada. Settle into accommodation & laundry.
Over the next four days; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White water rafting on Kicking Horse River, visit Lake Louise• Columbia Icefield Glacier Adventure• Explore Banff including Sulphur Gondola, Hot Springs and other items.• Explore Calgary, Olympic Park including Skyline Luge, Zipline and Ice Skating
Depart Calgary, Canada for Australia

Applying for the Optional Post Tour

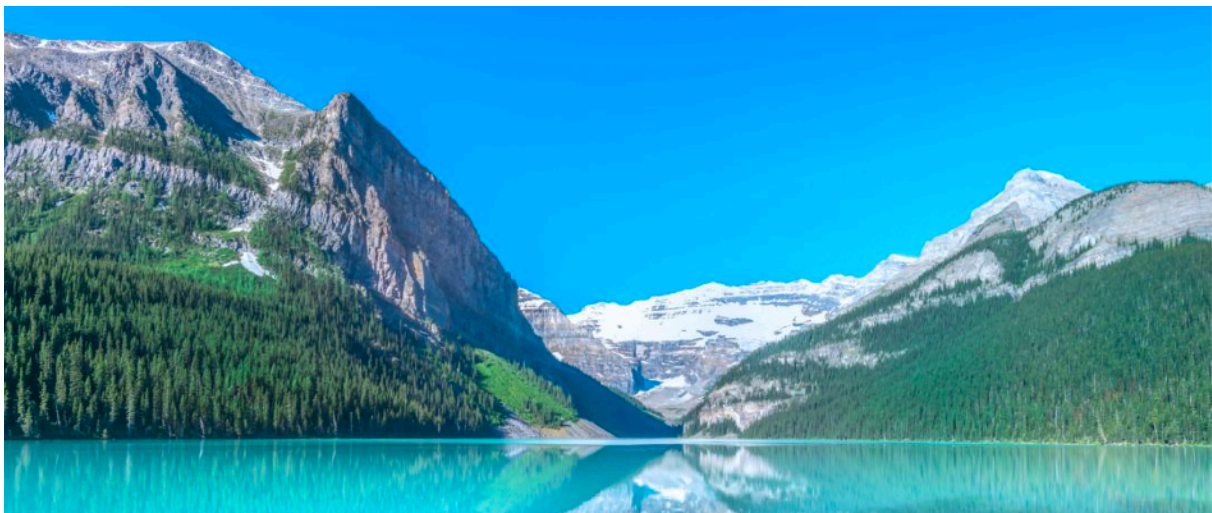
Total cost of the post tour will be \$2300 and this will be paid in instalments like your other Jamboree payments.

Places are limited to 200 and post tour registration will open on at **8pm AEST 1 July 2018** (that's 8pm VIC, NSW, QLD, TAS time, 6pm WA and 7:30pm SA & NT. To secure a place, on **1 July 2018** you need to:

- log back into the registration system
- go to the travel details page and select "Yes" to the post tour
- Once that's done, pay the post tour deposit of \$1000 by **12 July 2018**.

Post tour applications will close once we reach 200 applications or **12 July 2018** whichever comes first.

We had in excess of 250 expressions of interest but due to accommodation limitations this will be a first come, first served placement.



Passports and Travel Information

Passports

To travel to the Jamboree you will need a valid passport with an expiry date later than **20 February 2020** as the USA requires entrants to have a passport with at least 6 months' validity after the intended period of travel.

If you do not already have a passport, you will need to apply for one from <https://www.passports.gov.au> by completing the details and then presenting to your local Australia Post with the required identification and a print out of your forms.

We would highly recommend having your photos done by Australia Post to ensure speedy processing of your passport application. Australia Post can also provide paper forms if you would prefer not to apply online.

We require that all Contingent members have their passport by **December 2018**, and we would recommend starting your application early as passports can take some time to issue, especially for youth in a split family or foster care situation.

If you are planning to travel to the Jamboree on a passport other than an Australian passport or if you are not an Australian citizen, please contact us immediately with the details.

If you already have a passport that will expire before **20 February 2020**, please arrange to renew your passport. Note that the visa/travel authorisations ESTA and ETA (see below for more information) are linked to your passport so if you apply for those on your existing passport and then get a new passport afterwards, the ESTA or ETA will no longer be valid. You must renew your passport before applying for the ESTA or ETA.

Visas & Travel Authorisations

Both the USA and Canada require all travellers entering their countries to have a valid visa or travel authorisation.

All participants attending the Jamboree will need to complete an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) application for the USA and for those attending the post tour, an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) for Canada. The Contingent requires that you have your ESTA and, if applicable, ETA by **December 2018**.

These applications can only be done online, and only once you have your passport. If you are travelling on a passport other than an Australian passport, you may not be eligible for the ESTA or ETA visa waiver systems. Please contact us for more information if you are not travelling on an Australian passport.

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Once you have your passport, please apply for your ESTA which is then valid for 2 years here: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>. The cost for the ESTA is US\$14

Once you have been approved for the ESTA, please provide the reference number into the Scouts Australia registration system (<https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au>) on the Travel Information page.

For those participating in the post tour into Canada, you also need to apply for an ETA which lasts for 5 years. You can apply for the ETA at <https://www.canadian-evisa.com> and it costs CAD\$7.00. You only need to apply for an ETA if you are doing the optional post tour.

Independent Travel (Youth and Line Leaders)

Line leaders and youth members are not permitted to travel independently from the Contingent. If you need to travel independently you need to contact Stephen, admin@wsj2019.scouts.com.au, immediately to discuss these plans.

Even if you have made contact in the past, please make contact again to discuss these arrangements.

More information about IST independent travel can be found in the leader/IST pages.

Health and Welfare Information

It is extremely important that the Contingent Team is aware of any medical or health conditions you may have. This will ensure that the Leadership Team is in the best position to make sure you get the most enjoyment out of your World Jamboree Adventure.

The Welfare and Medical team members have plenty of experience and will be able to accommodate almost any need – but we need to know about it first. This will help us provide the best support. All information will be treated confidentially, professionally and discreetly. Even conditions that seem minor and manageable should be disclosed to us, so we are in the know from the start.

The Contingent Team has been screening the medical information you have provided to us online – so please make sure it is up to date.

- For more serious conditions, you will need to submit a letter of explanation from your doctor, as well as a care plan.
- Anyone requiring a modified diet for medical or allergy reasons will need to submit a medical certificate from your doctor, accompanied by a short care plan.
- These should then be scanned and sent through to rod.byrnes@wsj2019.scouts.com.au

The Jamboree will have a full medical centre onsite. If there is anything that can't be managed there, you will be transferred offsite to the local hospital. During the pre and post tours, the Australian Contingent Team will manage your medical needs and if necessary will transfer you to a local hospital for treatment.

The Australian Contingent will be travelling with a dedicated welfare team that includes a range of medical professionals. Health care in the USA is very expensive and the contingent will have comprehensive travel insurance for each member attending. More information on the inclusions and exclusions of the travel insurance policy can be found in the registration system.

Unit Structure and Taking a Leadership Role

Unit Structure and Grouping Preferences

Units will be made up of 18 youth members and 2 leaders from around Australia. Some local groups have 1 or 2 attending; others have more than 8 attending. As a guide, we will assign a maximum of 3 youth members from the same group to a Jamboree Unit. This is to ensure we have a good mix of people from around Australia in each unit, and that a group who already know each other don't dominate the unit.

As an example, if a total of 3 people are attending from the same local unit, we may assign them to the same unit. If there are 4 people attending from the same unit, they may be split across 2 or more different Jamboree units. For this to work, youth must have applied selecting the same local unit in the registration system.

For local groups which are likely to be split up, we are prepared to consider requests for who each youth member should be placed with.

These requests should be forwarded to units@wsj2019.scouts.com.au by **31 July 2018**.

Unit Chair & Assistant Unit Chair

As part of the unit structure, each unit will have a youth Unit Chair and Assistant Unit Chair. We are looking for 68 youth members to fill these roles in each unit. To be considered eligible, we would strongly recommend you undertake either a Scout section leadership course or Venturer section leadership course before the Jamboree.

Our Assistant Contingent Leaders Ruby Mavor and David McKay will select people for each unit and will provide information in further newsletters about Unit Chair/Assistant Chair selection.

If you believe you would be a good candidate for one of these roles, please express your interest to units@wsj2019.scouts.com.au.

“O” Days and Future Newsletters

There are a number of important dates you should throw in your calendar now so that you don't miss out!

Orientation Days

The Australian Contingent will be hosting a series of “O” Days around Australia on the dates listed here. All Contingent gear will be issued to participants at these “O” Days, so it's mandatory that you attend!

The exact locations for these days are still to be confirmed, but make sure you pencil the relevant date in your calendar and keep it free.

Newsletter Schedule

The Australian Contingent will be publishing newsletters every three – four months.

- Newsletter 1 - NOW - June 2018
- Newsletter 2 – September 2018
- Newsletter 3 – December 2018
- Newsletter 4 – March 2019
- Newsletter 5 – June 2019

Future newsletters will include information on travel insurance, spending money, gear lists, pre & post-tour updates, Jamboree updates, Contingent gear and merchandise, information about the International Explorer Award and plenty of other useful information.

Future newsletters will only be distributed by email and on our website. Please ensure your email address is up to date in the registration system so you receive these important updates.

“O” Day Dates		
Date	Day	Location
27/04/2019	Saturday	Melbourne
28/04/2019	Sunday	Hobart
04/05/2019	Saturday	Perth
05/05/2019	Sunday	Adelaide
11/05/2019	Saturday	Canberra
12/05/2019	Sunday	Sydney
18/05/2019	Saturday	Brisbane
25/05/2019	Saturday	Longreach

Payment and Withdrawal Information

Payment Schedule

To keep your place in the Contingent secure, we ask that you make payments by the following dates. If you are having difficulties making payment, please contact Stephen admin@wsj2019.scouts.com.au to make a payment arrangement.

Payment date	Youth, Line Leaders & IST	Optional Post Tour	IST Option 1 Full Experience minus International Flights	IST Option 2 Jamboree ONLY
On Application	\$500		\$500	\$500
01/02/2018	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$1,000
01/04/2018	\$1,500		\$1,000	\$1,000
01/06/2018	\$1,500		\$1,000	\$200
01/07/2018		\$1,000		
01/08/2018	\$1,000		\$1,000	
01/10/2018	\$1,000	\$500	\$400	
01/02/2019	\$450	\$300		
01/04/2019		\$500		
Total	\$6,950	\$2,300	\$4,900	\$2,700

All payments need to be made through the registration system by either Visa or MasterCard. The Contingent, in accordance with Scouts Australia policy, does not accept payments by any other method." IST undertaking independent travel are not eligible to attend the optional post tour.

We have been able to reduce the price for independent travellers, therefore some of you may have overpaid. If this is the case then we will organise a refund by the end of October, 2018 or earlier if possible.

More information about what is and isn't included for the IST Independent Travel Fee can be found in the IST Section of the Newsletter.

Payment and Withdrawal Information

Withdrawals

Members withdrawing from the Contingent must notify Administration Team at admin@wsj2019.scouts.com.au in writing (email) as soon as possible. Since many expenses must be paid well before our departure, it is not possible to provide full refunds upon withdrawal. The following table highlights the amount of any refund payable.

Contingent Withdrawal Fee

Notification date

1 April 2017 to 30 June 2018
1 July 2018 to 31 December 2018
1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019
After 1 April 2019

Refunds

Amount paid less \$500 withdrawal fee
Amount paid less \$2000 withdrawal fee
Amount paid less \$4000 withdrawal fee
No Refund

Post Tour Withdrawal Fee

These withdrawals are over and above the standard Contingent withdrawal fees listed above.

Notification date

On or before 31 October 2018
1 November 2017 to 31 March 2019
After 1 April 2019

Refunds

Amount paid less \$1,000 withdrawal fee
Amount paid less \$1,250 withdrawal
No Refund

Our Assistant Contingent Leaders

David McKay

Hi, I'm David, and I have the privilege to have been selected as one of your Assistant Contingent Leaders for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree.

Even though we're still about a year away from taking over 700 Australians to one of the biggest and best Scouting events in the world, I hope you're all getting as excited as myself, and the rest of the Contingent Management Team, for this amazing opportunity!



For those of you that don't know me, I've been in Scouting since I was a Cub and am now a Rover. Some of my Scouting highlights include having been awarded the Australian Scout Medallion and Queen's Scout Award, attending two Australian Jamborees and the 2015 WSJ in Japan, and completing a Venturer service project in Fiji. I currently live in Ipswich, work full time in the aviation industry and am also studying at university part time; I also love travelling anywhere and everywhere!

Both Ruby and myself are here to represent and support the youth members of the contingent, before and during the Jamboree, so if you have any questions or concerns, or just want to say hey, we encourage you to get in contact with us. I'd love to hear from you! You can email us at units@wsj2019.scouts.com.au

I'm very excited to get to know everyone over the coming year and can't wait to share this amazing journey with you!

Ruby Mavor

Welcome to one of the most unforgettable journeys you have ever embarked on! My name is Ruby and I am lucky enough to be one of your Assistant Contingent Leaders to the 24th World Scout Jamboree.

I have been a part of Scouting since I was a Joey in SA, and am now a Scout Leader and Rover in Newcastle. I have been to AJ 2013 as a scout, will be attending AJ2019 as a leader and went to the WSJ in Japan in 2015 which are all highlights of my Scouting journey so far. I am also first year uni student who loves to see live music and travel, but have never been to America!



A World Jamboree is not just another camp but in a cool location. It is truly like riding a roller coaster that you never want to get off (and if you're lucky, you might get to ride one along the way). As David said, we are here for you, the youth, so feel free to get in contact with us, we'd love to hear from you!

I look forward to meeting you all as we get closer and closer to departure in just over a year!



Line Leader and IST Specific Information

Unit Structure

The Contingent will be using Venturer section terminology and operating procedures during the trip as the youth will be of Venturer age.

Units will be structured with 18 youth members, a line leader and assistant line leader. A unit council will be formed including a minimum of Unit Chair and Assistant Unit Chair. During the pre-tour units will operate independently with the Unit Chair taking a leading role in the daily running of the unit. Line leaders will play a supporting role in assisting the Unit Chair with the successful operation of the unit.

During the Jamboree, two units will camp on a single camp site and there will be sufficient space and equipment supplied to allow the units to operate independently. They may choose to operate their dining areas together or separately. We would encourage leaders that don't currently work in the Venturer section to undertake Venturer section online training to become familiar with the unit council structure and Venturer section techniques.

Unit Camp Structure

The Jamboree will supply all of the tents and cooking equipment required for each unit. Youth member tents will have 2 youth in a 4 person sized tent and leaders will have a 4 person sized tent to themselves. Stretchers (cots) will be supplied to all members.

The kitchen equipment being supplied is extensive and the best we have seen at a World Jamboree in a long time. Each unit will have 4 large burners (powered by a normal gas bottle), many large pots and pans, lots of cleaning equipment, 2 large water coolers, an esky, lights and other equipment. A full list will be provided in future newsletters.

Daily Camp Life

Unlike previous World Jamborees, the program will be very free flowing, and you will not be required to do specific activities on specific days. You also won't have to undertake activities in units, and youth will be able to participate in activities and move around the site using the buddy system (2+ youth) without leaders travelling with them.

As an example, if youth members just wanted to do water activities or mountain biking all the time, they will be able to do that. There will be one day during the Jamboree where all activities will close for Culture Day.

The site will be using the Summit app which allows participants to see wait times on activities, access maps of the site and other information about the event. The site has an extensive high speed wifi network covering all of the sub camps and program areas. There are also 14 mobile AT&T phone towers providing excellent coverage across the entire site.

Line Leader and IST Specific Information

Food distribution will be shopping centre style within each sub camp, and youth will head to the shopping centre twice a day, pick the items they wish to purchase for their unit using points and then check out via the app. There will be cookbooks available with suggested meals and the item quantities required, but units will be able to design their own meals using the ingredients available within the sub camp shopping centre.

A range of food is available to cater for various different dietary requirements and allergies.

IST Camp/Tent Structure

Basecamp Echo is the IST camp area. IST members will be housed in tents with 4 people to a tent using bunk bed stretchers. The tent is larger than the unit camp tents and has a solid floor. Meals for IST members will be served dining room style with a range of choices available including catering for various dietary needs. For those out and about during the day at their jobs, a packed lunch option will also be available.

IST Roles

There are over 120 different IST roles available and we will shortly be advising IST applicants on how they can log into the event system to register their specific job role preferences. Roles will be offered to IST directly by the event through the events registration system and they are aiming to have all IST assigned to a role as quickly as possible so that people know what they are doing when they arrive at the Jamboree.

Options for Independent IST Travel

Since opening applications for the Contingent, we have received a number of enquiries for IST members wishing to undertake independent travel and also not participate in the pre-tour component. Taking on board this feedback, the following options are now available to IST members only:

Option 1 Independent IST Travel:

This option includes the full cContingent experience but not your flights to and from America. You will need to meet the contingent in Washington DC on 17 July 2019 at a time and place to be specified closer to the date.

After the Jamboree you will travel with the Contingent to Los Angeles and depart the Contingent on the afternoon of 4 August 2019.

Option 2 Independent IST travel:

This option excludes your flights to and from America and only includes the Jamboree. You will need to meet the Contingent on the morning of Saturday 20 July 2019 at the American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016 and you will

Line Leader and IST Specific Information

be responsible for all your transport to this location. Once at this location we will transport all IST to the Jamboree site.

You will note that the meeting date is two days before the Jamboree starts as all IST must enter the Jamboree two days in advance of the main participants to help setup the site.

After the Jamboree you will travel with the Contingent to Charlotte, where you will depart the Contingent.

One Way Independent Travel

The Contingent is not prepared to support one-way independent travel. IST must either travel both ways with the Contingent or both ways independently.

Selecting Independent Travel

All IST wishing to undertake independent travel must select this in the registration system by **12 July 2018**. Please go to the travel page in the registration system, select Yes or No to independent travel, and then select either option 1 or 2.

Optional Post Tour and IST

IST members wishing to undertake the optional post-tour must travel with the Contingent for the whole period if they wish to undertake this option.

Due to the flight packaging, it is not possible to choose independent travel and undertake the optional post tour.

CPAP and Other Medical Devices

Any leaders or IST travelling with a CPAP machine will need to ensure that their CPAP can be battery powered. No mains power will be available in the camping areas.

If you are travelling with a medical device like a CPAP machine, please contact Rod Byrnes rod.byrnes@wsj2019.scouts.com.au our People and Welfare Director to discuss the requirements of these devices ASAP.

General Information

Core CMT Contact List

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FAQs

Have you got a question that hasn't been answered in this Newsletter? Head over to wsj2019.scouts.com.au/faq to see if an answer is there, if not then email admin@wsj2019.scouts.com.au and we will endeavour to answer it and put it up on the Website for the whole contingent to see.



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