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Working together to build an awesome future

Dear friends and supporters of Scouting,

We all remember when the global COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of some major National and State events. This was done, of course, for the safety of our Scouting family and our friends in the wider community. The roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination program and the relaxation of restrictions means we can now take part in more local face-to-face Scouting. Already we are seeing Patrols, Groups and Districts getting back into camping and outdoor activities.

When we heard about the cancellation of AJ2022, a Scouts NSW Working Group started looking into whether we could hold a major event at Cataract. You may have heard a whisper of this. While the event ideas were exciting, we've been constrained by time, the need to scale up more quickly than we ever have before, and the still uncertain COVID situation.

We have a great idea!

While the runway is too short for us to go ahead with a major event in January 2022, we have plenty of time to get ready for 2023. The work already done has given us a good head start.

In the next 20 months, and subject to the Board's endorsement, we hope to get Cataract Scout Park ready to host thousands of our members. We will have created some brand new and exciting bases and activities. The COVID-19 vaccination program will have been more widely implemented, making a gathering of this size much safer for our members. And you will have had time to save up for your event registration fee.

Best of all, you will have time to help prepare your youth members – even the very youngest – to be ready for the first of our Scouts NSW major events program.

Carry on Scouting

District-based events are getting us back outdoors. Some of our Regions are planning Region-based events for this spring/summer. This is great news for our members who want to get back under canvas and into the great outdoors.

While we work behind the scenes to build an awesome major event for NSW, we encourage you to carry on Scouting. Keep it local, keep it low cost, and keep within the COVID restrictions. While you do that, we'll get things ready for 2023 when we hope to offer you a fantastic event at Cataract.

I look forward to seeing many of you at your Annual Report Presentation, your Peak Award and Adult Recognition Award presentations and your local Scouting activities.

If you have any thoughts you'd like to contribute to our 2023 event program, share them with your District Commissioner or directly to our [State Youth Program and Support team](#). We'll need your help to make this an incredible event and give everyone something awesome to look forward to in 2023.

Happy Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Tomkins".

Neville Tomkins OAM JP
Chief Commissioner
Scouts NSW

Youth Safety in Scouting

Scouts Australia NSW is committed to operating as a youth safe organisation and implementing youth safe policies and practices in accordance with the elements of a child safe institution outlined by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse report entitled Creating Child Safe Institutions.

Remember

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