

Welcome to the Rochedale Scout Group.

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Scouts
QUEENSLAND

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When joining a Scout Group, there are many questions you would like to be answered. Please spend the time to read the following information.

What is Scouting?

The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the education of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Scouting is a growing, worldwide youth movement with over 25 million members in over 150 countries and approx 190,000 members in Australia.

It is a voluntary, non-political educational movement for young people, open to all.

Scouting is a series of adventures for active young people designed to encourage confidence, awareness and responsibility.

The Scout program is a flexible range of activities adapted to the needs of the community in which it exists. Activities are based on the interest of the young people involved with an emphasis on useful skills and service to others.

Many Scout activities take place in outdoor settings with a spirit of adventure and challenge.

Scouts everywhere apply the scout method, which includes:

A commitment to a code of living

Learning by doing.

Small groups working together under youth leadership with adult assistance.

Progressive and stimulating programs of varied activities.

A sense of the value of service to the community.

Scouting is a generic term to describe the program and methods of the movement as a whole. The workforce of Scouting is a Group, which consists of sections appropriate to the needs of children and young adults at various levels.

History of the Rochedale Scout Group

The Rochedale Scout Group is set on 10 acres of bushland. On March 1956, R.D.C. Loxton was appointed as General Scout Master of the 1st Rochedale Scout Troop.

In June 1956, the first Scout parade was held at the Rochedale School Grounds. Eight boys attended.

In August 1956, 2 Scout patrols were formed – Kangaroo and Kingfisher.

On February 1957, the first Cub parade of fourteen boys was held.

In 1957 the Rochedale Quarry gave the Group the land. However, it cost 200 pounds to transfer the title deeds.

On the 30th May 1959, the Premier Mr. Nicklon opened the Rochedale Scout Den. The building was originally an Army Disposal Hut from Herston costing 448 pounds.

Scouting at Rochedale is not only fun for the children but for the families as well. The Rochedale Group organises various activities throughout the year some of which are:

Group camps, Group safaris (10day trip), social functions for parents, theatre productions (Rochedale Revue), movie nights on the big screen and many other exciting activities.



The Scout Award system and program of Achievement Pathway that will be the same across all Scouting sections.

It consists of four components that link together to allow a youth member to achieve a top award in each section.

- **Milestones**
- **Special Interest Areas**
- **Outdoor Adventurous Skill**
- **Leadership Course, Adventurous Journey and a Personal Reflection**

Each section's Achievement Pathway is suited to the capabilities of youth members of the age in that section. Our programs are built to encompass elements of the Achievement Pathways in our activities but to achieve the highest awards in each section youth members will need to put in extra effort and coordinate their activities.

Introduction to Units

The Introduction to the Joey Scouts or Cub Scouts or Scouts or Venturer Scouts or Rover Scouts Units Badge is the first badge to be completed when the youth member either joins the Scouting movement or links up from the preceding section.

Most of this can be covered through discussions with your fellow youth members and adult leaders. It covers topics like: Scouting in Australia and the World, The Achievement Pathway, How that Section Functions, The Patrol System, Plan-Do-Review, Scout Promise and Law, Investiture, Opportunities, Achievements and Goal Setting.

For more information on the Youth Program Achievement Pathways, please click on the link and/or visit our Website.

<http://www.rochedale.scoutsqld.com.au/the-scouting-adventure.html>

ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

Scouts Queensland is forever providing great opportunities for Leaders to take Scouting members on new adventures.

Camping	Hiking	Canoeing	Mountain Biking	Archery
Abseiling	Sailing	Skiing	Rock Climbing	Snorkeling
SCUBA Diving	Paddle boarding,			

The Rochedale Group provides the training for Leaders to be trained up to take the Youth member on these adventures

If you become a Leader, you will have a great time too.

PREPARE FOR ADVENTURE

PREPARE FOR LIFE

Introduction to the Scout Movement

Congratulations on joining one of the largest and longest running youth movements in the world! We have 40 million members globally, and it just keeps growing!

What is Scouting all about?

The Purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the education of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Scouting's program for 21st Century Australian young people places your child at the centre of the program where personal development occurs in challenging, fun, adventurous, and inclusive ways.

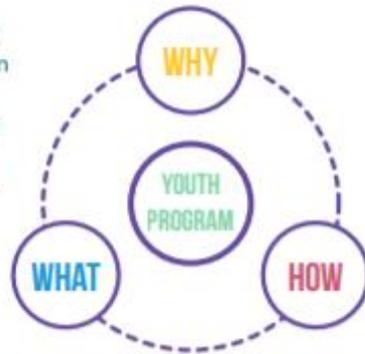
Scouting is about seeking and gathering information; it is about a process of learning; acquiring skills and knowledge. The Scouting experience is complementary to formal education, contributing to the **physical, intellectual, emotional, social** and **spiritual** development of young people.

A Scouting youth member will learn some basic knowledge about Scouting and their age-group's Section when they join, with the support of their Scouting peers and adult Leaders.



The youth program is organised around five age-based Sections. This helps cater to the changing developmental needs of children and young people, promotes personal progression, ensures young people are at the centre of their Scouting journey, and builds a supportive environment.

As your child grows and progresses through Scouting, it is the support from peers that is often a key contributor to a successful transition from one Section to the next. As such, each Section functions with a peer mentoring system. This helps facilitate transition to the next Section, even before



the youth member is ready to move. As Scouts get older, they will become more independent and able to work with youth members from across other age sections.

All activities in Scouting are implemented using **The Scout Method**, a framework consisting of eight equally important elements. Whether it is through **community involvement; nature and the outdoors; learning-by-doing; the patrol system; youth leading, adults supporting; personal progression, symbolic framework** or **the Promise and Law**, young people are empowered to set goals and collaborate to achieve them.



Community Involvement

Active exploration of an individual's commitment and responsibility to their community and wider world.



Learning by Doing

Learning through practical experiences and activities.



Nature and the Outdoors

The outdoors is the primary setting for learning and encourages a two-way relationship between the individual and the natural world.



Patrol System

A way to develop interpersonal and leadership skills through teamwork, responsibility and belonging.



Personal Progression

A learning journey focused on challenging the individual to do their best through a range of experiences.



Promise and Law

Scouting values and ideals that underpin all activities and interactions.



Symbolic Framework

A unifying structure of themes and symbols that facilitates that awareness and development of an individual's personal journey.



Youth Leading, Adults Supporting

A youth movement, guided by adults, where youth are increasingly self-managing.

Your child will make the Australian Scout Promise and pledge to live by the Australian Scout Law when they join the Movement. These represent the values for the Scout Movement, values that all Scouting members around the world commit to living by.

Individually, and collectively, all members agree to live their lives guided by the values expressed through the Promise and Law. Whilst each National Scout Organisation may have a unique Promise and Law, all must be inspired by the original created by Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting. They are a commitment to the Principles of Scouting, which include duty to self, duty to others and duty to god.

Scouting is a community – a community of youth and adults working in partnership for the improvement of themselves as individuals, as well as society more broadly. It is an international community, comprised of members from over 160 countries around the world. Each National Scout Organization functions differently, adapting to suit the needs of the society they operate within.

Through the Scout program, young people are provided with a range of opportunities, locally, nationally and globally.

Plan>Do>Review> is a tool used in the Scout Program to engage youth members in developing and running an active program in which everyone can individually develop and enjoy.



By being involved in a process like Plan>Do>Review>, young people learn the values of working together to achieve a common goal, listening to others' opinions, achieving consensus, sharing knowledge and skills, and celebrating achievements together. Involving our youth members in planning their program helps youth and adults to learn to work together, and to develop skills like creative problem solving, leadership, collaboration, and communication skills. It promotes a dynamic and democratic experience in the Scout youth program.

Across all sections, youth members in the Scout Movement work in small teams, we call these 'Patrols'. It is recognised that through Patrols, many of Scouting's learning-by-doing experiences are encountered with peers. Working in Patrols provides opportunities to develop soft skills including leadership, teamwork and communication as well as building a sense of responsibility and belonging.



The Scout program offers one continuous learning journey, with each Section representing another adventure. The Personal Progression Framework provides a structure for the experience of individuals within this. It represents the elements of the journey that all youth participating in the program will experience, as well as challenging those who wish to gain even more personally from their Scouting experience.

On any journey, not everyone wants or needs to reach the summit, and that's ok! The Achievement Pathways has been designed to offer many paths. There are many interesting routes to choose from.

As a parent or guardian, you might need to support your young person in discovery and exploration and managing their time. This does not mean you do the work for them, but instead they might seek your assistance or guidance to complete a task. Achievements of youth members will be recognised in a lot of ways including ceremonies and the awarding of certificates and cloth badges.



Scouting is a movement that can take you many places, and is not just for the young person. Your family will also have the opportunity to become a part of the Scouting community. This is not necessarily about you taking on a specific role, but about the new friendships that you, as a parent or guardian, might make through your young person's involvement in the Movement. As a parent or guardian of a young person in the Scout Movement, you might be asked to assist in Group events and fundraising initiatives. This forms part of the life of the Scout Group. Once again, we welcome your family to the Scout Movement.

For additional information please talk to the Group Leader and section Leader at your local group or have a look at the Scouts Australia website www.scouts.com.au for more information about National Scouting and Branches within Scouts Australia

Thank you for taking the initial steps for your child to become a member. Let the Adventure begin!

TIMES FOR SCOUTING:

Joey Scouts	4.00pm to 5.00pm Sundays
Cub Scouts	6.15pm to 7.45pm Tuesdays
Scouts	7.00pm to 9.00pm Thursdays
Venturer Scouts	7.00pm to 9.00pm Wednesdays
Rovers Scouts	7.00pm to 9.00pm Wednesdays

UNIFORMS:

Throughout its history the Scouting Movement has been clearly identifiable by its uniform. The public accepts the Scout uniform as a symbol of an organisation with high ideals and certain self-discipline. With a few minor alterations the original Scout uniform has met the ideas of Scouts around the world and has been universally adopted. Of course, in extreme climates, it has been modified to suit the conditions but on the whole; the different nations in the temperate climates are dressed alike.

All youth members are required to wear a Scout Uniform.

Your Section Leader will advise you when you need to purchase your Uniform.
Usually 6 weeks after your first meeting.

Uniforms can only be purchase from the Scout Shop online <https://scoutshop.com.au/>

Your Leader will give you more details about the Uniform and when to purchase it.

Wearing the Uniform

The correct wearing of the uniform and smartness of turnout of the individual Scout makes him/her a credit to the movement. It shows his/her pride in himself/herself and in the Group.

What to purchase from the Scout Shop

Scout Shirt – Either Joey, Cub, Scout, Venturer, Rover Uniform Shirt
Qld Scarf with badge
Woggle

Pants – Either purchase them from the Scout Shop or **anywhere** that sell sandstone/ Tan pants
Try Target, Big W, Best and Less would be the pick rather than the Scout Shop

Books.

For the older Cub Scouts and the Scout Section, an excellent resource is the **Scout Field Book**

PARENT SUPPORT:

When you child joins the Group you're responsibility as a parent doesn't end there. There are three ways you can be involved within the Group, all of which will benefit the group and your child. Some are more time consuming than others however they produce greater rewards and satisfaction not only for the group and the youth members but also to you.

Becoming a Volunteer Leader
Attend the Parent's meetings

Become an "Adult Support Member"
Support the Group

LEADERS

All Leaders are volunteers.

For a Scout Group to function it requires Leaders. Leaders are needed for all sections, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts

Young people need leadership. They need the guidance of informed and caring adults to develop self-reliance, initiative and responsibility. Being a leader can and will be fun and exciting.

Interest has its rewards.

By taking an interest, by becoming involved, you'll find the experience of being a Leader has its own rewards. You'll find enormous satisfaction in helping young people achieve. Their achievements will be your achievements too. You can feel proud of their successes and be spurred on by their progress.

Your ability to relate to your Section members will give you a sense of growing accomplishment as their trust and confidence in you grows. And you'll know that you're helping young people to shape their lives and that means doing something significant for the future.

If you don't know anything about Scouting, camping, or having a good time, well, no problem. Scouting will give you all the necessary training and support required for you to have fun whilst teaching others. You don't have to become a leader in the same section as your child.

If being a leader is not for you, maybe you may know or someone else who may wish to take on the challenge.

On completion of Training, Leader receive

- A Scout Certificate of Adult Leadership and Appointment and
- A Gillwell woggle.
- Woodbadge

In addition they will receive

- VET qualification of Certificate III in Business (Frontline Management) and
- Certificate III in Leadership Support if First Aid training has been completed.

All training cost are paid for by the Group. Your only cost is the Uniform.

If you think you would like to become a leader or you require some additional information, please contact one of the Leaders

I assure you that you will have more fun and enjoyment than your child, as a leader

Be trained up and undertake some of these adventurous activities yourselves.

CHILDREN NEED SCOUTING SCOUTING NEEDS LEADERS



FUNDRAISING

Fundraising plays a very big part in all clubs and groups throughout Australia.

Unfortunately Scouting too requires fundraising to survive.

As the Rochedale Scout Group is one of the largest groups in Queensland (land and building size), we need parent support to help fundraise as the bills keep on coming.

Group costs are as follows; leader training, leader and committee insurance, property insurance, electricity, water, gas, rates, new equipment, repair equipment, building and ground maintenance.

The Scout Group does not receive any support from the government. Your fundraising is the only income the group has to survive on. Please support any fundraising activities.

We currently have **two Fertiliser delivery** days and sometimes **Bunnings BBQ's** for you to participate in. This is easy money and doesn't come from your own pockets, such as selling (and eating) chocolates.

Your support at the fertiliser drives in extremely important.

Social

At various times throughout the year, parents should attend social functions. This helps with the interaction of families and also YOU have a fun time.

Working Bee's

As the Group is set on 10 acres and has 10 buildings and caretaker's residence, parent support is required to maintain the up-keep of the grounds, buildings, equipment etc.

From time to time, you may be called upon to assist for a couple of hours to undertake a working.

Helping Leaders

At various times throughout the year, parents might be asked to assist with transport to camps (to keep costs down to a minimum), and activities, assist with badge work, and help the Leaders generally when called upon. Sometimes you may be invited to attend a camp to assist with the cooking, which you will find to be great fun.

COSTS TO JOIN SCOUTING

Scouts Australia Queensland Branch – Rochedale Scout Group has the following fees for the 2026 – 2027 year. Once you join you are financial until **March** of the following year.

New Member Yearly Fees 2025 - 2026

Yearly Membership Fee based on Pro-rata depending on the month your child joins.

Jan - April	May - July	Aug - Oct	Nov
\$575	\$520	\$380	\$180

Subs

Each section pays "Subs". The subs pay for running the sectional programs.

- Sectional Resources
- Equipment
- Badges
- Subsidies activities

Subs are \$30.00 per term. Invoices for Term Subs will be emailed out. Term subs for new members will commence the following term. Prompt payment is required.

Leader & Supporter Registration and Training Fee

The Group has a Leader & Supporter registration and training fee, which goes towards the registration, insurance and training of Leaders, course costs and expenses. The levy has been included in the Membership Fees.

Group Equipment and Facilities Fee

This fee is to ensure Rochedale Scout Group has suitable and adequate equipment and facilities to provide a great Scouting program, This fee is also included in the Membership fees.

Total costs to join the Group

1. Membership Payment up front (per child) also pro rata
2. .Subs each week (per week)

These costs average out to approx \$12.00 per week, which is extremely cheap when comparing it to other sporting Groups and activities that only last a few months.

When a parent becomes a Leader, a discount for membership will be applied.

Other Costs

At various times throughout the year, each section will go on camps, sleepovers, outings etc. The cost you might expect will be food, camp fees, transport. Costs will vary depending on the section which your child is enrolled.

Group Functions, Camps and Activities

Throughout the year, the group has a wide range of activities for both you and your child to participate in. Each section will have their own camp, visit, hike etc., but the ones listed are for the whole Group.

Group Safari

From time to time, the group has a "Safari" which is a 7 to 10 day expedition held over the Easter break. The Safari is open to families and friends of the Rochedale Scout Group.

The last Safari the Group hired a 50-seater coach and heads off on an adventure of a lifetime. Members and their families packed up and headed to Yeppoon, Great Keppel Island, Rockhampton, Bunderberg and then home.

The safari visited on their trip, Olsen's caves, Dreamtime centre, Bundy rum Distillery, Snorkeling, boom netting, and generally had a wonderful time.

Group Family Camps

Generally once a year the Group has a "Family camp". These camps are open to members and their families. They are a fun weekend for all, and it allows parents to enjoy the outdoors and to camp with their children, which sometimes may not be possible.

Rochedale Revue

The "Rochedale Revue" is a theatrical production held every two years and currently performed at Clairvaux Mackillop College Theatre

The Next production will be on in the September School Holidays in 2023

The show is held in the September school holidays however rehearsals start mid July. The show is made up from Cub Scouts to Leaders and also Guides.

With the cast generally 65 in numbers, other Scouts and Guides from the district and surrounding areas are also invited to attend.

You may like to assist as support staff by joining the other Scouting parents who assist with make-up, lighting, sound, backstage, props, video etc., just to name a few, you will be gratefully accepted. No experience necessary.

Keep an eye out for application form generally around February.

The Rochedale Scout Group is the only group in Queensland to have its own show. Most other shows are run by either Districts or Branch. i.e. Gang Show.



Movie Nights

In the summer months, the group holds Movie Nights.

We hoist up a large screen on the flagpole and set up a projector on the parade ground. This is a great time for families of the group to have a fun social night together.

Christmas Campfire

At the end of every year, the group may have a Christmas Campfire. We sing a few songs, are entertained by the members with a few comical sketches and finish off the year with a light supper. Sometimes if we are lucky, Santa may even visit.

Leaders Names

A child tires of calling school teachers Sir or Miss and Scouting, the Leader or Scouter is much like a big brother or sister and "Sir" or "Miss" is unbecoming.

To eliminate formality a Leader has a Woodcraft name or an Aboriginal name.

This seems to bring the child and the Leader more on an even keel and the words Sir, Miss, Mrs, and Mr are not used.

So when the leader introduces themselves, don't be put back by an unusual name coming from their lips. This is the name you call them around the children.

According, why not start thinking of a name you could be called should you decide to become a "Leader:

Signing Up

You will be required to complete an online Membership Enrolment form when joining the Scout Group.

Once you have completed a form and payment has been made, your child will become a member of the Rochedale Scout Group - and a proud member of Scouts Queensland.

CONSENT2Go

Once approved by Scouts Qld, you will receive an email regarding CONSENT2Go platform and App. This is where you will be required to sign on in and upload your Child's medical information. This platform is also used by schools too.

We also use the CONSENT2Go platform for permissions to attend camps and activities. As soon as you receive this email, please action this.

Terrain

Our Scouting program activities and badges is also recorded on Terrain. This is where the Scouting members complete challenges and work towards their peak award.

You will also receive an email to set up for your child for Terrain Account. Your Leaders will also explain more on how this works too.

<https://terrain.scouts.com.au/>

Conclusion

Thank you for allowing you and your child to become part of the Rochedale Scout Group, and more importantly, a part of the worldwide Scout Movement

I look forward in meeting with you very soon.

Yours in Scouting,

K. McKenzie
BUNYIP

Did you know???

Marcus Blackmore of the Blackmore's vitamins dynasty was a Cub Scout at Rochedale.

11 of the 12 people to have walked on the moon were Scouts.

Other famous former Scouts include Sir Paul McCartney, Barack Obama, Richard Branson, Taylor Swift, Gwyneth Paltrow, Hillary Clinton, Mariah Carey, Barbara Walters, Nelson Mandela and of course Bear Grylls.

The Scouts Australia Ambassador is Andrew Lock OAM, Australia's most accomplished mountaineer and Australian business man and entrepreneur Dick Smith said that Scouting was the most fantastic influence on his life!

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