

# **2024 Governor General's Camp Victorian Contingent**

Government House Canberra, ACT

April 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2024



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we meet today, in my case the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung People of the Kulin Nation, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present, as well as to emerging leaders. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.



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# HISTORY OF GOVERNOR GENERAL'S CAMP

The story goes something like this: When His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and his wife, Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, first moved into Government House in July 2019, they were given a tour of the premises. In one room there was a framed black and white photograph of tents pitched on the Government House grounds. When he asked about this, he was told that it was a Scout Camp from around the 1940's and he asked if it could be done again.

Some years later, after many approvals were obtained, the camp was scheduled for the September school holidays in 2023. This clashed with a number of State Cuborees and as a result didn't get off the ground. It was postponed until April 2024, unfortunately for at least 3 states, the time being the first week of term 2. None the less, here we are!!



# GLOSSARY

- Unit – Group of usually 6 patrols of 6 youth members combined into a camping unit
- Unit Leader or UL – Leader in Charge of a Unit
- Line Leader – Assistant to the Unit Leader, usually:
  - Assistant Unit Leader – Welfare
  - Assistant Unit Leader – Program
  - Assistant Unit Leader – Quarter Master or QM
- OLEMS is the Online Event Management System where everyone signed up
- Contingent Management Team or CMT

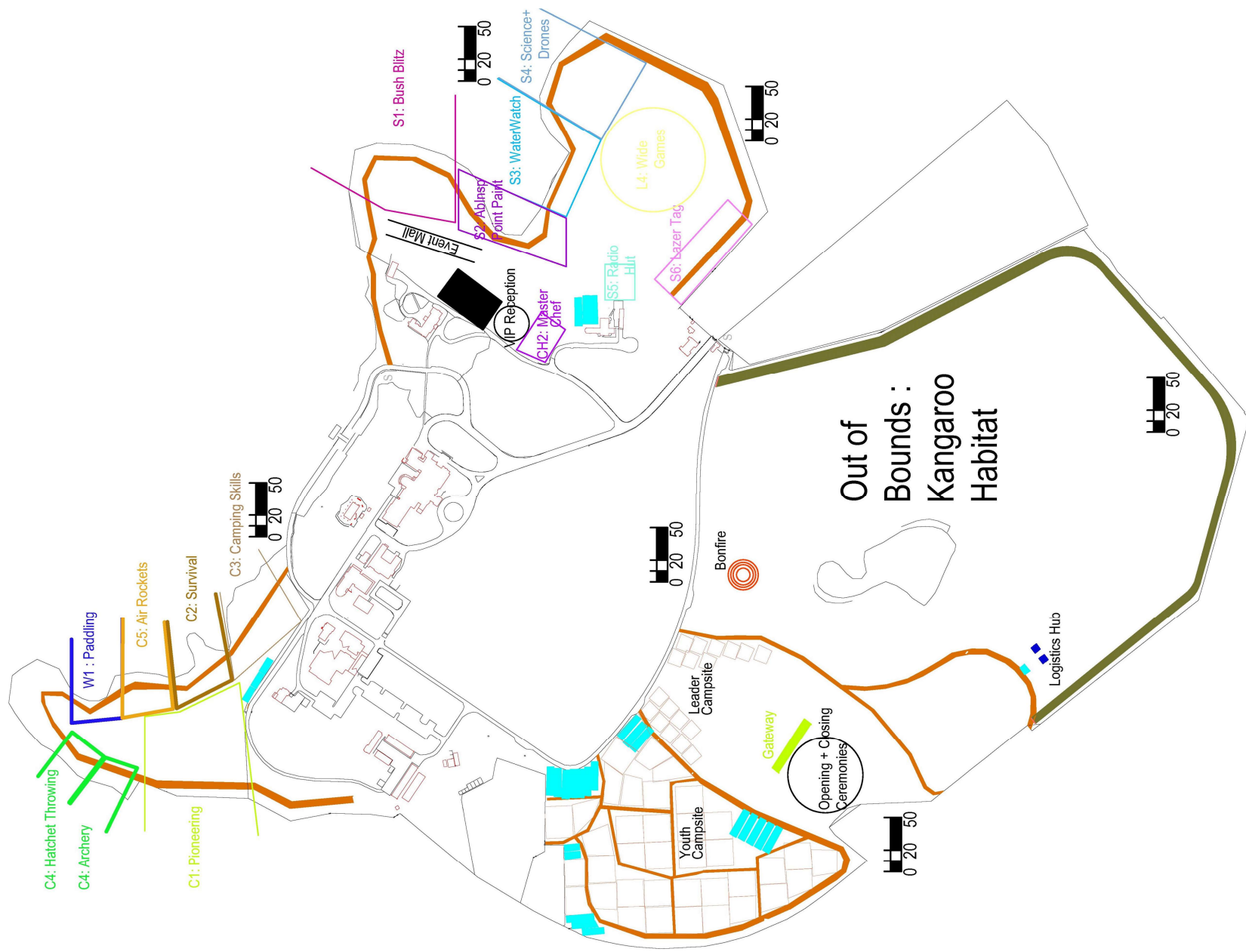


# CONTINGENT MANAGEMENT

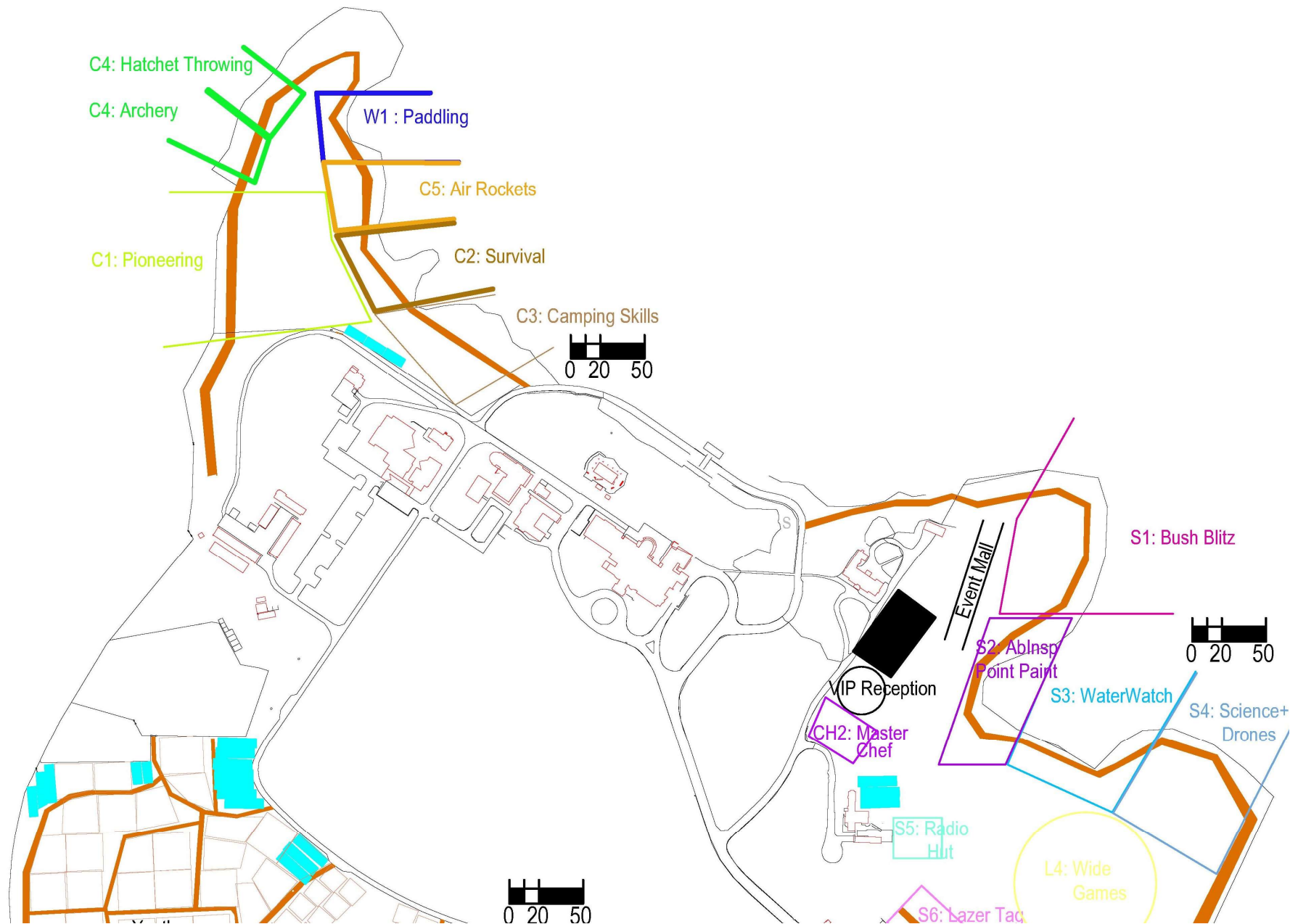
- Contingent – All members of a State Branch attending the Event
- Contingent Management Team or CMT – Group of leaders managing a Contingent
- Contingent Leader – Overall Leader in Charge (Peter Macdonald, Major Events)
- Deputy Contingent Leader – 2IC (John Walker, 1st Greythorn Park)
- Manager Admin (Fiona Macdonald (yes, nepotism), Four Wheel Drive Team)
- Manager Welfare (Christine “Chrissy” Almaraz, Diversity & Inclusion)
- Manager Logistics (Russel Lockyer, Bays Region)
- Manager Marketing (Michelle Strachan, Ballam Park)

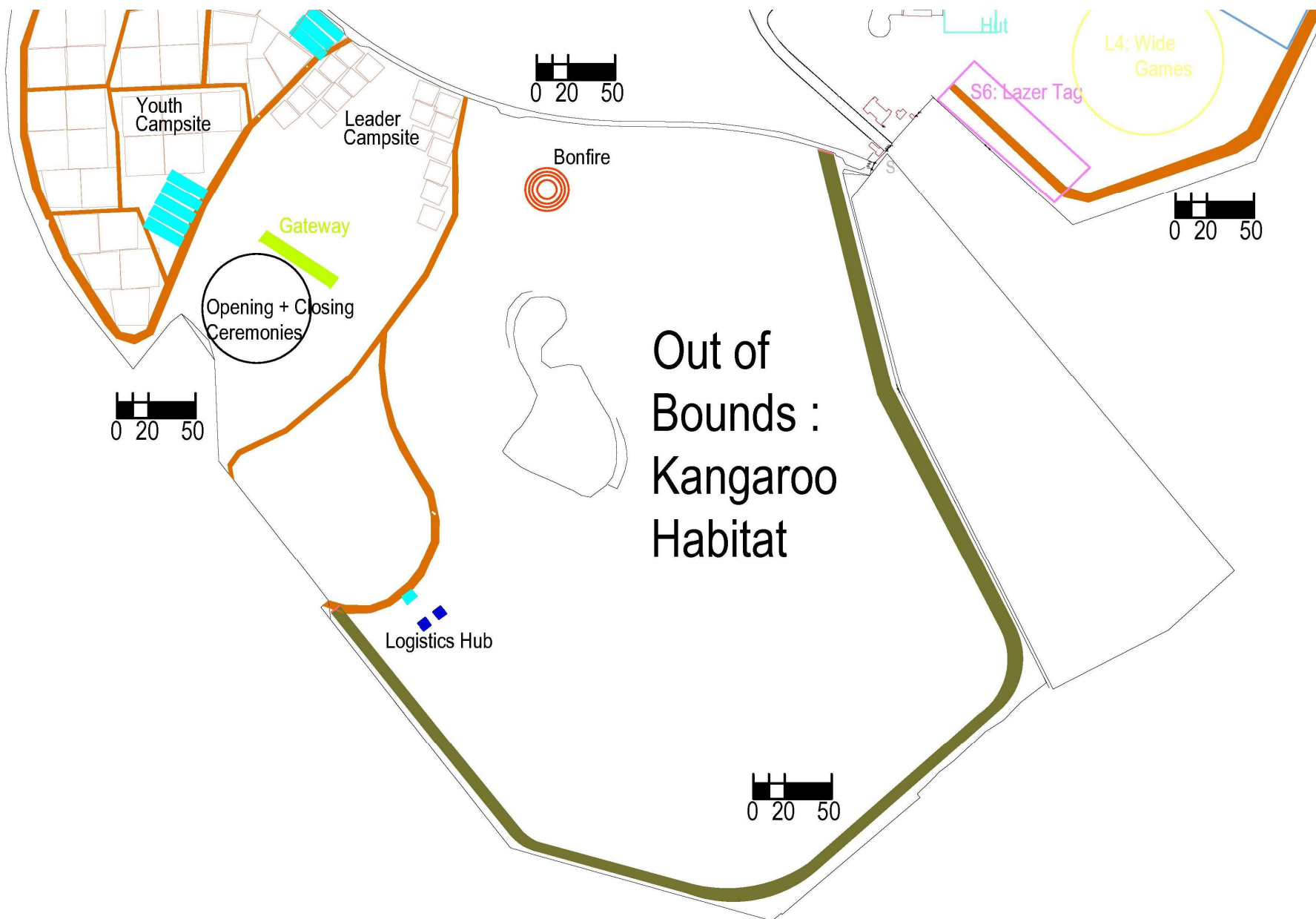
# CONTINGENT MANAGEMENT Continued

- Manager Transport (Anthony Lamb, Rover & ASL Ballam Park)
- Other CMT members are:
  - Kym Ham (Tarneit)
  - Ged Hook (Ballam Park)
  - Wendy Byrnes (Nillimbik District)
  - Angie Carew (Aintree)
  - Jackson Isted (Major Events)
- Plus our Victorian Youth Ambassadors for Scouts Australia
  - Cat Quinn
  - Kooper Watkins









# VICTORIAN CONTINGENT

Victorian Contingent as at Feb 21, 2024

- 40 Joey Scouts
- 175 Cub Scouts
- 176 Scouts
- 153 Venturer Scouts
- 21 Rover Scouts
- Hosting 3 youth from Tas
- Hosting 12 youth from WA
- 106 Leaders
- 25 Adult Support/Helpers
- 4 Rover Scouts
- Hosting 3 adults from Tas
- Hosting 17 adults from WA



# UNITS

- The Victorian Contingent consists of 16 Units from across Victoria and is hosting the Tasmanian and Western Australian Contingents.
- So how did we determine who went to which Unit?
- First we looked at our numbers and decided we needed 3 Units for Catholic Regional College and 12.5 Units for the remaining youth based on the standard 6 patrols of 6 (36) youth per Unit.
- Then we looked at the number of youth from each group attending and picked the 13 largest groups to form the basis of each Unit. These came from 11 districts.
- Then we added all other groups from their District to the Unit and calculate remaining space. Werribee Plains shared their groups over both units, as did Djerriwarrh.

# UNITS Continued

- Then we determine the size of the remaining Districts, added Tasmania and Western Australia as districts and tetrised them into the existing Units.
- My choice of Unit Leader (UL) for each unit was based on the Venture, Jamboree, Cuboree and Kangaree experience of the leaders from the Unit's home groups. I spoke to most of ULs about their role and found a couple of very experience "spare" leaders for those units that had limited previous experience.
- Those Unit Leaders, in conjunction with the CMT will be appointing Line Leaders over the next week
- Each Unit with Joeys and/or Cubs will have at least one additional Line Leader for Welfare.

# UNITS Continued

- Each Unit will be sleeping and feeding 8 adults (not counting Carers) So they will have their 4 or 5 Line Leaders plus extra adults to make up the 8.
- The remaining Victorian Contingent adults will form a 17th Unit which will be their Sleeping and Meal unit. They will be fed in the same manner as the youth Units.

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|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| • A – Albatross | • F – Flamingo | • J – Jabiru     | • N – Nightingale |
| • B – Blackbird | • G – Galah    | • K – Kookaburra | • O – Osprey      |
| • C – Cassowary | • H – Heron    | • L – Lyrebird   | • P – Pterodactyl |
| • D – Dove      | • I – Ibis     | • M – Magpie     | • Q – Quail       |
| • E – Emu       |                |                  |                   |

# EQUIPMENT

- Each Unit will source their camping and cooking equipment from the Scout Groups that have a participating member in their Unit (if necessary, this includes Groups with only one participant)
- Tents for youth (single gender). Preferably Joeys and Cubs can share, Scouts and Venturers can share. Rovers, Line Leaders and other Adults can have their own dome or hike tent but can only share with same gender.
- Dining fly/gazebo large enough for 36 youth and 8 adults.
- Kitchen fly/gazebo



# EQUIPMENT Continued

- Dining
  - Seats and/or benches to seat 44, not camp chairs as they're too wide
- Kitchen
  - Barbeque stove
  - Gas burner stove (at least 2 rings)
  - Hoses for each with POL fittings
  - Recommended: Plate, bowl, mug and cutlery set to cater for full Unit (not own dilly bags)
  - Pots and Pans as required
  - 2 Eskis



# EQUIPMENT Continued

- Kitchen continued
  - 2 Rubbish Bins
  - Sullage unit
- Contingent will supply
  - 7 Blow-mold tabkls, 1 Wooden Table
- GG Camp will supply
  - Ice daily
  - Gas when needed
  - An initial pantry of general goods



# TRANSPORT - EQUIPMENT

- Equipment will be transported in Pallecons (Pallett Containers)
- They are a big rectangular plywood boxes on a double width pallet
- Internal dimensions are 2220mm long x 1100mm deep x 1070mm high
- Each Unit will be given access to 2 pallecons
- Pallecon packing is Mar 23 at Scout Q-Store in Dandenong South
- You will be allocated a 90 minute time slot to pack

# TRANSPORT - PEOPLE

We will be travelling by Coach to and from Canberra, not plane as originally thought

## SATURDAY April 13th

- Unlike a Jamboree, the passengers on each bus will be based on home geographical location
- Older youth (Scouts, Venturers and Rovers) and supporting Leaders and Adults will depart from several strategic locations around Melbourne between 8pm and 9pm on Saturday April 13, travelling overnight to arrive between 7am and 8am on Sunday morning

## MONDAY April 15th

- Younger youth (Joeys and Cubs) plus supporting Leaders and Adults will depart between 7am and 8am on Monday April 15, travelling during the day to arrive around 6pm on Monday evening.



# TRANSPORT – PEOPLE Continued

- Before departing for Canberra, participants should have had a meal (dinner or breakfast) prior boarding the coach
- They will also be fed during the journey

## FRIDAY April 19th

- The Contingent will depart Canberra on Friday April 19th between 10:30am and midday.
- Travel will be to the point from which you departed on either Saturday or Monday.
- As everyone is returning on the same day, all sections from a home group will be on the same bus as each other.

# Merchandise - National

- The Governor General's Camp Committee will be providing every participant with
  - Camp themed Scarf
  - 2 Governor General's Camp Badges
- Youth participants will also receive a Beanie and a Hoodie
- Adults desiring either of these items can order them online through the Scout Shop at <https://scoutshop.com.au/t/special-events/ggs-camp>



# Merchandise - Contingent

- The Victorian Contingent will be providing every participant with
  - 1 Victorian Contingent badge
- Additional badges will be available closer to Camp
- There is a Victorian Contingent Polo or T-Shirt available to purchase. Order through OLEMS

# THE CONTINGENT FEE

- The Victorian Contingent Fee has been quite controversial.
- The Governor General's Camp website lists Exclusions:
  - Transport from your home to Sydney or Canberra Airports (each Branch will facilitate transport from your nearest capital city to Sydney or Canberra at an additional cost)
  - Any camping or personal equipment required for the Camp.
- The Victorian Contingent fee is **\$375**. This fee is applied to all members of the Contingent and is in addition to the National fee structure.
- The only exceptions are where a member needs to attend the Camp prior to Sunday April 14th at the request of the Contingent or the GG Camp Committee. Those people will be paying a percentage of the overall fee and need to be approved by the CMT.



Please visit our website: <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/governor-generals-camp/>

If you have any further questions that cannot be found on our FAQ's page, please email [governorgeneralcamp@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:governorgeneralcamp@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

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