



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2022 was full of challenges, but it was also full of new opportunities to reimagine, rebuild and celebrate.

Paradoxically, 2022 was the year when life began to feel 'normal' after the upheavals of COVID, even as we acknowledge that all things are constantly evolving and we live a world that has changed.

The Branch Executive Committee (BEC) and its subcommittees, and the Scouts ACT staff team led by our Executive Officer, did a lot of heavy lifting in 2022 to adapt to 'now' and to reposition for a strong future. Important projects such as the implementation of Operoo and the launch of an online hall hire booking platform were landed. Groundwork was laid to improve income, financial management and reporting, IT systems, and the management of property and assets. It has been exciting to explore ideas and to work with passionate, knowledgeable Scouters, friends of Scouting and our staff on smart solutions.

Financially, 2022 was unsurprising as the damage to income streams and reserves caused by COVID worked its way through the year's accounts. We are carefully optimistic that stronger performance will be achieved in 2023.

Scouting would not be possible without the contribution of our people. We acknowledge with deep respect and gratitude the energy, skill and dedication our volunteers and staff bring to their roles. Most of you are not in the spotlight. All of you are the backbone, putting aside your own time to contribute to the life of young people through Scouting.

Best wishes to all, and thank you for the honour of serving as President of Scouts ACT these last three years.



Thank you to all our Leaders, Trainers, Commissioners, Team Leaders, Adventurous Activity specialists, Parent Helpers, BEC members, Subcommittee members, and Group Committee members who gave their time, energy, talent and passion to Scouting during 2022.



Acknowledgement of Country

We are grateful to do our Scouting on Njunnawal and Njambri country and are thankful for their enduring custodianship of its land, waters and spirit.

We promise to respect the country and the plants, animals and communities it supports, as well as grow our understanding of First Australian culture.

We also acknowledge any First Nations peoples who are part of Scouts ACT today.



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SCOUTS ACT 2022 IN REVIEW

CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In looking back on 2022, the first feeling I have is relief. After nearly three years of disruptions, shutdowns, cancellations and restrictions, Scouts are back out there doing what we do best – participating in a program of adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive activities.

Scouts is being noticed and acknowledged for the contribution we make to the ACT. Whether it is ten of our young people representing Scouts Australia at the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Event; seven of our Groups being recognised with Canberra Gold Awards; a leader being the subject of an in-depth interview on ABC radio about their 50 years supporting local youth; the ACT Government's Annual State of the Environment Report using the Scout Waterwatch team's discovery of a grasshopper as a case study; or a serious interview about how Scouts ACT manages risk in Namadgi National Park, Scouts has never been more prominent in our community. As a result across our 26 Groups and 5 rover Units we now have more youth members than at any time in the past 10 years.

Less visible but equally important is our continuing focus on supporting our youth to take on new challenges. RoVenture, hosting a Japanese Rover, and our largest ever contingent to attend a MOOT are all examples, and all were completely organised by teams of young people from Scouts ACT.

Our Strategic Plan comes to an end in 2023, and we will again be looking at how we can further improve on the delivery of the Scout Program for the ACT community. We will continue to build relationships with the public and private sectors, we will continue to advocate for better facilities, and we will continue to deliver the Scout Program, contributing to the development of young people to achieve their full potential.



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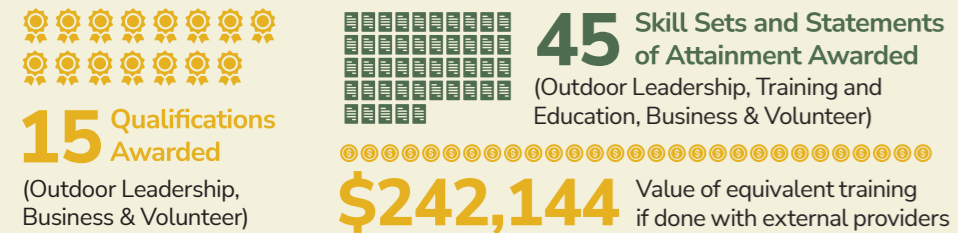
PEAK AWARDS
Earned in 2022



QUALIFICATIONS ACHIEVED



Scouts Australia Institute of Training



GONE HOME

- Sir David Smith AO KCVO
- Ann Brown
- Sarah Kretschmer

APPOINTMENTS



OUT-OF-HALL ACTIVITIES

▶ **1086** activities in 2022



HUMAN ENDEAVOUR RECOGNITION AWARDS



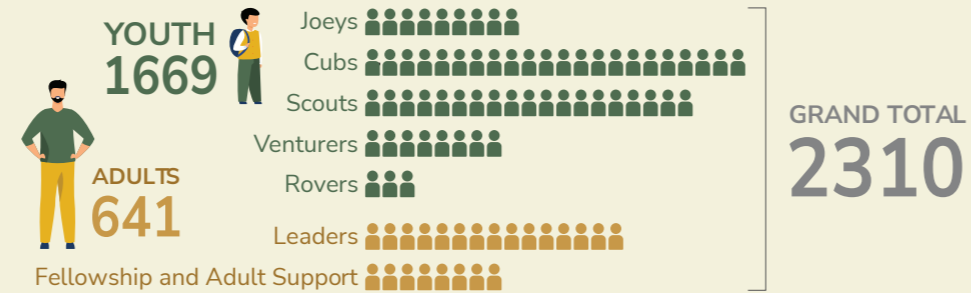
OTHER MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS

- ACT Children's Week Award
- Julie Long OAM
- Jean Drummond
- Kate Lehane
- ACT SciScouts
- National Chief Commissioner's Award
- Rick Goode
- Certificate of Good Service to Scouting in Asia & the Pacific
- David Cossart OAM
- Order of Australia / Queen's Birthday Honours
- Adrian Walsh OAM, Service to youth through Scouts

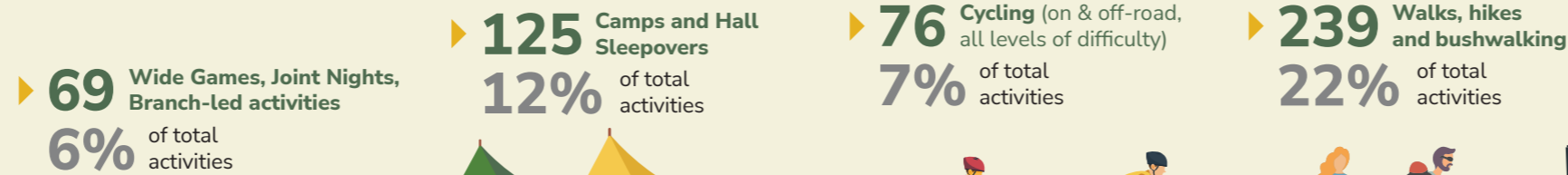
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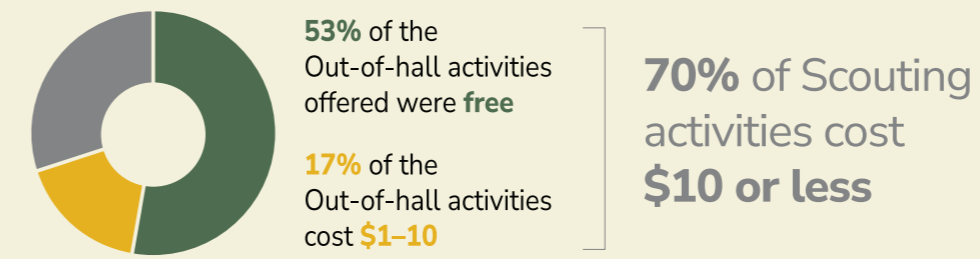
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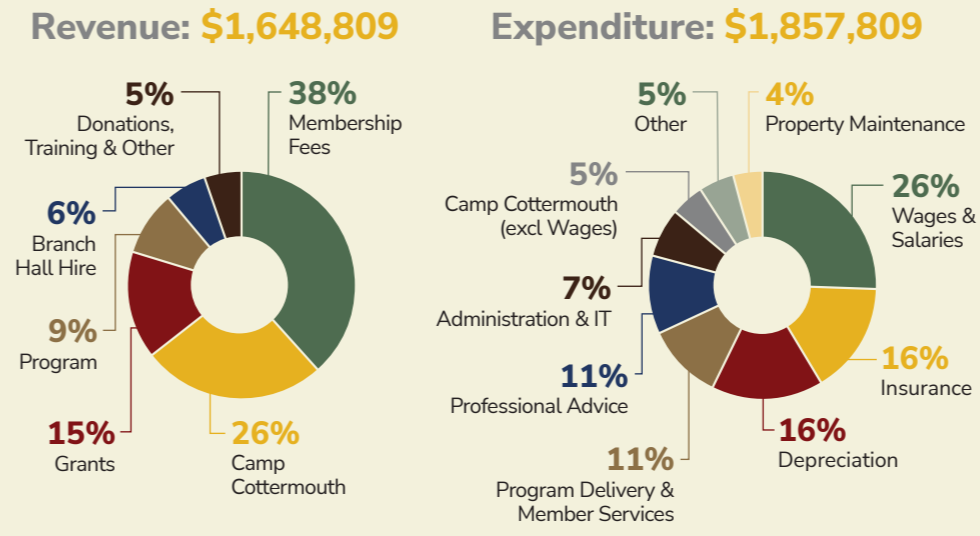
YOUTH FORMATIONS



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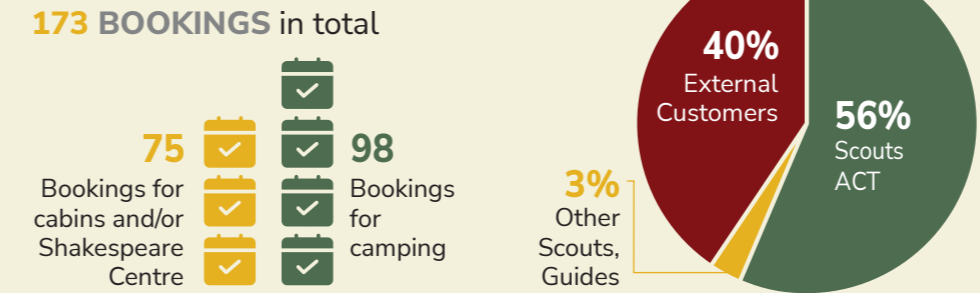


SCOUTS ACT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE



\$98,500 Surplus in 2022 (EBITDA)

CAMP COTTERMOUTH



▶ **197** All other activities (18% of total activities)



STRUCTURE OF SCOUTS ACT



COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Some of the **59** community service activities:
- Special Children's Christmas Party
 - St John's Care Reid
 - WaterWatch in Namadgi National Park
 - Nara Peace Bell ceremony
 - Clean Up Australia Day
 - Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Service

▶ **20** Skiing and Snow activities (2% of total activities)

▶ **77** Climbing, Caving, Abseiling (7% of total activities)

