



HANDBOOK

Your guide to the 17th Australian Venture

Please read this handbook carefully and bring a copy with you for reference.

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Camp Warrawee,
Byrnes Road North, Joyner, Queensland

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Welcome from the Camp Chief

Australian Ventures are the premier Venturer Scout experience held every three years at different locations within this wonderful country. AV2018 has been proudly organised by Scouts Queensland on behalf of Scouts Australia to offer an incredible range of expedition and activity experiences and provide you with the opportunity to make friends for life.

I am very pleased as Chief Commissioner of Scouts Queensland and as the AV2018 Camp Chief to extend a very warm and personal welcome to you to Queensland and to AV2018. I am sure that you will have an awesome time over the ten+ days that you will spend here.

You will find that Queensland really is beautiful one day and perfect the next. You will find that we Queenslanders do not take life too seriously, are friendly, open and generally call a spade a spade. It is those attributes that have been used in organising this AV.

So, enjoy the experiences, make many new friends but remember to slip, slop, slap whilst in the sun.

Daryl Scott
Chief Commissioner, Scouts QLD
AV2018 Camp Chief

Welcome from the Chief Director

Hello 17th Australian Venture (AV2018) participant. I hope you find this handbook useful in that it answers questions you may have been wondering about and possibly some you haven't thought about.

The organising committee has been working for the past three and a half years to plan and organise this venture but it is you, Venturer Scouts and adults (Rovers and Leaders) who have put your faith in our promises, who will make this event the success we have always wanted it to be.

You have seen the expeditions and I hope you find the one you are attending will either be challenging or exciting, or both. Similarly, there will be fun but there will be challenges and excitement with the activities on offer when the 1,000+ participants come together for the second phase of the event at Camp Warrawee. What those challenges are will very much up to you. You could be trying something you've never done before, or learning a new way of doing something in which you are already proficient.

One big challenge will be creating a constructive and safe community right from the start. My team want all the participants to look for opportunities to make the event better for everyone not only by talking to us about the problems you see but also talking to us about how you can be part of the solution. We'll then do our best to put those ideas into action within the limitations of time, people, money and so forth. We are also having a crack at reducing the environmental impact of holding this event but we need you to help as much as you can.

Some of the information in this handbook will only make sense after the Venture has started while other information will be relevant right now. I encourage you to read it all today – don't leave it to anyone else (even if Mum or Dad want to) – and get in touch with your contingent team if you need more explanation or information.

I look forward to seeing you on 2 January 2018. *Get Set* for a great caper.

Phil McNicol
Chief Director

Feeling Safe – A Message to Venturer Scouts from AV2018

All youth members and adult members in Scouts have a right to feel safe and be safe.

Being safe and feeling safe means that you are not being physically, emotionally or sexually abused, not being bullied, not being groomed for abuse or not exposed to pornography or asked to be involved in pornography (including sexting).

When you are attending Scout activities including AV 2018 no one is allowed to threaten you, hurt you or touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or afraid.

If you do not feel safe at AV 2018 or you have been hurt or touched in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, or you feel that you are being groomed to do something you may not want to do or you have been bullied or you have been shown pornography or asked to do sexting, you can (and you should) inform an adult immediately. The adult can be your unit leader, expedition leader or any other adult attending AV 2018.

One of the roles of being an adult in Scouts is to listen to your concerns and be supportive of you. You will not be in trouble for reporting your concerns about your safety or feelings to an adult.

Should you feel that your concerns are not taken seriously and dealt with appropriately by the adult you first inform you can inform another adult or contact the Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer Gary McDonald on **0456 680 834**.

Program

Please make sure you are on time for each activity or ceremony. Buses to off-site activities will not wait around so be there 15 minutes before departure time (check at the Activities Hub for departure times).

Tues 2 Jan

13:00 – 16:00	Contingents arrive
16:00	Expedition/Unit Briefing
17:00	Welcome Ceremony
17:30	Dinner
18:00	Expeditions commence departure

Wed 3 Jan - Sat 6 Jan

Expeditions

Sun 7 Jan

13:00	Expeditions start arriving at Camp Warrawee
17:00 – 19:00	Dinner
18:30 – 23:30	Night Activities and Entertainment – Opening Party
00:00	Lights Out

Mon 8 Jan

06:30 – 08:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:00	On-site Activities (AM)
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	On-site Activities (PM)
17:00 – 19:00	Dinner
18:30 – 23:30	Night Activities and Entertainment – Glow Rave Party
00:00	Lights Out

Tues 9 Jan

06:30 – 08:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:00	On-site Activities (AM)
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	On-site Activities (PM)
17:00 – 19:00	Dinner
18:30 – 23:30	Night Activities and Entertainment – Beach Party
00:00	Lights Out

Wed 10 January

06:30 – 08:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:00	On-site Activities (AM)
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	On-site Activities (PM)
17:00 – 19:00	Dinner
18:30 – 23:30	Night Activities and Entertainment – White Shirt Party
00:00	Lights Out

Thurs 11 Jan

06:30 – 08:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:00	On-site Activities (AM)
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	On-site Activities (PM)
17:00 – 19:00	Dinner
18:30 – 23:30	Night Activities and Entertainment – Aussie Rock Party
00:00	Lights Out

Friday 12th Jan – Carnival Day

06:30 – 08:30	Breakfast
10:00	Walk to Old Petrie Town
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch at Old Petrie Town
16:00	Return to site
17:00 – 19:00	Dinner
18:30 – 23:30	Closing Ceremony, Night Activities and Entertainment
00:00	Lights Out

Saturday 13th January

Contingents depart site

Please note that this program is subject to change

Administration

Opening Hours

Information Desk (Building 1)	Open Daily
Store (Building 1)	Open Daily
Activities Hub (Building 7)	08:30 – 19:00
Café (Building 6)	07:00 – 11:00, 14:00 – 17:00 & 19:00 – 21:00

Café

Anyone else have that feeling in the morning that you know hot cup of coffee made with a smiling face will fix it right up? We understand this at AV2018 and we are offering a fantastic onsite cafe to sort that little conundrum out!

The cafe will offer coffee, cold drinks and all sorts of concoctions to cater for the needs of all of us on camp! They will also have a supply of chocolates, ice-creams and snacks to keep you sustained throughout the day. Missed lunch or need that second lunch fix? We've got you covered with some hot food options as well!

The cafe will be operational from 7am-11am, 2pm-5pm and 7pm-9pm with food options starting from 8:30am onward (after breakfast service!). *In line with AV2018's environmental policy, disposable coffee cups will not be provided at the café. **Please bring your own reusable travel coffee cup.***

Store

Some of the types of items we will be stocking include deodorants, sunscreen, insect repellent, soap, stationery, tissues, garbage bags and other personal products with some camping style options available from our friends at BCF. But please feel free to come talk to us and we will see how we can assist you to enjoy your AV2018 experience. The store will be open daily for your convenience.

ID cards

You will be issued with an AV2018 ID card by your contingent team, which you must wear on the supplied lanyard around your neck so that it is easily visible at ALL times you are outside your tent after you arrive at the Venture. The only exception to this is if an activity leader believes it is unsafe or inappropriate to wear the lanyard while doing a particular activity.

Please don't continue to wear contingent lanyards or contingent or pre-venture tour ID cards. Don't swap ID cards with other people or collect other people's card – everyone needs their own.

If you lose your ID card, visit the Information Desk at Jack Harris Hall with your contingent leader to report the ID card missing and obtain a replacement. Should you require a second or subsequent replacement there will be a \$10 fee.

Absences from Venture

Youth Members

Your parent/guardian **must** liaise with your contingent leader who will need to sign you out before you will be permitted to leave the site, other than on a VOC organised off-site activity (obviously). You will not be permitted to leave the site without being collected by a parent/guardian. Signing out will take place at the security check point at the entry/exit gate.

Adults

Under normal circumstances, it is considered that adults will have no need to leave the Venture, however should you feel you need to leave the site, you must get approval from your contingent leader before departing, other than to an organised activity or the off-site Leaders' Retreat. Every adult on site has an important role to play so we appreciate your staying on site unless it cannot be avoided. Signing out will take place at the security check point at the entry/exit gate.

Policies

AV2018 operates in accordance with National and Queensland Branch policies. We ask that you take the time to familiarise yourself with the following policies and guidelines:

[Queensland Branch Scouting Instructions \(QBSI\) Section 10 – Child Safe Scouting](#)

[QBSI Section 4.2 – Media](#)

[QBSI Section 4.3 – Social Media](#)

[Digital Guidelines](#)

[Brand Manual](#)

Smoking

In Queensland, it is illegal for persons under 18 years of age to purchase cigarettes – however it is not illegal to possess or smoke cigarettes. Designated smoking zones will be set-up on site and smoking must only occur within those zones.

Alcohol

AV2018 is a DRY EVENT for all participants. This means no alcohol may be brought on site, even if it is not going to be consumed (for example - bottled wine purchased

during expeditions or off-site activities cannot be kept on site). Adults who wish to purchase alcohol during off-site activities or expeditions will need to have the products shipped home. Participants found to possess alcohol during the event will risk being directed to leave at their own cost.

Drugs

There is a zero-tolerance policy on the possession of illicit drugs at AV2018. Participants caught possessing illegal substances may be directed to leave the event at their own cost, and the appropriate authorities will be notified.

Lost property & valuables

Lost property will be kept at the Jack Harris Hall and can be collected by visiting the Information Desk. Please label all clothing with your name and unit number before arriving on site and mark other equipment like cameras and watches so they can be identified. Personal items are not covered by the Venture insurance and are your responsibility at all times.

Items found on camp grounds should be handed in at the Information Desk. Labelled items will be returned to their owners and unlabelled items will be held at the Information Desk. It is recommended that all gear be kept inside your tent, and that your bag is secured with a small padlock – however we recommend you don't leave your valuables in your tent!

Fire Precautions

In the interest of safety, naked flames of any kind are prohibited in tent lines. This means that there will be NO COOKING and NO SMOKING in tent lines. Should a fire start in a tent, alert nearby people by calling **FIRE**, clear people from the area and send someone to notify Venture Unit Leaders and the VOC immediately.

Security & Personnel Management

Security of the campsite is the responsibility of everyone. Any disturbances should be reported to the VOC immediately. The Venture Security Team will control access to the site at the front gate. Participants are asked not to cross over any fences – including any temporary fencing erected for the event.

Camping

Venturer Scouts and adults must ONLY sleep in their allocated campsite and may not occupy any sleeping quarters other than their own overnight or even for short periods of time.

All participants are required to provide their own one or two person size tent (unless other arrangements have been made with the Venture Organising Committee) for

their exclusive use. Tent lines quiet time will commence from 10.30pm and lights out at midnight.

Venturer Scouts are not permitted to enter the staff leader camping area at any time.

Telephones

There is no public phone available. Urgent phone calls may be made with the assistance of your contingent leader. A charging station for mobile phones and other small electrical appliances (i.e. cameras) is located in Building 7. You are responsible for your devices while they are at the charging station. Phone credit cannot be purchased at Camp Warrawee.

Mail

Should you wish to send letters or postcards home during the event, visit the Information Desk. The Administration team will post mail for participants each day.

Laundry

Participants are expected to do their own laundry. There are limited machines available to Venturer Scouts and Leaders so there is no guarantee they will be available when you need them. Venturer Scouts and Leaders are encouraged to wash on Expeditions (if available) or learn how to wash by hand before arriving at the venture.

Emergency procedures

In the case of any emergency, a siren will be sounded and ALL Venture participants are to follow the instructions of the emergency wardens. The evacuation siren is 3 long blasts of an air horn or the fire warden's shouting "fire fire fire". Fire wardens can be identified by members of the sites and services team wearing red work helmets. If you are instructed to move to an assembly/evacuation point, you will be advised which of these you are to move to. The Emergency Assembly Point (EAP) is located at your Unit's Sub camp. Other site evacuation points are the other Sub camp and the arena. Unless stated otherwise please follow your unit leaders instructions. As soon as you have found your unit leader or other members of your unit, please find a fire warden or another member of the VOC to be checked off and advised of further actions. **DO NOT MOVE UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO FROM A FIRE WARDEN.**

Dress Code

All participants at the venture are expected to look after themselves and be considerate of others in their choice of clothing. This means wearing clothes that protect you from activity related injuries, but it also means wearing clothes that a

reasonable person would not consider to be offensive, intimidating or humiliating. Remember to be sun smart i.e. wear sun protection at all times.

Sunrise and Sunset

The sun will be getting up during the venture on average at 5.00 am and going down at 6.47 pm. We are not famous for long twilights i.e. it's a bit like someone turned the light off just after sunset.

Temperature and Rainfall

During summer, average temperatures in Brisbane range from 21 – 30°C but it can be hotter and it can seem hotter when combined with humidity of 65% to 70%. Being in the subtropical zone Brisbane enjoys (as they say) much of its rainfall in summer. When it rains it can bucket down during afternoon storms which are usually brief but can be associated with strong wind. With this expected weather in mind, it is important to make sure your tent is put up correctly. If they are not set up correctly, rain might get into tents and with the rain, could blow over and cause damage to them.

Complaints, Issues, and Grievances

As we all know, not everything always goes to plan, or how you expected it, but there are things we can do to help. If you have an issue, we'll listen and see what we can do to make your Venture experience better. If your grievance, complaint or issue, is against another individual, talk to your Unit Leader first. They will be able to help provide guidance on the matter, and may even be able to help resolve it. If there is something wrong with any other aspect of the event, that is not related to a direct individual, you can pass your feedback on through your Unit Council and Unit Chair. They have a daily meeting with the Organising Committee and our Youth Advisors, who will either be able to get an answer to you shortly after, or will have it on a notice board near breakfast the following morning. If all else fails or you're unsure who to talk to, you can come always come have a chat to us at the Information Desk, or through your Contingent Leader.

Medical & Welfare

There is a professionally staffed first-aid centre on site. This includes a number of doctors and nurses, and the nearest hospital is only 20 minutes away.

All expeditions and off-site activities will be equipped with first aid resources. The Expedition/Activity Manager and the Venture Unit Leader will be responsible for the health and safety of all participants attending the activity and will make decisions as necessary in the event of illness or injury. If you get injured, please report to the Expedition/Activity Manager and your Venture Unit Leader as soon as possible to ensure you get the appropriate help.

Under NO circumstances is an Expedition Manager, Activity Leader, Venture Unit Leader or participant to notify the parents or next-of-kin directly. The responsibility of contacting next-of-kin rests solely with the contingent leader. This is important so we can make sure they get full and accurate information as quickly as possible and so we can make sure we can communicate with them efficiently. Venturer Scouts are requested to refrain from making contact with families until after the contingent leader has done this.

Pre-existing Conditions & Illness

If you have been diagnosed as suffering from an illness or condition since making your application to attend AV2018, you should ensure that your contingent leader and VOC Administration are aware of any changes so that they can update your records.

Any medications which you bring to the Venture should be clearly marked with your name, unit and required dosage. These should be kept in a plastic bag or container. Please make sure that you carry any necessary medications with you at all times, e.g. on off-site activities. Venturer Scouts must discuss with their Venture Unit Leader any medication which is being taken or any other health issues. If you have medication for allergies, please keep it with you whenever practical.

Hygiene

Colds and flu can spread quickly at large events like AV2018. To slow their spread, please wash your hands before eating and after using the toilet. Report ALL instances of vomiting or diarrhoea to the first-aid centre immediately – for the sake of the 1000 other people on site.

Closed in shoes must be worn at all times during the Venture. You will not be permitted to participate in activities unless you have the appropriate footwear.

Participants are also encouraged to wear footwear in the shower to prevent transmission of foot diseases.

Health

You will need to drink plenty of fluids, preferably plain water – minimum of 2 litres daily to prevent dehydration. Partying is great, but please get some sleep from time to time to prevent exhaustion. It is also VERY important not to skip meals. Do not try to sleep in your tent during the day on sunny days.

Summer in Queensland is very hot. Do your best to prevent sunburn or heatstroke by wearing protective clothing, a broad brimmed hat plenty of sunscreen (SPF30+) at all times. Sunscreen will be provided at activities and around the site. Remember **“Slip, Slop, Slap & Wrap”**.

Utilise the shade and undercover areas as much as possible and drink plenty of water. Water bottle re-fill points will be provided in two main locations. One near the departure for offsite activities and another one near the activities/arena area.

Welfare

Being at a Venture can be stressful or overwhelming – it is definitely going to be tiring. Your contingent leaders are available if you need a friendly chat. There is also a small team of welfare staff available if you need some more serious advice and support. The welfare team will be based beside the first aid centre.

SITE MAP



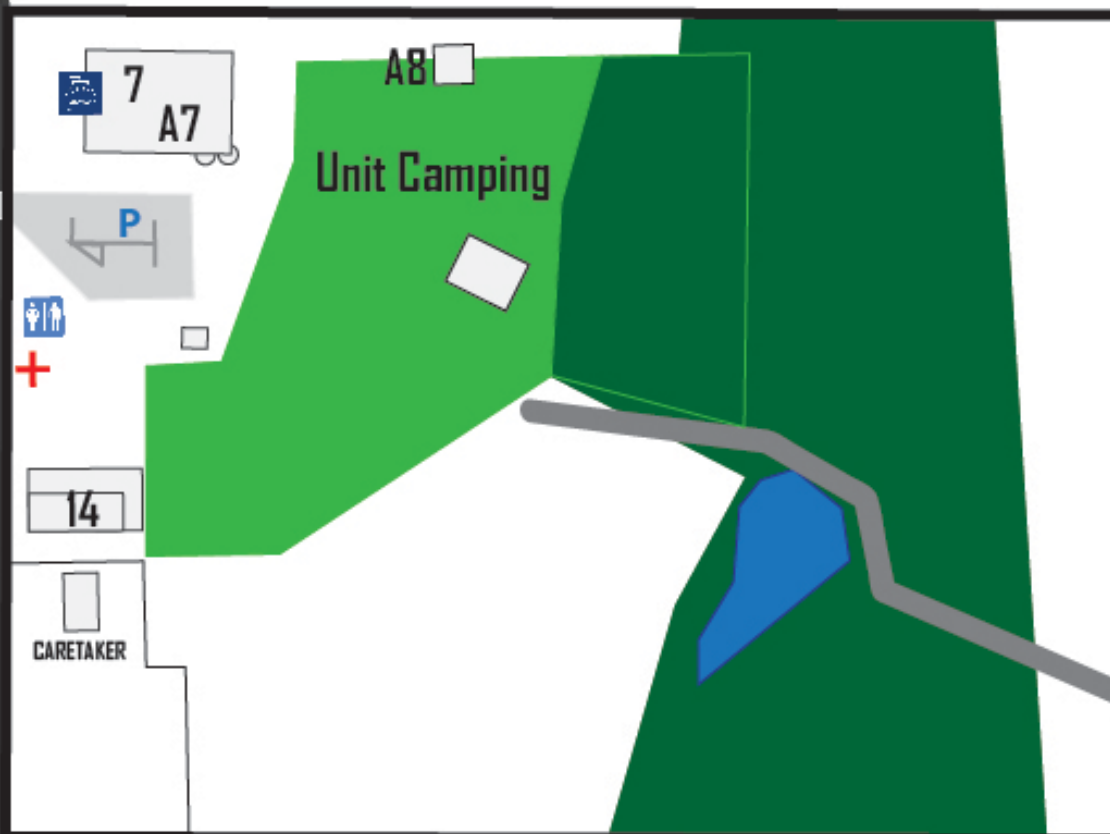


LEGEND

1. Contingent HQ, Store, Admin, Finance & Marketing (Jack Harris Hall)
2. Dining Halls
3. First Aid
4. Pool
5. Stage
6. Café
7. Activities & Laundry
8. Leaders' Retreat
9. Functions Hall
10. Sites & Services
11. Contingents Bunkhouse
12. Staff Leader Camping
13. Contingent Parking
14. Maintenance

ACTIVITIES

- A1. Get Wet
- A2. Get Off the Ground
- A3. Get Fat
- A4. Get Back to Basics
- A5. Get Creative
- A6. Roverscope
- A7. Chill Out Zone
- A8. Get Scored



On-Site Activities

We have heaps of cool activities on site you don't need to book in for – just turn up and have fun! Our daily, on-site program will be the same from Monday 8 Jan through to Friday 12 Jan (easy to remember!).

Our main on-site activities will be open between meal times:

9am – 12pm

2pm – 5pm

Night Time Activities will open at 6.30pm every evening, with entertainment at the arena commencing at 7pm.

Don't forget to check out our team challenges, get together with your mates (from your new unit or home state) and test yourself against our on-site activities. Every evening the winning team from these challenges will get Gold Class seats at the arena's entertainment.

The main on-site activities that we have on offer all fall under several categories:

Get Wet

All things water based, testing your skills on the river. (See A1 on the Site Map).

Get Off the Ground

How long can you spend off the ground? Have a go with our abseiling, rock climbing and other high ropes based activities. (See A2 on the Site Map).

Get Fat

Show off your skills in the kitchen and get the chance to eat what you make. (See A3 on the Site Map).

Get Back to Basics

Test out your Scouting skills with pioneering, navigation, geocaching and tree-planting on site. (See A4 on the Site Map).

Get Creative

Try your hand at our do-it-yourself crafting activities. (See A5 on the Site Map).

Get Scored

See if you can score with our archery. (See A8 on the Site Map).

There's plenty more to do on site as well! Make sure you check out:

Roverscope

Get the chance to meet our wonderful Rover Scouts and spend some time finding out what is waiting for you in the section up. (See A6 on the Site Map).

Chill Out Zone

Our super relaxed Chill Out Zone will be open between 10am and 4pm, and then again between 7.30pm and 11.30pm. Come along and charge your phone, play some board games or just hang out with your new friends. (See A7 on the Site Map).

Always Around

We will always have a selection of balls, dodgeball and our on-site pool available for use.

Off-Site Activities

All Venturer Scouts and Venture Unit Leaders are entitled to attend **two** off-site activities. This can be **one gold** and **one platinum**, OR **two gold** off-site activities.

Platinum activities incur an additional cost and once you have booked and paid for a platinum activity, there will be NO REFUND.

Venture Unit Leaders also get to choose and participate in off-site activities, however please be aware we may ask you to change to help fill staffing needs. Staff leaders can ask to fill a venture unit leader role in an off-site activity the day before the off-site activity takes place. All full-time leaders (unit and staff) are entitled to go on a leader tour.

Once you have arrived back on site after expeditions, you will once again be able to swap activities. Visit the Activities Hub and the team will swap you in or out of any activity. Please understand that we can only work with the spaces available and if an activity is full you won't be able to swap into it. The Activities Hub, open daily till 7pm.

Check the AV2018 website or come on down to the Activities Hub for a full list of activities and see what is available.

Make sure to check in daily to check what time your off-site activity bus will leave each day – it won't wait for you!

Personal Gear Check List

Please ensure all your gear is labelled with your name and Venture unit number! This list is provided as a guide to what you should bring to AV2018. Some expeditions will have specific gear requirements also which you will be advised about via your Expedition Leaders and Venture Unit Leaders. When you arrive at AV2018 you will be able to separate your gear into items you need for your expedition versus what you don't need – please bring a spare bag to do this! Please ensure you bring all your gear in an appropriate bag – rucksack, wheelie bin bag etc – clearly labelled!

Camping Equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tent [lightweight] - each Venturer Scout and adult must have their own one or two-person size tent <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag and inner sheet (it can get cool at night) <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping mat (self-inflatable or roll mat) <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow <input type="checkbox"/> Small personal groundsheet e.g. 2m X 1.5m polytarp; <input type="checkbox"/> Torch or lamp with batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes line (5 metres light line) and pegs	
Clothing	General Gear
<input type="checkbox"/> PJs <input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirts <input type="checkbox"/> Pants / Shorts <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight waterproof jacket <input type="checkbox"/> Changes of underwear <input type="checkbox"/> Socks <input type="checkbox"/> Closed toe shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Crocs or similar for the showers <input type="checkbox"/> Old clothes to get muddy <input type="checkbox"/> Togs (aka bathers and swimmers)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun glasses <input type="checkbox"/> Sun screen <input type="checkbox"/> Nail clippers <input type="checkbox"/> Lip cream <input type="checkbox"/> Personal first-aid kit <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent <input type="checkbox"/> Sun-smart hat <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle <input type="checkbox"/> Refillable cup/mug (if you want a hot drink from the café)
Toiletries	<i>For disease control reasons the VOC will supply disposable cutlery and tableware while participants are at Warrawee.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Day pack <input type="checkbox"/> Towel (for pool/beach/water activities) <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bag for wet gear <input type="checkbox"/> Bag for dirty clothes <input type="checkbox"/> Clothes repair kit <input type="checkbox"/> Camera (to record memories) <input type="checkbox"/> Pad and pen/pencil <input type="checkbox"/> Washing detergent <input type="checkbox"/> Wrist watch
<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Hair brush or comb <input type="checkbox"/> Face washer <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitiser <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo & conditioner <input type="checkbox"/> Soap <input type="checkbox"/> Towel <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant	

Unit Councils

Unit Councils are an essential part of the experience at AV2018 as they allow for reflection at a team and individual level. It facilitates the flow of information to participants and ensures every member of the unit is having a fun and fulfilling time. Subsequently, we encourage units to meet a minimum of once per day at a pre-organised time and location during the expedition phase and onsite.

Unit leaders will facilitate the first unit council which should take place on your first day of expeditions/welcome day. During this meeting, the unit should elect a unit chairman and a deputy unit chairman. If the unit wishes, they can also elect another unit council member such as a secretary. The length of these roles can be determined by the unit and as such you could have the same unit chair for the whole event or a new unit chair every day. It is completely up to you.

Unit leaders should not facilitate the subsequent unit council meetings nor should they partake in the active decision making of the unit councils. The unit leaders are to attend unit council meetings as an advisor, while also distributing information to units in a timely and appropriate manner.

It is encouraged that the unit will facilitate several events during their time at AV2018. These are:

- Daily unit councils - to be organised by the Unit Chairman and Deputy Unit Chairman.
- 2 Scouts' Owns- One during the expedition phase and one during the main camp stage.
- The participation in the Venture Council (Get Involved!) by an elected representative in the unit.

Venture Councils (Get Involved!)

A whole venture council will take place every night except the last night during the on-site stage. This short meeting will provide an opportunity to provide feedback, ask questions and suggest ideas to better the event. It will also be a place to gain information from the staff running the event to take back to your units. The whole venture councils will be facilitated by the two youth advisors. Either the Chairman/deputy chairman or another elected representative of the unit should attend these meetings every night.

Environmental Policy & Rubbish Disposal

As Scouts, we are tasked with caring for the environment around us. Most importantly, leaving an area that we have used the same if not better than we found it. As such, there are a few expectations that we'd like everyone in camp to follow.

There will be sufficient bins around the site to accommodate all the rubbish produced by the event. The organising committee would appreciate that all rubbish that you have is disposed of appropriately by placing it in the correct bin. We also ask that participants be altruistic while attending AV2018 and pick up any rubbish that you see lying on the ground and place it in a bin. ALL sanitary items must be placed in the bins provided, NOT in the toilet system.

AV2018 is also attempting to reduce the amount of waste it produces by opting for reusable and environmentally sustainable products. As such, the committee asks that all participants take into account what gear they are bringing to AV2018, and opt for reusable equipment as opposed to disposable equipment. An example of this is bringing a reusable water bottle from home to the venture as opposed to a plastic disposable bottle. The disposable cutlery and tableware the VOC provides while participants are at Warrawee are intended to be bio-degradable/eco-friendly.

Queensland is a state that relies very heavily on the little water sources that we have. As such, we ask that all participants at the venture be conservative with their water use while visiting our beautiful state. Shower times should not exceed 3 minutes, keep taps turned off when not in use and don't tip good water down the sink.

There will be an opportunity for participants to donate unwanted camping gear to the local Scouting District. Pallets will be provided towards the end of the camp for participants to place unwanted gear.

The local environment should also be cared for, and as such the following provisions should be taken:

- All wildlife on and around the site should not be fed or interfered with in any way. Interactions with animals in camps can lead to animals building a dependence on humans for food and cause animals to become aggressive.
- The site is in a semi-rural area home to a wide variety of plant life. Care should be taken during activities and while moving around the site to not damage any of the on-site vegetation.
- All activities involving potentially harmful environmental chemicals should not take place within 100 metres of any water source. This includes but is not limited to dyes, soaps, paints and oils.

Take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints.

This next section is for

Leaders & Rovers

**This event could not happen if it wasn't for the great Leaders and Rovers
from around the country.**

AV2018 would like to say Thank You!

Feeling Safe – A Message to Leaders and Rovers from AV2018

Everyone in Scouts, youth and adults alike, has the right to feel safe and be protected from abuse. No-one is allowed to threaten you, hurt you or touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or afraid. A Scout is respectful, and this applies to all interactions between all participants, youth and adult, at the Venture.

Youth Members have been advised that they can raise issues with adults at Venture, and that any concerns will be taken seriously and treated appropriately. That message also advises youth members to escalate their concerns if not addressed (you should not discourage this). If you have a concern, or a concern is raised with you, you should raise it with the Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer. All concerns will be taken seriously and dealt with appropriately. The Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer is Gary McDonald. If you are unable to find Gary on site, please ring him on mobile telephone number **0456 680 834**.

If a person discloses abuse to you or you become aware of abuse, YOU MUST report it immediately to the Queensland Police. The Queensland Police Service recommends the use of the Police Link number **131 444** to report incidents unless they are urgent when the triple zero (000) number should be used.

For all child abuse in Queensland, as an adult volunteer in Scouts, you are a mandated notifier under the Scouts Australia Child Protection Policy and Procedures and the Scouts Queensland Child Protection Policy. This means you also have a responsibility to report any concerns that you may have regarding child abuse or neglect to the Queensland Police (or if appropriate Child Safety Services).

It is a requirement that you must make this report yourself - you cannot ask another person to make this report for you. However, if you are required to report, the Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer will be there to support you. If a youth member chooses to raise a child protection issue with you, or if you observe something that causes you to be concerned that a youth member is being abused or neglected, it is your role to:

- Listen to their concerns and be supportive of the youth member;
- Re-assure the youth member that you understand their concerns and that it is not their fault;
- Raise the concern as a priority directly to the Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer.
- Manage the confidentiality of the person who has trusted you with this information by only sharing the information with the people necessary to support the person raising the issue;
- If appropriate, provide the youth member with a relatively private location (separate from the person in respect of whom they have raised their concerns) until the youth member feels comfortable to resume their Venture experience.

- Report your concern or suspicion immediately to the Queensland Police then as soon as possible seek support from the Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer.
- Complete Form F8 Child Abuse Report Form and give it to the Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer.

DO NOT

- Express shock or distress in front of the youth member
- Discuss specific details of the matter over the radio network - if required, ask for the appropriate Venturer Scout member to come to your location;
- Try to investigate or solve the issue. -The Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer will take appropriate steps when they arrive and speak with the youth member;
- Discuss the matter with others outside the chain of people required to be involved with the issue;
- Tell the youth member that you can keep it confidential between you and them;
- Dissuade any young person from making a disclosure or reporting to the next level;
- Speak with the alleged perpetrator regarding the disclosure or the concern;
- Ring the parents.

REMEMBER

- In accordance with the Venture Child Protection Procedure, where you believe a youth member is in imminent danger it is your responsibility to remove them from that danger and make them feel safe, you should immediately report to the Queensland Police then the Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer who will engage with Queensland Police.
- The Venture retains responsibility for subsequently providing an incident report to the appropriate Branch Office.

If you don't know what to do - talk to the Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer, Gary McDonald either in person or by ringing mobile telephone number **0456 680 834**. It is possible that information revealed may be distressing to you. If you feel this is the case, you are encouraged to ask for help from your contingent leader and/or the Venture Child Safe Scouting Officer. They will put you in touch with a Member Support Leader from your contingent or on site.

Off-Site Leaders' Retreat

Tired of that constant drone emanating from the various teenagers around camp? Want to get away from it all for just a little bit of 'Me' time? We have the answer for you! How does a relaxing evening at a local location sound?

We have found a perfect spot for any leader who feels they just need that little break. The Warner Tavern is a fantastic venue with cold drinks, comfy couches and quiet areas for all of you out there who just need that little bit of time to do some people watching and let the night go by at your own pace amidst the hustle and bustle excitement that is AV2018. In the same precinct there is more to offer; a Cold Rock Ice-creamery to satisfy that late night sweet tooth craving and a Coffee Club for a sit and a chat with your newly made friends from different states! Forgotten something? No worries, pick it up at the Woolworths or Aldi before you head back to camp on the shuttle bus running regularly throughout the evening. The Off-site Leaders Retreat is a truly easy way to 'Get Relaxed' and take a moment for yourself.

So, come along for a relaxed evening one night, get to know some new people and get away from those teenagers for just a moment of silence!

Transport

We will run a shuttle bus, times will be posted daily on the notice board. The shuttle bus will run depending on availability and popularity.

Opening Hours

Coffee Club	until 5.30pm
Woolworths	until 9pm
Aldi	until 8pm
Cold Rock	until 9.30
The Warner Tavern	all night

On-Site Leaders' Retreat

Hide. Hide while you still can! Sometimes spending a week with a large group of teenagers is just too much. Maybe it's time that you came and found us at the On-Site Leaders' Retreat for a coffee, biscuit and a leisurely sit while you escape from the busy site around you.

On-Site Leaders' Retreat will have tea, coffee and biscuits and a relaxing area to take a moment of your time, drop in a for a little or a lot at your own leisure!

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VOC Contact

Should you need to contact the VOC during AV2018 (i.e. if you get separated from your unit during expeditions), please call **0467 265 240**. This number will be available day and night from 2 January until 13 January and will be answered by a member of the VOC.

Contingent Leaders

Contingent	Contingent Leader	Contact
Australian Capital Territory	Max McDonell	0404 945 471
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