

Dear members, parents and supporters,

The COVID-19 situation is continuing to evolve here in WA

After consultation with the COVID-19 Action Group, advice from workplaces and the increase in confirmed cases, we recommend **cessation of all face-to-face Scouting from Wednesday 25 March 2020.**

This decision will be reviewed at the end of April 2020

It is important to maintain contact and continuity for the youth members for both their resilience and mental health and their continued scouting Journey during this time but also mention to section leaders that we realise this may have a very real impact on the viability of some groups moving forward, if they lose youth members in this period.

The National Youth Program team are working to assist with programs and resources to be pushed out weekly.

Applications to consider using include; Skype, Zoom, GoTo Meeting. Please also use your social networks and groups (for example Facebook) to collate information and support each other.

I encourage people (youth and leaders) to keep sharing their ingenuity and great ideas with each other – positive, connecting communication is really important at this time!

Joey Leap

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, we understand this may be a particularly challenging time for you, your family, and Scouting.

Based on the guidelines from the Federal and State Governments in relation to large scale events, and in the interests of keeping the community as safe as possible we have had to cancel Joey Leap scheduled for next month.

Depending how the pandemic evolves over the year, we will look to reschedule the event if it is possible. Once we are clearer on when that

will be, our Administration Office team will be in touch to discuss payments.

Joti World Scouting Event

Prepare yourselves for a special worldwide event of Scouting, friends, activities and connections via the internet. 3-5 April see [here](#) for details

Training

The training team has decided to **cease all Adult Training until 30 June 2020**

The training team are planning and focussing on getting the new program's training courses, along with long-term planning for a catch up BOS or allow those that missed out onto the Scouting Adventure weekends depending on numbers.

We wish to inform all those adults who have been waiting for training that they will be provided a further 3 months to complete this due to the Training being unavailable

To group leaders – should you have a leader who has not completed training and received their COAL, who is required to run a section night, please provide a risk management plan to the Branch Commissioner Adult Training and Development for discussion.

The Administration Office

The Administration Office will remain open for as long as possible. Click [here](#) to view the office management plan. We do have a plan to continue our services to our members with staff working from home. You will be notified in the event of Administration Office Staff 'leaving the building'.

Scout Store

The Scout Store will remain open for as long as possible during normal hours with reduced staffing. Should it become necessary to shut down the Scout Store, you will be notified as soon as possible. We will

continue to sell goods on-line and we encourage you to purchase on line from our WA Scout Store click [here](#) if the building is closed.

Caitlin Arcus
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Scouts WA