

Dear Members

Thank you for your continued participation in Scouting within COVID-19 plans. The large number of activities that have been proceeding in a safe and compliant way is truly impressive, and proof of the ingenuity and commitment of everyone involved.

As you may know, the State government has announced that many businesses and community groups will be required to keep a contact register from Saturday, December 5, 2020. While the exact wording of the regulations are yet to be released, we expect that this will include all Scout halls and meetings.

The SafeWA mobile app can be used for this purpose but is not mandatory and alternative forms of the register must be provided for those that do not wish to use it.

The COVID-19 Action Group has advised that Group Leaders and other formation leaders responsible for facilities must:

- Prepare a register that can be completed by all Members (including Leaders) and visitors over the age of 16. An example register is available through <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/covid-19-coronavirus-contact-registers-stakeholder-toolkit>
- Provide enough copies of register at the hall and discuss how it will be completed with your Section Leaders or those responsible for the use of the hall.
- Consider registering as a business (community facility) with the SafeWA app to streamline registration for those that choose to use it. You will be emailed a poster with a QR code that must be displayed at the entrance to your hall. If your group has multiple halls, each business may have multiple venues, which can be registered from within the app.
- Make arrangements for the secure storage (when complete) and destruction (after 28 days) of the written register. (If you use the SafeWA app this will do it automatically)
- Communicate the arrangements for your hall with your Members and users.

As always, activities outside the hall require an R1 risk assessment, and compliance with COVID Safety Plans and precautionary measures including hygiene and physical distancing should be included in those R1s.

Any changes to recommendations will be reviewed by the Scouts WA COVID-19 Action Group and updates provided as indicated.

Please contact your District Commissioner or Regional Chief Commissioner with any questions

Please note that entry procedures for the Administration Office and Scout Store will remain the same ie you will be required to sign in at reception for entry to the Administration Office and you will be required to sign in at the Scout Store if you are visiting the store only. Please note that the App will not be used at this location.

Regards

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Chief Commissioner