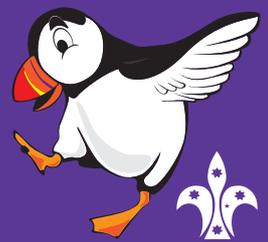


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CONTINGENT LEADERS MESSAGE

Wow, there has been so much going on with the Contingent in the past few months!

We have been working hard on finalising numbers and starting to locking in things like flights, accommodation, merchandise, etc. It is all starting to become very real!

One of the things you need to do as we get closer to the event is making sure you read all the emails and newsletters very carefully. There is a lot going on so it's critical you keep up to date with the latest information. Also, if we ask you to do something (like log into the registration system) please do it as soon as possible. There are lots of people who still haven't added their merchandise info into the system even though it has been there for nearly 2 months!

Also, please make sure you stay up to date with your payments. We have already had to withdraw some people from the Contingent because they didn't make their payments on time.

Finally, you are about to embark upon an incredible adventure with nearly 450 other Rovers from across Australia. It's been said at times that Rovers are boring, even lazy, but this trip is proof those stereotypes aren't true! Make sure you get out there and let everyone know that 450 of us are travelling to the other side of the world for this once in a lifetime experience! Upload a photo to Facebook with the hashtag #wsm2017 and we'll re-share it on the Contingent page.

Until next time,

Kusi

WELFARE UPDATE

The welfare team has now taken shape. We have on board Rik, a Venturer and Scout Leader with 15 years experience, and Clare, who has worked extensively in adult and youth mental health. They're here to help and support you in having a healthy and happy experience.

To best support you on the trip they need any medical, mental health or dietary conditions that you may have. PLEASE check your medical information (in the [registration system](#)) and enter all medical issues, mental health conditions, medications and dietary requirements.

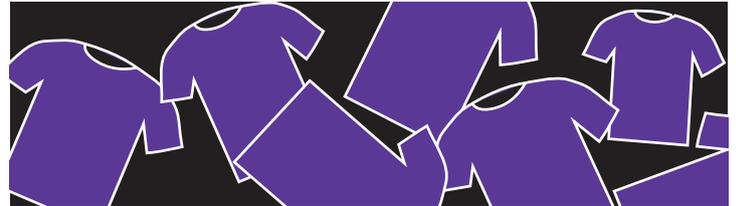
Rik and Clare have started contacting participants who have more complex medical or welfare needs. Please be open and honest about your conditions so that we can provide the

best care possible during the Moot. If you have any queries or anything you would like to discuss, please contact Rik at rik@wsm2017.com or Clare at clare@wsm2017.com

REGISTRATION SYSTEM UPDATES

Since the registration system went live there have been a few additions outlined below. Please jump online and update these now- <https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au/>

Merchandise



By now you've hopefully heard about the Australian Contingent Merchandise. As part of the contingent you will receive:

- 2x Contingent Polo Shirt
- 1x Contingent Jacket
- 2x Contingent Badges

Please use the [LINK](#) above to fill-in and check your sizes by the **7th December 2016** at the latest.

You can also purchase additional Polo Shirts & Badges as swap items at Moot. If you do wish to do this please go to the "Optional Merchandise" tab. We need your additional orders in by **15th January 2017** at the latest. We don't want you missing out!

Expeditions



You are now able to enter your expedition preferences in the system under the 'Additional Information' tab. You will need to rank each of the expedition options from 1 to 3 in order of your preference (with 1 being your first preference). The themes are as follows:

- Physical activities and adventure (A)
- Culture and community involvement (C)
- Nature and environment (N)



For example, if Adventure was your first preference, Community was your second and Nature was your third you would select "1: Adventure, 2: Community, 3: Nature" from the drop-down menu in the system.

You will also need to rank your preference for "Physical activities and Adventure" from 1 to 3 (with 1 being your first preference). If you were extremely fit and wanted to spend your expedition in the Icelandic wilderness you would choose A3 as your first preference, but if you were interested in a more relaxing expedition with maybe an easy day walk you would choose A1. More information is available in the [registration system](#).

Remember, you will not be able to choose a particular expedition - you will be assigned to an expedition Centre by the Moot Team based on your program preferences.

For more info on the Phase 1 program check out - <http://worldscoutmoot.is/program/expeditions/>

Travel Details

There is a new area in the Travel Details page for your City of Birth. This is important for our SmartTraveller registration and must be completed by all participants.

IST Job Preferences / Skills

The Moot Committee will do their best to respect your preferences for IST jobs. The earlier you get these preferences in the better chance you'll get your allocation. It will also be super helpful if you record any skills you have from your day to day life / job, that way they can utilise you in the best role. There is more information on IST jobs further in the newsletter.

PAYMENTS

A reminder that keeping on top of your payments is a vital part of being part of the Australian Contingent. We have provided a payment plan to help with this, however if these lump sums are too much you are more than welcome to make monthly, fortnightly or weekly payments or whenever you're able to.

All you need to do is go into the system and select "Additional Payment" and enter the amount you would like to pay. You can pay the whole amount up front if that's your preference.

Please make sure you put these dates in your calendar and set a reminder for yourself so you are aware of what amount is owed by the due dates.

Date	Moot Only	Moot + Pre OR Post Tour	Moot + Both Tours
Deposit with Application	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
1st Oct 2016	\$500	\$750	\$1,500
1st Dec 2016	\$500	\$750	\$1,500
1st Feb 2017	\$500	\$750	\$1,500
1st April 2017	All Remaining Fees: \$380	All Remaining Fees : Pre Tour \$2605 Post Tour \$840	All Remaining Fees: \$1565

PASSPORTS



It's very important you check your passport expiry date NOW! If you're an Aussie Passport holder you must have minimum 6 months from when you're due back in the country – that is February 2018 for most people.

Passport expires before then? You will need to fill in the Passport Renewal Form and follow the instructions.

If you don't have a Passport, please organise this ASAP. Although the physical processing of the passport only takes a couple of weeks, getting all the essential documents can take longer. You don't want to stressing the month before you fly out because you don't have your Passport. Imagine getting denied boarding and not getting a refund on your flights or your Moot fee. That would suck!

For those that have never had a Passport or it has already



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expired, fill in the Application for New Passport and follow the instructions.

We require your passport details no later than **1 February 2017**.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Please note we are now within dates that charge a fee for cancellations. Although it would be sad to see you no longer join us in Iceland, we know sometimes life happens. However as we need to pay for some things in advance there are fees. The withdrawal policy is below.

Date	Refund Amount
Up until 31st October 2016	Full Refund
1st November – 31st December 2017	Full Refund less \$1000
1st January – 31st March 2017	Full Refund less \$2000
1st April 2017 onwards	No Refund – may be subject to claiming on Travel Insurance

ACCOMMODATION

We have had a couple of questions about what accommodation is included. The moment you join the Contingent (see the dates on page 5) your accommodation is looked after. This includes everyone doing any of the Pre Tours – your accommodation in Iceland is sorted. You only need to worry about bringing a tent for during your time at Moot.

For those that are planning to be in Reykjavik for a couple of nights before or after the official Contingent dates, you will need to make your own arrangements.

You can choose to stay at a hotel or hostel of your choice. Alternatively, the Moot Organising Committee are arranging for spaces in local schools which you can book for your personal use.

Please note: there is no guarantee that you will be placed with other Australian Contingent members as there are various school locations in and around Reykjavik.

You can book these beds here - <http://travel.worldscoutmoot.is/scout-accommodation-in-reykjavik>

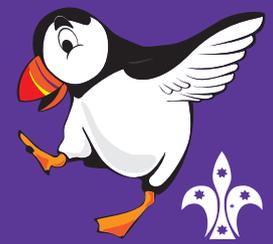
PACKING LIST

When you pack for your trip to Iceland do absolutely include:

- Backpack; minimum 60litres that is light & comfortable. Suitcases are not appropriate.
- Smaller backpack; suitable for day trips.
- Tent; suitable for an Icelandic summer – a minimum three season tent for Australia. It needs to be able to withstand strong winds and heavy rain.
- Sleeping bag; comfortable for 0°C
- Thin insulated mattress
- Water bottle; warm and cold
- Mess-kit; plate, bowl, mug, knife, fork and spoon.
- First aid kit (remember Band-Aids and second skin for blisters etc.) and personal medication
- Sunglasses
- Sun-screen. Even if you have dark skin or do not normally burn in the sun, please bear in mind that the sun in Iceland is strong due to the northern location of the country.
- Fly net; protects your face from the huge Icelandic flies.
- Clothing:
 - Scout uniform
 - Shorts
 - T-shirts
 - Swimsuit and towel
 - Warm wool or fleece underwear, long sleeve and long trouser
 - Wool mixture socks (min. 70% wool)
 - Warm sweaters (wool, fleece or primaloft)
 - Rain Jacket & Pants; at the minimum waterproof for 5.000 mm. A poncho is not useful.
 - A warm hat and gloves.
 - Trousers for hiking. Jeans are not useful.
 - A minimum of two pairs of wool mixture hiking socks (min. 70% wool, non-cotton)
 - Good and walked in hiking boots, waterproof, with good ankle support.
 - Light shoes to wade in if you are doing any hiking.
 - Sleeping mask (sunrise will be about 4.30am every morning).

Basic facilities will be available at the Úlfjótuvatn Scout Centre for washing clothes.

Please be aware that no alcohol or illegal substances are allowed on site or to be used during the Moot, in accordance to Icelandic law on the operations of youth organizations and the practices of Icelandic Scouting. There is a zero tolerance policy in this matter; anyone in possession of alcohol or illegal substances will be immediately expelled from the Moot.



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TRAVEL INSURANCE

Scouts Australia Travel Insurance will cover Contingent members travelling overseas. The PDS and details of what this policy covers can be found in your online application under the "Travel Details" tab.

This travel insurance will cover you two days prior to joining the Contingent and two after leaving the Contingent, your travel to and from Australia is covered with this.

Please note that this Travel Insurance does not cover anyone doing any personal travel and as advised by the Australia Government you should purchase additional Travel Insurance to cover you for your time outside of Australia.

"If you can't afford travel insurance, you can't afford to travel."

IST : INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM

IST will be expected to work 6-8 hours a day doing either one shift or two split shifts with one full day off.

There will be six areas of service for IST to a part of. Each IST member will be given three preferences for their service area and you can choose these through the online registration, while your preferences will be taken into consideration please keep in mind that not everyone may get what they have requested.

M01: Program (Expedition, Alþingi and IST)

- Expedition Centres (will be in 11 locations in Iceland) will focus on three program areas.
- Alþingi at Ulfljotsvatn Scout Centre, with five core program villages as well as other program items.
- Global Development village: activities by non-scouting organizations in regard to making the world a better place.
- International Day: walk in activities in the morning, and setting up the international market to be operated in the afternoon.

M02: Food and Trading:

Scout Shop, food shop, food-distribution, IST canteen, IST cafés and participants café, Food houses.

M03: Infrastructure and Logistic:

Transportation, sub camp operations, technical dept, infrastructure, site management.

M04: Safety and first aid:

Onsite and offsite safety and security, onsite and offsite first aid, medical professionals, lifeguards, listening ear.

M05: Organization, operation and communication:

Registration and information, simultaneous interpretation, translation, media, HR office and other operational support.

M06: Tribe Advisor + second or third choice:

Advisors are members of the CMT or IST that work with the participants to support their educational experience at the Moot. They travel and camp with the tribes, but do not join in the patrol or tribe program. Each patrol and tribe also selects leaders among the participants themselves, that are responsible for the daily operation of the teams. There will be one advisor assigned to each Tribe, with two advisors working together as a pair. The aim is to have one Icelander and one non-Icelander in each pair of advisors.

Advisors should be individuals with a strong background in Scouting for young adults. The advisor role is a 25-30 % function, therefore advisors will need to undertake other CMT or IST responsibilities to fill a full service function.

IST Social program

The IST program will include a lot of interesting activities like hikes, sporting events, safari sessions, campfires, discussion forums, IST café, morning-yoga, offsite swimming pool trips, relaxing sessions, and much more. Selected participants program items will be run specifically for the IST. IST members are also welcome to join in most of the general evening program. There will also be room for events and program created on site by the IST program team and ISTs themselves. There will be therefore be plenty of fun and exciting things to do during the off hours.

IST Training

All ISTs are expected to take a Safe from Harm online training course and a general IST online training prior to their arrival. Upon arrival at the Moot site, ISTs will receive an on-site IST training. Those who have not taken the General IST Online Training will be able to take it on site upon arrival.



ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES

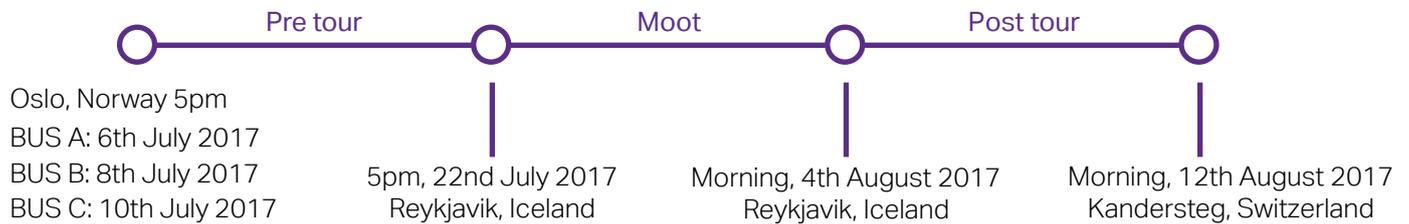
A reminder that it is the responsibility of all Contingent Members to make their own way to the meeting point in each city and make their own way back to the airport.

If you are catching a flight while with the Contingent – for example Pre Tour to Iceland or Iceland to Post tour – your airport transfers and flights will be arranged.

Rovers



IST (International Service Team)



MEET THE TEAM (CONTINUED)



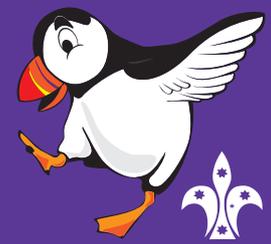
Liz: Marketing & Communication Manager

Liz started International Scouting in 2007 at the World Jamboree in England and was hooked from there. With Iceland to be her fifth international event under her Scouting belt. She has been looking after the promotion and marketing for the Contingent, looking after the social media side of things (yes all those Icelandic horses) and getting Contingent communication out for you.



Liam: Web & Iceland logistics

Liam has been involved at many different levels of Scouting over the past few years and has been to his fair share of Australian Jamborees. Becoming jealous of all his friends at the last World Moot in 2013, he opened his eyes to International Scouting at the World Jamboree in Japan in 2015 and is now helping organise the logistics of the Contingent including accommodation and transport in Iceland.



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Rik: Welfare

Rik has been a leader for 15 years, and has been involved in many state and national contingents. The World Moot will be Rik's third international Scouting event. He has a passion for photography as well as adventurous activities. Rik's aims to ensure everyone enjoys the Moot to the fullest.

To discuss any welfare concerns with Rik please email him at rik@wsm2017.com or call 0414 778 594



Delshard: IST co-ordinator

Delshard might be hard to find living on the West Coast, but that hasn't stopped him from enjoying Scouting at many different levels. International Scouting has opened his eyes for the last few years, and as the International Commissioner for WA, he's been a big supporter of Scouts getting involved with International experiences. Recently booted from Rovers, Delshard will be joining the Contingent Team as the IST Liason, to help ensure that all IST have a great experience.

YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM US AGAIN SOON!

We'll be keeping in touch frequently via email so we can make sure you're up to date with everything that's going on. Please make sure you check your email regularly and respond quickly if we need information from you!

Watch out for the following newsletters around these dates:

- Newsletter 3: March 2017
- Newsletter 4: June 2017



Clare: Welfare

Clare has worked extensively in adult and youth mental health. When not working, she has been known to chase the northern lights in Alaska and hike through New Zealand. Clare is happy to talk with anyone who has worries or concerns about managing any aspects of the Moot.

If you would look like to discuss your welfare concerns with Clare please email her at clare@wsm2017.com

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