



Welcome to the Joey Scout Section of Taroonna Scouts



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So what is Joey Scouts about?

It's your Hop into Scouting!

Our aim is to provide a safe, fun, learning environment for young boys and girls, from 6 to 8 years, and to be the very first link in a path to adventure and fulfilment through Scouting.

Trained Joey Scout Leaders guide a Joey Scout Mob of approximately 12 boys and girls as they learn to share and care for each other in a social environment.



Our Joeys do exciting things, like going bushwalking, visiting a fire station, visiting other Mobs, playing fun games, cooking on campfires, bushcraft skills, performing scientific experiments and learning about the world around us and how we can fit in and contribute.

Joey Scouts are also encouraged to express themselves creatively, through games, stories and craft activities. Building monsters and spaceships from scrap items, growing plants from seedlings or singing songs together all develop a strong sense of belonging.

Beginning your journey with Taroonna Joey Scouts

Taroonna Joey Scouts meet on a Monday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm during school term at the Taroonna



Community Cottage (which we call the "Joey Hut") at the back of the playground on Batchelor Way, Taroonna.

Please drop your Joey off at 5:20pm for the 5:30pm start. Pick up is from the Joey Hut unless otherwise advised.

Your child will attend Joey Mob meetings for around 4 weeks so that they (and you) can learn how the Joey section operates and gain an understanding of what is involved in being a Joey Scout. If they enjoy their experience and wish to become a Joey, they will then be "invested" which is when they make their Joey Scout Promise and receive the badges, scarf and woggle for the uniform (these are supplied by the Group).

You will be advised of the "Investiture Ceremony" so that you can organise a shirt for your Joey (this can be purchased from the Scout Shop online or from the Launceston store) and be present. Photos can be taken.

Once you and your child decide to join and your child is invested, you will be invoiced a fee. This covers your Scout membership for 12 months from the joining date. The fee includes a 'Branch Membership Fee' (which covers insurance, administrative costs and membership of Scouts TAS, Scouts Australia and the World Scout Movement) and a "Group Fee" which helps cover the expenses of running the Tarooma Scout Group.

What to take to Mob meetings

Joey Scouts (once invested) wear a Joey Scout shirt and a group scarf and woggle so everyone knows they are Joey Scouts. A Joey Scout Mob is part of a larger Scout Group, so they wear the same scarf as all the older members of that Group - the Cub Scouts, the Scouts, the Venturers, Rovers, and even the Leaders.

We ask that parents send their Joeys to Mob meetings with a drink bottle. In the winter months we ask that Joeys bring a torch (a head torch is best) so that we can have fun activities outside in the dark.

Communication

Significant communications are sent to parents via email. We may on occasion send you a text message if there is an unexpected change of plans or if we wish to provide a further reminder. We also have a Facebook Group called "Tarooma Joey Scouts" <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/696350430477715/> The Facebook Group is a place where Joey Scout Leaders and Joey parents can post photos, questions, create events and share their Joey's experiences. It is a closed group and is restricted to Tarooma Scout Group Leaders and the families of Tarooma Joey Scouts.

I hope your Joey enjoys his/her time with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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THE JOEY SCOUT MOTTO

(HOP)

Help Other People



THE JOEY SCOUT LAW

A Joey Scout **cares**
A Joey Scout **shares**