

Sydney North Region Joey Fun Day 2026 Cockatoo Island

Activities

The Sydney North Region Joey Fun Day 2026 will see joey scouts travel using different modes of public transport, including a ferry ride to and from Cockatoo Island. Joeys will explore Cockatoo Island following the Guide Booklet and meet for a picnic lunch. The day stands to be fun and exciting.

Joeys will be eligible for blanket badges as follows:

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Out & About



if travelled as a Patrol or Unit using 2/3 different modes of transport (e.g. Bus, train, tram & (of course) ferry. Note: may use 1 mode of travel to ferry and a different mode to go home.

Itinerary Cockatoo Island

Register at Visitor Centre from 10:00 am to receive Day-Tour Booklet

Patrols to explore Island at own pace, visiting the many historical sites, as per the booklet.

Joeys to assemble for lunch from 12:30 pm

Organisers will depart Cockatoo Island approx. 3:00pm. It is expected joeys will leave then or earlier. Any unit/patrol/joey departing prior to 3:00pm, please inform organisers.

Cost

- Cost is \$12-50 per joey (includes Tour Booklet and badges)
- \$2-50 per other person (leader, adult helper, parent/carer, cub/scout/venturer, non-scout)
- Public transport fares (OPAL card) are extra :maximum on Sunday \$4-80 per child #9-65 per adult,

Travelling

Joey Units will assemble at a place nominated by JSL to travel by public transport to Cockatoo Island, allowing sufficient time to arrive about 10:00 am.

Ferries are available from Circular Quay (20 minute ride) and Barangaroo (10 minute ride), departing about every 30 minutes. Ferries also operate from various wharves along Parramatta River; for more information, go to <https://www.cockatooisland.gov.au/en/visit-us/plan-your-trip/>

Staffing

We need to maintain a ratio of 1 adult (leader/ or adult helper) per 5 joey scouts (1:5). However, it is expected that at least 1 adult per family will accompany joeys.

Wear

- Joeys and leaders should wear uniform
- All persons must wear closed comfortable walking shoes. Paths/trails at Cockatoo Island may be uneven/bumpy.
- Hat

Bring

- **Packed picnic lunch.** There are food stalls at Cockatoo Island, but as it is public space, it is likely to be crowded with long queues.
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen

Feeling Safe at the Sydney North Region Joey Fun Day

Everyone in Scouts, youth and adults alike have the right to feel safe and be protected from abuse.

A Scout is respectful, and this applies to all interactions between all participants, staff and other visitors at Cockatoo Island.

You do not have to deal with abuse on your own. If you feel unsafe, threatened, or you see/hear something that causes you concern, please speak to a Leader. Your concerns will be taken seriously. The information you provide will be shared with people who can support and protect you.

If you don't know what to do – speak to one of the organisers - Jim Baldwin, Lindy Muir or Lyn Mann.

If, for any reason, you do not feel the concerns of this nature which you raised at the Region Fun Day have been satisfactorily dealt with, please report your concerns directly to the Child Protection Team at the NSW State Office on 02 9735 9000 or via ChildProtection@nsw.scouts.com.au or your parents.

Payment & Refund Policy

All applications with a status of Submitted, Received or Accepted as of the closing date will be considered as attending and must be paid for.

No refunds will be offered for withdrawn applications after the closing date unless there are exceptional circumstances that will be considered by the Region Commissioner Joey Scouts. Withdrawals prior to the closing date will be entitled to a refund. Any refunds, if approved, will be subject to a \$5 per family processing fee.

Event Cancellation Policy

Fun Day will be cancelled in the event of an emergency (fire, ferry/boating accident, extreme weather, etc). While we are confident that Fun day 2026 will go, we are subject to the restrictions placed on us by outside influences. In the event of having to cancel the Region Joey Fun Day, we will refund all payments to participants, except for a \$5 per family administration fee to cover costs incurred in planning the event.