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Dear Member,

We want to let you know about an important decision about Jamborette 2020.

Tracey Stopps, RC Scouts, and I have been monitoring the information provided by government authorities including the Federal and State Departments of Health, as well as the Scouts NSW COVID-19 Taskforce to plan for any health, safety and welfare risks, and make appropriate, informed decisions for this year's Jamborette.

Following the announcement late last week, by the World Health Organisation (WHO) that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been defined as a pandemic and the subsequent recommendation from the Prime Minister that all non-essential gatherings of more than 500 people be cancelled from 16 March, we are writing to advise you that Jamborette 2020 is cancelled.

This has been a disappointing decision for us to make, but it is important that we follow the guidelines from the government, which are based on expert health advice and are designed to reduce community transmission of COVID-19 in Australia. We believe that we must do all that we can to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our community which at this time calls for us to minimise gatherings.

We want to assure you that while the decision was not an easy one, based on the information at hand and the unprecedented conditions surrounding the virus outbreak, it is the correct one.

We know that you may have questions about Jamborette and if you do, please feel free to contact us by email tracey.stopps@nsw.scouts.com.au

Updates and information about Scouting and the COVID-19 can be found on the [Health and Safety](#) page of the Scouts NSW website. Should you have any additional questions about this matter that have not been addressed by the information on the website, please direct all enquiries via email to feedback@nsw.scouts.com.au.

At the heart of all that we do in Scouting is the safety and wellbeing of our members, we want to thank you for your understanding.

We look forward to seeing you again next year's at Jamborette.

Yours in Scouting

David Stopps
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