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District 21 - Central Coast

Freemasons to the Rescue



Freemasons on the Central Coast (FotCC) supplied 1st Avoca Beach Scouts with 34 personal floatation devices (lifejackets) and 42 new paddles to help relaunch their activities after a trying year.

Like many of us, the Scouts had been restricted to virtual meetings for the last ten months. A tough situation for an organisation based around practical outdoor activity! When they were finally able to resume meetings, a safety inspection of their gear revealed that some of it was in dire need of replacement due to lack of use. It was then that Freemasons on the Central Coast came to the rescue!

\$3,706

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The leadership of the group reached out to FotCC and explained their predicament. In response, FotCC donated lifejackets in a selection of sizes for different age groups, each emblazoned with the name of the troop (which will come in very handy at the next regatta!) along with new paddles of various styles to replace those which were in danger of breaking due to age or wear.



To present the new gear, FotCC were invited to a Scout meeting on 14 December. The evening commenced with a parade at which Chairman Geoff Bown and Director James Noble presented the gear to Group Leader Peter Oliver. The donation was celebrated with a rousing BRAVO! and a great rush to the water to put it all to the test!



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