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Footballer Kicks Scouting Goal

Many years of commitment to Scouting came to fruition recently when Willetton teenager Tom Bowey achieved the prestigious Queen's Scout Award, the highest level of achievement in the Venturer Scout section. The award challenges teenagers to set and achieve personal goals while requiring a strong sense of community spirit and Tom exemplifies these qualities.

A keen footballer for many years, Tom volunteered as the assistant coach for the Perth Demons under 15s development team. He has played in a series of development teams for East Fremantle and is currently a member of their Colts team. Outside of football, Tom enjoys performing on stage, appearing in a number of stage shows including Grease, Peter Pan and the Youth on Health Drama Fest. He learnt latin and ballroom dancing for the Queen's Scout Award, as well as aerial skills at the WA Circus School in Fremantle.

Scouting is a family activity for Tom, with his whole family involved in one way or another. Tom said that undertaking the award taught him valuable time management skills and he appreciated the encouragement shown to him by his Leaders.

The Queen's Scout award is designed to contribute to the development of young people by challenging them to achieve their personal best in a range of areas including leadership development, personal growth, adventurous activities and community development. The award is available to Venturer Scouts, being both male and female Scouts aged 14 to 17 years. Venturer Scouts differ from many other youth organisations in that the youth members organise activities themselves with adults participating in supporting and advisory roles.

Tom's award will be presented by His Excellency Malcolm McCusker AO CVO QC, Governor and Chief Scout of Western Australia, at Scouting's annual Founders Day and Youth Awards presentation on Sunday, 19 February 2012.



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The Scout Movement is a growing worldwide organisation with over 31 million members. Scouts Australia is a youth development organisation and offers members the opportunity to acquire values, skills and lasting friendships that enable them to become respected citizens who make a positive contribution to our society. Scouting is committed to providing activities that are intellectually and physically stimulating and challenging. Based on the principles of youth development and leadership the Scout Movement delivers a fun and adventurous program of activities to young people aged 6 to 26 throughout Australia. Famous Scouts include Rove McManus, Dick Smith, Jamie Durie, Dr Geoff Gallop and Dr Brendan Nelson.

For further information on Scouts go to www.scoutswa.com.au.

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