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Prestigious Award for Adventurous Scout

On Sunday 19th of February 2012 Greenwood resident Ian Harmer was with presented the Baden Powell Scout Award by His Excellency Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC, at Government House. Ian, 26, is a Rover Scout, the oldest youth section of the Scouting movement, catering for young adults 18 - 26 years old, and the BPSA is the organisation's highest youth award. Members of the section are responsible for their own adventure and skill building and the Baden Powell Scout Award is the culmination of years of commitment and training for Ian.

For the award Ian also chose to learn how to weld, using his new skill to build an articulated 8 seater bike which he and his Rover Crew pedalled in the Freeway Bike Hike for Asthma, and Rotary's Kinetic Sculpture Race.

Ian also explored his adventurous side by completing a drive to Mount Augustus, 852km north of Perth, followed by a hike to the summit. Although he has severe sleep apnoea, Ian was determined that it would not limit his life and prepared for the complication of requiring an electrically powered CPAP machine in a remote area. In order to make the drive as much of a challenge as the hike to the summit, the 4WD tracks to Mt Augustus were completed in his Hyundai Excel, accompanied by 4WD support vehicles.

Ian also completed 18 months of service to the Scouting community by assisting with maintenance at Scouting's Manjedal adventure camp near Byford.

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



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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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