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Scout Community Involvement Rewarded

Many years of commitment to Scouting came to fruition recently when Warwick teenager Scott Trethowen 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 Scott exemplifies these qualities.

Community involvement is a big part of Scott's life. As part of the award he coordinated the Greenwood Uniting Church's involvement in the 40 hour famine, raising a church record \$4000 in the process. Scott also volunteered as a junior leader at a camp run by the church for 300 kids. A keen violinist for many years, he performed in a number of concerts. He then set himself the challenge of learning the viola and was rewarded with a scholarship to the WA Youth Orchestra. Scott also enjoyed working as part of a team on his Venturer Unit's rally car, competing in off-road driver training events run by Scouts Australia and winning the event at their second attempt.

Scott is the third member of the Trethowen family to achieve the Queen's Scout Award, following in the steps of his two older brothers. He credited his parents with encouraging him to complete the challenges he had set for himself and said that undertaking the award taught him valuable goal setting skills.

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.



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Scott's award was 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.

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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