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## World Association of Scout Movement (WOSM)

There are more than 28 million Scouts, boys, girls and adults, in 216 countries.

Scouting is an investment with long-term potential.

The values and skills that young people acquire last a lifetime.



**SCOUTS**  
Creating a Better World



# Vision, Aim, Principles and Goals

## ***Vision***

Tomorrow's citizens and leaders, using Scouting values for life.

## ***Aim of Scouting***

The Aim of Scouting is to encourage the social, physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as a member of their local, national and international community.

## ***Principles***

The Principles of Scouting, as identified by the founder Lord Baden-Powell, are that Scouts serve their God, act in consideration of the needs of others and develop and use their abilities to the betterment of themselves, their families and the community in which they live.

## ***Goals***

Scouts Australia has set the following goals:

- To provide challenging accredited programs to the youth of Australia, which are recognised and valued by the community and government.
- To promote Scouting to the community on the basis of the high quality and relevance of its methodology and programs.
- To have an increasingly male and female membership which reflects the social and cultural mix of the community.
- To carefully select and train adult leaders on the basis of standards that are recognisable and measurable.
- To have the community recognise, support and value the role of Scouting and its activities.
- To be recognised by the community as being responsive to community youth issues.
- To be recognised and consulted as a major contributor to establishing priorities and determining policies on community youth issues.
- To have a high profile portraying a quality way of life.
- To acquire and maintain adequate human, physical and financial resources, which are used to the best advantage of Scouting and the community.
- To provide opportunities for its members to participate in international activities.
- To provide maximum support for the development of World Scouting particularly in the Asia-Pacific Region.

# Purpose

In pursuing the foregoing we contribute to the education of youth through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

# Values

## Scout Promise

On my honour,  
I promise that I will do my best,  
to do my duty to my God  
and to Australia,  
to help other people,  
and to live by the Scout Law

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On my honour,  
I promise that I will do my best,  
to do my duty to my God  
and to the Queen of Australia,  
to help other people,  
and to live by the Scout Law

# Commitment

## Joey Scout Law

A Joey Scout Cares  
A Joey Scout Shares

## Cub Scout Law

Cub Scouts are loyal and obedient  
Cub Scouts do not give in to themselves

## Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy  
A Scout is loyal  
A Scout is helpful  
A Scout is friendly  
A Scout is cheerful  
A Scout is considerate  
A Scout is thrifty  
A Scout is courageous  
A Scout is respectful  
A Scout cares for the environment

# Chief Commissioner

Scouting continues to flourish in Western Australia. Stimulating and challenging programs for youth members of all ages continue to be delivered by dedicated and selfless Leaders, adult helpers and supporters of Scouting across the state. After the stunning growth of the previous three years, which resulted in an increase in membership of approaching 40 per cent over that period, we achieved “modest”, but still excellent growth of better than seven per cent in youth and Leader numbers.

A sample of highlights from the 2009–10 reporting year include:

- Branch Commissioner Scouts, Vern Casey presented the first Australian Scout Medallion awarded to the Broome Group to Scout Travis Eaton in May.
- Also in May and still in the Kimberley region, the Djarindjin-Lombadina Sea Scout Group was launched.
- Still in May, 130 Scouts and Leaders participated in the 19th “Rottneest Invasion” – a two-day litter collecting and environmental blitz (for the island’s betterment).
- Over 130 competitors participated in “Mission Impossible 09”, held at the Julimar Reserve near Bindoon, over the Foundation Day long weekend in June. The MI Shield was won by the “Homicidal Psycho Jungle Cats” team.
- In June, we welcomed new sections – Joey Scouts at the Newman Scout Group and Cub Scouts and Scouts at the Porongurup Scout Group.
- The two-day “Master Mariners Competition” resulted in Canning Sea Scouts being awarded the Scout Shield; Canning Venturers won the Venturer Shield; and Pelican Point Rover Crew secured the Rover Oar.
- In July, a contingent of 11 Scouts paid a return visit to Singapore to participate in a Scouting Cultural Exchange and we have been honoured with a special invitation to participate in the 2010 Singapore Jamboree as part of the Singapore sub-camp.
- The Branch’s 100th Annual General Meeting was held in July and was a memorable event. Life Memberships were presented to Fay Hall, Brian Court and, though unable to be present, Shirley Robinson and Chris Williams.
- In July, we welcomed the New Venturer Unit at the Broome Scout Group and the Cub Scout “Starboard Pack” at the Salter Point Sea Scout Group.
- A lively and energetic Branch Revue was held in July and involved Girl Guides as well as Scouts.
- Michelle Baker became the inaugural member of

the 1<sup>st</sup> Lone Rover Crew.

- A second very successful annual “Nighthawk”, centred on Pinjarra, was held in August and attracted over 440 Scouts from metropolitan and country Groups. Waylen Bay “Albuquerque” Patrol won the Perpetual Shield.
- In August, the Scout Heritage Centre celebrated 30 years of developing an outstanding collection that provides an engaging account of Scouting life over the past century.
- At the end of August, 1,200 Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts had a wonderful “Zoo Day”, making quite an impact on the Zoo for the day.
- More new sections – Scouts at the Capel Scout Group and a Joey Scout Mob at the Mullaloo Sea Scout Group.
- In September, Australind Scouts won the 23rd Cargeeg Challenge Shield competition.
- The annual “Trek-a-bout” was well attended by Scouts, Girl Guides, Leaders and families in September, despite threatening weather.
- On 20 September, 247 Leaders and supporters attended the Adult Recognition Awards presentation at a special luncheon at Government House Ballroom, where 138 Leaders and supporters were acknowledged for their commitment to Scouting. Vern Casey was presented with the highest accolade, the Silver Kangaroo, by Professor The Hon David K Malcolm AC QC KCSJ, Lieutenant Governor of Western Australia and President of the Scouts Australia, WA Branch.
- The Perth Royal Show in September was again a wonderful opportunity to showcase Scouting and more than 17,000 people of all ages visited the Scouts WA exhibit.
- In mid September, 170 Joey Scouts participated in the annual Joey Scout Campfire.
- Also in September, centenary certificates, signed by the Chief Scout of Australia, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce AC, Governor General of Australia, were presented to the Kalgoorlie Scout Group and the Boulder Scout Group.



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- Around 20 teams, including one that had travelled from Victoria, participated in the Rover's ever-popular "Bush Baja", with guests treated to four spectacular events.
- Another successful Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA/JOTI) was held in October.
- In October, 64 Gilwellians (Leaders who hold the Wood Badge) enjoyed a day and evening of fellowship at Manjedal.
- The Southern River Scout Group was welcomed in November.
- One thousand four hundred Cub Scouts, two thirds of those registered in WA, participated in a fun-filled "Cubilee", which was held at the Wanneroo Showgrounds in November. Cub Scouts and their families (another 700 participants) came from as far a field as Esperance, Boulder, Geraldton, York, Bunbury, Busselton, Leschenaultia, Wagin, Narrogin and Donnybrook.
- The climax of the year for many occurred in early January 2010 when 878 youth members and 200 adults attended the Australian Jamboree, AJ2010, with the theme of "Test your limits", which was held at Cataract Park, South of Sydney. They erected, required, chartered, took, washed, dipped and consumed:

- 250 tents
- 10,000 tent pegs
- 28 dining shelters
- 25 commercial airline flights
- 30 independent flights
- 24,410 dining plates
- 34,410 meals
- 13,764 showers (in theory, at least)
- 1,500 6D cell batteries

For many, a Jamboree is a once in a lifetime experience and provides memories to last a lifetime. AJ2010 was no different and special thanks are extended to Contingent Leader Vern Casey and his mighty team who made it possible for Western Australia to send a record number to the event.

For others, the highlight of the year occurred in February 2010 when Youth awards were presented by His Excellency, Dr Ken Michael AC, Governor of Western Australia and Chief Scout at Government House Ballroom - 55 Scouts received their Australian Scout Medallion certificates, seven Venturers their Queen's

Scout certificates and five Rovers their Baden-Powell Scout Award certificate.

Many of the foregoing events are elaborated upon later in this Year Book. Together they illustrate the vitality of Scouting in Western Australia. What is impossible to represent are the activities within the more than 140 Groups across the state where the great game of Scouting is played out every week by more than 6,000 members.

In responding to last year's Annual Report, the Premier of Western Australia, the Honourable Colin Barnett MLA wrote:

*"I commend the dedication from members of Scouts Australia's Western Australia Branch on the valuable provision of leadership and development opportunities for children and young people, based on best practice principles."*

There is no doubt that Scouting makes a very important contribution to the development of our youth. It is no coincidence that of the 294 astronauts between 1959 and 2005 from around the world, more than 180 were Scouts, as were 11 of the 12 who have walked on the moon.

All of our Adult Leaders are volunteers and give a great deal to Scouting to make it widely available to young people all across Western Australia – indeed, one-third of our membership is country-based. A small team of paid staff at Branch Headquarters, led by Executive Manager, Marty Thomas, ably supports them. In 2009 the Board agreed to the appointment of a full time Executive Assistant to the Chief Commissioner. Robyn Collins has filled that role in a highly professional manner and with great energy and enthusiasm, for which I am most grateful. To all of these people, I extend sincere thanks and congratulations for their important part in delivering Scouting's claim: Creating a Better World.

It would be impossible to recognise individually and thank the thousands of volunteers who make Scouting possible, but I do wish to acknowledge and thank in particular Pat Smith and her team of volunteers who operate the Scout Store. They not only make available

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uniforms, badges, books and other Scouting paraphernalia to our members at competitive prices (and still generate a most welcome revenue stream for the Branch), they also provide wonderful advice and encouragement to Leaders, office bearers, youth members and their parents when visiting the shop.

I would also like to recognise and express thanks on behalf of the Scout Association for the significant on-going support afforded to it by the Western Australian Government through the Office for Youth within

the Department for Communities and similarly, the generous on-going support provided by Lotterywest and the Royal Agriculture Society. Their support is very important to the Association and is greatly appreciated. BlueScope Steel was very generous in assisting the Association to upgrade numerous facilities around the state during the year. Once again, Corrs Chambers Westgarth provided valuable legal advice and services pro bono.

In recent time there has been considerable discussion in the media about the projected growth of Australia's population. Of particular interest are the numbers concerning Western Australia. We have both a wonderful opportunity and a significant challenge ahead of us if we are to keep pace. The Scout Method remains as relevant as ever, so what we provide for young people, the "game of Scouting" is sound. The challenge will be to take advantage of new technologies and to adjust to changed lifestyles by embracing new ways to organise and operate the "business of Scouting".

Finally, I wish to thank our Chairman, Larry Lucas, for his dedication and hard work on behalf of Scouting and similarly his fellow Board members who work tirelessly behind the scenes. I have greatly appreciated their support and advice. As is the way of Scouting at every level, it is a team effort.

In conclusion, I would like to quote a passage from Baden-Powell's book "Lessons from the Varsity of Life", written in 1933, that was recently brought to my attention by former Chief Commissioner Gordon Cargeeg OBE:

*"No one can pass through life, anymore than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way."*

Thus it is with Scouting.

**Peter Walton CF**  
Chief Commissioner



# Branch Chairman



It is encouraging that more parents are looking to Scouting values to help shape young minds and build strong character as well as embrace its foundation of outdoor education and leadership. More youth are turning to Scouting for pure adventure, outdoor fun and friendship.

During the past three years, our overall growth has been a sensational 37 per cent which added 1,300 youth to our program. Like all volunteer organisations, growth has not been without challenges and one of ours has been to find and train Leaders who will devote their precious time to Scouting.

Our volunteers have performed exceptionally to ensure that youth members enjoy a safe, fun-filled program. To our team of Branch and District Commissioners, Group Leaders and Section Leaders, I thank you for your dedication and commitment which has enabled our program to be delivered to the 5,250 youth that play the game of Scouting in Western Australia.

To Peter Walton, our Chief Commissioner, I thank you for your tireless dedication and commitment which has effected such positive change and helped to position Scouts WA for strong and vibrant years ahead.

Our commitment to growth over the past year would not have been possible without the hard work and determination of our Executive Manager Martin Thomas and his dedicated staff headed by Office Manager Nicci Kerr.

My thanks also go to our hard working team of Board members who have undertaken a number of key initiatives during the year which included:

- the completion of the review of the Rules of Association 2010 (proposed new Constitution) that will be put to the next Annual General Meeting;
- the completion of the Property and Asset Working Group which reviewed the Association's property holdings; and
- the review of the Association's management structure by the Task Force for the Reassessment of the Management Structure, the report of which was presented in April 2010.

An Expanding Capacities Task Force will soon be tasked to develop an overarching five year plan including people, finances and resources to position ourselves towards sustainable self-sufficiency.

During the past year, our present financial position has shown strong positive growth and a balanced budget for 2010. Our financial position is the best in two decades. Income generated by major events is now 'ring fenced' and brought forward to assist with the development of new events and program initiatives.

Trevor Tilly, our Honorary Treasurer, made a statement at a recent Board meeting "... that every kid should have the opportunity to join Scouts. Right now." However,



while we are enjoying renewed growth, waiting lists exist State-wide in many Groups with hundreds of young people wanting to join and yet, until more adult volunteers are recruited and trained, these potential new members cannot enjoy the benefits of Scouting. To those Groups with waiting lists, I would encourage you to adopt an open door policy. It is my personal experience that for every six families that walk through the front door of your Scout hall, one parent will step up to be a potential Leader or Group Committee member.

Scouting is inclusive, open to any child or adult regardless of gender, colour, race or religion. Your Board is committed to enabling every child wanting to join Scouts to do so - right now, today. Collectively and individually we must work together to ensure that this is possible

and to maintain Scouting's continued pre-eminence as Western Australia's leading youth organisation.

Our task from this point forward is clear: To continue the momentum of the past year to greater success. Join with us. The future is now.

You can make a difference.... together we can create a better world.

**Larry Lucas**  
Branch Chairman



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# Branch Appointments

## Branch Chief Scout

His Excellency Dr Ken Michael, AC Governor Western Australia

## Chief Commissioner

Peter Walton CF

## Deputy Chief Commissioner

Peter Birch February to May 2010

Sheridan Bunney

Peta Crane to November 2010

Kevin Pestell from December 2010

Neil Macpherson

Clinton Smith

Chris Denny

Deputy Chief Commissioner

Deputy Chief Commissioner, Youth Programs

Deputy Chief Commissioner, Adult Programs

Deputy Chief Commissioner, Adult Programs

Deputy Chief Commissioner, Field Operations

Deputy Chief Commissioner, Strategic Services

Assistant Chief Commissioner, Secretariat

## Field and District Commissioners (as at June 2010)

Milton Schuttloffel

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Graeme Ryan

Bill Biggins

Jim Macfarlan

Joyce McGinn

Jim Macfarlan

Lester Leaman

Julie Johnson

Annette Galbraith

Phillip Friend

Greg Henderson

Steve Hunt

Bob Parry

Previous incumbents:

Andrew Outten

Tom Thuijs

Ric Walne

Field Commissioner, North

Leader in Charge, Avon District from May 2010

Acting District Commissioner, Bilgoman District from June 2010

District Commissioner, Coastal Plains District

District Commissioner, City of Stirling District

District Commissioner, Forrest/Vasse District

District Commissioner, Goldfields District

Acting District Commissioner, Kalamunda District from June 2010

Acting District Commissioner, Kimberley District

District Commissioner, Peel District

District Commissioner, River Ranges District

District Commissioner, Stirling District

District Commissioner, Swan Valley District

District Commissioner, Wanneroo District

District Commissioner, Kalamunda District, to June 2010

District Commissioner, Moorsby Ranges to December 2009

District Commissioner, Pilbara District to October 2009

## Branch/Project Commissioners

Caroline Mathie

Craig Gwatkin to March 2010

Vern Casey

Mavis Ives to July 2010

Ayden McKenzie

Ian Jennings to September 2010

Craig Gwatkin from March 2010

Bob Bristow

Angela Petrow

Jules Ridders

Llew Withers to February 2010

PJ Axford

Barbara de la Hunty

Dave Kelly to March 2010

Ralph Wensley OAM

Scott Sargant

Martin Thomas

Susan Mitchell from July 2009

Ian Darwen Project

Fiona Fiona Project

Branch Commissioner, Joey Scouts

Branch Commissioner, Cub Scouts

Branch Commissioner, Scouts

Branch Commissioner, Venturers

Chairman, Western Australian Rover Council

Branch Commissioner, Adult Training and Development

Branch Commissioner, Adult Training and Development

Branch Commissioner, Communications and Technology

Branch Commissioner, Environment

Branch Commissioner, International

Branch Commissioner, Performing Arts

Branch Commissioner, Policy Planning and Review

Branch Commissioner, Program Initiatives

Branch Commissioner, Scout Safe

Branch Commissioner, Spiritual Development

Branch Commissioner, Special Projects

Branch Commissioner, Special Projects

Branch Commissioner, Special Projects

Branch Commissioner, Indigenous Scouting

Branch Commissioner, Multicultural Scouting

## President

Professor The Hon David K Malcolm AC, QC, KCSJ

## Vice President

David Young  
Dilwyn Cleak, OAM retired 2009

## Branch Management Committee

Larry Lucas	Chairman
Kevin Pestell to Dec 2009	Vice Chairman
Trevor Tilley	Hon. Treasurer
Daniel Way to July 2009	Secretary
Les Farrant from July 2009	Secretary
Norm Cunningham	
John Filippone	
Robert Mitchell from Dec 2009	Vice Chairman
Hugh Smith	
Chris Williams to July 2009	
Peter Walton CF	Chief Commissioner
Martin Thomas (ex officio)	Executive Manager
Ivan Barton	
Ayden MacKenzie	
Mike Dowd	

## Honorary Architect

Chris Williams AIT (WA) FRAIA

## Auditors

Sygnum Financial Services

## Solicitors

Corrs Chambers Westgarth

## Honorary Treasurer

Trevor Tilley

## Branch Support Team

Martin Thomas, Executive Manager  
Robyn Collins, Executive Assistant to the Chief Commissioner  
Julia Day, Public Relations and Fund Raising  
Yvonne Dundas, Administration Support Officer  
Margriette Foster, Manager, Manjedal Activity Centre  
Mick Foster, Manager, Manjedal Activity Centre  
Fiona Graham, Receptionist to December 2009  
Mary Edwards, Membership Officer from January 2010  
Mavis Ives, Training Team Administration Officer  
Stuart Jaggs, Adventurous Activities Coordinator  
Nicci Kerr, Office Manager  
Alison Loh, Membership Officer to March 2010  
Richardson Selva-Nygam, Financial Controller  
Bob Suann, Property Officer to December 2009  
Elayne Tiong, Accounts  
Ric Walne National, Indigenous Scouting Program to August 2009

## WA Scout Store (Manged by Volunteers)

Pat Smith, Manager  
Anne Doney  
Emma Grech  
Colleen Marsh  
Joanne Phythian  
Hilary Sturgess  
Leanne Ward

## Scouts WA Youth Council

Callum MacNeil Chairman

## Australian Scout Magazine

Cheryl Lindorff, WA Editor

## National Council Members

Professor The Hon David K Malcolm AC, QC, KCSJ  
Larry Lucas  
Judge John McKecknie QC  
Derek Martin OAM  
Susan Mitchell  
William Roberts to 2010  
Peter Walton CF  
David Young

## National Appointments

### JOTA/JOTI National Coordinator

Bob Bristow

### National Youth Council (NYC)

Daniel Smith, National Chairman  
Brianna Bourke  
Rebecca Filippone  
Delshard Mozhdhehinia, NYC Secretary to May 2009  
Kathryn Scantlebury  
Jessica Shallcross

## Life Members

Gordon Cargeeg OBE  
Brian Court  
The Hon Max Evans MBE  
Fay Hall  
Derek Martin OAM  
Shirley Robinson OAM  
Christopher Williams AIT (WA) FRAIA



# Youth Awards 2009



The **Australian Scout Medallion** is the highest award that can be earned in the Scout Section. To achieve the Medallion, a Scout must fulfil the following three prerequisites:

- Participate in a Scout Leadership Course at any time after completion of the Pioneer Badge
- Demonstrate an active leadership role in Scouting
- Achieve the Adventurer Cord



## The Australian Scout Medallion Awardees

Matthew Ailakis	Wembley Downs Scout Group
Louise Arcus	Tuart Hill Yokine Scout Group
Daniel Blackney	Bullcreek Leeming Scout Group
Andrew Borthwick-Clarke	Atwell Scout Group
Kimberley Bowey	Willetton Scout Group
Zaven Boyadjian	Warwick Scout Group
Cameron Breakell	Padbury Scout Group
Alexandra Brindley	Roleystone Scout Group
Nathan Byett	Kalamunda Scout Group
Jamie Carr	Willetton Scout Group
Tristan Case	Willetton Scout Group
Zachary Cloutman	Cape Naturaliste Scout Group
Grace Cockram	Gingin Scout Group
Ben Craig	Pingelly Scout Group
Hugh Davis	Forrestfield Scout Group
David Dewers	Geraldton Scout Group
Travis Eaton	Broome Scout Group
Ashleigh Endersbee	Hamersley Scout Group
Rachel Fielding	Tuart Hill Yokine Scout Group
Joshua Griffiths	Wembley Downs Scout Group
Brodie Haigh	Wanneroo Scout Group
Leanne Hayes	Pingelly Scout Group
Emily Hird	Fremantle Scout Group
Aaron Hurst	Kalamunda Scout Group
Flynn Jagoe	Waylen Bay Sea Scout Group



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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alistair Jardine               | Wembley Downs Scout Group       |
| Hannah Jennings                | Tuart Hill Yokine Scout Group   |
| Dana Kelly                     | Hamersley Scout Group           |
| Daniel Kindness                | Waylen Bay Sea Scout Group      |
| Oystein Kjevik                 | Wembley Downs Scout Group       |
| Jeremy Lane                    | Tuart Hill Yokine Scout Group   |
| Sam Langton                    | Beechboro West Swan Scout Group |
| Michael Lowther                | Kalamunda Scout Group           |
| James Madlener                 | Glen Forrest Emergency          |
| Nicholas Martin                | Glen Forrest Emergency          |
| Jason Mcvea                    | Canning Sea Scout Group         |
| Corey Mitchinson               | Rockingham Scout Group          |
| Stephen Moody                  | Gooseberry Hill Scout Group     |
| Neil Nicholls                  | Forrestfield Scout Group        |
| Kym Norris                     | Mandurah Scout Group            |
| Scott Patten                   | Willetton Scout Group           |
| Charlotte Preston-Impicciatore | Carlisle Scout Group            |
| Andrew Samson                  | Waylen Bay Sea Scout Group      |
| Hayden Scoby-Smith             | Australind Scout Group          |
| Hannah Smillie                 | Donnybrook Scout Group          |
| Cohen Stickland                | Padbury Scout Group             |
| Timothy Stoward                | Atwell Scout Group              |
| Giles Tamlin                   | Waylen Bay Sea Scout Group      |
| Ebony Tammerijn                | Subiaco Scout Group             |
| Keryn Todd                     | Warnbro Sound Scout Group       |
| Kiah Van Vlijmen               | Hamersley Scout Group           |
| Tori Vidler                    | Fremantle Scout Group           |
| Alexander Wallace              | Kalgoorlie Scout Group          |
| Stephen Warwick                | Padbury Scout Group             |
| Thomas Willis                  | Kwinana Scout Group             |





To achieve the **Queen's Scout Award**, a Venturer must be able to:

- Set a goal
- Plan the progress to that goal
- Organise themselves and others
- Maintain the determination to complete the task while overcoming set backs and difficulties

## Queen's Scout Awardees



Rebecca Filippone      Kinross Scout Group

Verity Mace              Bunbury Sea Scout Group

Quinn McGuinness      Kelmscott Scout Group

Delshard Mozhdehinia      Albany Scout Group

Richard Pilgrim          Waylen Bay Scout Group

Jayden Ridders          Goollelal Greenwood Scout Group

Isaac Salter              Canning Sea Scout Group





The **Baden-Powell Award** is the highest award that can be earned in the Rover Section. There are two methods of achieving the Baden-Powell Scout Award, each of which provides a different approach to the objectives and allows a wide variety of activities through which a Rover may satisfy the requirements of the Rover Award Scheme.

*Method A* gives participants set activities designed so that by completing these they fulfil the objectives and attain the agreed standard.

*Method B* requires participants to examine the Aim of the Movement and the objectives of the badge and then design and complete activities within each of the particular areas, which fulfil these objectives.

## Baden-Powell Awardees

Peter John Axford	Canning Scout Group
Helen Board	North Beach Scout Group
Amanda Fairs	Riverton Scout Group
Angela Petrow	Riverton Rover Crew
Brett Poole	Stirling Lakes Rover Crew



# Life Membership



## Brian Leonard Court

Brian was registered in 1949 as Assistant Scout Leader 1st West Perth Scout Group. During his Scouting life Brian has filled various positions - Training Team member, District Commissioner, Branch Commissioner Planning, Branch Commissioner Scouts, Scout Shop Manager, Assistant General Secretary and General Secretary from 1976 to 1995.

Brian attended several Jamborees either as a Line Leader or Contingent Secretary. Brian was part of the planning committee for WayJam 1979-80 and Jamboree of Far Horizon's 1994-95 both held at Perry Lakes.

As General Secretary, Brian was involved in the sale of Walker Avenue in West Perth and the purchase of Baden-Powell House, our current Branch Headquarters.

He was awarded the Silver Kangaroo in 1985 for service to the Scout Association and appointed an Honorary Member in 1995 on his retirement as General Secretary. Since retiring Brian has been a member of the Adult Recognition Awards Committee, taking on the Chairmanship in 2009.

Brian continues to strongly support Scouting, his knowledge enabling him to provide mentoring for many in the Scout Movement.



## Barbara Fay Hall

Fay joined the Scout Association Western Australian Branch in 1973 as a Cub Scout Leader at 1st Wembley Scout Group. Prior to this Fay saw four years service as a Leader in Papua New Guinea.

Fay has held many positions within Western Australian Branch, some of her appointments include: Assistant District Commissioner, District Commissioner, Branch Activity Leader Group Support several under very trying circumstances but, by her helpful, open and friendly approach Fay was able to bring them to a positive conclusion.

Fay was appointed in 1996 an Honorary Member and awarded the Silver Kangaroo in 2004 for her services to Scouting.

Fay, through the Scout Heritage Centre and the BP Guild, actively supports Western Australian Branch activities by imparting her knowledge to Youth and Adult members. Fay is currently the Archivist of the Scout Heritage Centre.



### **Shirley Dorothy Robinson OAM**

Shirley joined the Scout movement as an Assistant Cub Scout Leader at 2nd Albany Scout Group in 1970, and was District Commissioner Stirling District retiring from that position in February 2009.

Shirley's Scouting has been carried out in the Stirling District where her Scouting and community work was recognised by the Albany community, when she was awarded in the 1999 Queen's Birthday honours with an OAM. Shirley was awarded the Silver Kangaroo in 2003.

Shirley has been the driving force behind the maintenance of the Gilcreek Scout campsite and improvements over several years. Her other great

love is the Gilcreek Heritage Centre that she, with several other volunteers, maintain. It is a fine record of scouting in the Albany area and surrounds.

### **Christopher John Williams**

Chris was a youth member and first registered as an Assistant Cub Scout Leader in 1964 with 1st North Perth Scout Group. He has held several Branch appointments:

District Cub Scout Leader, Assistant Training, Commissioner, Branch Commissioner Cub Scouts, Branch Commissioner Planning and retiring as Branch Chairman in 2004. Chris is a former member of the Branch Management Committee and a member of the Property and Assets Sub Committee. Chris was awarded the Silver Kangaroo in 2002. He is currently Honorary Branch Architect, a position he has held since appointed in 1981.





# Adult Recognition Awards 2009

## Certificate of Merit

The Certificate of Merit is awarded to adult Members and Associates for good service to the Association for a period of at least three years.

Craig Ackerly	Armadale Scout Group
Carolynn Arnold	Collie Scout Group
Robert Bandura	Donnybrook Scout Group
Jennifer Banister	Waylen Bay Scout Group
Tammy Barratt	Carnarvon Scout Group
Beth Barron	Australind Scout Group
Michelle Benjamin	Hamersley Scout Group
Marcel Berkhout	Byford Scout Group
Camille Bolin	Mullaloo Scout Group
Annette Borthwick-Clarke	Coastal Plains District
Gregory Breakell	Padbury Scout Group
Martin Buckland	Waylen Bay Scout Group
Jodie Burrage	Peel District
Gregory Campbell	Australind Scout Group
Michelle Campbell	Australind Scout Group
Ian Case	River Ranges District
Rosemarie Chandler	Kwinana Scout Group
Cameron Cherry	Beechboro West Swan Scout Group
Glen Colledge	Warwick Scout Group
Lindsay Copeman	Port Hedland Scout Group
Taren Copeman	Port Hedland Scout Group
Fiona Davies	Bibra Lake Scout Group
Wayne Davis	Duncraig Scout Group
Barbara De La Hunty	Waylen Bay Scout Group
Juanita Deere	Beldon Scout Group
Christopher Denby	Victoria Park Scout Group
Carol Derbyshire	Leeuwin Scout Group
Christopher Dunbar-Smith	Australind Scout Group
Timothy Eliot	Wanneroo Scout Group
Paul Fewster	Gingin Scout Group
Charmain Frew	Bateman Winthrop Scout Group
James Frew	Bateman Winthrop Scout Group
Ian Fuller	Gosnells Scout Group
Raymond Gibbett	Mandurah Scout Group
Marie Gibson	Bibra Lake Scout Group
Paul Gillbanks	Victoria Park Scout Group
Lesley Griffiths	Byford Scout Group
Leanne Harris	Beldon Scout Group
Tracey Hill	Beldon Scout Group
Tracy Howell	Hamersley Scout Group

David Hunt	Bateman Winthrop Scout Group
Richard Jackson	Hamersley Scout Group
Kevin Kelly	Duncraig Scout Group
Tracy Kowalski	Gosnells Scout Group
Lynn Langton	Beechboro West Swan Scout Group
Anne Larter	Pinjarra Scout Group
Ashley Lindorff	Western Australian Branch
Maree Little	Willetton Scout Group
Peter Little	Bibra Lake Scout Group
Pia Little	Bibra Lake Scout Group
Lorraine Lovatt	Dalyellup Scout Group
Mark Madlener	Glen Forrest Scout Group
Colleen Marsh	Westfield Scout Group
Nicole Mattingley	Duncraig Scout Group
Brian Merritt	Australind Scout Group
Rosina Mogg	Bunbury Scout Group
Jennifer Moody	Gooseberry Hill Scout Group
Eva Newbound	Willagee Kardinya Scout Group
Mark Oversby	Bateman Winthrop Scout Group
David Rechter	Atwell Scout Group
Alexandria Ridgway	Beechboro West Swan Scout Group
Carl Roberts	Wanneroo Joondalup District
Dennis Robertson	Kinross Scout Group
Kevin Ruane	Forrest Vasse District
Anthea Sealy	Wanneroo Scout Group
Rebecca Shelton	Byford Scout Group
Darralynn Siddall	Leeuwin Scout Group
Yvonne Sims	Warwick Scout Group
Tanya Skoglie	Carnarvon Scout Group
George Smith	Bibra Lake Scout Group
Michelle Stirling	Roleystone Scout Group
Robert Stirling	Roleystone Scout Group
Leah Tiede	Bunbury Scout Group
Andrew Tilbury	Mindarie Scout Group
Robert Wajon	Victoria Park Scout Group
Bruce Walker	Bunbury Scout Group
Alan Wallace	Australind Scout Group
Helen Weckman	Kwinana Scout Group
Judith Weinert Cape	Naturaliste Scout Group
Denise Willis	Kwinana Scout Group
Helen Wood	Goollelal Greenwood Scout Group
Richard Wood	Goollelal Greenwood Scout Group

### Silver Arrowhead

The Silver Arrowhead is awarded to adult Members and Associates for excellent service to the Association for a period of at least seven to eight years.



William Biggins	Coastal Plains District
Alan Compton	Carlisle Scout Group
Simon Devenish	Gooseberry Hill Scout Group
Lindsay England	Maddington Scout Group
Pauline England	River Ranges District
Emma Grech	Victoria Park Scout Group
Simon Griffiths	Bullcreek Leeming Scout Group
Lorraine Hein	Riverton Scout Group
Graeme Hollis	BM Warnbro Sound Scout Group
Kendra Jackson	Bibra Lake Scout Group
Georgina Jones	Salter Point Scout Group
Phillip Keddie	Willetton Scout Group
Peter Loudon	Bullsbrook Scout Group
Susan Mayberry	Morley Scout Group
Linda McCarrol	Maddington Scout Group
Karen McCarthy	Australind Scout Group
Joyce McGinn	Forrest Vasse District
Anthony Miller	Mosman Park Scout Group
Katharine Outten	Gooseberry Hill Scout Group
Robert Parry	Wanneroo Joondalup District
Gregory Ricket	Bullcreek Leeming Scout Group
Toni Ruane	Forrest Vasse District
Anthony Snow	Canning Scout Group
Sue Stack	Fremantle Scout Group
Heather Stanley	Bibra Lake Scout Group
Anne-Marie Thain	Salter Point Scout Group
Howard Tilbrook	Armadale Scout Group
Colin Walker	Western Australian Branch
Llewellyn Withers	Waylen Bay Scout Group

### Silver Wattle

The Silver Wattle is awarded to adult Members for outstanding service to the Association for a period of at least twelve years.



Brian Adley	Bibra Lake Scout Group
Joyce Bender	Goollelal Greenwood Scout Group
Sheridan Bunney	Western Australian Branch
Ian Darwen	Western Australian Branch
Arthur Delechantos	Gingin Scout Group
Barry Green	Riverton Scout Group
Annette Howard	Gingin Scout Group
Terence Larter	Western Australian Branch
Faye Lund	Bullsbrook Scout Group
Geoffrey Lund	Bullsbrook Scout Group
Caroline Mathie	Western Australian Branch
Hilary Sturgess	City of Stirling District
Cornelius Van Dyk	River Ranges District

### Outstanding Service Award

The Outstanding Service Award is awarded to Associates for outstanding service to the Association for a period of at least twelve years.

Gillian McDonald

Willagee Kardinya Scout Group



### Silver Koala

The Silver Koala is awarded to adult Members for distinguished service to the Association for a period of at least sixteen years.

John Andrewartha  
Philip Friend  
Peter Hansord  
Cheryl Lindorff  
Neal McCleery  
Alan Poore

Cottesloe Scout Group  
River Ranges District  
Kelmscott Scout Group  
Western Australian Branch  
Canning Scout Group  
Western Australian Branch

### Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is awarded to Associates for distinguished service to the Association for a period of at least sixteen years.

Douglas Dowdell  
Valerie Vince

Western Australian Branch  
Western Australian Branch



### Silver Emu

The Silver Emu is awarded to adult Members for sustained and exceptional service to the Association for a period of at least twenty years.

Raymond Franke  
Ian Warner  
Richard Wood

Bunbury Scout Group  
Hampton Park Scout Group  
Wanneroo Joondalup District



### Silver Kangaroo

The Silver Kangaroo is awarded to adult Members for eminent achievement and meritorious service to the Association for a period of at least twenty years.

Vernon Casey

Western Australian Branch





# Youth Programs

The Youth Programs portfolio consists of the youth sections - Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers, with Performing Arts, Spiritual, Indigenous Scouting, Multicultural, Lone Scouts, Special Needs, International, Environment, Communications and Technology, Scouts Western Australian Youth Council (SWAYC), Adventurous Activities and special projects also falling within the Youth Programs portfolio.

Youth Programs, working with adult Leadership refocused on the delivery of programs and resources for our Leaders to deliver optimum programs, activities and events. A Branch Review, environment Leader weekends, spiritual workshops, radio licence training, the commencement of a new multicultural Group, Lone Scouts and a strong Youth Council were just a few of the achievements from the sections.

The Youth sections continued to hold and participate in the many activities and events which included Joey Leap, Manjedal Open Day and Joey Splash, Cubilee, Cub Zoo Day, Swan Tiki, Nighthawk, Rottnest Invasion, V4V, Bush Baja, Mission Impossible. 2009 a year of firsts with huge youth numbers attending events.

The Cub Zoo day which was a combined event for Joey Scouts and Cub Scouts had 1,200 participants. Two hundred and eighty six Scouts and Cub Scouts participated in 'Cuboree' a Scout/Cub Scout link camp and the first 'V4V' a weekend camp for linking Scouts and Venturers, emphasised the need to make the transition between the sections a smooth and happy one.

Campwest which is effectively our State Jamboree had the biggest participation in its history which led to the biggest Western Australian contingent going to the Australian Jamboree AJ2010 in New South Wales.

There were two particular highlights within Scouting in 2009, the first being the Kimberley Connection Camp which brought together youth members and Leaders from the Broome Group and the now formed Fitzroy Crossing Group for a Easter Camp in the Kimberley. The combination of Indigenous and European culture was experienced as well as some Scout skills training.

The second was an invitation to participate in a Cultural Exchange Camp in Singapore where Scouts and Leaders joined together for eight days of fun, friendship and cultural experiences, sharing ideas, games, campfires and activities at Sarimbun Scout Camp, then the group experienced Singapore.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Branch Commissioners and their teams for the enthusiasm, commitment and dedication they give to Scouting in Western Australia and the fantastic Youth Programs they provide for the members.

As you read the following pages of this report, you will learn more about the activities provided in the area of Youth Programs.

**Sheridan Bunney**

*Deputy Chief Commissioner, Youth Programs*

**Joey Scouts** are girls and boys between the ages of six and 7½. This Section provides an introduction to Scouting through a wide range of enjoyable activities.

**Cub Scouts** are boys and girls between the ages of 7½ and 10½. The objective of the Cub Scout program is to provide a group environment which is intellectually stimulating, physically vital and directed towards satisfying the child's basic need to face and overcome challenges.

**Scouts** is for young people aged between 10½ and 14½ years. At this point in their lives Scouts show great enthusiasm for activities that give them a sense of achievement and follow their special interests with intensity.

**Venturers** is for young people between 14½ to 17½ of age. The program is flexible allowing members to choose activities according to their own interests.

**Rovers** is the place to be for personal challenge, adventure, life-long friendships and all sorts of memory-making moments! Where else could you perform on stage one week, abseil the next and then help your local environment group out with treeplanting the next?



## Joey Scouts

The year started for the Joey Scouts section with the annual Joey Scout Leap held for the first time at Westfield Scout Group. With 220 Joey Scouts attending for a day filled with fun, games and food. The last event of the day was a huge birthday cake and ice-cream to celebrate the 18th birthday of Joey Scouts in Western Australia which made this a magical day with lots of fun and celebrations for all.

The Joey Scouts Leaders' Conference was held at Eaton where 35 Leaders attended for the weekend, with a magic theme. The weekend gave the Leaders a lot of wealth and experience for programs to take back to their Mobs.

A campfire held in the Esplanade, where the day started out so wet and rain continued to fall, but the event went ahead and we saw 170 Joey Scouts, Leaders and parents participate in a magical campfire with the backdrop being the ferris wheel - this was a fantastic event.

An Environmental Festival run by the Scout Environment Awareness Program (SEAP) held at Perry Lakes is always popular with the Joey Scouts and Leaders. The program provided by the SEAP team is always fantastic.

The final event for the year was Splash, this year run in conjunction with the fun day at Manjedal.

I would like to thank all those who helped with all the Branch events. Special thanks must go to the Joey Scouts Leaders without their input and hard work these events would not happen.

**Caroline Mathie**

*Branch Commissioner, Joey Scouts*



## Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts section has maintained its numbers of youth members and that was due to Cub Scout Leaders delivering good programs on a weekly basis.

The Branch Cub Scout Team focussed on supporting and developing the District Seonees as a way to enhance the Cub Scout Leaders' training and sharing of ideas.

This past year saw the introduction of the "Snake" badges which Cub Scouts can achieve by attending and/or participating in various Branch run or coordinated events.

These events included the Water Activities Day held at Pelican Point, "Have a Go" activity, Scitech night, Cub Scout Wide Game and the new activity of Zoo Day.

Zoo Day was a combined activity with Joey Scouts. The Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts were set a quiz to complete as they toured around the various zoo exhibits and over 1,200 Cub Scouts and Joey Scouts enjoyed the day and activities.

The biggest Cub Scout event for the year was undoubtedly Cubilee held in November, organised by Wanneroo District who planned an exciting day with a Carnival theme. Over 2,200 Cub Scouts, Leaders and families attended on the day to enjoy a wide variety of fun activities. Well done to the team of Cub Scout Leaders in Wanneroo 30 District.

I would like to thank and acknowledge all the Cub Scout Leaders and their supporters throughout Western Australia who run their



weekly meetings, planned camps and other outdoor activities and in doing so provide great programs for their Cub Scouts to have fun, adventure and experience new things which is what Cub Scouting is all about.

**Craig Gwatkin**

*Branch Commissioner, Cub Scouts*





# Scouts

Another great year of Scouting!

Records were broken when the largest contingent ever left the state to attend AJ2010. 1,013 Scouts and Leaders (23 Troops) departed for a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The Jamboree at Cataract Scout Park in Sydney was a fantastic event which fulfilled every part of its theme – “Test your Limits”. Scouts were pitted against themselves in learning how far they could extend themselves in many extreme situations.

From touring through Sydney to playing in the water at Chowder Bay, from clowning around in Circus School to discovering themselves in Australiana Village there was something for everyone.

For the first time Western Australia ran a sub-camp to assist the Jamboree Organising Committee and received some very positive remarks about the way in which the sub-camp was run. Thank you to every Leader in the West Australian Team for all their valuable input in getting our Scouts to AJ2010.

Fifty-five young achievers received the highest award that our section offers – the Australian Scout Medallion. These young people were presented with their certificates at Government House and later joined in with the Founder’s Day parade through the City of Perth. We can be very proud of these young people and because of their achievement they assist in enhancing a positive image of Scouting out into the broader community.

A large number of Leaders were committed within the Scout program through this past year and it is again evident that the Scout program is enhancing the growth in our section. The section grew again in numbers through the year and in December we attained over 2,000 youth within the section and it is still increasing.

During the Easter break in April 2009, another camp was held at Fitzroy Crossing. The camp was run to continue in building on the success of the 2008 Fitzroy Connexion Camp. Nighthawk again attracted around 400 Scouts and Leaders. It was run overnight in and around the town of Pinjarra and was a tremendous success. Support from the local Council, businesses and residents was greatly appreciated!

Rottneest Invasion again saw a large number of Scouts head across to the island to complete environmental work in “service” to the Rottneest Island Authority.

The Patrol Activity weekends continue to grow and this year we had the assistance from many Leaders and again that of the Mandurah Wood Turners’ to show Scouts how to use their hands with a new skill.

The 2009 Youth Forum once again proved a very successful event this time run by the youth for the youth.

We have seen growth within the Leadership and Leadership Skills with increasing numbers of Scouts wanting to attend these courses. We have, in the past

few courses, oversubscribed which shows the values of our Scouts wanting to learn the requirements to become not just a good Leader but a reliable one as well.

Cuboree continually grows and this year we had doubled the number of 2008, over 260! Cuboree is a remarkable success as a linking camp for Cubs “going up” into the Scout section. It has been a major catalyst in assisting Cubs through the linking process to remain within the Scout section. The Cubs have a wonderful experience learning the simple things that Scouts do and understand what the Scout section program offers them as they make their way through the award scheme.

The Cargeeg Challenge Shield again showed the calibre of our Scouts’ ability to learn by doing. They showed that they had what it takes to camp to a standard while having fun!

Orienteering was again held this year and saw a large turnout of Scouts, Venturers and Leaders to Glen Forrest to compete while navigating their way through a fun day!



Singapore Scout Association members have visited Western Australia on a number of occasions and it was time for a return visit to Singapore. Eleven Scouts and two Leaders visited Singapore in July 2009 and learned about the many cultures that make up Singapore. They learned of the history and the vital link Singapore plays in the world of yesterday and more importantly today. The group were hosted by Singapore Scouts and spent time at Sarimbun Scout Camp and toured Singapore including having fun at Sentosa, a visit to the night zoo and many other places in between. Our heartfelt thanks to our friends in Singapore Scouts for a very enjoyable time! A return visit is planned for December of 2010 to attend the Singapore Jamboree.

A lot of work, which makes our section successful, is done by a number of dedicated people, our Leaders, who rarely are thanked for their good works. To all who have made this section a success and helped to get our section over the line of more than 2,000 Scouts – “Thank you.”

**Vern Casey**

*Branch Commissioner, Scouts*

# Venturers

This year saw the Venturer section start and finish its year with two major activities – Outback Ad-Venture and V4V. Both activities are aimed at providing experience and challenges to the Venturers involved. The events are in their infancy and are evolving to meet the needs of the youth of the section.

Outback Ad-Venture provides an opportunity for the youth to experience the Outback while at the same time learning about convoy travel, teamwork, outback safety, survival, local history and the environment of the areas travelled through. Along the way we undertook some service to the community.

Under the guidance of Nick Stewart we set off for our 4WD adventure along the Holland Track, Telegraph Track, through Cape Arid and Cape Le Grande National Parks. We visited Wave Rock, Cave Hill, Israelite Bay, Lucky Bay, Esperance and Albany. Along the way we provided “service” to the Department of Land Management as we tracked our route for their future use. This year we were able to secure the services of an Aboriginal tour company to lead us through their traditional lands. Doc and Robin provided us with an in-depth insight into the history of the areas – teaching us about the struggles of the white settlers, the survival techniques of the original inhabitants, learning about food gathering and nama (water holes) and telling us dreamtime stories each evening. Cleaning out the accumulated debris in the nama holes was another service we provided - leaving them clean for future use. We ended our trip to time with Anzac Day in Albany. We took part in the Dawn Service and then joined the Albany Scout Group in the Anzac Day March. Taking part in an Anzac Service in Albany is quite significant as it was a place where many of the ships left carrying our servicemen and women. Thank you to Nick Stewart and his dedicated 4WD team - without whom this experience would not have been possible. This activity also provides an opportunity for the less experienced drivers to enhance their knowledge as the more experienced drivers are always willing to share their expertise.

June 2009 saw the Youth Training Team providing a Unit Management course to the Venturers of the Forrest/Vasse Districts and from the various Districts in the metropolitan area. The Youth Training Team are continually evolving their delivery of this course and working with the youth to provide a learning experience that is fun and enjoyable while still meeting the aims of teaching the youth about the management of their Units. This year we also provided courses in Subiaco and Hampton Park. The courses were well attended as the Venturer section continues to grow. It has been pleasing to see attendance at courses of Units that traditionally have not participated in the Youth Program.

As we look to the future of Venturing we are also evolving our team and we have also changed Team Leaders of the Youth Training Team. Thank you to Neil Trethowen for all the time, energy and guidance he has

provided in the past and thank you to Paul Morrison for taking on the role as the Team Leader. The Youth Training Team also provides two Leadership Courses per year providing youth with the opportunity to learn, gain knowledge and practice Leadership. As part of Leadership Development the youth are required to take the knowledge and experience gained and use it for six months in a Leadership role either within their Unit or another outside role.

Two Initiative Courses are provided each year with the first one in 2009 being run by Neil Trethowen and the second introducing our new Team Leader – Mark Davies.

Initiative Courses require participants to hike between bases. Each base provides initiative-based activities where the youth are assessed on their abilities in relation to teamwork, leadership and planning.

Our Adult Training Team has also been working hard providing quality training to our ever increasing number of Leaders. The Venturer section is growing, new units are being started and Leaders are being appointed and trained. Julie Johnson has taken up the reins as Team Leader Venturer Leader Training.

The Venturer Ball was again conducted on the last weekend of the July school holidays. By placing the ball on this weekend it has provided an increased opportunity for our country Venturers to participate. The Ball is run by the Branch Venturer Council Executive and they provided a wonderful event in Applecross.

Again this year we reached capacity and possibly a little more. The night of the ball was very wet but this did not deter the Venturers who turned out in their formal wear.

This event provides an opportunity for the Venturers to socialise and interact with others at an entirely different level.

Once again, 11 November saw us in Kings Park at the Flame of Remembrance taking part in our ceremony – ‘at the going down of the sun we will remember them’. Thank you to Alan Miller for continuing with his support of this activity. This year Branch Venturer Council also supplied a sausage sizzle afterwards.

December 2009 saw a party of Western Australian Venturers and four Leaders leave Perth on Christmas night to join the Australian Contingent to New Zealand Venture. We spent the week between Christmas and New Year travelling the North Island of New Zealand. We visited the hot springs, a Maori village, adventure park, glow worm caves and many more sights. New Year’s Eve was spent on site at Brookfield (out of Wellington) where the Australians partied the night away.

Visiting an overseas Venture is a challenging experience for both youth and Leaders. While we are one world organisation, each country operates in slightly different ways. To be able to participate in an international event



and an Australian Contingent is a great experience which provides an opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, practise our management, leadership and teamwork skills as we learn to work with an entirely different group of people from outside our home Unit and State.

V4V finalised our year over the February/March long weekend. V4V is in its second year and still evolving. V4V stands for "Venturers for Venturers" with the event being run by a team of Venturers supported by two Leaders – Rosemarie Chandler and Julie Morrissey. This year the management committee tried something new by providing a fully catered event and a very busy weekend filled with service, fun team challenges, water activities, disco, movies, etc. V4V also provides an opportunity for linking Scouts to participate with the Venturers and this year saw a large number attend. One comment received was – 'it was scary but challenging as we learnt to deal with not having a Scout Leader telling us what to do and we have to get on and do it for ourselves.'

Throughout the year the Venturer section has provided support to a number of internal and external events – Anzac Day, WA Week, Citizenship Awards, Government House Open Day, Youth Awards and Rottnest Island. Rottnest Island Environment/Service comprises two weekends with 50 Venturers and Leaders attending to assist the Rottnest Island Board with their environmental program. Thank you to Ron Marsh who has been the coordinator for this activity and has worked hard to build on our relationship with the Rottnest Island Board.

Congratulations must go to the 2009 Branch Venturer Council ably led by Matt Hare. They have been a very strong group of young Leaders who I am sure will continue to grow and will make very strong Rovers in the future.

Congratulations also to our Queen's Scout and Venturer Award Awardees. 2009 saw the implementation of the Venturer Review and in WA this has gone smoothly. The slight amendments made to the Venturer Award Scheme - both management and content - has sparked a greater interest in participating and provided an increased opportunity for our youth members to achieve recognition of their efforts.

Welcome to Paul Morrison, who has taken up the role of Assistant Branch Commissioner, Venturers. Paul has grown up in Scouting and brings with him a depth of knowledge of all sections of the Scout Movement gained as a youth member and an adult having worked in several sections as a Leader.

**Mavis Ives**  
Branch Commissioner, Venturers



# Rovers

A question that as Rovers we all get asked quite regularly is 'What is a Rover?' Put simply, a Rover is a male or female homosapien aged between 17 and 26 years old, dedicated to fun and adventure whilst serving the community in the Scouting way. Western Australian Rovers have lived up to this definition in the past 12 months all across Western Australia.

The Western Australian Rover Council (WARC) welcomed four new Crews to the Council, bringing the total number of Crews in Western Australia to 23.

Each year Western Australian Rovers support the ANZACs by holding a 12-hour vigil at the State War Memorial in Kings Park. This begins at 6.00 pm on 24 April and concludes at 6.00 am with the final guard falling out and forming part of the Honour Guard for the annual ANZAC Dawn Service on 25 April.

Gravelmoot is an annual event where Rovers descend on Manjedal Activity Centre for a weekend of service to the site. This year's major projects included construction of a new day shelter near the Youth Centre, painting, clearing tracks and many other tasks. This is a great opportunity which many Rovers take to put back into the organisation that has helped them out so much.

Mission Impossible 8 was themed 'Comic Book Heroes'. This was run over the June long weekend in the Julimar Conservation Park to the East of Perth. It was great to see an increase in participant numbers this year. This event gives Rovers a chance to develop event management skills and also show the Venturer section what Roving is all about.

Rover Ball was held at the Perth Town Hall. Its Winter Wonderland theme provided many varied costumes and everyone enjoyed themselves late into the night.

Rover Scout Motorsport, our CAMS affiliated club, presented Bush Baja over the September long weekend. Vehicle numbers were up from last year with a number of new cars and Crews making an appearance. The weekend really gave Crews the opportunity to work together as teams and fix all manner of problems with their vehicles. Camping together also provided many opportunities to get to know other Rovers much better.

2009 concluded with the combined Annual General Meeting and Annual Handover Dinner held at Valley View Restaurant in the Swan Valley. The night is open to all Scouters and supporters of Roving. It allows us to recognise those amongst us who have excelled during the year and helped to make Roving in Western Australia all it can be. This year Lester Leaman and Barry Green, two of our Rover Advisers, were awarded the Rover Service Award for at least ten years of service to Roving in Australia. The main purpose of the evening is the official handover between WARC Executives and the swearing in of the new WARC Chairman.

The 2010 Founder's Day/Youth Awards presentation saw five Baden-Powell Scout Awardees presented. Our congratulations to PJ Axford (Canning Rover Crew),

Helen Board (North Beach Rover Crew), Amanda Fairs (Riverton Rover Crew), Angela Petrow (Riverton Rover Crew), and Brett Poole (Stirling Lakes Rover Crew). These five Rovers have excelled, taken the extra step and completed the highest award available to a youth member in the Scout Movement. A true testament to the effort they have put in.

Sandmoot is a social, competitive long weekend held in the South West during March. This year the event returned to the Vasse Campsite and saw over 100 Rovers attending. Competition was fierce with everyone getting into the spirit of the Aussie theme. The highlight of the weekend was having 100 people complete a service project at the Busselton Community Garden and the Vasse Campsite.

Looking to the future, Rovers is prospering. With a large number of Venturers due to join Rover Crews soon, as well as some well thought-out public relations projects, the Rover section is actually growing! In the past year we have had a 14 per cent growth in membership. The past few years of major activities run by the Rover section, including Roverscope at the 14th Australian Venture held in Perth, have set us up for the future.

So all in all, Roving is on the up and up with membership growth and plenty of projects to keep people learning more and more skills!

**Ayden Mackenzie**

*Chairman,*

*Western Australian Rover Council*





# Youth Program Support

## Communications and Technology

The Communications and Technology Team provides activities, education and training in Amateur Radio, Electronics and Computers/Internet to Scouts of all ages, based at the Peter Hughes Scout Communication Centre, East Cannington.

We have a well equipped radio shack, electronics workshop, fast internet connection and modern computers. We also have a modern server on the internet, and can provide web space to Groups.

Amateur Radio License courses are conducted regularly. More than 20 Scouts and Leaders achieved the Foundation Amateur Radio Licence through our courses.

The Team participates in two major Australian Amateur Radio contests, the John Moyle Field Day in March and the Remembrance Day Contest in August. The aim of this participation is to give Scouts experience in working an amateur radio station.

Communications and Technology is responsible for coordination of JOTA-JOTI in Western Australia. Although we provide a JOTA-JOTI Base at the Peter Hughes Centre, Groups and Districts also do provide their own JOTA-JOTI activity. Interest by young people in this annual, international event should not be underestimated. Our role as their Leaders is to stimulate interest and create opportunities for them to participate.

Team members take every opportunity to make the Amateur Radio community aware of our presence and activities. We utilise state and national amateur radio news broadcasts as well as the Amateur Radio Magazine to show what we do.

Team members are affiliated with various amateur radio groups in Perth, with one being a Director of the Board of the Wireless Institute of Australia. Scouting continues to be very well received in the amateur radio community.

**Bob Bristow**  
*Branch Commissioner,  
Communications and Technology*

## Environment

The Scout Environment Awareness Program (SEAP) has had a relatively quiet year.

The year began with a one-day program for the River Ranges District Scout Camp at Manjedal in April. Scouts participated in nine activities over the course of the day, aimed at helping them complete their World Conservation Badge. They learned about water conservation, salinity, invasive species, catchments, groundwater, erosion, the importance of habitat and much more. Everyone, including Scouts and the SEAP team, thoroughly enjoyed the day, even when the rains came down.

In June, Simon Devenish and Amanda Fairs represented Western Australia at the Scouts Australia National Environment Conference. This conference brings

together representatives from each State to share information and ideas, and develop national initiatives for implementation.

One such initiative is Scout Environment Weeks. 2009 was the second year for Western Australia to participate in Scout Environment Weeks and two Groups took up the challenge. Waylen Bay Venturer Unit participated in a Sustainable Living Program at Piney Lakes Education Centre and completed some revegetation work with the Bannister Creek Catchment Group. Maddington Scout Group joined with Maddington Girl Guides to run a 'Wilderness Warriors' environment-themed camp. For their service, the Cubs, Scouts and Guides treated trees around Lake Jones at Manjedal for dieback disease. We hope to see more Groups participating in this valuable program in 2010.

In October 2009, Joey Scouts invaded Perry Lakes for the annual Joey Scout Environment Festival. Activities included boomerang painting with Nearer to Nature, High Tide Marine Education, close encounters with reptiles, learning about numbats, a recycling game, junk art, face painting, a senses nature trail, and decorating and eating animal biscuits. Joey Scouts also got to meet and have their photos taken with Captain Cleanup.

In December 2009, Branch Commissioner, Environment, Angela Petrow, represented Scouts Australia at the Scouts for Climate Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark. Further details are provided on page 46 of this document.

Thank you to everyone who participated in or supported our program this past year. The SEAP team is a great way to get involved with the environment or learn more for yourself – we welcome new members.

**Angela Petrow**  
*Branch Commissioner, Environment*

## International

International Scouting involves relationships with other national Scout organisations around the world. These relationships involve international events and projects, the Scouts International Student Exchange (SISEP), Jamboree on the air / Jamboree on the internet (JOTA-JOTI), and the Pen-Pal Program.

International Scouting is also about developing Scouts' awareness of their place within the worldwide Movement. In June 2009, Jayden Ridders a member of Greenwood Mirracuaru Rover Crew visited the United States to participate in the Boy Scouts of America International Camp Staff Program. Jayden spent 13 weeks assisting with the aquatics program at Camp Rodney situated at the north-eastern tip of Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. His airfare was subsidised by Rotary International and he also received an allowance of US\$150 per week.

Jayden reports that he had an amazing time at Camp Rodney and he was invited to several American homes on his weekends off. He also visited Washington DC and

Disney World in Florida during his 30-day post-camp visa extension. The age range is from 18 to 30 years and Jayden recommends this opportunity to all Rovers.



From L to R:  
Kristen (USA),  
Jayden (Aust),  
Fernando  
(Belize),  
Morgan (USA).

A Western Australian contingent of 11 Scouts led by Sheridan Bunney and Vern Casey, camped with local Scouts at the Sarimbun Scout Camp in Singapore in July 2009. This trip was made in response to three highly successful visits to Western Australia by Singapore Cub and Scout contingents in 2007 and 2008. The program included teaching our hosts to make a good Aussie damper. Many thanks to the Singapore Scout Association for giving our members a memorable international experience.

In January 2010, Joseph Samalesu (Chief Commissioner of Zambia) and three Zambian Scouts briefly stopped over in Perth on their way to the Australian Jamboree in Sydney. They were met at the international airport and taken on a drive via Kings Park to Cottesloe Beach before boarding their domestic flight to Sydney.

The World Organization of the Scouting Movement (WOSM) and the Asia-Pacific Region of the World Scout Bureau also regularly advertise paid and volunteer positions. Visiting [www.international.scouts.com.au](http://www.international.scouts.com.au) gives further information as to what is available to members through Scouts Australia International.

Through WOSM the Scouts of the World Award is an initiative to help national Scout organisations revitalise the program of senior sections (15 to 26 age range) by giving young people more opportunities to face the challenges of the future as identified by the Millennium Declaration unanimously adopted by the 189 member countries of the United Nations in 2000.



The Scouts of the World Award is granted to young people having successfully accomplished a "Scouts of the World Discovery" and a "Scouts of the World Voluntary Service".

Scouts WA conducted its first Scouts of the World Discovery workshop, held at the Peter Hughes Communications Centre in East Cannington over the JOTA-JOTI weekend in October. Ten youth members participated in the workshop which was facilitated by three Branch Commissioners.

As their Scouts of the World Voluntary Service Activity, participants resolved to design a humanitarian aid and disaster relief project utilising our existing Scout membership and resources. The aim is to introduce

a new multi-sectional badge which will be awarded for researching global issues and fundraising for humanitarian initiatives.

The recent devastating earthquakes in Haiti and Chile highlight part of the Scout Promise "to help other people" by providing support to our fellow Scouts in times of great need. Joanie Yestin is a Haitian Scout who suffered great loss, yet donned her uniform and helped others in greater need than herself.

The Haiti Earthquake.  
Scouting in Action and worth a read.



*"Quote  
Léogâne, Haiti (CNN) -- Joanie Yestin walks through a small alleyway to what used to be home, now a pile of concrete and crushed belongings. A plastic flower arrangement still hangs on an exterior wall that didn't collapse in the earthquake. One wooden bathroom cabinet survived. Standing amid the rubble, Yestin, 23, recalls that horrific day: She had just returned home from her job as a secretary at Léogâne's Cool FM radio station and was preparing to take a bath when the earth started rumbling. She rushed out in time, stood with her mother and watched showers of concrete. When the ground became still, she went back in to search for her father. A block had fallen on him. He died almost instantly. After she buried him, she found a small plot of land outside a local school to set up temporary shelter, Yestin thought about what she might do to mend her broken soul, her broken nation.*

*She put on her salvaged Girl Scout uniform -- a tan cotton blouse and skirt and a green scarf twisted around her neck.*

*Yestin, like many of Haiti's almost 10,000 Boys and Girls Scouts, decided to contribute her share to the earthquake relief effort.*

*"It's important to have Haitians involved in the recovery," said Georges Clement, the Scout leader in Léogâne. "We want to help".*

By Moni Basu, CNN  
February 4, 2010

**Part of complete coverage on Haiti Earthquake**

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**Jules Ridders**  
Branch Commissioner, International

# Spiritual Development

"The Aim of Scouting is to encourage the social, physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as a member of their local, national and international community."

## Joey Scout Leap

The Spiritual Development Team took part in the Joey Scout Leap where three activities run by the Spiritual Development Team were kept busy with what seemed to be an endless stream of Joey Scouts working through the special birthday activities, making bookmarks and the Joey Scout prayer on a cardboard stand.

## Mission Impossible

A Spiritual Awareness base was set up and manned throughout the weekend.

## Cubilee

Spiritual Development provided a Tunnel of Mystery together with a Law and Promise activity. Both activities were enjoyed by the Cub Scouts and kept the team very busy.

## Visits to Sections

The team conducted a number of visits to Groups during the year. These included Carlisle Troop and Pack, Tuart Hill / Yokine Venturer Unit, Dianella Cub Pack, Kwinana Scout Troop where our team provided a Faith Awareness evening complete with Duty to God activities and games. Waylen Bay Scout Troop came to Baden-Powell House and Amelia Heights Cub pack visited the Spiritual Development Centre.

## Workshops

Four Spiritual Workshops were prepared during the year:

- Joey and Cub Scout Leaders
- Scout Troop Leaders
- Venturer Leaders and Unit Councils
- Visits to Worship centres of various faiths

## Scout eNews

Allan Shallcross team member and Chaplain Wanneroo District continues to provide the *SUCCESSFUL SCOUTING* section of the Scout News giving details of our programs, together with practical suggestions for Duty to God activities and a prayer for the month.

## Australian Scout Magazine

A full page article *God and Scouting* prepared by our team was published in the July issue. This was our reply to *Beliefs and Duty to God* which appeared in the November 2008 issue, which stated that a collection of your own beliefs could be called your God.

## Spiritual Development Centre

The Spiritual Development Centre at Draper Street Floreat is available for any section of the Movement to use.

The Spiritual Development team can provide a Spiritual Awareness or Duty to God program suitable for Joeys Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scout Troops, Venturers, Rovers or Leaders.

**Ralph Wensley OAM**  
Branch Commissioner, Spiritual Development



# Program Initiatives



PROGRAM INITIATIVES is a group of special Scouting programs designed to bring Scouting opportunities into the lives of young people in our society who are facing daily challenges which prevent them from playing an equal part in The Game of Scouting. These four initiatives provide Scouting solutions for those who have no alternatives. Lord Baden-Powell said in "Scouting for Boys" that Scouting is for everyone. The Western Australian Scout Program Initiatives are an inclusive approach to making that statement a reality. These programs have benefited from their continuing support from the Western Australian Branch, but, the more successful they become, the greater the consequent need for more adult supporters and Leaders.

## Indigenous Scouts

From 2007 to 2009, the Indigenous Scouting Program was facilitated by the National Indigenous Scouting Program (NISP), which paid for a full-time Development Officer and enabled Scouts to give Indigenous Scout Groups major support to get established. In this time Groups were established at Fitzroy Crossing and Djarindjin-Lombadina in the Kimberley Region.

In 2009 funding ceased for NISP, the challenge for the Western Australian Branch was to ensure that the end of NISP funding would not mean the end of these fledgling Scout Groups.

During Easter 2009, Leaders from Perth and Scouts from Broome went to Fitzroy Crossing to help continue this program, running a training camp on all aspects of Scouting. Great fun and much learning were had by all.

Project Commissioner for Indigenous Scouting, Ian Darwen, has continued the program, maintaining contact with Fitzroy-Martuwarra and Djarindjin-Lombadina Scout Groups, so that these Groups are still

flourishing and are approaching full independence as Scout Groups – a challenge given their remote location.

Both of these Kimberley Groups carried out their own fund-raising to send Scouts and Leaders to the Australian Jamboree in January 2010 – a truly epic journey involving 4WD vehicles, buses and planes. This was a fantastic experience for these young people, some of whom had never been in a plane before. Scouts from each Group carried the Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander flags in the Jamboree Opening Ceremony – a whole new experience in front of the huge crowd of 13,000 Scouts and Leaders. Attending a Jamboree has opened up a new world of possible adventures for these young people with Scouting and they have taken that new world view back to their Groups.

A Venturer from Fitzroy Crossing was assisted to attend the New Zealand Venture, stopping off in Perth on the way to New Zealand to complete his Skills Hike through Manjimup with the assistance of other Venturers from Falcon, Mandurah, Waylen Bay and Forrestfield.

In 2010 plans continue in the development work we are doing in the Kimberley, which has been greatly assisted by the Fitzroy Futures Fund grant of \$25,000 recently awarded to Scouts WA.

There has been a lot of interest expressed by other Indigenous communities around Western Australia to start Scouting programs. We are currently working with different Groups to introduce programs into Indigenous communities in the South West and also in Perth. We believe the program will grow further throughout Indigenous communities across the State.

## Lone Scouts

Lone Scouting provides an avenue to a Scouting life for young people who are geographically isolated, or for those who find it impossible to join Scouting in the traditional sense. Nationally, Lone Scouting celebrates its centenary this year. The first Lone Scout was registered in South Australia in 1910.

Lone Scouts in Western Australia caters for youth in isolated and remote communities by offering Scout programs, with direct feedback between Leaders and Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. Today, Western Australian Leaders use email, Skype, phone and post to maintain regular contact and deliver the Scouting program to our remote Scouts.

2009-10 has been a year spent reinventing the Lone Scout program for all sections. In May 2009, Group Leader Peta Nicholls and Branch Commissioner, Program Initiatives Barb de la Hunty attended the first National Lone Scouts meeting in Adelaide and much progress has been made as a result of the invaluable knowledge shared at that event.

Lone Scouts have been raising the flag from Esperance to Christmas Island, from Kununurra to Kyrgyzstan on their journeys, visiting war memorials and completing





their hikes, camping and badge work in some very interesting places.

In July 2009, Lones squired our first new Rover from Albany, and we now have two Rovers, who work with Western Australian Rover Council for their mentoring and support.

Two Lone Scouts attended the Australian Jamboree AJ2010 in January 2010– our Christmas Island Lone Scout was the most remote Australian Scout to attend! Our Kyrgyzstan Lone Scout is planning to take up the challenge of travelling to the world Jamboree in Sweden. To prepare for this she will need the full support of our Group and to use our program to the fullest.

This year we will continue to develop our new programs and work continues with the following goals:

- Developing programs for youth from all sections;
- Attracting new youth to the sections;
- Attracting new Leaders for each of the sections; and
- Raising funds, both internally and externally.

### Multicultural Scouts

Multicultural Scouting is designed to help young people residing in Western Australia who are from a non-western cultural background to overcome barriers preventing them from participating in our Scouting life.

Kambarang Scout Group was formed in Balga and provides a nurturing Scouting environment for young people from predominantly migrant families. Many of these youth have grown up in refugee camps in Kenya and Scouting provides an essential, fun opportunity to learn, develop and adapt to the challenges of living in Western Australia.

2009 has been a really busy year for the Multicultural program, running Leadership activities on Harmony Day throughout the District, partnered with the 'Men in Sheds' program to produce four bikes for the Group for future bike hikes, have taken part in a wide variety of active Scouting challenges and with the help of our Adventurous Activities Team they represented Scouts running the ever-popular climbing wall at the Girradoola Celebrations in December 2009. They have a strong partnership with the Edmund Rice Centre (ERC) in Mirrabooka which has been very supportive of our Scouts, running joint programs. Eight Scouts have participated in the ERC Tuesday sports program, going for their Team Sports Proficiency badge.

Kambarang Cub Scouts and Scouts took part in the promotional television campaign for Appealathon – Asthma Foundation Green Garage Sale Community Bus Promotion.

Kambarang also sent a Scout to the AJ2010 Jamboree, which was an awesome experience!

### Special Needs

*Scouting for ALL  
Think about that for a minute.  
What does Scouting for all mean?*

You're right. It means exactly what it says, Scouting is for all and this means everyone regardless of colour, religion and ABILITY.

Our primary aim is to raise awareness and impart knowledge to our Leaders to empower them to be able to include children with special needs within their section program. I am talking about those children that are faced with varying degrees of physical and mental challenges.

The partnership with Therapy Focus continues. This includes placing youth with special needs within our Groups and to assist with the development of a training program for Leaders.

We also partnered with Edith Cowan University (ECU) to source third year teaching students to provide support as volunteer carers to special needs youth to attend and become Scout members. With the assistance of a grant we have invited children with disabilities to attend Enduro Cub Scout Camp in September as our guests. Several ECU students have offered assistance for the weekend as support for these children.

The Scout Association is working on ideas for integrating children with special needs into Scouts and working with them within the Award Scheme framework. A resource book has been developed which will be available to all Leaders to assist with special needs members.

We continue to run Disability Awareness Programs for Leaders and are planning a second workshop with the assistance of Peter Blatch in August 2010.

**Barbara de la Hunty,**  
*Branch Commissioner, Program Initiatives*



# Trek-a-bout 2009



Saturday 12 September started with overcast skies and a forecast of light rain predicted. Nonetheless the faithful teams of Leaders representing many Scout and Guide Districts arrived and soon were busy erecting shelters, setting out materials and by 8.00 am when the official 'Start up' call went out to all 11 checkpoints, Trek-a-bout was "Open for business!"

It was an energetic morning for most people some of whom arrived by car, bus or train and made their way by foot, on bikes or with younger siblings in prams. The two checkpoints with food stalls at them reported a roaring trade in the sale of sausages and buns and cool drinks while everyone enjoyed a rest while they got their cards stamped and had a chance to talk to others and make new friends.

Then it was back to the circuit to make up the distance – some 5kms, others 10kms (once around the river) or even more!! Stamps marked off the distance walked and there was lots of encouragement for the walkers.

At 10.00 am morning tea was held to honour some official visitors and we were delighted this year to welcome The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi, and His Worship, the Mayor of Victoria Park, Mr Trevor Vaughan, who attended and met representatives of the Girl Guides and Scout Associations. They were each presented with a memento of Trek 2009 and were happy to meet with and gold stamp the Trek cards of some lucky Scouts and Girl Guides.

Around midday the rain finally arrived and down it came! While the downpour was heavy it was short lived and then the sun came out and the business of the day continued – many came prepared and so didn't miss a beat! Others just took time out for an extra rest.

Members of the Event Team kept in contact by mobile phones and made visits to the various checkpoints to meet and chat with the "workers" and thank them for a job well done.

Best estimates of numbers attending the event give us a figure of about 1,300 youth, siblings and parents participating and about 80 adults assisting the Team in running the event on the day. No accidents or

injuries were reported and from all accounts from the participants and teams at the checkpoints it was a wonderful day of fun and enjoyment for all who came and participated.

Much thanks and appreciation is offered to all Scout and Girl Guide personnel who helped run the event, and we would give



grateful thanks to the officers and staff of Perth City Council, South Perth Council and the Town of Victoria Park for their assistance.

**Philip Friend**  
Chairman, Trek-a-bout Planning Committee



# Adult Programs

The role of the Deputy Chief Commissioner Adult Programs embraces the responsibilities of the National Association's training program and coordinates the areas of Adult Training and Development and Adult Recruitment and Retention in Western Australia.

## The Scheme

The Scout Association of Australia is responsible for designing and operating a system for the training and development of adult Leaders in all functions and at all levels. This system includes the integration of the new leader, basic and advanced training and support for the duration of the appointment. The system includes the acquisition and development of the knowledge and skills necessary for each function and the personal development of adult Leaders. It is flexible and allows for previous experience and skills to be assessed, and allows for the acquisition of additional skills and knowledge.

## The Institute

The Scout Association of Australia coordinates training through the registered training name of Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT). It operates in all states and territories of Australia.

## Program

The Adult Training and Development system is specially designed for Australian adults in Scouting and Australian conditions. It complies with the objectives of the World Scout Committee. The system consists of preliminary, basic, advanced and supplementary training.

I would like to acknowledge the assistance and support that has been given to me by the members of the Adult Program teams since coming to the role of Deputy Chief Commissioner, Adult Programs in December 2009. Taking up any new role can be a challenge, but in my case it has been made easier and enjoyable by that assistance and support. Thank you.

## Adult Training and Development

The year ending 31 March 2010 was a busy one for the Adult Training and Development Team, with 905 enrolments to attend the 74 courses offered throughout the year. While a number of course participants are continuing to work through their training a pleasing number of 630 completed the individual courses that they attended.

Training Outcomes for 2009 (2008)	
Basic Core - Essentials	148 (224)
Basic Sectional Skills	354 (202)
Advanced Sectional Skills	14 (24)
Adventurous Activities	0 (50)
Train the Trainer Pt3	8 (45)
Electives	106 (0)

Although the majority of these courses were conducted in the metropolitan area and at the Gilwell Training Centre, Manjedal, an increasing number were held in the country regions. With a renewed focus on flexibility in the delivery of training, the Team will endeavour to meet the requests of country District Commissioners for training in their area where possible.

A very successful Training Team Conference was held with the National Commissioner, Adult Training and Development, Mr Paul Parkinson, with approximately 50 Training Team members. Paul addressed the conference on the challenges facing the Training Team in the coming year, especially with the introduction of new methods of alternative training delivery. The development of the e-Learning modules was almost complete and will be available to Training Team members by mid-year for familiarisation before introduction to trainees towards the end of the year. e-Learning will be used in addition to current training methods, not in place of them. Paul stressed throughout the day that the training that was being delivered 'is not certificate training, it is Wood Badge training'. The availability of a competency based certificate is an adjunct to the completion of training.

To assist in the delivery of new electronic based training a computer equipped room has been established at Baden-Powell House. The computer based training terminals will allow interactive training.

## Adult Recruitment and Retention

An initial focus in the area has been on the development of a Personal Leader Advisor management structure to ensure support and mentoring of all Leaders in training.

Other areas of the Adult Recruitment and Retention team currently under development include Leader welfare, adult resources, community liaison, Leader induction and Friends of Scouting WA (FOSWA).

**Kevin Pestell**

*Deputy Chief Commissioner, Adult Programs*



# Field Operations



The Deputy Chief Commissioner, Field Operations, leads and manages Field Operations, enabling Districts and Groups to deliver high quality Scouting programs that attract and retain increasing numbers of youth and adult members.

Currently Western Australia is divided into 15 Districts. Districts are managed by a District Commissioner with the support of a District Team. Districts are divided into Groups and within each Group there are Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers. Additional support is given to Groups by a parent support group.

Year of the Group - the Scouting focus for 2009 was Groups where considerable effort was given to Branch resources for the support available to Groups. This support ensured that youth development through the Scout program was maximised. Some items receiving attention included:

- Adult management and recruitment - including checking procedures, Working with Children Check (WWCC) audit and reporting
- Training - pathways, recognition of prior learning, flexible and timely training
- Group commencement - process developed, funding options, recruitment, training, resources, advice and support
- Conflict avoidance, management and resolution
- Member support
- Communications - improvements to email system via Scoutrak (a membership management program), monthly teleconferences and information packs for Group Leaders without access to District Councils

- Resources for management, training and information, website and other information access and content -Scouting for Boys and Policy and Rules now available as PDFs, annual program, insurance details and other helpful information

- Seeking Group Leaders for every Group
- Maintaining Field Commissioner positions for added support
- Ensuring every Group has a District Commissioner or access to one appointed

Most Districts and many Groups throughout the State have been visited including Djarindjin-Lombadina Sea Scouts and Broome Cub Scouts and the following Districts - Pilbara, Kimberley, Goldfields, Central Great Southern, Stirling, Forrest/Vasse, Peel, Bilgoman/Avon, River Ranges, Coastal Plains and Swan Valley.

2009 has been a very challenging year for Field Operations settling into a new Branch management process. Field Operations constantly challenges what we do, how and when. Support to strengthen our Groups must continue so that the Scouting Movement is robust to thrive into the future.

The following pages of Field Operations will provide more information on Districts and the opportunities they provide for members.

**Neil Macpherson**

*Deputy Chief Commissioner, Field Operations*





# District Reports

## Avon

In December, 2009, a fire ripped through Toodyay, causing 40 homes to be destroyed and 4,000 hectares of land, including 20 sheds to be burnt. Over 300 people were displaced from their homes during the fire, which threatened the townsite. This was the biggest natural disaster in Toodyay's history since the floods of 1862.

Volunteer organisations in Toodyay worked around the clock to provide relief and arrange accommodation, shelter and food for the evacuees. Later, when the damage was assessed and people returned to their homes, the recovery effort began in earnest.

One Group who went over and above the call of duty was the Toodyay Rover Crew. As a relatively new Crew, who have been supported by the Kalamunda Rover Crew, the four young people were definitely thrown into the 'deep end'. A Facebook group was set up within six hours of the fire starting and within a few short weeks it had almost 6,000 members.

The Rovers manned the facebook page, coordinating offers of assistance and accommodation and relaying requests to the relevant state agencies. They also manned phones and responded to offers of assistance for bushfire survivors. New Crew Leader Julia Robinson spent almost two months at the local Town Hall, coordinating information services for the recovery effort.

The Rovers were assisted by Kalamunda Rover Crew, who arranged drop off points for donations through the Fire and Emergency Services Authority, and coordinated transport. This was a fantastic example of young people giving selflessly and leading by example.

Local Member of Parliament, The Hon. Judi Moylan MP, said in a letter to the Toodyay Scout Group that the activities of the Crew and of the Scout Group were inspirational and that she was very proud of their efforts.

Rovers Julia Robinson, Evie Luke, Rob Webb and Kiah Connor spent a day distributing hampers (donated by the York Scout Group) to fire-affected families. Rob wore his best safety boots, as the ground was still smoking. Roy Barfield, a Toodyay Scout, greatly appreciated the donation by the York Scout Group that enabled him to buy a new trampoline and replace some of his Christmas presents.

The Toodyay Scouts have been growing seed from the bushfire devastated areas for a replanting program due to commence in July of this year.

**Samantha Connor**  
*Group Leader, Toodyay Scout Group*

## City of Stirling

The Scouting year 2009-10 was a year of fun and high adventure for the City of Stirling District.

On the activity front, these were fun and exciting with Leaders coming up with some unique ways to add adventure and improve the outcome of many activities. One activity that springs to mind was a Sunday afternoon at Kings Park to conduct a Grey Wolf presentation ceremony. The ceremony was held in a picturesque location near the State War Memorial overlooking the Swan River. To add a bit of adventure the Leaders decided to integrate a guided nature tour of the Park by the Friends of Kings Park, an environmental group dedicated to educating the public to the wide diversity of floral and fauna in Kings Park. A great time was had by all.

At Group level, Groups held sleepovers, Cub Scout pack holidays, Scout camps, patrol alone Rottnest Invasion and hiking. Venturers went camping, Mission Impossible (MI) and hiking. Rovers MI, Bush Baja, Sandmoot at Busselton and ANZAC Vigil.

District highlights include the Joey Scouts District sleep over, Cub Scouts push car derby, tree planting at Gngangara, a Cub Scout Leadership Course, District Pack holiday with 140 attending at Point Walter with a pirate theme and the Grey Wolf presentation. Scouts held a water slide night at the Great Escape Hillarys, Leadership Course at Wembley Downs, Skills course at Manjedal and an all night adventure hike called "The City of Stirling Great Game Safari". Scout Patrols hiked through the night to activity bases putting their Scouting skills to the test. A fantastic event, well done Scouts and Leaders.

Further opportunity to interact with our country partners was hosting the Goldfields District for Nighthawk and Rottnest Invasion. Scouting history was made with the Kalgoorlie and Boulder Groups celebrating 100 years of Scouting in the Goldfields a few weeks apart. In early September, Assistant District Commissioner Selwyn Scott attended a Group celebration at the Kalgoorlie Hall and in the September school holidays a delegation of Scouts Leaders and Branch staff travelled to the Goldfields to join in the celebration of 100 years of Scouting with the Boulder Scout Group. Whilst in the Goldfields the Scouts toured sites of interest and enjoyed local hospitality from Kalgoorlie and Boulder Groups. Presentations from Western Australian Branch were made to Kalgoorlie and Boulder in recognition of their outstanding achievement.

The District participated in many Branch activities including Joey Scout Leap and sleepover hosted by the City of Stirling District at Wembley Downs, Cub Scouts - Cubilee at Wanneroo, Cuboree Link Camp at Manjedal, Scouts - Nighthawk at Pinjarra, Swan Tiki on the Swan River. Venturers - V4V Adventure Camp at Manjedal and Unit Management Course just to name a few.

On a wider front one of the highlights was the participation of 85 Scouts and nine Leaders who attended the Australian Jamboree AJ2010 held at Cataract Scout Park, New South Wales in January. By all accounts a fantastic time was had by all.

The District experienced steady growth in youth and leader membership especially in the Cub Scouts section with most Packs in the District having short term waiting lists. Congratulations to the Tuart Hill Yokine for the registration of their new Venturer Unit and Kamarang (Balgaa) for their new Joey Mob. Our current membership is at 610 registered members, about 45 up from last year.

As a Branch and District, our most pressing challenge is to recruit, train and support new Leaders. For this to occur we need to explore opportunities outside the norms of the Group environment. We need to be flexible in hours Leaders can give to their roll and explore further the potential leadership opportunities amongst the parents/guardians of new recruits.

Congratulations to the youth members, Leaders and supporters of Scouting who received Grey Wolf, Australian Scout Medallion, Service, Adult Recognition Awards, Supporter and Civic awards. Your achievement is a testimony to your leadership skills, hard work and dedication to the principles of Scouting. Aim high, and keep up the great work!

As District Commissioner I would like to sincerely say thank you to the many District, Group and section Leaders, committee members, parents and Group supporters for making Scouting such a fantastic experience for so many young people. Your hard work and dedication to Scouting principles have touched the lives of many young people for the betterment of the individual and the wider community. A job well done In closing, I wish to acknowledge two major stakeholders the City of Stirling and Town of Cambridge for their valuable support to Scouting. We look forward to working with you in 2010-11.

**Jim Macfarlan**  
*District Commissioner*

## Coastal Plains District

The Coastal Plains District consists of 15 Scout Groups including Kwinana, Atwell, Woodman Point, Bibra Lake, Willagee Kardinya, Bull Creek Leeming, Bicton, Fremantle, Leeuwin, Bateman Winthrop, Waylen Bay, Mosman Bay, Pelican Point and Subiaco, with a collective membership of 850 youth and 200 adult volunteers.

Award scheme achievements by our youth members included Joey Scout Promise Challenge Badge, the Cub Scout Grey Wolf Award, Australian Scout Medallion and Queen's Scout Award.

Our uniformed sections won numerous awards and events during the year both in sea and land activities.

Special thanks to Barry Etherington, Andrew Willis, Jackie Sutherland and David Nairn who stepped down as Group Leaders during the year. The Group Leader is a sometimes difficult but extremely rewarding appointment with a primary goal to encourage the development of a complete Group. Also special thanks to Annette Borthwick-Clark who ended her appointment as District Joey Leader in 2009.

Sadly, in March 2010 our District Treasurer, Doug Byers passed away. Doug gave more than 50 years' service to Scouting as a Leader, Branch Accountant for 21 years and as the District Treasurer for Melville and later Coastal Plains. His passion for volunteering did not rest just within Scouting. Doug was a founding and long serving committee member of the Melville Glades Golf Club, a volunteer with the Hotham Valley Railway and a Freemason. He is missed by all.

**Bill Biggins**  
*District Commissioner*

## Forrest/Vasse District

Our local festivals including Donnybrook Apple Festival, Brunswick Show, Capel Festival, Eaton Foreshore Festival, Margaret River Show to name but a few, were all well attended and many enquiries came out of these events, bringing more awareness to people of Scouting in the South West.

Our District had over 100 youth and 30 Leaders who went to the Jamboree AJ2010. It was a fantastic effort and well done to Contingent Leader Vern Casey and his team.

Bridgetown Group has had a steady year with so many new Leaders, new committee and new youth it has been a long learning curve for all concerned, it also being the run up to Jamboree gave them many challenges but I am pleased to say that with the support we were able to give them they are now well established.

Dalyellup Scout Group is steadily gaining more youth and Leaders and is now thinking of adding a second Cub Pack. They are a very active Group who do many activities away from their base. They have 10 Venturers, with a Scout Troop of 16, a Cub Pack of 29 and a Joey Mob of 12 this is a very lively Group and is proving to be very active within the community.

Australind Group has also been growing steadily and now has a Venturer Unit, the Joey's Mob has about 15, two Cub Scout Packs of 24 each, and a Scout Troop of 12.

Capel Group has now come into the Forrest District and has attended many District Events in the Cub section, they have a Scout section and are seen at many District and local events.

Bunbury Sea Scouts have a Rover Crew which has five members at the moment with a new Rover Advisor. It is beginning to take off with them joining in with other Rover Crews, they also have a Venturer Unit. They

have two Joey Scout Mobs with about 10 in each, the Cub Section has two full packs of 24, and there are two Scout Troops with 20 in each, they participate in many activities and are building a strong water activity base running sessions for other Groups including the Guides. Verity Mace achieved her Queen's Scout Award - congratulations.

Donnybrook Scouts have increased in number, and have a very healthy Troop that conducted many camps and ran an annual Billy cart race, which is a favourite within our District and attracts a lot of teams. The Cub section is also seen doing activities around town. The Venturer Unit is now up and running and at present has five members.

Manjimup Scout Troop is still vibrant and joining in many activities, travelling to Rottnest, joining in many District events, they now have a new Venturer Unit with a new leader and they are very keen and do lots of activities. The Cub Pack is getting stronger and holds many events around the town and is also joining in District events.

Leschenault Group have now opened a Joey Mob with a new Leader, it also has a strong Cub Pack, a very active Scout Group and a Venturer Unit. They all like the adventurous activities which includes abseiling, archery and much more.

Collie Group has maintained the Scout Troop and is steadily growing in numbers, hoping to re-open the Cub section next year. They have had a few enquiries from perspective Leaders. This is a good sign and the youth will be encouraged to join once Leaders are in place.

Eaton camp site is always well attended by many Groups throughout the year, coming and enjoying the facilities. It has a large hall, sleeping quarters for 80, inside toilets and showers. Outside the camping area is shady on the river bank and has various activities for all to enjoy, with cycles and canoes on site for all to use.

Busselton Group now has a new section of Joeys and is steadily growing and becoming stronger every year and has attracted a few more Leaders, the Scout section has 16 who are very active. The Cubs have grown this year with new Leaders it will be a very vibrant Pack, is very active and plans to be seen more in town.

Cape Naturaliste Group has grown in numbers having attracted a few more Leaders and this will become a stronger Group during next year. This Group meets on the Vasse camp site on Caves Road so it has a wonderful base. A publicity campaign organised for the schools in the early part of next year should see many more youth entering this fantastic Group.

Margaret River Group is a very well established youth movement in the town, helping at many community events, it also has new Leaders and Cubs and Scouts interact well in this Group. The Leaders are always

prepared to join in as many events as possible and always attend District Meetings - well done.

Vasse camp site is visited by many Groups throughout the year and is a lovely site right on the beach, plenty of shady trees, kitchen and alfresco dining area, a dormitory for 30 people, two barbeque areas and lots of local attractions.

All of our District events were well attended, Kub Kar Rally, Sixer and Second camp for Cubs, Joey theme day camp fire and sleep over, Scouts Forrest Quest, and Buntiki to name but a few. Many of the events in Perth were also well attended.

To all the Joey Scouts, Cubs Scouts, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers well done for all your achievements during this year and we wish you well for all that you will achieve in the coming year.

A big thanks to all our current Leaders, committee members, parents, and youth and a special congratulations to all who received Adult Recognition Awards at the Government House ceremony, and welcome to the many new Leaders into the Scouting Family - well done.

Our aim this year is to promote Scouts and to make each Group stronger and ensure the family of Scouting continues to grow, to join in with more community events, and make all our youth and Leaders proud to be seen in their uniforms.

A special thanks to all the District Team, without their support our District would not be able to function.

**Joyce McGinn**  
*District Commissioner*

## **Goldfields District**

The Goldfields District covers an area 8,600 square kilometres from Kalgoorlie to the north of the District and Esperance in the south. The District consists of Boulder, Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Kambalda Scout Groups and C.Y. O'Connor Venturer Unit and the newly formed C.Y. O'Connor Rover Crew. The formation of the C.Y. O'Connor Rover Crew has been received with enthusiasm and represents a significant development for Scouting in the Goldfields. Well done Rovers!

The Goldfields District would like to officially welcome Esperance Scout Group into the Goldfields District from their former remote area status. This change solidifies the relationship between Esperance and the greater Goldfields District that has existed for many years.

The Goldfields and City of Stirling District enjoy a twin city country partnership which has developed over the past three years. The twin Districts operate independently under a common District administrative structure. In May 2009 I accepted the temporary appointment as District Commissioner for the Goldfields and have enjoyed great support from the Goldfields Leaders. Hence the wearing of two

hats – District Commissioner Goldfields and City of Stirling. It should be noted that at some time in the future a local District Commissioner will be appointed to take over the role.

The 2009-2010 Scouting year started with an air of pride and excitement due to the fact that both Kalgoorlie and Boulder Groups were to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in the Goldfields just a few weeks apart. The celebrations started on the March long weekend with the Boulder Group holding a Group camp and public field day at the KCMG Super Pit Car Park. There were plenty of activities including a car remodeling (bash), environmental projects, fire safety using real fire extinguishers, arts and crafts and a good old marshmallow bake just to mention a few. All Groups in the District participated in varying degrees, including a group of 15 Scouts and Leaders from Esperance.

The next high point was in early September when the Kalgoorlie Group opened its doors to the town and celebrated with an open house with memorabilia, Scouting activities and afternoon tea. The afternoon was attended by local dignitaries past members and a delegation from Scouts WA including Deputy Chief Commissioner, Youth Programs, Sheridan Bunney, Branch Commissioner, Scouts, Vern Casey and Assistant District Commissioner, Selwyn Scott. Just three weeks later the Boulder Group celebrated 100 years of Scouting in a similar fashion over two days.

As well as the many visitors, old members and dignitaries, a delegation of 25 Scouts and Leaders from the City of Stirling District including all District staff journeyed to the Goldfields to join in the celebrations. One of the highlights was an unveiling of a time capsule that was laid down in 1975. On hand for the unveiling was Annette Galbraith one of the original Leaders responsible for the sinking of the capsule.

Annette was a Cub Leader at Boulder in 1975 and now holds the position of District Commissioner, Peel.

As part of the formal proceedings a new time capsule was laid down to be resurrected in 2034. Both Kalgoorlie and Boulder Groups were presented with special 100 year citations to record the occasion.

On the local Group front the activity program was pretty much full on all year. A few standout activities were Kalgoorlie's participation in the 'Balzano Barrow Race'. The event involves teams and individuals running or walking the 23km from the ghost town of Kanowna to the finish at Centennial Park in Kalgoorlie. The Scouts, Leaders and supporters made it to the end and had a fantastic time. Boulder sent eight Scouts to the Master Mariners Course in April and a group of eight Scouts to Nighthawk.

Esperance made a big splash as they do every year at the Esperance Agricultural Show in October. The Esperance Group is famous for their circular train ride that has been running for over 25 years, with the

cheapest and coldest drinks at the show The District sent Cubs to Cubilee at Wanneroo and a Cub Scout Leadership Course at Lake Douglas, Scouts to Youth Forum in Perth and Venturers to V4V at Manjedal.

On a wider front the District sent a delegation of 34 Scouts and nine Leaders to the Australian Jamboree AJ2010 held at Cataract Scout Park in New South Wales from 4 to 14 January. At any account this is a fantastic rollout and all that supported the Scouts to go to the Jamboree should be justly proud of their achievement. By all accounts the Scouts had the time of their lives and enjoyed the whole Jamboree experience.

Congratulations to all the youth members and Leaders that received Grey Wolf, Scout Medallion, Leader recognition and service awards.

In closing I would like to thank all the hard working Leaders, committee personnel, parents and supporters for making Scouting a fantastic experience for so many young people in the Goldfields District. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the wider Goldfields and business community for their ongoing support of Scouting.

**Jim Macfarlan**  
District Commissioner

### **Kalamunda District**

The membership in Kalamunda is still on the rise with moderate gains in all areas. With the closure of the District Venturer Unit the Venturers went back to their respective Groups and now the District has four Groups with a Venturer Unit, all with Venturer Leaders. Groups are coping well with recruitment of youth members, Leaders and support staff.

The District was represented with Leaders and Youth members at AJ2010 in Sydney in January. All attendees had a great time and there were the usual worn out Leaders that have since recovered.

The Founder's Day commemorations in Stirk Park Kalamunda went well and were followed by the usual Charlie's Challenge and a barbeque. The Charlie's Challenge is a wide game to commemorate our past District Commissioner who died tragically in an accident, doing what he always did well, helping others.

The training of Leaders is always a challenge, however the District is well represented with Wood Badge holders and the retention rate of trained Leaders in the District is gratifying.

The District is well placed for a great future and I would like to thank the members of the District for their dedication and ongoing support for the reason why we are here, the development of the youth in our care.

**Lester Leaman**  
Acting District Commissioner

## Peel District

The past year in Scouting has been a busy one. After the year had started the sectional meetings, our "Scouts" ranging from Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders could be found out and about enjoying the various programs of their own sections.

Joeys attended Joey Splash and Joey Leap as well as a couple of sleepovers held by Mobs within the District. We had a new Mob start up at Warnbro Sound with others at Mandurah and Waroona restarted.

The Cubs, not to be outdone, were out as well at the youth parade in Perth City and enjoying our great big ferris wheel on the foreshore. Cubs also took part in the usual activities such as SciTech, Trek-a-bout, the Zoo visit and Cubilee just to name a few.

Many Sixers and Seconds took part in training camps to assist with their development and progression to Scouts as well as leadership camps.

Scouts were represented at the youth awards with several receiving their Australian Scout Medallion certificates.

Some of our Scouts were lucky enough to be able to take part in an international visit to Singapore. Many other Scouts took on the challenge of AJ2010 at Cataract Park in January.

Scouts competed in the usual Marring and Shalder Shield camps with a view to representing the District at Cargeeg Shield, the State-based competition camp. One of Peel District patrols was awarded a gold certificate.

The Venturer section had the international opportunity of a Venture in New Zealand between December 2009 and January 2010. Reports from the Australian Contingent for New Zealand advised that all that took part had a blast visiting many different locations and activities on their trip from Auckland to Wellington where the Venture was based.

Adult Leaders, helpers and supporters within the District have been active providing their assistance and time where it is needed to bring the Scout program to as many youth as possible. Without these people Scouting could not achieve the levels of growth that have been seen. To recognise some of these individuals Adult Recognition Awards were awarded to people both uniformed and non-uniformed alike at a ceremony at Government House ballroom in Perth.

I would like to thank all those people who assist in running and providing the Scout program as well as those that provide support to Scouts and to your families as well.

Scouting is indebted to you for all that you give. By your actions you make Scouts and your communities a better place.

**Annette Galbraith**  
*District Commissioner*

## Pilbara District

On a Thursday night the usual Pack meeting held at the Scout hall was replaced with a visit to the fire station. The visit was organised to assist the Cubs with their journey through the Cub Scout Boomerang Award Scheme in particular learning about safety and your community. Fourteen cubs were shown around the station by station fire officers Dianne, Graeme and Mike. The evening started off inside the station with the volunteer fire fighters explaining about the various functions that the local volunteer brigade perform for the community.

After learning how to make an emergency call and what action they should take if they were in a house that was on fire, the Cubs were then shown outside to the waiting fire trucks and equipment. After seeing how much equipment the trucks carry, it had everyone thinking about the Scouting motto of "Be Prepared".



*Karratha Cub Scouts Visit Fire Station*

Graeme gave a demonstration of how the fire-fighters use foam to combat fire. The Malay almond tree at the back of the station proved a worthwhile target and took on the appearance of a snow covered tree, perfect for the lead up to Christmas. Now a visit to a fire station would not be complete without throwing a little bit of water around and when Graeme and Dianne called for volunteers to man the hoses there were plenty of eager Cub Scouts lining up for a go. Fortunately, Graeme closely supervised this operation, so no one ended up too wet.

After a quick look through the cabin of the truck the evening had come to an end all too quickly. The Karratha Cub Scouts would once again like to thank the Karratha Volunteer Fire Brigade for hosting their visit to the station and for the great service that they provide to the local community.

**Milton Schuttloffel**  
*Field Commissioner North*

## River Ranges District

This past year has been a significant and productive year for the District. In February 2010 the District welcomed our 18th Group (Southern River) as an active formation and it started with Cub and Scout sections. We have also been pleased to open additional sections in a number of other Groups, several of which have experienced significant revitalisation in numbers of youth and adult Leaders over the past year.

Scout training and effective and fun programs have been run and have resulted in many of our young people achieving major awards. Within the District we have presented no less than 12 Grey Wolf awards to Cub Scouts, seven Australian Scout Medallions to Scouts, two Queen Scout Awards to Venturers and three Baden-Powell Awards to Rovers. The young people achieving these have every reason to feel proud of their efforts, but owe much to the tireless efforts and enthusiasm of their Leaders and Groups who support them.

The contribution of 37 Leaders and other adult support personnel was recognised by the presentation of Adult Recognition Awards at Government House. Of especial note was the honours presented on Australia Day by local Councils to their outstanding citizens for their contributions to life in the local area. This year Jeremy Gillbanks, a Venturer from the Victoria Park Scout Group, was honoured as "Young Citizen of the Year" by South Perth City Council, and Sandra Cheyne, Cub Scout Leader from Armadale Scout Group, was honoured as "Citizen of the Year" by the Armadale City Council by their respective Mayors at civic ceremonies.

We are proud to have both land and water-based Groups operating within the District and so a variety of camping, hiking, sailing and canoeing activities regularly takes place. In addition, construction,

abseiling as well as cultural, fundraising and social activities are regular features of many programs. Civic parades and public ceremonies on ANZAC Day and Australia Day are well supported, as are efforts collecting for worthy causes, such as the Salvation Army, and assisting in Government House Open Days or Clean Up Australia by a number of our Groups. Annual District Leadership courses, Joey World, Cub Tiki, Soap Box Derby and Leaders Sundowners are popular activities for many and, of course, we have active participants and helpers at Trek-about, Cubilee, various Joey, Venturer and Rover events throughout the year. Over Christmas a significant number of Scouts and Leaders had a truly memorable time at AJ2010. All in all this past year has been busy but has provided many experiences for all those who took a part in them!

With an influx of about 30 new Leaders and committee personnel this past year the District Personnel Committee has been a busy one arranging interviews, organising suitable training and providing support for them. Thankfully we have an efficient and hard-working team to assist the District. We have run District Field Training Days to allow Leaders to complete their training files and where needed, individual support has been provided. Six Leaders have undertaken advanced training and are proudly wearing their "Wood Badge Beads". The cycle of reviewing Leaders after three years continues to ensure that Leaders are best placed and happy in their roles.

Much thanks must go to the District staff who have worked most diligently and effectively to support our Groups in many different ways and our practice of regularly meeting with the Group Leaders to review progress and assist the District to plan how best to assist Groups seems to be paying dividends. We look forward to continuing success in our Scouting in 2010 and beyond.

**Philip Friend**  
*District Commissioner*

## Stirling District

Following two very busy centenary celebration years, we weren't quite sure what the next year would bring, whether the momentum would continue or ease a bit. Looking back now, it was great to see all sections were still very busy and productive.

Throughout the year, Scouts were able to represent their Groups and Scouting in general by participating in a range of community events such as ANZAC Day in Albany and Denmark. Albany Scouts also participated in the RSL's Desert Corp Memorial Service, the Order of Australia Association's Annual Church Service and the Albany Christmas Pageant. Denmark Scout Group catered for many community events during the year, with Scouts being praised for the hospitality skills they have developed.



We were able to celebrate during the year, the achievements of many of our Scouts, adult Leaders and supporters. To our youth members, the Queen's Scout Award was presented to Delshard Mozhdehinia, Grey Wolf Awards to Cub Scouts in Denmark and Albany, with a large number of Joey Promise badges also presented.

It was a great thrill to be able to present our former District Commissioner Shirley Robinson, with Life Membership of the Western Australian Branch. Australia Day saw a number of hard working Scouting youth and adults throughout the District nominated for Australia Day Awards for Active Citizenship. Denmark Group Treasurer Holly Ferrara was named Denmark Citizen of the Year. In Albany, Venturer Aiden Healy and Adult Helper Janet McArtney received Achievement Awards in their categories.

One of the highlights of the year was the raising of the Porongurup Scout Group, after initial interest being shown by local residents. Following a great deal of planning, training and preparation, the doors were opened to youth in September 2009, with a Cub Scout Section of 12 and a Scout Section of 14.

In July, we were able to run a very successful committee training day at the Porongurup Community Hall, where many newly elected committee members from all three Groups attended. With assistance from Branch, we were also able to conduct a Scout Leadership Skills weekend for Albany, Denmark and Pingelly Troops.

Early in 2009 the Gilcreek Management Committee was raised to coordinate efforts to improve the facilities at the Gilcreek Scout Camp. With the aid of a number of funding grants, some necessary upgrading to Gilcreek commenced, with gas instantaneous hot water installed, dormitories re-roofed, main driveway re-surfaced with gravel, a ride on mower purchased, new leach drains installed and much painting undertaken. The installation and commissioning of rainwater tanks was finalised, and with assistance from a team provided by South Coast Natural Resource Management, the eradication of the intrusive Sydney Wattle was begun.

Early in 2010 over 100 Scouts, Guides, supporters and parents crammed into the Albany Salvation Army Church to participate in the 2010 Founder's Day/Guide Centenary Thinking Day service. This was organised by the local Guides as the first Great Southern event for their centenary celebrations.

The final activities for the year were the District Cub Camp and a District Patrol Leader/Assistant Patrol Leader Camp, both held in March. The District Cub Camp had a Medieval theme, and was attended by Cub Scouts from all three Groups in the District. A very lively couple of days!

I would like to sincerely thank all the Leaders in the District, for the considerable time and effort they

contribute throughout the year. Just as importantly, I thank the many adult helpers, parents and supporters who assist the Groups in so many ways, to maintain a vibrant Scouting presence in their communities. Well done everyone.

**Greg Henderson**  
*District Commissioner*

## **Swan Valley District**

Swan Valley District has continued to grow over the past 12 months with increased youth members and Leaders but more Leaders are required to deliver the Scout program to the various sections. Chittering Group commenced at the beginning of 2009 and has 60 youth members but only four Leaders. Venturer Units are also growing with the start of the Beechboro and Gingin Units last year, Ballajura commencing at the beginning of this year and Bayswater and Chittering Units starting later this year.

The Leaders continue to provide exciting and fun-filled activities to encourage the youth members to develop and learn new skills. In April 2009, 25 Cub Scouts and eight adults from Gingin and Hampton Park Groups toured the Kimberley's for eight days visiting Cub Packs at Derby, Fitzroy Crossing and Broome. A great time was had by all. Derby Cubs spent a week in Perth with Gingin and Hampton Park from Good Friday 2010.

All Groups continued their civic duty by attending ANZAC Day ceremonies, tree planting and being involved in other community activities such as building rope bridges at the Bullsbrook Show and for the Children's Week activity and assisting on the Scout stand at the Royal Show as well as running their section programs.

Fundraising was a priority for many Groups with approximately 100 youth members from the District attending Australian Jamboree AJ2010 which was held in Sydney at the beginning of the year.

Besides the above events Joey Scouts have participated in the District Sleepover, the Branch Joey Campfire and Joey Environment day while Cub Scouts have attended Cuboree, Cubilee, Have A Go, District Market Day, Night Stalk, Sixer/Second training, Leadership training and Jungle Book camp. The Scouts have had their own Skills and Leadership training courses, the Annual District camp, Rottneet Invasion, Orienteering, Junior Avon Descent and Swan Tiki. Bayswater Scouts also competed in the Master Mariners Competition and other Sea Scout activities.

Recognition was given to the 14 Cub Scouts who attained their Grey Wolf Badge with a ceremony at Hampton Park Scout Hall in February while two Scouts, one from Beechboro and one from Gingin, received their certificates for the Australian Scout Medallion at

Government House. A number of Scouts have already attained their Australian Scout Medallion this year and will be presented with certificates next February. Leaders were also recognised for their years of service to Scouting with a number of them presented with certificates and medallions including one Silver Emu, to Ian Warner from Hampton Park, for sustained and exceptional service. Barb Hunt of Morley Group was recognised by the City of Bayswater for the Premier's Active Citizenship Award 2010.

To all the Leaders, adult helpers and committee members in the District I give my thanks for the many hours spent attending to our youth members or fundraising activities and for their support to the District activities and to me. I also thank the spouses who often assist their partners or are required to spend time at home while the other one is out and about. It is all these people that make Scouting work for the youth members.

**Steve Hunt**  
*District Commissioner*

## **Wanneroo/Joondalup District**

As always we started the year with the ANZAC night vigil, and this year was no different. We saw a large number of our youth members, mainly Venturers and Scouts, spending the night at the Wanneroo Memorial, starting at 7.00 pm on the 24 April until 6.00 am on 25 April, when the Army took over with their cataphyll party.

This is when the rest of the Groups in the District turned up for the parade and the dawn service commenced.

Our next big outing was on the long weekend in June, this we call "Mission Impossible" when our Rovers and Venturers do an overnight hike, with full packs and bases set-up where they have a time to complete a set task, with many youth members from the district completing it.

Then in August our Scout sections competed in Nighthawk. This event is held at a different location each year and this year's event was held in Pinjarra. Again our youth members arrived at the show grounds ready to do the hike but first set up their campsites. This event is held for Scouts only and they must complete a set course with bases set at intervals with tasks for them to complete. Several Groups from this District attended this event and had a great time.

Also in August, the Wanneroo/Joondalup District held its District camp for Scouts with the winner from this competition going forward to represent the District at the annual Cargeeg Challenge. This year's entrant was from the Wanneroo Scout Group and they spent the next few weeks getting ready for the main event in which they must show the best camp standards in cleanliness, health and hygiene.

September saw a dozen Leaders and adult helpers from this District presented to the Governor for the service awards to Scouting. I thank these people for giving up their spare time and commitment to Scouting and our youth members.

Also in September we saw our Rover section hold their annual Bush Baja. This event sees our Rovers enjoying themselves by driving cars which have been CAMS approved through dirt tracks and muddy fields.

October was Jamboree of the Airwaves which the District held at the Woodvale community centre. This was ran by Graham Wilson which saw several youth members come through the doors and talk to people in the USA, UK and Switzerland. They also got to talk to other Scout Groups and Girl Guides across Australia. Also in October our Joey Scouts attended an environment festival which is led by members of the environment team which is led by Angela Petrow.

November saw the District hold the Cub Scouts Cubilee at the Wanneroo showgrounds with Cubs coming from as far north as Carnarvon and Kalgoorlie in the east and Boyup Brook in the south. This event took six months to put together by Penny Simmons, a Cub Leader from Duncraig. I thank Penny and her team for a great effort put in to this event at such short notice.

In January 2010 we participated in the Australian Jamboree in Sydney. A large number of youth members and Leaders had 10 days of fun and excitement.

In February we saw several of our youth members from this District receive awards from the Governor at Government House. They were Scouts who received their Australian Scout Medallion which is the highest award a Scout can receive for their Section. Rebecca Filippone and Jayden Ridders received their Queen's Scout Award which is the highest award a Venturer can receive. One of our Rovers Brett Poole received his Baden Powell Award from the Governor, which again is the highest award a Rover can gain.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all Leaders and their partners along with all the adult helpers in the District for giving their time and commitment to Scouting. Also I would like to thank the Mayors and their staff from the Wanneroo City Council and the City of Joondalup for their wonderful facilities at their community halls that our Scout Groups use.

**Robert Parry**  
*District Commissioner*



# Strategic Services

Strategic Services is a portfolio within the uniformed side of Scouting, encompassing Marketing, Risk Management and Policy and Planning. A key approach of this portfolio has been to encourage the involvement of past Rover members, partly to encourage new ideas in the direction of the organisation and to provide an alternative way for young adults to volunteer in the Movement.

## Policy and Planning

PJ Axford took on the position of Branch Commissioner, Policy and Planning early in 2009. While some of the Branch's policies remain the responsibility of the Branch Management Committee, Policy and Planning is responsible for creating and updating those that deal with program delivery for the uniformed sections. This is achieved in close consultation with the Branch and District Commissioners and other stakeholders.

One of the key policies agreed in the past year was our Duty of Care Policy which outlines how the Branch will manage risks while delivering the Scout program.

Other documents developed have included standard operating procedures for the Adventurous Activities facilities at Manjedal, an information statement to assist Joey Scout Leaders (with the other sections in development) and the Media Procedure.

Work is also advanced on updating a number of our standard forms. On top of this, South Australia's "5 Star Scouting" system is being adapted as a tool to support the development of our Leaders and will hopefully be in place later in 2010.

## Risk Management

Dave Kelly took over from Christian FitzGerald in the role of Branch Commissioner, Scout Safe in 2009. While the management of risk on individual Scouting activities is generally the responsibility of the Leaders running them, our small Scoutsafe team ensures that the Branch's policies, procedures and training are suitable to keep both our members and organisation safe. They also provide risk management advice and support to members, particularly when running Branch events.

Along with reviewing the Duty of Care Policy, Dave also reviewed the Adventurous Activities standards with the Adventurous Activities team. The new climbing wall at Manjedal was inspected prior to commissioning and he assisted some of the Cubilee team with the management of risk on one of their activities.

Behind the scenes, preliminary work is underway on the development of an on-line risk assessment tool that will cut down on some of the

paperwork needed for activities away from the hall. It is envisaged that this will make the Leader's job easier and improve the standard of risk assessments.

## Marketing

The purpose of the Marketing team is to provide tools for Scout Groups to conduct their own promotions and to raise the profile of the Movement in Western Australia.

A number of media releases were prepared and issued, promoting the achievements of our members, as well as giving information about new Groups opening and major activities conducted. They included subjects as disparate as Angela Petrow's trip to the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit to the pirate-themed Swan Tiki.

A promotional activity was run at the Government House Open Day, with the rope bridge and face painting activities proving to be very popular with the children. Six Groups participated in McHappy Day in November, raising money for the Ronald McDonald House children's charity.

In October, our major promotional activity for the year was at the Perth Royal Show. A great many Leaders assisted over the course of the Show, with the Venturers helping during set-up and the Performing Arts team particularly worthy of mention. The number of people passing through our activities increased significantly from last year and the Royal Agricultural Society commended us on the design of our display. In anticipation of the Show, a new promotional brochure was produced and copies are available for Groups.

**Clinton Smith**

*Deputy Chief Commissioner, Strategic Services*



# Scout Heritage Centre of WA



The Scout Heritage Centre has undergone a major change this year with the resignation of the Curator Nancy Bale and the appointment of Gwynva Rumball to this position.



Work has commenced on rearranging displays to include more interpretation. Signage has been produced to make it easier for visitors to locate the Centre. The website is currently being looked at with a view to updating this valuable publicity tool.

Accessing and cataloguing, archival research, data input, displays both in-house and external, and assisting visitors continue to occupy team members. A total of 1,590 hours were recorded at an in-kind value of \$34,000 by our volunteers working in the Centre in 2009.

Visits by Groups are encouraged and these have consisted predominately of visits by Cub Scout

Packs. The Cub Scout program provided includes in addition to perusing the treasures on display and completing a quiz, taking part in an old style Grand Howl, learning about Morse code and having individual photographs taken with a camp blanket and lemon squeezer. Programs are adapted for Joey Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Leaders' visits.

Our photographic collection is growing and donations of photographs are always welcome as are all donations of memorabilia. We have a very interesting display of Scouting stamps available throughout the world currently on show. Our archives continue to be a source of information for people wishing to trace family involvement, or Group histories and we welcome enquiries.

*Gwynva Rumball, Curator  
Fay Hall, Archivist*

## Baden-Powell Scout Guild WA



The Guild now has two Branches in this State, one in Perth and one for country Branch members. We continue to support Scout events such as Cubilee, Trek- a-bout wherever possible.

Deputy State Guildmaster Roy Grecian and I attended the Regional Conference held in Malaysia last July where Guild members from all over the Asia Pacific Region joined together in conference and fellowship. Perth Branch President Bill Heel

attended the AJ2010 Jamboree at Cataract Park in January 2010.

Our main goals are to support Scouting in Western Australia but we also enjoy fellowship at regular monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month at Branch Headquarters. New members are always welcome. Contact State Guildmaster Doug Dowdell at Branch Headquarters on Tuesdays for further information.

*Doug Dowdell  
State Guildmaster*



# Scouts for Climate Change



In December 2009, Branch Commissioner, Environment, Angela Petrow, represented Scouts Australia at the 'Scouts for Climate Summit' in Copenhagen, Denmark, a side event to the United Nations 15th Conference.

The Summit brought together Scouts from 33 countries to be trained in skills to enable and empower them to mobilise their national Scout organisations to engage in climate change projects. Leaders returned to their countries, equipped with competencies, tools, ideas and plans of action to initiate and implement behaviourchanging projects in their societies.

It was a great opportunity and Australia will be involved in ongoing climate change initiatives.