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## **TO ALL MEMBERS OF SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW BRANCH**

At the July 2011 meeting of the Regional Commissioners Forum, I was asked by the Forum to review what members should wear below the waist with the National uniform.

The primary concern at the time of the introduction of the current uniform in 2003 was that whatever uniform was to be specified it should be readily accessible to purchase, relatively inexpensive, practical and suitable for all occasions. Those same concerns remain today.

I have now completed the review and have decided that the uniform to be worn by all Members in New South Wales will be:

### **SHIRT (National Policy)**

a) Youth Members – dark blue Scout pattern incorporating the Scouts Australia logo with short sleeves and collar. The collar, yoke and outside of sleeves to be in the relevant Section colour as indicated below:

- Joey Scouts – Tan
- Cub Scouts – Yellow
- Scouts – Green
- Venturer Scouts – Maroon
- Rovers – Red

b) Adult Members – dark blue only Scout pattern incorporating the Scout Australia logo.

### **SCARF (National Policy)**

A scarf of a design approved by Branch which may be worn either under or over the collar, with a woggle (the decision on whether worn under or over the collar is one for the Group but all members of the Group must use the same method of wear).

### **SHORTS, TROUSERS, SKIRTS**

- Youth Members and Adult Members – Individual choice of neat attire. Colour will be either grey, light colours or navy blue.
- The decision of what colour will be worn is a Group decision (not a Region or District decision) but the whole Group must wear the same colour.
- Light coloured is beige, stonewash, light brown or similar colours.

- Jeans may be worn on activities with the shirt and scarf as prescribed above may be worn on activities. However for formal occasions jeans are not to be worn.
- The colour of shorts, trousers or skirts worn by members of the State Team will be "light colours".

### **BELTS**

- Dark blue webbing style belt with metal buckle incorporating Scouts Australia logo.
- Black or brown coloured belt.

### **FOOTWEAR**

Neat, practical footwear. Individual choice of black or brown shoes, boots or joggers.

### **HEADGEAR**

- Headgear worn will be optional at the discretion of the Group.
- Wearing of headgear appropriate to a situation is expected safe and sensible practice.

The above revised uniform guidelines are applicable immediately.

### **BADGES**

- District Badges – These are not covered by the badges approved by National to wear on the uniform. The wearing of District Badges is therefore at the discretion of the Branch Chief Commissioner and I have decided that District Badges may be worn on the Group/Region Scarf.
- Leader Identification Badges (e.g Cub Scout Leader, Scout Leader etc) – Badges approved for wearing on the uniform by National do not include leader identification badges. I am aware that Scouts Australia Queensland Branch has produced leader identification badges and some leaders in New South Wales are wearing the Queensland Badges. However these are only approved for wear by leaders in Queensland Branch, not New South Wales. Leader identification badges are not to be worn by leaders in New South Wales and any leaders who are currently wearing these badges are to remove them immediately.



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Chief Commissioner  
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