



### **15 September, 2016 – Wal Pilz**

It is with deep regret that Scouts NSW advises of the passing of our 10th Chief Commissioner, Wal Pilz OA OBE, on Thursday 15 September 2016.

Wal began his Scouting career as the assistant Scout Leader at 1st Mosman Scouts in 1945 when he was just 18. He rose quickly through the ranks to become the Assistant District Commissioner for Mosman District in 1951. In 1952 he relocated to the Golden West and became the District Commissioner for Turon District, a position he held until 1954. He took a short break from Scouting between 1954 and 1961 when he accepted the appointment of Branch Commissioner. In 1968 he became the Deputy Chief Commissioner to Sir Vincent Fairfax CMG and in 1969, at age 41, Wal became the Chief Commissioner of NSW, a position he held until 1976. Wal remained an Honorary Commissioner from 1976 until his passing. He was nominated as a Life Councillor to the Branch Council in 1995 and was the Area and Regional President of the Golden West from 1996 until 2005. Wal gave over 64 years of service to Scouting.

He was the Deputy Camp Chief of the 6th Australian Jamboree at Lansdowne in 1960 and the Camp Chief of the 9th Australian Jamboree at Leppington in 1970-71.

Wal was awarded the Silver Kangaroo in 1976 and was one of the former Chief Commissioners recognised at the 2008 Annual General Meeting celebrating the Centenary of Scouting. Wal was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1977 for his service to Scouting and State, and awarded Officer of the Order of Australia (OA) in 1986 for public service, particularly as Director, New South Wales Public Works Department.

Wal will be sadly missed by his Scouting friends and family.

Members are advised the Wal's funeral will take place at Macquarie Park Crematorium, in the Magnolia Room on Tuesday 27th September 2016 at 1pm. Members are requested to wear full and correct Scout uniform.