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**SCOUTS
AUSTRALIA**

Date: Fri, 21 Jul 1995 11:40:37 EST
From: Bruce Ward <Bruce.Ward@SMTPGWY.AGRIC.NSW.GOV.AU>
Subject: Re: Calling Scouts around the World

Gary Hendra posted a message requesting details of Scout Shops around the world. Sorry to post this reply to the whole list, but Gary, your sig block does not include your email address and my mailer gives me SCOUTS-L as the author!

Scout Shops in New South Wales (State of Australia) are now known as "Snowgum Adventure Stores". The Ashfield shop no longer exists. The following is a current list accurate as at Today (21.7.95), supplied by the Snowgum mail order Department.

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A Note for overseas customers.

Small or unusual orders may be difficult to fill for overseas customers due to unusual customs regulations. For example an order for three Patrol Leader Hat Badges (metal) to the USA involved quite complex customs declarations including the source of metal etc!

**Date: Sat, 17 Feb 1996 01:03:31 -0500 (EST)
From: "Michael F. Bowman" <mfbowman@CapAccess.org>
To: Multiple Recipients of the List SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L%TCUBVM.BITNET@PUCC.PRINCETON.EDU>
Subject: Australia - ACT Cuboree (fwd)**

Some of you may know Sarah Jones from Australia. She's been having some trouble keeping hooked in to the Internet from home and isn't on Scouts-L for the time-being, so I've asked her if I could share a story she wrote with all of you on the list. With her kind permission, it is a pleasure to pass on her story of a wonderful adventure with Cubs in Australia.

**Speaking Only for Myself in the Scouting Spirit, Michael F. Bowman
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FORWARDED MESSAGE STARTS BELOW:

G'day there,

here is a copy of the trip report of the trip to the ACT Cuboree. This is basicly what I am gong t send into the District Newsletter.

ACT Cuboree: Shaping our Future

Recently, 4 leaders, a Venturer and 3 Cub Scouts from Elizabeth District attended the ACT Cuboree held at Camp Cottermouth in the hills around canberra.

Like South Australian Cuborees, these events are held every three years and run to a theme.

The planning for the South Australian Contingent started back in late January 1995, when Alan Jones (Project Commisioner for Cub Scouts) approached the Branch

Commisioner for Cub Scouts in the ACT with the idea of a group comming across from South Australia. Permission was given and from there things really started

happening. At least in the Jones Household. The phone was constantly ringing and enquiries were a daily activity. The Contingent team was sorted out and who was in charge of what. Leaders were slotted into line positions and the rest went into activity areas.

The request was made that the South Australian Cubs to be in groups of 6 and then were teamed with a sub camp (or zone) and were only required to provide sleeping tentage for our cubs. This proved to be a plus as it meant we had less to transport across and everything was able to fit onto the 2 buses.

The Elizabeth Cubs were with me as their line leader and were in the High Tech Zone, Laser Sector. The Sectors in each zone were the ones we were to do activities with while at the Cuboree. They also included Cubs not only from Canberra, but from other states of Australia as well.

Finally the departure day arrived and with high expectations from all. This is despite a few late pullouts and replacements, everything was go, go, go. As a Bus Captain, I had the pleasure (or should it be misfortune?) of boarding the Northern Suburbs bus at its first stop at Broadview, where we picked up the first of the leaders and cubs for bus B.

>From there, we headed north with our final pickup at Gawler and then we headed for Merbien (In Victoria) where we spent the night in the joint Scout-Guide Hall. This hall has to be seen to be believed. It was offices, but when they were vacated, were donated to the local Scout and Guide Groups. It is fully carpeted and air conditioned as well. It was a pleasant night's sleep (given we are in the middle of summer and it was warmish).

The trip across the Hay Plain was uneventful as we headed eastward towards Canberra. Lunch and a swim was enjoyed by all in Hay and we increased the population at the local swimming pool several times over. Wagga Wagga Rovers had us for tea and this is where we caused problems when bus A went to turn around and went into a spoon drain and dented the bar at the front of the bus. This was quickly fixed and we were soon on our way again. We arrived in Canberra around midnight, sleeping in tentage provided.

Saturday saw us all up bright and early and heading to meet the rest of our zones in time for breakfast. After having breakfast, we quickly set up tents so that we could make the opening ceremony of the cuboree. From here on in, time was busy. With the opening at 10am, we moved onto our first activity at 10:30am.

Each day saw us doing three activity bases of 2 hours duration each. One in the morning and two in the afternoon. Before the morning activity, we had a 30 minute activity prior to moving off to our first activity for the day.

The activities were all well done and certainly they kept the cubs moving the whole time they were there. All had a message that the cubs could take away and use in the future. Some were plain fun while others encouraged them to really think. All were linked around the theme of the Cuboree which was "Shaping our Future". In total there were nine activity bases that were done and they were....

- * **Inner Space: What is happening inside our bodies?**
----- Made popular by the exiting by the water slide.
- * **Outer Space: What do we know of other planets other than earth?**
----- (very popular as this had a mud pool and the kids got very muddy)
- * **Investment: What can be done to make sure we get what we want?**

- * **Communication and Technology: all about communication and computers etc**

- * **Decisions: How do group and individual decisions affect our life**
----- options?
- * **Leisure: If we have more time on our hands, how will we use it?**

- * **Scout family: What is it like to be a Joey, Cub, Scout, Venturer and**
----- Rover?
- * **Water: A resource or play thing?**

- * **Moving On: How do things move? How will we make them in the future?**

We had programmed into the program ten activity bases. This meant that on Monday afternoon, everyone had a session off. It was either the 1:30 to 3:30 or 3:30 to 5:30 time slot. This allowed the Cubs a chance to either rest, shower, or simply to wander around and swap badges with others on site.

We were constantly on the go and there was always something to do. We had three activity bases to do during the day as well as the night activities and one

before we headed off to our first session each morning. This was where they really pushed the camp dance and the song which was "No Limit" by 2 Unlimited.

It was done so often that we even saw a cub doing it in his sleep while at Merbiem on the trip home.

The culmination of the Cuboree was the making of the time capsule on Monday Night. All Activity Bases had gathered a selection of Cubs from the zone they were linked with and the Cubs were asked to put something from that activity base into the time capsule. This is to be reopened in 9 years time at the Cuboree in 2005.

Another highlight of that night was the lighting of the optic torches. What a sight from down the front looking back up the hill leading from the stage and seeing 1300 of them being danced and waved about to "No Limit"

Tuesday saw us complete the last activity base and many farewells were said. The South Australians were packed by 10 am before our last activity. We had the closing after lunch and then our presentations of our woggles were made. The South Australians left for a quick tour of Canberra before heading to the Sizzlers for tea. We had also gained by this stage 2 Canadian Rovers as part of our contingent...They proved to be popular with our Cubs. From tea we headed

to the Telecom Tower to see the lights of Canberra. It seemed that as we arrived and got out of the lifts, some of the public was heard to say "not more of them!" It seems that we had just missed the Victorians who had left shortly before our arrival. We left here and headed back to camp for a few hours sleep.

We had another early day with everyone being awoken by 5:30am. We left at 6:30am and headed to Mc Donalds for Breakfast. We certainly had the dining room full(not that Like Mc Donalds....I prefer Hungry Jacks!)

>From here we hit the road and headed westward. The only difference on the trip

back was that we had lunch and a walk in Wagga Wagga and tea and swimming at the

pool in Hay. By this stage, Alan Jones and Jenny White had bought a copy of the song "No Limit" and played it over the PA at swimming pool. Being a country town...we certainly got the locals attention as 61 Cubs and a few Leaders jumped up and started doing the camp dance in the middle of the grassed area.

>From here we headed to Merbein and a much needed sleep. Many Cubs fell asleep

on the bus, with only a few staying awake. It was a much appreciated stop as we knew a carpeted floor and air conditioning was going to greet us on arrival at the hall.

We had another early start and one that was greatly appreciated, as it signalled the last leg home. We had been away a week and we were all looking forward to our own beds. The drop offs in Adelaide were the reverse of our pick ups on our trip out.

It was a good trip/week over all and one that was enjoyed by all who attended. Despite the long hours for all involved (Cubs as well as leaders) many are looking forward to our own Cuboree in November and some of us are already planning on attending the next ACT Cuboree in 1999.

Date: Mon, 1 Apr 1996 16:22:00 PST
From: "Grant O'Neil" <oneig@SEA.WA.EDU.AU>
Subject: Re: "Ownership" of scouts

I have found the discussion of "ownership" of cubs moving on to scouts rather interesting. The Australian scouting program accommodates this situation somewhat differently. To begin with, here we have a scout "group" which in an ideal situation will comprise one or more joey mobs (ages 6-8), cub packs (8-11), scout troops (11-14), venturer units (14-18), and/or rover crews (18-25). Ideally, of course, there would be at least one of each and a youth member could begin as a Joey scout at age six and move through all the scouting sections within the one group until they finish being a rover at age 25. In the real world this is not so common, but most groups will have at least a cub pack and scout troop. The general idea is to view scouting as a progression through the various sections rather than any one section in isolation, and having a range of sections within a single group helps foster this view. It also tends to encourage interaction between sections as the broader "group" view rather than a purely "section" view is taken.

A second factor that influences interaction between sections, regardless of the presence or otherwise of different sections within the group, is that there is a "link badge" for each section (i.e. joey-cubs, cubs-scouts and so on.) This badge basically forms the bridge from one section to the next. For example, in the case of a venturer linking from scouts, they need to take part in several unit activities including one outdoors; in a similar way the requirements for each link badge basically introduce the new member to the section they are moving into, and by means of having activities with their

new pack/troop/unit/crew they get to know the people and the type of things they will be doing.

It is still possible for a person to choose to go to a scout troop in a different group from the one in which they have been a cub, but this is not very common (in fact, in most cases when this does happen it is probably a symptom of some problems somewhere!). BTW, we have nothing similar to Webelos; just the five sections as described above.

Grant O'Neil

**Date: Wed, 3 Apr 1996 16:53:00 PST
From: "Grant O'Neil" <oneig@SEA.WA.EDU.AU>
Subject: Australian Scout award scheme**

Mark A. Michalski wrote:

**>Grant,
>Here is a short synopsis of our ranks structure in the BSA:
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>The ranks are as follows:
>Scout
>Tenderfoot
>Second Class
>First Class
>Star
>Life
>Eagle
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<snip details on requirements for levels>**

In replying I decided that others on the list may also be interested to compare the award scheme we have here. I will begin by pointing out that it is a couple of years since I have worked in Cubs and Scouts; I think the general requirements are still much the same, but I may be incorrect in some more detailed points; if any of you other Aussies out there notice I have got something wrong, please correct me... To save going over the details of the scouting sections in Australia I will refer you to <http://www.fcollins.com.au/Scouts/index.html>, where they are each listed, along with a lot of other information that may be of interest.

There are additional awards available in each section to those I will refer to, I am only covering the main features of the award scheme. I am hoping that sometime in the future this area can be covered in greater detail on the Australian Scouts Homepage, including pictures of each badge and requirements etc. - sort of an on-line handbook (how about it, Alistair? give me a call sometime 249-4083 to discuss it)

Joey Scouts:

There is no award scheme for Joey scouts (BTW, for those who did not know, a

Joey is a baby kangaroo; hence the Joey motto of HOP, meaning Help Other People)

Cub Scouts:

There are three award levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold Boomerang. For each of

these badges there are a number of requirements in different areas that need

to be met. These include some optional requirements and compulsory requirements covering law and promise and citizenship. There are also a range of interest badges called "Achievement Badges"; each badge is available in three levels of difficulty (originally they were related to age groups e.g. red badges for 8 year olds, blue badges for 9YO and green for 10yo, but I understand this is no longer the case and a cub can work towards

whatever level suits their ability)

Scouts:

Initially there is the Scoutcraft badge, that is probably somewhat equivalent to the tenderfoot - covers basic scouting skills, first aid, knots, camping etc.

Next are three award levels - Pioneer (red), Explorer (blue), and Adventurer

(green). These awards are a round badge, about 2.5" in the appropriate colour with a yellow fleur-de-lis in the centre and the title embroidered across the bottom. For each level you must earn three "Target" badges; Citizenship, Campcraft and one other from a range of about 5 (the only ones

I can recall at the moment are Air Activities and Water Activities) Each target badge is about round, 1" diameter and in the appropriate colour with

a picture representing what the badge is for (e.g. map of Australia for citizenship, tent for campcraft etc.)

With each award level it is also possible to earn a "cord" - a plaited lanyard in the appropriate colour worn under the shoulder strap. To earn the each cord, the scout must have earned the appropriate level, take part in a "patrol activity" and earn two "challenge" badges (i.e. to earn the red cord one patrol activity and two challenge badges; for green cord three patrol activities and six challenge badges) Challenge badges are basically interest badges; covering areas such as sportsman, communicator, collector etc.

Venturers:

First award is Discovery award - basically a Venturer level tenderfoot equivalent (overnight hike including suitable preparation etc., basic first aid)

The other awards are Venturer Award and Queen Scout. For each of these awards there are eight activity areas: Citizenship, Environment, Expedition, Expression, Fitness, Ideals, Pursuits and Service. In each activity area there are a set of "Venturer award level" requirements and "Queen Scout award level" requirements. To achieve Venturer award, a venturer must meet venturer award requirements in 5 activity areas including expedition and service, plus complete a weekend initiative course. To earn the Queen scout a venturer must complete the remaining three activity areas to venturer award standard, plus four activity areas including service to queen scout standard. they must also pass a weekend (Friday night to Sunday afternoon) leadership course, after which the award must be approved by the venturer unit council, District commissioner (who interviews the venturer) and branch headquarters.

Rovers:

Here I really don't know much at all, having never been a Rover myself. The main award for Rovers is the Baden Powell award; from what I understand of this award it could perhaps be compared to an advanced version of the Queen

Scout award.

Hope this throws some light on scouting downunder for you...

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Date: Fri, 5 Apr 1996 07:51:41 +0930
From: Alan Jones <sacubs@DOVE.MTX.NET.AU>
Subject: Re: Australian Scout award scheme

G'day all,

While I think it is nice that Grant is replying to this, there have been several changes to the Cub Award scheme and these come into effect as of the 1st of January this year.

Some will sound major, but I have found that while it did sound major at the start, it has settled in really well. I have explained the changes below for you all to read.

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>groups e.g. red badges for 8 year olds, blue badges for 9YO and green for

>10yo, but I understand this is no longer the case and a cub can work towards
>whatever level suits their ability)

Right...the Boomerang parts are the still correct. However, there are now 14 parts to these badges and 10 must be completed to earn the Boomerang. And definitely aged based.

As to the Achievement badges, I try to encourage the age (8 Red, 9 Blue and 10 Green) as you have 10 year olds wanting to earn red (extremely easy) and they don't challenge the kids enough. They then will complain that the badge work is easy. So I try to start at the age level but then work on it from there. Obviously, some will need to either move up or down a level depending. I use it mainly as a yard stick (or a guiding point)

There has also been a Yellow (or Gold) cord made available for 10 year old Cubs to earn. From Memory, there are 3 badges as well as several activities and Gold Boomerang to earn before they receive it. They may wear this into scouts for 18 months or until their earning of their Red Cord in Scouts, depending on what comes first. But only 10 year old Cubs can earn this.

On top of this, they have also introduced a new badge called the Scouting Family badge and this like the boomerangs are aged based. Bronze for 8 year olds, Silver for 9 year olds and Gold for 10 year olds.

Also, there has been a reduction in the achievement badges.....there was 37 available to be done at 3 levels. There are now only 25 and still at three levels (being of course red, blue and green)

As well as this, the Cubs have done away with the boomerang cards and now work out of a yellow book like the Scout section. This contains not only their Boomerang Awards, but the Joey Link and New Chum (pre investiture) requirements as well as a place to sign off all their achievement badges...this allowing them to keep a record of what they have done and

earnt and when.

While it doesnt quite fit into their old uniforms (any Aussie will know what

I mean!) It fits quite well into the new ones...especially in the pockets on the shorts more so than the shirts....please take not Grant for when your son goes for Joeys to Cubs.....

Well, I think this is is...Also they have introduced a Faith awareness badge as well and are also now going back to the Jungle...it seemed to lose favor with a few of the leaders for a while, but now seems to be back...not that it ever left my pack...but thats life.

I hope that if there are any questions, please feel free to ask and I will answer away.

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Date: Thu, 23 May 1996 21:59:12 -0700
From: "Grant O'Neil" <poneilgdo@ALPHA2.CURTIN.EDU.AU>
Subject: Re: Eagle Scouts
To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

Steve Bandy wrote:

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> Hi
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> I need to know the different kinds of Eagle scout equivalents (such
> as Queens Scout)
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Here's the ones I am aware of:

Country	Award
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Australia	Queen's Scout (Venturers)
New Zealand	Queen's Scout (Venturers)

**Environment
Expeditions
Expression
Fitness
Ideals
Pursuits
Service**

To get Venturer Award, must complete Expedition, Service and three other activity areas to Venturer Award standard, plus complete a two-day Initiative Course.

To get Queen's Scout Award, must complete the three areas not selected for Venturer Award to Venturer Award standard, plus Service and three other activity areas to Queen's Scout standard. In addition, must pass a weekend (Friday night to Sunday afternoon) Leadership Course. Once all these requirements are met, must be recommended by Unit and Group Council, be interviewed by District Commissioner and then be approved by Branch Venturer Council and Branch Chief Commissioner before Queen's Scout is awarded.

Receiving the award itself consists of two parts - presentation of the badge and presentation of the award certificate. The badge presentation would be roughly equivalent to a BSA court of honour; a special ceremony honouring the award recipient. The certificates are presented at a special presentation held once a year (on Founder's Day (closest Sunday to BP's birthday on 22 Feb) here in W.A.) where all Queen's Scouts and Baden Powell Award (Rover Scouts) recipients are presented with their awards by the Governor (Queen's representative)

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Date: Mon, 26 Aug 1996 01:50:25 +0800

From: "Grant O'Neil" <poneilgdo@ALPHA2.CURTIN.EDU.AU>
Subject: Scout Caps

A week or so back I posted a message to the list about the Australian Scout baseball caps. After receiving enquiries from a couple of list members about ordering the caps, I sent an email to the local "Snowgum" store (Australian scout shops trade under the name Snowgum). Below is the reply I just received. You'll have to work out your own exchange rates <g>

>Return-path: <snowgum@scoutswa.DIALix.oz.au>
>Date: Sat, 24 Aug 1996 10:57:52 +0800 (WST)
>From: "Snowgum W.A." <snowgum@scoutswa.DIALix.oz.au>
>Subject: Scout Caps
>To: Grant O'Neil <poneilgdo@ALPHA2.CURTIN.EDU.AU>
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>Grant,
> It's good to see that someone is spreading the good word about our
>new cub scout and scout caps throughout the world. Thanks very much.
>Unfortunately I cannot help your friend with a catalogue of scouting
>merchandise, we would like to have one as diverse as both the Canadian
>and the U.S. scouts do but at this stage we don't. Jeremy has been
>doing a video of scouting books and items for our country groups and we
>may be looking at doing a souvenir one soon. The only catalogue
>available is the Snowgum equipment one.
>However you may want to mention the new line of activity shirts that we
>are currently running. These come in both a long sleeve polo neck
>version, and a short sleeve T-shirt version. They both have eyes in the
>front like the caps and a graphic of the fleur de lis designed by an
>artist from Australian surfwear company Rip Curl. The long sleeve also
>has SCOUTS embroidered on the collar. Colours Available are Black,
Burgandy
>Marl Grey, and Green, in sml - xl. The price on these are A\$29.00 for
>either the long or short sleeve.
>The price on the Caps are as follows.
>Scout Cap Blk with eyes. A\$12.95
>Cub Scout Cap Blk with Leaping WOLF and Paws at back. A\$14.95
>Postage and Handling is at for one cap A\$8.00
>and 10 caps will be @ A\$35.00
>This is including packageing and will travel by Economy Air.
>For payment we kindly accept Mastercard, Visacard, Diners Club, and
>American Express. Cheques will be accepted but only in Australian dollars.
>All that is needed is the persons Name, Postal Address, and card details

>including validity dates.
 >All payment should include a G.S.T aswell (Generous Staff Tip) only joking.
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 >I hope this is okay. If there is anything else then just email.
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 >Kind regards
 >Brad Cunningham
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The addition of the postage cost possibly makes them a little expensive. However, it has occurred to me that using the resources we have through this list we could make some arrangement to send them as a bulk order to a single U.S. address and then forward them at cheaper domestic rates from there.

I've seen the shirts and they are really good looking - not exactly my style, but the type of thing the kids would love. BTW, for providing this information I charge a 1 CSP commission on each cap order ;-)

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Date: Wed, 16 Apr 1997 16:03:34 +0800
 From: Alastair Honeybun <ahoneybun@PLATYPUS.CS.COWAN.EDU.AU>
 Subject: AUSTRALIAN SCOUTS ADOPT NEW NATIONAL EMBLEM

MEDIA RELEASE TUESDAY APRIL 15

SCOUTS ADOPT NEW NATIONAL EMBLEM

The Prime Minister of Australia, the Honourable John Howard, was today presented with the Scout Association's new national emblem and name.

The Chief Commissioner of Australia, Dr William Wells, met with the Prime Minister in Brisbane and presented him with a glass sculpture.

The Prime Minister told a gathering of Scouts that the Association had made an impressive contribution to community life for 90 years and had a long and rich history.

"Rather than rest on its laurels though, the Movement understands the need to meet the changes of the 21st Century and I think this is reflected in its new emblem. Its emphasis on the ideals and principles of the Movement are just as relevant today as when they were first outlined by Lord Baden Powell in 1907, and I congratulate 'Scouts Australia' on their determination and energy in maintaining these standards," the Prime Minister said.

Dr Wells said it was only the third time in 90 years the Scouting emblem had been changed.

"We recognise the rich history and tradition that surrounds our current emblem of the fleur-de-lis. It is a symbol that has clearly identified the Scouting Movement since its inception in 1907," Dr Wells said.

"The decision to seek a new design and name was not taken lightly but followed a wide ranging review of our image and positioning as Australia's premier youth organisation. We wanted a design which clearly incorporated the essential symbols and values of the Scouting Movement but also gave it a refreshing and modern approach which reflects the changes and developments which have taken place within the past five years," he said.

He said the Scouting Movement would now be known as "Scouts Australia". The formal name "The Scout Association of Australia" would remain for legal purposes.

"These changes are part of a general package of measures which will maintain our position as the nation's premier youth organisation and take us well into the 21st century," he said.

Dr Wells said the new emblem had been designed by noted Australian artist and former Scout, Mr John Coburn.

"The new image maintains its essential Australian character, the

northpoint or fleur-de-lis, and reflects the values and ethics of the Scouting Movement and the aspirations of youth and youth leadership," Dr Wells said.

The trading name, "Scouts Australia", is incorporated in the new design. The new trading name and logo for the Association will be progressively implemented across the Movement and will feature on all stationery and promotional material.

"This is the third change to our emblem. The first, 'Boy Scouts', was adopted in 1907 and was used in Australia until 1972. The 1972 logo served us well until 1997. This new design will take us well into the new millennium.

Dr Wells said strict criteria had been set for the design which included the need to:

- =B7 reflect the values and ethos of Scouting
- =B7 reflect the aspirations of youth and youth leadership
- =B7 recognise the fleur-de-lis
- =B7 have a strong emphasis on the environmental charter of the organisation
- =B7 maintain its Australian character

"The new design meets all those criteria. It is part of an overall package which includes a change of emblem, a change of name and the introduction of new marketing initiatives," Dr Wells said.

"The Scout Association has been reviewing its training and youth programmes in the past five years with the emphasis on ensuring the delivery of the best possible programme and leadership quality.

"We recognise that every generation is different and it's our responsibility to meet the particular needs of today's youth.

"These young people are seeking to develop a broad range of life skills and knowledge. We have always made that a focus of the Movement but now more than ever we must provide them with the skills and knowledge that will equip them for the 21st Century," he said.

Dr Wells said the Association is the leader in the field of competency based leader training for outdoor activities and strongly supported a Code of Conduct which is part of a rigid selection criteria for adults wishing to become Youth Leaders.

He said the Scout Association had developed a series of books to assist parents in dealing with a range of social issues, including:

- =B7 Drug Abuse Prevention**
- =B7 Child Abuse Prevention**
- =B7 Employment for Youth**
- =B7 Youth Suicide Prevention**
- =B7 Relationships**

He said the Scout Association was also involved in job training for unemployed youth, community activities, had developed the first CD-rom to be used by a youth organisation, had introduced a Scouts in Schools programme in several states and involved Scouts in several overseas aid programmes.

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