



Report to  
National Commissioner – Youth Program,  
Mrs Julie Creed

On the  
**21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree  
Yakkery and Youth Forums**

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## **Preamble**

The planning and execution of the Yakkery and Youth Forums conducted at an Australian Jamboree are by far the most onerous of the tasks required of the National Adviser – NYC & Youth Forums. That said, the support and input given by many people must be acknowledged in the almost seamless execution of the activities.

Mrs Julie Creed – Contingent Leader, National Contingent – for her work in ensuring all our resource and well being needs were met during the Jamboree.

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JEC – for allowing me to attend the JOC meeting in May. This was an invaluable experience in getting the event happening and one I hope can be repeated for future coordinators.

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The Youth Forum and Senate delegates – for once again reminding all of us of the tremendous quality of young people that are members of Scouting. Their input, passion and vision for Scouting is, or at least should be, an inspiration to all who should read this report.

The Scouts of the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree – for keeping us all very busy, engaged, tired and impressed at every stage of the Jamboree.

## **Introduction**

This report includes all of the findings of the Yakkery activity at the Jamboree, as well as the recommendations of the Scout Senate of the Youth Forum. Furthermore it includes a number of recommendations for future execution of these activities at Australian Jamborees.

## **The Yakkery**

The Yakkery was conducted as a game of Jenga, with activities written onto the blocks. (List of activities included in **Appendix One**). The Topic Towers were set up with butchers paper and either a statement or a key word / topic for comment. (List of topics included as **Appendix Two**) Patrols were asked for their input and guided by NYC members as to how to come to an agreement between their Patrol before writing it onto the board. Most of this input was unsupervised to allow the Scouts proper freedom of expression of their ideas.

The Yakkery data appears here in its raw form. Much of it has been consolidated where it has been repeated, though we have attempted to retain representation of the quantity of responses where this occurred. Any offensive remarks have been excluded.

The inputs from the Yakkery were distributed to the Youth Forum Scout Senate for inclusion in their deliberations. Many of the topics were of direct interest. Others may be of interest to other sections or committees of Scouting – including the Venturer section, the National Marketing Committee, the Jamboree Organising Committee and so on.

This data is attached as **Appendix Eight**.

### ***Recommendation:***

Raw information obtained from the Yakkery at the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree be distributed widely for consideration by any relevant or interested parties within Scouts Australia.

As an activity, the Yakkery worked well. Using Jenga as the basis of a game to ensure the interaction was both fun and purposeful, the Scouts gained more enjoyment from the process. Anecdotal feedback provided to us indicated the Scouts were more engaged in the process and were less resistant to participating.

The use of youth members to supervise this activity was beneficial for all parties as it made it a great deal more fun for the youth members. The NYC members responsible for the Yakkery are to be commended for their dedication and enthusiasm to ensuring it ran successfully. A list of those members responsible for the operation of the Yakkery is included as **Appendix Three**.

Supervision and guidance in working as a team to provide input is a must and a similar number of staff for future events run in this format would be recommended.

### ***Recommendation:***

When staging the Yakkery activity at future Jamborees, efforts must be made to ensure it is run as a game as much as possible, in the spirit of Scouting, but also to ensure engagement with the age group.

The activity was not scheduled into the patrol activity matrix. This led to a great deal of pressure on the final days of the Jamboree to get as many people through as possible. It was also done as a combined activity with the National tent for a stamp in the passport. This seemed to work fine, but in future, emphasis to Scouts on the need to get these activities done early in the Jamboree is a must.

## **Youth Forums**

At the JOC meeting in May 2006, many of the Branch Commissioners Scouts, Contingent Leaders and some JEC members expressed their initial apprehension at the running of the youth forum by the National Adviser, in so much as they were worried the forums would not be conducted in a manner they supported.

The meeting did however support the two tier approach put forward to them, developed following discussions with Peter Marriot. A great deal of the consternation expressed by the BCs and CLs may have been avoided if this issue could have been dealt with earlier.

In arranging Branch selected delegates, some confusion arose from Branches as to the selection process and criteria. Some selections were thus made very late (even at the event itself) allowing little time for the delegates to prepare.

Furthermore, input of discussion topics from Branches was delayed and possibly stunted by the late inclusion of the forum format at the May JOC meeting. BCs have requested a greater lead time for future events.

### **Recommendation:**

Contact with JOC and National Scout Youth Program Committee should be made by the National Adviser at least 18 months ahead of the next Jamboree (in line with meeting timelines for JEC and NSYPC), to ensure support for the forum format is garnered, as well as to ensure timely input of discussion topics and arrangements for selection of Branch Senate delegates.

### **Recommendation:**

The National Adviser – NYC & Youth Forums should be invited to attend one JOC meeting or one NSYPC meeting prior to the Jamboree to ensure support for the forum format is garnered and contacts with the relevant parties are established.

The two tier system worked reasonably well. The Sub Camp forums allowed us to gain input from a wide range of Scouting backgrounds and localities around Australia. It also allowed overseas Scouting members to participate for their own experience.

Sub Camp youth forums were held over a series of evenings for two hours at a time. This followed an initial briefing where the Scouts were introduced to the concept of the forums and asked to give their input as to what issues they wished to discuss. These were then prioritised to find the top five issues for each sub camp group. Not surprisingly, 4 of the 5 were the same or similar across all three sub camp groups. The final three were each different.

The sub camp forums were conducted in the Yakkery. Unfortunately, the Yakkery was almost directly in the middle of the two sound stages for night time entertainment making the use of a PA system to communicate with the Scout unavoidable and imperative to the successful operation of the day. Thanks must go to Outlook Communications for their efficient service in responding to this need.

**Recommendation:**

The impact of entertainment noise should be taken into account when selecting a location for holding the youth forums in the future.

The numbers of people involved and time constraints of these sessions were a little prohibitive, but the Scouts did work extremely hard, and with quality facilitators were able to get good outcomes from their discussions.

The timelines for the briefings, sub camp forums and the senate (as they appear in the operational plan) are all attached as **Appendix Four**.

Attendance at the Sub Camp youth forums was initially lower than we had hoped, even with two separate reminders to all JTLs upon their arrival at the Jamboree. The first was distributed on day one of the Jamboree into Sub Camp pigeon holes. A second reminder addressed to the JTL with Troop Number was given if no troop delegate attended the briefing. This increased the overall participation slightly. The total number of participants across the three nights was 168. Some troops were represented by more than one person. Therefore approximately 160 troops were represented – some 88% attendance.

23 senate delegates in total were nominated by all Branches of Scouts Australia. A further six delegates, two from each sub camp, were nominated by the forums conducted at the Jamboree. The remaining three senate delegates were Scout section NYC members who attended the Jamboree as participants.

**Recommendation:**

Clear and explicit guidelines are developed for BC Scouts and Contingent Leaders to ensure they understand any selection criteria for Senate delegates. This might include the need to ensure equitable representation of boys and girls on the Senate.

**Recommendation:**

The two tier system be retained for future Jamboree forums.

**Recommendation:**

All NYC Scouts be included as Senate delegates in future Forums.

The facilitators utilised by the youth forums were recommended by Branches. This led to a great variety of facilitation styles and experience coming together. There was limited opportunity for briefings and certainly very little for training and guidance. This should perhaps be considered for the future.

A list of the facilitators who participated or supported the Youth Forums is attached as **Appendix Five**.

A special note of thanks must go to the NYC members who tirelessly worked into the night following the youth forums and the yakkery sessions to ensure the findings and recommendations were collated and typed for consideration by the Senate delegates. Most notably Nicole Strachan and Eric Yates, but the assistance of others also contributed significantly. A special thanks to you all.

**Recommendation:**

All facilitators should be nominated prior to the Jamboree and a detailed briefing pack prepared – including tips on effective facilitation.

The Scout Senate was conducted on the pack up day of the Jamboree, meaning that whilst the Scouts did not miss out on any significant activities, they did forgo the opportunity for the free time allowed on this day to simply spend time with their mates. Many of these delegates were also Patrol Leaders and the impost created on Patrols by the absence of the PL during pack up was acknowledged by Leaders. The support of the JTLs in allowing their PLs to be absent for this day was greatly appreciated and is a consideration worthy of note for future arrangements.

The Senate broke into working groups to consider one topic each. One facilitator worked with a group of four or five youth members to consider all of the inputs given by the sub camp youth forum sessions and the Yakkery topics.

The working groups presented their recommendation concepts to the entire group to ensure their message was an accurate reflection of what the majority of scouts had been saying. They then worked to type their recommendations into the pro-forma onto computers. They had access to one computer each allowing rapid and efficient creation of their own thoughts. The recommendations that appear in this document are the actual reports created by the youth members themselves, and any grammatical or spelling errors appear as they were created on the day. Given the time pressure of the day, these must be forgiven and looked over in order to focus on the important messages presented by the Scouts in their recommendations.

The recommendations of the Youth Forum Scout Senate were presented by the delegates on the final afternoon of the Jamboree at an afternoon tea hosted at BP House. Those invited included the National Commissioner Team, all Branch Chief Commissioners and Branch Commissioners Scouts present at the Jamboree, all Branch Contingent Leaders and some JEC members.

The Scouts once again equipped themselves magnificently and the recommendations were received by Mr John Ravenhall AM on behalf of Scouts Australia.

The list of Scout Senate delegates is attached as **Appendix Six**.

The recommendations of the Youth Forum are attached as **Appendix Seven**.

## Appendix One - List of Jenga tasks

### List of tasks for Jenga

*Please write these clearly on the blocks.*

*Comments with [x2] are to be repeated on two blocks.*

YOU : The patrol must complete a total of 30 sit ups	Pull out the next block with TWO PEOPLE touching the block at all times [x2]
THEM: The patrol must complete a total of 30 sit ups	TRIPLE TAKE (Take three blocks)
YOU : The patrol must complete a total of 30 push ups	YOU: DOUBLE TAKE (Take two blocks)
THEM: The patrol must complete a total of 30 push ups	THEM: DOUBLE TAKE (Take two blocks)
YOU : The patrol must complete a total of 30 star jumps	Pull out the next block with your eyes closed
THEM: The patrol must complete a total of 30 star jumps	As a Patrol, go to TOPIC TOWER ONE
Spell out your troop number using only your bodies	As a Patrol, go to TOPIC TOWER TWO
BOTH PATROLS must complete a group sit	As a Patrol, go to TOPIC TOWER THREE
Find your patrol's rock/paper/scissors champion	As a Patrol, go to TOPIC TOWER FOUR
Mime the first two lines of a National Anthem	As a Patrol, go to TOPIC TOWER FIVE
Tell a joke that makes the other patrol laugh. (If they don't laugh, take another block) [x2]	As a Patrol, go to TOPIC TOWER SIX
As a patrol, recite the tenth Scout Law backwards	As a Patrol, go to TOPIC TOWER SEVEN
As a Patrol, stand on only four legs for at least 20 seconds (If you don't, take another block)	As a Patrol, go to TOPIC TOWER EIGHT
Pull out the next block standing on only one leg [x2]	As a Patrol, go to TOPIC TOWER NINE
	As a Patrol, go to TOPIC TOWER TEN
	Go to TOPIC TOWER SEVEN. Choose ONE comment written there and communicate it by MIME to the other patrol.
	As a Patrol, decide which TOPIC TOWER is the MOST IMPORTANT and convince the other Patrol in less than 30 seconds.



## **Appendix Two - Topic Tower Topics**

- Topic Tower One: What are you looking forward to about Venturers?
- Topic Tower Two: What do you think about.... Scout Cords
- Topic Tower Three: What service can we as Scouts do for the Community?
- Topic Tower Four: If you could improve one thing about Scouting, what would it be?
- Topic Tower Five: What is the BEST Scouting activity you have ever been to?
- Topic Tower Six: What do you think about.... Leaders
- Topic Tower Seven: What do you think about.... Jamboree
- Topic Tower Eight: What do you think about.... The Patrol System
- Topic Tower Nine: Why did you join Scouting?
- Topic Tower Ten: Suggest a new way to promote Scouting to potential members.

## **Appendix Three - NYC Members operating the Yakkery**

Nikketah McGrath (NYC Chair)  
James Cuneo (Qld Rover)  
Eric Yates (NYC EE&T PL, Qld Rover)  
Alistair Park (NYC, Tas Vent.)  
Kate Hughes (NYC, NSW Vent.)  
Jade Elliot (NYC, NSW Lones Vent.)  
Simon Thompson (NYC Env. PL, SA Rover)  
Karrie Loudon (NYC, WA Vent.)  
Elliot Stein (former NYC member, NSW Rover)  
Dale Wilkinson (NYC Marketing PL, VIC Rover, Organised and cut all the Jenga blocks and assisted for the few days he was able to visit Jamboree)

**Appendix Four – Youth Forum Timeline**  
(extract of the AJ2007 Youth Forum Operational Plan)

<b>TIME</b>	<b>OUTLINE</b>
<b>Briefing Sessions</b>	
7.00pm	Arrival and registration
7.15pm	Welcome and introductions, briefing on format, function and purpose of the forums – en masse.
7.25pm	Ice-breaker activity- groups – run en masse
7.40pm	Introduction of discussion topics, surveying for input on discussion topics from delegates with facilitators - broken into small groups. - played name games with facilitators to get to know each other - brainstormed all the things important to them on a think/pair/share approach. Aim was to identify as many Scouting issues as possible and then select from the list later. Requires closely monitored facilitation to keep it on track and prevent discussion disappearing into minutiae.
8.00pm	Listed all proposed discussion topics to all attendees. Broken up into small groups again and asked to list their top 5 issues
8.10pm	Lists of top 5 issues listed. Common issues selected for discussion. Then agreed en masse as to the final top 5 for discussion at the youth forum.
8.25pm	Final briefing
8.30pm	Finish & youth members depart. Facilitator debrief.

<b>Sub Camp Youth Forums</b>	
7.00pm	Arrival and registration
7.10pm	Welcome and group formation, informal introductions
7.20pm	Groups allocated to start on a single discussion topic then rotate every 15 minutes to a new topic. Done initially using the “think, pair, share” approach, the aim here was to get suggestions and solutions to perceived issues.
8.40pm	Small groups asked to nominate one Scout for the Senate. Of the nominees put forward by the small groups, two were chosen as senate delegates. Elections were held by a show of hands (with eyes closed) and each scout allowed two votes. (Consider suggesting a need to ensure one boy and one girl is selected.)
8.50pm	Presentation of thank you certificates by the NCC and NCYP
9.00pm	Finish and youth members depart. Facilitator debrief.

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<b>TIME</b>	<b>OUTLINE</b>
<b>Youth Forum Senate</b>	
9.00am	Arrival and registration
9.15am	Ice breaker activities
9.30am	Discussion group formation and topic allocation with facilitators. Each group allocated ONE topic to discuss from the final seven. Group is responsible to formulate a concept of the recommendation based on all available youth forum and yakkery inputs (previously collated).
10.30am	Discussion groups present overall concepts to the whole group to ensure they have the message correct. All members have the opportunity to give input and ask questions. Short game played in between to break it up.
11.20am	Morning tea break
12.00pm	Finished presenting concepts. Small groups went to work on writing recommendations using the supplied pro-forma. (Appendix 16.5)
1.15pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Outcome consolidation and report preparation
3.00pm	Finalisation of report. Short break
3.15pm	Nomination of presenters for the presentation to the national team.
3.45pm	Change into uniforms, Presentation practice
4.00pm	Dignitaries arrive
4.15pm	Afternoon tea
4.30pm	Presentation of outcomes, acceptance by NCC, reply and thanks
4.45pm	Group photos
5.00pm	Close

**Appendix Five - Youth Forum Facilitators**

Person	Role	Contact Numbers
Scott Sargent	National Adviser – NYC & Youth Forums Coordinator	0416 114 220
Peter Marriott	Deputy Coordinator, Vic	
Jenny Danslow	Facilitator – (S/C, Senate and overall support) QLD	
Aaron Wardle	Facilitator – (S/C & Senate) NSW	
Vern Casey	Facilitator – (S/C & Senate)WA	
Aiden O’Brien	Facilitator – (S/C) WA Branch	
Nikketah McGrath	Facilitator – (S/C & Senate) NYC Chair	
Lyn Norton	Facilitator – (S/C & Senate) Vic	
Nicole Strachan	Facilitator – (S/C & Senate) Vic, NYC, JOC	
Steve Tyas	Facilitator – (S/C & Senate) Vic	
Frank Moore	Facilitator – (S/C) Vic	
Ashley Lindorff	Facilitator – (S/C) WA	
Warren Parsons	Facilitator – (S/C) ACT	
Graham Downie	Facilitator – (S/C) ACT	
Andrea Szabo	Facilitator – (S/C) ACT	
Bill Milner	Facilitator – (S/C) ACT	
Phil Nolen	Facilitator – (S/C) ACT	
Steff Hann	Facilitator – (S/C) Vic	
Christine Gaul	Facilitator – (S/C) ACT	
Di Lewis	Facilitator – (S/C) Vic	

**Appendix Six - Youth Forum Scout Senate Delegates**

Natalie	SICKERDICK	SA	142	Ayla	JONES	NSW	294	
Mitchell	ASSER	SA	358	Lisa	RODRICKS	NSW	352	
Elizabeth	AFFLECK	SA	223	Charlotte	BAKER	NSW	117	
Braidy	OULD	VIC	326	Sophie	LILEY	NT	344	
Megan	DUDGEON	VIC	353	Haylee	WILLIAMS	NT	215	
Lachy	CHAPMAN	VIC	265	Savannah	MCGUIRK	ACT	308	
Shelby	BROOKS	VIC	339	Richard	BLESSINGTON	ACT	228	
Nattha	KENYON	WA	130	Gordon	LUCKMAN	TAS	148	NYC
Arana	KENYON	WA	130	Solange	HANDLEY	NSW	129	
Matthew	JONES	WA	231	Jen	ABELA	VIC	331	
Will	DESMOND	QLD	337	Nichole	STRUDWICK	QLD	311	
Aimee	HOURIGAN	QLD	239	Michael	YOUNG	QLD	311	NYC
Clare	CROMARTY	TAS	237	Jess	SMITH	VIC	235	
Phoebe	HUDSON	TAS	237	Daisy	EWAN	NSW	218	
Sophie	HUCHET	TAS	171	Cale	NELSON	VIC	202	NYC
Danny	HARDIMAN	NSW	316					



*Senate delegates on Friday January 12 2007.*

## Appendix Seven – Youth Forum Senate Recommendations

### 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree National Scout Youth Forum Scout Senate Recommendations

#### **Topic:**

Activities/programming

#### **Background:**

Sub camp 1 felt that activities and programs need to be improved.

Activities are the most important part of scouting as it helps to maintain old scouts, recruit new scouts and to keep the enthusiasm living and building.

#### **Topic Breakdown / Sub themes:**

- Sharing of ideas
- Bigger events
- Connecting people and troops
- Improving programs (fun, friends and skills)

#### **Summary of Discussions:**

- An intranet site that helps scouts and leaders around Australia to share and recommend their ideas for activities and camps should be established. It would enable the separate troops and regions to interact with each other and help create a fun and adventurous troop program.
- More 'large' activities would give scouts the opportunity to accommodate the mind set for fun, friendship and skills. If different types of activities are organised and advertised it will make scouting different and more interesting than anything you can do anywhere else.
- An interstate camp would also be a great opportunity for scouts to meet new people from a variety of different places and learn new skills. It would bring scouting up to a larger scale and even help to bring in more publicity and improve public awareness.
- A published newsletter would give all scouts the opportunity to be up to date and in touch with the Australian scouting community.

#### **Recommendations:**

*The Scout Senate of the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree National Scout Youth Forum recommends the NOC adopt the following recommendations:*

1. Set up an intranet site for Scouts and leaders use to share ideas for program development.
2. Introduce more camps and hikes on larger scales e.g. troops, districts, regions, states and maybe even interstate!
3. Publish a scout newsletter/magazine that can be sent out as an e-letter or as hardcopy to every registered scout.

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**Topic:** Venturer Linking

**Background:**

**Topic Breakdown / Sub themes:**

- **Interaction:** Scouts are intimidated of the unknown. The transition between scouts and Ventures and the way each section operates.
- **Awareness:** Scouts aren't enthused about joining Venturers because they don't understand what they do.
- **Access:** Scouts don't join Venturers if they don't know where the nearest unit is.

**Summary of Discussions:**

- Linking depends on progressively building interactions between Scouts and Venturers. Recognising that Venturers often dislike working with young Scouts, and rather than forcing all venturers to participate in activities with all Scouts, greater interaction should be reserved for older and more mature Scouts. (E.g. as older Scouts gain experience in certain areas they should begin working with Venturers to expand their skills and increase awareness of what Venturers do).
- The use of Venturer helpers is important to reduce intimidation and to expand the Scout section program.
- To ensure Scouts know what exists for them after Scouts and to prevent drop outs, they must have knowledge of their local units.
- Current information packs on starting a new unit may be inadequate and should be revised.

**Recommendations:**

*The Scout Senate of the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree National Scout Youth Forum recommends the NOC adopt the following recommendations:*

1. That interaction between Scout and Venturer sections no longer involves simply holding joint activities between the two sections. Instead, familiarity of the Venturer section by Scouts must be facilitated over an extended time by progressively increasing the extent of interaction. This makes it easier on both the Venturer section and the Scout section, when the Scouts link.
2. To increase the awareness of the Venturer section, Venturers must be encouraged to invite Scouts to their activities (esp. outdoor, adventurous and competitive activities).
3. Venturers should be encouraged to work as helpers/buddies in the Scout section to help blur the boundary between the two sections.
4. Scout Leaders should be trained to encourage Venturers to be more involved with Scout section planning (e.g. helping PLs to plan activities).
5. Information must be distributed about where local units are located and when they meet. This information should be included in Scout brochures, newsletters and other electronic mediums.
6. Younger and more active leaders need to be encouraged to transfer to the Venturer section to make it more inviting to Scouts.

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**Topic:** The Official Uniform of Scouts Australia

**Background:**

The recent changes to the Scouts Australia uniform have various flaws that must be remedied in order to better suit the needs of all members.

**Topic Breakdown / Sub themes:**

- Cords
- Epaulettes
- Material
- Badge Location and Size
- Recognition of the official Scout Uniform
- Trousers
- Sizing of Uniform

**Summary of Discussions:**

*Cords*

Some suggestions that arose in discussions as alternative places for the cords to be worn were rubber wristbands, belts, and woggles or collar stripes. By far the best option was to reinstate wearing of cords around the shoulders.

*Badge location and size*

During discussions it was brought up that the badge shapes could be redesigned to form a diamond or square, similar the cub boomerangs and the Queen Scout award.

**Recommendations:**

*The Scout Senate of the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree National Scout Youth Forum recommends the NOC adopt the following recommendations:*

1. *Cords*

The current scout section cords must not be worn around the neck as they are a health and safety hazard and many Scouts are discouraged from wearing them. Therefore we recommend that they are worn as they were previously, around the shoulder and arm, and attached via an epaulette. In the case that the reintroduction of an epaulette is not possible, other suggestions for attachment have come forth including a Scoutcraft badge sewed on two sides to form a loop for the cord to pass through. The epaulette has come through as the preferred option; however the second option is also quite acceptable.

2. *Epaulettes*

The epaulettes need to be reintroduced to support the Scout cords. Additionally, they would benefit other sections in their own uniform needs.

3. *Material*

There are many climatic differences around Australia, therefore the material used in future changes to the uniform must allow for this.



4. *Badge Location and Size*

The current badge sizes and shapes are not an efficient use of space on the uniform, and we suggest that they are modified to become smaller and/or more practical. Additionally, the entire breast area of the uniform should be used as a location for badges.

5. *Recognition of the official Scout Uniform*

Scouts are concerned that the uniform isn't recognised as the uniform of the scouting movement by members of the public which detracts from our impact and image. Future changes to the uniform should consider this in their design decisions.

6. *Trousers*

The guidelines for the type of trousers worn with the Scout Uniform must be standardised across Australia, as the lack of decision in this area has caused inconsistency in the uniform.

7. *Sizing of Uniform*

An alternative shirt tailored for female members of the movement should be introduced, as the current shirt is overly tight in the chest area. Additionally both male and female members have a need for a range of smaller sizes as the current shirts are too large for some members.

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**Topic:** Welfare and Relationships

**Background:**

Welfare and relationships are an integral part of scouting and life in general. There are several aspects that could be improved or aided in order to make scouts more safe and enjoyable for all those involved

**Topic Breakdown / Sub themes:**

- Relationships between patrol leaders, leaders and scouts
- Discrimination- bullying and racism
- Gender balance
- Equality
- Trust and respect
- Communication

**Summary of Discussions:**

- Although bullying and other forms of discrimination will always exist there are ways to assist and deal with the situation involved. Through the use of websites and help lines, we believe that we can aid in the prevention of unfair treatment and help those who are currently struggling with discrimination.
- Another issue currently in scouting is the absence of gender balance especially in the form of leaders. By encouraging gender balance in troops, scouts will feel more comfortable talking about problems they have especially to members of the same sex.

**Recommendations:**

*The Scout Senate of the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree National Scout Youth Forum recommends the NOC adopt the following recommendations:*

1. Scouts Australia should introduce a national policy requiring at least one leader of each sex at scout nights, camps and major activities.
2. Scouts Australia should develop a national website devoted to promoting and aiding scouts in seeking advice and support to deal with a range of issues and problems. This website would not be the answer to all problems and should only be used in conjunction with other methods already available; however it would aid and advise scouts in need. This website could be used as a point of contact and information, and could also be confidential. This website could include:
  - a. A confidential email help line for seeking advice to help deal with situations involving bullying and other forms of discrimination, as well as issue formal complaints about leaders and other major problems.
  - b. Information pages on a range of topics such as how to deal with bullying, how to recognise bullying and harassment and individual rights.
  - c. An online forum for Scouts to discuss issues arising in their troops concerning the welfare of themselves and those around them.
  - d. This website would only be available to Scouts, and access would be only available through the use of a username/ID and password.
3. A handbook should be issued to all troops containing advice on how to deal with a range of different personalities, tips on dealing with behavioural disorders (egg ADHD), special needs

and other problems that Patrol Leaders, Troop Leaders and the general Scouts may have. This Handbook could be used as a Troop resource and would provide information that would contribute to making troops and patrols operate more efficiently and improve the general welfare of everybody involved in Scouting.

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**Topic:** Patrol system and training

**Background:**

We, as members of the National Scout Youth Forum, have agreed that the patrol system and youth leadership training are valuable parts of Scouting Australia. It encourages leadership and teamwork in a supportive environment, while helping to create active and informed community members

**Topic Breakdown / Sub themes:**

- Youth leadership course
- Leader training
- Leader standards
- Patrol leader/assistant patrol leader training
- Youth member standards
- Patrol Leader handbook

**Summary of Discussions:**

As a group we discussed about the way things were working. For the patrol system to work, we need well informed and supportive leaders, well trained patrol leaders and an enjoyable and engaging program. Another valuable part of the system is youth input that is received through troop and patrol councils.

In some circumstances the patrol system will not work, due to the lack of the above mentioned topics. In these situations, we need system improvement.

**Youth leadership course:**

We have found through discussion that all scouting members have not had the opportunity to attend a youth leadership course. We don't believe that the current course is meeting the needs for all Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol leaders.

**Leader training:**

Leaders from Scouts Australia are not getting the right information in our opinion to positively support the Patrol leaders and all youth members in the Patrol system.

**Leader standards:**

Our discussion has found that leaders need standards for their actions. Some leaders have been smoking, drinking, yelling, swearing and not participating.

**Patrol leader/assistant patrol leader training:**

Our discussion has found that Patrol leaders and Assistant Patrol leaders need more effective training. The course failed to inform members on such topics as communication, handling disabilities, working with your patrols, teamwork, different views and teaching badge work.

**Patrol Leader standards:**

Through discussion we have seen that most patrol leaders are not up to standard. They have been chosen too freely and the focus has been put strongly on age and not on skill or maturity.

**Patrol Leader handbook:**

Our discussions have shown that most Patrol leaders don't have enough information and resources. We mainly looked at badge work, disability, teaching, management and a break down of the scout handbook.

**Recommendations:**

*The Scout Senate of the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree National Scout Youth Forum recommends the NOC adopt the following recommendations:*

1. *Youth leadership course:*

In regards to Youth leadership courses our recommendation is to make a more engaging course. In working with Patrol Leaders we believe that a new course should be developed with more input from youth members, talking about really important topics that affect youth leadership and to include areas such as working with troubled kids and communication. The course needs to be available to all members of the scouting movement so they can understand the system and to assist them later in life.

2. *Leader training*

In regards to leader training our recommendation is to teach leaders to work co-operatively with youth members in troops and in youth leadership courses. The leaders, after achieving their wood beads should renew important points in their courses at least every 2-4 years.

3. *Leader standards*

In regards to leader standards our recommendation is to give out guidelines on topics such as swearing, smoking, drinking, yelling and participating so they can become positive role models for the youth members.

4. *Patrol leader/assistant patrol leader training*

In regards to Patrol leader and assistant patrol leader training our recommendation is the development of basic and advanced courses. Basic and advanced courses are needed to help develop stronger leadership qualities, and stronger understanding of scouting as a whole.

5. *Youth member standards*

In regards to Youth member standards our recommendation is before a patrol leader is appointed, in order to find out if they are fit for the position, we need to put in place standards based around maturity and skills rather than age. Patrol leaders should obtain a reasonable standards in leadership, scouting skills and maturity before they are put in a leadership role.

6. *Patrol Leader handbook*

In regards to the Patrol Leader Handbook our recommendation is that a book should be written for Patrol Leader reference by Patrol Leaders. This book should include games, scout handbook expansion topics, teaching references, advice on dealing with problem situations, how to do parade and other issues considered relevant. This book should have mostly Patrol Leader input and be collated by leaders.

**21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree  
National Scout Youth Forum  
Scout Senate Recommendations**

**Topic:**

In reference to several aspects of the Jamboree, our proposal encompasses the ideas and suggestions that have been raised by the youth of the Jamboree regarding the Jamboree.

**Background:**

The overall feeling towards the Jamboree was that of excitement and intense enjoyment. We found that, and in reference to the comments made at the youth forums, that exceptional and life-changing events had been experienced by the scouts at the Jamboree.

By breaking down the Jamboree into 5 categories, we can advise the ROC on how to improve future Jamborees.

**Topic Breakdown / Sub themes:**

- Hygiene
- Activities
- Catering
- Environment
- General

**Recommendations:**

*The Scout Senate of the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree National Scout Youth Forum recommends the NOC adopt the following recommendations:*

Hygiene:

Hygiene at the Jamboree was considered to be at an acceptable standard, but there are some issues which need to be addressed to ensure a higher quality of hygiene.

Under the topic of hygiene, we recommend:

- Toilets and showers should be cleaned regularly
- Showers need to have a time limit due to water restrictions and to reduce the long queues. Could be implemented through the use of a token system, where the Troop Leader distributes the tokens which allow for 3 minutes showers.
- Leaders need to emphasise hand washing
- Showers should have doors instead of curtains
- That the whole Jamboree curfew should be farther enforced to minimize lack of sleep
- It should be enforced that thongs or river shoes should be worn in the showers for safety and to prevent health risks
- There should be a soap dispenser (for personal washing) in all showers
- There needs to be an outside shower to prevent mud in the inside showers
- There needs to be more hooks in the changing area of showers
- More bins are required in the toilets for the paper towels and other sanitary disposals.
- Female and male showers to be separated completely to maintain privacy.
- More toilet paper is necessary.
- Security must be tightened to prevent bullying in the showers.

#### Activities:

The feedback for the activities was generally quite good, but there are some parts that need improvement.

Under the topic of activities, we recommend.

- Game On should be in the one area.
- Partaking in wet and muddy activities should be optional and not left to the activity leaders discretion.
- More shade is required offsite, be that trees or artificial shelters.
- Queues are too long, thus creating boredom, aggravation and little time to complete the requirements for the Jamboree award.
- A level of calmness and serenity should be constant throughout the leaders, as some scouts are becoming upset through aggravating and upsetting remarks made by the leaders.
- Individual activities should be considered over patrol based activities, but still maintaining the patrol system.
- More access to Contingencies.
- Sunscreen should be made available at every activity, minimising the risk of sunburn.
- Scouts should be placed in groups based on what activities they would like to partake in.
- Jamboree Idol descended into karaoke rather than an actual competition.
- Older scouts not entertained by magic show
- Some activities did not appeal to some girls, particularly referring to the motorbikes.

#### Catering:

Food was generally considered to be satisfactory across the entire Jamboree.

- Wider selection of foods, particularly for scouts with dietary requirements.
- Food hygiene was good, but greater care could be taken with the delivery to ensure the food is kept fresh.
- Recommend that the healthy food be kept, as it provides a healthy initiative and better nutritional intake.
- Snacks at offsite activities to keep energy levels maintained.
- Desserts should be varied to alternate between dairy products, as it made the lactose intolerant scouts feel disadvantaged.

#### Environment:

The environment section includes information, suggestions and feedback pertaining to the campsite and eco-friendliness at the Jamboree.

- Although the location was flat, thus creating an easier terrain to walk on, the campsite could be improved by planting more trees, grass and constant watering down roads and pathways to minimise dust levels.
- Water conservation was generally quite good, especially in the showers and toilets.

- Recycling should be emphasised and stressed to all troops, and an award system should be considered for troops that recycle consistently.
- On-the-spot-actions for people caught littering, henceforth discouraging litter and ultimately providing consequences for those who litter. Punishments should be up to the ROC's discretion.
- Having a base devoted to environmental awareness, and being a mandatory part of the Jamboree award. However, we do recognise Planet Blitz in their actions to promote the environment and the jamboree, but would like to witness a base that focuses completely on environmental awareness and what scouts can do to improve their own eco-friendliness.
- As we are in a drought, we advise the making of all water pistols illegal at the Jamboree.
- Timers in the showers should also come under consideration on an environmental basis, as well as in hygiene.

General:

The general section compiles comments made about the Jamboree from the Yakkery and Youth Forums.

- First Aid tent to be opened longer.
- Hospital in a more central location.
- No smoking onsite.
- More emergency buggies.
- Longer Jamboree.
- Rest Day for patrols to recuperate, as the Jamboree can be very tiring and stressful. Will aim to reduce stress and sleep deprivation.
- Badge-Swapping day.
- Light-coloured shirts as darker shirts absorb heat, in contrast to lighter shirts, especially as the Jamboree is in summer and the weather is hot.
- Better jamboree shirt as the design is disliked by the scouts. Comment about the "Top Score 8000000000000" is ambiguous.
- More pay phones are required.
- More clarity is required with the maps.
- Website needs to be constantly updated.
- Age requirements increased to ensure scouts are mature enough to cope with the Jamboree.

Great enjoyment was experienced by all at the 21<sup>st</sup> Jamboree. By following these recommendations a better and more spectacular Jamboree can be experienced by all that are lucky enough to attend AJ2010.



**21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree  
National Scout Youth Forum  
Scout Senate Recommendations**

**Topic:** Public image and advertising

**Background:**

**Summary of Discussions:**

Change the image from what it is now (too disciplined and nerdy). We want to show the world who we really are and what we really do.

What scouts should be; show every one that were not all about knots and badges- show that were fun, exciting, have new experience, adventurous, challenging, and that we get things out of it, that money cannot buy,--- “opportunities.”

**Topic Breakdown / Sub themes:**

**Promotions to the public:**

Scouts should be able to go to schools and run activities that promote the scouting movement in a fun way.

Promotional DVD or CD should be sent out with the local newspapers advertising scouts in action, along with further promotional activities at festivals that attract the families.

Letter box drops are effective and can be further enhanced when scouts wear the uniform

The running of open day Activities that appeal our generation e.g. at skate parks and shopping centres to make people better at the activities that they like.

The constant review and assessing of bring a friend night should enhance our scouting program.

The benefit of scouts crossing with other members of the public should promote the scout and organisations that we are involved with.

**Accurate advertising**

Movies portraying scouts reflect a bad image.

It would be ideal to show all sections in the ads along with female scouts.

Advertising should not only show us in our uniform but in casual clothing.

It would appeal to a larger audience if we show famous people to promote us.

Gang shows are effective in the way that the public can see scouts in an expressive way, away from the usual activities.

**Spontaneous advertising**

Scouts of Australia should adopt “get in their face” technique through the word of mouth and large scale activities.

We should wear our uniform in public more often.

Utilise scouting equipment and facilities for Activities that will appeal to others which could include a donation of a wall for graffiti artists to promote scouts through the emblem.

Demonstrate the skills we use in scouts and show to the public.

**Advertising successes**

It would be ideal to use celebrities and successes to talk about their experience as a scout and how it advantaged them in their career.

It would be beneficial to use publicity stunts that promote scouts

“Survivor scouts” a camp where scouts are put with non scouting members and they learn to survive in the bush.

Conduct a survey on commissioners and VIPS of scouting on how and why they joined the scouting movement.

Scouts should take on important roles at different major sporting advents such as the commonwealth games and AFL grand final.

**Recommendations:**

*The Scout Senate of the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Jamboree National Scout Youth Forum recommends the NOC adopt the following recommendations:*

1. We recommend that through reviewing the promotions to the public that T.V advertisement isn't the only way to attract new members to the Scout movement.
2. We recommend that all the above statements will raise and change the public perception, of the scouting movement in a very positive and successful way.

## Appendix Eight - Yakkery Data – Reproduced verbatim

### TOPIC TOWER 1

#### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT VENTURERS?

Us 4 mates	To choose the activities
Friends	Fun times
Fun	It's a bludge
Freedom x 5	Not sure yet
Going to the snow every year	Longer camps
Being with older friends and having more independence	More advanced activities
Not much Rules	QSA
Venture	Fun
No bossy leaders ruling you	The cool camps we get to go on
not much rules	FREEDOM
Nothing x 2	Fun activities
The activities	Challenges
Doing stuff you want to do	Scuba diving
Doing better things such as white water rafting	More of a say in what stuff we do
We're all looking forward to becoming venturers yay	The Venture
Having more responsibility	THE WA VENTURE
Going to night hikes	Freedom, fun and ME!
They look really good in the old uniform	Driving Cars
Scuba Diving	Fun Stuff
Better stuff	Making new friends
Tell people what to do	Having fun X 2
Break Dancing	Organizing out own stuff, e.g. Camps
Doing more stuff X2	Help run camps
It's a secret	Camps
Adventurous activities	Not as much leader supervision
The awesome activities!	(freedom) X 2
Freedom x 5	Activities X2
Abusing scouts	Mind control
More Camps	Respect from others
Abseiling	Taking coke on camp
Rock climbing	Paper plates
Partying!	Hiking alone
Fun activities	The different colour on the uniform
Meeting more people	The Queens Scout Award
The WA venture X4	Different people
So cool	More dirty words
Older people	Doing new stuff
They are great	Having Fun
Being able to join rovers	Earning More Badges
Rock climbing	More Freedom
All the cool activities	Less leaders
Long hikes over easter and ice cream sculptures	Fun activities- having a choice
	Less pressure
	Older than joeys
	Having fun
	More activities

Bigger range of activities  
everyone is treated equally  
Freedom X2  
No scouts  
Fun Games  
No leaders  
Abseiling  
leaders are less involved  
independence  
running survivor and venture extreme  
to get away from my wife  
I'm just waiting for something new  
The guys  
More fun  
More chicks  
I'm not doing venturers  
The hikes  
The fun  
Do anything you want to  
Dragonskin  
New award system  
Freedom  
More extreme activities x2  
Better activities x2  
More involved  
Queen scout  
The leaders are nicer  
Everything  
Camps  
Hanging out  
Friends  
Jamboree-working  
More independence x 2  
More people that know what they're  
doing  
Dragon skin  
Less strict = more fun  
More trust and faith from leaders  
Choosing what we do

More adventure  
More activities at scouts for girls  
More fun  
They are better than scouts  
  
Freedom  
I'm not joining  
Fun, it'll be great  
Being more individual and responsible  
Fun  
Activities  
Freedom  
Girls  
Get to do whatever you want to do  
Cool people, fun activities  
You get to look down your nose at the  
scouts  
No controlling leaders  
More fun doing what you want  
not much  
the place people get hurt  
partying  
more spending money  
same stuff for scouts  
more stuff to do  
more freedom  
new friends  
world jamboree  
no little scouts annoying you  
being allowed to do more stuff  
more badges  
more choice  
no rules  
fun  
adventure  
caving  
playing jenga  
doing what we want  
freedom

## TOPIC TOWER 2 WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT SCOUT CORDS

More Variety in Colours!  
Convert Cards to belts!  
Have pink ones  
Don't have them around your necks  
They were better on the old uniform  
On the new uniform there is no place to put them  
Put epaulets on new uniform.  
Have purple /pink cords  
Have Tie one Cords  
Get annoying to wear  
Follow on process from cord to cord is crap  
Make them easier to get  
Different colours  
Bring back the epaulets  
Keep them over the shoulder  
There Gangsta  
Just right  
Achievement  
Fun!  
They came in different colours  
Make scouts look stupid and feel special  
Need a rainbow cord  
Epaulettes are good  
If not around neck, they fall off.  
Different markers on neckers/scarfs  
Different colour variety  
Cord not wrapped around as scarf so you do not choke  
Different colours  
They are really cool  
Harder in ascending  
Should do them in personal time  
They look good  
But hard to put on  
Leaders take ages to get them to you  
You feel more satisfied when you get them  
It gives you something to work for  
Time consuming  
Make the cord smaller so we can achieve more  
Nice sense of achievement  
Very hard to achieve  
New cords look like shit  
Shouldn't be around one's neck  
Very hard

It makes you feel good when you get one  
Challenging  
Lame x 2  
They r Cool x 2  
Cool  
I like the colours  
Makes you look sexy  
Status symbol  
They are hard to get  
Mmm blue  
Good with the old uniform  
Bad with the new uniform  
We need epaulets  
Use army paint instead  
They give a sense of achievement to the scout a good feeling  
I think scout cords are a next level of scout  
Annoying  
The new ones are bad- hard to put on "oh look, I don't like that guy, I can strangle him"  
Too hard and not colourful enough  
I don't understand them  
You have to work hard for it  
They are really annoying coz people always pull them and choke you X2  
Meh, not interesting  
They give you something to work on after your pioneer badge  
Annoying crap  
Bring back the old cords  
They should have epaulettes instead of having them around the necks  
Love my red cord  
Uncomfortable and annoying  
Scout cords?  
They are something to work for  
Red cord is the best  
Dodgy  
Spiffing  
Red  
Green Cord Rules  
I like them but their place on the new uniform is annoying  
The new ones can choke you  
They are ok

Good goals but the way you wear them  
is bad  
Ok  
Great  
Too much work to achieve  
They are good but only when worn the  
original way not around the neck!!!  
I'm on my blue cord  
Fun  
Do you want to see us Choke!?!  
They way they are worn on the new  
uniform is BAD!!  
They look pretty  
Make you look professional  
They're bad  
Different  
It should start at green  
They did not change them with the  
uniform  
they are cool  
they give a good challenge  
scout cords are a good way to lean and  
at the same time having fun  
signs of ultimate power  
they are ok  
they are hard to get  
want new colours  
they are good things  
they are awesome  
I got them all  
No good on new uniform, much better  
on old  
They are an integral part of the award  
system  
They make me look superior  
More colours please  
They give you something to work for  
They look cool but are too hard to get  
They show how good you at activities  
They make us look official  
Hard work  
People pull on them  
YEAH!!!  
Good  
They rock your socks  
They are good  
Bring back the epaulettes x 3  
They choke x 3  
its bad that they're not part of the new  
uniform  
they are something to be proud of

they aren't the nicest colours  
something to aim for in Scouting  
Australia  
choke chains  
they're pretty looking  
I hate them on the new uniform – bring  
back the old uniform, they are more  
comfortable  
They're pretty  
Hard to get  
Cool, but too hard to get, easy to lose.  
They're colourful  
They're too hard to get.  
Loop them through the Scout craft  
badge to overcome the epaulette  
problem.  
Good thing to work towards.  
Wearing them around the neck is yucky.  
The colours could be a bit brighter  
I like on the new uniform that they go  
around your neck  
I like them but need to be not so hard  
They shouldn't go around your neck,  
they should be like the old uniform  
It's challenging to get.  
Need to be worn like on old uniform  
They can be a pain to get but are worth  
it once You've done it  
They're good because they show your  
level in Scouting  
Different colours, they don't match the  
uniform  
Around your neck is dumb – it chokes  
you  
Too cumbersome, should just be a  
badge  
Should be able to loop on uniform, like  
the old one  
A good challenge and are very fun  
When wearing uniform it makes you  
look more official  
Was and is fun earning them  
They shouldn't be so many badges to  
get them  
They should be around your neck  
Get kind of annoying, nowhere to put  
them  
They show your achievements  
Red cords get in your way too much  
Good, they show your progress  
They should not go around your neck

Better on the old uniform  
Interesting, and you learn new things  
Scouts should do them  
Get the epaulets  
Don't do much  
They aren't as hard as they look  
Bad on the new uniform  
Good goal  
Good to show position

They don't really make much difference  
Waste of time and space  
Look good  
Look good but hard  
Why are they so special  
Real cool  
Should still be worn around the arm

**TOPIC TOWER 3**  
**WHAT SERVICE CAN WE AS SCOUTS DO FOR THE COMMUNITY**

Clean up x 2	Providing a donation
Help old people cross the road	Demonstrate "green" issues
Hug trees	Getting people to shut up at night
We need epaulets on the new scout uniform	Save the whales
Trolley Push (Scout Job Week)	Try to save water X3
Emu Bob	Don't litter
Help Meals on Wheels	Help the RSPCA
Clean up Rubbish	Be support net for children
Sell cookies to old people	Christmas hampers for homes
Back better in old uniform!	Save the world
Clean up Australia Day	Feed old people
Do something for School	Give money to the poor
Care 4 others	Sausage sizzles
Nuke the whales them try to save them	Plant grass at the AJ07 site
Help people cross the road	Save our environment
Fund raises	Use cleaner and friendlier fuels
Help old timers	Student Environment Council (SEC)
Be helpful	Help the environment
Help the environment x 3	We help for the environment
When you go camping clean up before you leave	We could sing for the old people (i.e. 60 plus)
Fight fires	307 is the best troop
Get elected we're better then the pollies	Participate in clean up Australia day X3
Red shield	Plant Trees
Smile	ANZAC DAY
Be happy for the people	Good Friday
Clean up Australia day x 2	Australia Day X 2
Plant trees	Kid safe
Help leaders have fun	Visit old people who don't have grandchildren!
Clean up the community	Go round the community and promote other things
Clean up the environment	The elderly
Water watch	Recycling Programs
Sausage sizzles raise more money	No
Take over the world	Too much X 2
Eat you vegetables	Depends on what you say is enough
Don't do bad things	Yes X 2
Clean up rubbish	Maybe- Maybe not
Christmas lunch for old peoples homes	Sort of
Help everyone	Some
Help people cross the road X2	NO!!!- Help environment more
Community service	No we could do a lot more
Adopt a code	No- happy though
Plant trees X2	Yes sort of
Eat drink and sleep	Not really
Not much	Heck yes
Donations	Yes but leave out smaller communities
Help when required	



recycle x 3  
save water  
plant trees  
dance for money  
help the community  
join the SES or RFS  
clean up Australia day  
save the trees  
advertise for scouting how great it is  
Clean the globe  
Look after enviro  
Help old people

Hold events at fates  
Raise money for hungry people  
Clean up rubbish  
Clean up road kill  
Car wash  
Not waste water  
Help lots of people with different things  
Raise money for under privileged  
More leaders  
Raise money for community  
Help the poor  
Save the giant pandas

**TOPIC TOWER 4**  
**IF YOU COULD IMPROVE ONE THING ABOUT SCOUTING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

Commitment	More fun
Laxer curfews	Better stuff
Being nice	New uniforms
Leaders with a sense of humour	Some peoples attitudes
Transportation	No curfews
Jamboree every year X2	Uniform it sucks
More camps	More trips out
Give us more freedom	Boy/ Girl relationships
More sponsorship	More sleep on camps x 2
Sew badges on scarf	Chose in patrol
Uniform	More money
No knots (some knots)	Better equipment
Better food	More money and leaders
Zip ties, gaffa tape	Girls more interesting & fun activity
Better tents	Free hugs
Food quality	Personalise uniforms
Uniform colour	Freebies
Amount (more) sleep in time @ scout camps X 2	Cheaper stuff in the mall
Old uniform brought back X 2	More leaders
Better camp food (no deb)	Work together more
Goals need to be processed at a faster rate	More mud and dirty water
More badge work	More mud
The curfews- they suck.	The activates
No washing dishes	Better camps
Team work	Boys and girls in same tents
More Jamborees and better activities	More freedom
Better & quicker Transport	More lollies
Better leaders – not more organised, but <u>all</u> fun & young	More listening skills
Get rid of new uniform	Maxibom maxibom
Bigger tent ☺	Better equipment
Better Busses	More activities
Better equipment 4 all	More venturer troops
We would better in the old uniform	Cleaner showers
<u>More Hot Chicks</u>	More instant coffee in a take
Improve Scouting	Free phone calls
Beach camping	Do it all what's with that did the person who made it have a brain or was it a cruel joke !?!
More national camps X 2	Jamboree Milk shakes cheaper
Snow camps	Age group camps so we don't lose interest
Uniforms X6	The leaders constantly on my back with friends that are guys
No leaders	More girls
Being friendly	More food
Boy in scouts, girls in guides X2	make prices cheaper so everyone can go
No setting up camps	PL showers only
Get rid of scarfs	
Better food	

Better food on camps  
At the markets more stuff to buy  
More entertainment  
Better food x 2  
More organization  
More peace stuff  
Choice of tents  
More cultured stuff  
More food  
More choice  
Stronger tents  
Less rain on scout camps  
Communal tents  
No mean leaders  
Better tents  
A jamboree every year  
Stop people misbehaving  
Make people work more  
Hot chicks

More sleep.  
Our patrol could work more like a team  
More variety of badges  
Later curfews  
To work together  
Better food  
Everyone gets involved  
People what listen  
People who cooperate  
More badge work  
Not so much badge work  
People don't argue  
More challenging activities  
Better food on camps  
More enthusiasm  
Cooperation  
No bad uniform  
Monkeys

**TOPIC TOWER 5**

**WHAT IS THE BEST SCOUTING ACTIVITY YOU HAVE EVER DONE?**

AJ 07 elmore X 18	Rally
Sam McQuinns patrol Activity	Summer Camp
Wet Wild Windy X3	Go Carting
WJ 2003 Thailand	Ice Blocking
Scouts are super coolies	Dark Zone
Water activities	Laser games
Wide games mud pits	Jamboree X 26
Hangin out	Regatta
Flour bombs	The driving at the jamboree
Power boating – Sydney	On site days (a lot of free time)
Ballarat	A water slide
Sock wrestling	Gone snow boarding in Falls Creek
Rock climbing x 2	Roller Skating
Jamboree x 10	Jamboree 2004
Stradbroke cohen	Outback trip
Canoeing with the pink panthers	Hike – Feathertop (Vic)
Would have to be meeting new people	Campwest like jamboree but in WA
Roxl	Camp jamboree
A work free pixa where we	Jota/ Joti
AJ2007 x 2	flying x 2
AJ2007 & AJ2004	all camps are good
Hikes	sleeping
Jamboree X 7	jamboree x 23
Cuboree X 2	caving x 2
Jota/Joti	abseiling
Pre Jamboree	fiji
Last years muck up camp	sailing
Getting lost	
Venture extreme	
Go karting at bush whacked	
Ice blocking	
Abseiling	
Michigan International Camporee 2004	
Rock Climbing	
Abseiling	
Caving	
AJ 07 x 10	
Playing my computer	

**TOPIC TOWER 6  
LEADERS**

They love choosing camps on wet days  
They are very organized  
Overly strict old people  
Cool X 2  
Shouldn't smoke when kids are there!!!  
Leaders set examples, they shouldn't  
smoke at all  
We would be stuck without them  
Nice  
They never give you your badges  
Leaders can be fun  
Are fun but not as fun as scouts  
In general are fun and nice but some  
are stinkers  
They like coffee  
They stress too much!  
They are hardcore  
Need a better sense of humour  
Sometimes moody  
They smell good  
They smell  
Ballarat leaders rock  
Scouts wouldn't be scouts unless we  
had leaders  
Their names are weird  
Leaders are unfair  
We need them  
They are mega cool  
Should give more respect to scouts  
Should be given more respect from  
scouts  
Always come up with bad rules  
Are weird, some are cool though  
They stereotype people  
Nice  
Cool  
They help us a lot  
Mines a ranger  
Need respect  
Need a better sense of humour  
Okay  
Help us all out and are awesome  
Vennies don't need them  
Necessary but annoying  
Worth their weight in gold  
One called my friend a brat omg  
Death and destruction of all things good  
50-50

very annoying sometimes  
they are good to sing muffin man sang  
to and annoy them heaps  
no boring activities  
very annoying sometimes  
slack  
boring activities  
they are wonderful  
my leader is cool and outgoing  
can our leaders actually know what they  
are doing (they are kinda noob)  
oober cool  
Respectable  
Most are fun but some favouritism to  
their kids  
Some good  
Tight asses x 3  
Thought  
Smoke lots  
Some are fun and some are bad  
Annoying  
Sometime pains but a definite necessity  
Fun x 2  
There tight went it comes to bed time  
Gangsters to protective  
Gay  
Not mean  
Mean x 2  
Interesting  
Doing good  
They should be less grumpy  
They worry to much  
Going by the rules  
They should be less grumpy  
Ours are very relaxed so its good...  
strict leaders suck!  
Ok I guess  
Relax don't frown  
My dads a leader and it sux (oh no I'm  
in trouble now)  
Bruce is the best leader ever  
Why do ppl ask that question sum are  
great others r not  
Pretty good but strict  
They want to help kids, it the thing they  
enjoy.  
They are annoying but they're only  
doing their job to protect us

They are like mummies and Daddies  
They think of scouts before  
themselves ☺  
2 strict x 2  
They look good in the old uniform  
They don't follow their own rules  
help make our time fun and safe  
annoying  
great way for adults to enjoy scouts as  
much as we do  
should be more relaxed  
grumpy old men  
they suck  
too strict on curfew  
beyond all reason  
they are weird  
they are nice  
they can be nice  
I want them to let us do what we want  
Need more freedom  
Are relaxed  
Good controllers but can be grumpy  
They rock  
They are evil  
Some are nice, some aren't  
Mostly grumpy  
Leaders are so cool  
They are sometimes alright if you be  
nice to them  
In venturers they double as comic relief  
They are what people like me call a  
victim  
They need a larger variety of activities  
for hall nights  
Leaders are great  
They can be control freaks.  
Annoying with enforced curfews  
They are very bad sometimes  
Need to be more fun  
Sometimes good, sometimes bad  
They are edible  
Fun, exciting  
Some are bossy and annoying  
Let us do a lot of whatever we want  
Weird  
Some are really nice  
They need to let us stay up later  
Really good because they give up their  
time for us

Be more nice  
Too strict  
They are only strict to teach us a lesson  
[Verbatim]: "They are sick, twisted  
molesters who tell you to f\*\*\* off when  
you ask for an apology."  
They are a bit grumpy all the time  
It was good  
They are a pain in the butt  
Don't like bossy ones  
Sometimes they are bossy and a ...  
They are good  
Recognition for support members  
(adults) as leaders with years of service  
to scouts  
They need to stay  
Some nag way too much  
One of our leaders doesn't let us out to  
the mall by ourselves and it sucks.  
They're over protective  
Some are okay but others suck the fun  
out of everything  
They teach us many valuable skills for  
life  
They ruin our fun  
They are great besides curfews  
They help guide us through Scouting  
Australia  
They also give curfews at camps  
They're understanding (always)  
They are fun  
Cool!  
Alright most of the time  
They are not organised at all  
They help us when where stuck  
Stay clear when they are angry  
They are awesome for giving up their  
own time  
FUN  
Leaders give freedom at meetings  
I cant understand my section leader  
when he talks English and Vietnamese  
Super  
Short tempered  
We cant do it with out them so they rock  
They are alright sometimes but can be  
too bossy and cranky

**TOPIC TOWER 7  
JAMBOREE**

Fun	Too long
Games	Activities
Heat (hot) - too hot!!	Big!
Kids (meet)	Meeting new people
Need activities (on-site)	Excellent
Clean the toilets	Tiring
More free time	Great x 2
Water tastes like shit	Fun Fun Fun!
Awesome	Good food
Traveling sucks!	Better & more water
New Zealand Rock!!!	More Free time
Flies	Hot
Hot	Wicked
More Duty Days	Funnerific
Is fun	The burning of the symbol like burning your national flag
Is hot	Fun – like
Cooler weather (please)	The best muddy
Fully sick	Water the best
FUN!	Awesome activities
Fun	Better water
Friends	Sleepy
Activities	Everything
Crap food	It is so fun!!!
Long Queues (3 hours)	Could be better organised
10 day Party!	Mime to Mime
More detail for books, timetables etc.	Being here
Gary	Fun Train Ride around AJ
VIC welfare are great, ask NSW!	More showers x 3
Food is Crap	Awesome x 2
Better tent supply	More shops x2
grass	Meet new people
Radio interviews with scouts to try and get scouts interested	Big hugs
Patrol groups	More activities available at any time! (on site)
Less dirt	Better directions to activities!
Less grace	Big water slide
Awesome	Hospital needs to be more prepared
Flies	Swimming pool
Fun x 4	Keep it real
Awesome x 2	Let venturers do the flying ☺
Good x 3	Scarf trading should make a comeback
Super	X2
Tired	Cheaper drinks x 2
Need more sleep x 2	Windy, Wet and Wild was awesome x2
Cool	Go to the beach
Really cool	Go surfing or hole the jamboree at a beach
Extremely fun	
Boring	

Available transport e.g. busses at all times  
More badges from contingents  
Have Fun  
Fun Water guns and mud basketball  
Meet Hotties - lol  
Beta food  
Makes lots of friends  
Have fun  
Learn new activities  
Clean the Toilets plz!!  
Exciting/extraordinary  
More air con  
Its great!  
Cool  
Fun  
Amazing  
Soap dispenser in shower blocks  
Love it but we Want more then sandwiches for lunch  
More toilets  
Bigger Arcade  
Game shops  
i love evermore  
whoo!  
Air events rules  
Its good  
Its cool  
Fun  
Chicks  
Exciting  
I love jamboree  
Late curfew is bad  
Curfew sucks  
Free hugs  
Awesome  
Too many flies  
Needs cabins to sleep in  
Bands have rocked  
Awesome –great stuff  
Should be better tents at jam  
Bad food

any sub camp activities for venturers  
more hot chicks  
no curfew at all  
more female showers & toilets  
archery  
more offsite activities  
better showers  
no welfare leaders  
cheaper food  
more driving  
think of older scouts when organising activities  
better looking hats  
better uniforms  
better food (no mash potatoes out of a can)  
more freedom  
cleaner toilets  
go karts  
Have it in a different month in a different location  
Have it in March in Cairns  
Need sub camp activities for Venturers  
No curfews  
More hot chicks  
More female showers/toilets  
No welfare  
More off-site activities  
Leaders make life hell  
Showers with doors  
Better showers  
Cheaper food  
Later curfew  
More fish cakes  
Go karts  
Cleaner toilets  
More driving  
Think of older Scouts when organising activities  
Better looking hats and t-shirts  
Better food, no instant mash  
More freedom  
More FUN



**TOPIC TOWER 8**  
**WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE PATROL SYSTEM?**

Everyone more time away from the patrol  
It works x 2  
Every thing works well  
Everyone likes it Not!!  
Good + Bad x 2  
Its good X2  
Doesn't always work  
Creativity  
No  
Scouts choosing the patrols  
Patrols should be more chosen by the patrol leaders  
It's great  
Gender oriented  
Good  
The leaders shouldn't have any input  
It's all right  
Whatever  
We need to choose  
Meh...  
It's only good if you're with some friends  
Excellent  
It's a great new way to make new friends  
It's good if you're with friends  
Keeps Changing, fun helpful  
It's great, as people can work together  
I'm ok with my PL  
Great  
Peace  
Could be better  
Works well  
It needs more time and things you can do with your own places  
My patrol hate me  
PLs are cool  
Its ok  
Good/Bad  
Its ok x 2  
Pretty good  
Patrols are great but time with the troop is important to!  
Getting to chose who is in your patrol  
Team work rox  
If PL then great other time Not good but it works

I think my troop has a good patrol system  
It is good as it allows u to form friendships  
It is bad because PL's don't do anything  
Alright  
Might be good, might be bad  
It's ok. Would be better if we chose them  
Pretty good  
It is stupid  
Okay  
Crap  
Cool  
Annoying  
We should have more choice  
Excellent  
Love it  
Everyone should be equal  
Love it  
Everyone is equal  
7/10 a bit above average  
A patrol is a team  
Option list of people  
3<sup>rd</sup> APL  
Its good X 3  
Its fair, everyone gets a go  
Promotes teamwork  
It works and is a close group which can almost become family on camp  
Everyone should be treated equal  
Not good  
Should be able to choose them ourselves  
Its efficient  
Rotate PL's and APL's  
Good fun  
I don't like it less freedom  
Closer in age and Friends  
Good with smaller groups  
I like it, it's a good system  
Good especially being PL & APL  
We could have smaller groups  
Alright 50/50  
I don't like it I want more Friends in my patrol or Sometime hard to work as groups  
Bad, I should be PL

Sux if your PL and someone below you  
wants 2 take ur place & doesn't do what  
you want them to  
No freedom and friends  
I think it is good because it's not as big  
as the whole troop  
Team effort rules!  
Great [cos I'm a PL]  
Scouts should choose patrols  
Excellent stuff  
I think its ok x2  
You get to know other scouts better  
Very good  
Give you a sense of unity  
Good but bad for tents  
You should be able to choose who you  
sleep with  
Its pretty cool  
Its better if the PL has less responsibility  
Helps keep us happy  
Think it works well  
Don't pick on experience  
I try not to think about it  
It's good

Works well  
We should be able to chose the patrols  
Mostly average  
PL's and APL's aren't always good  
They should work more as a team  
PL burning should be legalised  
Not really good  
It takes you away from your friends  
Patrols are good  
The patrol system should have input into  
the selection of PL's  
Bring back the old uniform  
Difficult to mix with people they don't like  
Very good  
The patrol and troop members should  
have a say and experience  
Age shouldn't matter as much when  
selecting leadership positions  
I don't like it, I think that everyone  
should have as much power as  
everyone else  
Patrols should have more activities for  
younger scouts

## TOPIC TOWER 9 WHY DID YOU JOIN SCOUTING

My family  
My mum made me  
It sounded fun  
Because I did  
To learn about knots and stuff  
Friends  
My dad made me  
I joined because of Brother  
Chill  
Half due to parents, half due to how  
awesome it sounded  
Friends were in Scouts  
I joined because I wanted to  
A family thing  
I was bored  
Jess G convinced my mum it was a  
good idea... and it was!  
My parents asked  
Depends what mood I am in  
Because my brother did  
My friends joined before me  
It looked fun/cool  
Because of my brothers  
I saw a friend of mine going to joeys and  
joined.  
Family and friends X 2  
Its fun  
Brother and friends  
Activities  
Because I am awesome  
Family  
TV  
Looking for something new  
Because I was getting lazy  
All my friends  
They do fun stuff  
To meet new people X2  
Bring back old uniform  
For fun X5  
For the fun and the experience  
Badges  
I was forced to but enjoy it anyway  
I needed something to do  
I wanted a fun and challenging  
experience  
For fun  
My mum made me  
I went to the open night and loved it

I was bored and wanted something to  
do X2  
Seemed a good idea at the time  
To wear hot khaki's  
Because it is awesome  
To be ridiculed by everyone  
Didn't have a choice  
Because I had to do an activity during  
the week purely for social reasons  
Coz my friend forced me and I liked it  
Community awareness- self respect- I  
like the uniform- the old one  
Because I wanted to do rough and  
tumble stuff  
The ad in toowoomba was cool  
Friends did it  
My bro was in cubs so I gave it a try x2  
To try it x 2  
Because it is the best thing to do at the  
time  
I was encouraged  
To get away from brothers  
Because my cousin did it and said it was  
fun  
Because I felt like it  
To make friends and fun  
Cause its better then Guides  
Because I thought it was fun, to get  
away from sisters  
Because I went up from cubs  
Because it sounded fun  
Because my 5x great uncle is Baden  
Powell  
Just did  
Brother was a scout  
To see a car each week  
Friends  
Mum made me!!  
Looked fun  
Camps  
Games  
Fun  
Getting out and doing stuff  
Runs in the family  
Opportunities  
To make friends and have fun and do  
new things  
Friend showed me

Sounded fun  
Went to an open day  
Family  
Friends  
Friends and family told good things  
about scouts  
Family started (younger bro) I followed  
Fun  
Mum was friends with the cub leader, I  
did cubs then went to scouts  
Try new things  
I liked the old uniform but you changed it  
I had too  
Cause my dad did it  
I like girls  
Because I like camping  
My friend made me  
Cause I was little and bored  
Cause its fun  
Camping  
Cause my mum made me x 6  
Dad told me too x6  
Cause I want to  
Its cool  
Scout camps  
For the fun  
Bored  
The guys  
Its fun and guys  
I thought it would be fun and it is  
I started joeys  
Cause my brother did and I wanted to  
as well x2  
Cause my friend told me it was cool x2  
My mum thought I needed to get  
tougher  
My dad said to join cause I wasn't doing  
much during the week  
I was a joey  
Friend introduced me as a cub  
Too intimidate the small ones  
Its fun x 2  
To bash up the big ones  
Its great  
My parents did it and I enjoyed it  
My whole family did it  
cause we get to go on adventures  
my friend told me to  
because my friend did joeys  
my brother and his friend were in it

I wanted to have fun with my friends on  
camps  
My brother joined so I joined with him  
Because I did cubs  
Because I thought it would be fun  
To make new friends  
My mum made me but its fun  
It sounding interesting  
It's adventurous  
I started because I think its fun  
My brother did it and guides was gay  
My dad was in scouts  
My friend invited me  
Parents made me  
My parents took me to group camp, and  
I liked the scouts.  
My friends and sister did it.  
My friend asked me and it is fun  
Because all my friends said the camps  
were sick  
My parents did it so I tried  
My mum made me do it X2  
Because my dad was a scout and it is  
fun  
To have fun X2  
I was in cubs and joeys  
Because I joined cubs with a friend  
Because my family has a history  
Mum thought it would improve my social  
skills (didn't work)  
My parents were in scouts and guides  
Because there are a lot of adventurous  
things to do.  
To have fun cause it sounded fun.  
To meet friends , girls and boys  
Mum was a guide  
Because my friend invited me and it was  
fun  
Because my kids were having too much  
fun  
A friend was going and so was my  
brother, it sounded like fun and I was  
also a cub  
Because I thought it was a great  
opportunity to learn some life skills  
I wanted to  
Some of my family and friends were  
already in Scouting Australia  
Because I love having fun  
Do I need a reason?  
My bro was a joey

I got a brochure and it sounded fun  
My idol is a leader

To have heaps of fun  
It looked like fun

**TOPIC TOWER 10**  
**SUGGEST A NEW WAY TO PROMOTE SCOUTING**

X2 Open days  
Activities at important events  
Change the uniforms X2  
Free beer  
Show them that we're not nerds like they think we are  
More activities out of scout halls  
Advertisement  
Carnivals  
Free stuff  
Bring friends and offer free money  
Release a movie  
Free stuff  
Play PS2  
Articles about what scouts is about  
Change attitudes  
More fun in public  
Change the Ad  
Show what we do  
Food  
Make new ad about the scouts view of the scout movement  
Talk to people out in the streets about how good scouting is. It works, ive tried it  
Interviews  
Bring a friend night  
Cheese eating nights  
Have an open house  
Go to schools  
Free Hugs x 6  
Visit local schools x 3  
Let kids go off school  
Fun  
Blimps  
On the top of taxis  
Balloons  
Buses  
Shops  
Scout main events  
Posters  
Sky writing  
Planes with banners  
Legal graffiti  
Scout carnival/ fair – open day  
Tell them what they're missing  
Photos of the activities scouts do on a notice board in the foyer  
Downhill Bikes  
TV  
Newspaper  
Destroy stereotypes perpetuated by the media  
Scout halls need to stand out  
Show the cool good stuff we do  
Advertise scouting in newspapers  
Advertise it in school newsletters and on the radio  
Offer Pyrotechnics badge  
Its not all boring  
What is boring?  
Poor knocks  
Camp in the middle of town  
Expo  
Aggressive advertising  
Sandwich boards  
Big mascot costumes  
Get people talking to Friends  
Advertising (good)  
Tell people about it  
Bribe people to join  
Sports  
More mud  
No uniform  
International Travel opportunities  
Advertising  
Healthy people  
At churches  
TV adds more  
Bill boards  
Scout ran Restaurant  
Get rid of do it all  
Open day  
Have a 4 out day  
More adventurous  
Kids wanna have bads more time to talk to their friends, in the camps, make at least 1 of the days a way to meet and talk to new people and old friends.  
New and fun activities for you and your family to enjoy  
Impressive ads/ advertising  
Free chocolate  
Strippers  
Free shirts  
Flyers

We could do radio ads	go to shopping centres and give out
Newsletter	broachers'
Games	no uniform
Paintball fights – all day X2	fliers
Telling friends about live famous bands on Jamboree	better tv adds
A day (for free) of fun scout games!	subliminal messages
More concerts	interviews
We do a lot of camps!	old uniform
Fun Stuff!!!	improve the scout uniform
We use weed cards!	interviews of scouts
Advertisement (TV)	advertise
Scout radio station	hawkers
Carnivals	providing to people how good scouting is
Promotion Camps to see what it is like	have better
free camps with scouts showing fun	A Scout song
activities we do	More ads (TV, Radio)
say hello	TV ads
more camps x2	No uniform
movies showing people what fun scouts really do have	Bring friends along to meetings
cooler TV ads	Go to shopping centres and give out brochures
advertising and fundraisers x2	Just tell them how good Scouts is
less badgework	More Fliers
TV ads x2	Better Ads on TV
Free hats and t-shirts	Subliminal messages
Posters	Interview scouts
Advertise the fun stuff	Bring back old uniform
More fun activities	Improve the uniform
Pretty girls	Use hawkers to advertise
Less work	Prove to people how good it is
Activities at school	Show what we normally do
Give money to them	Have more camps
Try to change negative attitude toward scouts	Sell sausages
More sport.	Media
	Radio ads
a song	More camps
bake sale	Posters
pamphlets	Real food
TV adds	Scouts is too expensive
movie adds	Bring back old uniform
scout open	Secret experiments
a movie	Get rid off new uniform
radio	Scouts – the movie
more camps	Actually do stuff that is advertised on TV
bring long friends to meetings	tv ads and show what we do normally