



# SCOUTS AUSTRALIA ADULT RECOGNITION AWARDS NOMINATION GUIDELINES

(For information only – please do not submit with Nomination Form.)

## The following Guidelines should be used when making an Adult Recognition Award nomination:

- Adult Recognition Awards are awarded to Active Leaders / Other Members and Supporters who have given valuable service to Scouts Australia over an extended period. Such Awards are granted for sustained commitment to the Association, both within and beyond an Active Leader's / Other Member's or Supporter's designated role and responsibilities.
- These guidelines provide a summary of the provisions which can be found in the Revised NEC - June 2016 Scouts Australia Policy and Rules - R13.5 Scouts Australia Adult Recognition Awards.
- Many of the Awards are associated with periods of service, but under exceptional circumstances, the typical service period may be reduced to recognise highly intense / complex periods of activity and special effort.
- Corresponding distinctive cloth emblems (for wearing on uniform) and certificates are issued with Awards. A silver arrowhead **lapel pin** for wearing in **civilian dress**, is issued when the first Award is presented.
- A nomination may be initiated by any Member or formation of the Scout Movement and may be sent directly to the relevant Branch Chief Commissioner.

## To be considered for an Award the Nominee must meet the following criteria:

- Carrying out the responsibilities of his / her current Certificate of Adult Leadership or non-uniformed management role to the highest standard which contributes to Youth membership growth or to the wellbeing of Scouting.
- Promoting team work and a positive attitude in mentoring fellow Adults in Scouting.
- Demonstrating leadership qualities which inspire enthusiasm among other Adults in Scouting.
- Providing ideas for the future direction of Scouting and demonstrating how they can be implemented to contribute to the development of Youth and / or Adults influenced by his / her role.
- For the higher Awards, contributing to the wider Association by involvement in activities beyond the level of responsibilities normally expected in the appointment or management role held.

<b>ACTIVE LEADERS (current Certificate of Adult Leadership)</b>					
<b>Award Name</b>	<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>	<b>Cloth Emblem</b>	<b>Approved by</b>	<b>Awarded by</b>
<b>Special Service Award*</b>	Awarded to both Adult Members and Supporters for the successful support, development or management of a Section or Formation, or for an intense contribution over a period of at least 12 months to the success of a major event or major activity. 'Special Service' is defined as making a noteworthy contribution in their role. This Award can be made in the first three year assignment / period of service.	worn around the neck on a white ribbon	white and green knot on a blue background	Branch Chief Commissioner	Branch Chief Scout or Chief Scout of Australia (according to the practice of the Branch)
<b>Meritorious Service Award*</b>	Awarded to both Adult Members and Supporters for meritorious or praiseworthy service to Scouts Australia for a period of around six to eight years. 'Meritorious Service' is defined as performing to a higher standard for longer or more intensely, than would be reasonably expected.	worn around the neck on a yellow ribbon	yellow knot on a blue background	Branch Chief Commissioner	Branch Chief Scout or Chief Scout of Australia (according to the practice of the Branch)
<b>Silver Wattle* ^</b>	Awarded for outstanding service to Scouts Australia as an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, for a period of around ten to twelve years. 'Outstanding service' is defined as a performance at a consistently high standard, normally over a number of assignments, all of which have provided positive outcomes for Scouting. This person's contribution to Scouting clearly stands out from that of his / her peer group.	worn around the neck on a green ribbon	green knot on a blue background	Branch Chief Commissioner	Branch Chief Scout or Chief Scout of Australia (according to the practice of the Branch)

<b>Silver Koala* ^</b>	Awarded for distinguished service to Scouts Australia as an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, for a period of around 14 to 16 years. It is expected that such distinguished service is at a consistently high level, normally over a number of assignments, resulting in a significant contribution to the wellbeing of Scouting and that the recipient is respected and highly regarded throughout the District / Region / Branch or Nationally.	worn around the neck on an orange ribbon	orange knot on a blue background	Chief Commissioner of Australia	Chief Scout of Australia
<b>Silver Emu* ^</b>	Awarded for further distinguished service to Scouts Australia by an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, for a period of at least four or five years since the Award of the Silver Koala. It is expected that such further distinguished service is at a consistently high level, over a number of assignments and at a number of levels within a Branch or at a National level, resulting in further significant contributions to the wellbeing of Scouting.	worn around the neck on a purple ribbon	purple knot on a blue background	Chief Commissioner of Australia	Chief Scout of Australia
<b>Silver Kangaroo* ^ #</b>	Awarded for eminent achievement and exceptional service to Scouts Australia by an Adult Member in an active Leadership role, over a long period, in a number of roles at various levels within the organisation, or for a unique and highly valued contribution to the wellbeing of Scouting.	worn around the neck on a gold ribbon with two green stripes	gold knot on a dark green background	Chief Commissioner of Australia	Chief Scout of Australia

\* To be nominated for an Award, a Leader, Other Member or Supporter must have completed the mandatory Core Modules of “Child Safe Scouting” and “WHS for Scouting”.

^ A Leader nominated for an Award of Silver Wattle and above, is expected to have completed the appropriate Wood Badge adult development program (Certificate of Advanced Leadership) relevant to his / her current role.

# The awarding of the Silver Kangaroo may be made by the Chief Scout of Australia to a Member of a Scout Association affiliated with the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

<b>OTHER MEMBERS and SUPPORTERS</b>				
<b>Award Name</b>	<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Ribbon</b>	<b>Approved by</b>	<b>Awarded by</b>
<b>Special Service Award*</b>	Awarded to both Adult Members and Supporters for the successful support, development or management of a Section or Formation, or for an intense contribution over a period of at least 12 months to the success of a major event or major activity. 'Special Service' is defined as making a noteworthy contribution in their role. This Award can be made in the first three year assignment / period of service.	worn around the neck on a white ribbon	Branch Chief Commissioner	Branch Chief Scout or Chief Scout of Australia (according to the practice of the Branch)
<b>Meritorious Service Award*</b>	Awarded to both Adult Members and Supporters for meritorious or praiseworthy service to Scouts Australia for a period of around six to eight years. 'Meritorious Service' is defined as performing to a higher standard for longer or more intensely, than would be reasonably expected.	worn around the neck on a yellow ribbon	Branch Chief Commissioner	Branch Chief Scout or Chief Scout of Australia (according to the practice of the Branch)
<b>Outstanding Service Award*</b>	Awarded for outstanding service to Scouts Australia for a period of at least twelve years, to non-uniformed Members and Supporters.	worn around the neck on a green ribbon	Branch Chief Commissioner	Branch Chief Scout or Chief Scout of Australia (according to the practice of the Branch)
<b>Distinguished Service Award*</b>	Awarded for distinguished service to Scouts Australia as an Adult Member or Supporter for a period of around 18 to 20 years. It is expected that such distinguished service is at a consistently high	worn around the neck on an orange ribbon	Chief Commissioner of Australia	Chief Scout of Australia

	level, providing significant and valuable support to a Group or higher Formation and that the recipient is respected and highly regarded throughout the District / Region / Branch or Nationally.			
<b>National President's Award*</b> +	Awarded for eminent achievement and exceptional service to Scouts Australia by Adult Members and Supporters, over a long period in a number of significant roles within the organisation, or for a unique and highly valued contribution to the wellbeing of Scouting.	worn around the neck on a red ribbon	Chief Commissioner of Australia	National President

\* To be nominated for an Award, an Other Member or Supporter must have completed the mandatory Core Modules of “Child Safe Scouting” and “WHS for Scouting”.

+ The awarding of the National President’s Award may be made by the Chief Scout of Australia to a Member of a Scout Association affiliated with the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.