



## *Scouting for Australian Defence Force Families*

*Defence Families of Australia (DFA) and Scouts Australia are pleased to unite in an exciting new era of cooperation. This partnership will engage with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) community by promoting the benefits of Scouting in helping with addressing the unique transient lifestyles of ADF families. A national approach to supporting ADF families and facilitating improved integration into local community programs and activities is the key to this partnership.*

### *The Value of Scouting*

*National Structure – Scouts Australia recognises participants in Scouting for Australian Defence Force Families transferring between Branches are able to have their Branch fees waived and also be able to enjoy full portability of training they have completed including full recognition of training awards.*

*Network Support and Leadership – The family oriented local Group structure of Scouting promotes and encourages support & leadership by providing members opportunities to take responsibility in planning and achieving their objectives.*

*Lifestyle Skills – Scouting offers events to help young people identify aspects of change in their lives and to assist them to develop management strategies. A sense of achievement is developed through successful experiences, often leading to transfer of these skills to other facets of members lives.*

### *The Value of ADF Families of Australia*

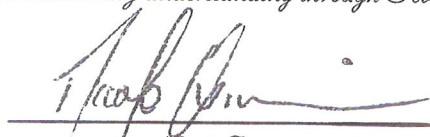
*Energy and Enthusiasm – ADF families work quickly to become involved and establish community links, contributing their time and energy at each Scout group.*

*Skill Sets – ADF personnel are very effective in trained leadership roles, including contributing their human & physical skills to deliver a quality Scouts program.*

*Increased Diversity – With such a wide range of experiences and through their connections with other communities, ADF families bring increased diversity to Scouts.*

*Publicity/Communication – DFA will disseminate Scouting information through all their communications educating Defence families on the many benefits of Scouts.*

*Education – DFA will communicate with Scouts Australia about the unique lifestyle of Defence families to help improve community understanding through Scouts Australia.*

  
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