

# FACT SHEET #13

## Baden-Powell Scout Award Support Team



The Baden-Powell Scout Award Support Team assists Rover Scouts and their Crews to supporting Rover Scouts who have commenced the award to ensure that they are successful in their completion of the award.

In June 2013, the National Operations Team agreed to the formation of Baden-Powell Scout Award (BPSA) Support Teams in each Branch. The purpose of the BPSA Support Teams is to be the subject matter experts for the Rover Scout Award Scheme and BPSA.

Within the Branch, the BPSA Support Team provides knowledge, information and advice on the award scheme to Rover Scouts and their Crews.

With the improved support and involvement of the BPSA Support Team an increased number of Rover Scouts will complete the St George and Baden-Powell Scout Awards, reducing the difficulties of former approval and award processes.

### MEMBERSHIP & TERM OF APPOINTMENT

Each Branch is responsible for selecting its own membership criteria for the BPSA Support Team. However, the Team must consist of at least three people who are committed to undertake the role for a minimum of two (2) years. Branches should consider candidates with appropriate knowledge and experience of the Rover Scout Section.

The exception is that the first year must have one (1) member who has a three (3) year appointment\*, to ensure continuity. Based on this structure, there should be an alternating change of members (as set out in the diagram below). There is no limit for the number of terms that a member can commit to. Teams must be chosen by

1 August 2013, with their role officially commencing on 1 January 2014.

	Year of Appointment		
Person 1*	2014	2017	2019
Person 2	2014	2016	2018
Person 3	2014	2016	2018

Commitment to the BPSA Support Team is not contingent on other appointments. For example, if you are retired from another role, you remain a member of the team (subject to being a member of the Association).

### STRUCTURE

There is only **one** BPSA Support Team in each Branch. However, in larger Branches it can consist of more than three members that may be responsible for particular geographical areas – this may be aligned to Regions/Communities as appropriate.

The BPSA Support Team is the subject matter expert on the award scheme and is expected to ensure that information and experience is shared across the Branch's BPSA Support Team. The Team and the delivery of advice and support must be consistent with the BPSA National Policies and Procedures and done in a constructive manner.

The primary task of the BPSA Support Team is to ensure Rover Scouts and their Crews are equally supported in the attainment and ultimately the awarding of the BPSA. The BPSA Support Team will be the first point of contact to assist Rover

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Scouts and their Crews to agree activities and projects that are **challenging to the individual**. While the focus is on the projects for the Community Development and Personal Growth Badges, BPSA Support Teams may also provide advice on suitable activities for the other badges.

## PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Broadly, the Team is responsible for:

- assisting in the transition and handover between the award scheme and former award scheme;
- promoting and encourage participation in the St George and Baden-Powell Scout Awards;
- assisting Rover Scouts and their Crews to ensure a clear and defined set of criteria is designed for the member completing the award;
- collating and sharing ideas across the Team (and Nationally);
- supporting members and “touching base” with Rover Scouts who have commenced the award to ensure that they are successfully progressing in their completion of the award; and
- facilitating the self-reflection interview following the completion of the St George Award and project badges.

The BPSA Support Team has a purely **advisory function** and does not have authority to make decisions. The BPSA Support Team does not resolve any disputes or disagreements between Rover Scouts and their Crew. Rover Crews and Rover Scouts must resolve disputes in line with the

dispute resolution processes within their Branch’s policies.

**For more information contact your Branch Baden-Powell Scout Award Support Team.**

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