

FACT SHEET #15

Baden-Powell Scout Award – Branch Rover Council & Region Rover Council

The Baden-Powell Scout Award Support Team takes the lead role in supporting Rover Scouts who are undertaking the Baden-Powell Scout Award.



Prior to January 2014, the Branch Rover Council (BRC) and, in some of the larger Branches, the Region Rover Council or Communities (RRC), were charged with supporting Rover Scouts during their BPSA.

With the introduction of BPSA Support Teams across all Branches in Australia, the role of the BRC and RRC has been reduced with regards to the management of the BPSA. This allows BRC and RRC to concentrate on the management of the Rover Scout Section and Regions.

BRANCH ROVER COUNCIL

The BRC's role is to support the Baden-Powell Scout Award Support Team and notes the completion of all the requirements and endorses the awardee.

The Branch Rover Council **should not and must not** undertake a critical assessment as to whether the awardee has technically completed all the requirements. This is done at the Rover Crew level with those who know the awardee best. Rover Crews may be assisted by the BPSA Support Team in undertaking assessments.

WHAT IF THE BRC DOESN'T ENDORSE?

Endorse means to *declare one's public approval or support of*. If the BRC does not support the awardee's BPSA submission, then they should not sign the approvals form and should put their reasons in writing to the Chief Commissioner.

SUPPORTING THE BPSA SUPPORT TEAM

Each Branch is responsible for selecting its own membership criteria for the BPSA Support Team.

In some larger Branches, the BRC, in consultation with the Branch Chief Commissioner, may choose to have a larger Team.

See *RSAS Factsheet #13 – Baden-Powell Scout Award Support Team* for more detail.

REGION OVER COUNCILS /COMMUNITIES

Members of the BPSA Support Teams may be assigned to a specific support a particular region or locality in some larger Branches. If this is the case, then the RRC's role is to support the BPSA Support Team members in their region.

RRC may play a role in selecting members of the BPSA Support Team, however the respective BRCs will determine if and how this is done.

NOTIFICATIONS

BRCs and/or RRCs may choose to have Rover Scouts or Rover Crews notify them when a progress or project Badge is commenced or awarded. This is fine but shouldn't hinder or stop the BPSA being awarded if they are not notified.

BRCs and RRCs should provide copies of minutes to BPSA Support Team members to assist in record keeping and information sharing.

For more information contact the Baden-Powell Scout Award Support Team

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