

SCOUTS AUSTRALIA INSTITUTE OF TRAINING

THE ORGANISATION

Scouting is the leading international volunteer youth organisation with over 28 million members in more than 180 countries. It is recognised within the community for the impressive youth development programs it has offered for more than 100 years. Supporting these exciting youth adventure programs is an adult training program known internationally as the Woodbadge Training Scheme. Scouts Australia delivers the internationally recognised Woodbadge Scout training scheme (described elsewhere in this book) through a number of programs, many of which are accredited through the National Training Information Service operated by the Australian government.

Scouting in Australia is coordinated at National level with each State and Territory operating a Branch that independently manages Scouting. Each Branch has its own training facilities and equipment and delivers the Woodbadge Training Program. The content of this has been developed to meet the World Organisation of Scout Movement's requirements as well as current contemporary National legislation and community requirements.

A National Training Team comprises authorised Trainers and Assessors. These are led by the National Commissioner for Adult Training and Development through the respective Branch Commissioners for Adult Training and Development. The Trainers and Assessors have many years Scouting experience and they conform to industry standards.

Scouts Australia has been a Registered Training Provider since 1994 and since then has delivered a number of registered training courses. In November 2002 Scouts Australia achieved national accreditation of our Leadership qualifications. Four leadership qualifications are available – three at the adult leader level and one at vocational entry-level, the latter being specifically developed for the Venturer Scout age group.

In September 2004, Scouts Australia opened the Scouts Australia Institute of Training (a Registered Training Organisation), based in Queensland in what was the National training office.

PURPOSE OF THIS INFORMATION

This information has been written to provide members with important information about the Vocational Education and Training programs offered by Scouts Australia. These notes outline your rights and responsibilities as a participant.

You will be asked to acknowledge that you have read this information on your Training Course Applications form (TR1), so please take the time to study it carefully and ask your Personal Leader Advisor if you are unsure about anything. You should keep this section for reference throughout your enrolment.

The contents of this section represent the key points of various Policies and Procedures developed by Scouts Australia to meet the defined government legislation in relation to Vocational Education and Training.