

# Australian Scout Medallion



The Australian Scout Medallion is the highest achievement possible for a Scout and can be compared with the Queen's Scout Award for a Venturer Scout.

The top award in the Scout Section is the Australian Scout Medallion that was introduced in 2003 to provide an additional challenge for our top Scouts. This Award brings together a number of key skills, or elements, learnt as a Scout into one project covering the initial planning right through to the final self-assessment of a 'project'.

## What are the major aspects of this Award?

A Scout Medallion Project ideally should work within at least two of the three Scouting Principles:

1. **Duty to one's God**
2. **Duty to others**
3. **Duty to self**

and utilise a series of skills or 'elements' contained in any worthwhile project, and finally be entirely under the management of the Scout.

The elements to be included are:

- Planning** - the what, how, who, when and where
- Coordination** - the identification of people, places and resources required
- Delegation** - the assignment of tasks to others, who will then be directed in the completion of the tasks
- Allocation** - the efficient collection, distribution and utilisation of resources needed to successfully complete the Project
- Execution** - the actual conduct and the performance of the Project
- Assessment** - the review of the Project in the form of a Log

## How do I go about getting this underway?

The first step after talking to your Scout Leader, is to make contact with your District Scout Leader and discuss your plans and eligibility for the Project.

When you have had your meeting with your District Scout Leader and have your outline together, you need to then complete an Australian Scout Medallion Application and submit this along with the Project Outline.

Your Project can only commence after the Application (including the Project Outline) has been approved by the Regional Commissioner – Scouts and the Branch Commissioner – Scouts.

## Am I eligible for this Award?

To be eligible for this prestigious Award, the following criteria must be met:

1. You must be under 15 and still in the Scout Section until the Project Assessment is submitted to the Regional Commissioner – Scouts
2. The Project cannot be part of the Award Scheme
3. You must have attended a Scout Leadership Course prior to the Award presentation
4. You must have been awarded the Adventurer Level Cord prior to the Award presentation

## What sort of project topics have been awarded so far?

Here are some examples of recent Projects:

- Organised a Pack Holiday for the Cub Pack
- Developed a maintenance program for the Group's water craft and conducted a water safety course
- Organised and conducted a PL familiarisation camp for potential PL's and APL's
- Acted as a Coordinator for a specific area on Clean Up Australia Day
- Organised a formal Mothers Day Dinner for the mothers of the Group
- Planned and conducted a Raft Race
- Conducted a Yellow Cord Camp
- Raised funds for a community organisation to be able to purchase needed equipment

## Where will my Australian Scout Medallion be presented?

Because it is such a special award, it will usually be presented to you by the Branch Commissioner for Scouts at a place of significance to you. The Presentation will be coordinated between you and your Regional Commissioner for Scouts.

## Who's invited to my presentation?

As this is a most special occasion, you can invite almost anyone you wish - discuss this with your Scout Leader - who will be planning the celebration side of your presentation.