

STRATEGIC PLAN 2005-2008

Our Vision

For Scouting to be seen as the pre-eminent youth organisation in Australia

The Mission of Scouting

Our mission is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

We achieve this by

- Involving them through their formative years in a non-formal education process
- Using a specific method that makes each individual the principal agent in his or her development as a self-reliant, supportive, responsible and committed person
- Assisting them to establish a value system based upon spiritual, social and personal principles as
 expressed in the Promise and Law.

Stakeholders

Stakeholders have been classified into five main groups – Owners, Customers, Community, People and Strategic Partners.

Owners	Customers	Community	People	Strategic Partners
World Scout Organisation Australian Community National Council	Six years to 26 year old members Potential members (Youth) Parents-Carers of members Non member supporters Leaders Potential members (Adult, including Leaders) Non Scout programs Government Sponsoring groups Other youth organisations Commercial customers	Australian community All young people six years to 26 years of age South Pacific National Groups Media Potential businesses	Volunteers Salaried and paid staff Contractors Individual donors	Government agencies Asia Pacific Region Corporate and Business donors and sponsors Key Suppliers Educational organisations Guides Australia Target groups Religious/Ethnic organisations

Our National Strategic and Operational Plans

The National Organisation's three-year Strategic Plan, originally developed in March 2000, was reviewed in October 2002 with a further two year timeframe. The revised plan was approved by the National Executive Committee in November 2002.

(i) In the previous 2002 plan, eight Critical Success Factors (CSF's) had been identified that would enable us to achieve our Vision and Mission. These CSF's were at the time considered to be the critical things that we had to do really well or have in place to maintain or improve our position. They resulted from an understanding of what was at the time considered to be delivered in order to create value for our stakeholders.

Actions within the 2002 Plan were largely completed in 2004. However the impact on reversing membership decline has not been the success hoped for.

As a result, the 15-16 October 2005 National Planning Workshop sought to develop a clearer focus by identifying the Key Strategic Priorities – KSP's – we need to address with regard to returning to **membership growth**. The aim was also to develop plans that could be "cascaded" down through Branch, Region, District and Group levels in the organisation.

These newly determined KSP's are: Adult Involvement, Youth Program Delivery, Marketing and Communications, Other Resources, Core Product & The Scouting Experience and New Product Development – the diagram on page 3 illustrates the relationship of these Strategic Priorities.

(ii) Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) are also to be reviewed and developed for each key Strategic Priority. These KPI's are the means by which the organisation can measure its progress or performance against each of the KSP.

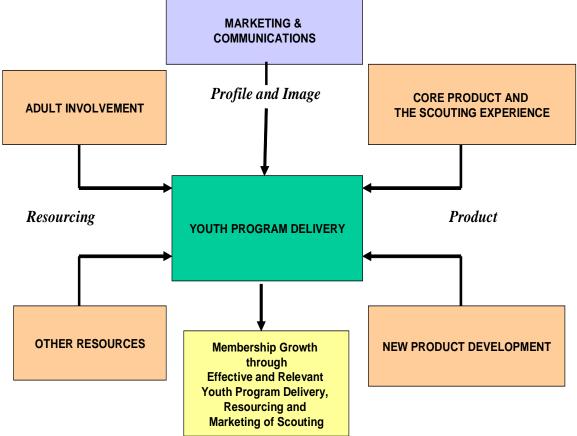
The Strategic Plan incorporates a National Operational Plan that includes the Strategies to be implemented against each of the KSP's as well as the specification of the relevant Actions, Responsibility, Timing and Progress at national level as well a framework to develop action plans through to Group level.

The draft plans from the 15 – 16 October 2005 Workshop are summarised in the following pages.

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Key Strategic Priorities of the 2005-2008 Plan



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SCOUTS AUSTRALIA STRATEGIC PLAN 2005 - 2008

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
1. EFFECTIVE & RELEVANT YOUTH PROGRAM CONTENT & DELIVERY	 To ensure program content is relevant To improve the delivery of the program across all Sections To ensure that Leaders at all levels are supported in their roles – taking into consideration specific needs eg time constraints, single parent families, etc 	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
1. To ensure that regular Sectional Reviews take place, so that the program remains relevant, balanced and is updated constantly according to the needs of the youth members at the time	 Sectional Reviews should include consultation with non-Scouting personnel, both parents and young people Focus on good program delivery to increase retention of members Ensure that programs meet the needs of all members Encourage Leaders to be more flexible with the delivery 				
 2. Venturer Scouts Program Review, commencing FY 2005/06 to include major re-engineering of program. 3. To ensure that the Adults in Scouting recommendations are implemented 	of their programs eg meet all day Saturday once a month rather than one night a week. 5. Ensure that youth are involved				

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1	programs 9. Re-emphasise the role of District Leaders – their role should be supportive, not purely administrative 10. Set up in each Branch, a data base of activity specialists as a resource for Leaders 11. Implement exit interviews – using a tick and flick method – for all members 12. Run annual "National Schools" and give youth members the opportunity of participating in flying, skiing, drama and so on. To tap into opportunities for youth members to gain qualifications and job					į,
	opportunities.					
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1. EFFECTIVE & RELEVANT YOUTH PROGRAM CONTENT & DELIVERY - CONTINUED	 To ensure program content is relevant To improve the delivery of the program across all Sections To ensure that Leaders at all levels are supported in their roles – taking into consideration specific needs eg time constraints, single parent families, etc 	GROUP

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To ensure that the Adults in Scouting recommendations are implemented				

Strategic Planning Framework - Draft Dated 2 November 05- Results of 15-1 6 October 2005 Workshop

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
2. ADULT INVOLVEMENT	Declining and aging adult participation base resulting in a need to better meet current demands, impacting on delivery of the youth program	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
Implementation of the ten recommendations from the Adults in Scouting Review	 1.1 The AIS Strategy be supported 1.2 All Adult Members require support 1.3 Evey group must have an effective Group Leader, Council and Committee 1.4 A National Adult Recruitment program be instigated 1.5 Effective and efficient communication occur 1.6 Audit to reduce outdated practices occur 1.7 Membership data base is created 1.8 National website is enhanced 1.9 Scouting be reinforced as a leading community contributor 1.10 Publications to support Review 2.1 Investigate best practice in other NSO's and other youth program organisations 				

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2. ADULT INVOLVEMENT - CONTINUED	Declining and aging adult participation base resulting in a need to better meet current demands, impacting on delivery of the youth program	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP – Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
Implementation of the ten recommendations from the Adults in Scouting Review				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY CRITICAL ISSUES		
2. ADULT INVOLVEMENT - CONTINUED	2. Increase levels of non-uniform adult participation	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
Making non-uniform adult participation more attractive by value-adding	2.1 Development of Scouts Australia training program for non-uniform adult members and associates 2.2 Investigate best practice for resourcing Groups 2.3 Contact peak bodies in the range of professions which are appropriate to our support needs				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
2. ADULT INVOLVEMENT - CONTINUED	2. Increase levels of non-uniform adult participation	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP – Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
Making non-uniform adult participation more attractive by value-adding				

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KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
2. ADULT INVOLVEMENT - CONTINUED	3. Declining Leader base	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
3. Increase levels of uniform adult participation	3.1 Research the current background of Leaders and areas of recruitment to identify possible markets for new leaders				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
2. ADULT INVOLVEMENT - CONTINUED	3. Declining Leader base	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP – Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
3. Increase levels of uniform adult participation				

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KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
2. ADULT INVOLVEMENT - CONTINUED	4. Aging Leader base	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
Encourage youth involvement in management roles	4.1 Appoint under 30's members to assistant and support National management roles 4.2 Showcase young adult involvement in management roles				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
2. ADULT INVOLVEMENT - CONTINUED	4. Aging Leader base	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP – Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
Encourage youth involvement in management roles				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
2. ADULT INVOLVEMENT - CONTINUED	5. Lack of understanding of what Scouting offers	SUMMARY

5. Increase level of parent (and broader community) understanding to make Scouting more attractive	Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
	(and broader community) understanding to make Scouting more	5.1 Develop directed marketing				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
2. ADULT INVOLVEMENT - CONTINUED	5. Lack of understanding of what Scouting offers	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP – Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
5. Increase level of parent (and broader community) understanding to make Scouting more attractive				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
3. MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS	The public is not aware of Scouting and its benefits	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
To increase the awareness and benefits of Scouting	 1.1 Ensure funding is available to enable a national advertising campaign which includes television to occur and ensure Branch campaigns complement this 1.2 Ensure the values base of Scouting is clearly defined and acknowledged by the public 1.3 Implement annually a national Scout week or "Scouts on Show" which includes promotion of local heroes who were or are Scouts 1.4 Ensure there is a clear understanding of messages needed to attract different target audiences – (eg youth, parents, adults, businesses, service clubs, communities) 1.5 Reintroduce the National membership card to provide a sense of group identity as well as a means of accessing discounts 1.6 Promote the benefits of continuing in Scouting to all members 				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
3. MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED	The public is not aware of Scouting and its benefits	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP – Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
To increase the awareness and benefits of Scouting				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
3. MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED	Scouting is using ineffective communication practices	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
Develop more effective and efficient communication	 2.1 Instigate a process where every Leader can be communicated with directly including email or texting (National, Branch) 2.2 Appoint in all Districts, a Public relations Officer as a non Leader position to promote Scout product externally and to be coordinated nationally through Branches (District, Branch, National) 2.3 Ensure all communications are framed positively and reinforce the key messages of the promotion of Scouting (all levels) 2.4 To attract partnerships and the global awareness of the Scouting Movement, promote the "Scouts of the World" program (National, Branch) 2.5 Use multi media formats to maximise communication at National and branch levels with an emphasis on promoting electronic media (all levels) 2.6 Ensure websites are current and vibrant (all levels) 				

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3. MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED	2. Scouting is using ineffective communication practices	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP – Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
Develop more effective and efficient communication				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
3. MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED	Scouting's image (how we present ourselves) is not attractive or appealing to today's society	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
3. Ensure Scouting's image is always presented in a relevant and contemporary manner	3.1 Develop and implement a "Scouting for Scouting" campaign to increase the visibility of Scouting at all levels. This should be based on research on what customers want from Scouting (National, Branch, District, Group)				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
3. MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED	Scouting's profile (public perception) is not perceived as being relevant in today's environment	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
4. Establish the ongoing relevance of Scouting today and in the future	 4.1 Create a customer service focus among all salaried staff (National and Branch Offices) to ensure members and potential members are treated as valued customers 4.2 Maximise the Centenary of Scouting celebrations to reinforce Scouting as active and highlighting future activities rather than the history (all levels) 4.3 Establish in each Branch mechanisms that recognise outstanding youth and adult achievements and promote these externally 4.4 To monitor and lobby representation on relevant state bodies (Branch) 4.5 Be seen to be the provider of first time experiences for young people in specialty areas – eg flying, caving, abseiling. (National, Branch) 				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
3. MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED	Scouting's profile (public perception) is not perceived as being relevant in today's environment	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP – Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
Establish the ongoing relevance of Scouting today and in the future				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
4. OTHER RESOURCES	1. Lack of resources	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
1. Build and enhance strategic and operational relationships to gain a higher share of corporate funding (philanthropy)	1.1 To develop strategies and business plans to secure partnerships/resources 1.2 To implement these plans				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
4. OTHER RESOURCES - CONTINUED	1. Lack of resources	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP - Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
1. Build and enhance strategic and operational relationships to gain a higher share of corporate funding (philanthropy)				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
4. OTHER RESOURCES - CONTINUED	2. Lack of profile for Scouts with those in government	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
2. Develop and/or strengthen linkages with applicable levels of government to position Scouts with governments and to positively influence them.	2.1 Involve government in Scouting initiatives and activities 2.2 make submissions on issues relevant to Scouting 2.3 Build a stakeholder plan 2.4 Be recognised/involved in youth affairs				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
4. OTHER RESOURCES - CONTINUED	2. Lack of profile for Scouts with those in government	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP – key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
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KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
4. OTHER RESOURCES - CONTINUED	3. Support from the local community/small business to support and fund Scouting's local operations	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
3. Educate and involve the community in order to enhance benefits for the Movement by building and maintaining beneficial relationships with commercial, social, and community organisations	3.1 Develop good relationships with local business, providers, organisations 3.2 Preferred supplier types relationships				

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4. OTHER RESOURCES - CONTINUED	4. Asset rich and cash poor	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
4. Develop and enhance funding opportunities to increase our fiscal horizon	4.1 Sell SAIT service 4.2 Pooling accounts 4.3 Hiring out of assets, facilities 4.4 Consolidation of assets				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
4. OTHER RESOURCES - CONTINUED	4. Asset rich and cash poor	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP – Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
Develop and enhance funding opportunities to increase our fiscal horizon				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
4. OTHER RESOURCES - CONTINUED	5. Imbalance of resources	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
5. Maximise the utilisation of resources within and across all levels of the Movement (financial, physical, human) for more effective use of resources	5.1 Ensure value for money 5.2 Review physical resources 5.3 Share assets (physical, personnel, facilities)				

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4. OTHER RESOURCES - CONTINUED	5. Imbalance of resources	GROUP

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4. OTHER RESOURCES - CONTINUED	6. How can we be "all things to all people?"	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
6. Outsource services where it is cost effective and or practical to meet our training and operational requirements	6.1 Identify where shortfall exists 6.2 Identify alternative additional services and resources 6.3 Develop a directory of service				

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5. CORE PRODUCT AND THE SCOUTING EXPERIENCE	Research indicates a lack of awareness, knowledge, value of Scouts by the larger community, as expressed in the Law and promise. We are a promise tien do not understand, agree and	SUMMARY
Core product – core fundamentals defined as the Law and promise	 We as an organisation do not understand, agree and articulate our value system to ourselves in the community We are not selling our value system as relevant to today's community We are selling the same message of "fun activities" as all other youth organisations in a saturated youth market 	

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
Increase community awareness and continually conduct market research to monitor our progress Ensure consistency in defining and	eg to remove business jargon) 2. Through consultation with				
communicating the purpose of Scouts – internally and externally 3. To demonstrate to the	youth members of the Movement, refocus our internal marketing committees and our				
community that we are a modern youth development	advertising partners to sell core values				
organisation with core values	Develop updated and more comprehensive				
4. Redefine the message of Scouts based on our value system – eg tomorrow's citizens and leaders using Scouting values for life.	Scouts Australia corporate style manual				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
CORE PRODUCT AND THE SCOUTING EXPERIENCE - CONTINUED Core product – core fundamentals defined as the Law and promise	 Research indicates a lack of awareness, knowledge, value of Scouts by the larger community, as expressed in the Law and promise. We as an organisation do not understand, agree and articulate our value system to ourselves in the community We are not selling our value system as relevant to today's community We are selling the same message of "fun activities" as all other youth organisations in a saturated youth market 	GROUP

Objectives	GROUP - Key Initiatives/Action Plans	Who	When	Progress
1. Increase community awareness and continually conduct market research to monitor our progress 2. Ensure consistency in defining and communicating the purpose of Scouts – internally and externally 3. To demonstrate to the community that we are a modern youth development organisation with core values 4. Redefine the message of Scouts based on our value system – eg tomorrow's citizens and leaders using Scouting values for life.				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
5. CORE PRODUCT AND THE SCOUTING EXPERIENCE - CONTINUED The Scouting Experience	 Inconsistency exists through out the Scouting experience that extends beyond the youth member to the parents and guardians The Scouting experience is diverse and different for everyone but we don't leverage this to its full potential. 	SUMMARY

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
To generate a positive Scouting experience for all entities involved, especially the parents					
To show the broader community the diversity of experiences on offer by Scouting					

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6. NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT	NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT 1. Maintaining relevance of Scouting product in an environment offering increased variety and competition	

Objectives	Key Initiatives/Action Plans - NATIONAL	BRANCH	REGION	DISTRICT	GROUP
To develop a range of new products and services that draw on Scouting's strengths and tap into changing community needs	New product Concepts (in order of agreed priority): 1. Adventurous Activities delivered by paid people including through Scout property facilities 2. Parent engagement				
2. Target customers include: Youth 6-7, 8-10, 11- 14, 15-17, 18-26 years Adult Leaders Adult Non-uniform Parents Schools Tertiary institutions Corporates Communities	 parents of members parents of non members Website as interactive Resource for Youth and adults (=3) Scout Bank, Scout Visa (=3) Special interest groups - Air, Sea, police, Emergency Services, performing Arts, etc (=4) Certification for Non-uniform and Associates (=4) National Scouting Schools - eg skiing, abseiling, etc (=4) 				

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY	CRITICAL ISSUES	
6. NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT - CONTINUED	Maintaining relevance of Scouting product in an environment offering increased variety and competition for personal development and leisure time activities	GROUP

Objectives GROUP – Key Initiatives/Action Plans		Who	When	Progress
To develop a range of new products and services that draw on Scouting's strengths and tap into changing community needs				
2. Target customers include: Youth 6-7, 8-10, 11-14, 15-17, 18-26 years Adult Leaders Adult Non-uniform Parents Schools Tertiary institutions Corporates Communities				

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