



# Scouts WA

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## A Scout Promise and Law for All Australians

Dear Scouts of Australia, Members and Supporters,

The values of Scouting have helped hundreds of thousands of young Australians navigate an ever-changing world for more than 100 years.

Making the Scouts Australia Promise and following the Scout Law are among the first steps of a young person's journey to becoming true to themselves and contributing members of society.

It is therefore with great pleasure that we write to you today, to let you know that Scouts Australia has finalised the Promises and Law it will put to our National Council for adoption in July 2017.

In the proposed Promises and Law, Scouts Australia has expressed our values in words that every young Australian of today can identify with. We've considered that today's definition of community has evolved in scope to reflect our global society, and that there are many different spiritual beliefs held in the Australian community.

We have confirmed that the proposed new Promises and Law are consistent with World Scouting's requirements to encapsulate the Principles of Scouting worldwide - Duty to God, Duty to others and Duty to self.

After thoroughly considering our research and feedback, the National Executive Committee of Scouts Australia will be proposing the following two Promises to our National Council. It is important to note that individuals may elect to make either version.

*On my honour, I promise  
To do my best,  
To be true to my spiritual beliefs,  
To contribute to my community  
and our world,  
To help other people,  
And to live by the Scout Law*

OR

*On my honour  
I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to my God, and  
To the Queen of Australia  
To help other people, and  
To live by the Scout Law*

We will also be proposing the following Scout Law.

**BE RESPECTFUL**

- *Be friendly and considerate*
- *Care for others and the environment*

**DO WHAT IS RIGHT**

- *Be trustworthy, honest and fair*
- *Be resourceful*

**BELIEVE IN MYSELF**

- *Learn from my experiences*
- *Face challenges with courage*

The National Council will meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2017 to vote on the proposal. If approved, Scouts Australia will distribute further resources to help our members integrate the new wording throughout the organisation later in 2017.

If you have already made the Scout Promise, you will not be required to make the new Promise if it is adopted.

This letter is just for your information. We sincerely thank all the members who contributed feedback in our consultation process. We look forward to sending you the next update following the National Council Meeting.

Yours in Scouting



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