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STATEMENT FOR ISSUE TO ALL MONDAY 15th February 2016 SCOUTS QLD MEMBERS

Dear Members of Scouts Queensland,

In November 2015 Scouts Australia informed us of their decision to operate a new National Online Supply Shop. The shop will stock uniforms, badges, books, stationery, scarves, woggles, flag accessories, gifts and souvenirs, plaques, Queen's Scout and BP Award memorabilia and camp blankets. The online prices remain the same with free postage to customers. As a result of this Scouts Queensland has made the decision to no longer operate a Scout Supply Centre from the Branch Support Office effective 31st March 2016.

The Scouts Australia online shop is located at **www.scoutshop.com.au** and we would encourage you to log in as a Leader / Member. All members can use the "Scout Leader sign in", eg a parent of a Cub Scout can sign in here by using the Cubs Scouts Queensland Membership number and date of birth format, (DDMMYY). For Leaders and Members who use e-learning then you need to use the same password you use for eLearning. Your role in Scouting will determine what products are available to you to purchase via the online shop.

The site will now become the key distribution channel for the Scout uniform and supplies and will also **supply specific Scouts Queensland items directly to our Members** and to Branch. This will be effective from 1st April or sooner and will include Queensland scarf, woggle, pants/trousers/skorts and hat. More details will come as we finalise these arrangements.

Regional Scout Supply Shops?
Scout supplies will still be available from Kennedy Region Scout Outdoor Centre and Moreton Region Scout Shops. The Darling Downs Region Shop is continuing business as usual as they are still to make a final decision. Gold Coast Scout shop will close operations on 31st March 2016.

Where to from here?
Some orders which have been placed with Queensland Branch Scout Supply Centre will be directed to the National online shop as no new stock will be ordered by the Scout Supply Centre. Once items are depleted in the Queensland Branch Scout Supply Centre, you will be directed to order at the online shop. You can start using the online shop now and do not have to wait until 1st April, but not all Queensland items will be available yet.

Why so sudden?
Unfortunately the tight time line has been out of our hands and we have worked as quickly as we can over the Christmas period to support the new National online shop arrangements. We explored many options to try to keep our Queensland Branch Scout Supply Centre open but none were viable.

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Delivery times to Queensland?
The online company operates from Melbourne and they have agreed to make Queensland orders a priority and are investigating the best postal options.

The role of Badge Secretaries
The position of Badge Secretary will be reviewed as part of the change process. More information to follow.

What about Blue Cards and Leader uniforms?
There is no change to the Queensland QBSI Policy.

More questions?
More details when available will be placed on the Queensland website when they are finalised or you can contact Jean Clifford, 07 3721 5721, 0402 076 525 or email dcc.ais@scoutsqld.com.au

We ask for your patience and understanding please as we work through these new arrangements.

Please find attached a flyer for distribution regarding ordering from the new online shop.

Yours in Scouting,

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