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Scouting offers young people a program of adventurous activities that contributes to their personal growth, provides leadership opportunities, develops resilience, and prepares them for challenges and to play a constructive role in a global society.

We live in a changing world and through Scouts young people prepare for and help create a better world centered around issues of sustainability.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In 2015 the United Nations launched the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. These 17 goals aim to achieve sustainable outcomes through improved social, economic and environmental sustainability by 2030. Scouting was there when the SDGs were launched.

World Scouting has been on the front lines of creating a better world for over a century, doing our bit to address inequality and support a thriving environment. We have an action-oriented approach to education, designed to equip our members with the skills to be active citizens and contribute to sustainable development.

In 2017, we took that commitment a step further with Scouts for SDGs (#Scouts4SDGs), mobilising millions of Scouts to make the world's largest coordinated youth contribution to the SDGs. We need to work together to achieve these goals.



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Scouting offers non-formal education, recognising the significant benefits informal education provides to young people. Individuals engage in a program of self development and personal progression. The purpose of the Scout Movement is to contribute to the education of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. Our movement is focused on young people and helping them become the best versions of themselves.



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



Contemporary Scouting programs support young people living in a fast moving, ever changing global society to engage in personal development. Scouting constantly adapts to the needs and aspirations of young people. The Scouting values promote involvement in community and leading positive change. We aim to constantly up-skill young people learning leadership and teamwork. Undertaking training through Scouts to develop new skills and knowledge, assists young people in their personal development.

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



With over half the world population now living in cities, mass transport and renewable energy are becoming ever more important, as are the growth of new industries, information and communication technologies. Technological progress is also key to finding lasting solutions to both economic and environmental challenges, such as providing new jobs and promoting energy efficiency. Through our contemporary program, Scouts have a dedicated Special Interest Area in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and Innovation, developing skills in STEM to create a sustainable future, offering broad experiences and opportunities in this area.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Making cities sustainable means creating career and business opportunities, safe and affordable housing, and building resilient societies and economies. Scouts can be part of the solution – we have made commitments to improve the energy and water efficiency of Scouting properties, and are looking at ways to ensure our facilities are accessible to all. With responsibility for over 200 community facilities across Queensland, Scouts are trusted managers providing a safe affordable place for communities to meet.

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Investing in clean energy is good for the health of people and our planet. In recent years we have seen more Scout halls, campsites and offices install solar panels to generate renewable energy. We have seen more Scouts move towards solar/battery power, and implement strategies to improve energy efficiency and water collection. Scouts spend a lot of time outdoors and our young people understand the need to protect their natural environment. We are committed to environmental education and living sustainably.



Scouts aim to reduce their environmental footprint by acting to reduce, reuse and recycle waste, and minimise use of energy and water at Scouting events and in daily life. Scouts support healthy environments by reducing the risk from harmful substances, minimising the use of non-renewable resources, embrace sustainable energy technologies and protecting our clean air and water. Scouts actively lead and participate in community environmental programs such as tree planting, building nesting boxes, cleaning local water ways and preserving natural habitats.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



In Scouting good health encompasses understanding one's body, active care for health, wellbeing and the pursuit of physical skills and fitness. An extension to this is the Outdoor Adventure Skills where Scouts learn in the core areas; bushcraft, bush walking and camping, and specialist areas; alpine, aquatic, boating, cycling, paddling and climbing. We have young people achieving very advanced skills in many of these areas, but there are always opportunities for all regardless of their abilities.



There is a correlation between being physically active and continued good mental health. In Scouts young people not only have the opportunity to be active but they also build good mental health. Research has shown young people participating in Scouting demonstrated higher levels of resilience, self confidence, mental wellbeing and the emotional capacity to cope with difficult times. This has a lasting positive impact well into adulthood.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



Every person in Scouting has the right to feel respected and included regardless of the diverse range of human differences. We recognise people as individuals, understanding each one of us is unique and respecting our individual differences. Scouts undertake training to promote diversity and inclusion in mental health literacy, cultural capacity, diversity awareness, LGBTQIA+ awareness. Scouting is open to all, with young people at the centre.

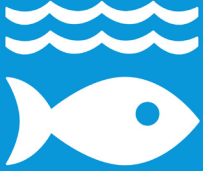


10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



Through Scouting, we recognise that not everyone is the same, and that what is adventurous, fun and challenging can look very different to different people. As such, we consider issues of accessibility and inclusion a high priority, making constant adjustments to our approach so everyone can grow and develop through Scouting. Affordability should never hinder participation and through the Government's FairPlay Voucher scheme, thousands of young people benefit from the scouting program.

14 LIFE BELOW WATER



In 2018 Scouts Australia updated its Environmental Charter to more closely align with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. It provides Scouts with a description of our responsibilities to the environment in which we live and conduct Scouting activities. Scouts take time to enjoy the environment through passive or active pursuits while developing connections to the environment with its beauty, drama and excitement.



15 LIFE
ON LAND



Our relationship with the environment is about more than just spending time within it – we are committed to environmental education and living sustainably. Environmental education is an important aspect of the Scouting program, and key to developing global citizens. Through the nature and the outdoor element of the Scout Method, Scouts are provided with opportunities to experience and connect with the natural World – with benefits to both the individual and the environment.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Scouting is one of the worlds largest movements for peace and all Scouts have a responsibility to act as a messenger of peace, helping enable others to do the same. World Scouting has created a set of actions designed to ensure ever person in Scouting is committed to the protection of children and young people, known as Safe from Harm. Scouting is a global voluntary, non-political, educational movement of young people, supported by adults. The Scouting movement represents both youth and adults with over 50 million participants in over 170 countries.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



In Queensland we scarf up Federal and State Members of Parliament, Mayors and local Councillors and Sponsors in recognition of support provided to Scouting. At a local level, Scouts participate in partnerships with other community organisations for the benefit of the wider community. Engagement with all levels of government fosters positive relationships and we encourage elected members to visit their local Scout Group and see for themselves the impact that Scouting is having on young people.

Government Supporting Scouting & Community

Government support of SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being and SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities through access to FairPlay Vouchers. This can be expanded to include SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions through a commitment to ongoing availability and streamlining of redemption processes.

Community organisations like Scouting are experiencing increased cost pressures through an increase in “no win, no fee” litigation. Reform in this area to promote mediation and diversion to Government programs would benefit all parties.



Scouting is committed to delivering on SDG 4 Quality Education which leads to advancements in SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth. Your support in funding expansion of our program into indigenous communities and to disengaged young people will positively impact these outcomes.

Support from Government of the final element of SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure through funding to upgrade facilities for Scouting and the community, strengthens our ability to deliver on every other SDG for the broader community. It is in this area that Government support will provide the greatest benefit for the whole community.





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