



**NSW State Mindari**

**Tools for Effective District Scout Leading**

**TEAM BRIEFING DOCUMENT**

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Thank you for participating in the development of this important resource. Supporting our District Leaders is considered central to the development of Scouting in New South Wales.

There are three project teams running, each with a different focus. This document is designed to outline the philosophy of the project and provide the base documents for discussion, review and refinement.

## Project Mission Statement

To provide tools to make District Leaders effective.

## Time Scales

Discussions by the project teams must be completed by the end of January 2008 so the feedback can be collated and presented to the State Mindari in February. Following this presentation, the resources will be trialled in the Regions participating and further refined. The final resources are due for presentation at the June 2008 State Mindari and then at the District Leaders Conference in November.

## Scheme format

The scheme is designed around a series of modules. A powerpoint presentation is available to outline the thinking behind the scheme.

- Following consideration of printed resources, formal training courses, informal training courses and other formats, it is proposed to deliver the support through a series of Region Mindari led training modules.
- Each module will aim to support a different area of the role of the District Scout Leader, encouraging development of higher thinking, practical skills and personal development.
- The modules are mutually exclusive and can be delivered in any order.
- The modules will include presentation methods suitable for use with a group of leaders (such as a Mindari) or with individuals (such as those who are new to the role or have a specific challenge in their role).
- The modules will be initiated by the Regional Commissioner and the progress, results and feed-forward monitored by them.

## Project Teams

Project Director	Phil Crutchley	SC Scouts	on behalf of the State Mindari
Project Manager	David Spear	ASC Scouts (PD)	
Team 1 Leader	Randall Jones	RC Scouts, Sydney North	
Team 2 Leader	Graham Richards	RC Scouts, North Coast	
Team 3 Leader	Chris Chapman	ARC Scouts, South Metropolitan	

## Resources

All available resources are now online at [www.dibbssm.net/tedsl](http://www.dibbssm.net/tedsl) .

### ***Review Team Tasks:***

#### **1. The role of the District Scout Leader**

In a quick brain storm session, make a list of all of the possible roles of a District Scout Leader. Refine this list to the top 10 things that are essential for an effective District Scout Leader. Compile your final list and send it to the Project Coordinator.

#### **2. Module Reviews**

Each team has been given three modules to review and refine. The draft of the modules was compiled in isolation by one person and is therefore one persons view. No modules have been proof-read, grammatically checked nor shared with others. This is your job! It is far easier to start with something to pull to bits than try and create it from scratch. No offence will be taken at comments and constructive criticisms of the work to date.

For each of the modules you have been assigned, as a team of stake holders, conduct a review of:

- Overall module objectives and outcomes
- Suitability and appropriateness of Element Tasks
- Language, grammar and spelling used throughout
- Suitability of advice offered and resources provided (note: resources still a work in progress!)
- Structure of the module
- Appropriateness of feedback requested and support expected from RCYP

Each of the modules being reviewed has been constructed identically – the style and layout of each page being consistent across all modules. Although you are welcome to comment on this structure, please be aware that it is desirable to maintain this consistency unless there is a strong reason to deviate from it. The final product will have images and diagrams to enhance the appearance.

Some resources are not yet ready for publication. Other modules are lacking suitable resources. Any materials you may have from within your team would be gratefully received.

### **Format of feedback**

We are happy to receive feedback in any format, as long as it is received before the end of January 2008. Progress feedback is also welcome (as it helps us to know things are on track – there may also be things we can share with the other teams).

If you would like an editable copy of the documents (Word format) that can be adjusted and emailed back, please let me know.

**Please note:** Your work here is the only major review of this content. The next stage of the project is to trial the modules in your Regions – it is expected that only minor alterations will be needed after that stage. If you have any questions or require any further support, please let me know at [dspearoz@hotmail.com](mailto:dspearoz@hotmail.com) / 0411 836 120.