

The difference between MyScout/SMS/ScoutLink, Scout Central and Dibbs

We often hear from our users who are confused over the various offerings from their Scout Branch and Scouts Australia and asking why they would consider Dibbs Club Manager. We have put together this overview to help you understand the differences when it comes to the effective management of your Scout Group.

ScoutLink / SMS / My Scout

Scout Management System (SMS) is the Queensland Branch management system developed by Djenie Software in Brisbane. The system controls all areas of Queensland Scout Branch activity and Group Leaders have an interface to the system to update records and information as part of the census process. ScoutLink is the same system, re-deployed for Scouts NSW Branch. It has similar function and purpose. My Scout is a similar system developed by the Victorian Branch for their own internal use. It has slightly more Group uses.

Scout Central

Scout Central is a web application commissioned by Scouts Australia nationally and developed by Mind Vision Software in Adelaide. It is the central hub for links to a range of Scouts Australia resources including adult e-Learning, award scheme information, program ideas, a file storage solution for Groups, a Wiki about Scouting in Australia and various news and commentary items. NSW has not yet implemented the Scout Central Group database functions as they are busy implementing the ScoutLink roll out. Once implemented, authorised users will be able to access information on members in their Group.

Dibbs Club Manager

Dibbs Club Manager is a privately owned online membership database program developed by Dibbs Consulting in Sydney and originally focussed around management of Scout Groups. It is used by over 150 Scout Groups across the country, mostly in NSW and Queensland.

So what do I need?

Dibbs Club Manager is the only package aimed at the management and processes of a Scout Group. The others are either aimed at Branch based requirements or are useful resource and networking applications. Overleaf we have summarised the differences between the packages for information.

The differences between these packages has been summarised here.

	ScoutLink / SMS / MyScout	Scout Central	Dibbs Club Manager
Is based online			
Is written by or on behalf of Scouts Australia			
Allows authorised users to view members of your Group	(GL only)	(not in NSW)	
Allows you to maintain name and address information			
Allows you to view full information about your members			
Allows you to maintain full information about your members			
Allows you to enter and maintain Group/Section events			
Allows you to send email communications to your members			
Allows you to keep attendance registers for events			
Allows you to view Scout Award scheme information			
Allows you to maintain records of member awards progress			
Allows you to print certificates and presentations			
Allows you to link award scheme progress with events			
Allows you to maintain information on non-members			
Allows members to view their own records and details			
Allows members to keep a log of activities completed			
Allows your events to be viewed on a web site			
Allows your events to be synched with an outlook calendar			
Allows you to generate parent permission forms			
Allows members to confirm attendance at events online			
Produces bespoke reports about your membership			
Allows you to enter a detailed activity program and print it			
Contains activity ideas			
Holds a wiki of Scouting information			
Has Scouting news articles and discussions publically			
Provides a web space for your Group	(Qld only)		
Tracks payments for events and membership			
Produces invoices for members subscriptions			
Allows you to maintain a list of equipment and its value			
Allows you to create and email invoices and receipts			
Has a built in, integrated finance management system			
Produces reports for Branch offices on members			
Plots your membership on a Google Map			
Keeps details of member's nights away and activities			
Cost to use	\$0	\$0	From \$300/yr