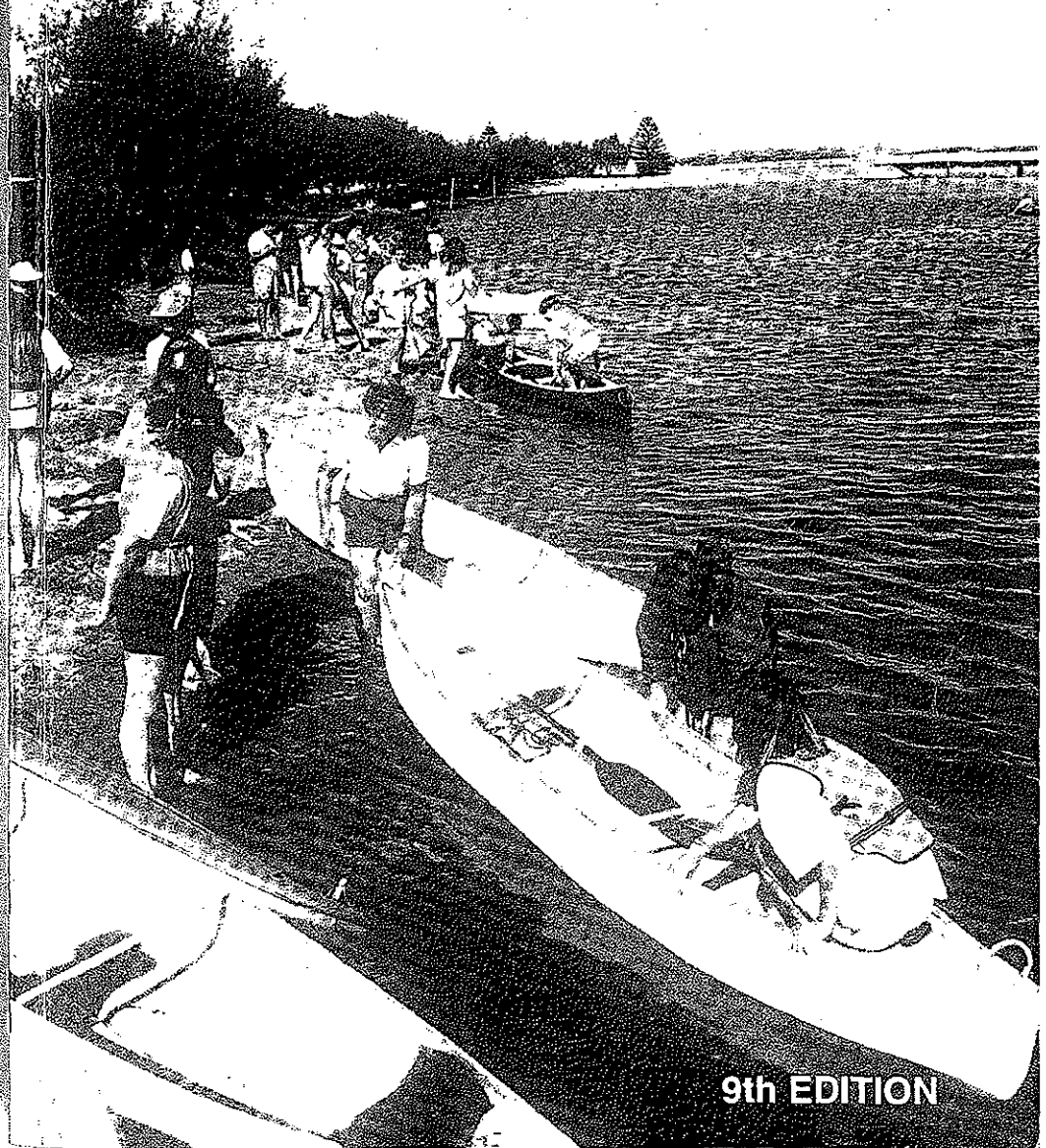


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Effective communications are imperative in our planning roles at all levels whether for Leaders or Layside Officers and your Information Handbook is made available to support those roles.

The current (1993 edition) of "Policy, Organisation and Rules (P.O.R.)", sets out the "Rules on how to play the game of Scouting", Australia wide, but makes provisions for variations of some Rules, etc according to the needs of individual Branches.

This Information Handbook sets out the interpretation of the Rules adopted by this Branch through the Policies and Guidelines provided and reflects the practices which Leaders and Layside Officers must adopt when undertaking any Scouting activity within the New South Wales Branch.

Join me in ensuring that these New South Wales Branch Policies and Guidelines will be applied in the interest of improved Scouting.

David Kinchin  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER

SCHEDULE 1  
(Sec. 16)

SAVINGS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Boy Scouts Association (Amendment) Act 1986

Gifts, etc., of property

1. After the commencement of the Boy Scouts Association (Amendment) Act 1986, a reference to a troop or pack in a gift, devise or bequest to, or to any person for or on behalf of, the troop or pack shall be read as a reference to a group or section specified by the Corporation for the purpose.

Prior lodgement of documents with C.A.C.

2. A copy of a document lodged by the Corporation with the Corporate Affairs Commission before the commencement of the Boy Scouts Association (Amendment) Act 1986 shall be deemed to have been lodged under section 12.

ACTIVITY ACCOMMODATION - POLICY

MIXED GENDER ACCOMMODATION

1. Where a Scouting activity requires both males and females to be accommodated overnight, males and females shall not, in principle share the same facilities.
2. Circumstances may arise in which separate accommodation for males and females cannot be provided. In such cases the activity leader should advise each participant of the lack of separate facilities prior to commencement of the activity.
3. Irrespective of the circumstances, there should be a clear physical separation between males and females.

ADULT/YOUTH MEMBER ACTIVITY ACCOMMODATION

1. Separate accommodation must be provided for youth and adult members on overnight Scouting activities, except in the circumstances listed in (2) below:
2. An exception to the general requirement for separate accommodation may be made in the following circumstances:
  - (i) Cub Scout accommodation in halls, where the presence of one or more leaders may be desirable for discipline/security.
  - (ii) accommodation of the pack/troop/unit etc in a hall, marquee, cave or similar communal facility.

(iii) accommodation shared by members of the same family.

In these situations there should always be a clear physical separation between adult and youth members. Whenever possible a physical division (eg screen) should be provided.

3. In emergency situations (eg hypothermia) treatment by direct body contact should be provided to youth members by youth members rather than by adult members.
4. Under no circumstances should an adult member ever share accommodation with one youth member only. Should this situation arise, for any reason, a report outlining the circumstances should be provided to the District Commissioner at the earliest opportunity.

ACTIVITY CENTRES

Scouting offers a wide range of activities and Activity Centres for the use of formations via your Branch or Area organisation. The New South Wales Branch specifically manages Centres for Air, Alpine, and Water Activities, as well as Leader Training, Memorabilia, and Cataract Scout Park.

AIR ACTIVITIES CENTRE (CAMDEN)

The Branch Air Activities Centre at Camden Airport provides practical air activities including familiarisation flying and pilot training on light aircraft and glider aircraft. The Centre is a Civil Aviation Authority licensed Flying School and, as a member of The Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia and the Gliding Federation of Australia, is a fully recognised Flying Club and has a fleet of late-model aircraft.

Light Aircraft Flying

Familiarisation Flying Activity Days are provided each Saturday and Sunday and on public holidays - school vacations for all units of Scouting as well as for the Girl Guides Association. Unit family days are encouraged.

Full details, costs and bookings can be obtained through the Booking Officer, Mr Ian Lizieri (02) 958 1593 between 7.00pm and 9.00pm week-nights.

Gliding

A similar Familiarisation Flying programme is provided by the Centre's Gliding Wing each weekend, public holidays and school vacation periods. For bookings and full details, telephone Mr Bill Ireland, Gliding Booking Officer on (02) 451 9229 between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm week-nights.

Flying Training

Pilot training on light aircraft or on the Association's Blanik glider aircraft, is available to all registered members of the Scout and Guide Associations.