

## TERMS OF REFERENCE SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Scouts Australia Risk Management Committee (SARMAC) has been constituted to facilitate the recognition of, and compliance to, Australia's legislative and regulatory provisions in key Risk Management areas by Scouts Australia and its State Branches. The SARMAC is a sub-committee of the National Executive Committee (NEC) and reports its activities and makes recommendations to the NEC through the National Chair or via a report from the SARMAC Chair.

SARMAC is an advisory body to the NEC and has no directive or coercive authority over the NEC or State Branches, however, is it well positioned through its composition, **to make recommendations to the national body to achieve a level of harmonisation and consistency in our National and Branch risk management structure and policies in such areas as: WHS, child protection, privacy, and liability management.** The SARMAC may generate risk management recommendations to the National Chair on its own accord and may also be tasked by the NEC to examine areas of risk concern and make recommendations.

SARMAC maintains a strategic, association-wide focus. It is 'policy' and strategic focused rather than 'operationally' orientated.

The SARMAC comprises senior risk management exponents from Branches; representation from the national body (at the highest level) and senior-level industry advisors by invitation. Members will generally be appointed and reaffirmed each year, and **selected** Branches will be invited to nominate appointees. SARMAC will have the ability to coopt specific industry expertise as it requires to accomplish its functions. The Committee is to be structured as an 'expert committee' rather than as a 'representational committee'.

The key functions of the Committee are:

- ✚ To make recommendations to the NEC with a view to achieving a high level of compliance, harmonisation and consistency in Scouts Australia's approach to its risk mitigation structures and policies.
- ✚ The provision of an internal risk management referral center (policy level) for Scouts Australia (through the NEC).
- ✚ The provision of a review mechanism for National and Branch level risk management policies.
- ✚ To act as the advisory body for the key risk management policy-makers at the National and Branch levels.
- ✚ To undertake 'Risk Management' orientated tasks as directed by the NEC.