



What are the Burning Issues in Scouting from the point of view of young members of Victorian Branch?

Victorian Branch Youth Council

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Short “Speedy Feedback” session – no research, just immediate thoughts from BYC members present

Session facilitated by Steve Tyas

- Lack of leaders, experienced leaders
- Lack of involvement from communities [in Scouting]
- Lack of enthusiasm from all parties [leaders, youth members]
- Lack of respect from society, narrow minded reputation
- Acknowledging what Scouts really do
- Stop the stereotypes
- People think it’s “Gay” because “there is no females”
- Information breakdown [blocking of information]
- In Scout Section, multi-coloured cord to represent each previously accomplished cord & level. [On further discussion with this group, the bigger picture is about being able to show previous awards achieved.]
- Indigenous cohesion and recognition
 - Could be improved?
 - Increased awareness of local indigenous history
 - Include aboriginal flag in uniform
- In Scout Section, proficiency badges need to be smaller to fit on sleeve. [Further discussion with the group pointed to the need to ensure that all section award schemes fit the uniform]
- Duty To God – Duty to a higher power? Humanity?
- Nice, clear statement on front page (or obvious direct link) of Scouts Australia website: Scouts is open to all members regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexuality, religion, ability, or any other factor (or similar statement).
- Improving transparency between different levels of Scouting
- Know your National Team [Branch Team/Region Team/District Team] document easily accessible
- MAKE SURE TROOP COUNCILS ARE RUNNING
- Why are there so many empty Scout Halls?
- A place for Rovers to go if Bullied by RA, Crew Exec.
 - Difficult for Region Rover Council to deal with it due to friendships