

# CHALLENGE AREAS



## WELCOME TO 2019 AND CHALLENGE AREAS

Thank you for your contribution to the success of our Victorian journey by leading your teams and Sections through The Adventure Begins activities. Keep up the good work!

Over the course of the year all Leaders across Victoria, from Leaders of Youth to Leaders of Adults will learn to program using Challenge Areas. We want you to continue to provide quality programmes that include the SPICES, The Scout Method and core Scouting elements such as Section Councils, Youth Leading Adult Supporting, Plan>Do>Review> and outdoor activities, with Challenge Areas being incorporated within the program process.

The way we program has been revised by including Challenge Areas and it is a concept that complements our Scouting activities and as we all learn to program using Challenge Areas it is important that we offer each other mutual support, guidance and advice. Collectively, we have an obligation to support Our Program.

We will measure the success of this year's program focus by asking for photos of activities be uploaded to our web page with the Challenge Area demonstrated.

As you work through the Challenge Area resources it is important that your understanding and application of Challenge Areas is continually reinforced and experiences shared. Positive activities will include: -

- Group Leaders supporting their Leaders by working through the Challenge Area factsheets, the mapping exercises and scenarios.

- Group Leaders ensuring that The Adventure Begins concepts are front-of-mind and practiced.
- Engaging programs incorporating Challenge Areas and The Adventure Begins contribute to Group success.
- Leaders utilise the Scouts Victoria website for up-to-date information and resources.
- Leaders attend District Council meetings as the ideal forum for Challenge Area training and other training opportunities.
- Leaders of Adults attend Section meetings and actively advocate and support Our Program.
- Plus any other activity or initiative that you feel will contribute to success within your Group.

Where do we want to be in 6 months' time?

- Youth members are driving imaginative and engaging programs using Challenge Areas through their Section Councils.
- The Adventure Begins core Scouting concepts are actively practiced in all Sections.
- Our programs are Adventurous, Fun, Challenging and Inclusive.

We encourage you to seek support and advice within your Section, Group, District and Region however if further assistance is required contact Michael Wong, New Youth Program Implementation Coordinator at 8543-9830 or [michael.wong@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:michael.wong@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

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