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“Warawara Award”

- Object:** To enable a Sydney North Rover or group of Sydney North Rovers to go on a trip that may not have been achievable otherwise, encouraging them to push themselves outside of their comfort zone and explore the world around them.
- Frequency:** One award annually, available funds permitting.
Nominations will be taken up until the February 2026 General Meeting of the Sydney North Region Rover Council (RRC). The successful applicant will be announced at the RRC's Annual General Meeting, to be held in March, 2026.
- Age Limit:** Minimum – 18 years
Maximum – 25 years
- Value:** The Warawara Award is currently valued at up to \$5,000.

Selection Process:

1. Applications must be made through the Candidate's Unit, as detailed under “Application Process” on page 3. If a team is applying, then each individual must submit a separate application.
2. All applications will then be considered by a Sub-Committee of the RRC consisting of:
 - Sydney North RRC Chairperson
 - Sydney North Regional Commissioner – Rovers
 - One Rover Unit Leader from within Sydney North Region, nominated by the RRC
 - One Rover Adviser from within Sydney North Region, nominated by the RRC

This Committee shall be chaired by the Sydney North RRC Chairperson.

No member of this Committee should have any direct connection to the applicants (eg. close relative, former or current membership of the same Rover Unit/s or associated Group/s). In the event of a conflict of interest, it is recommended that Committee member stand down and the RRC nominate the most appropriate alternative officer of the Council (eg. Assistant Chairperson, Assistant Regional Commissioner – Rovers) to sit on the Committee.

The Unit Leader and Rover Adviser nominated to the Committee shall not be from the same Unit.

After consideration of all applications, which may include interviewing the applicants, the RRC Sub-Committee shall forward a short-list of no more than two (2) applicants to the Selection Committee.

3. The composition of the Selection Committee shall be determined by the Trustees of the Warawara Award Fund.

The Selection Committee will determine which applicant, if any, will be granted the Award. The Committee's decision will then be conveyed to the RRC, for announcement at its March AGM.



Qualification of the Candidate:



1. All applicants must be active Scouting members within their respective Unit/s.
2. At the time of application, all applicant/s must be a fully invested member of their Unit, which must be registered within Sydney North Region.
3. All applicants must have undertaken regular service to Scouting or another community organisation during the past two years (Note: It is recommended that the applicants undertake at least 30 hours of service per person however this is strictly a guideline and will be reviewed by the sub-committee on a case-by-case basis to determine eligibility).
4. All applicants must show that they are living the Scouting way of life, and setting an example that younger members can look up to as a true Scout.
5. All applicants must conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates they would be good ambassadors for Australian Scouting.
6. Unit endorsed nominations must be submitted in writing to the RRC.
7. Nominations must be endorsed by the applicant's Unit Leader, and the person-in-charge of where the applicant have been giving service.
8. In the event of no applicant meeting the required standard (as determined by the Selection Committee), the Award would lapse until the following year.

Validity:

The Award must be taken within 12 calendar months.
This timing may be extended at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

Award Payment:

This will be arranged by the Trustees. It is expected that a basic itinerary be advised three months prior to the expedition departure, at which time the funds can be made available. Timing of this may be varied, dependent on Awardees' circumstances.

Insurance:

Travel insurance to cover trip interruptions and medical issues, including repatriation if required, to be taken out by the Awardee/s.

Communication & Contact:

Awardees are required to remain in contact with the RRC by email or letter each fortnight where practical during their expedition.

As soon as practical upon returning to Sydney, the Awardee or team will be required to make a presentation to the RRC about their experiences and to actively promote the Warawara Award to other Rovers.

For any further information on the Award, contact either the RRC Chairperson, the Regional Commissioner – Rovers, or Assistant Regional Commissioner – Rovers.

Trustees:

There shall be a minimum of three Trustees, as determined to be suitable by the RRC. Their duties include responsibility for financial investment, final Awardee selection, and payment of the Award. All Trustees to be signatories to the account. Any two to sign.



Application Process:



1. Application for nomination may occur in one of two ways:
 - a). By any member of the applicant's Unit/s
 - b). Self nomination
 2. Applicant/s must be a fully invested member of their Unit, which must be registered within Sydney North Region.
 3. When a nomination occurs, the applicant's Unit/s must convene a special Warawara Award meeting within one month. At this meeting, any applicants from the same Unit must provide a draft outline of their work towards the Award, covering the following areas:
 - i. Service to Scouting, Unit, Sydney North Region or an outside charity or community organisation
 - ii. That he/she/they is living the Scouting way of life.
 - iii. That he/she/they is a good ambassador for Australian Scouting.

The applicant/s will present their application using the attached form and then leave the meeting, to give the Unit a chance to discuss it. An applicant may be asked to return and answer any questions the Unit may have, or be easily contactable at the time.
 4. The meeting must be attended by:
 - i. the Rover Adviser (if any)
 - ii. greater than 50% of the Unit's invested Rovers
 5. The meeting must not be attended by:
 - i. any applicant – other than while making their own presentation.
 6. Voting will be done by:
 - i. invested Rovers.
 - ii. by secret ballot.
 - iii. no-one else is eligible to vote.
 7. All applications will be considered for approval or otherwise by this meeting.
 8. Nominations approved by this meeting will be sent to the Region Rover Council accompanied by a Warawara Award application form endorsed by the Unit Leader, a proposed itinerary, proposed budget, and personal statement stating goals, benefits, and why they should be considered for the Award.
 9. The Region Rover Council's Warawara Award Sub-Committee will consider the application and if short-listed, will forward it to the Selection Committee.
- If necessary, the applicant/s must be prepared to make themselves available for interview by either Committee, who will designate the time and venue.

Application for Warawara Award - 2026

(if a team, each member to complete)



This application is for:

an individual expedition ☐

a member of a team ☐

Personal Details

Surname:

Given Names:

Preferred Name:

Postal Address:

Mobile No.:

Home No.:

Work No.:

Email Address:

Occupation or Field of Study:

Scouting Details

Service in Scouting:
(Scouts or Guides)

Years in each Section:

Service as a Leader/helper:

Activity qualifications held:

Outdoor activities you take part in regularly:

Present position in Unit,
RRC, SRC and/or NRC:

Past positions held:

Queen's Scout or Guide:

Baden-Powell Scout Award:

If Baden-Powell Scout Award is not complete please detail your overall progress towards the Award, if any:

Please detail any Service to a Scout Group other than Rovers.

This may include assisting any Scout or Guide Group or working for outside charity organisations or other community groups – must be endorsed below:



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The trip must focus on at least one of the four Challenge Areas, to help develop the individuals involved. These are Community, Creative, Outdoor, and Personal Growth.
Which Challenge Area/s does the expedition focus on?

The RRC strongly recommends the trip itinerary involves an aspect of service, within Scouting or the wider community, is to be undertaken by the individual or team.
Please detail what service (if any) is to be undertaken as part of your expedition:

Declaration:

In making this application I am aware of the qualifications sought. I believe that I am living a Scout way of life and fulfilling the physical, spiritual, social and intellectual and emotional development aims embodied in the Scout Promise and Law and that younger members can look up to me as a true Scout.

I am confident that because of this, I will be a good ambassador for Scouting in Australia.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please include a proposed itinerary with this application (as detailed as possible, listing flight numbers, dates, times, destinations etc), a proposed budget, and a personal statement which includes your stated goals, benefits, and why you should be considered for the Award.

Application endorsed by Group Leader/person-in-charge (of Group or organisation where service has been performed)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Application endorsed by Unit Leader

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Note: This is not a personal endorsement – it is made on behalf of the Unit as an outcome of it considering the application, and confirms that the process detailed on page 3 of this document has been correctly followed.

