



POLICY STATEMENT

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Our responsibilities to the Youth Members and to their parents require Adult Members to be circumspect in regard to the consumption of alcohol whilst taking part in Scouting Activities. Leaders and Rovers must never allow themselves to be placed in a position where there can be any suggestion that the consumption of alcohol may have affected their ability to exercise proper care of members and activities under their charge or supervision.

Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturers are not permitted to consume alcoholic drinks at Scouting meetings, activities or functions.

Leaders, Rovers and Volunteer Helpers shall not consume alcohol immediately prior or during scout meetings or activities at which young people are present. Leaders and Rovers who are at least 18 years of age may consume alcohol at functions organised for Leaders and/or Rovers.

Scouts Australia recognises that it is unlawful for a person aged under 18 years to purchase, possess or consume alcohol in a public place. Members who are under 18 years old may, from time to time, be present at social activities where alcohol is consumed, however they are not permitted to purchase, consume or possess alcohol on these occasions. Further, other persons present at such functions are not permitted to sell or otherwise provide alcohol to persons who are under 18 years of age.

Alcohol may be consumed in moderation at formal Scouting functions (where no Youth Members are in attendance) where tradition normally dictates the serving of pre-dinner drinks and table wines with meals.

Alcohol may also be consumed in moderation by Rovers who are at least 18 years of age, Leaders and other adults at a Scouting function or activity which lasts several days (such as a Jamboree, Venture or Moot i.e. National Events) but only in an area not available to Youth Members of the Association.

Approved

Branch Executive Committee
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