

# Virtual Upskill

## NSW Virtual Upskill - Session 1b Recap – Patrol System & Goal Setting

The purpose of **Session 1b** is to explain the important role of goal setting and the Patrol System in the Program and introduce some changes to the Patrol System in each section.

### What did we cover in this session?

- The Patrol System & Unit Councils
- Goal Setting in the Program

### Brief overview of the Patrol System:



Patrol System	Flexible & Rotating Leadership	Home Patrols	Home Patrols + Project Patrols	Project Patrols	Project Patrols
Unit Leader	-	Optional (Max 3)	Yes (Max 3)	Yes	Yes
Patrol Leader	Rotated regularly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Assistant Patrol Leader	-	Yes (1-3)	Yes (1-3)	Yes (1-3)	Yes (1-3)
Patrol Size	4-7	4-8	4-8	To suit the project	To suit the project
Unit Council	Whole Unit	Unit Leader, PLs & APLs	Unit Leader, PLs & APLs	Chosen by the Unit	Chosen by the Unit
Project Patrols	-		Project Patrols can be across sections & Units		
Handbook Pages	127-128	152-155	181-186	212-216	244-248

**Note:** This is only a short summary, please also refer to the Program Handbook for further important details.

### What do Unit Councils do?

- Unit Councils are **the CORE of every section** and they look after the Unit Code; Reviewing the Program; Building the Program; Tracking personal progression; Make-up of Patrols; Approving Project Patrol plans; Approving elements of the Achievement Pathways + much more!

**Goal Setting** is done throughout their entire Scouting journey! Some key goal setting occasions:

- Programming (more in **Session 2**);
- Introduction to Section (more in **Session 3**);
- Reviews at end of Milestones (more in **Session 3**);
- Special Interest Area Projects (more in **Session 5**).
- Plus, many more opportunities within the Program.

Don't forget to ensure we set **SMART** Goals (**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant & **T**imed)!

### Extra Resources:

- Head to <https://pr.scouts.com.au/fundamentals/> & select the "Patrols and Units resources"
- **Resources include:** Youth Role Descriptions, Factsheets & Guide to a Good Patrol System
- Scouts Australia Video titled: "Setting goals in Scouting"

### Your Action Challenges to help your Learn (optional 15min activity)

1. Is your Unit Code up to date? Review it this program cycle!
2. Does each Scout in your Unit have a goal for their time in the section? Ask them!