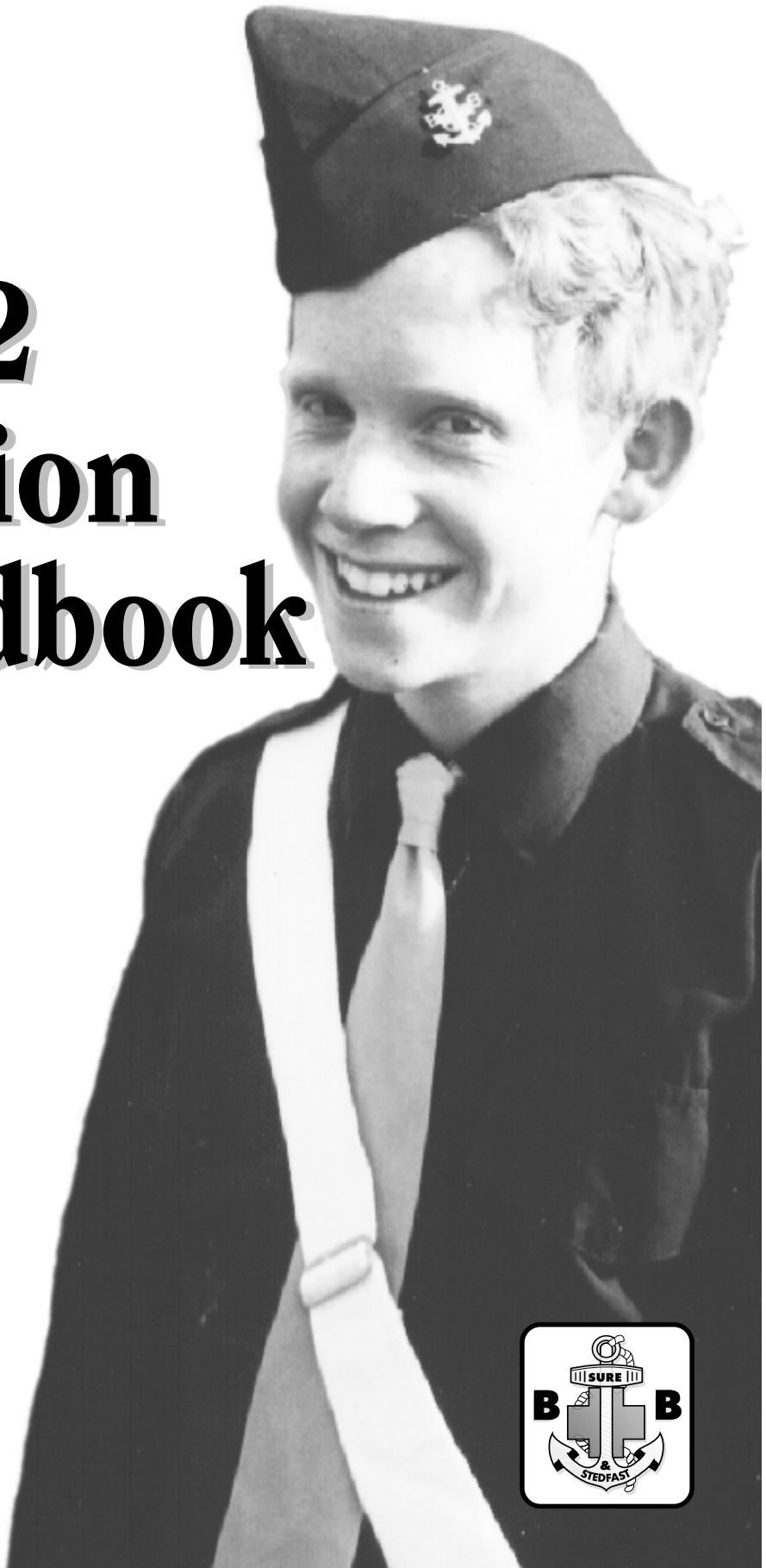

THE BOYS' BRIGADE AUSTRALIA

The No. 2 Section Handbook



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My Handbook



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yourself here

My Name:

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My Company

is the Company

in Church

of Battalion/Group Council

The Rules of my Company:

I welcome you to our Company's No. 2 Section and urge you to live up to the high ideals of The Boys' Brigade and its Object.

.....
Captain

.....
Date

Foreword

This handbook aims to be a reference for you, providing you with useful information for your membership of the No. 2 Section of The Boys' Brigade Australia. Use it to help you understand the working of your Company and The Boys' Brigade as a whole.

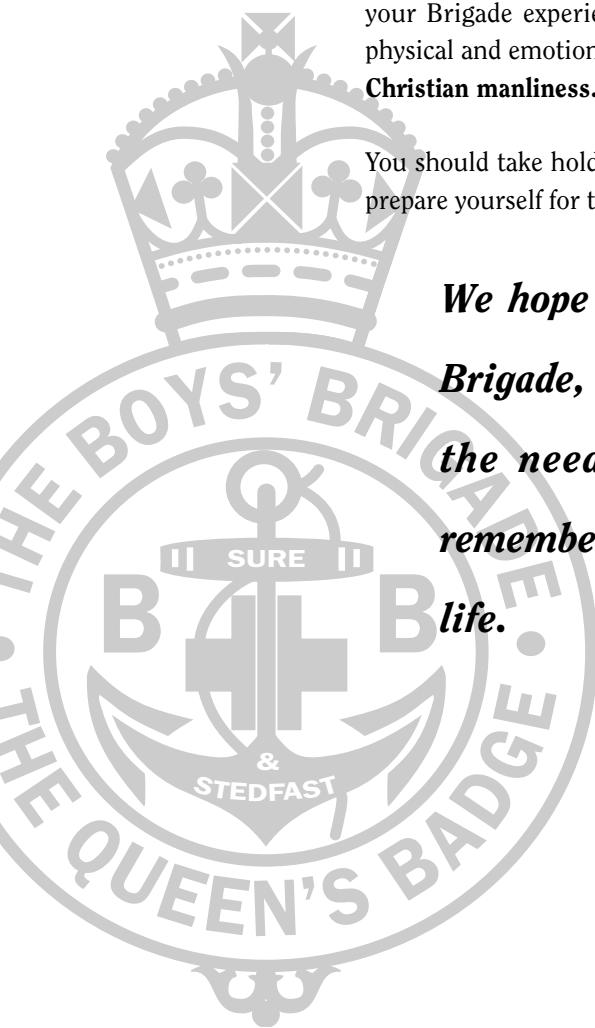
Plan your time wisely to obtain the greatest personal benefit from your membership of your Company and the wider world of the Brigade.

*As a member of The Boys' Brigade Australia
you have become part of a large family not
only with members in your own Company
and your own State and throughout
Australia, but also throughout the world.*

Make it your aim to gain the highest award, **The Queen's Badge**, as part of your Brigade experience. In so doing, you will have conquered mental, physical and emotional challenges that will help you grow “**towards a true Christian manliness.**”

You should take hold of the opportunities that will be presented to you to prepare yourself for the honour of promotion to a position of leadership.

*We hope that through the activities of the
Brigade, you will come to a realisation of
the need for you, as a young man, to
remember the role of your Creator in your
life.*



The Object

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness.

This has been the Object of the Movement since 1893. The original Object did not include the word "Obedience."

The Motto



“Sure and Stedfast.”

Derived from Chapter 6, verse 19 of the Book of Hebrews, “Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast”.
King James Version

The Purpose Statement

“The purpose of The Boys’ Brigade in Australia is to provide, in cooperation with the local church, a supportive Christian community for boys and young men to assist in their Christian growth, balanced personal development, and leadership training, and to assist the church reaching out into the community.”

The BB Approach

Based on the twin pillars of Religion and Discipline, B.B. seeks to provide a meaningful and enjoyable program that balances the four areas of your life: educational, physical, social and spiritual. The B.B. aims at taking up all that enters into healthy life and dedicating it to God’s service through a sound Christian lifestyle.

A Brief History

The Founding of The Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade was founded on 4th October, 1883, by William Alexander Smith at the Free College Church Mission, North Woodside Road, Glasgow.

William Smith, a Sunday School teacher, and also in the "Volunteers", devised a unique system of giving Boys an organisation, as part of the Church, based on religion and discipline. This was for his Sunday School members of 12 years of age, with a simple form of drill, gymnastics, and team games. Other activities were soon added and in 1886 William Smith held the first camp. In fact it was the start of camping for young people.

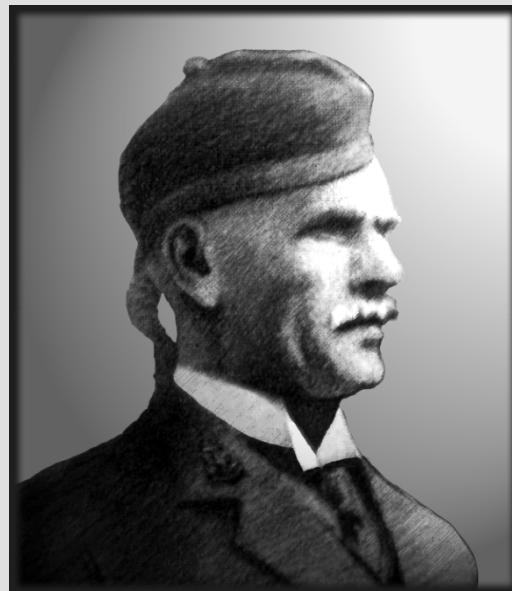
The B.B. was quickly taken up by many Scottish churches and then by churches throughout Britain and Ireland. This growth in Britain was soon followed by the starting of Companies overseas, in places such as Canada, USA, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Following the impact of the B.B. other uniformed organisations were started. The Church Lads' Brigade formed in 1890 was confined to the Church of England, the Boys' Life Brigade commenced in 1899 and was united with the B.B. in 1926. The Jewish Lads' Brigade and the Catholic Boys' Brigade both started in 1900.

For girls, the Girls' Brigade of Ireland commenced in 1893. The Girls' Guildry in Scotland owed its formation in 1900 to a B.B. Officer and the Girls' Life Brigade (a sister organisation to the Boys' Life Brigade) started in 1902. These three organisations united in 1965 under the name of The Girls' Brigade. The Boy Scouts started in 1908, although prior to this the founder of the Scouts, Lord Baden-Powell, had many contacts with the B.B., and was for some time a B.B. Office Bearer, William Smith and Baden-Powell being firm friends.

William Smith was knighted in 1909 in recognition of his work for the B.B., and the nation's youth. He died in 1914 in his sixtieth year, and all the movements for Boys acknowledged the gratitude which they had to the B.B. as the parent movement and the inspiration and help which they had received from the Founder.

Sir William Alexander Smith



Born: 27 October, 1854, Thurso, Scotland.

Knighted: July, 1909.

Died: 10 May, 1914, London.

William was born and lived in Thurso, a small country town, until he was thirteen when his father died on a business trip. Being the eldest, William was shipped to Glasgow to work with his uncle as a wholesale merchant.

With a military heritage from his father and grandfather, it was only natural that William would soon join the "Volunteers", similar to today's Army Reserves. During this time he was also an active member at the Free College Church in Glasgow.

He married his first wife Amelia in 1884 who was a great support and contributor towards William's work with BB. She died in 1898 leaving him to raise their two sons Stanley and Douglas. In 1906 he remarried, however his second wife died a year later.

Humble but visionary, William worked tirelessly to grow BB. During a BB Executive meeting in London, William fell ill and two days later passed away.

In response to the need for a movement for 9-12 year old Boys, the Boy Reserves was started in 1917. In 1926 when the B.B. and the Boys' Life Brigade united, the Boy Reserves were renamed the Life Boys. In 1967 they changed their name to The Boys' Brigade and became No. 1 Section in Australia, and Junior Section or Team Section in other countries.

Sir William Smith saw the B.B. grow far beyond his first Company; he set a new standard for Boys; his aims, method and object have been carried on by thousands of Officers, but the success of the B.B. has been, and always will be, determined by the enthusiasm and spirit of its Boys.

Boys from the original 1st and 2nd Sydney Companies (1897-98)



A Brief History of The Boys' Brigade in Australia

The Boys' Brigade was first introduced into Australia well within a decade of the formation of the movement in Glasgow by the Founder. In 1890-91 a Company was formed at the St. Mark's Church of England, Fitzroy, Melbourne. The next Company to be formed was at the Wesley Church, Perth in 1895 and this was very quickly followed by Companies in each of the other States on a fairly scattered basis. For instance in Queensland by the year 1899 there were Companies in Mackay, Townsville, Weipa, Aurukun, Charters Towers and Brisbane, whilst in New South Wales there were Companies in Richmond, Kurrajong, Bathurst and Cobar as well as in Sydney. In Tasmania by that year efficient Companies were operating in Launceston and Hobart.

To provide a more coordinated basis for growth an Australian Council was formed at the turn of the century, based in Sydney. The first Annual Report in 1900 noted that the Secretary knew of 15 Companies functioning with a membership of 431 Boys and 41 Officers. The first Battalion Council was formed in Adelaide in 1901 and comprised four Companies.

In the beginning of this century several Companies of the Naval Boys' Brigade were formed, mainly in Victoria, and in 1907 separate Battalions of "Military" and "Naval" Companies were formed in that State. It appears that most of these Companies merged with the Government scheme of Military Training for Boys of 12 and upwards introduced in July, 1911, and as a result of this scheme plus the drain on leadership into the Armed Forces, few Companies survived the First World War.

There was one notable exception, in 1913 a new 1st Brisbane Company had been formed at the Ithaca Presbyterian Church, led by a Mr. George Orr a former Lieutenant of the 1st Glasgow Company under the Captaincy of Sir William Smith. The formation of this Company marked the commencement of the present era of The Boys' Brigade in Australia. In the years following the First World War, a former Captain of the 5th Dublin (Ireland) Company, Rev. J. Wesley-Smith, who had migrated to Western Australia, after correspondence with Mr. Orr, was instrumental in the formation of the 1st and 2nd Fremantle Companies at Fremantle Baptist Church and Wesley Church, Fremantle, respectively, and the 1st Northam Company at Northam Presbyterian Church, W.A. It was not until 1929 that a new 1st

Founder's Day

Founder's Day is celebrated throughout the Brigade in memory of Sir William Alexander Smith on the last Sunday in October each year. The official biography on the life of the Founder is "*Pioneer of Boyhood*".

In most States, it is the practice for all Companies in certain areas to combine for special Church Parades on this day. These Parades are generally held in rotation to the major city Churches or in a central venue.

Melbourne Company was formed at Armadale Baptist Church, Melbourne, and a new 1st Sydney Company was formed at Glebe Presbyterian Church, Sydney. Of these the 1st Brisbane is still active.

No further Companies were formed in Queensland or Victoria up to the outbreak of the Second World War and in New South Wales growth was extremely slow, there being 18 Companies active in Sydney at that time. However, the immediate post-war years saw a rapid spread of the Movement so that we now have Companies in all States and Territories.

Another point of interest relating to the pre-Second World War years is that upon the Brigade becoming more active in New South Wales in the early 1930s it was pointed out that other non-uniformed Boys' Organisations had been operating in Sydney and Adelaide for many years under the name "The Boys' Brigade" and had been incorporated in those States as Limited Companies. As a result, we no longer had the legal right to the use of the name "The Boys' Brigade" in New South Wales and South Australia and ultimately agreed to use the name "The British Empire Boys' Brigade". In 1970

the Australian Council adopted the name "The Boys' Brigade Australia" and the Movement is now known by that name in all States of Australia.

In 1948 the Overseas Committee of The Boys' Brigade Executive Committee in London, appointed Mr. Robert McEwan (Captain 3rd Sydney Company) to act as Honorary Organiser for Australia and acting under this authority Mr. McEwan invited one Officer in each State to join him in what was called the Provisional Federal Advisory Committee (P.F.A.C.). This body continued to operate until 1955 when each State was invited to appoint two representatives to the Committee.

The enlarged P.F.A.C. paved the way for the formation of The Australian Council and on 1st January, 1958, The Boys' Brigade Australian Council was formally constituted. A fitting tribute was paid at this time to the oldest Company in Australia, the 1st Brisbane Company, when its Captain, Mr. R.H. Tait, was elected the first President of the Australian Council.

A full history of The Boys' Brigade in Australia is published in "*Boys, Urchins, Men*" by M.E. Hoare.

BB Knowledge Quiz

Without looking at the previous pages or the next page can you answer the following questions?

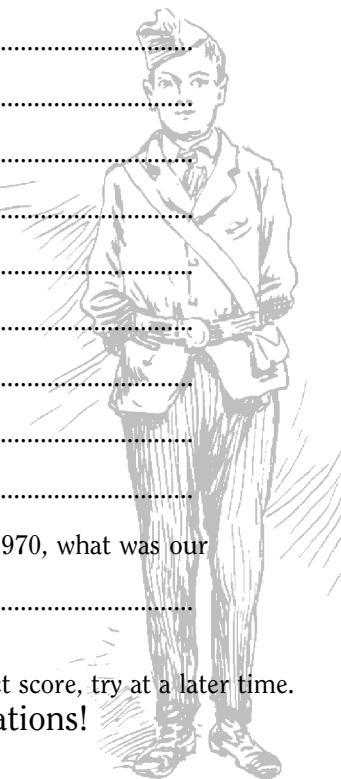
Do it in pencil so you can change your answers.

1. Who founded B.B.?
2. What is the Object of The Boys' Brigade?
3. Where does our motto come from?
4. How old were William's Sunday School Boys?
5. What church did B.B. start in?
6. Name four countries which have B.B.?
7. What organisations like B.B. are there for girls?
8. When did the first Company start in Australia?
9. Who led the B.B. 1st Brisbane Company?
10. Before it was renamed "The Boys' Brigade Australia" in 1970, what was our movement called in NSW and SA?

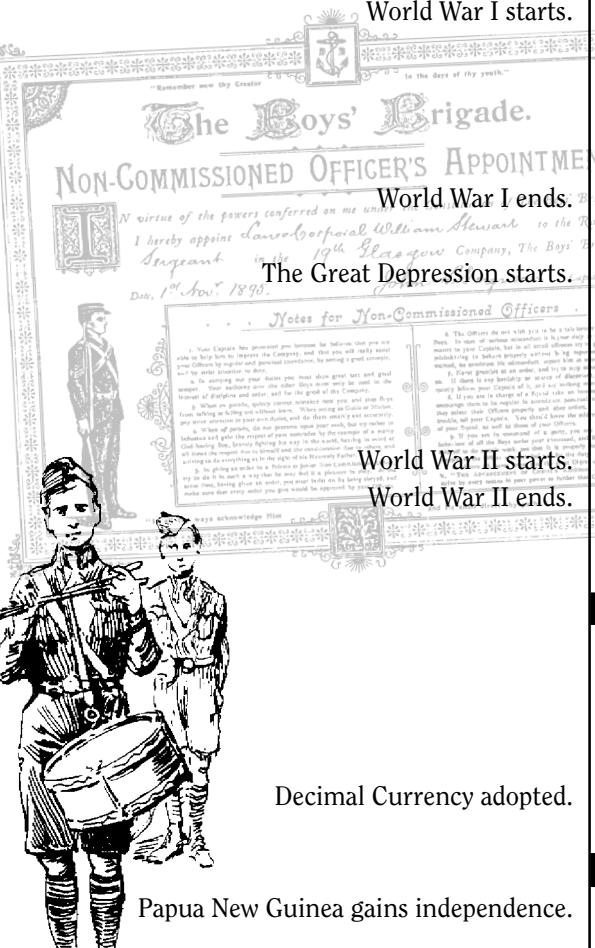
Your score

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If you didn't get a perfect score, try at a later time.
Otherwise, congratulations!



Significant dates



Decimal Currency adopted.

Papua New Guinea gains independence.

Australian Bicentenary

Girls' Brigade of Ireland started. (United with Girls' Guildry and GLB in 1965 as The Girls' Brigade).

1854	William Alexander Smith born.
1883	B.B. founded in Glasgow - October 4th.
1886	First Camp.
1890	B.B. started in Australia , original 1st Melbourne Company
1893	
1895	B.B. started in W.A. - 1st Perth Company.
1896	B.B. started in N.S.W. - 1st Sydney Company.
1897	B.B. started in Queensland - 1st Mackay Company.
1898	B.B. started in Tasmania - 1st Launceston Company.
1899	Boys' Life Brigade formed (united with BB in 1926). B.B. started in S.A. - 1st Kent Town Company. B.B. started in New Guinea - 1st Orokolo Company. First Australian Council met.
1900	
1901	
1902	
1908	
1909	William Smith knighted.
1913	King's Badge (now Queen's) introduced . 1st Brisbane Company started.
1914	Founder, Sir W.A. Smith, died May 10th.
1915	Founder's Day inaugurated.
1917	Boy Reserves started (known as The Life Boys from 1926 and The Boys' Brigade No.1 Section from 1967).
1918	
1921	"B.B. Week" started.
1929	New 1st Melbourne and 1st Sydney companies started.
1935	The Boys' Brigade in New South Wales and South Australia adopted the title "The British Empire Boys' Brigade"
1939	Sydney Battalion formed.
1945	
1948	Provisional Federal Advisory Committee formed.
1954	B.B. started in ACT - 1st Canberra Company.
1958	Formation of present Australian Council.
1962	1st Pan Australian Camp , Narrabeen, NSW (Pan Australian Camps have been held every 3 years) Pacific Regional Fellowship formed.
1963	International Camp Scotland.
1966	
1970	B.B. World Conference formed. “The Boys' Brigade Australia” title adopted.
1975	
1983	B.B. World Centenary.
1988	
1990	Australian B.B. Centenary Celebrations.

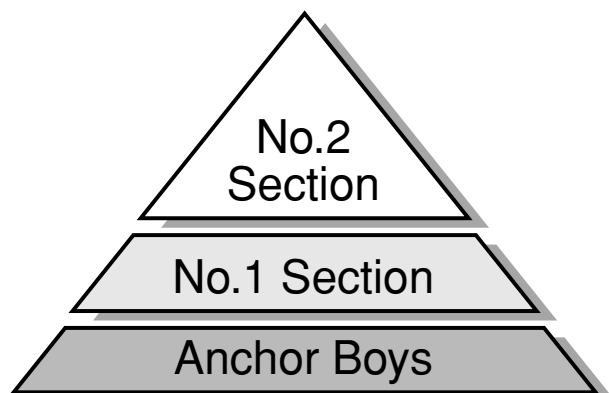
The Boys' Brigade Company

The whole world-wide movement is known as The Boys' Brigade. In Australia, the movement is known as The Boys' Brigade Australia.

The local unit in the Church is the Company, and Boys should speak of their Company not as "the Brigade", but as the "1st ...".

Every Company must be part of a Church or Christian organisation, and the Brigade program seeks through its many activities for Boys to accept Christ and to serve Him through the Church. The Church appoints the Company Captain and all Lieutenants and Warrant Officers. The Minister or Clergyman of the Church is usually the Company Chaplain.

The Basic Company Structure



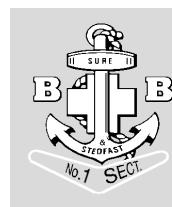
The Company forms the basic unit in The Boys' Brigade Australia. It may have up to three Sections. Anchor Boys for Boys aged 5 to 7, No. 1 Section for Boys aged 8 to 12 and No. 2 Section for Boys of B.B. Aged 12 to 18. The Captain has discretion to determine at which age a Boy can be a member of a particular Section within these age ranges (Your B.B. Age is the age that you become during a year, i.e. if you turn 15 during this year your B.B. Age for this year is 15).

Sir William Alexander Smith began The Boys' Brigade with the foundation of religion and discipline. This is usually implemented through a Bible Study Group (or other form of Christian Education) and Drill.

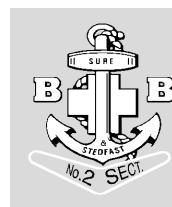
On this foundation each Company builds a balanced programme of both physical and educational activities to meet the Object. Because The Boys' Brigade caters for Boys ranging in age from 5 to 18 years there are three distinct programs to cover this wide spread of ages.



Young Boys aged 5 to 7 years can become part of The Boys' Brigade by joining the Anchor Boy Section where there is special emphasis on fun with activities such as games, craft, stories and outings.

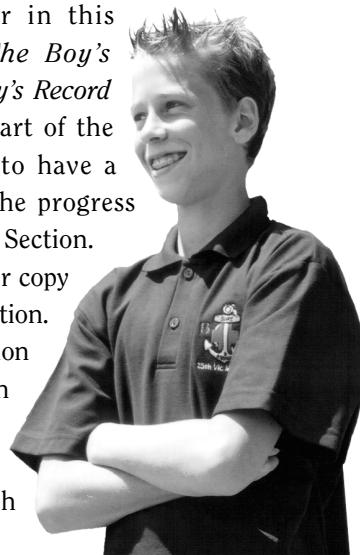


In No. 1 Section, *The Achievement Scheme* provides a varied programme giving challenges in Spiritual, Educational, Social and Physical development. Each Achievement is tailored to the Boy's age. While in this Section a Boy may gain up to eight Achievement Badges.



This approach is developed and enlarged in No. 2 Section to be encompassed in the awards of the No. 2 Section Award System. These cover Core, Skills, Outdoor/Adventure and Physical awards.

A summary of the requirements to be met for these awards is given later in this handbook and in "*The Boy's Record Book*". "*The Boy's Record Book*" is an integral part of the system allowing you to have a permanent record of the progress that you make in No.2 Section. Make sure you have your copy of this important publication. A more detailed description of the system is given in the publication "*The No.2 Section Award System Manual*" which your Officers will have.



Leadership Ranks and Positions for:

Adult Leaders

The leaders of a Company are known as Officers who are given ranks dependent upon their role and training. Officers are appointed on the nomination of the Church.

O-I-C

The Officer in charge of the whole Company ie. all sections, is known as the Captain. There may be other officers appointed as Officer-in-Charge (O-I-C) of each Section.

Captain



The Captain oversees the running of all the Sections in your Company. He is responsible to the Church for the Company.

Chaplain

Each Company has a Chaplain (usually the minister of the Church), who is also an Officer.

Lieutenants

All other Officers who have completed their initial training, are known as Lieutenants.

Warrant Officers

Before completing training, an Officer's rank is Warrant Officer.

Staff Sergeant

Any suitable Boy who has reached the age limit for No.2 Section may be appointed to the rank of Staff Sergeant to assist in the running of the Company. They may serve as Staff-Sergeants until the end of the Session in which they attain 19 years of age. After that they may become a Warrant Officer or a Lieutenant.

Staff Sergeants are leaders within the Company and not eligible for Boys' Brigade Awards. However they can continue working towards Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme awards, as can any Officer until their 25th birthday.

Lieutenants and Captains have the same cap badge and epaulette designs. Captain epaulettes are red while those of Lieutenants and Chaplains are blue.



Cap badge

Boys

Leadership ranks among Boys give recognition of a Boys capacity and responsibilities. These are dealt with in more detail under Duties of Membership

Sergeant

A suitable Boy of at least 17 years B.B. Age appointed by the Captain.

Corporal

A suitable Boy of at least 16 years B.B. Age appointed by the Captain.

Lance-Corporal

A suitable Boy of at least 15 years B.B. age appointed by the Captain.

Squad Leader

In No.2 Section Boys may be formed into groups called squads, usually consisting of six Boys. The Boy put in charge of a squad is called a Squad Leader.

Private First Class

This is an award recognising a Boy's achievement in the Award System and his contribution to his Company.

Private

A member of The Boys' Brigade.



Warrant Officers have the same design for their cap badge and epaulettes. Their epaulettes are blue.



Epaulette



Operation of a No. 2 Section

While the activities undertaken vary from Company to Company, most Companies meet once a week for the Company Parade Night and a Bible Study Group (when the latter is not held on Sunday). This is the main meeting and every Boy is expected to be present at every Company Parade Night. Absences for valid reasons should be explained to your Captain who will take these into account when assessing your eligibility for the Service awards. Service awards are based on a high level of attendance. For the Silver award there must be a minimum of 90% possible attendance at all Company Parade Nights (minimum of 25 nights) and at least an equivalent number of attendances at some form of voluntary Christian instruction other than a class held on the weekly parade night ie Church, Company Bible Class (where held on another day), Sunday school etc. For the Bronze award a minimum of 90% possible attendance at all Parade nights is required.

Companies generally structure their activities around the Award System. This allows the Company to have a wide range of activities based upon Scripture Knowledge, Service to the Community, Brigade Knowledge, Outdoor Activities, Skills and Physical activities. You will receive a record book in which your progress through the award system is recorded.

As you get older, opportunities for adventurous activities continue to open up. Make sure you take advantage of them if and when you are able. If you have a particular interest not normally carried out by your Company, discuss this with your Captain who may be able to help



organise something for you. Sometimes such activities are organised through a Battalion or Group Council.

The State or Territorial Council, Battalion or Group Council may organise Leadership Training Courses. You should take the opportunity to attend one or more of these when you are eligible. Not only are they a part of the Award System they give you the opportunity to learn more about your abilities and also to make good friends with Boys from other Companies.

Drill

Originally devised as a way of ensuring a group of soldiers was able to work efficiently together. It has a similar purpose in B.B.

A knowledge of B.B. Drill is required for the B.B. Knowledge award. Through drill you should be able to increase your skills in self-discipline, teamwork, concentration and physical bearing. It can help you gain valuable skills in teaching and leadership as you train younger Boys.

Uniform

In The Boys' Brigade, almost from the beginning, Boys have worn a uniform consisting of Forage Cap (pill-box), with Belt and Haversack worn over ordinary clothes.

Boys of the original Boys' Life Brigade wore a field-service cap, with red piping, and full uniform.

Following the amalgamation of the two movements in 1926, the red piping was changed to white braid, but the two types of headgear were retained in the UK until the late 1960s.

In this country early pictures show Boys wearing the pill-box cap with a belt and haversack worn with ordinary clothes - generally a suit. This tradition continued but post Second World War growth of the Organisation saw several experiments in uniform style, including khaki shorts and shirts, ending in the adoption of a full blue uniform in 1963. This was subsequently amended in 1995.

Your uniform is part of your being a member and you are expected to wear it correctly, as laid out on the next page, on Parades and formal occasions as required and be neat and clean in your appearance.

No. 2 Section Uniform

for Company Parade Nights and all formal occasions

Navy blue **Brigade Field Service Cap** with Brigade metal anchor fixed on the left side. The front of the badge shall be placed 50mm from the front of the cap. The cap shall be worn angled slightly to the right with the right edge placed horizontally. The crown shall be tapped down to give a “dipped” effect.

The right **Brigade Award Badges Armband** will be worn on the right arm, with the shirt epaulette passed through the loop on the top of the armband, the Company title will be placed 50mm from the top of the armband. The left **Special Awards Armband** is worn midway between the shoulder and the elbow. The arrangement for the award badges, **Private First Class lanyard** and **Leadership Training braid(s)** shall be worn as prescribed in the No.2 Section Award System.

A **Brigade white shoulder belt** shall be worn over the right shoulder under the epaulette and looped around the belt at the left hip passing over the belt at the front. The buckle shall be on the front just above the waistband. Sergeants shall wear a red cloth shoulder belt instead of the white belt.

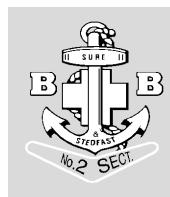
A **Brigade mid-blue tie** shall be worn neatly tied with the tip of the tie just reaching the top of the belt buckle. The tie shall pass behind the shoulder belt.

Black leather standard-width **belt with Brigade buckle**.



Navy blue **Brigade poly/cotton shirt**, with 2 button flap pockets and epaulettes. **Combined Brigade and Company titles** shall be sewn centrally on both sleeves with the top of the title 50mm below the shoulder seam.

A **Brigade No.2 Section crest** shall be sewn centrally and midway between the bottom of the pocket and the point of the pocket flap on the left breast pocket. Seniors shall wear the Senior's cloth crest in place of the No.2 Section crest.



Where applicable, a **Brigade Battalion or Group Council crest**, shall be sewn centrally and midway between the bottom of the pocket and the point of the pocket flap on the right breast pocket.

Rank shall be shown by Brigade stripes worn on each epaulette with the stripes pointing outwards:	
Lance-Corporal	1 stripe
Corporal	2 stripes
Sergeant	3 stripes

Approved navy blue **slacks** and short **navy socks**. (Brigade long socks pulled up to below the knee may be worn with shorts - see note below).

Black shoes capable of being polished.

Climate options

For cold weather, a Brigade approved navy blue jumper or jacket may be worn. On Company nights or casual outings for those Boys or Companies wearing shorts, navy blue track suit pants or slacks may be worn.

For hot weather, the Captain may approve for Company Parade nights, that long sleeves be worn rolled to above the elbow, and ties and shoulder belt omitted.

Company Uniform for Casual outings

Your Company should have or should consider developing a casual Uniform for use at competitions and outings. Its colours should be registered with the Battalion or State Executive.

State/Territory Options

Within guidelines set out by the Australian Executive; A State/Territory controlling body may determine options for wearing the approved broad brimmed hat that is available for all members.

A State/Territory controlling body may approve on the basis of climate, the wearing of shorts for No.2 Section Boys at Company, Group Council, Battalion, Area or State level.

A State/Territory controlling body may approve, on the basis of climate, shirts to be either short or long sleeve style at Company, Group Council, Battalion, Area or State level.

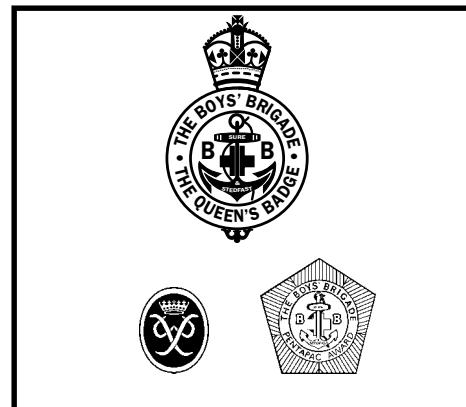
Wearing of Awards

On the Left armband:

THE QUEEN'S BADGE will be worn centred on the top 2/3 section of the armband.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD BADGE of the highest level earned will be worn below and on the left of The Queen's Badge.

THE PENTAPAC BADGE will be worn below and on the right of The Queen's Badge. When a second award has been gained the coloured cloth for the level gained will be worn under the first badge earned.



On the Right armband:

ANCHOR BOY SERVICE BADGE will be worn as the first badge in the Service Row on the left, immediately below the Company Title.

No. 1 SECTION SERVICE BADGE will be worn as the second badge (or first badge if the Anchor Boy Badge has not been awarded) in the Service Row immediately below the Company Title.

SIX MONTH SERVICE BADGE will be worn as the next in line to the Anchor Boy or No. 1 Section Service Badges (where awarded) or as the first badge in the Service Row immediately below the Company Title.

ONE YEAR SERVICE BADGES will be worn in a single line immediately below the Company Title on the right of the Six Month Service Badge.

THE LONG SERVICE BADGE will be worn in the centre of the arm band immediately above the Brigade Title.

THE ACTIVITY BADGES will be worn below the Service Row in the order as pictured above. Where a badge has not been awarded a space is to be left for its future inclusion. When a higher level is awarded a coloured cloth representing the level gained is worn under the badge. Only the highest level colour is worn with the badge.



Other awards:

LEADERSHIP BRAIDS when gained will be worn on the epaulette. A Boy is able to wear two braids either one on each shoulder. The highest awarded of the Red, Blue & Green braid on his right shoulder and the highest awarded of the White & Gold braid on his left.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LANYARD when gained will be worn on the left shoulder under the epaulette. The short loop shall be at the front with the long loop passing through the short loop and secured with a half-hitch. The end is then held in the left pocket by being looped over the button of the pocket flap.

MEDALS that may be used within the Company such as the Blue Squad Medal and the Red Best Boy medals

will be worn on the left breast fastened to the pocket flap.

SPECIAL MEDALS

THE BRIGADE CROSS FOR HEROISM will be worn on the left breast, to the left of any other medal.

THE ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY MEDAL will be worn on the right breast.

BRIGADE NAME BADGE

When issued to a Boy it will be worn on the left pocket flap positioned centrally with the top edge of the badge in line with the top of the flap.

Unauthorised badges or buttons are not to be worn on the uniform. Boys' Brigade Award badges are not to be worn other than at Brigade activities.

Duties of Membership

A major duty of membership is your regular attendance at Company Parade night, at a Bible Study Group (or other form of Christian Education) and at any activity for which you have enrolled. Aim to take part in as much B.B. activity as is consistent with your responsibilities to home, school and further education.

One of the best ways in which you can serve your Company is by introducing Boys as Recruits. Remember, yours is the best organisation for Boys. See that your friends have the benefit of belonging to it.

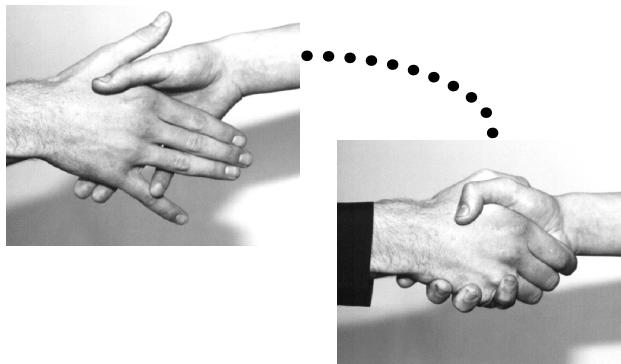
Never be afraid of speaking to your Captain about any matter connected with your duties, your Squad, or the Company. He wants to help you, and he wants you to help him to make the Company successful. Success will only be attained by mutual confidence and working together.

If moving to another town, or another country, ask your Captain to put you in touch with a Company near your new home. If no Company is nearby ask how you can continue your B.B. involvement.

Most Boys, at some stage in their B.B. careers, think they want to leave, possibly as the result of a difference of opinion with an Officer or another Boy, or for some other pursuit that seems at the time more attractive. If that point comes, give yourself time to think, and then, if still unhappy, go to your Captain to talk it over, before making a final decision. Many Boys who leave before the age limit, regret it afterwards.

The BB Handshake

B.B. members worldwide share an unique handshake. Use your right hand with the little finger separate from the other fingers to interlock the other person's little finger.



When the time comes for you to graduate from your Company as a Boy, you may be appointed to the Company staff. However, if this is not the case seek to assist your Company or the Brigade as an instructor, helper or in some other way.

Keep in touch with your old Company and Officers, and utilise to good purpose the skills that you have learned in Brigade and productively use the spare time which may be available to you.

Never miss an opportunity of helping your old Company and your Church, and determine always to uphold in your daily life the principles and traditions of The Boys' Brigade.

On Being a Senior

On reaching your 15th birthday you will be presented with the special Senior's pocket crest which replaces the No. 2 Section pocket crest on your left shirt pocket to indicate that you are a Senior within the Company.

Being a Senior brings added responsibilities and opportunities. The part you play in your Company as a Senior is a major factor in determining whether your Company operates well or just struggles along. By the time you reach fifteen your Captain will expect you to show a more mature attitude than a younger Boy. He will expect from you loyalty and enthusiasm. The example you set to younger Boys should be a positive one encouraging them to take part in all that the Company offers.

You should always aim to be an efficient Senior providing support to your officers and your co-members. If you have ideas that you believe could help your Company, discuss them with your Officers.

At this time pressures of school work may tempt you to put aside your involvement in your Company. By discussing this issue with your Captain suitable arrangements for your continued involvement should be possible.

In some States a Seniors' Council exists which provides opportunities for friendship outside your immediate Company.

On Being an N.C.O.

The highest honour a Boy can be given in The Boys' Brigade is promotion to the rank of Non-Commissioned Officer (N.C.O.). It should be the ambition of every Boy to equip himself to be able to receive the rank of N.C.O. To receive promotion a Boy must have a good record of attendance, conduct and character, and must show keenness, loyalty and efficiency in his Company work.

The minimum ages at which a Boy can be promoted are:

Lance-Corporal: 15 BB Age

Corporal: 16 BB Age.

Sergeant: 17 BB Age.

Never grumble at the decision of your Officers when promotions are made. To do so is disloyal. The Officers select the Boys they believe most able to serve the Company, they also have to bear in mind the overall structure of the Section. Not all Boys can be promoted because each promotion has to carry with it leadership responsibilities. If ever you should feel disappointed at not being promoted, adopt a positive approach and congratulate those who have been promoted. Seek to equip yourself with the skills and qualities to ensure that you are considered when future promotions are made. To do so provides you with attitudes and abilities which will serve you well in all aspects of life. Feel free to talk to your Captain about it.

Without a doubt, the main thing expected from an N.C.O. is a good example to others.

N.C.O.'s should at all times set an example of enthusiasm and right living to the other Boys of the Company. Slack N.C.O.'s can ruin a Company. The N.C.O. should be the best-disciplined Boy on parade, and should not think that his rank entitles him to do as he likes.

Such elementary things as regular attendance, punctuality and orderliness are matters in which an N.C.O. should be able to be trusted. N.C.O.'s should set an example of keenness to other Boys by going in for everything they can to support their Company.

When a Boy is promoted to the rank of N.C.O. he must remember that what he does and what he is outside

Brigade activities is of equal importance to his conduct in the presence of his Officers. It is the N.C.O.'s duty - and in this he has better opportunities than an Officer, e.g. to be seen at school or work - to set the right tone off parade, and show loyalty to uphold all that is good and true, and resist doing anything which hinders the Object of the Brigade.

The duties of N.C.O.'s vary from Company to Company.

Example N.C.O. Duty Statement:

Feel free to add to this list...

- Provide a good example to other Boys
- Be a squad leader
- Mark rolls
- Teach Uniform requirements
- Train recruits in Six Month Service Award
- Take devotions
- Teach award classes as required
- Visit squad members at their homes
- Organise squad outings
- Be a tent leader at Company camp
- Assist with organising Company events
- Organise Company yearbook
- Liaise with Youth Group
- Promote BB more within Church
- Participate in No.2 Section Officers' meetings

The extent and level of responsibility of these duties will vary with the Company and the rank held. For example a Sergeant may be required to lead a number of N.C.O.'s who are responsible individually for their squads or a Lance-Corporal may be second in charge in a Squad giving assistance to another N.C.O. who has overall responsibility for the Squad.

On Being a Squad Leader

No.2 Section is usually divided into groups, each of about six Boys, called Squads. Each Squad is placed under the command of a Squad leader who is usually an N.C.O., though it is not essential to be an N.C.O. to be a Squad leader.

The Squad leader is responsible for the welfare, attendance, conduct and smartness of the Boys under him, and for instructing them in the rules and customs of the Company. His first objective should be to keep his Squad complete, and to prevent the Boys from losing interest and dropping out of the Company. A spirit of comradeship should exist in the Squad, and Boys are expected to back up their Squad leader in his efforts to make the Squad smart and efficient. This is done by building up good friendships with the Boys in the Squad and encouraging them to build good friendships with each other.

Squad leaders are responsible for their Boys being correctly and smartly turned out. They instruct the younger Boys how they can best maintain their uniform and see that they salute their Officers correctly.

If you are appointed as Squad Leader you will find that you will need to commit more time to B.B. and even more devotion than you had as a member of the Squad. Teach Boys all you can, so that there is no smarter or more efficient Squad in the Company than yours. Correct mistakes kindly. Be firm in matters of discipline, but give your orders in a way which will make Boys glad to obey.

Most Companies have a Squad Competition. Try to win it, but remember that the welfare of your Boys is of more importance than winning. Specially encourage and help those who have difficulties in attending, owing to work



or study. Never let them feel that the Squad would be better off without them. Your duty is to encourage them and prevent them losing interest. There is no disgrace in losing the Competition; there may be in losing a Boy.

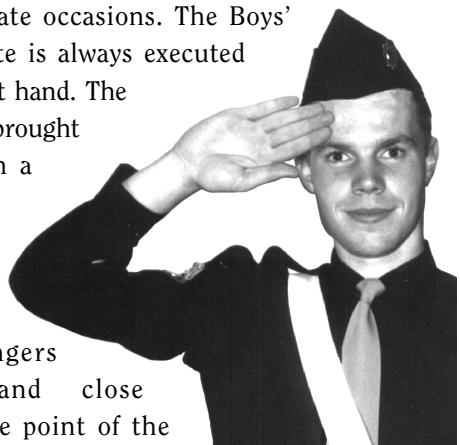
It is the Squad leader's duty to always follow up absentees according to the Company Rules, no matter what trouble it may be to do so.

In Camp, you will probably have charge of a tent. Look after the younger boys especially. Instruct them in tent-craft, and do your utmost to prevent any Boy from being "out of it" in the general enjoyment of camp life.

Paying Compliments

There are a wide range of people who should receive the compliment of a salute. Not all will return your salute, but, in complimenting them through a salute you leave them with a good impression of your efficiency.

When in uniform, Boys should salute Officers of their own and other Companies and address them as 'Sir' on the appropriate occasions. The Boys' Brigade salute is always executed with the right hand. The right hand is brought smartly with a circular motion to the head, palm to the front, fingers extended and close together. The point of the forefinger should touch the forehead 25 mm above the right eye. The thumb should be close to the forefinger. Your fingers, wrist and elbow should be in a straight line. The hand is brought smartly to the side by the shortest route.



On formal occasions, when a Boy in uniform wishes to speak to an Officer he will halt two paces from him and salute. Before withdrawing he will salute, turn smartly about, and move off.

When the National Anthem is being played, Boys should stand to attention, but should not remove their caps or salute. You do the same when Colours are marched on to a parade.

Standards of Living

The Brigade is about developing you towards true Christian manliness and getting the best out of the life that God has given you. To get the most out of Brigade you should strive for excellence in your own development in the physical, social, educational and spiritual areas. It is the same with life.

Drugs and alcohol affect your ability to remain in control of yourself. They impair your ability to think straight and have a negative impact on your physical abilities and growth.

Smoking increasingly is seen as socially undesirable, affects your physical fitness and health, and is also a very expensive habit to support!

You're at an age when the influence of your mates can pressure you into adopting many habits which do nothing positive for you now and which you could regret before you are much older. Being a real man is about living and enjoying life without needing these substances. Don't be afraid to stand against the pressure of your peers to take these things. You don't need to know what it is like to take these things and see how they affect you. People respect others who will stand up for what they believe in.

Set yourself a high standard in your attitudes, speech and behaviour. Keep your speech clean. Obscene expressions and the wrong use of the name of God and Christ are habits which oppose everything the Brigade stands for. Avoid 'dirty' conversations. Keep your thoughts clean, and avoid reading magazines or watching programs that are harmful. Just as you watch what you eat to keep physically healthy, keep a healthy mind by watching what you think about and expose yourself to.

Your sexuality is a gift from God. God wants you to know sex at its best, which can only occur in a relationship where there is real commitment, love and trust - that is in marriage. Don't cheapen God's gift through disrespectful attitudes or behaviours.

Friends are very important in helping you define yourself and what kind of life you will lead. Spending time with friends, both boys and girls, that want to live clean, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives will allow you to truly enjoy life well. Have a respectful attitude to others, especially with girls.

How you want to conduct yourself in these areas will ultimately be your choice, but while you are a Brigade member we expect you to have nothing to do with the things that are harmful to you and negatively influence how you enjoy life. Be a good example for our great movement by your behaviour.

Money

Nothing can go very far without money, and that is especially true of a B.B. Company, where the cost of equipment - gymnastic gear, camp equipment, canoes, abseiling gear, even the necessary roll books, record cards and badges - requires every Company to take very seriously the challenge of raising the necessary funds.

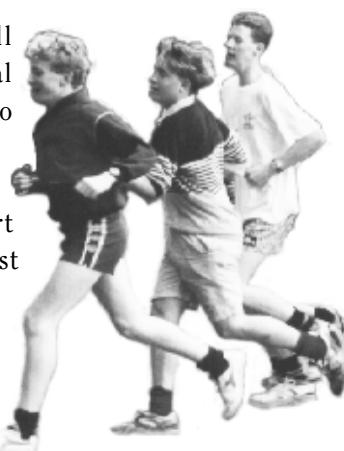
An important source of income is from members' subscriptions, which vary in each Company. Subscriptions should be paid regularly. Some of your subscription is paid as a membership fee for your Company to the overall Organisation of The Boys' Brigade Australia.

Uniform and other useful articles are obtainable from the Brigade equipment Shop. Profits from the shop provide great help to Brigade funds.

You may be encouraged to contribute weekly through your Bible study group or Church to the work of the Church in other places. This can be through the Church's own missionary projects or through the Brigade's projects.

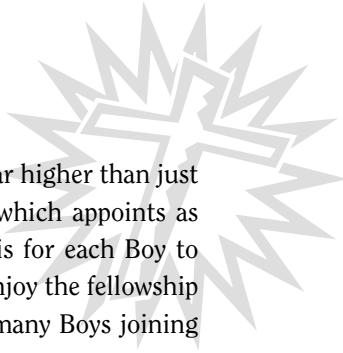
Your Company will probably have special fund raising activities to enable it to buy equipment for its use. You should support these activities as best you can.

Don't forget - door to door collecting is forbidden.



Gambling is a behaviour which has growing appeal in a time when people expect more and more material goods for less and less effort. Any gambling always has losers as many bankrupts will confirm. Seek to build your life using the talents God has given you in a constructive fashion rather than relying on being lucky.

The Christian Life



The foundation and Object of the Brigade are based on something far higher than just normal standards of living. Every Company is part of a Church, which appoints as Officers practising Christians, whose aim in working in the B.B. is for each Boy to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and for them to enjoy the fellowship and support that comes out of being a member in a Church. For many Boys joining the Movement, this will be unfamiliar.

Each Officer believes that for them and for you to get the most out of life involves being a committed follower and friend of Jesus. God loves, cares and wants the best for you. He wants you to know Him.

Here are four things that will help you in life:

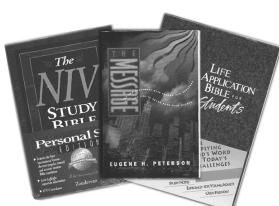
Pray every day.



Praying is just talking and listening to God. Just like it's good to talk to and listen to your friends, you'll enjoy and develop your friendship with God more if you pray to Him. You can ask for help with daily living, for Him to forgive you for the things you do wrong, help for others like friends and family, or to thank Him for what He does for you. If you are unsure how to pray, ask your Officers.

Read the Bible regularly.

The Christian faith is based on the Bible.



If you don't have a Bible or you can't understand the version you have, talk to your Officers about it. Different Bibles suit different people. You can also get 'help' notes that explain more about what the Bible means. Again talk to your Officers about that if you wish.

Spend time with other Christians



Friends should be about building each other up and seeking the same sort of things out of life. It's encouraging when you spend time with other Christians who are seeking to know God better and to live life the way He intended us to. Attend Church regularly. The worship may at first be difficult to understand and appreciate, but with persistence, you will find it to be real and helpful to your spiritual life.

Have faith in God and yourself



God will be with you always and will support you. Knowing Jesus and having Him in your life allows you to enjoy life to the full. If you want to know more about becoming a Christian, or getting more out of your life as a Christian, talk to your Officers. Your life will never be the same again.

Problems?

Life isn't meant to be easy, but sometimes we make life harder for ourselves by thinking we have to face all our problems by ourselves. At times we think we're the only one who feels the way we do, or are going through what we are. Feel free to talk to one of your Officers about things that worry you. They're there to help you get the most out of life. You might also find that they have gone through something similar! Ask them for help or at least to pray with you about whatever problems you have. Trust them and trust God. God will always care for you.

The Award System

Awards in The Boys' Brigade provide a progressive programme of activities to maintain your interest and prepare you to take your place in your community and your church. A summary of these awards follows.

NOTE *The BBA No. 2 Section Award System Manual sets out in more detail the requirements for the awards.*

3 Main types of awards

Attendance AWARDS recognise membership in Anchor Boys, membership and achievement in No. 1 Section and attendance and good conduct in No. 2 Section.

Special AWARDS include the Cross for Heroism, Diploma of Gallant Conduct, Pentapac Award and Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Activity AWARDS provide the core of the Company program. General principles apply through all awards, these are:

- **Application** - demonstrated attendance and effort
- **Advancement** - demonstrated increase in knowledge or skill
- **Exceed minimum standards** - where safety standards are set.

With the Activity Awards at the completion of Level 1 of each award you will be presented with a Badge and a certificate will be placed in your Record Book by your Captain.

On completion of Level 2 and higher levels of an award, a certificate and a coloured back cloth is presented to be worn behind the Badge to indicate the level gained. Only the cloth representing the highest level gained is worn behind the badge. The colours represent the level of the award gained:

Level 2 - red	Level 3 - blue
Level 4 - white	Level 5 - gold

Work commenced in one session (1 January to 31 December) may be carried across into the subsequent session. The next level of an award may be commenced immediately upon completing the previous level provided that the minimum age requirements are observed. The ages are based on B.B. Age. Your B.B. Age is the age that you turn during the year eg. if you turn 15 during a year you are 15 B.B. Age for that year even though at the start of the year your actual age may only be 14.

For many awards reports are required. Use your imagination, a variety of formats is permissible. Discuss reporting options with your Captain. It may be that skills you have gained under one award eg. photography can be used in reporting on another eg. Service to the Community.

At the start of your career in No.2 Section there are at least eight Activity awards and two attendance awards available to you. To gain these awards will require effort on your part. When you reach 15 B.B. Age additional awards become available.

Please feel comfortable to apply for special consideration in the assessment of any of these awards if you have the need.



Private First Class

You can become a Private First Class if you have met the following minimum requirements:

- have a One Year Service award at **Silver** level.
- have completed at least one weekend leadership course conducted at Battalion or State level (or equivalent).
- are recognised by your Captain as making a positive contribution to the Company.
- have at least 15 points from the Activity Awards (excluding the BB Knowledge Awards) with the following minimum points;

Core Group	<i>Scripture Knowledge</i>	<i>2 points</i>
	<i>Community Service</i>	<i>2 points</i>
Skills Group		<i>3 points</i>
Outdoor/Adventure		<i>3 points</i>
Physical Group		<i>3 points</i>

Having gained the 13 compulsory points you will need to gain at least 2 more points from any Activity Awards within the Award System.

When determining points gained towards Private First Class the level achieved equals the number of points gained eg. level 1 = 1 point gained, level 3 = a total of 3 points gained.

A summary sheet on page 25 allows you to keep track of your progress towards Private First Class as well as your Queen's Badge.

A Private First Class is identified by wearing a Blue Lanyard on the left shoulder.

Award Summaries

Attendance Awards



Anchor Boy Service

Awarded to a Boy who has maintained membership in The Boys' Brigade from Anchor Boys through No.1 Section to No. 2 Section.



No.1 Section Service

Awarded to a Boy who has maintained membership in No.1 Section and transferred into No.2 Section. The colour of the award corresponds to the colour of the highest Achievement Badge gained. If no Achievement Badge was gained the colour awarded is Yellow.



Six Month Service

Awarded to a Boy who has been in No.2 Section for six months, shown good conduct and who has completed the B.B. Knowledge components laid out in the BB Knowledge, Six Month Service Award. This includes knowledge of the Object , the Founder, the Uniform, the Company and basic drill.



One Year Service (Bronze & Silver)

There are two levels, either the Silver award which is needed for Private First Class and the Queen's Badge, or the Bronze award. Only one level can be earned in any one session. The Silver award requires attendance at no less than 90% of Company

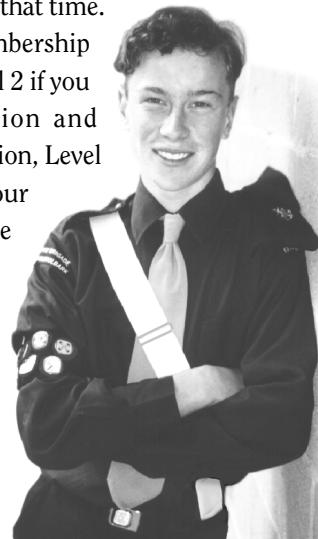
Parade nights and 90% of voluntary Christian instruction other than a class held on the weekly Parade night. The Bronze award requires attendance at no less than 90% of Company Parade nights. Good conduct is required for both awards. When considering your eligibility for either of these awards, your Captain is allowed to make allowance for absences due to sickness or other event which prevents your attendance. Of course you should make sure that you notify him of the reasons for your absence, preferably before the Parade Night if you can.



Long Service Award

Awarded to a Boy at one of three levels after he has been in No.2 Section for at least four and a half sessions. You do not need to have earned any One Year Service awards to gain this award. However, you should have had good conduct throughout that time.

The basic level is for membership in No.2 Section only, Level 2 if you had been in No.1 section and transferred into No.2 Section, Level 3 if you had maintained your membership from the Anchor Boy Section right through to entering No.2 Section. It may be awarded to you after 1 June in your fifth session.

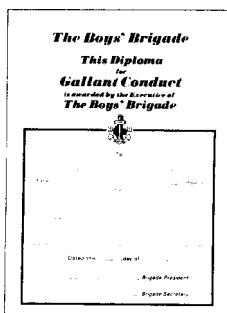


Special Awards



Cross for Heroism

May be awarded to a Boy who has performed either a significant act of self sacrifice for others, shown heroism in saving or attempting to save life, or displayed marked courage in the face of danger. It can only be awarded by the Australian Executive following a recommendation from the Captain. It must be based upon the receipt of an eye-witness account submitted within six months of the incident.



Diploma of Gallant Conduct

May be awarded to a Boy who has shown gallant conduct in saving or attempting to save life, or marked courage in the face of danger, but which in the circumstances lack the high degree of heroism which would warrant the awarding

of the cross of heroism. It can only be awarded by the Australian Executive following a recommendation from the Captain. It must be based upon the receipt of an eye-witness account submitted within six months of the incident.

Pentapac Award

This award is only available to you if you attend a Pan- Australian camp. These camps held every three years provide for a time of fellowship and challenge for The Boys' Brigade Australia as a whole. To gain the award you have to meet and overcome a series of challenges which are set at each camp. Gold is the higher level, Silver the lower level of achievement. Only one badge may be worn, this is the level achieved at the first PAC. If you gain a Pentapac badge at a subsequent camp a coloured cloth White for Silver or Gold for Gold is worn under the badge. Only the cloth for the higher level is worn.



The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Badge

When you gain an award under this scheme you are entitled to wear the badge showing the level you have gained. Only one level may be worn at any time. To gain awards under this scheme you need to be registered with it. This registration is separate to your Boys' Brigade membership.

Activity Awards



Scripture Knowledge

The aim of this award is to broaden your Christian perspective and to provide you with a number of relevant and practical skills as a Christian.

A wide range of topics are available to you to study. At Levels 1 & 2 a period of at least 9 weeks study must be carried out and at Levels 3, 4 & 5, a period of at least 18 weeks must be carried out. At Levels 4 & 5 a practical application of the knowledge gained is required as well. Fifteen hours & 30 hours respectively are required in involvement with any of the following: Scripture teaching for Anchor Boys, No.1 Section or No. 2 Section; Sunday School teaching; Vacation Bible School; Beach Mission; After school program; or a combination of these. Time spent in lesson preparation is counted as part of the practical time.



Service to the Community

The aim of this award is to encourage you to serve others as a way of life, recognising that Jesus called us to serve others.

Through it you should develop an understanding of the many opportunities for service by examining a range of organisations and participating in some of their activities.

Training is part of this award so that you will be prepared for the service you give. You should maintain a diary showing the times and details of the service given. A report (written, audio-taped or video-taped) of the service given must be submitted for assessment. At all levels the time spent in undertaking a course eg. First Aid, Firefighting, Surf Rescue, Lifesaving, Bush Rescue etc. can be counted within the hours of service. When



you are going for Level 3 the type of service and the project have to be approved by the responsible State Director **before** you start. This is because this is an important part of your Queen's Badge qualification.

The minimum hours required for the levels are:

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
9 hours	12 hours	15 hours	30 hours	40 hours

The range of types of service can be very wide. Make sure you discuss your options with your Captain. If the initial choice proves unsuitable you have the option of changing once within the period without losing the time that you had completed. There is no requirement to spread the hours over any particular period. However, it is to be preferred that at Level 3 and above that the service be spread over a period of time rather carried out in a single burst of activity.



Citizenship

The aim of this award is to provide you with valuable life skills from a Christian perspective.

Through this award you will be able to explore interpersonal communications and relationships, issues affecting the family unit, you personally, sexuality or society. Also you will have the opportunity to gain skills in responsibly handling day to day matters such as banking, renting, driving etc.

Assessment will be based upon increased knowledge and application of the knowledge gained. A period of at least one month should be spent on each of the areas of study. You must be 15 B.B. Age to commence this award.

Boys' Brigade Knowledge

The aim of this award is to encourage you to gain knowledge of the Boy's Brigade movement both in Australia and internationally. Through it you should learn about the foundation of the Brigade, the way in which your Company is organised and its relationship to the movement as a whole.

You will also learn how to perform your drill smartly and efficiently and how to teach other Boys.

The award is structured to be completed in a number of stages. You do not have to complete each of these stages to gain the BB Knowledge Badge but they do help prepare you for it and you should take advantage of them.



Six Month Service Badge

Having been in membership of No.2 Section for six months

with good conduct you will be eligible for this award if you can recite The Object, and demonstrate a knowledge of the date of founding of The Boys' Brigade, the founder's name, the method of wearing the uniform, the Company structure and your Company title, and an elementary understanding of the award system.

You will need to be able to carry out the following basic Parade Drill movements:

At the Halt	Date Passed	On the Move	Date Passed
Stand Easy	_____	Quick March	_____
Stand at Ease	_____	Quick Mark Time	_____
Stand at Attention	_____	Slow March	_____
Fall in by Size	_____	Slow Mark Time	_____
Right Turn	_____	Eyes Right	_____
Left Turn	_____	Eyes Left	_____
About Turn	_____	Right Wheel	_____
Fall Out	_____	Left Wheel	_____
Saluting	_____	Halt	_____
Dismiss	_____		

BB Knowledge Preliminary Certificate

For this you will need to be at least 13 B.B. Age have the Six Month Service Award and be able to demonstrate:

- a continued knowledge of the Object
- a knowledge of the Motto and its origin
- a knowledge of B.B. origins and history from this Handbook
- an ability to carry out all movements of Elementary Drill
- a knowledge of Drill definitions
- a practical ability as a member of a Drill Squad.

BB Knowledge Certificate

For this you will need to be at least 14 B.B. Age, have the Six Month Service Award and Preliminary Certificate and be able to demonstrate:

- a continued knowledge of the Object
- a knowledge of the Motto and its origin
- a knowledge of B.B. origins and history in Australia
- a knowledge of the B.B. State and National organisation
- a knowledge of Squad Drill Theory
- an ability to carry out all movements of Squad Drill
- a practical ability to act as a Guide in Squad Drill.



Boys' Brigade Knowledge Badge

You will need to be at least 16 B.B. Age and successfully complete the three sections of the award. These are a Project assessed at State level, competence in Drill instruction and direction assessed at State, Battalion or Group Council level and an Interview carried out at State, Battalion or Group Council Level.

The project requirement within this award encourages you to explore one of the recommended topics related to some aspect of BB. The project should not be seen as something that can be done quickly and you should plan carefully how you will approach it. Ideas raised in your project may be implemented to bring about positive change to BB operations. The topics made available each year are determined by the responsible State Director. A proposed table of contents and the completed project for the selected topic **must** be submitted by the due dates as advised from the local State Offices to be eligible for the Queen's Badge in that year. If you are unable to complete the project by the advised due date, it may be submitted for the subsequent year.

For the Drill component you need to be able to demonstrate the technique for instructing drill based on three movements from the Six Month Service award and three from the Drill sequence set by the relevant State Director. You will need to direct a squad through the set sequence. The assessment for this component has to be carried out at the State, Battalion or Group Council level by an Officer who is independent of your Company.

The Interview component requires you to be interviewed by a panel of officers appointed by the Battalion or Group Council so that you can demonstrate your knowledge of the local and wider work of the B.B., the role of the Senior Boy and promotion of N.C.O.'s and their duties.

Gaining the Boys' Brigade Knowledge Badge will be a significant event for you, being a recognition of work over several years. It is also an essential requirement of The Queen's Badge, the highest award within the B.B.

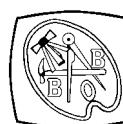
Leadership Courses

The aim of Leadership Courses is to equip you with skills that will not only assist you in your career in Boys' Brigade but also throughout your whole life. For The Queen's Badge you will need to complete either three weekend courses (Red, Blue and Green) or one course of at least five days duration (White).

The approved courses are:

- ✓ The Boys' Brigade Leadership courses
- ✓ Outward Bound Course
- ✓ Government or Local Authority Course for Community Youth Workers
- ✓ A Church organised Leadership Development Course
- ✓ or other course approved by the BBA Director of Training.

The "Leadership Certificate" required for the Queen's Badge is the White or Green level certificate which cannot be gained until you are 15 and 16 B.B. Age respectively. The Red Level Course can be completed when you are 14 B.B. Age.



Skills

The aim of this award is to encourage you to gain practical skills which will be of use in every day life or leisure activities. A wide range of activities are available to you. You will be required to show perseverance, progress and attainment of a reasonable level of skill throughout the period under assessment. If you are taking part in a group activity your contribution to the group also counts. The periods you are required to participate in the activity are:

- *Levels 1 & 2 - 9 weeks each*
- *Levels 3 & 4 - 18 weeks each*
- *Level 5 - 27 weeks*

The number of hours to be spent is not specified but regular effort is required. The activity may be arranged by your Company or by yourself. But, it should have the prior approval of your Captain. You are allowed to change once within the period if the activity proves unsuitable, without the period being extended.

Though the same activity can be assessed as either a Skill or Hobby it cannot be counted for both awards at the same time. An example would be where you are having music lessons and counting them as a Skill and the Company organises Canoe Building as a Skills class. While you are participating in Canoe Building you can count your music lessons as a Hobby.



Hobbies

The aim of this award is to encourage you to undertake a long term interest which will provide you with a rewarding leisure activity. A wide range of activities are available to you. You will be required to show perseverance, initiative and progress throughout the period under assessment. If you are taking part in a group activity your contribution to the group will be part of the assessment.

The periods you are required to participate in the activity are:

- *Levels 1 & 2 - 9 weeks each*
- *Levels 3 & 4 - 18 weeks each*
- *Level 5 - 27 weeks*

The activity may be arranged by your Company or by yourself. But, it should have the **prior** approval of your Captain. You are allowed to change once within the period if the activity proves unsuitable, without the period being extended.

Without limiting the activities that can be attempted examples are:

Skills

Art, Candle making, Carving, Company Magazine Production, Computers, Cooking, Creative Writing, Dance, Debating, Drama, Drawing, Jewellery Making, Knitting, Macrame, Metalwork, Photography, Pottery, Public Speaking, Screen Printing, Singing, Stained Glass, Woodwork etc.

Hobbies

Astronomy, Bird Watching, Botany, Chess, Collecting, Drum and Bugle, Band, Gardening, Geology, Musical Instrument Playing, Model Building, Reading, Video Production etc.

Outdoor/Adventure Group

Within this award group there are two separate awards though they are linked through the core training component: the Environmentalist & Expedition Awards.



Environmentalist

The aim of the Environmentalist Award is to provide you with an appreciation of nature and to identify ways in which you can make a positive contribution to the environment.

You will be required to undergo training at each level in the safe practice of bushcraft, camping with minimal impact on the environment and prepare a project which will demonstrate your understanding of environmental issues. When you intend to travel by canoe, bicycle, horseback or some other method, additional training must be undertaken to ensure that you can do so safely. The requirements that have to be met for core training are set out in a separate booklet.



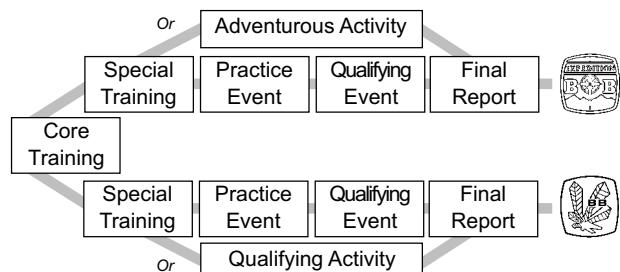
Expedition

The aim of the Expedition award is to encourage you to undertake adventurous activity to gain personal growth through

meeting and overcoming a challenge with safety. At each level you will be required to complete training in the safe practice of bush craft to ensure safety and preparedness. Where travel is by a method other than walking, additional training in the method of travel is required so that it is carried out safely. A report of the expedition undertaken must be completed for the award.

When you reach 15 B.B. Age you may elect to undertake an adventurous activity other than expedition eg. Abseiling, Canyoning, Caving, Rock Climbing, Sailing, White Water Canoeing or other approved activity. In this case you are still required to undergo bushcraft training as well as a suitable course of instruction in the activity. You must also complete the required amount of time in practical effort.

The events for Environmentalist and Expedition are separate events even though the preliminary training for both awards can be done in common.



A minimum of two events must be undertaken at each level, a practice event and a qualifying event unless the activity is either an Environmentalist activity which has an ongoing involvement or an Adventurous activity which requires ongoing practice. The minimum time requirements are:

Separate events method (for each practice & qualifying event)

Level 1	1 day	4 hours effort
Level 2	2 days, 1 night	4 hours effort per day
Level 3	2 days, 1 night	6 hours effort per day
Level 4	3 days, 2 nights	7 hours effort per day
Level 5	4 days, 3 nights	8 hours effort per day

Continuous method

Level 1	8 hours effort over at least 2 days
Level 2	16 hours effort over at least 4 days
Level 3	24 hours effort over at least 4 days
Level 4	36 hours effort over at least 6 days
Level 5	54 hours effort over at least 8 days

Adventurous Activity

Level 4	36 hours practical activity
Level 5	54 hours practical activity



In all cases a Boy may commence this award at a level appropriate to his age, but, he will have to complete all preliminary training and undertake an additional 50% practical activity. For Expedition it means undertaking 3 events or for the other activities at Level 4 it would mean 63 (42+21) hours practical activity.



Physical

The aim of this award is to encourage you to develop a personal sense of physical fitness and achievement as part of a balanced healthy lifestyle.

You are expected to participate regularly over the required period of time showing personal improvement, knowledge of safety, nutrition and drug avoidance. If competition forms part of the activity, knowledge of the rules is required.

Only individual activities can be counted towards this award, team sports are covered under the Sportsman award.

Examples of activities to act as guide for you are Athletics, Aerobics, Gymnastics, Swimming, Surfing, Sailboarding, Triathlon, Weight Training etc. This list is not exclusive of any activity. You should check with your Captain if you have any doubt about the appropriate classification of an activity.

The **minimum** time periods required are :

- *Level 1 : 12 hours over 8 weeks*
- *Level 2 : 16 hours over 8 weeks*
- *Level 3 : 20 hours over 8 weeks*
- *Level 4 : 30 hours over 10 weeks*
- *Level 5 : 40 hours over 12 weeks*



Sportsman

The aim of this award is to encourage you to participate in team sport to develop a healthy attitude towards sportsmanship and also gain physical fitness as part of a healthy balanced lifestyle.

You are required to undertake physical activities of a team nature for the required period. You are to participate regularly, including team training sessions, showing personal improvement, knowledge of safety, nutrition and avoidance of drugs. A knowledge of the rules of competition is essential, as is making a contribution to the overall performance of the team. Activities requiring individual performance should be undertaken as part of the Physical award even though that individual performance may count towards a team score eg. Gymnastics team.

Examples of activities to act as guide for you are Australian Rules Football, Baseball, Basketball, Corner Ball, Cricket, Rugby League Football, Soccer, Volley Ball, Water Polo etc. This list is not exclusive of any activity. You should check with your Captain if you have any doubt about the appropriate classification of an activity.

The **minimum** time periods required are :

- *Level 1 : 12 hours over 8 weeks*
- *Level 2 : 16 hours over 8 weeks*
- *Level 3 : 20 hours over 8 weeks*
- *Level 4 : 30 hours over 10 weeks*
- *Level 5 : 40 hours over 12 weeks*

Your assessor will need to certify that you have shown a good team attitude, improvement in fitness, tactics and demonstrated a knowledge of the rules, safety precautions, the importance of nutrition and avoidance of drugs.

The Queen's Badge

THE QUEEN'S BADGE is the peak award that recognises a Boy who has demonstrated the high principles that The Boys' Brigade promotes. It can be

gained by consistent application within the Award program. You should make it your aim to gain this award. You may continue to work towards this award until the end of the session in which you turn 18 BB age.



You will be eligible to be awarded The Queen's Badge upon gaining awards in all categories at the levels indicated in the table on the next page. In addition you must have your Captain's recommendation that you are a worthy candidate. Your Record Book **must** be submitted to the relevant State Director along with the Queen's Badge application form by your Captain.

Queen's Badge & Private First Class Requirements



Tick or shade each box as you receive the respective awards. When all the boxes are ticked in the lighter shaded sections you can qualify for Private First Class. When all boxes are ticked and you have your Captain's recommendation you will be eligible for The Queen's Badge... the highest award you can earn in B.B.

One Year Silver Service Awards & Leadership Courses







For a 5 day course tick all squares

For each 2 day course tick only 1 square

The BB Knowledge Awards



BB Knowledge Preliminary Certificate

BB Knowledge Certificate



EACH BOX CHECKED BELOW REPRESENTS THE GAINING OF A LEVEL IN THE SPECIFIED BADGE.

The other Core Group Badges

All 8 boxes in the Core Group must be ticked to fulfil the minimum Core Group requirements.



Skills Badges



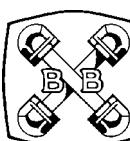
Tick a box whenever you earn a level in either Skills or Hobbies.

Outdoor/ Adventure Badges



Tick a box whenever you earn a level in either Environmentalist or Expedition.

Physical Badges



Tick a box whenever you earn a level in either Physical or Sportsman.

Captain's endorsement

Captain's signature _____ Date _____

Well done, when all boxes have been ticked!

Minimum ages for awards

* some activities are not to be commenced until you reach 15 B.B. Age.

Your B.B. Age is the age which you attain during a year eg. if you turn 15 during a particular year your B.B. Age for that year is 15.

Work commenced in one session for an award may be carried over into the next session provided that the minimum age for commencement is observed.

Awards Quiz

Without looking at the previous pages can you answer the following questions?
Do it in pencil so you can change your answers.

1. What are the badges available to a Boy who is 12 years B.B.age who joined as an Anchor Boy?
 2. What badges are worn on the Left Arm?
 3. What are the requirements for Level 2 Service to the Community award?
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 4. What are you required to show to be able to gain a Skills Award?
 5. List some activities you think could qualify you for a Sportsman's Award?
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If you didn't get a perfect score, try at a later time.
Otherwise, congratulations!

The Boys' Brigade Australia

Organisation

When there are six or more Companies in one town or area they may be formed into a Battalion. Where there are not enough Companies to form a Battalion, a Group Council may be formed. In each case, the Officers of the Companies involved look after the interests of The Boys' Brigade in that locality.

Companies in each State are generally formed into a State Council which is responsible to the Australian Executive for the running of the Brigade in that State. Where insufficient Companies exist in a State for a Council to be formed those Companies may join with another State for their mutual benefit.

The Australian Executive consists of the Australian President, Australian Vice-President, Treasurer, Directors, State representatives and the Australian Executive Officer. Representatives of the State Councils are elected annually by the State to serve on the Australian Executive. It is the national policy-making body for the whole movement and also responsible for its overall administration. One of the Australian Executive responsibilities is the running of the Pan-Australian Camps.

The overall controlling body is the Australian Council which consists of registered Captains, Chaplains, and Lieutenants of Companies, members of the Australian Executive, Battalion, State and Territorial Council Office Bearers and Life Members. It only meets occasionally, the general running of the B.B. being entrusted to the Executive. The Council meets for fellowship, discussion and consideration of the work of The Boys' Brigade Australia. It may make recommendations to the Executive which has to consider them.



P-A-C PAN-AUSTRALIAN CAMPS

Every three years all Boys 12 B.B. Age and over and Officers have an opportunity to get together at a national camp, called a Pan-Australian Camp. You should aim to attend at least one of these camps as a Boy.

1	1962-3	Narrabeen, NSW
2	1965-6	Southport, Qld
3	1969	Stanwell Tops, NSW
4	1972	Rabaul, PNG
5	1974-5	Devonport, Tas
6	1977-8	Perth, WA
7	1981	Melbourne, Vic
8	1983-4	Canberra, ACT
9	1986-7	Adelaide, SA
10	1990	Brisbane, Qld
11	1993	Newcastle, NSW
12	1995-6	Perth, WA
13	1999	Samford Valley, Qld
14	2002	Canberra, ACT

During the camp a special award is available to you, the Pentapac Badge. During the Camp you get a cloth badge to wear on your Camp shirt. A metal badge is available to wear on your uniform. It can be gained at two levels either Silver or Gold, the Silver level can be gained whilst going for Gold. The actual structure of the challenges varies from Camp to Camp.

Gold requires you to complete all 5 sides at the required standard. For Silver, you need to complete three of the five sides (one of them being devotions) at the required level.

The sides are usually:

1. Devotional
2. Confidence/Fitness Course
3. Discover the city
4. Elective
5. On site activities

The Boys' Brigade International

The Boys' Brigade now exists in over sixty territories throughout the world and over one-third of its strength is outside the land of its origin - the British Isles. Boys of many different races and languages are linked together in a world-wide Christian fellowship through their membership of the B.B. The life of the Companies everywhere is based on the same basic principles, but there are some adaptations in uniform and activities to suit local conditions and culture, and in a number of countries, of which Australia is one, the B.B. has developed to such an extent that it is self-governing.

An up to date list of the countries which have B.B. Companies is available from the B.B. Headquarters Office in your State.

The World Conference



A Meeting of Brigade representatives from many parts of the world held in Dundee, Scotland in 1963, established The World Conference of

The Boys' Brigade. Its aim was then set as being to maintain the uniformity of purpose of the Brigade as set out in the Object and Basic Principles and to help in its strengthening and extension throughout the World.

The World Conference first met in 1976, and today also comprises kindred organisations FRIVILLIGT DRENGE-og-PIGE FORBUND (Denmark), POIKIEN JA TYTTÖJEN KESKUS (Finland), THE BOYS' BRIGADE NEENAH/MENASHA, USA, THE JUNIOR MINISTRY OF THE TAMIL EVANGELICAL AND ARCOT LUTHERAN CHURCHES OF INDIA, PUTRA PENGABDI (Indonesia) as well as The Boys' Brigade which operates in over sixty countries.

The complete World Conference will meet on suitable occasions but its Committee meets every three years.

Between meetings of the World Conference Committee the affairs of the World Conference are dealt with by an Executive Secretary, assisted by a Standing Committee drawn from the European Fellowship.

Pacific Regional Fellowship

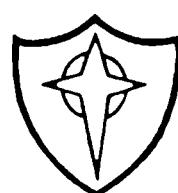
At a meeting in Sydney, Australia, in 1962, a Pacific Regional Fellowship of The Boys' Brigade was formed, consisting of New Zealand, Malaysia, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Cook Islands and the various Pacific Islands associated with those countries. The aim of the Fellowship was:

- (i) To strive in every way possible to **widen the fellowship** of all Boys and Officers of the member countries and territories.
- (ii) To **promote closer relationships** and to provide **mutual help** and assistance.
- (iii) To **foster the extension** of The Boys' Brigade.

Due to the wide geographical area covered by the Fellowship, it was agreed in 1974 to divide into two separate Fellowships, Malaysia, Singapore and the other northern countries forming the East Asia Regional Fellowship and the southern countries remaining as the Pacific Regional Fellowship.

B.B. now operates within the PRF in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Nieu, Tuvalu, Tonga, Fiji.

See if you can name which organisations these badges belong to:



A Prayer for The Boys' Brigade

*Bless, O God, The Boys' Brigade, and
give to it greater power to advance Your
Kingdom throughout the World.*

*Grant in Your mercy that every member, past
and present, may prove steadfast in his fight
against evil, and true in his allegiance to You.*

*Help us in times of temptation; make us
strong where we are weak; give us courage
in difficulty; faithfulness in duty; loyalty in
friendship; and finally by Your mercy, bring
us into Your everlasting Kingdom, through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Amen.

