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Award for Adventurous Greenwood Scout

Greenwood adventure seeker Brett Poole recently received the Baden Powell Scout Award. Brett is a Rover Scout, the oldest youth section of the Scouting movement, catering for young adults 17 - 25 years old, and the BPSA is the organisation's highest youth award. The award recognises a firm commitment to setting and achieving goals in a range of personal development areas, as well as possessing a strong sense of community spirit and Brett exemplifies these qualities.

Brett's award revolved around his enjoyment of adventurous activities. He undertook a challenging 120 km multidiscipline hike that involved bushwalking, mountain biking, abseiling, canoeing and sea kayaking from Mundaring to Cottesloe. He also gained 4 paddlecraft qualifications – Sit on top guide, flat water level 1 canoe, flat water level 1 kayak and sea kayak guide.

Brett's love of paddling extends to his volunteer work in the community. For the past 18 months he has volunteered at the UWA Watersports Complex, teaching a paddle class for over 35 year olds. This included leading a 9 day trip to Dampier involving a 5 day unsupported expedition around the islands of the Dampier Archipelago. Brett credits Scouting with leading him to his job as an outdoor recreation instructor and he is now the Operations Manager at the Ern Halliday Recreation Camp.



Brett's award was presented by His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AC, the Governor of Western Australia, at Scouting's annual Youth Awards Day on Sunday, 21 February 2010. Dr Michael is WA's Chief Scout.

The Scout Program gives Scouts the opportunity to acquire values, skills and lasting friendships that make them good citizens and adults who make a positive contribution to our society. Scouting is committed to providing activities that are intellectually and physically stimulating and challenging. Based on the principles of youth development and leadership the Scout movement delivers a fun and adventurous program of activities to young people aged 6 to 25 throughout Australia. Famous Scouts include Rove McManus, Dick Smith, Jamie Durie, Dr Geoff Gallop and Dr Brendan Nelson. The Scout Movement is a growing worldwide organisation with over 28 million members.

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