

# FACT SHEET – STAN BALES AWARD



Demystification of the NSW Stan Bales Rover Service Award

## INTRODUCTION

The Stan Bales Rover Service Award (Stan Bales for short) is presented to individuals who have made a major contribution to the Rover Section over and above what would normally be expected within their normal role, over a sustained period of time. The granting of the award is based upon nominations from individuals, Crews and/or Councils in the Rover Section. Following a recommendation, the nomination is evaluated by a committee of selected Rovers and, if approved, is endorsed by the State Commissioner for Rovers and the Branch Rover Council Chairman.

The Stan Bales Rover Service Award is named in recognition of Stan Bales, former NSW Branch Commissioner for Rovers, who held the role for over 23 years. Stan was instrumental in developing the Rover Section in NSW, and was long referred to as “Mr. Rover” within the Scouting Movement.

## IS THIS AN ADULT RECOGNITION AWARD?

The timing of the Stan Bales is aligned with the general Adult Recognition Awards, but is not awarded through the same process as these. Each state’s Rovers around Australia have a version of this award, with slightly differing criteria.

The Stan Bales Rover Service Award may be identified on uniforms through a service badge in red/white, or the distinctive red/white ribboned medallion at formal occasions.



The Stan Bales is a Rover section specific award to recognise service in the Rover section only.

## HOW DO I NOMINATE SOMEONE?

Nominations must be proposed by current members of the Rover section, whether Rovers, Rover Advisers or Rover Commissioners. Nominations must be marked private and confidential and be addressed to the BRC Vice-Chair or in the event the Vice Chair is nominated, then the State Commissioner Rovers (SC-R).

Nominations should be made using the Stan Bales Rover Service Award Nomination Form contained below; this form is on the NSW Rovers website. Nominations must reach the Vice-Chair or SC-R by no later than the sixth BRC of each scouting year. Nominations after this date will be considered for the following year’s awards.

A BRC Sub Committee then confidentially evaluates nominations, submits to State and makes announcements from May, ahead of the official August 1<sup>st</sup> notification timing. The formal Award is generally made at the NSW Rovers Annual Awards Dinner, with personal contact in the weeks leading up to this.

## WHAT IS OUTSTANDING SERVICE?

“Outstanding Service” is open to interpretation. The following are a guide to the standard of service that could warrant awarding a Stan Bales Award:

A Rover must have served at least for five years in a principal office bearer’s position at National, Branch, Regional or Crew level while remaining actively involved in their Crew. Where positions are held simultaneously, the qualifying period may be reduced.

## AND/OR

A Rover must have made a significant contribution to the organisation and running of a major National, Branch, Regional or Crew activity over a period of at least five years, whilst remaining actively involved in their Crew.

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Whether the Rover has gained their BP Award or not has no relevance. Any Service being completed as a part of the BP Award should not be used to support a nomination for the Stan Bales Rover Service Award.

A Rover Advisor or Rover Commissioner should have served for a minimum of ten years and have obtained a Rover Wood Badge, or completed Rover Advanced Training, in that time.

Where a Rover Advisor or Rover Commissioner has, as a Rover, served in positions such as that described above, the service can be set out and deducted from the ten years' service required as a Rover Advisor or Rover Commissioner.

If any person is considering nominating a layperson for the Stan Bales Rover Service Award, it is suggested that the Branch Commissioner for Rovers or BRC Vice-Chair be consulted prior to submitting the nomination.

The form is on the NSW Rovers website, or can be obtained from the BRC Vice-Chair.

## **WHY NOMINATE SOMEONE?**

The Stan Bales Rover Service Award recognises years of hard work that benefits the Rover section. It's a great way to acknowledge the great work individuals have done. It's one of the few awards that are Rover Peer reviewed and awarded, making this a special honour for those who receive this award.

**For more information on this topic check out [www.nsw.rovers.com.au](http://www.nsw.rovers.com.au), or contact the Branch Rover Council Vice-Chair, or your Region/State Rover Commissioner.**