**A discussion with your Group:
Leaders and Group Support Committee**

These notes summarise the content provided in the Jump start Joey Scouts kit so you can share this information within your Group, as Leaders and Group Support Committee decide how to recruit new Joey Scouts and Joey Scout Leaders to your Group.

We believe Scouting impacts positively on the lives of young people. An increase in Scout numbers leads to stronger communities.

Lots of Groups aim to have all five Sections - for reasons like youth retention, leadership development, group stability and growth. But mostly because you don’t want to lose your youth from the amazing journey that the Scouting experience offers them.

For any number of reasons Joey Scout numbers will fluctuate and it’s important that the Group continually focus on maintaining Joey Scout numbers. This is a whole of Group responsibility and should involve the Group Leader, the Group Support Committee, Leaders, parents and youth members. It is useful to set and track recruitment targets as part of your normal planning processes to provide focus on this important activity.

To help Groups with this, a Jump Start Joey Scouts kit has been developed to provide support, ideas and tools for recruiting Joey Scouts and Joey Scout Leaders. The kit is available electronically on Q-Store and in hard copy in your Groups Target 400 bag.

Please take time to carefully read through the Jump Start Joey’s kit which should provide your Group Committee, Leaders and parents with great ideas for growing your Joey numbers.

Ideally, a discussion with the Group will let you know what the Group needs to undertake to recruit new Joey Scouts and Joey Scout Leaders and then a course of action implemented that involves the whole Group.

What’s in the kit?

A guide to provide support, ideas and tools for recruiting new Joey Scouts and Joey Scout Leaders:

* How to Recruit Manual
	+ Finding Joey Scouts
	+ Finding Joey Scout Leaders
* Recruiting Tools
	+ Poster
	+ 4 fold ‘come and try’ invites
* Useful Resources
	+ Top Tips for Running a Successful Unit
	+ Welcome to Group Letter
	+ Fact Sheet - What are Joey Scouts?

Next steps

* Discuss this information with your Group Support Committee and Group Council
* Seek support from other local Joey Scout Leaders and Groups, Committee, Parents, Leaders, youths, past members to assist with building your Joey Scout Unit numbers.