## **SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD**

Noteworthy contribution to the success of their section or formation or to the wellbeing of Scouting – as a result of a period of at least 12 months intense effort.

Awarded to

## **Ann Marie Southwood**

Assistant Scout Leader, Northridge Para Vista Scout Troop (Thursday)

Citation

Ann Marie is a keen Assistant Scout Leader with the Northridge Para Vista Scout Group.

Ann Marie's strength is her encouragement of the Youth to challenge themselves beyond their comfort zone, believe in themselves and achieve.

Encouraging the Troop to explore interesting activities previously unexplored, Ann Marie has organised her Troop to participate in the District Shooting competition, which will be an ongoing activity. Water activities including sailing, rowing, a skit night, have all kept the Troop engaged, excited and participation numbers are high.

Ann Marie has been approached, and has accepted the role of Program Advisor in the Scout Section, a role Ann Marie will undertake with enthusiasm, experience and personality, a quality experience will be delivered to all concerned. Since completing extensive training Ann Marie has mentored new Leaders in the Group and District.

At Branch and District level, Ann Marie has direct involvement by volunteering at organising level with a variety of events including Branch Hike, Cohen Cup and MiniSplash. Ann Marie is very successful in promoting all events to the Troop, assists with planning, enthusing and encouraging participation.