### 7.13 PROPELLER GUARDS POLICY

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<td><strong>Following recommendations from WHS Investigators into a number of serious accidents throughout Australia involving Scouts who have fallen off the bow of power boats and have been injured by propellers we are obliged to follow the recommendations from the investigation findings and implement the following policy.</strong></td>
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| **(a)** | Propeller guards must be fitted to all Scout owned outboard motors, used to support Scout water activities.  
  It is recognised that propeller guards for larger outboard motors may be purchased off the shelf and have to be manufactured for smaller craft. |
| **(b)** | A propeller guard must prevent a body or body parts coming in contact with a propeller, from the front or side of the propeller.  
  Research would indicate that most propeller strikes are from the front, however there have been strikes when a craft has been reversed. |
| **(c)** | It is desirable that propeller guards are fitted where support boats not owned by Scouts Queensland are used.  
  If there was an injury (propeller strike or other) caused by a craft not owned by the Association, the responsibility would be on the operator/owner of the craft.  
  This may also allow parents and others who volunteer their craft to participate.  
  Scouts Queensland will still need to be a part of risk management process. |
| **(d)** | Where a special Scouting water activity is planned (e.g. water skiing) and the craft is not owned by Scouts Queensland, an appropriate risk management plan must be put in place and adhered to.  
  The craft may be owned by a non-Scouting person. The craft may be owned by a Leader or Scout parent.  
  Under all circumstances a risk management plan must be put in place. |
| **(e)** | Risk management plans are to be submitted to the ScoutSafe Officer in the Branch Support Office for approval by a nominated person. |