



Dear Patrol Leader,

What's TC6 about? It's a challenge for every Scout Troop in Victoria – to run at least six Troop Council (TC) meetings a year.

TC6 - YOUR TROOP - YOUR PROGRAM - YOUR CHALLENGE

The challenge came out of the 2014 Victorian State Scout Youth Forum and the State Scout Council. It was a huge success in 2015 and this year will be even bigger.

A TC isn't a new idea – it goes right back to Baden Powell himself.

He reckoned Scouts should deal with all the important stuff about running the Troop **themselves** – work out programs, approve Patrol Activities and Scout Medallions, teach skills and leadership, manage behaviour, plus lots more. That's the job of the TC.

We believe that too.

To qualify as a TC6 Troop in 2016, your 6 TCs for the year need to include:

- at least one TC each term
- a major planning TC where you work on the program for the year (you might have already had this one at the end of 2015, but it still counts as a TC for the 2016 program), and
- a special TC, where the TC members get to just have some fun.

How to get started:



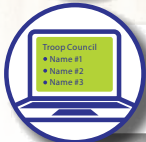
Get your Troop Council together
(usually just the PLs, though in some smaller Troops this might include APLs)



Log on to the TC6 website:
tc6.vicscouts.com.au



Pledge that your TC will run
6 TC meetings for 2016



Include the names of your
TC members and the other details
for your Troop



Check out all the TC tips and
resources on the website



Start running your
Troop Councils!

Trello – something new in 2016:

Trello is a fantastic way to swap programming ideas with your fellow PLs from other Troops. Follow the prompts in the enclosed booklet to go online and unlock the features Trello has to offer your TC.

Throughout the year:

- Keep checking out the website for more tips and information, and to see which other Troops you know have pledged. You can even post a blog
- Check out the competitions and give it a shot to WIN a Garmin Etrex10 GPS for your Troop
- When you've had your 6 TCs, log back in and change your status to "achieved". We'll send you badges for your uniforms and other things to show your TC has met the challenge!

The website tc6.vicscouts.com.au has heaps of tips and resources to help your Troop Council get TCs working really well and your program and Troop booming in 2016.

Scout Troops work better and Scouts get more fun out of Scouting, when the Troop Council is driving the program and making the decisions that count.