

## Scouts own LOA May 08 - Fifty dollars

Gold Star patrol – John, Bradley, Susan, Haydn and Pam

Participants invited to follow quietly from Rymill parade ground to under a tree near the bridge.

A member of the patrol produced a brand new \$50 note and offered it to the participants. Many eagerly accepted. He then crumpled it up and offered it again – again the participants were eager to accept. He passed it to another member of the patrol who put it on the ground and stood on it and rubbed it in the dirt. Again it was offered to the participants – and was still accepted. A third member of the patrol took the note and blew his nose on it – and still participants were willing to accept it. The fourth member of the patrol produced a knife and cut a hole in the \$50 note – people were still willing to accept it.

The patrol member then posed the question that while we were willing to accept money that has been abused, or been through rough times, or does not look attractive - we are not so accepting of people with the same attributes. He asked the participants to think about that.

The following was read (Quote 250 from footsteps of the founder)

“Friendship is like a boomerang; you give out your friendship to another chap and then more and more they give you their friendship in return. So your original friendship and goodwill, as it goes to others, increases in strength and brings back its good will to you in return, just as a boomerang comes back to its thrower.”

Course participants were then asked to give a handshake to the person next to them as BP would have done – with the left hand and looking the person in the eye.

The participants were then asked to applaud themselves and each other to recognise their achievements.