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POLICE SCOUT GROUP COMMITTEE

Invites YOU to their next meeting at
Branch Headquarters – 89 Kitchener
Street, Garran

16th February 2004 at 7.30pm

Why – your attendance and support
will help keep the 2 Groups (Erindale
& Turner) alive.

All welcome

FROM THE CHIEF

Welcome to 2004

I would like to welcome all ACT families to the new Scouting year. Consistent with the Branch's Seven Point Plan, I will continue to focus my energies on membership growth – of both young people and adult leaders. In so doing, we will attempt to ensure the best quality program is delivered right across the ACT. We look forward to your support throughout 2004.



AJ2004

The Australian Jamboree, held in the Adelaide Hills from 5-15 January, was a tremendous success for our Scouts, adult leaders and supporters alike. The expressions on the faces of our Scouts as I wandered around the campsite said it all. Whether I was at the mud volleyball, the archery, the "Big Top" or at the Guy Sebastian concert, the smiles from "ear to ear" showed what Scouting can do for our young people.

Of course, all this would not have been possible had it not been for the extraordinary dedication of our Leaders, Venturers and Rovers, and of course, for the skill and innovation of Scouts South Australia. I salute our South Australian colleagues on their wonderful achievement, including the tremendous publicity the event received around Australia.

Having spent close to 10 days with the ACT Contingent, and visited every Troop, in what was our largest Contingent ever to a national event, I remain in awe of the outstanding contribution of our Leaders to our young people. Our adult Leaders, Venturers and Rovers performed brilliantly – they showed great leadership, timely support, and terrific companionship to our Scouts. The ACT Contingent Headquarters team, ably led by Mick Andrews, did an outstanding job. Congratulations to our 100 Leaders who

helped our Scouts have an experience of a lifetime!

We were delighted that Senator Gary Humphries and the Hon Margaret Reid, former ACT Senator and President of the Senate, were able to visit our Scouts. Both are strong supporters of Scouting, and of the contribution our Program can make for young people to develop their confidence, self-esteem and leadership qualities.

Our thanks go to Valley Lions, the Bendigo Community Bank (Calwell Branch), and Scouts South Australia for assisting some of our young people to attend this magnificent event. Many other Scouts were assisted by our Family Support Fund, established to assist families of limited financial means.

Jamboree Shirts for Sale

A number of ACT Contingent shirts are left over from the Jamboree, and are available at greatly reduced prices at Snowgum, 9 Lonsdale Street, Braddon. All profits from Snowgum help Scouts to deliver its program throughout the ACT. I encourage all Leaders and parents to purchase their outdoors and camping items through Snowgum, to help local Scouting. We are blessed with a terrific Manager (Marty Holberton) and he is always happy to quote on items not carried in stock.

Scouting in Schools

We have commenced discussions with the ACT Department of Education to offer the Scouting Program to children after school. Early indications are positive. Such arrangements would be run in conjunction with the local Scout Group.

New Leaders Sought

As we grow Scouting throughout the ACT, we need to recruit new Leaders. If you are interested in becoming a Leader, or know a work colleague or friend who you think would be a good Leader, then please contact your local Group Leader,

or the Branch Office on 6282 5211. We offer a high quality, accredited training program for adults interested in becoming Leaders.

Thankyou Scouting Volunteers

I will be continuing with these events throughout 2004 as I endeavour to publicly thank all of our volunteer Leaders for their outstanding contribution to Scouting within my term as Chief Commissioner.

Our 22 February cruise on Lake Burley Griffin, donated by the Southern Cross Club, will be dedicated to our volunteer Jamboree Leaders. On 6 February, the Governor General (also Chief Scout of the ACT) will be hosting a function at Government House to thank some 100 leaders across all Sections, and from right across the ACT.

Service Clubs Support to Rebuild Camp Cottermouth

Following an earlier submission, I am delighted to advise we have received a \$10,000 donation from Lions Clubs throughout Australia to assist in rebuilding Camp Cottermouth. We are extremely grateful for the support of the

Lions Clubs. The funds will be devoted to the rebuilding of the performance stage on Kangaroo Flat, to be completed for the January 2005 Cuboree.

Late last year, I was presented with a \$12,000 cheque from Rotary Clubs throughout the ACT to also assist us to replace some of the lost buildings at Camp Cottermouth. The Lions Club of Canberra (Belconnen), and the Belconnen Soccer Club each donated us \$1,000 to replace destroyed equipment stored at Camp Cottermouth, and which was essential to support our Scouts at the Australian Jamboree. This follows a donation of \$5,000 from the Canberra Valley Lions Club and \$2,000 from the Belconnen Rotary last year to replace other lost equipment. I want to publicly record our sincere thanks to these Clubs for their tremendous support.

Support for the Allen Family

You would be aware of the tragic accident last month that led to the death of Bill and Elizabeth Allen, and two of

their four daughters. The Allens were a much loved Canberra family, and were significant contributors to their local communities and to various charities.

Two daughters, Leah (aged 13) and Ruth (aged 7) survived the accident. This almost unimaginable tragedy has left two young girls without the love of their parents or the friendship of their sisters.

I have expressed on behalf of Scouts ACT, our sincere condolences to the grandparents and the relatives. Although the family was not involved in Scouting, I have offered to assist Leah and Ruth in every way possible through our program. We could help them in various ways to rebuild their lives, including through friendships with kids their own age. Our thoughts are with the Allen family, their relatives and friends, and particularly Leah and Ruth, at this extraordinarily difficult time for them.

Neville Tomkins

JOEY JOTTINGS

Our overall theme for the year is "Back to the Basics" and we will be focusing on the fundamentals of Scouting and how we can implement these using the ingredients of program planning. All Kanyanas are at Garran unless notified and commence at 8.00pm.



Kanyana dates

February 2nd - Storytelling- we are having a combined Kanyana and Seonee and Vicki Dempsey has prepared storyboards for representatives of Mobs and Packs who attend this event.

March 1st - Looking at Sleepovers and Mob camps - So bring an example of your sleepover program to the Kanyana to share with others.

April 5th; May 3rd; June 7th

July - No Kanyana - school holidays

August 2nd; September 6th

October- No Kanyana - school holidays

November 1st; December 6th

Don't forget the Branch Joey Jaunt to be held on Sunday 28th November and we will be doing Scout activities with the troops. More information handed out at the Kanyana.

Robyn Diener

CUB CHATTER



Welcome to a new and very busy year. Many challenges ahead for all Cub Scout leaders.

Calendar: A calendar specifically

for the Cub Scout section will be posted on ScoutsIT as well as 2 copies being put into each GL's box. Please understand that some dates may need to be changed at the last minute for reasons

beyond the organiser's control. I apologise in advance if this should happen.

Seonees: Leaders please note that this year Seonees are NOT held monthly but will be held twice per term for terms 1, 2 and 3. The first Seonee of the term will be held in the Branch headquarters at Garran. The second Seonee will be 'hosted' by a Region in one of their halls - the hall will be

confirmed closer to the time and posted on ScoutsIT. Topics will be posted in the calendar. These Region Seonees will not be repeats and it is expected that during the course of the year I will get to meet every Cub Scout Leader. In term 4 there will be a Seonee in each Region. These will be a repeat as it is expected that each and every Cub Leader will attend one of these. This is the time when new information will be presented

regarding the awards system to be implemented at the beginning of 2005.

Sixer and Seconds Day: Leaders and parents of Sixers and Seconds there will be a Sixer and Second training day each term – one in each Region. Again, these are not Region specific and any Cub is welcome to attend. Check dates with leaders.

Cuboree: see notice elsewhere in the Woggle. This is a not to be missed occasion! *Dream On!*

Don't forget the **Film and Sound Archive** as a place to visit with your Cubs.

Branch camp: Thank you to all those people who have responded to attend the Branch Pirate Camp. Unfortunately, there are so many would-be-pirates in Canberra Town that many

will have to be land locked for that weekend. The organisers increased the numbers on the last branch camp and have been overwhelmed by the response. Logistically and physically we are not able to cater to more this time around. The deadline for payment will be enforced and those packs on the waiting list will be contacted if places become available.

AHOY THERE ME HEARTIES!
*calling all treasure seeking
 pirates
 Avast ye land lubbers!!*

The tide is about to turn; are your pirates ready for the Branch Pirate Cub Camp? Do you have notices ready for the first night of term?

Details and payment forms for the ACT Branch Pirate Camp are on the ACT

Branch Website under coming events on www.act.scouts.asn.au

Please note that payment for the Camp is due at Branch by 21 Feb – failure to pay will mean you will forfeit your berth at the camp as we have many eager pirates on our waiting list. If you have given us your total cub numbers could you please send us an accurate number of pirates attending ASAP so that we can accommodate as many of these eager pirates as possible.

Good Hunting Packs
 Rikki – Fiona McKinnon
 Cub Scout Commissioner
 6242 9592
fmckinnon@netspeed.com.au

GREEN SCENE - AJ2004

Well we're back, and in the words of the Chief Scout, "What a cracker!"

The ACT Contingent had a total of 491 and consisted of 370 Scouts, 92 Leaders, 6 Rovers, 2 other Adults and 21 Venturers.

The Scout attendance equates to approximately 61% of Scouts in the ACT who were eligible to attend.

The Contingent departed Woden, at 7pm on Sunday 4th January 2004 and arrived between 9 -10 am on Monday 5th Jan.

The bus trip over was not what we would like to call uneventful, with numerous rest stops and one bus having supper at about 4 am near Balranald. Oh well, that was close to 10:30pm in Wagga.

The move in went pretty close to expectation, with a couple of hiccoughs with Troop 0208 being moved 3 times prior to actually getting a plot to call home for the next 11 days. With a look of those hills I'm sure the kids were glad the moves were all on a map and not actual!

The Opening Ceremony was a mixture of Gang Show items and quick formal speeches, from Reg Williams the Camp Chief, Chief Commissioner of SA, and John Ravenhall, Chief Commissioner of Australia. The Ceremony had a display

of flags from all the states and countries represented.

Day one dawned overcast but dry and turned wet, drizzly and rather cool. The rain was nice after the hot days preceding, and helped to keep much of the dust down. Our kids enjoyed their snug polar fleece blankets during the cool nights to come.

Day two, was again wet and cool. The Beach bashers were treated to a swim at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre and then over to Adelaide Oval for a spot of the Australia A Vs Zimbabwe game.

Day three was not much better, and again our Beach bashers were treated to a Movie (Spy Kids 3D – game Over) and a half day at Magic Mountain.

Whilst all the cool weather was happening, many of the on site water type activities were not as attractive or holding as much appeal. I wonder why? The Patrol Challenges looked to be great fun, especially the jelly wrestling and mud volleyball.

From the many scouts I have had a chance to talk to the highlights would have to be the Junk Yard, and Excite!

Junkyard, because they could crash and smash with out Mum saying, "What the.." and Excite! As it was racing cars,

skate boards, mountain boarding, and quite a few similar activities.

Miss World Australia, being the evening compere built up the audience to give Sophie Monk a great welcome. Sophie delivered her numbers with gusto.

Market Day, Future Scout Day or just Visitors Day had some 10,000 visitors during the day. The Freeway off ramp was blocked, and about 8 km of road to Woodhouse. The visitors day was what you would call "well attended".

The ACT Contingent's special guest for Visitors day was The Honourable Margaret Reid. Margaret toured the site with Neville Tomkins, ACT Chief Commissioner. Our guests joined Graham Downie and all the kids from ACT Troop 0910, for lunch. After lunch the tour continued and our guests joined Alan Sargeant and his troop for dinner.

The ACT Patrol Leaders were invited to a Patrol Leaders "Thank you" function at the ACT Headquarters, where the Honourable Margaret Reid presented James Hull with his Australian Scout Medallion. Margaret also congratulated all the Patrol Leaders for the amazing job that they were doing.

Market Day was capped off with another great concert in the main arena. The crowd was awed with magnificent displays of traditional dancing from our

International Visitors. The Kiwi Haka was quite dramatic, and an excellent intro for Guy Sebastian. Guy, being an Adelaide boy, revealed that he was at Woodhouse in Year 9, and would like to have had a chance to have another go at Challenge hill.

With the usual move in hiccoughs, the days at AJ2004 were long, and fun filled. The Scouts were obviously having a great time, and that is the purpose of the whole event.

A big Thank you to all the Venturer's, Rovers, Leaders and other adult

supporters who gave up their holidays to give our kids the 'Ultimate Challenge'.

Mick Andrews
Contingent Leader

VENTURERS

RAV 4

For Venturers, Rovers and Friends.

The Rock Activity Venture 2004 will be held at Billy Grace Reserve at Wee Jasper on the weekend of 20-22 February 2004. The cost of participating on that weekend will be \$25.00 which includes camp fees and equipment hire. Fees will be collected upon registration at the RAV4 HQ from Friday night at 6PM.

The campsite is alongside the river and there will be a range of activities which will include Caving, Climbing and other rock activities, mountain biking, walking, and just soaking up the sun will also be available. There will be some

evening entertainment and plenty of opportunities to get to know other units and crews.

Make sure you invite a couple of potential new members along.

If you or your unit is planning on being there, let Max (0410 626632) or Damien (0407 413932) know, to make sure we have enough equipment.

Unit Management Course

February 14th. Get your applications into the Branch Office. From 2004 the price is \$15.00 and includes lunch and course materials. Leaders are needed to assist, call to volunteer.

Leadership Course

23-24 April 2004. Get your applications into the Branch Office. The cost is a neat \$50.00 and includes all accommodation, meals and course materials.

Ouch! It clashes with a Gang Show Rehearsal Weekend, but I'm sure we can work that out for show members so apply anyway.

Dragonskin 2004

Applications are available online at www.nsw.scouts.com.au/dragonskin.

DREAM ON AT CUBOREE 2005!

15-18 January 2005, Camp Cottermouth

The theme of the 2005 ACT Cuboree is "Dream On". Can you imagine a world in which dreams become reality - a world of imagination where nothing is really impossible? A world in which dreams and hopes in the present will shape the reality of the future. Sounds surreal doesn't it! In fact, it sounds too good to be true! Besides, how could everyone's dream come true at the same time? Well, strange things do happen at ACT Cuborees!! The time capsule is waiting to be unearthed by torchlight on the Saturday night. An incredible, impossible, program of activities is becoming reality. The music and the magic are next. All we need is you. Will you accept the challenge to share your dreams and encourage others to "Dream On"?

Meet the Cuboree Team

All key executive positions have now been confirmed. The Cuboree Board is

- **Camp Chief**
Fiona McKinnon (Cub Scout Commissioner)
- **Executive Director**
Grant Whitehorn (ACT Commissioner Major Events)
- **Deputy Executive Director**
Geoff Sheehan (GL Wanniasa)
- **Executive Officer**
Chris Shelling (Branch Adviser Major Events)
- **Activities Director**
Peter Harris (Arts Commissioner)
- **Administration Director**
Lindell McConnell (Cub Scout Program Adviser)
- **Catering Director**
Marion Dean (Adult Supporter)
- **Finance Director**
Olga Sweeney (ASL Wanniasa)
- **Marketing Director**
Alan Dean (Gangshow Program Adviser)
- **Operations Director**
Greg Lindley (President, 1st Badimara Scout Group)
- **Personnel Director**
John Boyle (Brindabella Region Commissioner)

2004 Dates for your Diary...

- **8 February** Cuboree GL Briefing No. 2 Yamba Sports Club
- **14 & 15 February** - Event Management Course Garran Activity Centre
- **22 & 23 May** - ACT 'Cuboree' Palaver Camp Cottermouth
- **13 August** - Cuboree Early-Bird Cut-off Applications to BHQ
- **17 October** - Cuboree Staff Training Day Camp Cottermouth
- **22 October** - Applications Close Applications to BHQ

POSITIONS VACANT

Executive Vacancies:

Deputy Administration Director,
Deputy Finance Director & Deputy
Marketing Director.

Key Management Vacancies:

Activity Base Managers, Stage
Manager, Lighting Manager, Sound
Manager, Arts & Painting
Coordinator, Publications Manager,
Visitor Services Manager, 'Cub FM'
Radio Station Manager, Sponsorship
& VIP Manager, Merchandising
Manager, Newsletter Editor,
Construction Manager, Supply
Manager (QM), Transport Manager,
Sub Camp Managers, Fire Safety
Manager, Communications Manager
& Risk Manager.

Specialist Staff Vacancies:

Radio DJ's, Radio Station Producer,
Radio Station Technician,
Journalists/Reporters, Photographers,
Graphic Designers, Electricians,
Plumbers, Carpenters, Cooks,
Magicians, Jugglers, Clowns, Fire
Twirlers and many more!

Coming to Cuboree 2005 but can't
find the job you're after? Just send us
a brief CV outlining your Scouting
experience and professional
qualifications and send it to:
Cuboree 2005 Personnel Director,
89 Kitchener Street, Garran ACT 2605

Or email: cuboree@act.scouts.asn.au

For further information about any of
these positions please contact John
Boyle on 0402 485 488.

Group Leaders Briefing No. 2 – Sunday, 8 February 2004

The Briefing will commence at 1pm in
the upstairs function room (Sky
Lounge) at the Yamba Sports Club
and conclude at approximately 3pm. If
the GL cannot attend please send an
alternative representative so that
Groups do not miss out on any
important information. GL's – Please
remember to bring along your
equipment lists and other information
outlined in the Minutes.

All attendees are welcome to join the
Cuboree Team for Lunch in the bistro
from 12pm.

Further information: Grant Whitehorn.

Pack Visits

A Pack Meeting night can be
transformed into a "Cuboree Dream"
with one simple phone call. Peter
Harris and his team are ready and
waiting to hear from you. Don't delay!
Contact Peter Harris on 6296 3073 to
book your Cuboree Pack Visit today!

Region Council & Jumbunna Meetings

The Cuboree Team will visit Region
Council and Jumbunna meetings
during 2004 to keep you up-to-date
with Cuboree developments. The team
is also happy to come and visit your
Group Council Meeting or other
activities or gatherings.

Further information: Grant Whitehorn.

Application Forms

The Application Form is currently
being finalised and will be available
very soon. Copies of the application
form will be distributed to all Groups
via your Group Leaders pigeon holes
at the Branch Office. They will also be
available from the Scouts ACT
website. For further information,
please contact Lindell McConnell on
6291 5796.

Cuboree 2005 Organising Committee Meetings

Cuboree Organising Committee
Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday
of each month at the Yamba Sports
Club (Irving St, Phillip). Meetings
commence at 7.30pm and conclude at
approximately 9.30pm. Everyone is
welcome to attend and contribute
ideas.

Need further Information?

For further information about Cuboree
2005 please contact Grant Whitehorn
on 6213 7810 or email:
cuboree@act.scouts.asn.au or visit our
website at www.act.scouts.asn.au and
go to the Cuboree homepage.

Please send all correspondence to the
Branch Office, 89 Kitchener Street,
Garran ACT 2605.

I look forward to seeing you "Dream
On" towards Cuboree 2005!

Grant Whitehorn

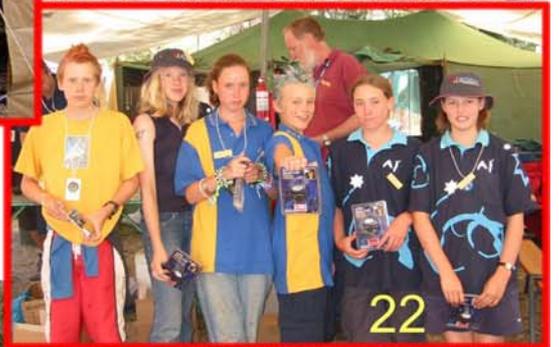
Executive Director Cuboree 2005

FACES IN THE JAMBOREE PHOTOS ON PAGES 6 AND 7

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Some memories of AJ2004





SCOUTS ACT HONOUR BOARD

We congratulate these members who gained their awards between October and December 2003

Cub Scout Yellow Cord

Michael	Achurch
Mathew	Armstrong
Amelia	Baker
Emily	Bannon
Andrew	Bugg
Tim	Claypole
Peter	Ffrench
Mathew	Hoban
Gerard	Kennedy
Tahni	Littlejohn
David	Major
Jaime	Mcgrath
Geoffrey	Quiggan
Rylan	Savage
Brett	Smith
Andrew	Stewart
Matthew	Stortz
Dharan	Sukumar
Jessica	Sullivan
Cameron	Tyrrell

Australian Scout Medallion

Andrew	Burgess
Robert	Burke
Tamara	Caldwell
Jenny	Clarke
Christine	Cygan
Shaun	Davies
Matthew	Dennis
Carl	Domaschenz
Jason	Doyle

Glen	Halpuka
Dale	Hayes
Tom	Long
Tony	Major
Andrew	Mason
Peter	Olney
Tim	Olney
Toby	Pearson
Emily	Stevenson
Brett	Tessier
Rebecca	Thomas
Katy	Tomkins
Julia	Torney
Kristen	Walker
Tamara	Winsor

Queens Scout

Bernadette	Daday
Jason	Duda
Cate	Gransbury
Finnian	Lattimore
Evan	Long
Elysia	Major
Sophie	Palavestra
Steve	Peterson
Matthew	Rigter
Ches	Sanders
Jess	Thomas
Celeste	Visser

Rover BP Award

Kylie	Birch
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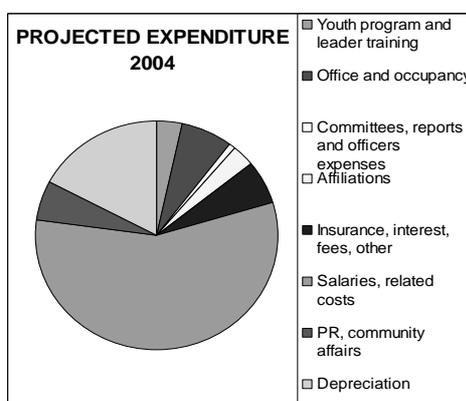
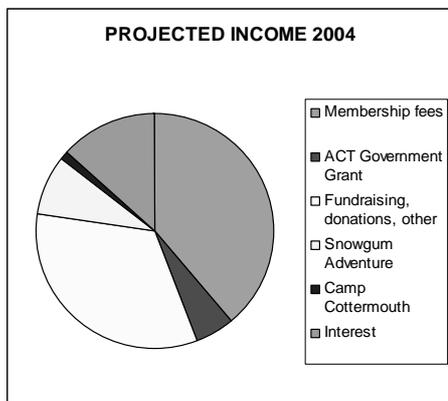
Leader Wood Badge

Graham	Bell
Elizabeth	Davey
Susan	Deeble
Beth	Doyle
David	Jude
Nola	Knight
Susan	Olney
Leigh	Palmer
Simon	Reardon
Carol	Smith-Roberts
Neville	Tomkins
Andrew	Wagner

Leader Service Awards

Peter	Harris	35 yrs
Greg	Hollings	25 yrs
Garry	Tongs	20 yrs
Bruce	Trewartha	15 yrs
Linda	Visser	15 yrs
Alicia	Peterson	10 yrs
Tricia	Sanders	10 yrs
Peter	Elliot	5 yrs
Peter	Freer	5 yrs
Kim	Martindale	5 yrs
Mark	Reynolds	5 yrs
Amanda	Trower	5 yrs

YOUR BRANCH FEES



It's time to pay Branch Fees, and frequently people ask what happens to the money. These charts help to show where ACT Branch HQ gets its money from, and what it spends it on.

In both graphs, the breakdown starts at 12 o'clock and goes clockwise. (eg in projected income, membership fees is the wedge from 12 o'clock to 4-30).

When reading the charts, please note that Branch HQ's role is to administer Scouting in the ACT. Delivery of the Scouting program is the responsibility of your Groups. This is why the HQ itself spends little of its money on Youth Programs delivery.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

17th New Zealand Scout Jamboree

Manfeild Park, Manawatu, New Zealand

30 December 2004 – 7 January 2005

The Australian Contingent will leave on 29 December 2004. Troops depart NZ on 8 January 2005.

An optional tour at additional cost will follow the Jamboree.

How Much:

\$2,400-00 includes airfare, transport, Jamboree Fee, Insurance, Equipment, Jamboree gear (all inclusive). (See note below about financial help)

Who can attend:

- Invested Scouts who are no younger than 12 years old and no older than 15 years as at 30 December 2004.
- Venturers as staff members aged 16 ½ or older at 30 December 2004.
- Rovers as staff members.
- Adult Leaders as Troop Leaders or staff members.

Manfeild Park:

This is where the 10th New Zealand Jamboree was held in 1984. The Park comprises 220 acres with a large flat area suitable for camping and the car

race track area of 77 acres suitable for all onsite programme activities. There is a jet-sprint course, a cricket ground and a modern skateboard park. It is in the middle of Feilding Town about 160 km north of Wellington.

Expression of Interest:

To apply to join the Australian Contingent please send your details on the form below to:

- Australian Contingent
17th New Zealand Scout Jamboree
International Office, Scouts
Australia
P O Box 730 Heathmont Vic 3135

Financial help

ACT Branch has been allocated \$500-00 to assist Scouts who would otherwise not be able to attend the New Zealand Jamboree.

If you wish to apply for this grant you must contact Martin Boling Commissioner Program Support as soon as possible but **no later than 14th February** to obtain the necessary application forms for the NZ Jamboree etc. Please do not miss this date.

Branches nominate names for grants to the International Commissioner of Australia **by Friday 27th February**. At this time, the individual must have applied for the Contingent. Confirmation of the Grant will occur in

writing from International Office of Scouts Australia and all documents will be copied to the Lord Baden Powell Society, the source of the funding. The normal process for the paying of fees will occur after this date. If there is no ACT Branch nomination by the 27th February, then the funding that was reserved for ACT Branch will be reallocated to another Branch.

Martin Boling

Commissioner Program Support
Email martin.boling@nhmrc.gov.au or phone me at home on 62889783 (up until 9.00pm).

Jumbunna

The first meeting for 2004 is February 23rd (Monday) as usual at the Branch Office in Garran.

The agenda for the first Jumbunna (gathering of local Group Leaders) scheduled for 2004 at the time of writing (January 26th) is still evolving but is likely to include: some tips about preparation for the Branch Census; running the Group AGM and filling the Group Committee positions; and a discussion about recruiting leaders

Martin Boling

Commissioner Program Support

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FORM – 17TH NEW ZEALAND SCOUT JAMBOREE

Last Name, First Name

Group

Section: Scout Venturer Rover Leader

Address:

Home Telephone: Mobile Telephone:

Email:

POSITIONS VACANT

Developing Scouting for 2004

We are seeking expressions of interest from individuals, or a small team, to work for Scouts ACT in growing Scouting in 2004 and beyond. The aim is to have 1,000 more members by the end of 2004, than we had at the beginning of 2002.

The successful applicant(s) will be part of the Branch team, reporting to, and working on a day-to-day basis with, the Executive Officer and providing a monthly report to the Operations Committee.

It is not a conventional 9 to 5 job. The task will include promoting Scouting in schools and in shopping malls, in other venues or at other gatherings of people, such as the Canberra Show.

Successful applicants must also analyse membership statistics and the demographics of Canberra, and seek out information about what will help recruitment and retention of youth members and Leaders. Then it must be put into practice to support Groups to achieve their membership growth targets.

We are open to new ideas. Tell us what you think the project / job is worth and the hours you can put into it, while remembering that our goal, apart from a

targeted increase in membership, is to have vibrant, quality Scouting in the ACT.

An employment contract will outline payment details and expected results. Employment can be based on either a salary, covering an agreed number of hours per week or a fixed contract amount, validated through a diary system. The objective is to grow Scouting, to act quickly on opportunities and spread successful activities and models. The contract will end early in December 2004. An evaluation report will be required, including recommendations for development activities to be undertaken in 2005 and how those activities should be staffed.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Garry Tongs on 6260 3546. Expressions of interest close on 13 February 2004.

Garry Tongs Neville Tomkins

Special Needs Commissioner

Scouting is for everyone. However sometimes some people feel excluded, as it seems, because of their special circumstances, their needs are not met or the needs of those who lead them cannot be accommodated through the everyday Scouting situation.

To ensure our program can cater to all who wish to be a part of the Scouting Family, Scouts ACT is seeking a Special Needs Commissioner.

The right person will assist those groups who have among their members young people whose physical, intellectual or social disadvantage limits their enjoyment of Scouting. They will also work with the support groups of young people with special needs to find ways of incorporating them into existing groups or in establishing special sections within a sponsor Group and promoting co-operation.

Scouting may not be the same for everyone. But, for those who wish to enjoy it and for those who, because of their circumstances, may not have considered it, the opportunity to be a part of the program is dependant on our filling this position and providing a resource to a special sector of the community.

If you are interested in this role and feel you have the skills and ability or would like to know the requirements to tackle this challenge; contact

Rob Fredericksen

Commissioner Youth Program
62918079 0439 918079

ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

ACT SCOUTS Youth Team Challenge

The Adventurous Activities Team will be organising a Team Challenge in October 2004 for Scout and Venturer aged young people across the Canberra community. This all day event will include challenge sections covering

- Mountain Bike riding,
- Canoeing,
- Abseiling ,
- Orienteering,
- Challenge ropes elements
- Team initiative events.

It is **not** a come and try day.

The participants may come from Scout Groups, Schools, Sporting Groups, or

just a bunch of mates. An entry fee will be charged to offset the costs and we anticipate that there will be 'give-aways' for participants.

So start to think about entering a couple of teams and start the skill training with our AA teams.

Reserve the date 27th October 2004

For further information contact

Phil Pfeiffer

6257 5905 (h)

(Who introduced the activity in South Australian Branch)

Bike Bits

Canberra Day Big Canberra Bike Ride Monday 15th March

The **biggest community ride of the year** offers an exciting ready made pack, patrol, unit or crew activity that's the start of a great day of events in the *Celebrate Canberra* festival on Canberra Day 2004.

This is an **easy 25km 'on road' sign-posted ride** around the streets of inner Canberra. It's suitable for older Cubs and up who have reasonable riding confidence. The ride is designed to be suitable for the young, not so young, families and friends. It's not a race, but a

fun activity for all. Free morning tea is available at Dickson Tradies. If 25 km is too much there is a bale out point making a **15 km shorter route**.

The ride starts at Blundell's Cottage on the northern shores of Lake Burley Griffin

Entry for teams of 8 or more youth members and leaders is \$30.

Early registration (received before 13 March 2004), will automatically enter you in the draw for major prizes.

This year there will be **more prizes for participating**:

Best decorated bike; Best bike flag
Best teams

So start getting together your team your flags and your decorations.

If any youth members need some wheels the 8 Branch bikes are available – contact

- **Jeff Ibbotson**,
- ibbo@netspeed.com.au, 6281 5920 h
- More info on the ride and entry see www.pedalpower.org.au

Sirius Cup Regatta

The Sirius Cup Regatta is a camp based primarily around water activities. The Groups camp on Balmoral Oval, next to the waters of Middle Harbour. In past years there have been Scouts from many distant places, including Lake Burley Griffin and Lake Tuggeranong, Belmont North and the Hunter and Coastal team from up north, Penrith from the west and Gerringong from down south.

The Regatta is the largest and oldest regatta on the Scout calendar and is now in its 54th year. It is named after the oldest New South Wales Sea Scout headquarters in Mosman Bay, formerly known as Port Sirius, which was named after the HMS Sirius, flagship of the First Fleet.

For more information check out the web site listed below, or ask one of the ACT Sea Scout Groups.

Hope to see you at the 2004 event.

Paul Soltau

Regatta Coordinator

<http://au.geocities.com/siriuscup> or
email paul_soltau@yahoo.com.au

ACT SCOUT FELLOWSHIP



We want you. We want you. We want you as a new recruit

Are you willing to give some of your time to support scouting in a non leadership capacity; to provide service to the Scout Association and the community in general?

Then join a mutual fellowship of adults 18 years and over with diverse interests and backgrounds, supporting the young people and voluntary leaders wherever help is required.

The  is *flexibility*

We're here to help in any way we can

Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month – 7.30pm Branch Headquarters Garran

Debbie Kensey (Fellowship Chairperson)
62817755(W) or 62313389(H).

Gang Show Gets Technical

Canberra Gang show has been lucky to receive some training and advice in script writing from Dr Peter Copeman of ANUTech. Having seen the show last year and running administering a technical course in theatre work Dr Copeman was keen to pass on some of the lessons he has learnt in 30 years of script writing. He was impressed by the original ideas that the production team had developed and is looking forward to seeing this years show to see how the story has developed.

For those interested in taking part in the greatest Scouting theatrical show in the ACT this year, applications are available on the branch site or from the branch office. We are expecting a gang of about 200 making it one of the biggest events this year and full of fun, puns and possibly sticky buns!

Lachlan Phillips

ACT SCOUTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 1 *Cuboree Planing Workshop*
- 2 *Combined Kanyana-Seeonee Scout Mindari Youth Team Challenge Meeting*
- 3 *Branch Venture Council*
- 4 *Canoe-Kayak Course*
- 5 *Branch Operations Committee Canoe Advanced Theory*
- 6 *Venturing Skills - Navigation*
- 7-8 *Venturing Skills – Bushwalk Venturer Program Meeting National Meeting – Venturer Scouts Canoe Basics - Practical*
- 8 *Cuboree GL Briefing*
- 9 *Adventurous Activities*
- 10 *Leader of Adults Phase 2 Venturer Mindari*
- 11 *Centenary of Scouting Committee*
- 14 *Adventurous Activities Sailing Course Exam Unit Management course*
- 14- **Tri Lakes 2**
- 15 *Event Management Training*
- 16 *Adventurous Activities Common Core*
- 17 *Branch Rover Council Leader of Adults Phase 2*
- 19 *Cuboree Organising Committee Snowgum Board*
- 20 *Gang Show Applications Close*
- 21- **Rock Activity Venture 2004 (RAV4)**
- 22 *Founders Day*
- 23 *Adventurous Activities Common Core Jumbunna*
- 24 *Appointments Committee Leader of Adults Phase 2*
- 25 *Adventurous Activities Common Core Branch Executive Committee*
- 26 *Cuboree Executive Board*

- 27- *Royal Canberra Show*
- 29
- 28- *Gang Show Interviews*
- 29 *Advanced canoe-kayak moving water practical*
- 29 **Branch sixer and seconds training day Scout Raft Day**

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 5-7 **ACT Branch Cub Camp**
- 12-14 **Sirius Cup** Canberra Day LWE
- 14 **Major Events Team Meeting & BBQ**
- 20-21 **Scout Rock Activities**
- 21 **Tri Lakes 3**
- 26-28 **Cotter Shield**
- 27-28 **Canberra Youth Regatta**

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

- 5-11 **Scout Week**
- 10-12 **Dragon Skin**
- 17-23 **Pittwater Project**
- 24-25 **ANZAC Day TSCH Activity**
- 30 Apr **I can't believe it's not Coast Venture**
- 2 May

Useful Resources

Dreamtime stories, ideas that shape our world. Stories of the Dreaming is a resource from the Australian Museum. It features 20 stories from the cultures of Indigenous Australians, collected from all over Australia. They reflect an essential part of the life of Indigenous Australians:

<<http://www.dreamtime.net.au/main.cfm>

FOR SALE

Available from Snowgum.

AJ2004 Contingent Shirts
Sell out
Adult sizes L - 3XL available.
\$10 ea

Also available,

ACT Nylon 'surf' wallets
Black with ACT Contingent Logo.
\$5 each

ACT ASTHMA CAMP 2004

6pm Friday 19 March to 2pm Sunday 21 March at Warrambui Conference Centre near Murrumbateman. Has been held annually since 1990, for 8-12 years olds who have asthma. A doctor is in attendance at all times, a Nurse Educator takes informative sessions, a qualified teacher and Joey, cub and scout leaders run the recreation programme. \$40 for members of the ACT Asthma Association, \$55 non-members.

Contact Julie Long 6231 7531 for details and registration forms.

EVENTS MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The EVENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSE will be held over the weekend of 14 & 15 February 2004 (and not 15 & 16 February 2004, as previously advised). Sorry - my mistake.

Please contact me should you require any additional information.

Grant Whitehorn
ACT Commissioner Major Events