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WORLD SCOUT DAY GOOD SERVICE AWARDS

225 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNISED

On 1st August, World Scout Day, Scouting recognised the outstanding service of 31 of its ACT leaders. The Chief Scout of Australia, His Excellency, Major-General Michael Jeffery, AC, CVO, MC (Retd.) and the ACT Chief Commissioner, Neville Tomkins, announced the recipients of Good Service Awards.

For the first time, the recipients were announced on World Scout Day celebrating the first Scout Camp on Brownsea Island in 1907.

Silver Wattle

Alan Murray is awarded the Silver Wattle for over 15 years service to Scouting. Alan is serving as a valued Scout Leader, Jamboree Leader and Gang Show back stage member in one of Australia's largest Groups at Gowrie (Erindale Scouts).

Silver Arrowhead

Recipients of the Silver Arrowhead for 8 years excellent service are:

Karyn Connelly, Scout Leader, Wanniasa; **Kylie Birch**, Scout Leader, Lake Tuggeranong; **Dee Major**, Cub Leader, Wanniasa; **Graham Bell**, Cub Leader, Lake Tuggeranong; **John Feint**, President, Macarthur; **Glenn Schwinghamer**, President, Kambah; **John Edquist**, Treasurer, Latrobe Park; **Georgina Grey**, Scout Leader, Majura; **Lew Gillett**, Quartermaster, Macarthur; **Michael Andrews**, ACT Scout Commissioner; **Patricia Rooke**, Scout leader, 1st Aranda; **Phillip Reardon**, Venturer Leader, Erindale.

As well as being Scout Commissioner and directing the Scout section program, Mick Andrews from Bungendore is recognised for his outstanding efforts as the ACT Contingent Leader for the Australian Jamboree in January this year. Almost 500 Scouts from the ACT (the largest Contingent ever to a national event) participated in a 10 day camp in the

Adelaide Hills, with 12000 Scouts from across Australia.

Certificate of Merit

Recipient of their first award, the Certificate of Merit for good service are:

Lynn Adams, Joey Leader, Lake Tuggeranong; **Elizabeth Doyle**, Scout Leader, Erindale; **Paul Olney**, Scout Leader, Lake Tuggeranong; **Amanda Trower**, Scout Leader, Oakey Hill; **Simon Reardon**, Venturer Leader, Lake Tuggeranong; **Graham Watson**, Cub Leader, Calwell; **Margaret Ruffy**, Group Leader, Southwell; **Andrew Ware**, President., Erindale; **Alison Baxter**, Committee member, Badimara; **David Baxter**, Committee member, Badimara; **Julianne Hingley**, Committee member, Badimara; **Lisa Wilson**, Committee member, Badimara; **Carolyn McKinlay**, Joey Leader, Badimara; **Jenny Lynch**, Membership Secretary, Macarthur; **John Kennedy**, Quartermaster, Kambah; **Ken Southwell**, Scout Leader, Erindale; **Richard Jones**, Scout Leader, Southwell; **Jerry Tonan**, Scout Leader, Wanniasa.

Highlights

Five members of the Badimara (Weston Creek) Group Committee are receiving certificates for their combined 27 years of service supporting the efforts of their Leaders. Often the Group Committees are the unsung heroes, keeping the infrastructure of a Group sound while the Leaders deliver the program.

Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts has five leaders representing every section receiving awards. The experience of these Leaders is demonstrated by the outstanding Scouting program including water activities that the Group offers to full sections, making it one of the strongest groups in the ACT.

Leaders will be presented with their awards at a special ceremony during Adult Learning Week on Friday, 3 September.

FROM THE CHIEF

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Arresting the decline in membership and achieving real growth has been one of my highest priorities since my appointment in 2002. In this context, I am delighted to advise that over the past 18 months, we have increased our membership by 367 across youth members and Leaders. This amounts to a 21% increase, which is a terrific result for us all.

I would like to extend my congratulations to all ACT Groups, to my Branch Team and to our Development Officer (Lindell McConnell in 2003 and Peter Harris in 2004) for this great outcome. The Branch Team, Peter Harris, and I look forward to supporting each Group to maintain that growth and to extend the Scouting program to more young people throughout the ACT.

Insufficient Leaders is now proving to be a constraint in various Groups and sections. For this reason, I am focusing on strategies to recruit new Leaders and to retain existing ones. Ideas were discussed at a Branch workshop on Friday 13 August and will now be canvassed at the 31 August Jumbunna. I have also asked our Development Officer to give priority to this issue.

One brochure I would like to promote to Groups is "The Modified Seven Step: Recruiting Leaders Into the Scout Movement". It is a very practical guide and was prepared by Noel Tarbotton. Copies are available from Branch Office.

Your ideas on recruiting new Leaders is sought. Your efforts to recruit additional Leaders to your Group would be especially appreciated.

HONIARA PROJECT

I continue to be amazed at the success of our young people and adults who participated in this important project. The whole Team did Scouts ACT proud!

Our youth members are now in the process of giving presentations to organisations that supported them on the trip. Katie Donnelly gave an impressive talk to the Arthur Shakespeare Foundation which kindly provided financial assistance to our young people.



Other team members are busily reporting back to Rotary and Lions' Clubs, the Lord Baden Powell Society, and other funders.

I hosted Honiara Team members, and Cub Leaders, on a cruise of Lake Burley Griffin as part of the 1 August "Thank you Scouting Volunteers" function. The publicity of the project in the local media (both print and electronic) since the Team's return has also been positive.

The following quotes sum up the sentiments of the project:

"May the road rise to meet you, the sunshine warm on your face until we meet again. We shall best remember you for your dedication to the children of the Solomon Islands who did not have the capacity to be part of the normal education system."

The Director General, Solomon Islands Red Cross

"The arrival of this Team symbolises the return of the Solomon Islands to the Worldwide family of Scouting, from which we have been absent since the civil tension in our country".

Joe Billy Oge (Chief Commissioner, Solomon Islands Scouts)

"We came here to repair a school for the disabled, and to visit the Solomon Islands, but we are making ourselves better people and are making a better world, one small piece at a time".

Sophie Palavestra (Team Leader, Honiara Project, Scouts ACT)

SHAKESPEARE FOUNDATION

The Arthur Shakespeare Foundation for Scouting has generously provided a grant for Scouts ACT to purchase equipment for construction pioneering activities. This grant will enable us to update our equipment to address occupational health and safety issues. Our young people from all Groups should benefit from this new equipment.

WORLD SCOUT DAY AWARDS

On 1 August (World Scout Day), the Chief Scout of Australia, His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery recognised the outstanding service of 31 of our Leaders, both uniformed and non-uniformed. Awardees are listed on page 1 of this edition of Woggle News.

I would like to sincerely thank all Awardees for their tremendous work with Scouts ACT, and congratulate them on their awards. The President and I will be

hosting a function on Friday 3 September to honour our colleagues.

ASIA PACIFIC AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCOUT

I am delighted to advise that Jessica Thomas has been selected as the Australian nominee for the Asia-Pacific Award for Outstanding Scout, following a competitive selection process.

Jessica is a Venturer with the Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts, and Chair of the ACT Branch Venturer Council.

Every three years the Asia Pacific Region searches for outstanding Scouts, as part of the Asia Pacific Regional Scout Conference. The Award involves the selection of outstanding Scouts in member countries in the Asia Pacific Region.

Jessica now participates in the Asia Pacific regional selection and interview process involving some 18 different countries. We congratulate Jessica on her selection as Australian nominee, and wish her the very best in the next round.

AJ2007 CONTINGENT LEADER

Following an interview process, I am pleased to advise that Peter Stevenson has been appointed as the Contingent Leader for the Australian Jamboree 2007 (AJ2007) to be held in country Victoria. Planning for this event is well underway, with Peter participating in meetings in Melbourne on 21 and 22 August.

WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM 2011

At its July meeting, the National Executive Committee of Scouts Australia agreed to bid for the hosting of the World Scout Jamboree in 2011, as well as the World Scout Conference and the World Scout Youth Forum in that same year. Three other countries are bidding for the World Jamboree, and 6 other countries for the World Scout Conference and World Scout Forum.

Should Australia win the bid, Scouts ACT has been invited to assist with the hosting of the World Scout Youth Forum in 2011 in Canberra. Between 300 and 500 Scouts from throughout the world will spend some 5 days in Canberra which would be a tremendous fillip to our profile in the ACT, and again link us directly to major international Scouting activities. I will keep you informed of developments.

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FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

The Federal and ACT elections coming up could present Groups with opportunities to raise much needed funds.

You might care to contact your local primary school, if it is a designated polling booth, to seek permission to run a sausage sizzle or stall, to raise funds for our voluntary organisation. I may be able to assist with the supply of sausages, bread, onions and other provisions as a donation to your Group, with 2 weeks notice.

If you hear of other fundraising opportunities, and are not able to take advantage of them for any reason, please let Branch Office know. We have a list of other Groups that would seize the opportunity.

QUESTACON SLEEPOVER

Friday 13 August will well be remembered by more than 80 Cubs for their sleepover at Questacon. My thanks to all those Leaders who assisted, and to Dave Cocking for his excellent coordination.

This is an important event in our Cub calendar, but unfortunately the cost is now beyond the reach of many families. For this reason, I have written to the Director of Questacon to see if there are ways of reducing the cost without taking away from the attraction of the event.

NATIONAL PUBLICITY

We continue to receive positive feedback from the television and other advertisements about "Today's Scouts". I am delighted that Channel 7 (Prime) and the SBS TV network have continued to run our national advertisement during the Olympics broadcast, as a community service announcement.

Neville Tomkin

Chief Commissioner ACT

INTERNATIONAL PEN PALS THROUGH SCOUTS

Supplies of Peace Cards are available and held by the Cub Scout Commissioner – Fiona McKinnon. Cubs and Scouts can use these to reach a pen pal in another Scouting country. Drop them to the Support Commissioner in Branch and I will arrange for them to be distributed to another country through the International Commissioner's office in Victoria.

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER

INVITATION TO APPOINTED LEADERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BRANCH COUNCIL

The current term of appointment of the Chief Commissioner expires on 31 December 2004. A Nominating Committee has been appointed to consider persons suitable for the appointment and make a recommendation to the Branch Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of:

- **Philippa Muller**
ACT Branch President and Chair of Nomination Committee
- **David Cocking**
Appointed by the District Commissioners
- **Martin Boling**
Appointed by the ACT Commissioners
- **Michael (Max) McDonell**
Appointed by the other Commissioners
- **Sigrid Kropp**
Appointed by the non-uniform Members of BEC

The Nominating committee seeks comments and suggestions in relation to this process from the members of Scouts ACT. All comments will be treated in strict confidence and can be made to any member of the committee.

You are invited to suggest someone that you believe would be a suitable candidate for consideration. Names can be forwarded to the Nominating Committee which can encourage the nominee to submit an application.

We also invite you to apply for the position of Chief Commissioner. Applications are sought from people who wish to lead the ACT Branch of the world's largest youth organisation.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable leadership skills and a commitment to meeting the needs and aspirations of young people.

They will uphold the aim and principles of the scouting movement, and encourage membership growth of the organisation by reaching out to more young people; whilst attracting and retaining the adults required to support the youth programs.

Success within the role will require a person who can effectively integrate the work of a complex, multifaceted organisation into relevant, youth oriented action programs that will inspire Leaders and youth members.

The successful applicant will lead a team of Scouting personnel with specialist responsibilities and will work closely with the President and Executive Officer. The term of office is for three years from January 2005. As with all uniformed leadership positions within Scouting, this position is voluntary. Applicants should note that there is a significant time commitment required of the position, especially after hours and on weekends.

Inquiries regarding the position and requests for the selection criteria should be directed to the President at president@act.scouts.asn.au or phone enquiries on 0414 697 767.

Applications addressing the selection criteria must be received on or before 24th September. Interviews will be conducted soon afterwards.

Philippa Muller
President

JOEY JOTTINGS

KANYANA DATES

September 6th, November 1st, December 6th

October - No Kanyana – school holidays

All Kanyanas are at Garran and start at 8.00 pm unless notified.

Robyn Diener

Joey Scout Commissioner



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

“COME AND TRY” NIGHTS

From the 16th to the 20th August, nine groups held 20 “Come and Try” nights for the feeder schools in their area. This frenzy of activity followed extensive preparations by the groups involved to have a series of “wow” factor meetings lined up and additional welcomers to greet the newcomers.

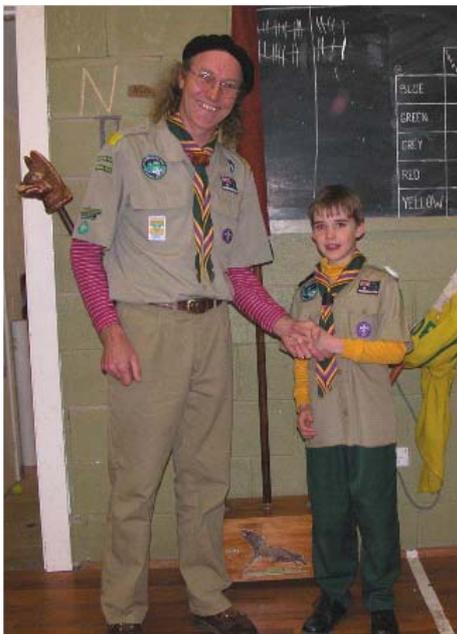
By the end of the campaign, nearly 2,500 leaflets and invitations will have been delivered and 15 schools visited giving a taste of scouting to assemblies, year groups and classes.

Congratulations to 1st Canberra, 13th Canberra, 19th Canberra, Garran, Long Gully, Mt Taylor, Oakey Hill, Kambah and North Kambah on putting such excellent effort into recruiting new members.

DOUBLE VISION UPDATE

Cub Scout Thomas Harrison from Air Scouts Canberra (Latrobe Park) has brought not three of his friends along to pack meetings and seen them become invested members of the Group but three more friends and an adult! And before you ask, he is not available for loan to other groups!

I had the privilege of presenting his Cub Scout Leader, Edwin Ride with a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the



Chief Commissioner in recognition of Edwin's work in supporting the Double Vision program. Edwin has not only encouraged members of his own group to participate but has also assisted other leaders in other groups to get started.

Congratulations Edwin on such exemplary Scouting! Double Vision recruitment campaigns are now, or about to be, run by 10 Groups. Is yours one of them?

SCOUTING IN SCHOOLS

Cub Scout Leader Dee Major is embarking on an additional venture – by starting a lunch time Cub pack at her school. Starting with 12 new recruits, Dee is planning to share her skills and enthusiasm with students who might not otherwise get the opportunity to enjoy scouting.

I have had discussions with two other schools who are also keen to explore similar partnerships. Do you know of anyone who has the enthusiasm, skill and time to assist?

ADULT RECRUITMENT

How were you introduced to Scouting? What or who convinced you to stay? What are some of the strategies you use to recruit adults? Why not share those ideas that have worked for you?

Peter Harris

Development Officer

CUB CHATTER

Seonee: What a great Seonee at the beginning of August. Leaders provided information on *My Community* (Boomerang Challenge 9) and *Symbols of Australia* (Boomerang Challenge 6) of the new award scheme. There was a good representation from all Regions. The best part of the night was that leaders shared ideas and information. Thanks.



The next Seonee on Thursday 9 September will be in Brindabella Region in the Isabella Plains Hall. This will commence at 8.00 pm and be concluded by 9.30 pm. I have been asked to cover some information regarding the new badge structure. We will also provide updates on Cuboree and there will be other topics to be determined.

Term 4: The three Seonees scheduled for term 4 will provide information on

the new award scheme. It is expected that every leader will attend one session.

Monday 8 November, Ginninderra Region;

Tuesday 9 November, Brindabella Region – Isabella Plains Hall;

Thursday 11 November, Molonglo Region.

These Seonees will commence at 7.00 pm because the presentation is timed for three hours. Please ensure you program your Pack's activities and your own life to attend one of these.

Each Pack will be provided with a pack of new publications at the Seonee. The cost of the pack will be charged to your Group's account.

GL's will be provided with information at the Jumbunna on Tuesday 26 October.

Cuboree: By now, hopefully you will have your Cubs' names into Branch. The

number crunching will take place after the final date.

Ideas: In my travel around to Packs I see that many leaders provide information on A4 sheets of paper. To encourage the Cubs to keep these things as a record of what they have achieved, suggest they get a special folder so they can file their work. It is good habit forming. I see many Queen Scout awardees keep details of their achievements in folders. This makes it much easier to demonstrate what it is they have completed.

The Ginninderra Region had a great sleep over at Questacon. With the misty morning on Saturday the making of hot-air balloons was very successful. Thanks to the leaders for organising the event.

Commissioner for Children with Special Needs. If you have children in your Packs who have needs that you find challenging and you would like information and support, please contact

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PROGRAM SUPPORT

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN 2007

Gifts for Peace is the Centenary project for National Scout Organizations around the world. Scouts will prepare for the Centenary of Scouting through practical projects planned and run by young people in every country.

Use your Group Council to explore ideas for an ACT initiative which we can take to National. Your ideas are needed for our contribution to the Gifts for Peace program. Drop a line to

support.commissioner@act.scouts.asn.au
Give us some details of how your ideas will contribute to this international program.

The promotion of International Peace was the reason Baden-Powell organised the first World Scout Jamboree in 1920 – and Peace was the theme of B-P's speech at the closing ceremony.

In today's world, Peace has never been more important. The Gifts for Peace projects will publicly demonstrate the active commitment of Scouting towards creating a more peaceful world.

Gifts for Peace projects should meet real needs and make a difference to the community. Although they will vary immensely, they should involve Scouts of all ages, and should always present a real challenge to the Scouts involved. Gifts for Peace should also reach out to areas where Scouting has not yet had an impact.

In 2004: During the six Regional Conferences of World Scouting, National Scout Organizations will learn in detail about the framework and support for the Gifts for Peace projects, and can start their planning

In 2005: At the 37th World Scout Conference in Tunisia, National Scout Organizations will be asked to declare their Gifts for Peace project, and can start the projects

In 2006: This will be the year when the main activities for the Gifts for Peace projects take place

In 2007: The results of the Gifts for Peace projects will be collated, promoted and exhibited by National Scout Organizations, both in their own countries, and at international exhibitions worldwide – for example at the 21st World Scout Jamboree

Examples of projects which have already been undertaken and which could be considered as Gifts for Peace include:

- Scouts in El Salvador running peace camps following grenade throwing between rival schools
- Scouts in Africa helping refugees, re-educating child soldiers, and providing shelters for orphans living on the street
- Bosnian, German and French Scouts working together on a joint project for peace and reconciliation

HOW MANY LITTLE OLD LADIES CAN WE HELP ACROSS THE ROAD?

A tired cliché but perhaps one to catch the imagination for celebrating 2007 in the local news. Can you picture a major arterial road closed for an attempt on a mass/simultaneous crossing of the road by hundreds of older citizens each one helped by a willing Scout? And if we get this idea adopted at the National level? Almost guaranteed to get national TV coverage on the nightly news. OK so you think it is a daft idea – then do you have a better idea? Let the ACT 2007 Celebrations Group know what you would want every Scout to do instead. Send an email to me at support.commissioner@act.scouts.asn.au

Martin Boling

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JOTA/JOTI - PUT IT IN YOUR PROGRAM FOR TERM III – OCTOBER 16 AND 17

By participating in Jamboree On The Air or Jamboree On The Internet Scouts realise that they are part of a worldwide organisation. Join in JOTI by using a computer connected to the internet, and in JOTA with the help and equipment of an amateur radio operator. The aim of the weekend is simply to hold conversations with Scouts anywhere in the World and exchange greetings, stories, digital photos, whatever.

Many Scouts are familiar with the chat program used for JOTI, called mIRC, where you communicate by typing a line of text and pressing enter. Chatting is done in supervised ScoutLink chatrooms. A leader must supervise every keyboard to guide and control conversations with the aim 'Keep it Safe and Keep it Scouting'.

One of the easiest and simplest ways to participate in JOTI is when a Six or Patrol goes to someone's house for an afternoon and chats on the scoutlink chat channels.

There are a number of JOTA/JOTI bases planned – one in each Region and a couple of internet cafes also. More details will be on ScoutsIT and in the next Woggle. Each youth member may only get a short go on-line or on-air but there will usually be plenty of other interesting activities on-site.

Michael Thurgar

ACT JOTA Coordinator
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CUB CHATTER

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Nathan Lester or me. It is important that we endeavour to provide a program of activities that cater to all children but it is also important to ask for assistance when needed.

Come and Try nights: When this goes to print many Packs in the Molonglo Region

and north Brindabella Region will have new recruits as a result of Peter Harris' recruitment drive. Peter has visited lots of schools and enthused many young children so join the Scouting family. We have to now do what we do very well, and that is to provide great programs for our Cubs. Thank you Peter.

Visits: Wondering where to take the Cubs on an outing? – take them walking. There

are a lot of walks within easy distance of Canberra and within the abilities of Cubs.

Good Hunting Packs

Fiona (Rikki) McKinnon

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ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

Shakespeare Foundation solves knotty problem for our PIONEERING PROGRAM.

The Pioneering program can catapult forward after the Shakespeare Foundation Board agreed to fund the purchase of essential equipment for the Pioneering Construction program.

Changed safety and construction requirements, particularly where ropes are under tension; or where youth and adult members climb on; ride on; or suspend from our pioneering structures meant that we had to purchase and replace expensive items like hawser ropes, snatch blocks, poles and ropes for towers and ballistas. Grant applications to Department of Sport and Recreation did not fare well against other applicants.

An essential part of the program will be our intention to equip a tradesman's trailer with pioneering equipment so that the Branch team can visit your pack, Troop or Unit and introduce your members to "Fun with ropes and spars".

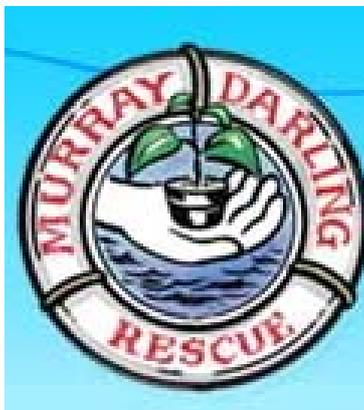


We will be moving the Pioneering Container to our Pioneering site at Cotter next to the gully on the entry road to Kangaroo Flat (Gil's Gully) so that our young pioneers can build Bridges and towers over the gully without having to carry heavy equipment to the site.

This also means that we can plan our Advanced Pioneering course soon and accredit Leaders to build projects like the Flying Fox and suspension bridges. Our aim is to have all Leaders accredited for Pioneering Basics and at least one in each section accredited at the Advanced level.

For details contact Noel Tarbotton ph 6291 0882 or Advisory Panel Chairperson – David Griffiths 6287 3302

MURRAY - DARLING RESCUE



This year will be even bigger than last year - and warmer - because the date has been moved to 23/24th October.

The ACT Government has funded an additional 1,700 trees for us to plant so we need around 150 people on each day. Our statistics show that a person can plant between 75 and 100 trees per day, so we are hoping to break the record we set last year.

Location details will be available soon.

This is a family day so bring the whole family.

WHAT DO I BRING?

Plants and equipment are being provided by our major sponsor General Motors Holden through the Green fleet program. You should bring:

- Solid footwear
- Long trousers or Jeans
- Long sleeved shirt with a collar or a Rugby top
- Hat for sun protection
- Water bottle –full
- Sun screen cream

Hot food (BBQ) and drinks will be provided on site.

Each participant will also receive a Murray – Darling Rescue Badge and a Holden Cap, courtesy of our sponsors GMH.

For further information contact

Rebecca Kirk

Branch Activity Leader –
Environment on 02- 6259 5204 or
Noel Tarbotton
ACT Commissioner Adventurous
Activities on 02- 62910882

POSITIONS VACANT

PIONEERING & BASIC BUSHCRAFT SKILLS PROGRAM

Would you like to have a little more flexibility in meeting nights? How about the opportunity to visit and run specialist programs across all groups in the ACT? Are you a creative builder of rafts and water craft or towers and gateways?

Two positions exist as Branch Activity Leaders in the Pioneering construction program. Providing Leader training, visiting Groups and mounting the occasional display mean that these are full time appointments. Instructor/ Assessor and other appropriate training will be provided.

BUSHWALKING SKILL PROGRAM

Would you like to develop and implement bushwalking programs into Joeys, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturers? Do you enjoy the outdoors to the extent that you would organise introductory walks for each level?

Do you have compass and mapping skills that you would like to pass on to other Leaders? Want flexibility in program delivery times?

Two positions exist for Branch Activity Leaders in the Bushwalking program. Instructor/assessor and other appropriate training will be provided.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TOURING AND MAINTENANCE SKILLS PROGRAM

Is cycling your thing? Do you like touring trails and exploring on a bicycle? Are you an enthusiastic cyclist who would like to introduce this alternative way of trekking to young people in all sections?

Are you prepared to introduce formal training courses for Leaders and youth member seeking badges associated with mountain bikes?

Two positions exist for Branch Activity Leaders in the Mountain Bike program. Instructor/Assessor and other appropriate training will be provided.

WATER ACTIVITIES

The Water activities program extends beyond Sailing and Canoe programs. We are looking for potential Branch Activity Leaders who are interested in

areas such as Sailboarding, Rafting, snorkelling, Surfing.

You can be engaged in the whole program or specialise in a couple of areas. You must be prepared to deliver the specialist program to individual Groups and sections so that all youth members have the opportunity to experience all programs.

Instructor/assessor and other appropriate training will be provided.

APPOINTMENT CONDITIONS

Branch Activity Leaders are expected to commit the same amount of time as a Line Leader but have a greater degree of flexibility in timing of delivery.

For initial appointment you will require Basic accreditation in your speciality but must complete Advanced level before appointment as an Instructor.

The demonstrated ability to work with young people and other Leaders is essential.

If you are keen to inspire Leaders and young people to undertake exciting and challenging expeditions and activities but want more information then contact:

Noel Tarbotton

ACT Commissioner Adventurous Activities
Home 6291 0882
Mobile 0409 040 645

Golden Western Enduro Bicycle Challenge

Oct 2 - 3

BE IN THE INAUGURAL CHALLENGE!

2nd Queanbeyan Venturer Unit challenges all Venturers, Rovers and Leaders to form a team and prepare for what promises to be an exciting bike ride that starts in Canberra, has an overnight stop at Parkes and finishes in Wagga Wagga.

Can your unit or crew make the distance, a mere 713 km?

The challenge is a team event for teams of 4-6 riders, one bike and a support vehicle. A team can be all Venturers, all Rovers or all Leaders or a mixture, but all must be registered members of Scouts.

You ride in relay, one team member rides while the others rest. Riders swap at regular intervals so as not to tire too much and to keep up the team's speed.

The Challenge will have 3 classes: off-the-rack, slightly sporty, and open (for fancy bikes and recumbents). There will be a range of awards.

For safety reasons a support vehicle, with a sign to warn other road users and hazard lights flashing, must follow each rider.

Accommodation can be arranged for interstate teams travelling to Canberra prior to the start of the Challenge. Camping is available at the Parkes Show ground. Teams can staying on in Wagga Wagga on Sunday night can stay at Camp Kurrajong.

Entry fee is \$15 per rider. Accommodation costs extra. Bring your own food.

Each team is responsible for it's own costs, so sponsorship is a good idea.

This event will happen only if there is enough support, so get your expression of interest in by 15 August.

Further information contact:

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NATIONAL ACCESS DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2-3 OCTOBER

This year the championships are being held in Belmont NSW on the weekend of 2 and 3 October 2004 at the Belmont 16 Footers Sailing Club, and as always it's going to be a great event!

I am organising an ACT Contingent to travel to Belmont to participate in this year's event as we have done previously, working on the beaches assisting the competitors in and out of their vessels, and also general assistance to the Belmont Club. Anyone who would be interested in joining me for this weekend will have a great weekend. If you are interested in assisting for this weekend, please email me, or call me on 0438 417 007

Rhian Blackwell

Blue Water Rover Crew
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SURFING BASICS COURSE 9-10 OCTOBER

Several enquiries have been made about this program. The Dangar Research indicated that Surfing was one of the highest rated activities for girls and boys in the older Scout and Venturer age groups.

This is a pilot program to gauge the level of interest and help us decide whether to provide it as a regular part of our program.

The course will provide Leaders and youth members with a Level II Outdoor Recreation industry Certificate in Surfing Basics. Arrangements can also be made for a Level III Advanced course on another weekend.

Although the Aquatics course would be helpful to all Leaders it is not a pre-requisite for the Surfing Basics course.

The Level II course will cover:

- **Safe Surfing Skills-** Intermediate wave negotiation, demonstrated ability

to catch white water waves consistently, wave selection, turning the board on broken waves, paddling through broken waves, turning whilst sitting and paddling, dismounting the surfboard, recognising surfing conditions, wind and weather conditions, tides, wave types, rules of the surfing zone, who has right of way and basic surfing sense.

- **Basic Surfing Rescue Procedures-** Principles of personal safety, Surfing Rescues.
- **Dangerous Conditions** -Dangerous ocean conditions and creatures, catching and riding broken waves.
- **Fitness for surfing-** Introductory training for surfing.

The Level III program deals with catching unbroken waves, equipment the role of marine safety professionals and basic surfing first aid.

For further information contact

Noel Tarbotton
6291 0882

WARMER WEATHER PROVIDES GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO ENJOY OUR WATER (with limited restrictions!!)

AQUATICS On Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 August fifteen leaders and Rovers sought Aquatics Basics qualifications so that they could take responsibility for young people swimming in unpatrolled waters.

They developed the knowledge, judgment, techniques and swimming abilities to be able to carry out safe water rescues.



Successful participants will receive accreditation from Scouts ACT and, where appropriate, the Royal Life Saving Society recognition of Bronze Medallion or Bronze Star.

SAILING The ACT will be seeking to retain the Port Neptune Cup at the Rivers Regatta 18 & 19 September, Drummoyne, Sydney. Michael Lymbery (6254 9856) who will be defending his 2003 success, is this year coordinating the involvement of Scouts ACT.

Sailing courses for Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and leaders are to be run during October and January. Cost is \$50 (\$25



course, \$25 boat hire) Applicants (through normal training applications) should apply as soon as practicable. Contact Noel Tarbotton (6291 0882) for further details.

The first of our Tri-Lakes Regattas will this year be held at Lake Tuggeranong with *Sailing* on Saturday 27 November and *Canoeing* (with activities suitable for all youth sections) on Sunday 28 November. Contact Bob Penc (6290 1983) for details.

For those interested in blue water sailing, registrations (at Branch office) are now being sought for November training and December sailing on the *Namadgi* (the replacement to the *Canberra*) at Pittwater. Prerequisites are the equivalent of Scout Explorer Water Activities. Minimum age is 13 years.

CANOEING A Canoeing day for Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venturers (with Canadian canoes) is planned for 26 September at Casuarina Sands. For information contact: Shelby Canterford (6254 2772)

Sutherland Shire Scouts and Guides have invited ACT Scout groups to the Endeavour Boree Canoeing Regatta, 16 & 17 October Gunnamatta Park, Cronulla. Activities will include pioneering, rafting,

canoeing, JOTA and a movie night. Refer to web site www.ssrguides.org for more information and application forms. It has the potential to be a great weekend!

Canoe/kayak basics courses are currently being organised for troops, units and crews. If your section would like to include a course in your program to acquire canoeing & kayaking skills please contact Jan Tarbotton (62910882) to discuss.

SAILBOARDING The Branch has recently acquired some sailboards. Contact Geoff Nott (6292 1769) to register your interest in acquiring sailboarding skills.

Some of the above can be included in your mob, pack, troop, unit or crew programs. The Water Activities team look forward to watching you enjoy our favourite outdoor activities!

Jan Tarbotton

Water Activities Commissioner



NATIONAL NOTES

WHAT HAPPENS AT NATIONAL MEETINGS?

We are Scouts Australia, that is, all our 60,000 youth members, 15,000 adult leaders and so many other adults in support roles. In July, our National President, Sir William Deane AC KBE, former Governor-General and Chief Scout, chaired the annual meeting of the National Council, to which the Annual Report is presented in oral and visual forms. The National Council represents the Community at large. Senior Vice-President is Mrs. Leneen Forde AC, former Governor of Queensland and national Scout President; Junior Vice-President is Mr. Wayne Geale, who was made a Life Member of Scouts Australia.

Look in your Branch Annual Report or Personnel Directory to find who is your Branch President and Council and tell others of the calibre of support that Scouting has in the Community, in addition to our adult leaders.

The National Operations and Executive meetings, such as those held on 2 – 4 July:

- Develop, work to and update a practical and measurable National

Strategic and Operational Plan;

- Initiate national projects and research, such as Youth Section Reviews, the current Adults in Scouting Review;
- Evaluate their success;
- Focus on Membership Growth through Program Delivery effectiveness (Retention), Recruitment and Image projection, including uniform;
- Marketing nationally major projects such as Scouts Waterblitz, Rescue the Murray-Darling;
- Encouraging Scouting in school and after-school programs;
- National project on Scouting in Isolated Indigenous Communities;
- National Youth Council outcomes and recommendations;
- National Rover Council outcomes and recommendations;
- Adult Training & Development initiatives, accreditation, auditing and delivery, including establishment of the *Scouts Australia Institute of Training*, launched on 17th July by the Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training, Dr. Brendan Nelson MP.

- International Participation in the Asia-Pacific Region and World Wide;
- JOTA / JOTI operational procedure;
- Measurement of our implementation of Adults in Scouting strategy, Branch by Branch and Implementation of Youth Involvement in Decision-Making at all levels in Australia;
- Risk Management Policy and Procedure
- Financial, insurance matters and commercial agreements such as with our Snowgum stores;
- World Scouting Centenary in 2007
- Forthcoming National Events, such as Jamborees, Ventures, Moots and the 2008 Multi-Section Event to be held at Cataract Scout Park to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Australia.

As you would hope and expect, national scout meetings focus on the 'big picture' of Scouting in Australia, which has the major goal of supporting the effective conduct of Scouting's Program to young people where it matters, in your local Group!

John Ravenhall AM

Chief Commissioner, Scouts Australia

LEADER TRAINING

CLOSING DATE FOR TRAINING COURSES

Advanced Sectional Techniques

8 October 2004

Each Leader who is going to participate in Leader Training must submit an Application for Training Form for each course. The Group Leader must approve this form.

September Basic Training dates

Basic Core Part 2 Saturday 4 September

Scouting Skills Day Sunday 5 September

Basic Sectional Techniques Weekend

18/19 September

Basic Sectional Techniques (Scouts)

Saturday 25 September

Basic Sectional Training pre-requisites

- Hold a Certificate of Adult Membership;
- Attendance at Common Core Part 1;

- Completion of Basic Core Part 2 (can be 4 September 2004 course)
- Completion of Scouting Skills day (can be 5 September 2004 course)
- Completion of In-service Training Module (form signed by your Personal Leader Adviser and forwarded to Branch Headquarters by your Group Leader).

LEADER OF YOUTH ADVANCED TRAINING DATES:

Advanced Core Weekend 23/24 October

Advanced Sectional Techniques

Weekend 6/7 November

Weekend 20/21 November (all except Scouts)

Weekend 27/28 November (Scouts only)

Alan Arentz

BC Adult Training and Development

GILWELL REUNION

The ACT Branch Annual Gilwell Reunion and meeting of the 1st Gilwell Troop for 2004 was held at the Branch Hall at Garran on Saturday 24 July.

Members of the Troop enjoyed a meal with good company, and discussed matters of mutual interest (Scouting of course, what else??).

Our photo shows some of the participants on the night.



DREAM ON AT CUBOREE 2005!



ONLY 4 MONTHS TO GO

Believe it or not there are only 4 months to go until the opening ceremony of the "Dream On" ACT Cuboree 2005. Have you reserved your place for this unforgettable experience? So far we have received over 200 applications and more and more roll in every day. The South Australian Contingent will be sending bus loads of Cubs and Leaders to participate in this Cuboree after a very successful promotional visit by the Cuboree Reality Team. We even hope to have participants from as far away as Western Australia, the Northern Territory and New Zealand.

Application forms are available from your Group Leader and downloadable from the Scouts ACT website – just follow the Cuboree link. The early-bird deadline for applications has now closed and the **FINAL CUT-OFF DATE IS NOW FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER**, so get your applications in as soon as possible!

Preparations for Cuboree 2005 are coming along nicely and the team is working very hard to ensure this Cuboree is a huge success! The magic of Cuboree is coming alive and Cubs and Leaders from all around Australia will be heading to Camp Cottermouth in January 2005 for what promises to be our most spectacular Cuboree ever staged!

A meeting of all Home Base Leaders, Activity Base Leaders, Group Leaders and interested Cub Scout Leaders took place on 19 August where these important people were briefed on many Cuboree issues. Please ask your Group Leader for more information so that you are fully prepared for this major event.

You can help out by getting involved in one of the directorates, by planning that pre-Cuboree camp or contacting the Dream Team to visit your pack meeting.

The Operations Team is also looking for volunteers to assist with working bees. So if you would like to be involved please give us a call. Staff positions are filling up very quickly – so apply soon to avoid disappointment! Don't forget that Venturers and Rovers can apply for staff positions too!

I am also happy to come along to one of your meetings or activities to talk further about how you can get involved.

For further information please contact:

Grant Whitehorn,
Major Events Commissioner,
0414 731 722
cuboree@act.scouts.asn.au.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CUBOREE CAMPING AND CATERING MANAGER

Hi Group Leaders!

The camping structure of the Cuboree will be familiar to many of you. We have six Home Bases, and each Home Base has four Dream Teams (Packs).

For this Cuboree we are going back to each Dream Team having a kitchen, rather than sharing one kitchen between two Packs as at the last Cuboree. This means we will be camping like Jamboree Troops, a total of 40-50 people. It puts equipping and running the kitchen within the capabilities of most ACT Scout Groups.

As Camping Manager I will be coordinating the Home Bases and be the contact point between the Home Base Leaders and the Operations and Activities Teams and other HQ functions.

The Cuboree Organising Committee has produced a Kitchen Equipment List for the Cuboree. It has been put together by a group of Organising Committee members with past experience in Cuboree kitchens, and takes into account the 2005 Cuboree Menu when specifying the cooking

equipment. When we know the final numbers of attendees in October this list may be modified slightly. Please contact me for as copy of the list.

With 24 Dream Team kitchens we are going to need most ACT Groups to host a Dream Team and equip the kitchen (as has been the case at most previous Cuborees). While the gear list is long for completeness sake, I don't believe it requires anything that a normally equipped Scout Group will not have. However I would be grateful if you and your CSLs could raise any issues you see with the list with me as early as possible (for example, if your Group would have a problem providing a dining shelter large enough for 40-50 people).

I am asking you to please look through this list, and also pass it on to your Cub Scout Leaders, so that everyone is as informed as soon as possible.

Any questions or enquiries to:

David Cocking,
Camping and Catering Manager,
Cuboree 2005
Email: dcocking@tip.net.au
Ph: 62543229

Don't miss your chance to 'Dream On' at the most fun and exciting Cuboree event in Australia! See you there!!



Grant Whitehorn
Chief Dreamer

COTTERMOUTH NEWS

KANGAROO FLAT CAMPING.

Science Week recently had a plastic bag famine challenge. One way for Scouts to participate in this challenge is to ensure that all plastic bags are removed from the site when you are out there camping. The pressing need is to ensure that they do not travel into 'Riverview' next door. Plastic bags can kill horses.

Please remember too, that 'Riverview' is private property and we do not have permission to cross over our boundary fence with them.

BOOKINGS

Please remember that the Greenhills staff who manage Kangaroo Flat for us are not part of the Scouts ACT organisation and are not in the 'Scouting loop'. If you are planning an event at Camp Cottermouth, make sure you contact them and book the facility.

We recently had a case (not the first this year) of a double 'booking' because the Scout people involved did not book at all. The commercial customers who had booked were gracious about the error, but it is a good way for us to lose income for ACT Scouting.

We have a long standing booking system for the campsite, please use it.

It is not enough to put the activity on the Branch Calendar and assume that the managers will find out somehow.

Garry Tongs
Executive Officer

THE NEW UNIFORM

One objective in developing a new uniform was to reduce the cost to members. The provision of two options, a button-up shirt and a polo shirt, means that there is choice – both are equally official uniform.

If you are asked by a parent about which one to buy, the response is that 'either shirt is equally acceptable at this Group'.

ACTEWAGL SCARECROW COMPETITION - FLORIADE 2004

ActewAGL are promoting the Scarecrow competition for Floriade 2004. Details are available at www.actewagl.com.au or by ringing David Palywoda on 6248 3456.

Proceeds from the \$30.00 entry fee per scarecrow go to Koomarri Association.

Scarecrows will be on display at Scarecrow Drive, Floriade, from 18 September to 17 October 2004.

Benefits? A valuable promotional opportunity for your Scout Group and a chance to win \$2000.

The entry form is available on line at:

<https://secure.actewagl.com.au/forms2/scarecrowentry.asp>

Entries close 3 September

TugScout 2004

Are you ready to take the challenge?

Calling all Scouts from the Tuggeranong Region to take part in the

Challenge TugScout

- Where:** Wee Jasper
- When:** Friday 12th – Sunday 14th November
- Times:** Friday set up camp
Saturday 9am Opening Parade and Welcome
Sunday 2pm Closing Parade and Award presentations
- Catering:** Troops/patrols self-cater
- Cost:** \$15.00 per scout for camp and equipment fees
\$10.00 per leader for camp fees
Troop/Patrol catering costs.
- Book In:** e-mail to tugscout@hotmail.com to register interest, indicating approximate number of patrols

Incidentals:

Each patrol will need to bring a leader and the leader will be needed to assist on activities.

Each troop will need to provide indemnity forms and bring them to the activity.

TugScout 2004 Team: **Echidna** (Garry Spokes)
Coyote (Jerry Tonon)
Nyrak (Karyn Connelly)
Bunyip (Kit Woolley)
Eagle (Leigh Palmer)

ACT SCOUTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

1	<i>Adventurous Activities Scout Mindari</i>
2	<i>Operations Committee</i>
3—5	Venturer Leadership Course
4	Basic Core Part 2
5	Scouting Skills Day
6	<i>Kanyana</i> Leader of Adults Phase 2
8	Basic Core Part 1
9	<i>Seeonee</i> (Macarthur) Advanced Canoe/Kayak Theory/Planning
11-12	Ginninderra Region Scout Camp
12	Brindabella Region Teddy Bears' Picnic
14	Leader of Adults Ph. 2 <i>Venturer Mindari</i>
15	Venturer Cert 2 Program
16	<i>Cuboree Organising Ctee</i> <i>Snowgum Board</i>
18-19	Scout Rock Activity Rivers Regatta Advanced Canoe and Kayak Course—Chidowla Basic Section Techniques
20	<i>Finance Committee</i>
21	<i>Appointments Committee</i> <i>Branch Rover Council</i> Leader of Adults Ph. 2
22	<i>Branch Exec. Committee</i>
25	Basic Sectional Techniques
25 Sep-6 Oct	Branch Assisted Hike
26	Branch Canoe Regatta <i>Major Events Team Mtg</i>
28	<i>Scout Fellowship</i>
29	<i>Jumbunna</i>
30	<i>ACT Youth Team Challenge</i> <i>2006 Organising Comm.</i>

OCTOBER

1-6	Branch Assisted Hike
5	<i>Branch Venturer Council</i>
7	<i>Operations Committee</i>
8-10	RoVenture
9-10	Event Management Training Surfing Basics Training
12	<i>Venturer Mindari</i>
13	<i>Scout Mindari</i>
14	<i>Adventurous Activities Team</i> <i>2007 Committee</i>
14-17	Yachting small boats course
15-17	Venturer Initiative Course
16-17	Scout Rock Activity JOTA/JOTI
17	Cuboree Leaders Training
18	Finance Committee
19	Branch Rover Council
20	<i>Venturer CERT 2 Program</i>
21	<i>Cuboree Organising Ctee</i> <i>Snowgum Board</i>
22	Cuboree Applications Close
23-24	Murray-Darling Rescue Advanced Core Module
26	<i>Appointments Committee</i> <i>Jumbunna</i> <i>Scout Fellowship</i>
27	<i>Branch Executive</i>
28	<i>Cuboree Executive</i>
30	Bullion Bash
30-31	Train the Trainer 4

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

12-14	TugScout
21	Gang Show Reunion
27-28	Tri-Lakes Regatta
28	Joey Jaunt

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www.act.scouts.asn.au

CLASSIFIEDS

ACT SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

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

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

THANK YOU

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- Canberra Southern Cross Club
- Video Ezy, Weston

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24TH JAMBORETTE

"TIMES OF ADVENTURE"
1ST TO 4TH OCTOBER 2004
MORUYA SHOWGROUND

APPLICATIONS WITH FULL PAYMENTS BY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2004

Application forms are available from ACT Branch Office.

Send your application to:
24TH JAMBORETTE,
C/- Regional Headquarters,
Post Office Box 200
PORT KEMBLA NSW 2505

Please DO NOT send applications to ACT Branch Office.