



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

July 2015

Gang Show 2015

Join the cast and crew of '**Spot On: From Page To Stage**', as they showcase the most disastrous date imaginable, the mysteries of the sea, the path from school plays to Broadway and more!

A high school drama class is tasked with finding inspiration for their final performance. The students venture into the props store room and enter a world of excitement and creativity. What crazy ideas will they come up with? Will they complete their task in time? Where will their ideas lead?

The show will be presented at the Tim Murray Theatre, Canberra Grammar School. Opening on Saturday 11th July at 7.30 pm with further performances on 14, 16, 17 and 18 July. There is also a matinee performance on Saturday 18 July.

Tickets are available at www.canberragangshow.com.au or can be purchased at the theatre box office prior to the performance (ticket availability at the door cannot be guaranteed). Remember there are only 240 seats available for each performance so get your tickets early as it will be 'first in, first served'. Tickets are priced at \$21 for Adults and \$15 for Youth members and Concession holders. Phone enquiries can be made to 1300 354 451.



From the Chief



Asia Pacific Workshop on the Needs of Adults and Young People in Scouting

I recently attended a very lively and interesting Asian Pacific Region (APR) workshop event in Manila. The workshop was represented by 10 National Scout Organisations (NSO's). The workshop examined how the participant countries were implementing the World Scout policies related to Adults in Scouting Policy 2011, the Scout Youth Program Policy 2014 and the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy 2014. Australia is well ahead of many other NSO's in this regard. Valuable information was gained as to how our Branch might not only better comply with these policies but also more effectively streamline our operational and strategic arms of Scouting. At present I am working with our senior Operations Team Leaders to reflect how we might benefit from what I have learnt overseas.

Meeting with other Scouting delegations was also very exciting – especially those working in school based Scouting countries such as Bangladesh and Hong Kong. I always thought how good it would be not to have to worry so much about recruiting as teachers in these countries are selected as leaders and the classes are the source of youth members. Some of the delegates from these countries, however, were concerned about the commitment of their leaders – something that we take for granted in our volunteer Scouting world. Our leaders and supporters give their time freely. For them to retain their commitment all of us need to play a part – in appreciating the work that they do so that our youth members can have the best Scouting experience. I wonder who you might thank today?

Joey June – Celebrating 25 Years

By Heather Browett, Joey Commissioner



Throughout June, Joey mobs across the ACT celebrated 25 years of Joey Scouts in Australia as part of a month long celebration of 'Joey June'.

Mobs celebrated in many different ways – from party games, to more traditional Scouting ways with campfires and skits. Many Scout Groups invited their past Joey leaders and Joeys to their events to re-tell their experience.

Celebrations are continuing through the year, with the annual Joey Jaunt themed for the 25th Birthday, along with a Joey Leader reunion – stay tuned for more details!

If anyone is interested in purchasing the national celebration badge, please contact Heather Browett – hbrowett@hotmail.com to arrange payment and pick-up/postage.



Birrallee had a birthday party and invited past Leaders and Joeys





Lake Burley Griffin Joeys made a reflection collage about their Joey Mob, had a cake, and also had a linking ceremony.



Mount Taylor Joeys hosted an afternoon of activities, including a book reading of 'Riley and the Jumpy Kangaroo', by local author Tania McCartney. Several Joeys from other Mobs also came.



Crowjinalong Joeys had an urban hike and woodfire pizzas

Event Management Training for Young Adults

By Ben Muller, Murrumbidgee Rover Crew

In May, two Rovers and two Leaders from the ACT attended the National Event Management course held at Baden-Powell Park in Brisbane. This was the first time that Scouts had held a training course such as this, going for a week and ending up with participants well on their way to obtaining their Diploma in Event Management.

Training was delivered by experts from around the country in the fields of admin, finance, risk management, procurement, and strategic and operational planning just to name a few.



The course was an intense week with full days of training, however a great opportunity for the participants to learn new skills to aid in major events coming up for Scouts both in the ACT and nationally.

A big THANK YOU to the trainers Phil Harrison (QLD), Peter Blatch (QLD), Jean Clifford (QLD) and Elston Hynd (NSW) and to Dave Cossart (ACT) for organising such a fantastic course.

In photo from left to right:
Catie Metcalfe, Matt Minski, Calista Beck, Jacqui Coleman, Ben Muller . Photo by Leah Bach

2015 Kub Kar Rally results

(full article coming next month)

- 1st Place** – Erik Williams (Les Explorateurs)
2nd Place – Bridget Lehane (Les Explorateurs)
3rd Place – Reilly Westende (Long Gully)

Finalists

Tomas Keily (Badimara)
 Adrian Lehane (Les Explorateurs)
 Ronan Mack (Badimara)
 Toby Saunders (Macarthur)
 Ty Pearce (US Pack 2012)
 Hamish Murphy (Oxley Pack, Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts)

Design Only Category

Best Detail – Ethan Bell (Well Station) – a bright orange carrot;
 Funniest – Neve Carr (Kama) – a slice of kiwi fruit;
 Most Original – Patrick Munn (Kama) – a tomato sauce bottle.

2015 Badge Designer:

Lucas Toman (Weston)

Leaders' Race Champion:

Kathryn Shean

Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader Training Weekend

By Alan Murray, Scout Commissioner

Have you ever thought of sleeping in an unusual place? That is what 29 Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders did at the end of May. They participated in a PL/APL training course which was held at the Cooma Railway Station and Barracks. Not only was it unusual, it was cold with outside temperatures going to minus 2 degrees on the Sunday morning. The Scouts accommodated in the Worker's Barracks and the Leaders in the Station Waiting Room across the tracks. The idea was to go outside their comfort zone of familiar ACT settings and do something completely different.

The weekend was aimed at advanced skills for those leading a patrol and included:



- *Patrol System
- *Games
- *Running troop meetings as a Duty Patrol
- *How to organise and run a successful Patrol Activity
- *Troop Council
- *YPR Activities on "Design a New Section" and "Plan, Do, Review"
- *Scouts Own
- *Law and Promise/Areas of Personal Growth/Principles
- *Problem Solving

The Scouts also visited Cooma Township and provided a report on their observations about social setting, infrastructure and youth related facilities.

Saturday night was a semi-formal dinner at the Cooma Ex-Serviceman's Club.

The Scouts finished the weekend with 5 challenges:

1. Encourage greater cooperation from all in the troop, especially at troop meeting nights.
2. Encourage activity notification (the paperwork) to be returned from families to the troop more than 1 week prior to the activity.
3. Organise and participate in a Patrol Activity
4. Organise and run some Troop Council Meetings
5. Organise and run a troop night

Thanks to Matt Barnett from Mt Mugga, Brent Juratowitch from Amaroo and Leon Mason from the Scout Team for assisting with the course.





Master Campfire Chef, 6 - 7 June 2015

By Jenny ('Chief Little Foot') Thompson, 1st Yass Scout Group

The camp got started with a bang as the Venturers decided to awake us all up with an alarm bell of pans and utensils. Bang, Bang, Bang past the tents they went, laughing all the way, its time to get up and start the day.

We all got placed into groups of Patrols, it was a mix of kids from Amaroo, Mt Rogers, Badimara and Weston Scout Groups in the ACT and Scouts from Yass, Cootamundra in NSW as well as Lone Scouts, who had travelled for hours to get here.

Our first activity was a Mystery Box challenge, We had to make a two course meal using hiking stoves. Then we were off to "Log and Load" where we learnt how to cut wood for a campfire and light a camp cooking fire. Then it was time to eat, sampling all the different foods before the next activity. There was good food and it was fun sitting around the campfire.



Next we headed off to get some dough, to make it interesting we played a little game. We pretended we were bank robbers and had to break into the bank, get all the dough ingredients, the gold and equipment before escaping to our camp through the underground system (obstacle course) with the police (Venturers) chasing us with flour bombs. We made Italian Stone bread with our dough in the campfire., it was so delicious. After breakfast, it was our groups turn to do the "foil" challenge. We cooked cakes in oranges, potatoes and meat balls in foil on the campfire. After sampling the food, it was off to learn about Haybox cooking, which we were having for our dinner.



Tim and Alna from Weston with Eve from Amaroo and Ellery from NSW.

Lones cooking breakfast on their trench fire



Peter from Mt Rogers - cooking apple pies in a cardboard box at the 'foiled in the act' activity

Some groups did an Indian lamb dish and others made an amazing French chicken. Our group got to make the Moroccan beef. It smelled great with all the spice. It was also amazing cooking a casserole in a plastic box with just some newspaper. Just before dinner, we added gravy to our casserole with the other groups. The Venturers cooked some rice on the campfire to go with our meal. The next morning we were up early again to learn trench fire cooking. We cooked bacon, sausages, eggs and toast in our trench. It was cooked well but it did take a bit of time.



Linking of an Amaroo Cub into Scouts

Monthly Survey Results

This month we asked you about Scouts ACT communication

1. Please rank what is the best method to communicate Scouting related things with you?

Scouts IT, email and the Scouts ACT Facebook page were the top answers

2. Are you on ScoutsIT?

100% said yes

3. Do you use the Members Area on our website?

83 % said yes and 17% said no

4. Do you use Scout Cloud?

50% said yes and 50% said no

5. Do you use Scout Central?

66% said yes and 34% said no

6. How can Branch improve its communication?

Most answers included more training, documenting our processes, sending more messages, and improving our emailing system

Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey, we will work on improving our communication. This month our survey will focus on hall maintenance so please take part. If you haven't downloaded the Scouts ACT app yet then you can find it on iTunes or Google Play, just search for "Scouts Australia ACT Branch" or follow the links below.

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.kbf.app4299370>

Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/scouts-australia-act-branch/id953668423?mt=8>

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