



# Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

October 2015

## Congratulations to our new Grey Wolf awardees



Dale Lucas (Mulga Scout Group), Alexander Licciardello (Weston Scout Group), Aidan Monteleone (Birralee Scout Group), Nick Yannopoulos (Mt Mugga Scout Group), James Dadwell (Mt Mugga Scout Group), Bradley Kennedy (Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scout Group), Anna Ovari (Mulga Scout Group), Hannah Puschak (Birralee Scout Group), Robin Forster (Birralee Scout Group), Gaby Jordan (Birralee Scout Group)

## From the Chief



**E-Learning Units:** Over the last few months, the importance of training for our adult members has been highlighted with the National requirement for every adult member of Scouting in the ACT Branch (and in fact in Australia) to complete the BCore Child and Work Health and Safety E-Learning units. Recently I have had to reluctantly advise those who have not been able to complete these units that their membership had been suspended until this was done. Of course there have been some special cases where illness has made this impossible for the time being. I have been very impressed however with the very positive attitudes to completing this task shown by the vast majority of our members who have realised the importance of this training.

**Gang Show Floriade:** At the time of writing this note to you I have just watched our Floriade Gang Show team in action. Another great performance. A huge thank you to Beth and her team for their support work in giving our youth members a chance to showcase not just a performance but how a Gang Show team works and learns together.

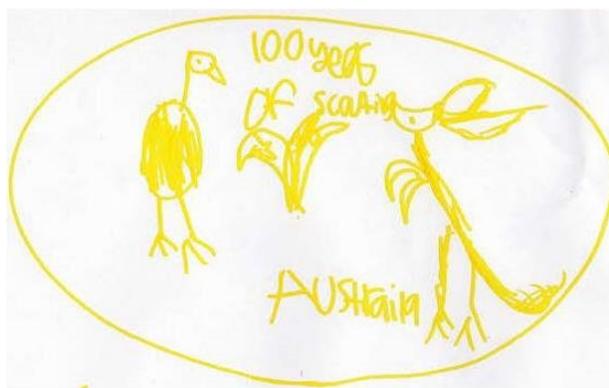
**Youth Program Review:** Have you logged on to [ypr.scouts.com.au/promiselaw](http://ypr.scouts.com.au/promiselaw) and given your opinion on the suggested changes to our Promise and Law? Don't leave it until January as it will be too late – the consultation period ends on 31 December 2015!

**Other but also very Important Happenings:** Above you can see a photo of the presentation ceremony for the very accomplished Grey Wolf Awardees. Look out also for a report in the future about the Environment Camp that was also held at our Camp Cottermouth by John Feint and his team. We certainly have lots happening in the ACT, thanks to our Leaders and Supporters.

## Grand opening for Diamantina Scout Hall



After many years of fundraising and planning, the Diamantina Scout Hall was finally rebuilt and was officially opened on the 20th of September 2015. This auspicious day was filled with activities, community leaders, Scout Members, parents and the media. This wouldn't have been the fairly tale ending without the hard work and dedication from the Groups Fundraising Committee, who sold countless badges and sausages to raise more than \$20 000. A special thank you to Bob Jackson for his tireless efforts in managing the project and the Rotary Club of Belconnen who donated \$25 000 to get the project over the line. There were also many parents and supporters who did a lot of the behind the scenes work, so to them and everyone else involved we would like to say a big B-R-A-V-O-O-O



## 100 years of Cub Scouts badge design competition

By Tim Kirsopp, Cub Commissioner

Here is the ACT Winning entry for the 100 years of Cub Scouts badge design. Congratulations to Hunter from Majura Mountain Scouts Cub Scout pack. Also well done and Thank you to all who submitted entries - it made my job, and a small team of helpers, interesting and provided a challenge to select the winner. Please note that this is NOT the National Winner as that will be announced in due time.

## Canberra Urban Rogaining Event (CURE) 2015

By Eric Zurcher, CURE Organiser and Assistant Region Commissioner

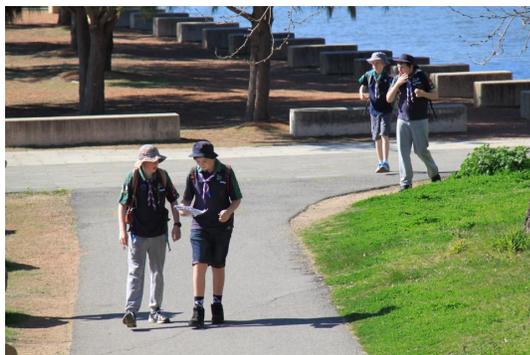
On Sunday, 13 September, 94 Scouts forming 17 Patrols participated in the 2015 Canberra Urban Rogaining Event (CURE). This year, CURE was based in John Knight Memorial Park, with the Scouts endeavouring to visit 45 mapped control points throughout Bruce and the Belconnen town centre, including a 7 kilometre segment of the Canberra Centenary Trail. Once again, we were blessed with ideal weather for the event, with sunny skies and afternoon temperatures reaching 21°. Our Scouts proved to be fierce competitors, and the final results were extremely close, with the "Get Crowscoped!" Patrol from Crowajingalong's Bindana Troop winning by the narrowest of margins. Here's a brief summary of the top 5 placeholders, based on age-adjusted scores:

Rank	Group name	Patrol name	# control points visited	Raw score	Age-adjusted score
1	Crowajingalong	Get Crowscoped	30	585	44
2	Southwell	We're not dodgy	32	570	43
3	13 <sup>th</sup> Canberra	Wolves & Eagles	30	535	40
4	Lake Ginninderra		17	420	38
5	Mt. Mugga	The Undecided	24	445	38

The Scouts put in a lot of effort to earn these scores. I estimate that the even the lowest scoring Patrols must have covered more than 10 km, and the winning Patrol probably walked a bit over 20 km through the day, but they were all still smiling at the end of it.

A big thank you to all the Scouts for their enthusiastic participation, and to Leon Mason, Paul Murphy, Tony Farrell, Herb Zimmermann, Bronwyn Lovejoy and Hannah Zurcher for their assistance in running the activity.

photos are courtesy of James Lehane



## National Youth Council

Applications are open for membership of the Scouts Australia National Youth Council. The National Youth Council provides advice and recommendations directly to National Committees and Councils on a range of issues that affect young people in Scouting.

The Council comprises a total of twenty-six youth members selected to represent a cross-section of Scouting in Australia. There is representation from the Scout, Venturer and Rover sections, as well as Young Leaders. Each Branch (or State) of Scouts Australia is also represented.

Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to meet and collaborate with motivated youth members from every state of Australia and work with the National Team including the Chief Commissioner of Australia, and develop personal skills in a wide range of areas. The appointment period will be **March 2016 to February 2019** (3 years).

For further information on membership requirements and how to apply, head to <http://nyc.scouts.com.au/get-involved/national-youth-council/the-detail/>

**Applications close MIDNIGHT Sunday 15th November 2015.**



## Scouts in ACTION and the Australian Scout Magazine deadlines

Would you like your Scout Group or event to be in the next issue of Scouts in ACTION or the Australian Scout Magazine? If so, please send your write up to [development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au](mailto:development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au) by the 15th of each month for the Australian Scout Magazine (minimum 1 page and high quality photos) and the 25th of each month for Scouts in ACTION (maximum 1 page with photos).