



SCOUTS IN ACTION

Australian Capital Territory

NATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM CONFERENCE

By Paul Janssens, Assistant Chief Commissioner Youth Program



ACT Youth Program Team in Adelaide: (R-L) Ben Keily, Tim Kirsopp, Sarah Oxborrow, Liz Affleck, Alan Murray, Nicolas Gardiner, Paul Janssens, Daniel Bartlett

Each year the National Youth Program Team organise a Youth Program Conference where all of the Branch Section Commissioners and some youth attend a weekend conference to discuss, workshop, test and provide feedback on a range of topics in the pipeline. The main theme over the weekend was the Year of the Fundamentals which is happening in 2017. The program fundamentals include the Scout method and SPICES (Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional and Spiritual) which is an area we would like to focus on, especially with the new program soon to be tested in Pioneer Groups. The new Youth Program was also discussed along with the new Law and Promise.

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FROM THE CHIEF

By Rick Goode



July has been an important month for the ACT Branch. Following months of preparation and rehearsals the 50th Anniversary Gang Show season was run. Every performance built on the previous one and resulted from one of the most polished performances ever. The Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia, Mr Chris Bates, in summing up the performance described it as 'wow'. The singing was 'on-song' and the dancing, and surrounding effects, were amazing. Like all major events that the ACT Branch holds I have asked the Gang Show Commissioner to do a post-show evaluation and to develop a Chief Commissioner's Directive to guide future years. This is an example of the wider Scouting Plan, Do, Review process and underpins what every Scouting activity should be doing. This season saw our first 4th generation cast member (Freddie Hickey) and our 3,000th participant (some members have done over 20 seasons with GS).

As highlighted previously, the ACT Branch has a large number of participants at the Norwegian Jamboree, the Iceland Moot and, from 26 July, the Mongolian APR Jamboree. All are enjoying themselves, at least from all the pictures they are posting in social media. I am sure that everybody left behind is looking forward to hearing from them on their return

Mark Holmes, as Vice President of ACT Scouts, and I attended a series of National Scout meetings over the weekend of 21-23 July. You will have all seen that during these meetings we have adopted two versions of the promise and one law across all Sections nationally after a confirmatory vote by the National Council of Scouts Australia. Information, including posters for all Scout Groups across Australia will be distributed shortly. It was suggested that Leaders be re-named 'Scouters' however this has been rejected. Section colors and the peak Awards will likewise, not change

I am very excited to be able to announce the recipients of this year's Adult Recognition Awards in a separate article. I congratulate each and every Awardee and look forward to congratulating them individually at the Adult Recognition Award ceremony on 16 August. I encourage you to come along and join with me in congratulating your Scouting friends.

BRANCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special meeting

We would like to remind you to attend a Special Meeting of the Branch Council of Scouts Australia ACT Branch on Wednesday 2 August 2017 at 7.00pm at the Branch Office (89 Kitchener Street, Garran 2605). This meeting is to consider an amendment to the Scouts ACT Constitution proposed by the BEC. A Special resolution to change clause 34.3 of the constitution of The Scout Association of Australia Australian Capital Territory Branch Incorporated.

Promise and Law

As mentioned earlier in Ricks column, Scouts Australia is both proud and excited to announce the introduction of a new Australian Scout Promise and Australian Scout Law. We now have one Promise, with two versions, and one Law. As Australia's young people become more diverse, from a multitude of backgrounds and beliefs, Scouts Australia now has a Promise and Law for all our members. Head to www.scouts.com.au for more information

Group Census:

Thank you to all our Groups who have kindly updated and have started to process payments for their group's 2017/18 Census. A friendly reminder to groups who still have outstanding fees due to please kindly finalised these payments soon. If any groups are having difficulties with their Census please don't hesitate to contact the branch office.

Membership Cards

The new look cards are slowly making their way out to Scout Groups. This year Scout members can receive a 20% discount from Mont Adventure, daily specials from Adventure Packed, 20% of general admission from the National Dinosaur Museum and a special online discount from Harvey Norman (not on the Scout card - link available under Forms and Resources on our website). Group Leaders please don't forget to do regular checks of your pigeon hole at the Branch Office.

Glow sticks

Does your Scout Group need glowsticks for your next camping trip or activity? As an ACT Scout member, you can get 15% off by using the code word 'scoutsact' at the checkout across the entire product range. Check out www.GlowsticksLtd.com.au,



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The Section Commissioners also spent some time over the weekend meeting together to discuss section specific items. The youth members at the conference (Scouts, Venturers and Rovers) were all involved in these meetings and their input was listened to and included. In fact at the Scout Commissioners meetings the scouts there, including Sarah Oxborrow from Mt Mugga, were chairing the meeting and taking minutes which was fantastic. The Scout Commissioners all agreed at the end that the weekend discussions would have been different without the scout's involvement. Nicolas Gardiner was our Venturer from Majura who also attended the weekend with Liz Affleck representing the Rovers.

AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION AWARDS 2017

The Australian Recognition Awards will be presented to 74 Adult Leaders and Supporters on the 16 August, at the Tim Murray Theatre from 7.30pm for service given above and beyond what is expected.

We wish to congratulate this years awardees

SILVER KOALA

James Derlacki

Carolyn Goode

SILVER WATTLE

Natalie Evans-Sandell

Virginia Henderson

Benjamin Keily

Timothy Kirsopp

Bruce Munro

Ruth Oettle

Mark Stockall

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Geoffrey Woodward

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Kathryn Black

Michael Broom

Ngaio Buck

James Clark

Fiona Coram

Matthew Dadswell

Peta Duggan

Steven Hubbard

Alison Inglis

Raymond Irvine

Glenn James

Karen Jones

Darren Kriticos

Tania Kriticos

Craig Lawler

Linda Markwick

Earle Miller

Craig Muller

Jayne Murray

Mark Nahon

Rebecca Nixon

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AUSTRALIAN RECOGNITION AWARDS 2017

Tracey Noble
Brian Palm
Nicholas Pieper
Donna Priol
Christopher Puschak
Julia Torney
John Webster
Jeremy Wilson

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Elizabeth Anderson
James Ansell
Darryl Barbour
Christopher Barrett
Andrew Bodsworth
Johanna Bruinsma
Christopher Burge
David Burns
Morris Carpenter
Andrew Carstens
Peter Coates
Jacqueline Coleman
Fiona Collingwood
Matthew Court
Andrea Farrow
Michael Forster
Emma Georgiou
Jodie Glesti
Russell Judd
Theodor Karner
Natalie Lestone
Anita Mack
Scott Mack
Jennifer McLeish
Ian Mitchell
Rupsa Neogy Kumar
Stuart Nowak
Sharon Pike
Andrew Preston
Tamzin Pulsford
Heidi Rossendell
Lee Shute
Mitchell White
Ryan Winn

ROVER SCOUT SERVICE AWARD

Jesse Coppin

KUB KAR RALLY 2017

By Sue Pearson, Kub Kar Rally Coordinator



Closely challenging last year's record attendance (256), 252 Cub Scouts turned out to participate in the Twelfth Annual Kub Kar Rally at the University of Canberra Gym on Sunday 18 June 2017.

A new badge featuring an ambulance was designed for the event by Matthew Hann from Badimara.

Racing was conducted in earnest and after 20 races, the honour of creating the fastest kub kars went to the following Cubs:

2017 Race Champion	Tristan Nolan (US Pack 2012)
2nd Place	Amelia Buykx (Les Explorateurs)
Equal 3rd Place	Lily Saunders (Macarthur) & Lukas Klein (US Pack 2012)
Finalists:	Sam Bannerman (Air Scouts)
	Ben McGregor (Mt Mugga)
	Jamie Connor (Weston)
	Chris Chan (Garran)
	Erica Wheatley (Macarthur)

In the "Design Only" Category, the following Cubs produced interesting works of art:

Best Detail	Eric Neesham (Oxley, LTSS) – a gold hot rod
Funniest	Leila Redpath (Diamantina) – a white bunny rabbit
Most Original	Lukas Klein (US Pack 2012) – Tutankhamun's death mask.



INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

By Wendy Freeman, Scouts ACT International Commissioner

Scouts Australia currently has over 500 members attending events overseas at the World Moot in Iceland, the APR Jamboree in Mongolia and the German National Jamboree. Contingents have also recently returned from the National Jamborees in Norway and Finland. Do you feel you're missing out? No, you don't need to miss out. Every member can have an international Scouting experience. While travelling to a new country is exciting, there are lots of ideas for an international experience for your Group/Section using the resources on Scout Central: <https://goo.gl/7HvW3w>.

If you have attended an event overseas in the last 12 months, please consider applying for the International Explorer Award. The Award is a Certificate and belt with buckle that can be worn in place of the standard belt buckle on the uniform belt. This award can be earned by any registered member (youth or Leader) of Scouts Australia who travels to an officially recognised international Scouting event overseas and participates in two of the following activities:

1. Service (minimum 4 hours)
2. Camping (minimum 1 night)
3. Training (minimum 1 complete day)
4. Attend at least three meetings (minimum 3 hours)

Upon your return from overseas, you need to complete at least three reports or presentations within 12 months. Why not write an article and submit it with photos for publication in Scouts in ACTION as one of your presentations? When the requirements for the Award are completed, you will need to fill in the Application Form which can be found [here](#). The form needs to be signed by your Group Leader or Commissioner and sent to international@scoutsact.com.au. Don't forget the payment of \$25 for the belt.

Future Opportunities

Applications for the 28th New Zealand National Scout Regatta 2017 close at 5pm on Friday 25 August. Scouts Australia will be sending a team of 20 participants to compete in this event. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 25 August for the role of Australian Contingent Leader to the following four events:

- 76th New Zealand Rover Moot 2018
- Roverway 2018
- JamboRí 2018 – Ireland's National Jamboree
- 17th Nippon Scout Jamboree 2018



Further information is available on the International Scouting website (<http://international.scouts.com.au>) or by contacting me at international@scoutsact.com.au

Pictured are some Australian Scouts at the APR Jamboree in Mongolia.