



SCOUTS IN ACTION

Australian Capital Territory

CURE 2017

By Eric Zurcher, Scout Program Advisor



The Canberra Urban Rogaining Event (CURE) was held on 17 September. We had 104 Scouts participating, forming 19 Patrols. There were 50 possible waypoints for the Scouts to visit. Their “raw” score (see page 8) is based on the visited waypoints and bonus points; the “adjusted” score includes an additional adjustment for the average age of Patrol members, and is the basis for the rankings.

The weather co-operated very well (despite a bit of morning frost), and the Scouts appeared to have a great time, even if some were rather foot-weary at the end of the day. If you want a rough idea of the distances they covered, I’d estimate that around 10 km of walking would be needed for every 15 waypoints, so the winning team from Kama probably covered close to 30 km, which is a rather impressive achievement.

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FROM THE CHIEF

By Rick Goode



September has been a month where many Scout Groups have been discussing and deciding whether or not to nominate as 'Pioneer Groups' as the first stage in the implementation of the outcomes of the Youth Program Review. It was gratifying to see so much interest and engagement with the ACT Branch Assistant Chief Commissioner – Business Change, Brent Juratowitch over what being a Pioneer Group actually entails. By the end of the month we had received 12 nominations (with approximately 950 youth members) from a good cross-section of Groups in the ACT. As a matter of note, in the whole of NSW there were only 20 nominations! Successful nominees will be contacted very shortly by Brent and I thank and congratulate those that have taken this first step. I know that in the long run you won't regret it.

As a matter of interest, the latest figures for Scouting in the ACT shows that there are now 2255 youth and adults registered. This is comprised of 253 Joey Scouts, 673 Cub Scouts, 607 Scouts, 208 Venturer Scouts, 89 Rover Scouts and 418 leaders. We are always looking to engage with more youth and adults this is a steady increase over the last few year. You can see the 12 month change in each Section in the Branch Office announcements on the next page.

Scouts ACT has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with St Vincent de Paul whereby we will provide facilities at Macarthur Scout Hall for them to run a program for disadvantaged youth. As a part of the program, Scouting will run appropriate weekend activities for these youth members. This was an initiative of John Feint, GL Macarthur, and I thank him for driving the agreement through both sets of bureaucracy!

Gang Show performed on the opening day of Floriade and again showcased the talent of our youth in planning, directing, choreographing, singing and then performing to such an exceptional standard. If you missed it this year try not to miss it again next year, you won't regret it. Enjoy the Spring with all the camping, hiking, sailing and fun outdoor activities that Scouting provides – happy Scouting!

BRANCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Uniforms:

Adventure Packed based at Majura Park has sadly closed and we are now looking for a new supplier to carry our Scouting paraphernalia and uniforms. Uniforms will now have to be purchased online at <https://scoutshop.com.au>. The Branch Office has a few shirts which are available to try on for sizing before you make your purchase.

Upcoming events:

Gilwell Reunion

A social lunch for all holders of the Woodbadge and their partners.

When: 28 October 2017

Time: Midday onwards

Cost: \$40 (includes buffet lunch and badge)

BYO drinks

Where: 13th Canberra Scout Hall (Corner of Hovea Street and Boronia Drive, O'Connor)

RSVP: Register by 14 October on this [link](#). We'll send out invoices shortly after registration.

Wear: Uniform and Gilwell scarf + woodbeads

2017 census outcome:

	2017	2016	12-month change
JOEY SCOUTS	253	205	23%
CUB SCOUTS	673	653	3%
SCOUTS	607	658	-8%
VENTURER SCOUTS	208	196	6%
ROVERS	89	83	7%
TOTAL YOUTH MEMBERS	1830	1795	2%
LEADERS	418	413	1%
TOTAL MEMBERS	2255	2217	2%

41ST WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE, AZERBAIJAN

By Wendy Freeman, ACT International Commissioner

I had the privilege to be a member of the Australian Contingent to the 41st World Scout Conference held from 14-18 August 2017 in Baku, Azerbaijan (for those of you reaching for your atlas, a hint - it is near the Caspian Sea). The World Scout Conference is the governing body of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The Conference dubbed the "Jamboree for paper Scouts" is held every 3 years and the theme for this Conference was "Together for Positive Change".

The business of the Conference included Constitutional voting, governance and best practice, the opportunity to share ideas and knowledge via break-out sessions, about how WOSM undertakes works via committees and task-forces. Topics included emergency relief, Messengers for Peace, Youth Program, and Adults in Scouting. The Scouts Australia Youth Program Team provided an update on the Youth Program Review (YPR).

An election was held for the 12 members of the World Scout Committee which will lead WOSM until the next World Conference in 2020. Peter Blatch from Australia (Qld Branch) was re-elected for a second term.

WOSM presented its triennial plan aiming to achieve: "By 2023 Scouting will be the world's leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities and in the world based on shared values." For Australia, that equates to 100,000 young people. Diversity & Inclusion is another focus of the WOSM triennial plan where we can really provide direction to find strategies, and provide education and support to encourage candidates of every age, background, gender etc. to become involved in international Scouting roles.

Presentations were made by countries bidding for the 42nd World Scout Conference in 2020 and the 25th World Scout Jamboree in 2023. The presentations were followed by a vote and Egypt will host the 2020 World Conference and Korea the 2023 World Jamboree.

The Conference was attended by 1400 people from 167 countries. Countries newly admitted to membership at the Conference included Timor-Leste who were able to meet the requirements for membership due to assistance from Scouts Australia. This included with training courses, administrative assistance with their office and membership and especially, the gift of their Scout Activities Centre near Dili in 2014. The Activities Centre was funded by Scouts Australia through the Dollars for Dili Program, an initiative of the ACT Government Centenary of Canberra celebrations. The construction was project managed by Neville Tomkins, OAM, Vice Chair of The Arthur Shakespeare Foundation.

There were several guest speakers including an inspirational address by Ms. Elizabeth Nyamayaro, Senior Advisor to Under Secretary General & Executive Director of UN Women, and Global Head of the HeForShe initiative.

There was time for socialising and sightseeing. It was wonderful to meet up again with Scouting friends from all over the world. An Azerbaijani evening and the closing ceremony were held outside Baku and included cultural performances. I took the opportunity to walk along the Caspian Sea and explore the old town of Baku.

ACT CONTINGENT - AV2018

By Claire Lonie – ACT AV2018 Contingent chair



With only two months until take-off, Venturers from the ACT and the rest of Australia are preparing for their journey north toward the Australian Venture 2018 held in sunny Queensland. With a massive 84 attendees, Canberra is set to bring their biggest contingent to a Venture since 1994. Our team here in the ACT are busy doing last minute preparations, finalising our merchandise packs, travel details and pre-tour activities.

We're getting revved up for some fun youth lead activities including an amazing race, trip to movie world, amazing race, and not to mention the amazing New Years Eve party during this four day preface to our two weeks during the main Venture. We will be stationed in Bribie Island, just off of Brisbane, within walking distance of both the beach and the local pool, giving Venturers the opportunity to lead a group of friends to choose to chill out, or go on a wild adventure over their time at Pre-tour

Our ACT Venturers will be spread over a 1000 kms where they will partake in various expeditions ranging from hiking, sailing, scuba diving, tall ship sailing, and a survival expedition. After expeditions we'll all return to the main campsite where we will again participate in a range of activities, both on-site and off-site.

I have been lucky enough to have the opportunity to lead the contingent, and our wonderful team has planned and implemented all of the contingent arrangements, and we are hopeful that the youth leadership model that we have put in place will develop and serve ACT Venturers for many years to come.

AV2018 is getting set to be a great event, and we encourage leaders and parents to read the contingent newsletter, and get behind some our attendees! We're looking forward to packing our bags and seeing everyone in Queensland!

You will be able to follow our adventurers in January at www.facebook.com/actventurers



Pictured left: Claire and Andie at Bribie Island, during the Venture Consultative Committee meeting in June 2017. Pictured right: The 2018 ACT Venture badge

FLYING SCOUTS...

By the Air Activities power flying team

The Air Activities power flying team managed to find one of the best days in September to take Cubs, a Venturer and a few adults from Majura Scout Group and Yass Scout Group on the City Flight Alpha Two on Sunday 17 September. The weather was close to perfect, with clear skies and smooth flying. We used two aircraft, MIZ (a Piper Archer) and KAM (a Cessna 182T), to head to the Racecourse, then over to Belconnen, then south past the dam and Woden to Mt Taylor before returning to Canberra.

We'll be doing more air activity flying days next term and have already scheduled a weekend camp at Moruya, which is a great way to mix camping with air activities! Want to know more? Contact us via wings@scoutsact.com.au



CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

By the Alpine Team

With the outstanding amount of snow around, several Scouts ACT Leaders decided they had procrastinated enough about getting back into cross country skiing so that their rather rusty skills could be refreshed and they might be able to go out with Scouts without being too embarrassed.

Bec Nixon did the organising with the result that five of us (Liz, Julian, Peter, Bec and Richard) were able to demonstrate our prowess at falling over (less frequent and more gracious as the weekend progressed), getting back up and from time to time make good progress on the skis. We camped at Sawpit Creek (great camp kitchen & Liz does a mean roast) and skied using the nordic trails at Perisher. By the end of the weekend we were able to get round the 7km trail without difficulty and actually had fun!



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The final results were as follows

Rank	Group	Patrol	Adjusted score	Raw score	Waypoints visited
1	Kama	Karbcintross	763	750	45
2	Mt. Mugga	Snakes on a boat	670	670	39
3	13th Canberra	David	566	575	34
4	Mt. Mugga	White Eagle	554	545	36
5	Mt. Mugga	Kingfisher	545	545	32
6	Well Station	Posh Bogans	531	575	35
7	Les Explorateurs	Lxational	525	525	30
8	Well Station	Chinese Turtles	498	490	25
9	Southwell	CIGTHHS	476	465	27
10	Badiamara	What happened to the roundabouts?	416	445	27
11	Amaroo	Thylacines	384	390	25
12	Weston	Chinese Ikea	357	345	18
13	Amaroo	Waypoint Diviners	350	350	22
14	Well Station	Fruity Tutti Dragons	310	310	15
15	Crowajingalong	Crows	300	290	18
16	Mulga	Meathedds	292	300	18
17	Majura	Flying Buttercups	245	240	14
18	Southwell	The Hype	235	245	15
19	Majura	Burning Bears	40	40	3

Special thanks are due to Caroline Sund, Virginia Henderson, and Mark Stockall for their assistance with registration, score-keeping and just “being there” for the whole day. Thanks also to the ever-reliable Crowajingalong Leaders (including “retired” Herb Zimmermann) for doing all the work of running the end-of-day barbeque. Many thanks as well to the Mt. Mugga Group for allowing us to make use of their hall, which served us very well. The Scouts from Mt. Mugga really put in a great effort this year, with 3 Patrols in the event, all of which finished in the top 5. That’s got to be a record for the overall performance of a single Troop, and they should be extremely proud of this accomplishment.

JOEY HALLOWEEN SCARE DISCO

By Daniel Bartlett, Joey Scout Commissioner



Join us if your DARE for a
Joey Halloween SCARE Disco!

It will be SPOOK-tacular!

Dress up (of course)
and drop in for Halloween Fun

Saturday 4th November at 6-8pm
Games, drinks, prizes, badge and goody bags!

Where: Harrison School
20 Wimmera Street, Harrison

Cost: \$10 per child

RSVP: Wednesday 25th October 2017

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RSVP with payments to your Joey Leader so they can do a group booking.