



SCOUTS IN ACTION

Australian Capital Territory

JOEY SCOUTS LEAD THE WAY IN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SKILLS

By Daniel Bartlett, Joey Scout Commissioner



Just weeks after the introduction of the YPR to Pioneer Groups in the ACT, Joeys from across Canberra hit the slopes at Corin Forest in a Branch-wide effort to get their first new Outdoor Adventure Skills badge – Alpine Level 1.

The inaugural Joey Scout Alpine Adventure Day was held on Sunday 5 August at Corin Forest, just south of Canberra. The weather was perfect, with blue sky and temps hovering around the 10 degree mark. Over 180 Joeys plus their assorted Cubs and Scouts siblings, parents, carers, cousins and other family members attended the event.

First up we hit the slopes, with plenty of toboggans available for all who wanted them, both young and those slightly less young. There might even have been a few leader races. Joey Scouts tried their hands at making snow men, some even came prepared with carrots for a nose! Snow angels were made, snowballs were formed and some were even thrown!

While the Joey Scouts were busy shrieking down the hillside, a bunch of dedicated leaders and parent helpers were cooking up a storm for lunch, with a BBQ feast and hot or cold Milo and Ribena on offer to warm up the hands and refuel, ready for that last play before the end of our session. And if you were just too tired for any more snow play, there was a fire and marshmallows just begging to be toasted. Story continues on page 8...

FROM THE CHIEF

By Rick Goode



World Scout Day was celebrated on 1 August with a moving joint ceremony with Rotary at the Nara Peace Bell. Over 100 members attended on a very cool evening to hear Dr Sue Wareham speak about bringing peace to the world – one of the aims of Scouting through the messengers of Peace program. Anna Davies organized and managed the event and we again saw the active participation of the Cubs from Macarthur Scout Group and les Explorateurs. I am contemplating making this an annual event.

We celebrated the contribution of 22 Leaders and supporters at the annual Adult Recognition Awards. This event reminded me of the legends that we are privileged to work with in Scouting. I congratulate them all, again, and encourage everybody to consider who they might nominate for next years Awards when nominations are called for later this year. We will shortly see Craig Robilliard assume the role of Chair of the Hunan Endeavour Recognition Committee (HERC). This group manages the Award processes for the ACT Branch. I also need to recognize the contribution of Adrian Walsh who has foiled the role to a very high standard over a number of years now.

I sought nominations from youth to attend and represent with me the views of youth at the National Youth Council in September – Alexis Ngai, a Scout from Birralea will join me. I am sure that she will find the experience both enlightening and worthwhile.

Brent Juratowitch (ACC – Business Change) and I met with James Milligan, opposition member for Yerrabi on 9 August and started a conversation about what support Scouting in the ACT needs to develop and grow. The Branch Executive Committee is addressing the need to develop coherent priorities going forward that provide for the future of Scouting in the ACT. A very successful training Day was held on 10 August focused on preparing Leaders for AJ2019. This was one of the Branch activities held during August that engaged many members – including a joint Palaver with NSW Cub Leaders and the (again) highly successful SciScouts day on 19 August. My thanks and congratulations to all involved. You may have seen the news clip on WIN TV of our members exploring the joys of engineering.

During August the Branch had 2 resignations, Ashleigh Fisher and Tyron Ahern. Michael Young, our new administrative assistant, started with us on Monday 27 August.

Tyron will move on in his careers at the end of September. I thank both Ashleigh and Tyron for the valuable contributions that both have made during their time working with us. It should also be noted that Karen Jones, who has been providing accountancy support from her new place in Sydney, finished her role late in August.

I was informed during the month that the Governor- General has again graciously accepted our invitation to host the 2018 Queen's Scout and Baden-Powell Scout Awards. This will happen in early December and is always a highlight of the year for the ACT Branch

BRANCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Young Achiever Awards:

Scouts ACT, in partnership with Scouts NSW, has been named the category sponsor of the Youth Development category of the 2018 Seven News Young Achiever Awards. The Young Achiever Awards recognise, encourage and reward the positive achievements of young people from NSW and the ACT up to and including 29 years of age. The Awards' nomination period runs from 1 August – 1 November 2018. The Awards are free to enter – and completing a nomination online is easy! If you are ready to start your nomination please go to www.awardsaustralia.com and select the category from the dropdown nomination award menu.

Staff movements:

August has been very busy, we bid a sad farewell to both Ashleigh Fisher and Karen Jones over the last little while. We thanked them for their service and wished them all the very best for the future. Following on from a successful recruitment process we have the pleasure of welcoming Michael Young to our team. Michael replaces Ashleigh Fisher as our Administrative Assistant. Next time you are in the office please feel free to introduce yourself. Welcome Michael to the World wide Scouting Family! In September we will be farewelling our Development office Tyron Ahern. Recruitment for this role will start shortly.

Xero access:

Over the next few weeks Xero is rolling out a new sign in process called Compulsory two-step authentication. If Treasurers or group leaders started to receive emails asking you to download the app, this is part of the new security management functions that Xero is rolling in. Branch Staff are happy to take any enquiries on this front and offer assistance where we can.

Bore eLearning Modules:

Friendly reminder that every 3 years all Adult members of Scouting will need to complete the B-Core WHS and B-Core Child Safe Scouting modules via the Scouts Central eLearning system. Reminders will be sent via the Scouts Central training system informing members of when their training is due to expire. These emails will start rolling out 12 weeks prior to the expiry date. Please make sure that the Branch has your most up to date email address recorded.

Scout Uniforms:

Scout uniforms are now available at Tent World in Fyshwick (40 Gladstone St). You can still purchase uniforms online from the Scout Shop (www.scoutshop.com.au)

Tax, Super + You Competition:

Are you a creative genius with an innovative way to generate buzz about tax and super? You are?! Great – this competition sounds perfect for you! Scouts are invited to think outside the box and pitch their ideas on how you would encourage your peers to see the value of tax and super in the community. You can Write It, Make It or Film It. Don't worry, you don't have to be a tax guru to take part! More details can be found on www.taxsuperandyou.gov.au, entries close on Friday 2 November 2018.

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR / INTERNET 2018

by Elizabeth Hickey, Radio Team

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is an annual event in which around 500,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio.

Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) runs on the same weekend and connects Guides and Scouts on the internet through Scout-operated Internet chat rooms such as ScoutLink as well as Minecraft, webpages, blogs... you can even use voice communication!

The purpose of JOTA-JOTI is to enable and encourage Scouts and Guides from all around the world to communicate with one another by means of amateur radio and internet, providing a fun and educational experience and promoting their sense of belonging to a worldwide movement.

This year, JOTA and JOTI will be held on the third weekend in October, 19-21 October 2018.

The Scouts ACT Radio Activity Team and the SE Region Girl Guides have again partnered up to provide a great assortment of activities for Guides and Scouts of all ages to participate in. Groups are encouraged to book a timeslot (usually 1-2 hours depending on numbers and age of the group) which will include:

- ½ hour radio booking
- Craft activities
- 'fox' hunting
- Geocaching
- Radio games
- Radio communications



Extra Activities : There are a number of extra activities that may be available to those who are camping (depending on availability). Information will be provided if available once groups have booked in. If your group would prefer to run a JOTI event please contact Elizabeth for an information booklet, badges and assistance in this. You and your group will only need to provide computers and internet access.

WHEN: Friday 19th (Camping only), Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st October 2018

WHERE: Camp Cottermouth, Cotter Road

COST: \$7.00 per participant, includes all activities plus badge, \$5 camping per night

Groups can be invoiced but payment will be required before the event to ensure smooth running. To book a timeslot for your group, contact Elizabeth Hickey at radio@scoutsact.com.au with the following details:: Group, Section name, Contact person, phone number, email address expected number of participants, preferred day: Saturday or Sunday, preferred time: morning or afternoon, camping details: if you wish to camp

If you have any questions please phone Elizabeth on 6258 5719.

Can't make it on the weekend? Check out <http://international.scouts.com.au/programs-in-australia/jotajoti> or <http://www.girlguides.org.au/leaders-and-volunteers/Resources/jota-joti.html> for some fun program ideas to add to your Term 4 program.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

By Wendy Freeman, Branch Commissioner - International

The last two months have been a busy time for International Scouting in the Branch, with members enjoying experiences in many different countries.

Orla and Ethan Gray from Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts finished 5th in the William I Koch regatta in Texas in the USA and won the Koch Cup Sportsmanship Award. John Pring with Scouts and Venturers from Macarthur Group spent a week in the July school holidays diving and doing community service in Vanuatu.

Roy Velting led the Australian Contingent to Roverway 2018 in the Netherlands and completed a Beat2Battlefields tour in Belgium with fellow Rovers Max Walsh and Corey Coppin. While in Ireland, Sam Wanganeen from Wanniasa Group enjoyed the National Jamboree, JamboRí 2018.

For the first time in several years, we hosted a Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP) student in the ACT. Thank you to Vance Lawrence and family and Southwell Venturers for hosting Sara from Denmark. Sara attended school at Lake Ginninderra College and participated in Scouting events with her host family.

Individual members travelling overseas with their families have received International Letters of Introduction to visit local Scout Groups in countries such as Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Five applications for International Explorer Awards have been received. I encourage anyone who has participated in an approved International Scouting event, to consider applying for this Award.

Roy Velting has this week commenced a three month term as a volunteer staff member at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland.

For any enquiries relating to International Scouting please contact me at international@scoutsact.com.au



Pictured: Rovers Max Kelly, Roy Velting and Corey Coppin in Belgium.

NETIER NATIONAL CAPITAL RALLY 2018

by Chris Clarke, Fellowship

Over the weekend of 1-3 June, the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship and the CAMS Australian Rally Championship came to Canberra. The event was the Netier National Capital Rally and Scouts and Venturers from Mulga, Lake Tuggeranong and Weston Groups helped out. We kicked off with the Ceremonial Start in Garema Place on Friday evening, where MLA's Mick Gentleman and Bec Cody invited members to flag off competitors. On Saturday and Sunday some of these members assisted in Service Park as marshals. Throughout the event, a number of other members of Scouting were involved in less visible roles in areas such as Event Management, Stage Teams, IT and Communications.

Just as in V8 Supercars there are Red and Blue supporters, rallying has its own Red/Blue rivalry in Toyota v Subaru. One of our Scouts even managed to flag off her idol.

On Sunday afternoon, at Pialligo Estate, the same members assisted with the presentation of awards to the winning crews at the Podium finish.

Images courtesy of Wishart Media and Lofts family.



LAKE TUGGERANONG SCOUTS AT THE WILLIAM I. KOCH INTERNATIONAL CUP

Lake Tuggeranong Scouts Orla and Eamon Gray competed in the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup that was held in Texas USA from the 8th-13th of July. Orla and Eamon Gray were placed 5th overall and beat their placing from 2016 (6th place) . Bravooo!



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Parkas were discarded and beanies flung aside, and strategies were discussed about which side of the hill was the fastest side, and then just as quickly as it started, it was all over. Feedback from the Joeys was unanimous. Best Day EVER!

Thanks to Shingleback who organised the event. It was a great success! Let's do it again next year.....

