



# Branch Scout Council

## Scouts ACT

### Meeting Notes

Saturday 1 April 2023, 7:30 - 8:45PM

Camp Cottermouth

#### Present:

- Les Explorateurs: Lachlan & Hamish
- Kama: Florence & Avery
- Lake Ginninderra: Oli, Charlie, Eloise, Stacey & Eluney
- 13th Canberra: Josh & Abigail
- Stromlo Forest: Lilly, Sofia & Bayar
- Lake Tuggeranong: Bonnie & Chloe
- Branch Commissioner, Youth Empowerment: Jay Reid

#### Apologies:

- Mount Taylor
- Mount Mugga

#### Welcome & introduction:

- Jay outlined the history of the BSC, and the plan to revitalise the BSC in 2023
- Aiming to move the BSC from a place to consult with Scouts, to a group that is proactive in organising events, and identifying and addressing issues affecting Scout

#### Discussion:

- Purpose of the BSC
  - Discussed as a group the importance of having a clear a purpose for the BSC, including understanding what topics it dealt with and what topics it does not deal with
  - Scouts broke into three Patrols to brainstorm the purpose of the BSC, then presented back to the group on the outcomes of their discussion
  - It was agreed that the BSC's purpose would be to:
    - Organise Branch events and activities
    - Provide input and ideas to teams organising Branch events
    - Collect suggestions and make recommendations on matters affecting Scouts
    - Empower Scouts and give them a voice

- Encourage connections between Units
    - Promote the Scout section to members and non-members
  - It was agreed that the BSC would not be responsible for:
    - Unit equipment and Scout Hall maintenance
    - Unit activities and camps
    - Unit attendance and behaviour
    - Approving badges
- How the BSC will operate
  - Scouts broke into new Patrols and discussed how the BSC can best operate, then presented back to the group
  - Who will attend?
    - The consensus was 1-2 Scouts per Unit, to balance a range of views against making the meeting too large
    - The Youth Engagement team will provide adult support
    - Special guests may be asked to attend
  - When will the BSC meet?
    - Discussions ranged from every fortnight to once a term
    - Twice a term was found to be a good middle ground to balance time commitment versus regular meetings needed to progress projects
  - Where will the BSC meet?
    - Branch Headquarters in Garran
    - Potentially held in Scout Halls around the ACT, so Scouts can visit other Halls and see how they are set up
- The BSC terms of reference will be updated based on these discussions

### **Next steps:**

- A BSC meeting will be organised by Jay for 1 May 2023
  - This was advertised as 17 April at the time, but later revised to avoid school holidays and give Unit Councils time to appoint their representatives