



# Branch Scout Council

## Scouts ACT

### Minutes

Monday 1 May 2023, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Branch Office, Garran & Google Meets

Present

- Claudia, Onslow Unit LTSS
- James, Majura Mountain
- Lachlan, Les Explorateurs
- Luke, Trident Unit LBGSS
- Maeve, Trident Unit LBGSS
- Milo, Tasman Unit LBGSS
- Jay Reid, BC Youth Empowerment
- Felicity McNeice, DCC Program

Apologies:

- Badimara

#### Welcome & introduction:

- Jay chaired the meeting, with the new Executive to run future meetings
- Acknowledgement of country
- Lachlan, who attended the BSC planning meeting at Cotter Shield, explained the role of the BSC:
  - Build connections between Units
  - Help organise events for Scouts
  - Solve problems and issues Units are experiencing
  - Promote the Scout section to members and non-members
  - Be the voice of Scouts in the ACT
- Unit Representatives introduced themselves

#### Review of Cotter Shield:

- Overall the Scouts and their Units enjoyed Cotter Shield. They liked that this year included lots of new ideas and activities:
- What worked well:
  - The bushwalk activity and the off-site challenges
    - Good opportunity for Units to bond and make friends as they were walking
    - The land-based canoeing activity was fun and different. Hopefully the weather will be good next year and we can get on the water

- Transporting people who are injured to the off-site activity meant everyone was included
- Pioneering activity base was fun
- The duck hunt was unique and kept Scouts busy
- Cooking competition judged by a panel rather than one Leader per Patrol
- The registration process Friday night was quick and easy for Patrols
- Operoo worked well from the Scout's perspective
- The activity folders for each Patrol were useful and held all the information Patrols needed for the weekend
- What could be improved:
  - A separate award for duck hunting not counted toward the Cotter Shield
  - Scoring should be 60% for completion of the task, 40% for teamwork etc
    - Looking for a balance between this year and previous years
  - Would like the Cotter Stick to be still awarded to the best Pioneer-level Patrol
  - All Patrols should receive a pennant based on how they performed, Units like to hang these in their Scout Halls
    - All members of the top few Patrols could also receive an individual pennant to hang up at home
- Ideas for next year:
  - A full-sized Cotter Shield event badge for uniform wear
  - Air activities base - could be a paper plane challenge
  - Bases run by the Rovers and Venturers so Scouts can meet them
  - BSC could run the night activities

### **Election of BSC executives:**

- Chair
  - Lachlan was elected to the role
- Vice Chair & Secretary
  - No nominations were received, Jay to promote the roles ahead of the next meeting
- Executive Members
  - Luke, Maeve and Milo were elected to fill the three Executive Member positions
- The new executive will be invested at the next BSC meeting and serve until Cotter Shield 2024 or until they age out of Scouts

### **Other business:**

- Briefly discussed the possibility of an activity similar to Dragon Skin for Scouts
  - Activity bases would be spread out in a pine forest, and Patrols need to navigate between bases to score points - Cotter Shield meets The CURE
  - BSC felt this would be an interesting activity, especially for senior Scouts
  - LBG and LTSS thought this would be a new challenge for Sea Scout Units and an opportunity to develop their bushwalking and navigation skills
- The BSC spoke quickly about the material the uniform shirts are made from and how cotton takes a long time to dry
  - Felicity will pass this feedback on to the National Youth Program Team
- [Branch Leadership Course](#) - 20-21 May @ Camp Cottermouth

### **Next meeting:**

- Wednesday 14 June 2023
  - Executive will advise the location in early June, potentially visiting a Scout Hall