



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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Scouts Australia Wiki

A national Scout Wiki has been created to encourage members to share their Scouting knowledge by contributing to a valuable Scout community resource.

With information spanning across everything related to Scouting, from how to toast a marshmallow, to tips on running or operating a Jamboree. This Scout Wiki will become a valuable reference resource as well as an important collaborative capture of experience and knowledge from our talented Leaders. This tool will help generations of Scouting members, both now and in the future, to better understand Scouting.

The Scout Wiki located in Scout Central or at <http://wiki.scouts.com.au>, it already contains some core information on the different elements of Scouting. There are however still many sections which have purposely been left blank to encourage Leaders and members to jump in and complete them. These links have been highlighted in red. There are also endless opportunities to edit current or create new links, sub headings and sections.



From the Chief

One of the most exciting aspects of Scouting in the ACT is the variety of programs being offered to our youth members. This edition of Scouts in ACTION mentions just a few. As you can see, our programs are not just delivered in the Scout Hall - we use all of the ACT (including the Governor General's residence) and travel far afield interstate. In the ACT we use our lakes and rivers and even the sky above with our hot air balloon training program - and of course we cannot forget our nearly completed climbing tower that blends sky and land with the thrill of adventure.

We are also very fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteer leaders and supporters. They deliver or resource our nationally accredited Scout program and give their time to train and meet to plan the best experience possible for our youth members. Who would not want to join our growing ACT Branch? Speaking of growing our newest Scout Group will be meeting soon at Oakes Estate. Initially starting with a Scout troop and the nucleus of a Group Support Committee Stewart McCowan the new Group Leader and his team are busy preparing for their first meeting.



Have you applied for the ACT Working With Vulnerable People Card? Please make sure that you send Karen in the Office a copy of your registration form or better still a copy of your card before 8 November. Lastly, our ACT Branch Centenary badge is now available in the Office for those who have earned it. It is a National requirement that only one special interest badge can be worn at a time so you might have to sacrifice the badge that you are wearing - or like me, buy a second uniform shirt!

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Port Neptune 2013

Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts (LTSS) and Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scouts (LBG) recently attended the Port Neptune Regatta. This was a great opportunity for our keen sailors who were full of enthusiasm on the Friday night. Most of the Scouts had never been and did not know what to expect, and things like camping at Quarantine Park was just amazing for them. They literally camped on the harbour wall, luckily no one sleep walked as one wrong step and into the harbour they went. The view from the wake was also just spectacular!

The first race didn't start till to 2pm on the Saturday, but where there are boats and water there is sailing to be had. So LTSS had a little practice sail before lunch to calm the nerves of the first time skippers and crew. Racing didn't seem that difficult after that. The weekend saw 4 new skippers and a cub sailing for LTSS for the first time in a regatta, and they did them proud. With the experience of some of their seasoned skippers and leaders/parents also going in some of the boats to give the one on one assistance, it really gave them a great opportunity. Then there were the seasoned skippers who just wanted to sail fast and let the results speak for themselves.

Sunday unfortunately came with no wind so the race was shortened, and then shortened again. It was a slow old day but that is when our lake sailing came in handy. A few bottle necks for LTSS but they came out on top to win both Division 1 and Division 2.

Group Leader Michelle Taylor commented "our new boats and our great crews led the way and LTSS came home with a mountain of trophies and were the overall Port Neptune Regatta winners". LBG also sailed great and so the ACT "Sea" Scouts stole the show.



Sailing	Results	
Port Neptune Cup Saturday - Div 1	1st LBG	
Port Neptune Cup Saturday - Div 2	1st LTSS	2nd LTSS
Port Neptune Cup Fastest Scout Crew - Div 2	LTSS	
Port Neptune Shield - Div 1 Sailing	2nd LTSS	3rd LBG
Port Neptune Shield - Div 2 Sailing	1st & 3rd LTSS	
Port Neptune Shield Fastest Scout Crew - Div 2	LTSS	
Sailing Overall Point Score - Div 1	2nd LBG	3rd LTSS
Sailing Overall Point Score - Div 2	1st LTSS	
Canoeing		
U13 Scout Canoeing C2 Sprint	2nd LBG	3rd LTSS
U15 Scout Canoeing C2 Sprint	1st LTSS	
Open Canoeing C2 Sprint	3rd LTSS	
U13 Scout Canoeing C2 Marathon	2nd LTSS	
U15 Scout Canoeing C2 Marathon	1st LTSS	
Open Canoeing C2 Marathon	3rd LBG	
Overall Canoeing Point Score	2nd LTSS	
Fun Run		
U 13 Scout Fun Run	2nd LTSS	3rd LBG
U15 Scout Fun Run	2nd LTSS	
Open Fun Run	2nd & 3rd LBG	
Overall Fun Run Point Score	2nd LTSS	
Camp award	LBG	

Government House Picnic Day

On Saturday the 21st of September members from Scouts ACT went to Government House to take part in a picnic day that would help raise funds for Dollars for Dili. The event was attended by 15 000 visitors and all were treated to many exciting activities. Scouts had a large display and treated the public to crate stacking, Kub Kars, miniature catapults, face painting, balloon rides, games and performances from our Cuboree Team.

Much thanks goes to our Groups and members who ran food stalls, activities and helped make the day a success. Thanks also goes to 20 students from Radford College who volunteered to give us a hand.



Warrigal (Diamantina) and Jumbuck Packs (Well Station) Adventure!

On the weekend of 24 and 25 August 2013 the Warrigal and Jumbuck Packs headed to Wee Jasper. There they took part in the best abseiling and caving experiences - ever - as can be easily attested to by the happy faces in the two pictures. One Cub Scout was so concerned that she would have an accident most dire, however, she was the only one to abseil the most times! A huge thank you to the Rock Team who made the adventure extra special for all the Cub Scouts and their leaders and family members who attended.



Branch Office Renovations

The Scouts ACT Branch Office has been under going some renovations over the last few months. We are happy to say that most of the work is complete and the office and meeting rooms are back to normal.

The project started in 2011 when Scouts ACT received a grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation. Additional funds were generously donated by the Arthur Shakespeare Foundation and several months later, the work began. Previously the hall was too cold in winter and too stuffy in summer, this has been improved by insulated floors and ceiling and the addition of a new heating and cooling system and double glazed windows. Yes...that is correct, windows! The north side of the building was stripped away and 14 large windows were built in. A new conference room was also created, so members can now run 2 meetings or have training evenings all at the same time. Further projects for Branch Office include having a new kitchen, the garden landscaped and the storage room fitted with 2 cupboards.



Your Group or event in the next "Scouts in ACTION"

Would you like your Group / event to be in the next issue of Scouts in ACTION? It's so simple! Contact Tyron at Branch Office on (02) 6282 5211 or email development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au and we will add your story to the next newsletter.