



# Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

August 2016



## Raising the Cub100 flag

GEOCON has helped the Diamantina Scout Group celebrate the 100th anniversary of Cub Scouts in style by flying the Centenary flag above the Wayfarer apartment building. The flag was hoisted by crane to the top of the building where it will fly proudly for the next two weeks. Diamantina Cub Leader Sue Groves said "We wanted to fly the centenary flag as high as we could to challenge other Packs to better this achievement and to see how many Cub Scouts would actually see the flag flying".



## From the Chief



Scouting in the ACT recently lost a valued colleague with the passing this month of Noel Tarbotton. Noel was a former Chief Commissioner during the early years of the Branch and continued his involvement recently with his work as the ACT Branch Child Protection Commissioner. Our thoughts are with his wife Jan, and their family.

There are some structural changes happening within Branch itself, the Regional Commissioners, Geoff Sheehan and Allan Dean, have assumed the role of Assistant Chief Commissioners, respectively Southern and Northern. They will also assume responsibility for, again respectively, Fellowship and Draco Fellowship. The Adventurous Activities team, under the very capable leadership of Hayden Turner, is now a part of the Adult Training and Development portfolio. This reflects what happens nationally and provides support for the AA team in their training roles.

A highlight of the Scouting year is always Gang Show and I am very pleased to say that in 2016 the Gang Show has lived up to the high expectations of it that we all have. Great songs, great dancing, terrible (for the most part!) puns and a lot of fun for everybody involved including the audience. Thank you everyone, both front and back, for your efforts. We all look forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show next year.

If you haven't already done so, you will be shortly receiving your Branch membership card. These are provided to members when the Group fees are paid. This year it features a typical Cub Scout enjoying doing 'Cubbing' activities. This is fitting given that this is the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Cubbing. As mentioned in the article above, the Diamantina Cub pack and their Leader, Sue, arranged for the 100 years of Cub Scouts flag to fly over the Geocon site in Belconnen. The faces on the Cubs as the crane lifted the flag into the heavens made the excursion on to a cool building site worthwhile.

You will have seen the note about the 2016 Adult Recognition Award recipients on either ScoutsIT or our Facebook page. I wish to congratulate all recipients and I look forward to presenting them with their Awards on 17 August. I encourage you all to come along and join me in this important occasion. The ceremony is being held at the Tim Murray Theatre, Canberra Grammar School, starting at 7.30pm, followed by a light supper.

## Adult Recognition Awards 2016

By Adrian Walsh, Human Endeavour Recognition Committee

Adults in Scouting devote thousands of hours every year to the development and well-being of young people. Some wear uniform as active leaders and others work in the background, raising funds, supporting youth programs and maintaining equipment. But every one helps make Scouting the great organisation it is. Congratulations to this years awardees

**SILVER EMU** - For providing "further distinguished service" to Scouting in an active leadership role

Rick Goode	Assistant Chief Commissioner Adult Support, ACT Branch
David Jones	Assistant Cub Scout Leader, Amaroo Scout Group

**SILVER KOALA** - For providing "distinguished service" to Scouting in an active leadership role

Chris Clark	Leader-in-charge, Scout Fellowship I, ACT Branch
Fay Padarin	Group Leader, Badimara Scout Group
Sarah Smith	Cub Scout Leader, Kama Scout Group
Michelle Taylor	Group Leader, Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scout Group

**SILVER WATTLE** - For providing "outstanding service" to Scouting in an active leadership role

Paul Janssens	Assistant Chief Commissioner Youth Program, ACT Branch
Eric Zurcher	Assistant Region Commissioner Program Coordination, Northern Region

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD** - For providing "meritorious of praiseworthy service" to Scouting

Edwin Darke	Scout Leader, Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scout Group
Bill Davidson	Group Leader, Amaroo Scout Group
Richard Fitzpatrick	Assistant Scout Leader, Wanniasa Scout Group
Clayton Gumbrell	Joey Scout Leader, Kama Scout Group
Matt Hobson	Assistant Cub Scout Leader, Diamantina Scout Group
Evan Long	Assistant Branch Rover Advisor, ACT Branch
Michelle McDonald	Adult Support, Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group
Felicity McNeice	Group Leader, Birralee Scout Group
Judith Millington	Joey Scout Leader, Weston Scout Group
Richard O'Callaghan	Assistant Scout Leader, Wanniasa Scout Group
Cherie Penhale	Joey Scout Leader, Long Gully Scout Group
Craig Robilliard	Group Leader, Majura Mountain Scout Group
Tony Rose	Joey Scout Leader, Well Station Scout Group
Amanda Sheaves	Assistant Scout Leader, Kama Scout Group
Jackie Stenhouse	Group Leader, Kama Scout Group
Lisa Stephan	Group Leader, German Australian Pfadfinder Scout Group
Kenneth Wedgwood	Assistant Cub Scout Leader, Kama Scout Group
Bill Woodruff	Assistant Joey Scout Leader, Kama Scout Group

**SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD** - For making a "noteworthy contribution" in their role

Graham Achilles	Adult Support, Wanniasa Scout Group
Tim Adams	Assistant Group Leader, Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scout Group
Tyron Ahern	Leader-in-charge, Duntroon Campbell Scout Group
Charlene Barriga	Assistant Joey Scout Leader, Les Explorateurs Scout Group
Kathryn Boesen	Adult Support, Kama Scout Group
Kathleen De Kleuver	Adult Support, Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scout Group
Daniel Fernandez	Scout Leader, Les Explorateurs Scout Group
Andrew Forster	Adult Support, Birrale Scout Group
Louise Galen-Mules	Group Leader, Southwell Scout Group
Ian Gordon	Adult Support, Kama Scout Group
Antony Houghton	Group Leader, Diamantina Scout Group
Brent Juratowitch	Scout Leader, Amaroo Scout Group
Vance Lawrence	Assistant Venturer Scout Leader, Southwell Scout Group
Tony Major	Venturer Scout Leader, Wanniasa Scout Group
Diego Martinez	Leader-in-charge, Pioneros Scout Group
Robert Morris	Adult Support, Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group
Laura O'Connor	Assistant Scout Leader, Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scout Group
Richard Perry	Joey Scout Leader, Macarthur Scout Group
Jon Powderly	Joey Scout Leader, Majura Mountain Scout Group
Melissa Preston	Joey Scout Leader, Birrale Scout Group
Geoff Santleben	Adult Support, Amaroo Scout Group
Eva Schroeder	Adult Support, Amaroo Scout Group
Matthew Wardell	Adult Support, Wanniasa Scout Group
Daryl Webb	Assistant Scout Leader, Amaroo Scout Group
Michelle Williams	Adult Support, Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group

**Basic Rover Training Course**

By Anna Davies, Rover at Lake Ginn Rover Crew



Over the weekend of the 22-25<sup>th</sup> of July, 15 Rovers and Adult Members from ACT and NSW attended the Basic Rover Training Course held at Branch office.

We're very proud that we have the staff and leaders with the training and knowledge from our very own territory to be able to run these courses, with the National Rover Council Training and Development Officer facilitating the course.

We not only learnt new skills but formed new relationships, shared new ideas and activities for future events. From workshopping ceremonies and policies, to discussing our use of the internet and social media, the course developed senior crew members and Rover Advisors.

This group of young people will be making up the leaders of the future, and it was a pleasure having the Chief Commissioner, Assistant Chief Commissioner – Policy and Projects, Assistant Northern Region Commissioner and Assistant Chief Commissioner - Adult Training in attendance for part of the event."

## Purpose – One of the Seven Secrets of Scouting

By James Lehane, Assistant Region Commissioner, Northern Region

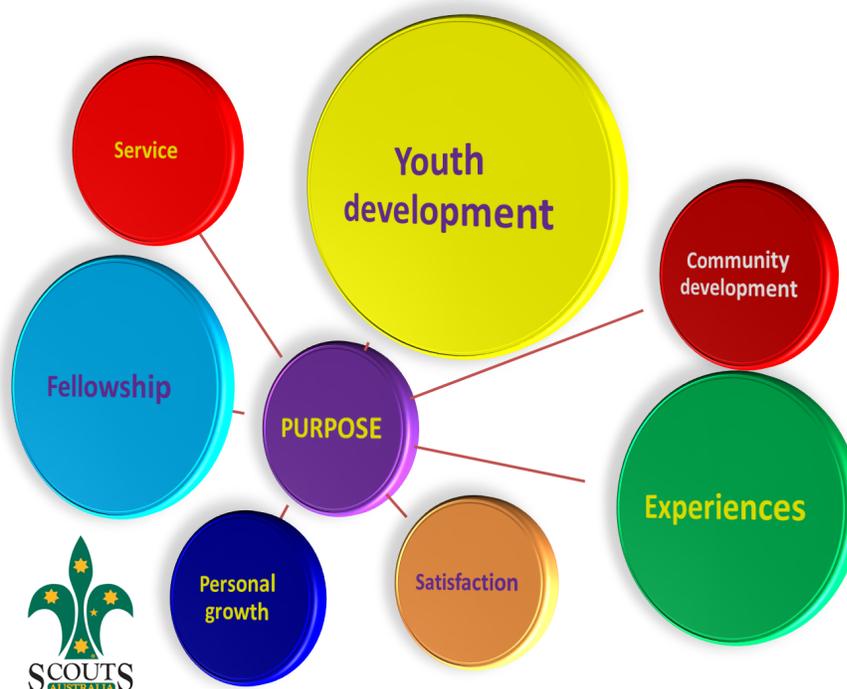
**Purpose** is this month's focus in the reporting the Branch Conference outcomes to share the discussions from the day for all Branch members. The big question is *Why? Why do we do what we do? A little soul-searching for some; for others, this is very easy to respond to – why do you contribute to Scouting in whatever manner you do?*



Some of the response shared by conference participants included:

- To give kids bragging rights
- To make a positive difference in the lives of young people
- Youth have opportunities to do a diversity of activities - with own age group, in an organisation that has values, a badge system and where a young person has a "say"
- Scouting is a way of life and they want to share the experience with others
- Being part of a team of like-minded, capable adults
- Opportunity to participate in activities that they wouldn't normally participate in
- It's so much fun
- To make the world a better place
- It just feels "right", but it involves feeling part of an enjoyable society, and helping young people grow and develop in a positive way

A basic analysis of all of the responses when asked '*Why do you do Scouting?*' resulted in a series of major themes being identified. These broader themes, such as youth development, experiences and fellowship are depicted in the graphic representation below (weighted to responses). We are generally pretty good in Scouting being able to explain what we do and how. How would you explain *Why you do Scouting?*



## Two weeks in the Swiss Alps – KISC2016

By Heather Browett



In June and July just gone, seven ACT Venturers, Rovers and Leaders joined Scouts Australia's inaugural national Contingent at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in Switzerland. KISC was established by Lord Robert Baden Powell in 1923 with the intention for it to become 'the permanent mini-jamboree' - a place where Scouts could gather from across the world to share and celebrate Scouting. The Kandersteg International Scout Centre was born.

KISC2016 was an incredible trip for all involved – an amazing mix of fun and friendship, adventure, adrenaline, scenery and Scouting. We had an action-packed and fun-filled fortnight with friends from across the globe and activities out of this world. We camped next to Danish, Scottish, American, Swedish and many more Scouting nations – with language, food and uniforms all very different. Badges were swapped, scarves were traded, and good times were had by all.

The hikes were amazing, including snow paths, glacier crossing and summits of 2800m – all were tough work but so worthwhile. Sleeping in an alpine mountain hut above the snow line was special, as was dinner on the balcony looking out down the valley.

When we weren't hiking, we were exploring more of Switzerland. High-ropes and ziplines at the famous Interlaken kept everyone moving, while the float trip in rafts and tubes down the Aare River was surreal – crystal clear water, brilliant blue skies, and snow capped mountains all around you. We rode the local gondola or cable car, and went on a metal toboggan (rödelbahn in Swiss German!) with the most amazing views. We even found time for a little side trip – to Italy!!! – and spent a day exploring the Italian lakes and islands near Stresa. The ability to simply 'pop over to Italy for lunch' was too good to resist. The major cities of Bern, Thun and Spiez also saw plenty of Aussie Scouts exploring and soaking in the European culture.



There were so many highlights – from the International Campfires with 1500 Scouts from across the world to the daily awe inspiring scenery of the Swiss Alps. The stories and photos help tell the story, but the magic of KISC2016 is difficult to capture in words or in pictures. Many of the 207 strong contingent are already planning their next visit – as guests, or as staff perhaps. KISC2016 has started the ball rolling, and we urge everyone to consider a trip to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre. KISC2016 – what an incredible trip.

### ACT Participants:

Alison Kennedy  
Heather Nugent  
Alannah Wood  
Tore Licciardello  
Rosemarie Edwards  
Toby Phillips  
Heather Browett



## Help save the turtles - 2016 Lombok Project

By the Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts



The Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Venturer Unit is going to Lombok in 2016. Through this youth development and overseas community aid project, the Venturers will undertake a range of projects to help our Indonesian neighbours. One of the activities includes visiting the Gili Islands and the Turtle Sanctuaries. The Venturers will purchase baby turtles to release into the

wild. These funds will be used to continue the work of the sanctuaries to help save the turtles. You can help too! Buy a badge for \$10, there are 2 colours to choose from or buy both! Plus you will receive an informative booklet about the sea turtles of Lombok. Thank you for your support by purchasing a badge, you are contributing to the good work the Venturers will do for the local community on Lombok and the work of the the turtle sanctuaries on the Gili Islands.

You can place your badge order on this link

<http://tinyurl.com/lombokbadge2016>

## Flying activities at Temora

By the Fixed Wing Adventurous Activity Team

The ACT Scouts Air Activities—Fixed Wing Team is planning a visit to Temora airfield on 20- 21 Aug 2016. Visiting Scouts will attend the flying exhibition on Saturday, camp within the grounds of the airport where good facilities and tent sites available. We will take flights of the area on Saturday afternoon and Sunday before returning to Canberra. The event will be dependent on reasonable weather.

### Saturday

The flying exhibition on Saturday Aug 20 by the Temora Aviation Museum will feature flights by Boomerang, Ryan, Winjeel, Harvard and Spitfire aircraft. Admission price to the Museum for our party will be \$9.00 for children and \$19.00 for adult. Scout Groups need to be self-sufficient in food, and tentage. Cost will be \$15 a tent for facilities of the site. See [Temora Airfield Tourist Park](#) for details.

### Sunday

Scout light aircraft flight. *Costs* \$50 per seat for a 20-minute flight (3 seats per flight).

If you would like to take up this opportunity, contact George Wilson on [george.wilson@awt.com.au](mailto:george.wilson@awt.com.au)



## Second Scout Hall completed under the Work for the Dole Renovation Project



The Duntroon Campbell Scout Group has one of the largest Scout Halls in the ACT, and it has just undergone a major make over through the Work for the Dole Renovation Project. Scouts ACT Renovations Supervisor Glenn Mansfield said "this Hall needed a lot of work, and the constant wet weather didn't help us much but after a lot of love and extra elbow grease, the boys were able to make it look great for the community".

This is the second Scout Hall completed in the renovation project, which will continue till mid October. The next project will be to revitalise the Southwell Scout Hall in Page.

Chief Commissioner Rick Goode said with a big smile "projects like this are great for the community, Scouting and everyone involved. We want to say a big thank you to Dulux again for helping out with great discounts, and to Glenn and his team for doing such a great job".

After this series of renovations, we will be doing a second project in 2017.

Please contact our Development Officer ([do@scoutsact.com.au](mailto:do@scoutsact.com.au)) if your Scout Group would like to get involved.



## ACT Cub Commissioner goes for Guinness World Record



Scouts ACT Cub Commissioner, Tim Kirsopp is attempting to break the Guinness World Record for having the most Doctor Who memorabilia in the world! His collection of over 3000 items is on display at the Canberra Museum and Gallery until November 20, 2016. Tim should be hearing back shortly from the Guinness World Records if he attempt was successful. B-R-A-V-O

## Registrations now open!

By Bjørn Arne Berge, Contingent Leader, Nord 2017



Nord is a National Scout Jamboree for the Norwegian Scout and Guide association, from 1st to 8th July 2017 in Bodø. During the summer weeks, the sun never sets and scouts can enjoy great activities day and night.

The Australian Contingent will depart Australia around 25 June 2017, spending time in Oslo prior to Nord. Following the Jamboree, an optional 6 day post tour will be available, returning to Australia around 16 July 2017.

Registrations for the Australian Contingent going to Nord 2017 in Bodø in June/July next year is now open!

Read more about the jamboree here (you can also download newsletters):  
<http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/nord-2017---norway-jamboree>

There are 3 options to join the contingent, either travel individually or with the contingent from Australia and return straight after the jamboree or also join the post-tour after the jamboree. The best thing about this jamboree is that the majority of the time away from Australia will be during the July school holiday!

NOTE: There are limited places available for the post-tour so if you want to be part of the contingent and the post-tour, it is important to register and pay the deposit as soon as possible (an application is only seen as complete when the application is submitted and the deposit paid).

The registration pages can be found on <https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au/>

If you have any questions about the registration form, the application process or the trip to Norway, please reach out to myself or any of the other Contingent Management Team members - we would love to have as many Scouts Australia members from all over Australia joining us as possible!

Yours in Scouting,

-Bjorn Arne

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## Hands across the Water Badge

By Rupsa Neogy Kumar, Joey Leader with Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scouts

Recently Lake Barley Griffin Sea Scouts Joey Mob completed 'Hands across the Water Badge' through a PenPal program with help of the ACT Branch Office. Initially we sent off an expression of interest and we were able to make contact with a Scout Group in the USA.



We got to know that their "Tiger cub boys" aged 6-8 or in 1st grade, is the first step in Scouting in the USA (ie Joey equivalent); but as of this year it will be renamed as the "Lion boys" and will include ages 6-7 only.

As a part of this exchange program we shared programs, crafts, cooking ideas and information. We had done this work in various segments of the previous terms. Our Joey's first response was wanting to know more about them, followed by some of these questions.

- Q. How big is the Scout Hall? - We meet in a Church and use the activity building.
- Q. What games do they mostly play? - We play Tag and also play basketball.
- Q. What is your favourite activity? - Camping.
- Q. What special activity they do on campfire night? - We sing songs and do skits. One of the best cooking is called a hobo dinner, we also like to cook in Dutch oven.
- Q. What flag they have in the hall? - Scout, Texas, American.
- Q. What is your promise? - The Scout Promise to do a good turn daily and to do your best .

This is a great way to learn about our international Scouting community, it's a lot of fun trying their different activities and we learnt a lot about how they like to cook.

However if you like run this program, be mindful that it does take lot of time to find a suitable Scout Group through the PenPal program. When you have an appropriate contact, it is very simple and rewarding way of learning about other cultures and Scouts Groups.

## Scouts in ACTION and the Australian Scout Magazine deadlines

Would you like your Scout Group or event to be in the next issue of Scouts in ACTION or the Australian Scout Magazine? If so, please send your write up to [development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au](mailto:development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au) by the 15th of each month for the Australian Scout Magazine (minimum 1 page and high quality photos) and the 25th of each month for Scouts in ACTION (maximum 1 page with photos).