



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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Ahmad Alhendawi appointed the next Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement

15 November 2016, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Scouts Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Ahmad Alhendawi as the next Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), the youngest in the history of the organization.

"I am honoured and humbled to be offered the opportunity to serve as the Secretary General of this unique organisation representing the largest educational youth movement in the world," said Mr Alhendawi upon accepting the offer. Story continues on page 6...

From the Chief



On behalf of Scouts ACT Branch I wish everyone involved in Scouting, whether they be a youth member, Leader, Adult Helper or, as importantly, a parent, the very best wishes of the season. It has been another great year for Scouting in the ACT with numbers increasing, activities diversifying and more fun being had! It will culminate with Cuboree next January after a lot of extensive planning and preparation that stretches way back to the last one. At last count there were nearly 900 participants lined up to attend. I am looking forward to seeing them all early next year.

As mentioned in this edition of Scouts in ACTION, the Queens Scout, Baden-Powell and the Scout Medallion Awardees for 2016 deserve a very special mention. My personal congratulations to Rasmus Allermo Fletcher, Mitchell Barnett, Sean Brady, Jessica Bridgart, Sarah Carstens, Julia Clark, Lauren Dunstone, Lee Erlandson, Matthew Gates, Conner Hofmeier, Trent Houssenloge, Alexander Howitt, Tyrian Lambrecht, Helen Mansbridge, Brendan Mewburn, Tristan Miller, Celeste Mills, Rachael Nahon, Sarah Oxborrow, Sophie Puschak, Callum Wardell, Jack Witchalls, Andrew Wood, Matilda Sandell, Bridget Brinsmead, Georgia Wilson, Victoria Stoltz, Nicholas Hall, Tynan Green, Sara Taylor, Orla Gray, Emma McCowan, Emma Briscoe, Samantha Roald, Bronwyn Lovejoy, Louise Blessington, Jenny Major and James Ansell.

Leo Farrelly, the ACT Branch President and I recently attended the National Executive Committee meeting in Adelaide. There are some exciting changes coming for Scouting on a National front, including moving forward with the outcomes of the Youth Program Review. When you learn more of the details of this I am sure that you will be keen to see the program in place. It isn't the wholesale change that some have feared but rather a move to a more modern basis of youth program, and without ignoring many of the traditions of Scouting. The launch is still some way off yet but you will start to hear bits and pieces about it in the new year.

Whether you are attending the upcoming Rover Moot in Victoria or the Cuboree here in the ACT, as I am, enjoy your future Scouting and family activities please stay safe. I look forward to another excellent year of Scouting in 2017.

News and Information from the Branch Office

The Branch Office will be closed from the 16 December to the 16 January

Don't forget to give Branch Office a copy of your hall keys before the end of year

Treasurers, please ensure that you have reconciled the Scout accounts to the 31 December 2016.

Applications sought for the role of President of the Branch

The ACT Branch is a not-for-profit community based youth organisation that is incorporated in the ACT. The Branch has a membership of 2,550 consisting of 2100 youth members and 450 adult leaders and supporters. The Branch is growing about 5-8% annually. Scouting delivers an outstanding educational program for Youth from 6 to 25 years of age.

The President's role is primarily the governance of the Branch ensuring that it is soundly structured and administered both legally and financially. The President chairs the Branch Executive Committee that fulfills all the expected roles of a board of management. Scouting operations of the Branch are the responsibility of the Chief Commissioner. The Branch Executive Committee appoints a set of Committees that attend to particular aspects of Branch governance and administration such as Finance, Administration, Risk Management, Property and Assets, Camp Cottermouth, Appointments, Ethics and Professional Standards and Communications. The Branch office has three paid staff being the Principal Administration Officer, an Administration Assistant and the Development Officer, and Camp Cottermouth also has a number of staff.

The President's role is entirely voluntary. The person we are seeking for this role should have a sound appreciation of the governance of not-for profit organisations and management experience in either the public or private sectors. Board experience in the business or community sectors would be advantageous, and, while it would be beneficial to have completed the AICD Company Director's course this is not essential. A sound knowledge of financial management will be required.

The President would have a network of contacts in government and business and be able to forge strong partnerships in order to advance Scouting in the ACT. Contacts and experience in the philanthropic sector would be an advantage. The primary focus of the President will be developing the long-term profile, position and financial viability of Scouting.

If you are interested in the role or have any questions, please contact Branch Office on (02) 6282 5211 or email president@scoutsact.com.au for more information.

On behalf of everyone at the Branch Office, we would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Scouts Australia's National Child Protection Policy One Approach for All Australian Scout Members

Scouts Australia has merged all Branch-based child protection policies into a single National policy to ensure consistency and clarity of our zero-tolerance approach to child protection.

This new National policy describes several areas of child protection including strategies for prevention; dealing with reports of abuse; training of all Scouting adults with regards to child protection; and the ongoing education of both adults and youth members. From all the different State and Territory legal requirements, Scouts Australia has selected the highest standard to apply in our new comprehensive National policy.

All State and Territory Branches agreed on four key child protection principles:

- All adults in Scouting must report incidents to the appropriate authority
- Any report will be responded to quickly and positively
- There will be no delay, and strict steps must be followed
- Investigations are not conducted locally - there is an escalated process

The independent, not-for-profit child protection organisation Child Wise has accredited the policy and has closely assisted Scouts Australia through its development. Child Wise will continue to work with Scouts Australia to ensure the policy and its underlying Scout Branch frameworks remain at best practice levels across Australia.

The new policy was approved by the National Executive Committee (NEC) of Scouts Australia in November 2016. During the next few months all training materials and handbooks across every Branch and Group will be updated.

All Leaders, parents, volunteers and participants in Scouting must follow the new National policy. To ensure that every Scouting member plays their part in providing the safest possible environment for all children, please read the [summary page](#) here and download a copy of the [full policy](#) here.



2016 Queen's Scout and Baden-Powell Scout Awards

The Baden-Powell Scout Award is the highest achievement for a young adult within the Rover Scout Section of the Scouts Australia. The Baden-Powell Scout Award is designed to challenge young adults to grow in the areas of social, physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual development.

To achieve this award, the recipient completed individual challenges in the following areas:

St George Award: composed of four Badges covering basic Scouting skills; leadership within the Rover Scout Section; physical development; and community service.

Personal Growth Badge: completion of a project to explore the Rover's personal beliefs, challenge their thinking or develop new skills.

Community Development Badge: completion of a project that contributed to the community, both practically and culturally.

Self-reflection: individual acknowledgement of what the Rover has achieved through undertaking the Baden-Powell Award Scheme and lessons learnt along the way.

Baden-Powell Scout Awardees

James Ansell

Louise Blessington

Bronwyn Lovejoy

Jenny Major

Sam Roald

The Queen's Scout Award is the pinnacle award for Venturer Scouts. To achieve the award a Venturer must complete 17 awards across the themes of Community Involvement, Personal Growth, Adventurous Activities and Leadership Development.

It involves a commitment of a minimum of 270 hours, but most awardees will complete many more. The Queen's Scout Award began as the King's Scout and was first awarded in 1908.

Queen's Scout Awardees

Emma Briscoe (NT)

Bridget Brinsmead

Orla Gray

Tynan Green

Nicholas Hall

Emma McGowan

Matilda Sandell

Victoria Stolz

Sara Taylor

Georgia Wilson

Australian Scout Medallion

By Alan Murray, Scout Commissioner

23 Scouts received the Australian Scout Medallion during 2016. The Scouts received their Certificates at a presentation at the ACT Legislative Assembly on Friday 2 December.

The Certificates were presented by Peter Stevenson, Assistant Chief Commissioner, Adult Training and Development representing Chief Commissioner Rick Goode.

Guest Speaker Ms Suzanne Orr MLA, Member for Yerrabi spoke about her time in Guides in Canberra. This included Suzanne earning her Queen's Guide award and participating in Jamborees in New Zealand and Singapore.

The Presentation was organised by Brent Juratowitch from the ACT Scout Team and Scout Leader at Amaroo Scout Group. Also assisting was Rob Frederickson, Assistant Chief Commissioner, Southern Region and Rosemarie Edwards, Scout Leader at Weston Scout Group

To earn the Australian Scout Medallion the 23 Scouts completed the Scout Award Scheme by participating in various activities such as hikes, leadership, literary arts, Australian Jamboree and Cotter Shield.

Trent Housenlouge (Garran Scouts) responding on behalf of the recipients noted the important role parents, families and particularly leaders had played in helping each Scout achieve their award.

Many of the 23 Scouts remain in the Scout Section and a few have already linked to Venturer Scouts.

SCOUTS ACT 2016 AUSTRALIAN SCOUT MEDALLION RECIPIENTS

Rasmus Allermo Fletcher	13 th Canberra	Tyrian Lambrecht	Garran
Mitchell Barnett	Mt Mugga	Helen Mansbridge	Garran
Sean Brady	13 th Canberra	Brendan Mewburn	13 th Canberra
Jessica Bridgart	Kama	Tristan Miller	Majura
Sarah Carstens	Kama	Celeste Mills	13 th Canberra
Julia Clark	Diamantina	Rachael Nahon	Crowajingalong
Lauren Dunstone	Weston	Sarah Oxborrow	Mt Mugga
Lee Erlandson	Southwell	Sophie Puschak	Birralee
Matthew Gates	13 th Canberra	Callum Wardell	Wanniassa
Conner Hofmeier	Garran	Jack Witchalls	LGSSG
Trent Houssenlouge	Garran	Andrew Wood	Garran
Alexander Howitt	LGSSG		



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A passionate advocate for young people, Mr Alhendawi has served in various capacities in regional and international organisations, rising through the ranks to the position of United Nations Envoy on Youth in 2013. Mr Alhendawi believes in giving a voice to young people and recognises the Importance of youth empowerment and involvement in global and local issues.

Mr Alhendawi, born in Jordan in 1984, holds a Master's degree in Advanced European and International Relations, a diploma as "Policy Officer in European and International Organisations" from the Institut Européen in Nice, and a Bachelor's degree in computer information systems from the Al-Balqa Applied University in Jordan. Perhaps most importantly, he was once a Scout himself. Mr Alhendawi is a strong supporter of WOSM and is a familiar face at international Scouting events. He visited the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan last year and most recently the Roverway in France.

Mr Alhendawi continued, "I am confident Scouting holds a solution for youth development in the 21st century. I look forward to working with WOSM's team to expand the Movement and deepen its social impact, while continuing to create a better future for children and young people."

Following the announcement of Mr Alhendawi's appointment, the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia, Mr Chris Bates, commented "Like Mr Alhendawi, I have no doubt Scouting can make a significant difference for our young people. After all, they are tomorrow's leaders. Mr Alhendawi is the best person to guide our Movement, and reach out to everyone and help us all grow."

Mr Alhendawi succeeds Scott Teare, who retired last month. He is expected to begin his first day in office at the World Scout Bureau, Global Support Centre in Kuala Lumpur, on 1 March 2017. As the Secretary General of WOSM, Mr Alhendawi will be entrusted with the mandate of promoting and safeguarding the interests of the Scout Movement. As its Chief Executive Officer, he will also direct its Secretariat, the World Scout Bureau.

International Scouting

By Wendy Freeman, Branch International Commissioner

I have recently been appointed Branch International Commissioner. I have been involved in Scouting for many years and have recently been a Branch Activity Leader and Assistant Region Commissioner. In my professional life I was Executive Assistant to the International Commissioner of Australia until July 2016, and have previously worked in the Branch Office.

I hope to lift the profile of international Scouting in the Branch and am happy to speak with any Groups who are planning to travel overseas. It is important that contact is made early to ensure that all Scouts Australia policies are complied with before bookings or commitments are made. I am also able to assist individuals or families traveling overseas who would like to visit a local Scout Group.

Further information about the various Scouts Australia international programs will be provided in future editions of Scouts in ACTION. Members are welcome to contact me at any time by emailing international@scoutsact.com.au or by phone 0413 583 966.

LGSS Fundraiser

By the Group Support Committee at Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts

We are running a wine fundraiser to help fund future programs within our Group. This is a great opportunity for you to stock up for Christmas/New Year and into 2017! The wine is from areas all over Australia from the Hunter Valley to the Victorian Wine Region and into South Australia.



Ordering is easy, just click this [link](#) and choose your favourite! If you don't want to order 12 at a time, talk to your friends and family and share the load between everyone. If you have any questions, please email Groupleader.lgss@scoutsact.com.au.

Thank you for your support!

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 do@scoutsact.com.au by the 15th of each month for the Australian Scout Magazine (minimum 1 page with high quality photos) and the 25th of each month for Scouts in ACTION (generally 10-15 lines and a maximum of 1 page with photos).