



# Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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## The Secrets are out...

*By the Branch Conference team - Adrian Walsh, Kate Lehane and James Lehane*

The 2016 Scouts ACT Branch Conference was held on Saturday 18 June 2016. Leaders, Rovers and Adult helpers from across the Branch learnt some great tips for successful Scouting, and learnt a lot from a great program delivered by a range of external experts and internal Scouting speakers; complemented by brainstorming, Q&As sessions and heaps of fun!

The presentations given on the day included (continued on page 2)



## From the Chief

I feel deeply privileged to have been selected as Chief Commissioner for the ACT. Having worked closely with Peter Harris for some time as he lead the ACT Branch I became aware of the responsibilities and the pressures of the role. Understanding these and being able to meet them are two entirely different things though.

As have many before and since, I started in Scouting when my daughter joined Scouts. A period as a Joey Scout Leader followed and I joined the National Training Team in the mid-nineties. I moved on to manage the ACT Branch Training Team and then moved on to the role of Assistant Chief Commissioner Adult Support.

Since being advised of my appointment I have visited many formations and had a series of individual discussions with Branch Commissioners. This has reassured and reconfirmed to me the quality of people that we have within Scouting in the ACT Branch. I am excited about facing the future together with you all.

There are some challenges that if we address properly, and as a team, I am confident will leave Scouting as the pre-eminent youth organisation in the ACT. These challenges include implementing the outcomes of the current Youth Program Review, continuing to improve our child safety and protection measures, addressing the outcomes of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse, supporting our Adult Members and to have continuing growth of Scouting that parallels the growth of Canberra.

I am in the process of implementing some structural changes within the ACT Branch and will detail these in the next Scouts in Action newsletter.

I would like to publicly thank Peter for the last 6 years leading Scouting in the ACT. His enthusiasm, skill, care and respect to all in Scouting has been the hallmark of his period as Chief Commissioner (and that also includes that important Scouting function - fun!). Fortunately, Peter has generously agreed to look after the health and welfare area and I know that I can call on him for guidance when I need it.

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Adrian Walsh	Conference Facilitator/HERC Committee	Seven Secrets of Successful Scouting
Neil Savery	General Manager, Australian Building Codes Board	Purpose, Planning and Performance
Robert Brierly	Human Resources Director, PACCAR Australia - manufacturer of Kenworth Trucks	Program, Property and People
Peter Harris	Now former Chief Commissioner	Youth Program Review update and video
Claudia Vannithone	Agency 9 Communications	Branding and Communications
Kate Lehane	Branch Activity Leader - Special Projects	Promotion - the Scouting application
Tyron Ahern	Scouts ACT Development Officer	Promotion Action Plan

A series of interactive break-out sessions were also facilitated by James Lehane, Assistant Region Commissioner - Northern Region. Watch this space, as the contributions from participants are collated, and are made available for everyone in future editions of Scouts in ACTION.

All the presentation PowerPoints are now available for download via Members Area of the Scouts ACT website under the Forms and Resources - Resources headings. The YPR video about 'Plan, Do, Review' is available on the YPR website at <http://ypr.scouts.com.au/plandoreview.php>.



## Add some chemistry fun into your Term 3 program

By Kate Lahane, Special Projects

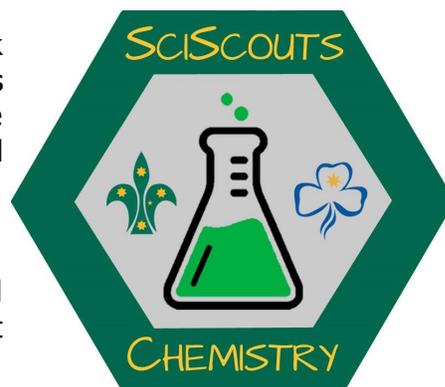
Registrations are open for [SciScouts: Chemistry of Scouting](#) on **Saturday 13 August**. This is a unique opportunity for your youth members to participate in real hands-on science fun in the teaching laboratories and lecture rooms at the Australian National University's School of Chemistry.

### Cost:

FREE (except if you would like to buy a sausage sizzle and drink on the day). The *SciScouts: Chemistry of Scouting* activity is funded by a [National Science Week](#) grant supported by the Australian Government's [Inspiring Australia](#) Initiative, and generously supported by the ANU's School of Chemistry.

### How to register:

Details on how to register, including all the information you need on the required supervision ratios, can be found at [www.scoutsact.com.au/sciscouts](http://www.scoutsact.com.au/sciscouts).



### How will this help badge work and programming?

A supporting program resource pack will help Leaders to deliver more hands-on science fun before and after the SciScouts activity. This resource will include all the instructions needed to deliver fun chemistry activities using safe everyday materials, and aligns with badge requirements across all Sections. We plan to have the resource finalised and released by mid-July.

### Call for SciScouts event volunteers:

A big Scouting event like this doesn't just happen. Please show support for the many ANU volunteers who are giving us this wonderful opportunity, and consider signing up to help from the Scout side of things via: [www.volunteersignup.org/LMY39](http://www.volunteersignup.org/LMY39). The types of jobs on offer include registration/info desk, general crowd control, and photography/video options.

### Any questions?

If you have any further questions after visiting the [SciScouts webpage](#), please email [SciScoutsACT@gmail.com](mailto:SciScoutsACT@gmail.com).

*Registrations close 17 July*

## Canberra Gang Show 2016



*The Greatest Earth On Show* is suitable for all ages, and has its opening performance on Saturday 9 July at 7.30 pm. Subsequent performances are on Tuesday 12 July (1.30 pm and 7.30 pm), Thursday 14 July (7.30 pm), Friday 15 July (7.30 pm) and Saturday 16 July (1.30 pm and 7.30 pm).

Tickets are available at [www.canberragangshow.com.au](http://www.canberragangshow.com.au) or can be purchased at the theatre box office prior to the performance (ticket availability at the door cannot be guaranteed). Remember we only have 240 seats available for each performance, so get your tickets early as it will be 'first in, first served'. Tickets are priced at \$21 for Adults and \$15 for Youth members and Concession holders. All tickets to the final performance are priced at \$21.

## Master Campfire Chef 3-5 June 2016

Written by many Scouts who attended



They came car by car through the rain and wind, from as far away as Cobargo and Warren in NSW to take part in this year's event. Like last year, we were split up into different Patrols, our group had kids from Wells Station, Amaroo, 1st Cobargo and Weston Creek. There were also Scouts from Yass, Cootamundra, Gundaroo, Birralee, NSW Warren Lones and NSW Coast Lones.

Our first activity was called Get the Dough, which was an obstacle course. Afterwards we got to cook Egyptian damper on the campfire with our ingredients, we did burn it a bit, but it still tasted great.

Our next challenge was food sampling and we were off to the On the Nose base, this was a lot of fun as we had to sample lots of different ingredients blindfolded and work out what it was. Then we got our ingredients to make a meal on the BBQ. It was good fun.

Our next group activity was eating lots of homemade chicken nuggets, it was a great challenge and we all gave it the thumbs up!



Once we got all the safety gear on and the safety instructions, we headed over to grab our next ingredients for the upcoming challenge, the Horizon Bungee. We really enjoyed this activity, and with our ingredients we cooked lamb chops as the main and a lovely dessert.

After enjoying that challenge, we headed off to the Hunter & Gatherer base, where we had to navigate the camp ground for a list of ingredients. We collected all of our ingredients for fried rice and cooked it on the gas burner.



While we didn't do the Haybox Cooking Challenge, four other Scout Groups did and we enjoyed their efforts at dinner. There was lamb, beef and chicken with veggies, as well as dessert. There was even a small birthday celebration with cake for four Scouts.

The next day started with a bang, as the Venturers decided to use pans and utensils as alarm bells. We got dressed and headed down to cook our bacon and eggs for breakfast. The rain made it hard to get our trench fires started, so the Leaders helped us and even let some groups use the BBQ and the main fires to get their breakfasts cooked.

Then it was off to our last activity base, the Mystery Box challenge. We made a two course meal using soup ingredients and cooked them on hiking stoves. It was great to get out of the rain but playing in the mud was still fun.

Our last meal was a big lunch that included roast pork, veggies and dessert. Afterwards it was time for closing parade and the badge presentation.

Thank you to all the Leaders who helped run this special event.

The end.



## Kub Kar Rally

By Sue Pearson, Cub Scout Program Advisor

Despite threatening rain, our biggest turnout ever of 256 Cub Scouts braved the cold to participate in the **Eleventh Annual Kub Kar Rally** at the University of Canberra Gym on Sunday 19 June 2016.

A new badge for the event was designed by **Patrick Fredericks** from Weston.

After a BBQ lunch put on by Diamantina Scout Group, Cubs put their creations to the test and challenged their fellow Cubs in the best of 20 races. The outcome was:

<b>2016 Race Champion</b>	Joshua Coates (Les Explorateurs)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ava Au (Well Station)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jasper Pattinson (Otama Pack, LTSS)
Finalists	Madeleine Nowak (Oxley Pack, LTSS) Claudia Hampson (Mt Mugga) Sebastian Denison-Edson (Oxley Pack, LTS) Thomas Dickerson (Well Station) Jack Klein (US Pack 2012) Tom Carlile (Yowie Pack, Birralee)

In the **"Design Only"** Category, the following Cubs produced noteworthy works of art:

<b>Best Detail</b>	Abi Glew (Diamantina) – a mermaid;
<b>Funniest</b>	Courtney Kobold (Macarthur) – an ice cream biscuit;
<b>Most Original</b>	Ava Au (Well Station) – a torch.



## Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scout Celebrating Harmony Day

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



In June we celebrated Harmony Day. Joey's mob selected a country, dressed up and prepared a food to share. We invited parents to join us. We asked Joey's – **What is 'Harmony'?** – Living together, sharing, friendship, showing respect, knowing another country. **What did you learn today?** – There are different types of food, there are a lot of countries, it is good to taste different food, it is good to know other people. **What do you like most** – samosa, crapes, and badge.

### 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).