



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

November 2016

Lombok 2016

By Sally Witchalls, Venturer at Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts

On the 23rd of September, 9 venturers and 4 leaders from Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts (LGSS) headed to Indonesia on a biannual community development project. Our Scout Group has had the pleasure of forming ties with the village of Jambianom on the island of Lombok, which is an hour away from Bali via fast boat. This was the 5th time LGSS had been over to assist the village, and for the majority of the group it was their very first time to Indonesia. Jambianom is a fishing village of approximately 400 people, and our camping ground was set right on the beach under a structure built for us by the villagers out of bamboo posts, rope, and tarpaulin. Our base was surrounded daily by the children in the village, which made for fun and games during our free time. Story continues on page 3...



From the Chief



It was an immense pleasure to attend the Grey Wolf presentation at Camp Cottermouth on Sunday 23rd of October. The stories of those Cub Scouts are inspiring and it is easy to see future leaders, not only in Scouting but in the community, emerging from their ranks. Congratulations to all Cub Scouts, Leaders and parents. The effort and work has been well worth it!

JOTA was another massive success with Scouts from all Sections, as well as a contingent from the BSA Group, participating. It is easy sometimes to think that these events just happen, but not without a lot of planning and preparation from the team lead by Les and Elizabeth Hickey, it wouldn't have happened. Thank you! I was also privileged to drop in on the latest rock Team training activity at Scout Rock. Darryl Barbour and his team exhibited a level of professionalism that Scouting has come to expect and that the community now demands.

The same thanks also goes to the fixed wing team for what I understood to be a great activity based on the airport at Moruya. The Branch air activities team offers a unique opportunity for our Scouts to explore beyond the realms of the earth. We aren't quite going to space yet though.

I was very pleased to receive a letter from the Office of the Governor-General advising us that the Governor-General will host the 2016 Queen's Scout and Baden-Powell Awards. This, and the celebratory dinner will be awesome events, particularly as they are being organized by the Venturer Scout and Rover Scout Sections.

ACT Rovers have welcomed the new Branch Rover Council executive. Congratulations to Liz Affleck and crew - I look forward to working with you all over the next year.

The Cub Scout Messengers of Peace activity has been expanded to include all Sections. Included in this will be Scoutings involvement with the Rotary Club to help establish a Peace Bell at Nara Peace Park. Scouting has been involved with the maintenance of Nara Peace Park for some time now and this will enhance our involvement.

The Southwell Scout Hall hasn't looked as good as it does now since it was built! This is all due to another Work for the Dole renovation project which is steadily working through Scouting premises and refurbishing them.

Good Scouting all!

News and Information from the Branch Office

Youth and Leader recruitment

Summer is a great time for recruitment, as there are lots of fetes coming up in your local community. The Branch Office has many resources available for your Scout Group to help with your promotions, for example there are branded shade shelters, banners, flyers, give aways (stickers, magnets, tattoos, balloons) and easy to set up activities like Kub Kars, Nerf Archery and a slack line. Please contact us if your Scout Group would like to book out any equipment

Scouts ACT Facebook discussion group

Did you know there is a discussion group for Scouts ACT members on Facebook? This private page for Scouts ACT members is where you can share stories, ask questions, make announcements and discuss any issues. Here is a [link](#), or search for Scouts ACT group

Scout Group email addresses

Branch Office is rolling out Office 365 Scout email addresses to Scout Groups, Program Support roles and Commissioners. Scout email addresses will

- Gives Scouting a more professional look
- Help us retain information when someone moves roles or leaves Scouting
- Give Leaders access to a Leaders distribution lists
- 1TB of storage
- Skype for Business and Instant Messenger – additional communication and meeting tools for your Scout Group

Email addresses would all be standardised as ***role.scoutgroup@scoutsact.com.au*** and ***role@scoutsact.com.au*** for Commissioners.

ROLE	EMAIL ADDRESS	ACCOUNT
Group Leader	Groupleader.scoutgroup@scoutsact.com.au	Single account Group Leader only
Section Leaders	Section.scoutgroup@scoutsact.com.au	Shared account Leaders from a Section will
Committee Members	position.scoutgroup@scoutsact.com.au	Single account
Commissioners	role@scoutsact.com.au	Single account Commissioner only

Uniforms:

You may have heard that Camping World in Mitchell has closed down and you may be wondering where else you can buy a uniform. Camping World is reopening under the name of Adventure Park in the Majura Park Shopping Centre in Fyshwick this month, and will be stocking Scout uniforms and supplies. You can also shop online by visiting www.thescoutsshop.com.au

Keys:

Just a friendly reminder that we are still waiting on key holder paperwork as requested by the AFP. Copies of keys are also outstanding.

Lombok 2016

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The Lombok 2016 project was 18 months of planning, with lots of fundraising efforts and organising going towards making the trip a success. The village asked for our help in building their new village library and supporting one of the village elders in getting surgery for his disease ridden limbs. We also gave a hand in the creation of a new photosynthesizing coral pontoon which with the help of solar panels and a special kind of 'biorock' helps ensure connected coral grows healthier, keeping the reef better off ecologically. We were invited to visit a blind boarding school to interact with the kids for the day which was an interesting experience for all involved. We also visited local schools, teaching the students 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in English, and explaining alternative ways for long form multiplication. In turn we were taught traditional dances and invited to play a soccer tournament, Australia vs Indonesia, which was intense! There's no need to mention the final score either...

The group also undertook many big culturally learning activities such as visiting the village mosque, learning about the place for women within society, exploring the Lombok countryside, taking trips to visit different regions and learning about different traditional trades. Another exciting thing was the variety of transport we experienced while out and about including riding motorbikes, taking horse drawn chariots, opened back trucks or hyped-up cars with massive speaker systems. Little things like learning new Indonesian words for pliers, or being taught how to climb coconut trees the 'local way' and constructing a volleyball net to have a game with the villagers made each day an adventure! Waterfall hiking and jumping was a fun instalment in our program, giving us a chance to see the beauty at the base of Mt Rinjani. We also learnt a lot about the way the Scout's in Indonesia operate. Scouting is taught in schools and everyone is a Pramuka (Scout) in Indonesia. One day of the week is Scouting day at school, where the children wear their scarves, woggles and uniform into school and participate in all sorts of Scouting related activities. We all came home with a beautiful red and white national Scouting scarf and woggle, which we had have the privilege of swapping for one of our own scarves.

The trip taught us a lot about how universal being a Scout is, as well as how fortunate we are in Australia to live the way we do and how we can make a difference to other people's lives. We made a lot of great friends on the way, including our transport friend Razzy who we taught to use sarcasm, our mate the fitness freak Sony, Mr Swas the head village builder, lovely El our light night barista, dance teacher and masseuse, and wise Mr Alwi a village teacher and worldly man who understands the importance of acceptance, tolerance and education. We also would like to thank St John's for their help with our first aid needs, Mama Jen for being our translator and liaison with the village, and the support of a bunch of Canberra businesses and organisations for their kind donations for our project.



Basic Training courses in October

By Peter Stevenson, Assistant Chief Commissioner Training and Development

Leaders recently met at Camp Cottermouth for a weekend to share and learn all about the Cub Scout and Scout sections in late October. Some leaders were very new to Scouting, some with more Scouting under their belt, however the common theme was learning, thinking, doing, questioning, playing, and achieving. It was friendly and upbeat, and the courses shared a wide game, a cosy indoor campfire and stories, and setting up a campsite. Well done to all participants, and we look forward to seeing you out and about.



Camp and Accommodation Managers - Camp Cottermouth Canberra

By David Cocking, Camp Cottermouth Commissioner

Are you looking for a lifestyle change working in a picturesque setting? Do you relate well to people of all ages? Are you well organized, business-like and practical? If you are, then this might be the position for you. It would suit an energetic couple with business and management experience in the accommodation and catering industry. This management experience is an essential requirement of the position. The start date is negotiable between late-February and mid-March 2017.

Scouts ACT seeks full time live in managers to run its Camp Cottermouth camping and cabin accommodation facility - situated near the Cotter River approximately 15 minutes from Canberra. The camp and its catered accommodation are used by a wide variety of groups, including schools, Scouts and community groups. The majority of visitors to the camp are youth groups, and a large component is school groups visiting Canberra and the Snowy Mountains.

The popular cabin facility has capacity for 100 people and offers catered and self catered options. It contains a large dining facility which can be utilised for conferences, and an attached commercial kitchen. The camping facility has capacity for large and small groups. The managers are supported by part time staff and a management committee. The managers are responsible for all operations of the camp including accommodation bookings, client stays, invoicing, catering, cleaning, facility maintenance, and overall customer satisfaction. Some tasks are carried out by the managers, others involve supervision of staff or arranging external service providers.

An attractive remuneration package is offered which includes accommodation in a three bedroom house. Interested, experienced, people should first contact David Cocking via email at dcocking@tip.net.au or phone him on 0408 631 337 for more information, including a position description and selection criteria. Applicants without the required experience will not be considered. Applications should be submitted by 25 November.

Messengers of Peace

By Calista Beck, Assistant Chief Commissioner Youth Development

Have you or your Scout Group been involved in something that has helped to *Create A Better World* within your local community?

If you have you're a *Messenger of Peace*, and you're one of millions worldwide.

Messengers of Peace is way to recognise the billions of hours in which Scouts all over the world contribute towards making their communities and the world a better place. A Messengers of Peace (MoP) project could be small or it could be huge.

It's also a never ending cycle – once you've completed a project or earned your badge you should then look for a new challenge to continue working towards peace.

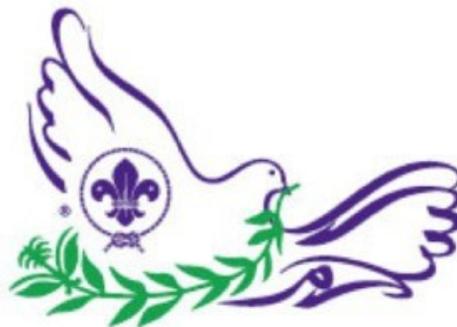
The most common question about MoP is 'what constitutes peace?'

While we automatically think of peace as the opposite to war it goes further than that; doing good deeds, promoting meaningful dialogue as a way of preventing or ending conflict between different parties, promoting equality and understanding and other ways of having a positive impact on your local or wider community.

Where to start?

Have a look [HERE](#) at the sectional guidelines and work with your mob/pack/troop/unit/crew to create a project. Don't forget to take a photo of you doing the project and keep track of hours so we can upload it to the MoP portal and show the world what you've done.

If you have any questions about Messengers of Peace please contact Calista Beck at accyd@scouts.com.au



Messengers of Peace

JOTA JOTI

By Jay Reid, Assistant Scout Leader from Birralee Scout Group

On Saturday 15 October almost 100 members of Birralee, Well Station and Amaroo Scout Groups came together at the Birralee Scout Hall to take part in Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI). An event which saw almost a million Scouts and Guides from around the world come together to talk online and through amateur radio. Our radio station, operated by a volunteer from the Canberra Region Amateur Radio Club, spoke to Scouts in Victoria and New South Wales. Using the ScoutLink chat service we spoke to Scouts from Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Egypt, England, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, the Philippines, Scotland, Singapore, and Venezuela. In the morning the Joeys and Cubs also took part in craft activities, learning about the Asia-Pacific Scout Region and the new Messengers of Peace badge.



The Hoppers

by Dylan Num, Joey Scout from Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scout Group

In the school holidays my family went to Hong Kong. We visited the Grasshopper Scouts, which is similar to Joeys. They held their meeting at Beacon Hill School, Kowloon. The name of their Scout Group is 192nd Kowloon.

First, we made grasshoppers from an egg carton, then we had a play and had a snack. We played a running game like "Joey, Joey, Kangaroo", but they called it "Ant, Ant, Grasshopper" instead.

Instead of a joey pouch they have a grasshopper ring. Their promise is similar to ours and they have different badges except for the World Scout badge which is the same.

We maybe a little different, but Joeys and Grasshoppers both like to hop and have lots of fun. I had a lot of fun



The time I became a Cub

By Jessica, Cub Scout at Well Station Scout Group



A few weekends ago I went on one of the biggest adventures I have ever been on. It was a trip to the snow but this time it was a camp with my new Scout Group.

So today is the day, I'm on the bus and on the way to the cabins. On the bus I sit next to my friends Daisy and Kayla. When we arrive at the cabins we take our luggage into our room. By the time we finish all of that it is time for bed.

It's the morning and we're getting our snow clothes on ready for the snow. We quickly eat our breakfast and before I know it we're on the bus and making our way to the snow. When we arrive we all come together as a group and split up into three different groups so that we can do our activities. The first activity I'm doing is building a snow cave. While we are building our hands get really cold, our fingers are numb. Now we've finished we go back to the bus and eat our lunch. When we arrive back at the cabins we all go to the dining room and we have snacks and play games with our friends.

It's night time now and we all get into bed and this is our last night in the cabins. In the morning we go back to the snow and complete the other activities, which are walking with snow shoes and tobogganing. The best activity is tobogganing because we keep on crashing into the snow.

After the activities we all gather as a group and we get in a big circle and the leaders call me, Callum and Toby out so we can get invested.

And that was the time I became a Cub!



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).