



SCOUTS IN ACTION

Australian Capital Territory

RECOGNITION FOR YOUNG SCOUT



Congratulations to Dev Grewal on receiving the 2017 Young Canberra Citizen of the Year Recognition Award from the ACT Government. Dev, who was a 12-year-old Scout at the time created a bicycle ride that visited places of worship to raise awareness for unity.

Ride for Unity is approximately a 50km bike ride across Southern parts of Canberra, where riders visit Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish and Sikh faith congregations. The cyclists met with supporters from each faith and shared in prayers and meditation. The bicycle ride hope to raise awareness about celebrating diversity while remaining united for peace and harmony.

FROM THE CHIEF

By Rick Goode



March has seen a range of great Scouting activities, as usual! The Canberra Balloon Festival, with very limited opportunities, provided another awe-inspiring exhibition of what Scouting, through the Balloon Team, can achieve. More aerial fun with the fixed wing team saw some very lucky Scouts fly over both the South Coast and Canberra and of course the Sub-Aqua Scouts took advantage of clear water and an opportunity to explore the ocean floor. Rock Venture proved the usual hit with Venturers during the month as well. I must congratulate the Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts for their Sirius Cup exploits – well done to all of those for getting out and about.

I have had the absolute pleasure of presenting 2 well-deserved Chief Commissioner's Awards this month. One to Jill Tarrant from the Rock Team in recognition of the immense and effective efforts that she and her team put into making sure that the activities on the Camp Cottermouth climbing wall during Cuboree went off without a hitch! The other Award I presented was to Phil Oldfield for his contribution to the development of Gang Show over many years. Both Awards were suggested to me and I was very pleased to agree to the nominations.

The Adult Recognition Award nomination process has now been completed. This has resulted in many nominations across all areas of Scouting in the ACT. You will now have to wait for the announcement of the successful Awardees on 1 August, World Scout Day and the presentation evening of 16 August. My thanks to those who sought to recognise their peers and colleagues in Scouting through this process.

There were 2 national meetings that I participated in during March, a virtual National Executive Committee and, more recently, the National Operations Committee meeting. On the national Scouting front, there is an increased emphasis on moving towards finalising the Youth Program Review and wider discussions of the concepts arising from the review. Paul Janssens has been running specific workshops looking at the concept and seeking comments from all members of Scouting. If you have yet to participate in one of these workshops you should take the chance to find out about where the future of Scouting is headed and have your say.

I fully expect that April will, as usual, bring together an extensive opportunity to enjoy Scouting in all its glory. Have fun!

BRANCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month we have some great deals for Scout members and for Scout Groups

Scout Group offers:

The Branch Office is doing another print run of Scout Hall signs in May 2017. Orders must be given into the Branch Office before the end of April (do@scoutsact.com.au). All signs come with an anti-graffiti coating which can be peeled off if it gets tagged. Below are the details on the signs

Hall meeting times sign

Costs \$200

Option of 2 sizes 1.22m x 2.44m or 1m x 2m

Option of a chalk board or stickers for meeting times and contact information

Scout emblem sign:

Costs \$80

The size is 60cm x 70cm

Scout member offers:

The Canberra Raiders are playing the New Zealand Warriors on Saturday the 15th of April at 5:30pm and would like to offer Scout members an exclusive price of \$12.50 per ticket to come and watch. If you'd like to take up this offer please contact Simon on 02 8756 7233 or email saitken@raiders.com.au with your group bookings

Scouts members and non Scout members can get reduced rates through Harvey Normans online Benefits Program. 2% of all online sales done through the Scouts ACT channel will come back to Scouting through a rebate. To access the portal, click on the link below or sign into the Scouts ACT app

<http://www.harveynormanbusiness.com.au/scoutsaustraliaact>

Contingent Leader opening

Applicants are sought for the position of ACT Branch Contingent leader for the Australian Jamboree in January 2019 in South Australia. Please email applications addressing the duty statement (as per email on ScoutsIT) to Peter Stevenson at accatd@scoutsact.com.au by 5.00pm Friday 21st April 2017.

SCOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

By Calista Beck, Assistant Chief Commissioner Youth Development

Jack Deeble Memorial Youth Development Scholarship

Applications close on 20 APRIL 2017

The scholarship is a \$2500 grant.

Venturers and Scouts may apply for the Jack Deeble Memorial Youth Development Scholarship. This is designed to assist a Scout or Venturer or a number of Scouts or Venturers to attend an International Scouting event or a unique national Scouting event to provide tangible recognition of Jack Deeble's commitment to the growth of young people and the nature of his unswerving belief in the benefits of Scouting in their lives. More information can be found on our website here, <http://www.scoutsact.com.au/scholarship---jack-deeble.htm>

Ross Hohnan Memorial International Scholarship

Applications close on 20 April 2017

The scholarship is a \$2500 grant.

Rovers and Young Leaders (aged 18 – 30) may apply for the Ross Hohnan Memorial International Scholarship. This is designed to assist the Rover or young leader attend a major International Scouting event, giving form to Ross Hohnan's vision that the true spirit of Scouting was to be found in the International Brotherhood. More information can be found here, <http://www.scoutsact.com.au/scholarship---ross-hohnen.html>



INTERNATIONAL EXPLORER AWARD

By Wendy Freeman, International Commissioner



Have you travelled to an International Scouting event in the past 12 months? Then you should consider applying for the International Explorer Award. The Award is a Certificate and belt with buckle that can be worn in place of the standard belt buckle on the uniform belt. This award can be earned by any registered member (youth or Leader) of Scouts Australia who travels to an officially recognised international Scouting event overseas and participates in two of the following activities:

1. Service (minimum 4 hours)
2. Camping (minimum 1 night)
3. Training (minimum 1 complete day)
4. Attend at least three meetings (minimum 3 hours)

Upon your return from overseas, you need to complete at least three reports or presentations within 12 months. Why not write an article and submit it with photos for publication to our monthly newsletter, Scouts in ACTION as one of your presentations? When the requirements for the Award are completed, you will need to fill in the Application Form which can be found on this link, <http://www.scoutsact.com.au/footer-3-cont..html>.

The form needs to be signed by your Group Leader or Commissioner and sent to international@scoutsact.com.au. Don't forget the payment of \$25 for the belt.

Please contact Wendy Freeman, international@scoutsact.com.au for further information.

COTTERSFIELD

By Alan Murray, Scout Commissioner

Congratulations to the B7 Settlers Patrol from Birralee Scout Group who won the annual ACT Scout Section Cotter Shield held this weekend at Camp Cottermouth. The concept for this year's event was developed by the ACT Branch Scout Council and delivered by Scouts, Venturers and Leaders from all over the ACT Branch. Very proud of all 405 Scouts from the ACT and nearby NSW for participating in a successful weekend.

