



SCOUTS IN ACTION

Australian Capital Territory



SCOUTS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

By Wendy Freeman, ACT International Commissioner

Applications are now open for the 2017-18 program. More information and how to apply can be found at <http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/sisep>

An international Venturer exchange is the experience of a lifetime! The Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP) provides Venturer Scouts (16-17 years of age) with the opportunity to experience a different way of life by spending their summer holidays with a Scouting family in Denmark, England or Japan! Being linked to the Scout Association in your host country gives you the unequalled opportunity to take part in challenging and diverse activities that only Scouts can offer! Exchange students leave Australia around the end of November and return mid January. For further information please contact international@scoutsact.com.au.

PHOTO COMPETITION

Do you have a great photo of Scouting in your community?

The Asia Pacific Region is once again holding its photo contest. Your photo of community Scouting could feature in publications throughout the Asia Pacific Region.

Simply email your 300ppi 8"x10" photos to nat.commpublishing@scouts.com.au by the 8th of March along with your name, age and which section of Scouts Australia you are from

FROM THE CHIEF

By Rick Goode



Over the last fortnight or so I have watched as the Human Endeavour Recognition Committee (HERC) received nomination after nomination for the annual Adult Recognition Awards. This year the nominations, pleasingly, far exceeded my expectations in both numbers and quality. I look forward to being able to announce the successful nominations and to presenting a multitude of Awards on 16 August this year. Put that date in your diary!

Quite a few Groups celebrated Founder's day on 22 February, some with semi-formal gatherings, others with Award presentations and cake. The cake that Birralee provided was especially significant given that the colors of the Sections were appropriately strategically layered.

I met the Canberra 2020 Moot Planning committee earlier in the month and was impressed with the professional approach they have taken to hosting an event that will call on almost all of the resources of Scouting in the ACT in the period immediately prior to the Moot.

Ice blocking is something I have heard about but never actually seen until I dropped in on the Les Explorateurs -hosted event. I was tempted to try but I bruise and break too easily, unlike the youth that enjoyed themselves immensely (as seen in the photo below). Well done LX! They also presented a great public face at the Multicultural Festival as did Crowajingalong and those Venturers fund raising selling Bratwurst - very tasty they were as well.

The ACT Training Team held their annual conference this month, with highlights being a review of training from Elston Hynd, the National Commissioner for Adult Training, a session run by Geoff Barson, the ACT Branch Special Needs Commissioner and a workshop on Sunday morning unpacking the outcomes of the youth program review. Paul Janssens will be managing the running of further workshops addressing the YPR concepts in the next couple of months. I encourage everyone to attend if they would like to have some input into the future direction of Scouting or just want to know what it might look like.

Planning is well under way for the next Annual General Council Meeting on 25 May and again, a date to place in your diary.

Good Scouting!



BRANCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership:

Please keep up to date. Adding members now and removing them as well will make it easier come Census time. This includes Leaders and Adult Helpers. Census process will commence from the beginning of May.

Accounts:

Don't forget to have your accounts reconciled to the 31st March 2017 by the end of April 2017, so that the BAS can be submitted.

Insurance:

We are endeavouring to get your lists out prior to the end of March, so you have sufficient time to take stock of all your goods.

Grants:

Thank you to all the Scout Groups who applied for the Rotary Club Canberra Burley Griffin Renovation Grant. The applications will be assessed by the Property Committee and 3 applications will be put forward to them to decide on a project. The winner of the grant will be announced in May.

Office 365 training - bookings are essential:

We have two face to face training session each month

1. Evening - On the first Thursday of each month from 18.30 - 19.30
2. Lunch time - on the third Thursday of every month from 12.30 - 13.30

We have two online training videos to help get you started

How to access your emails - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viGijHLiOZk&t=267s>

How to use your OneDrive - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KC2BtxhGkak>

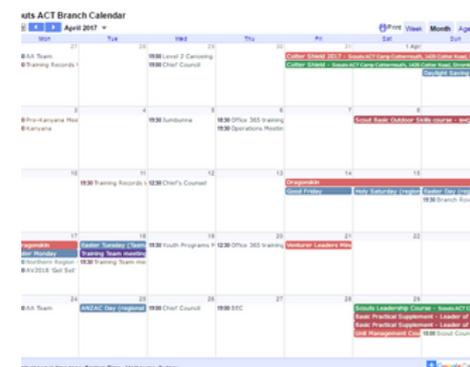
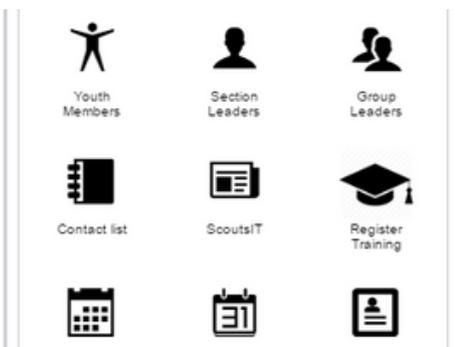
How to sync calendars, contact lists and SharePoint will be released shortly.



Dont forget to download the Scouts ACT app for easy access to calendar events, online forms, contact lists, ScoutsIT and much more. Search Scouts Australia ACT Branch

Training courses and dates can be found on the Branch website and online registrations can be made through the Members Area

You can find resources in either the Members Area of our website and through Scout Central. If you are still not sure then just get in contact with Branch Office on 6282 5211



SAVE THE DATE FOR SCISCOOTS 2017

By Kate Lehane, Branch Activity Leader Special Projects

Scouts ACT have received a highly competitive National Science Week grant for the 2nd year in a row to deliver SciScouts 2017: Environment – Trees, Bees and Seeds.

Save the weekend of 19-20 August 2017 for a heap of environmental science fun out at Camp Cottermouth. Hands-on activities will cover waste and recycling, natural hazards, renewable energy, chemistry, biodiversity, environmental monitoring and more.

Watch this space for further details!



Camp Cottermouth, 1435 Cotter Road, ACT 2611

JOEYS, CUBS

Saturday 19 August

SCOUTS, VENTURERS, ROVERS

Sunday 20 August

Details to come! Bookings will be required.



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MEMORIAL BOX

By Kanga, Joey Leader, Echo Mob, Birralee

Echo Mob, Birralee recently got to look at some artefacts from the First World War. This was thanks to a great program run by the Australian War Memorial called "Memorial Box". There are a number of different boxes available and you can find out more about them at <https://www.awm.gov.au/education/memorial-boxes/>

These boxes are free of charge, and look at all sorts of different themes like the First World War through to Vietnam, the home front and more. Birralee got to look at the first world war box. Inside we found hats, a jacket, a mess kit, puttees, a nurse's cape and so much more. All the artefacts are actually from the Memorial's collect and date from the First World War so we all had to wear gloves and be very careful about how we handled the items.

The Joeys learnt that this war in particular was (in parts) muddy, wet and not much fun. It was like the worst 4 year camp ever with wet feet and bad food! The Joeys also learnt that in the First World War, only boys could be soldiers, and only girls could be nurses! And this happened before the internet and emails were invented, so people used to write postcards and send them to each other to keep in touch.

