



SCOUTS IN ACTION

Australian Capital Territory

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING



This years Annual General Council Meeting was held on Thursday the 25th of May at Weston Scout Hall, thank you to everyone who attended. The following were appointed to represent the Branch:

President - Adrienne Steward

Treasurer - Ricky Wilson

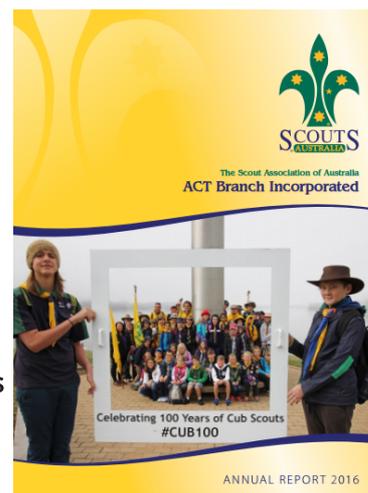
Uniformed Membership - David Cocking and Jeshka McConnell

Regions - Rob Fredericksen

Rovers - Ben Muller

Adult Supporters - Rodney Quiggin and Mark Holmes

This years Annual Report is available to download from the Members Area of our website and a copy has been distributed to all Scout Groups.



FROM THE CHIEF

By Rick Goode



The ACT Branch hosted the Chair of the National Executive Committee of Scouts Australia, Dennis Green and the new National Executive Manager, Cathy Morcomb on Wednesday 17 May. They were visiting the region to discuss issues surrounding the YPR and the Scouts Australia Strategic Plan.

Jamboree of the Trail (JOTT) was held over the 14-15 May and many Groups actively participated in activities centered on hiking/walking. For instance, some 150 Cubs walked around Central basin. The ACT Branch held their part of the new YOU leadership course during the month. This course is the first part of the YOU + Lead national program focused on developing leadership skills within the Venturer section. Despite some teething issues the course was delivered to the very highest standard.

Meetings of the National Training Committee, Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) and the national Youth Program Team were held in Canberra (Camp Cottermouth) on the weekend of 20-21 May.

The ACT Branch has appointed Brent Juratowitch to carry out the national Business Change Manager (BCM) role. Brent brings a vast range of relevant experience and has already provided valued input both at a national and local level. Due to the responsibilities entailed in the position I felt it appropriate that he be appointed as an Assistant Chief Commissioner. This is a 3-year appointment. This role requires participation in the national Program Board. The Board has been set up to facilitate, at a local and national level, the implementation of the outcomes of the Youth Program review. In other appointment news, the ACT Branch welcomes our new President, Ms Adrienne Steward, whose appointment was confirmed at our Annual General Council meeting on 25 May. I look forward to working with Adrienne to build an even stronger organization and thank Leo Farrelly for his great service as President over several years.

13th Canberra Scout Group were successful in attaining funding under an offer from Rotary for hall maintenance. Congratulations to them on this and to the Balloon Team who were also successful in achieving an ACT Government Community Grant.

As mentioned earlier, the ACT Branch AGCM was held in late May. Despite the chill in the air, 60 people came along to receive reports into Branch activities over 2016. We were also very happy to welcome Prof John Pearn, AO RFD, National President of Scouts Australia and Mr Neville Tomkins, AO, Chief Commissioner (and ex-ACT Chief Commissioner) of Scouts NSW to the meeting. Apart from welcoming Adrienne Steward as our new President, we welcomed Jess McConnell as a new member of the Branch Executive Committee. My thanks to the outgoing member, David Hull, for his contribution to Scouting in the ACT. Our thanks also to the Weston Scout Group for hosting the meeting.

Gangshow is almost here, with rehearsals in full swing. I look forward to seeing the show when it hits the boards in July and urge you to put it into your term programs. This is the 50th Anniversary Show and promises to be something memorable and very special.

Happy Scouting!

BRANCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to June.

A reminder that all your Census updates for Leaders and Adult Supporters need to be in the office by the 9 June 2017. You have until 11.59 pm on the 30 June to inactivate any youth members.

Insurance amendments also needs to be also need to be received by the 12 June 2017.

Any youth member joining between the 1st June to 30 June will not raise an invoice for that period.

MASSIVE CAMPING GEAR SALE

WHEN

June 3, 2017
1pm – 3pm

WHERE

Mulga Scout Hall

6 Clift Cres, Richardson ACT 2905

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ENVIRO NOTES

By James Lehane, Environment Commissioner

Little Eagle. Sounds like a Scouting name from the USA, but it is a bird species rarely seen in Canberra. You may have heard about them in the news earlier this year, after a male eagle was recorded flying in from the Northern Territory.

Out of all the Australian eagle species, the Little Eagle has the least known about it, such as habitat use and movement patterns. Researchers use a range of technologies including a GPS Tracking backpacks, leg bands and nest cameras.

There are a few Little Eagles remaining in Canberra especially during the winter months. Researchers are keen to find out more about these 'winter eagles' and would appreciate being told of any sightings so they can identify locations where a bird is being seen repeatedly. Simply report your sightings to cogoffice@canberrabirds.org.au to do your bit of citizen science while you are out Scouting.

Little Eagle photos from the COG Gang-Gang newsletter (June 2017)



Female of 1st Inner North pair



Female of 2nd Belconnen pair



Male of 2nd Belconnen pair

Photos by Don Fletcher