



SCOUTS IN ACTION

Australian Capital Territory

CANBERRA GANG SHOW 2018: FLAT OUT

Tim Murray Theatre, Canberra Grammar School, Monaro Crescent, Red Hill, 14-21 July



The apartment complex is changing. The tenants are at their own crossroads and are not sure how things will pan out. Whether they're moving out for the first time or attending their friend's wedding, having to give up their toys or quitting their job, it's clear life will never be the same. Hilarity ensues with driving tests, empty nest syndrome and 18th birthdays as everyone faces an oncoming change and their lives get swept up.

Grab your tickets as the cast and crew of Canberra Gang Show 2018 take you on the journey of a lifetime.

Canberra Gang Show is a great night out at the theatre. It's also an amazing training opportunity for around 150 young people of the Canberra Region!

Canberra Gang Show is produced annually by a team of volunteers from the Scouting and Guiding communities.

In 2017 we celebrated 50 years since the first Canberra Gang Show! After first stepping into the spotlight in 1966 with the assistance of Melbourne Gang Show, in 1968 we went it alone and haven't slowed down since. Over our colourful history, we have only performed in 4 different venues; The Canberra Theatre between 1966 and 1974, the Playhouse until 1982, Erindale Theatre up to 2012, and from 2013 at the Tim Murray Theatre.

FROM THE CHIEF

By Rick Goode



This month I would like to address an issue that has increased in priority and importance in recent years. This is what Scouting does to ensure that both youth and adults involved in Scouting do so in a safe and supportive environment. There are several parts to this, safety during the adventurous and outdoor activities that everyone loves, safety from abuse, whether that be physical, verbal or sexual and safety to grow into resilient and confident members of the community.

Safety during activities is paramount and we do that through a range of training of Leaders and youth by qualified guides, instructors and Leader Trainers, usually with VET qualifications. This is supported by specific approval requirements, policies and checks and balances. Scouting may be a volunteer organisation but we still have a required level of approvals to support our activities. The regular process for any activity is based on the mantra: Plan, Do, Review. When prospective new Leaders, Rovers and adult helpers start there are some mandatory requirements that must be completed before they are accepted as members. These are the provision of a Working With Vulnerable People Card (a requirement for all members over the age of 16), the completion of a specific online module on Child safety and, in the case of Leaders, references. This assures that as far as is possible, those coming into the movement have no issues which impact on their role. Both the WWVP Card and the online module need to be re-done every 3 years.

There are units of the training for new Leaders that reinforce the need for safety and the requirements of Leaders in relation to child abuse. These units are supported by our Child Protection policy which can be found on the ACT Branch website. The policies can be summarised by saying that abuse in any form is not tolerated. These policies and other associated procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure that they meet the latest Scouts national policy on child abuse and are also currently being reviewed by an external auditor. Some of you will have discussed the issue of child safety with them and I can assure you that recommendations coming from that audit are eagerly awaited. You may also have noted that Scouts ACT has opted in to the National Redress Scheme. This scheme arose as a result of the recommendations from the Royal Commissioner into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse.

The last issue of growing resilience and confidence is one that is at the core of Scouting. At a national level and locally we have adopted a focus of 'Youth Leading, Adult Supporting'. This means that our youth members are encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions, plan what they want to do, and make mistakes, but in a supportive space. I have noticed over the last few years how engaged our youth are in doing just this – leading. Examples abound. For instance, the Venturer Scout Section direct their activities and annual focus through their Branch Venturer Council and Leaders guide and advise when asked. This has lead to the ACT Contingent to the 2018 Venture being lead by a very competent Venturer Scout rather than an adult as was every other contingent. The Scout Section has set up a very effective Branch Scout Council which provides the primary input into Branch Scouting activities, such as the Cotter Shield. These are just a couple of examples which indicate a growing level in confidence among our youth members in their own capacities. I remain in awe of our youth members and every adult involved in Scouting should be as well.

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There are some exciting events coming our way as well. Gang Show is here again and if the first full rehearsal is anything to go by, it will be a blockbuster. If you haven't yet booked your tickets I suggest that you hurry! This can be done through their website, www.canberragangshow.com.au

I look forward to hearing how those Groups and Rover Crews who are starting on the new program in late July take up the opportunity. So far we have had over 130 leaders and youth participate in the training. More information on this can be found on page 4 from Brent

On 1 August there is a celebration of the birthday of Scouting by the ringing of the Nara Peace Bell at the Nara Peace Park and it will feature a very special guest speaker! Again, I encourage you to put this in your diaries.

The Adult Recognition Awards will be announced on 1 August as well.

June saw the annual Kub Kar rally held and both winners and organisers need to be congratulated for yet again a successful event. More details on this on page 5

Enjoy your school holidays!

BRANCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Census:

All Extranet accounts are now in census mode and invoices have been generated and emailed to Group Leaders. Please check and let the Branch Office staff know if you need any changes. Payments are due at the end of the month

Appointments Committee:

Appointments and changes to Adult and Rover membership for the next Appointments Committee are needed by the 11 July

Insurance amendments:

Thank you to all the Group leaders and Committees who have updated their inventory listing. Time has now closed to make any adjustments to your groups inventory. Quotes are currently being sourced for insurance.

Resources:

We have a few sets of the spice cards (Scout section) and scarf rings which are available for purchase via the office.



NEW YOUTH PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

By Brent Juratowitch, Assistant Chief Commissioner, Business Change



Implementation of the New Youth Program achieved a number of milestones in June. We took delivery of our first sets of the new badges; we completed the Program Essentials and started our Outdoor Adventure Skills training for all our Pioneer Groups and we took delivery of our first set of Outdoor Adventure Skills record books. Groups have now started converting youth members over from the existing to the new Program. Very soon you will see the first ACT Scouts working on the new program and wearing their new badges.

The particular highlight was meeting with over 100 Leaders who participated in the Program Essentials and another 40 who attended our Pioneer Trainers and Mentors Training. Over 25% of the Branch's total adult leadership have now received training in the new Program.

The next tranche of training will be held on 8 July where we will focus on the new Outdoor Adventure Skills, Special Interest Areas and the Peak Awards framework.

A few things to look out for in the near future. The new program record books will be arriving in the next few weeks. Each Joey and Cub will receive their own record book while Scouts, Venturers and Rovers will have the option to choose either a hard copy book or to use the new program app that is currently in its final stages of testing. The reason for the delay is that the Joey and Cub record books are being re-written to be age appropriate; partly in response to an observation from Southwell Scout Group about the current drafts being hard to understand for younger members.

For those Groups that are not Pioneers, get ready because I will be shortly asking for our next set of Groups to start their move to the new Program from early 2019. In the meantime keep working through The Adventure Begins Program as this will make your transition to the new program so much easier.

I know that many Youth and Adult members have plenty of questions on the implementation of the new Program. You can direct these to your Pioneer Training or directly to me at accbc@scoutsact.com.au and I will respond as soon as I can. You can also check out the latest information on the YPR Implementation page in the Members Area on the Scout ACT website.

KUB KAR RALLY 2018

By Sue Pearson, Kub Kar Rally organiser

A grey sky and an icy breeze didn't deter 246 Cub Scouts from turning out to participate in the Thirteenth Annual Kub Kar Rally at the University of Canberra Sports Hall on Sunday 17 June 2018.

A new badge featuring a kombi van was designed for the event by Sebastian Hanslip from Oxley Pack, LTSS.

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

2018 Race Champion

James May (Majura Mountain)

Equal 2nd Place

Sam Bannerman (Air Scouts)

Lily Saunders (Macarthur)

Finalists:

Austin Shorten (US Pack 2012)

Tom Love (Mt Mugga)

Eljay Paisley (Mt Mugga)

Caitlin Ahern (Bunyip Pack, Birrallee)

Addison Cowie (Bunyip Pack, Birrallee)

In the "Design Only" Category, creations from the following Cubs attracted the attention of the judges:

Best Detail – Archie Neesham (Oxley Pack, LTSS) – a maroon '36 Ford Coupe;

Funniest – Charlotte Price (Yowie Pack, Birrallee) – an ice cream cone;

Most Original – Ben Pedler (Majura Mountain) – a fearsome shark leaping from a great grey wave.



BIRRALEE SCOUTS ATTEND GWS JAMBORETTE

By Jay Reid, Scout Leader at Birralee Scout Group

On the Queen's Birthday long week (8-11 June), 23 Scouts and 6 Leaders from Birralee attended the 41st Greater Western Sydney (GWS) Region Jamborette at Cataract Scout Pack near Sydney. They joined 980 Scouts, Leaders, Venturers and Rovers from the GWS Region and surrounds to take part in a fun-filled three days of activities with the theme 'Time to Fast Forward'.

Across the long weekend the Scouts took part in 32 activities including abseiling, archery, caving, rock climbing and science. They were joined on Sunday by 350 Cubs who attended as part of Future Scouts Day. To fit with the theme, many of the activities were based on popular time-travel TV shows and movies including Back to the Future, Dr Who, and Stargate. The activities did not stop when the sun went down, with campfires, a disco and a movie keeping the Scouts entertained.

All 5 Birralee Patrols earned the Jamborette Award by completing the required number of activities, and the Troop was presented with a Camping Standards Award. The Troop Council chose to attend the Jamborette at the start of the year as a way to prepare for AJ2019.

Thank you to the Rex Hotel and Burgmann College who loaned us two buses to get us to and from the camp, and thank you to Andrew Barr MLA, who gifted us a Territory flag which we proudly flew during the opening and closing ceremonies.

