



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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Project *Imagine* ACT Cuboree 2017

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The 2017 ACT Cuboree Organising Committee members are hosting a short evening of fun and laughter, magic and revelation on Friday 18 March 7-8pm at the Branch Headquarters, 89 Kitchener Street, Garran.

Unfortunately this event is only open to Venturers and adults as too many secrets will be shared on the night. Make sure that you email functions@act.scouts.asn.au to ensure your share of supper.

From the Chief



This edition of Scouts in ACTION contains lots of interesting stories from youth and adults about Scouting activities. From the recent Scout Jamboree to the Birralee Joey Scout sleepover to Air Scouts on the Lake there are lots of events happening. Of course, without our leaders and supporting parents this would not be possible. Thank you!

Sadly we lost a valued and well respected Joey Scout and Cub Scout Leader this month: Pam Coan. Pam also assisted in Cuborees (her cooking activity base was a highlight for many) and provided Admin services to our Adventurous Activities Teams. Vale Pam.

Cuboree time is again drawing near for our Branch. I have been in contact with Scout SA and they are keen to send some buses of Cub Scouts and adults to join us in the fun. Rumour has it that Scouts Tasmania are interested too! You can't miss the logo above – it's bright and mysterious – and such a weird picture in the centre. Can you guess what it might be?

Our Branch Conference coming up on Saturday June 18 aims to be of vital interest to all adults in Scouting and will seek to be informative, engaging, enjoyable and a worthwhile use of your time. Full details coming soon.

AJ2016 - ACT Contingent

By Peter Stevenson, ACT Contingent Leader, AJ2016

Jamborees are huge, and AJ2016 was no exception. Almost 12,000 Scouts and supporters created a city for adventure, and a city for memories for life. 475 from the ACT contributed strongly to its success, and prepared and participated wonderfully.

Many people make a Jamboree work. There are overall organisers and their teams, contingents such as the ACT with its Jamboree troops, leaders in specialist and support roles – think activities, arena, catering, medical, etc), and a contingent team. It a multi year big budget project, and the care and dedication by so many is impressive.

The focus is young people having a range of experiences – whether adventurous activities, arena events, social interactions with many others, working and learning together in whatever the weather might be doing (we remember the first three days of heavy rain, and the more pleasant sunny warm weather that followed), and living in a special world that created fun times and special memories. Nearly two weeks of such busy living can be tiring, and resting and getting used to home life took just a little while for many – we do not have such hectic and rewarding events too often.



A big BRAVOO to each ACT Scout for their contribution, and the many others who assisted the success of AJ2016. Well done, and best wishes for your Scouting future.

Quotes from our fellow Scouts:

'Many of the friendships that we made are sure to be bonds for life. The activities were amazing, they went from making homemade badge bags to having the time of your life on the funnel web waterslide at Jambaroo. The night entertainment was outstanding, the carnival was huge and the fireworks displays at the opening and closing ceremonies sent a thrill through everyone watching!'

'The walkway down to our campsite was so muddy I would be coming back from the warm shower and I would step in a muddy puddle of mud and get mud sprayed up my leg, then I laughed and walked back to my camp'

'The off-site activities were incredible. It was amazing to see a sea of scouts wandering around Sydney Harbour. My mum and my brother, who is a cub, visited me on Super Saturday. I loved walking them around Cataract Park, sharing my stories and introducing them to my new friends'

'I really enjoyed spending time with scouts from across Australia and from overseas. The Northern Territory patrol joined us for dinner one night. They were so sweet and funny wearing their jumpers and shivering, because for them it was really cold. The accents of some of the internationals were wonderful to hear and they were so happy to be visiting Australia'

'Jamboree was Jam packed and worth every minute. I have some great gear, some great new friends and most importantly some great memories. Thanks to all who helped me get there and to all those leaders who make the Scouts such a family and full of great things to do and learn'

'The number one thing for me at Jamboree was definitely badge trading. It was so much fun, you got to meet new people and get cool badges'

'The activities, on site and off, were amazing. Some of my favourite on site activities were the stunt jump and challenge valley'

'Not only did they have amazing activities but at night they had activities (performances, movies and fetes) not only that but in our spare time we could do almost whatever we wanted (like going to friends campsites or going to the mall'

'Jamboree was one of the best experiences in my life and it also helped me build my relationships with the other people in my troop, including communication and teamwork'

'Australian Jamboree 2016, Wow! What an awesome experience. It was TOTALLY AMAZING!!'

'From being at Jamboree I have become more independent, responsible and learned many life skills that will help me in the future. I came home from AJ2016 very tired and dirty, but I am glad I went and I hope to go to more large scouting events in the future'

'I will always remember all of the activities and mud we went through during those awesome 12 days . The friends I made from other troops, States and even other countries I am still in contact with. I wish I was young enough to go to the next one. Thanks sooooo much!'



And a few quotes from the parents:

'he came back having had a great time. You deserve medals'

'Thank you so much for everything'

'All your hard work has been very much appreciated'



Save the date! SciScouts: Chemistry of Scouting

By Kate Lahane, Branch Activity Leader, Special Projects

Building on the success of the Reach for the Stars astronomy in 2015, a new adventure is coming for Scouts and Guides from the ACT and beyond on **Saturday 13 August** during [National Science Week 2016](#).

Scouts ACT, together with the Australian National University's School of Chemistry, has received National Science Week funding to explore chemistry across themes of environment, health, bushcraft and biology.

So watch this space as planning progresses for *SciScouts: Chemistry of Scouting*...

This [Inspiring Australia](#) initiative is supported by the Australian Government as part of [National Science Week](#).

For more information email: SciScoutsACT@gmail.com

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Joey sleepover

By Kanga, Joey Leader, Echo Mob, Birralee

Birralee Echo Mob had their first sleepover for the year on the first weekend in March. When we asked the Joeys if they had been to a drive in before, none of them was quite sure what a drive-in movie was! However once their Leaders explained it involved watching a movie in your car, and that they had to build their own car, they were off! The Joeys quickly showed their imagination and their building skills. Final products included a bus (or was it a train? Either way they were happy with the results!), a hot rod, several cars with petrol tanks and complicated opening and shutting boots and a racing car complete with rollbar! The crowning glory however was Kanga's limousine which had mirrors, a seat, lights, a steering wheel and personalised number plates! Everyone contributed something to Kanga's car!

Before dinner time, it was make your own pizza with a twist! We had to put our pizzas in a milk carton and set them on fire to cook them! After a safety briefing the Joeys were very sensible and watched from a safe distance as the Leaders "cooked" dinner. The verdict was "delicious".

Sunday morning we were up bright and early and ventured outside to get rid of all the energy that built up while we slept. Pancakes for breakfast followed by more games and then it was already time to go home!!

We all had a great weekend and want to thank all the Parent Helpers and Leaders who gave their time to help us! H.O.P!



Cubs canoeing on Lake Burley Griffin

By Air Scouts Canberra

Term 1 was off to a great start with the Air Scouts Cubs spending the evening having fun and learning water activities skills on Lake Burley Griffin. Fortunately the rain held off but that didn't stop most of the Cubs getting wet! It was an awesome time out on the water with friends.



Get involved with Canberra Gang Show in 2016!

Canberra Gang Show is an annual theatre production and is part of the Scouts ACT and Guides ACT programme. It provides an opportunity for learning, developing and sharing theatrical skills, both on stage and behind the scenes. CGS has three goals for every member of Gang; to have fun, for each person to learn, and to put on a good show.

There are a variety of things you can do in Gang Show, from selling programs to sewing costumes, making props, building sets, hanging lights, playing in the band or acting in the cast. Some positions require technical skills, however Gang Show is a training activity and can teach you all the skills you need to fulfil your role. See below for a complete list of positions available. It is anticipated that all members of Gang Show will participate in activities both before and during theatre.

Cast

Cast (10.5yrs - 30yrs)

Technical & Production

Technical Team (14+yrs)

Band

Props

Makeup

Wardrobe

Support

Admin

Catering

Front of House(14+yrs)

Security (18+yrs)

Welfare (18+yrs)

For more information please visit their website, www.canberragangshow.com.au, email them at applications@canberragangshow.com.au or call 1300 354 451.

A taste of Scouts in France

By Bridget and AJ, Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group

We recently went on holiday to France for 3 months, and visited several groups from Scouts et Guides de France (SGDF) while we were there. We went to French school during our holidays, but that's OK because we like school! We visited four meetings with two groups (Orléans Nord and Saint-Marceau), and made lots of new friends.

We played heaps of games and learnt lots of things about their uniforms and their program. In return, we introduced some of our games, and our games always beat their goûter (afternoon tea) every time!

We were also very lucky to be invited along to a very special regional event at the Orléans Cathedral called the Lumière de Béthléem (Light of Bethlehem). It was very exciting to be there with almost 2000 fellow Scouts.

We had lots of fun finding out about how they do Scouts on the other side of the world.



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 development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au by the 15th of each month for the Australian Scout Magazine (minimum 1 page and high quality photos) and the 25th of each month for Scouts in ACTION (maximum 1 page with photos).