



## Scouts Australia – ACT Branch

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### Scout Association of Australia ACT Branch Incorporated (Scouts ACT) Notice of AGM Procedures

Dear Council Members,

I write to you regarding the upcoming annual general meeting of Scouts ACT scheduled for 27 May 2021.

Like all people and organisations in Australia, Scouts ACT is continuing to meet the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the past 12 months, the necessary restrictions implemented by the Federal and ACT Governments have had a significant effect on the way we deliver the Scouting program to our youth. I am sure you are all aware that this has included developing *Scouting from Home*, an online-based model of delivering Scouting, as well as altering our face-to-face activities to adhere to social distancing requirements. The agility Scouts ACT and our interstate counterparts have shown during these testing times has epitomised the spirit of Scouting.

As with last year, our AGM will adapt to the new normal. The Branch Executive Committee (BEC) and the Branch Office have been working to make alternative arrangements to ensure the AGM can proceed, while still complying with the COVID-19 restrictions and keeping our members safe. Working within the parameters provided by the Branch Constitution, the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* (ACT) and social-distancing rules, the best option available is to again hold a virtual AGM.

We will hold the virtual meeting, and voting will be conducted online. The BEC has approved a policy to formalise the procedures for Annual General Meetings of Branch Council which explains the process for nominating for BEC positions and voting on the resolutions. A copy of the new policy is **attached**. A copy of some frequently asked questions arising from last year's virtual AGM is also **attached**.

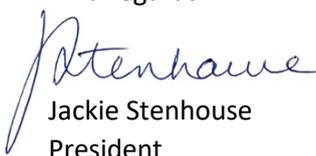
Today we open the call for nominations for the five (5) available BEC positions. If you have experience or qualifications that you could bring to the BEC, I encourage you to nominate. We are also calling for nominations for Branch Supporters.

To ensure that Council Members have enough time to consider their votes, the Annual Report, Financial Statements, and the nominations for BEC and National Council representatives will be provided a week before the AGM.

Finally, as voting will all be conducted through the Election Buddy platform, voting by show of hands will not be possible. As such, I give notice as Chair of the Council Meeting, pursuant to 20.6 and 20.7 of the Branch Constitution, that a poll will be taken for each vote at the 2021 AGM.

If you have any questions regarding the AGM, please do not hesitate to contact me at [chair@scoutsact.com.au](mailto:chair@scoutsact.com.au) or the Principal Administrative Officer at [admin@scoutsact.com.au](mailto:admin@scoutsact.com.au).

Kind regards

  
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