



Branch Scout Council

Scouts ACT

Minutes

Monday 16 October 2023, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Branch Office, Garran

Joint meeting with Branch Venturer Council

Present:

- Lachlan, Chair (Les Explorateurs)
- Leila, Vice Chair (Garran)
- Milo, Executive (Tasman Unit LBGSS)
- Maeve, Executive (Trident Unit LBGSS)
- Alex, LBGSS
- Will, LBGSS
- Lucas, Erindale
- Noah, Kama
- Evelyn, Les Explorateurs
- Ada, LTSS
- Katrina, LTSS
- Michael, Diamantina
- Cathy Dickson, SL Mt Mugaa
- Georgia Elliott, BC International

Apologies:

- Luke, Secretary (Orion Unit LTSS)
- Charlotte, Mt Taylor
- Jay Reid, BC Youth Empowerment

Welcome and introductions:

- Lachlan welcomed everyone to the Branch Office and gave an Acknowledgement of Country
- Everyone introduced themselves

BSC announcements:

- Thanked Milo, who is off to Venturers and has finished up with the BSC
- BSC Challenge - reminder of rules, email your entries to the BSC
 - Les Ex had Inter-Unit activity with Mt Mugga - spotlight, capture the flag on Mt Ainslie
- BSC email - bsc@scoutsact.com.au

SIA discussion and workshop:

- Discussed the requirements for SIA projects:

- There are 6 SIA areas
- The idea is to have your own goal, while you can do the same activity, every person must have a personal goal
- At Least 8 hours spent on SIA, approved by your Unit Council
- Something that you want to do, but wouldn't without the extra push
- Scouts shared examples of SIA project they've done
- Challenges with SIAs:
 - Some people are only beginning to plan their SIA's
 - People said SIA's take too much time to plan
- Talked through what SMART goals are and how they can help with SIA planning

Any other business:

- Upcoming events:
 - Tri-Lakes Sailing Regatta 29 October
 - First weekend of racing at Lake Tugg
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 - Sailing Come and Try Day 5 Nov
 - Contact michelle.taylor@scoutsact.com.au
 - Northern Loop Bikepacking Journey 10-12 November
 - Two nights overnight bike hike following the Centenary Trail
 - Contact quokka@exploreurs.org.au
 - Summer Camp 12-18 January 2024
 - Major Scout event, 6-night camp, preparation for Jamboree
 - Contact Blowfish, the Camp Chief maddiekate@internode.on.net
 - Governor-General's Camp 14-19 April 2024
 - Registrations are open <https://scouts.com.au/event/ggcamp2023/>

Next meeting:

- Next BSC meeting is Wednesday 29 November 2023
 - Location to be announced, Scouts voted for a fun meeting by one of the lakes to finish the year

Discussion with BVC:

- Execs introduced themselves and ran an icebreaker
- Differences between Scouts and Venturers:
 - Vennies does not have patrols but do have temp patrols (project patrols)
 - Their leadership format is chair, vice-chair, exec etc.
 - Much more independent
 - Get to meet a lot of branch people, not just within your group
 - Really good social outlet

- ACT Venturer Units:
 - Not a lot of vennie units
 - Try out different units, don't need to be loyal to your scout unit.
 - Some work with younger levels
 - Different vennie units focus on different areas (e.g some are more chill, some are more badgework serious)
 - Southwell is good for badgework - quite a few queen scouts
 - Karla Birna does Duke of Ed
 - Les Ex is also opening a vennie unit.
- Venturer activities:
 - 1-2 December Children's Christmas Party, want volunteers 13+ in setting up + logistics
 - Gang show - building 15 minute set (at party)
 - Archery - indoor (Message of Peace program, or SIA) also at the party.
 - Citizen science nature map
- Unit Management course
 - Youth members have told Branch that they want a unit management course
 - The course would be aligned with VET outcomes
 - Scouts Australia has registered training organisations that can issue certificates.
 - Similar to TAFE, same sort of qualifications, Good for getting jobs
 - Need to be over age of 14, recognition of prior learning (if done before 14, once you reach 14 can receive VET)
 - People who apply to uni with VET get a reduction in their time. E.g Monash Uni takes a year off a Bachelor of Arts degree if you got a VET in business.
 - VET qualifications can go onto year 12 certificate.
 - Easy and direct way of doing SIA's
 - Daniel is working with youth members to know what to include in course so it can be tailored, so it meets youth needs. Want a few youth to develop curriculum - email daniel.bartlett@scoutsact.com.au
- The new Branch Rover Council Chair (Bryn) and Engagement Officer (Jacinta) attended and introduced themselves
 - Asked the BSC to think about how Rovers can support other sections