



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

December 2012

Timor Leste Project

A small team of Venturers and a Rover from Tuggeranong recently went to Timor Leste (East Timor) as part of a community service project. The team had months of preparation and had set out to help a school high up in the mountains in the small town of Maubisse. Along their journey they were able to provide donations to the Aloia Foundation, meet the locals, join up with another Scout Group and provide skills and resources to the community.

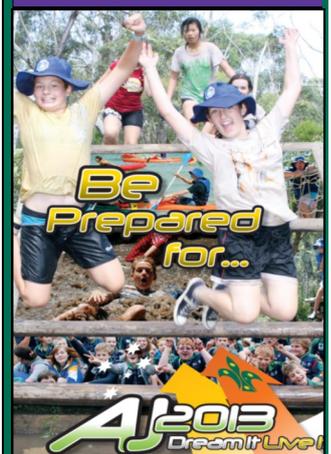
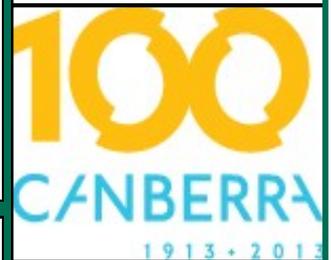
This team of young people have developed and demonstrated their Leadership, Management, Project Management, Financial Management and Logistics Management skills. They have also provided a much need service, have had a great cultural experience and built friendships for life. A huge congratulations to everyone involved in this project.

More information in the next Scout Magazine.



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From the Chief



With Christmas and AJ2013 fast approaching our Scouting year seems to be going increasingly faster. So many more things to do before the end of the year! It is tempting to look back and see the many accomplishments that Leaders, Parents and especially our youth members have achieved over the last 12 months. There are at least three people, however, who are not looking back but looking forward (and holding their breath)!

Our Centenary Team Leader, Max McDonnell, is planning for 2013 to be a riot of fun, adventure and very high, positive profiling for Scouts ACT. As part of the 2013 celebrations we are about to launch a special badge, work with the ACT Government on a range of exciting projects including the Canberra Day celebrations, a Branch camp and hopefully, participate in a border and centenary trail. Some activities are still subject to confirmation but Max will be publishing the list very soon. Another Team Leader looking forward to 2013 is Ross McConnell. He has been busy preparing his Hot Air Balloon team (and himself) to take to the skies as qualified pilots and instructors so that our youth members can be "Scouts with altitude".

Rosemary Hayes (part of our hardworking ACT Contingent Leader Alan Murray's team) has gathered a great Canberra centennial display as part of our ACT Branch headquarters for the 2013 Australian Jamboree at Maryborough in Queensland in January. In fact, Scouts ACT looks like we are first to start the celebrations (even though it is in another Branch)!

In midst of our busyness over the next few weeks, I hope that you are able to take a peaceful, well-earned break. I wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday time. Thank you for your work in making 2012 Scouting in the ACT exciting, challenging and meaningful for our youth members. Next year will be even better!



Astronaut training night

By Air Scouts Canberra

Recently the cubs were visited by trainers from the National Air Scout Astronauts (NASA) Training Staff (NASATS) to help prepare the Air Scout Cubs for space. Various activities were carried out including an Spacesuit Obstacle Course. Here the cubs had to suit up and run through an obstacle course in their simulated space suits. This was to give them the feeling of working in environments with limited feeling and difficult clothing.

The Cubs also tried a "Rip Cord pull" activity, where astronauts with the help of their team had to reach and grab for a rip cord in the dark to slow their ships descent. Being able to work in difficult dark environments with delicate equipment was the test that all had to pass at the end of the night.

All passed their training and we hope that the future astronauts go on to bigger things.



JOIN the Balloon Team!

Scouts with
Altitude



The Scout Balloon Training Program is proudly supported by the
ACT Government Community Centenary Initiatives Fund

As part of the Adventurous Activities Program, Scouting can now offer members the chance to participate and be qualified as Ground Crew, Pilots, and Instructors while also promoting Scouting and the Canberra Centenary in 2013

ANYONE (including Joeys to Venturers with a Parent) is welcome to come and help inflate, deflate or chase the balloon.

For more information contact Ross McConnell, Air Activities (Hot Air Ballooning) Leader, 0401 101 913, Ross.mcconnell@act.scouts.asn.au



From everyone involved with Scouts in ACTION we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Branch Office will be closed from the 24th December to the 4th January. Would you like your group / event to be in the next issue of Scouts in ACTION? Contact Tyron at Branch Office on (02) 6282 5211 or email development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au

