



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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Cotter Shield 2013

By Rob Fredericksen

60 patrols took part in Cotter Shield 2013, this year our theme was Renewal and Reunion. We had 8 incredible bases covering Construction, Emergencies, Orienteering, Service, Fire Safety, Air Activities, Environment and Mind Craft. For our Service base activities our Scouts had painted the Containers which will form part of the Climbing Tower (pictured). The other bases focused on opportunities for our Scouts to practice and develop skills related to the Award scheme and leadership.

After the weekend rotations were finished, we all gathered for Sunday lunch and the scores were tallied. The winning Patrol was from Wanniasa Scout Group, congratulations!!!



The winning streak for the past 7 years of Badimara and Kama Scout Groups had finally been broken, but they will be back next year looking for the top spot.

As usual the Imagination and ingenuity of our leaders in dreaming up new ways to present the challenges at Cotter Shield is always amazing, but more than that the ability of our Scouts to meet those challenges. Well done on a Great Cotter Shield everyone!

From the Chief



There is much excitement in our Branch at present as we hold our breath in readiness to see the latest membership census figures. Will we beat our 2012 4% rise? A huge thank you is due to all those Groups and Formations that have so quickly used the online membership system to register their members.

Recently, our Branch Executive Committee approved the commencement of a Grants Sub Committee. Chaired by Mark Holmes, the members have been tasked to explore grant opportunities and to assist where possible Groups and Formations applying for grants. Working in an ever increasing competitive fund seeking environment, we all have to be as efficient as possible to maximize our chances of success. Some grants can only be applied for once per organisation and others many times. In addition, we need to ensure we spend the money we receive for the purpose that it was sought and that we acquit the funds on time – so that we might apply again in another round!

As you have heard through the media, the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse has commenced its meetings and investigations. Scouting in Australia has taken a National approach to ensure not only that all recorded instances of such abuse have been reported to the relevant authorities but that our policies and procedures are in alignment to keep our youth members safe.

Lastly, the Cuboree Presentation Team members have asked me to remind Cub Packs to book in for one of the special Cuboree Briefing sessions at Camp Cottermouth. Each session runs for two and a half hours either 9.30 am to 12 noon or 1pm – 3.30 pm. They are being run on three days: 11 and 25 May and 2 June. Please email paul.janssens@inet.net.au for bookings.

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A great Cub outing!

By Fiona McKinnon

On Saturday the 6th of April the Warigal Cub Scout Pack (Diamantina Scout Group) and the Jumbuck Cub Scout Pack (Well Station Scout Group) experienced a combined Pack outing. They hiked up Mt Ainslie and observed the aeroplanes flying past which were part of the War Memorials Open Day.

This was also a great opportunity to invest four new members and link a Joey in to Cubs. Some of our activities included Geo-caching, cooking damper twists and a delicious dinner, entertaining each other and then falling asleep with a story with a Jungle Book story.

On the Sunday the Packs hiked all the way over to the Australian War Memorial to have our Scout's Own under the Lone Pine tree and then visited the Tomb of the Unknown Australia Soldier. A great time was had by all, thank you to everyone who was involved.



Have you heard about the Chinese Phoenix Scout Group in Canberra?

The Chinese Phoenix Scout Group has been running in the Lyons Scout Hall since late 2012. They have a Venturer and Rovers section and meet weekly. Some highlights to date include camping, first aid training, volunteer work (promoting Scouting, running fundraising BBQ's and tree planting), abseiling and helping the hot air balloon team as being part of their ground crew.

If you would like more information about the Group please contact their Group Leader, Joanne Guth on 6288 1070 or 0452 224 228.



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