



# Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

September 2013

## September is Scouts Environment Month

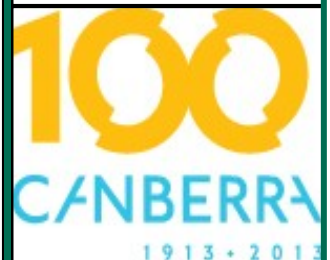


As a Scout, we care for our environment and we want to make a difference that contributes to the quality of our surroundings. All Scouts are encouraged to get involved this month by joining in on one of the organised projects (Umbagog Park Care Saturday 7 September 0800 - 1230, Mount Painter Park Care Sunday 15 September 0900 - 1230, Friends of Aranda Bushland Sunday 1 September 0900 - 1230, Friends of Mount Painter Project 22 September to 13 October 2013) or by taking part in your own local environment project.

If you would like more information then please contact our Environment Commissioner, John Feint on 0417 286 943 or email [jfeint@gmail.com](mailto:jfeint@gmail.com) for more information. Alternatively check out ScoutsIT for past messages.

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## From the Chief

At the recent National Strategic Planning meeting the following priorities were listed as being of national importance:

- Key messages need to be defined with a communication plan
- Best research resources need to be compiled & first evidence articles published
- Tangible parent information and engagement programs to be devised
- Stage 11 of the Youth Program Review to be completed
- Assessment of Adventurous Activity Specialist requirements to be undertaken
- An age profile of Leaders of Adult role to be conducted
- A Group Leader Management Program to be designed and implemented
- Adult education requirements to be determined
- Positive psychology to be incorporated in Leader training
- A Technology road map to be implemented
- Agreement on national documentation and process standards to be reached

Of these the ACT Branch has been given responsibility for number 9 – designing and implementing a Group Leader Management plan. The Tasmanian and WA Branches have started work on aspects of this Milestone and we will be working together to see how we can support the important role of the Group Manager. Group Leaders who would like more information about this project are most welcome to contact me.

In addition the ACT Branch now needs to align these priorities with our own strategic priorities. Stay tuned for more details!



## World Scout Day Awards

Congratulations to this years World Scout Day awardees! This year we had a record number of awards to hand out and it really highlights some of the great work that is being done in the scouting community. There is still a lot of work and effort that is still not recognised and you have the power to change that. If you know someone who is deserving of an award then go our website, download a form and nominate them. Its really that easy! If you need any help then please contact our friendly Branch staff on [actscouts@act.scouts.asn.au](mailto:actscouts@act.scouts.asn.au) for more information.

Here are this years awardees:

### Certificate of Merit Award

#### Adult Leaders:

Rohan Smith	Southwell Scout Group
Wendy Bardsley	Amaroo Scout Group
Helen Brinsmead	Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scout Group
Michael Broom	Erindale Scout Group
Elizabeth Cawthron	Mount Rogers Scout Group
Peta Duggan	Erindale Scout Group
Richard Fitzpatrick	Wanniassa Scout Group
Sophie Green	Macarthur Scout Group
Katarina Heineback	Lake Burley Sea Scout Group
Deborah Horscroft	Amaroo Scout Group
Helen Johnson	Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scout Group
Felicity Keech	Amaroo Scout Group
Michael Kerr	Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scout Group
Jennifer Major	Wanniassa Scout Group
Stuart McKellar	Erindale Scout Group
Craig Robilliard	Mountain Scouts Majura
Anthony Rose	Well Station Scout Group
John Webster	Well Station Scout Group

#### Adult Supporters:

Lynette Bird	Well Station Scout Group
Cheryl Bocking	Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group
Denton Bocking	Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group
Klaus Felsche	Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group
Patricia Frith	Kama Scout Group
Lance Green	Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scout Group
Maryann Harris	Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group
Alison Hoefler	The Arthur Shakespeare Foundation for Scouting
Ken Martens	Well Station Scout Group
Glenn Mills	Southwell Scout Group
Rhonda Payget	Southwell Scout Group
Tamara Posch	Mount Rogers Scout Group
Jane Rickard	German Australian Pfadfinder Scout Group
Jill Williamson	Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group

## Silver Arrowhead Award

### Adult Leaders:

Paul Blessington  
 Rob Buckland  
 Adre De Waal  
 Virginia Henderson  
 Elizabeth Hickey  
 Carla Howden  
 Keith Jobson  
 Helen Leape  
 Debra McGrath  
 Susan McKellar  
 Bruce McNeice  
 Marcel Muller  
 Paul Murphy  
 Ruth Palavestra  
 Al Palazzo  
 Trevor Roots  
 Teresa Shea  
 Paul Southwell  
 Eric Zurcher

Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scout Group  
 ACT Branch  
 Air Scouts Canberra  
 Badimara Scout Group  
 Mount Rogers Scout Group  
 ACT Branch  
 Air Scouts Canberra  
 Kama Scout Group  
 Kama Scout Group  
 Lanyon Valley Scout Group  
 Birrale Scout Group  
 ACT Branch  
 Crowajingalong Scout Group  
 Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scout Group  
 Kama Scout Group  
 Macarthur Scout Group  
 Mulga Scout Group  
 ACT Branch  
 Ginninderra Region



### Adult Supporters:

Jacquelyn Dillon  
 Valdis Luks

Mount Rogers Scout Group  
 ACT Branch



Peter Davey

## Silver Wattle Award

ACT Branch

## Silver Koala Award

Elizabeth Davey  
 Judith Ascione  
 Philip Domaschenz  
 Deirdre Major

Diamantina Scout Group  
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 ACT Branch  
 Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scout Group & Wanniasa  
 Scout Group  
 ACT Branch

Ross McConnell

## Silver Emu Award

Susan Pearson  
 Geoff Sheehan

ACT Branch  
 Brindabella Region



## Silver Kangaroo Award

Peter Barrett  
 David Cossart  
 Michael Hickey

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 Mount Rogers Scout Group



## Come and explore the underwater world

By John Pring, Venturer Leader, Macarthur Scout Group



As a scouting person you have probably hiked, canoed, swam, raced go-karts, climbed cliffs and explored caves, you may have flown, acted on stage, travelled overseas or a number of other things, but have you tried exploring the underwater world?

For the last couple of years Scouts ACT have been running beginner's courses in scuba diving. Some of the participants of those courses have gone diving all-round the place not just on the dives we have organised on the south coast of NSW.

Diving allows you to "ghost" over the underwater environment seeing and participating in a world that a lot of people only ever see on

TV in wildlife documentaries. Scouting in the broader sense is about getting out, testing yourself, and exploring.

Our next beginner's course is on the 12-13 October 2013, if you are interested in participating please contact John, [johnpr@inet.net.au](mailto:johnpr@inet.net.au). If you are an experienced diver and are interested in more advanced courses please let us know as we organise these where the demand exists.



## Community Grants

Over the last few weeks Scout Groups in the ACT have been successful in submitting a number of grant applications. Well done to those Groups and members for their hard work. If your Scout Group is applying for any grants, please remember to send it through to Branch Office so we can support your application.

In honour of Canberra's Centenary and 4 local Bendigo Bank Branches 10th year anniversary, Bendigo Bank has given 100 grants worth \$1000 each to 100 community groups. Scouts ACT was fortunate enough to have 5 Scout Groups (Badimara, Erindale, Wanniasa, Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts and Garran Scout Group) receive the Grant.

Les Explorateurs Scout Group, in conjunction with Les Petites Etoiles Playgroup, were recently successful in applying for and receiving a Coles Junior Landcare Grant of \$1000 towards setting up a sustainable vegetable garden at the Ainslie Scout Hall. They were presented with their Junior Landcare Welcome Pack by Todd from Coles Belconnen. They look forward to setting their garden up in time for Spring! Keep an eye out on Les Explorateurs' new Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/LesExplorateursScouts](http://www.facebook.com/LesExplorateursScouts) for updates on the project.

