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Australian Capital Territory Branch

April 2011

30th Anniversary of ACT Scouting

Our 30th anniversary as the ACT Branch of Scouts Australia was marked with campfires and cake for the Joeys, a visit to the National Zoo and cake by the Cubs, 30 of Everything Cotter Shield Camp including cake by the Scouts, a film night by the Ventures with cake and a Regatta Point gathering and cake by the Rovers. The proceeds from our special 30th anniversary badge will be donated to the appeal for our fellow Scouts in Japan. For more badges please contact the Branch Office on 6282 5211



Canberra's 98th Birthday

At the launch of this event on March 3, the Chief Minister Jon Stanhope launched the \$'s for Dili project and promised \$200,000 towards the joint Scouts Australia and Rotary project to construct ablution and education facilities. Scouts ACT have also been asked to help out with researching their street names as part of the Portrait of a People Project by the Canberra celebrations committee. What can you find out about your street name? More details next issue.

From the Chief



We have a new Scout Group – Les Explorateurs – and it is a French speaking Scout Group. The Group will deliver the Australian Scout program using the French language. We have signed up a Group leader, two other leaders and a fairly full committee. The group will start youth programs next term and will meet at the German Australian Pfadfinder Scout Hall in Tuner for the time being.

Fiona McKinnon, Region Commissioner of Gungahlin and I are working on a support structure for Groups in Limestone Plains Region. This will see the two regions working closely together in the coming months.

What about the Environment?



Our Scout Groups participated in 2 of the 80 Clean Up Australia sites in the ACT on Clean Up Australia Day in March and we were all challenged to participate in Earth Hour by turning off electrical appliances for an hour between 8.30 and 9.30 pm

On the Horizon

Visit by Luc Panissod, World Scout Secretary General & Gala Dinner on 20 June 2011.

Reminder - Membership Census and Financial Returns are now due.

Stromlo Forest Scout Hall rebuilding should be finished this month and the grand opening is on the 22 May 2011.

To add your next event please contact Branch Office on 6282 5211 or email development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au

Branch Calendar Snap Shot

Upcoming Branch Events

| FromDate | Event |
|-------------|--|
| 06-Apr-2011 | Training Records Workshop |
| 07-Apr-2011 | Leader of Adults - Phase 2 (Night 1) |
| 08-Apr-2011 | Cubs - Camp @ Coledale NSW |
| 12-Apr-2011 | Training Records Workshop |
| 16-Apr-2011 | Training Small Groups (TT 2 & 3) |
| 21-Apr-2011 | Leader of Adults - Phase 2 (Night 2) |
| 28-Apr-2011 | Leader of Adults - Phase 2 (Night 3) |
| 10-May-2011 | Training Records Workshop |
| 11-May-2011 | Training Records Workshop |
| 14-May-2011 | Scouting Skills Day |
| 15-May-2011 | Basic Sectional Techniques - Practical (not Venturers) |
| 23-May-2011 | Training Records Workshop |
| 28-May-2011 | Basic Sectional Techniques - Practical (Venturers - Includes Bushwalking Skills) |
| 04-Jun-2011 | Leader of Adult Phase 4 (1st Weekend) |
| 07-Jun-2011 | Training Records Workshop |
| 11-Jun-2011 | First Aid - Nominations Close |

Whats New?



E-Learning

The roll out for E Learning has begun and has had very positive reception by new leaders. More modules are being written and the program is looking good. www.sait.scouts.com.au

Not in Scouts? Want to find out more...

Scouts Australia's age-related progressive program is unique – no other organisation offers such a diverse variety of activities and experiences across such a broad age-range. Children and young adults aged from 6 to 25 can join at any stage of Scouting and participate in a program that encourages them to grow through adventure by experiencing new challenges, making new friends, building confidence, taking responsibility for themselves, and being provided with opportunities to explore their own abilities and interests. Perhaps the most important thing, however, is that Scouts have fun!

Call **1800 SCOUTS** to find a group in your area.

