



# Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

August 2011

## Scouts in Action week, 22 - 28 August

Scouts in Action Week is back for another year. We have a new theme, new programs and a new website all to help you provide programs and activities for your Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew. Disability Awareness is the theme for 2011 and we want to see if we can get more than the 33,000 participants who took part in 2010!

Our theme this year will help broaden our understanding, but in a typical Scouting way. Learning by doing is part of the Scout Method and also the element of variety and fun. Let's get out there and incorporate the 'Scouts in Action Week – Disability Awareness' programs into the week of 22 – 28 August 2011 and hopefully we can all increase our awareness.

Register your Group today at [www.scoutsinactionweek.com](http://www.scoutsinactionweek.com) so you can gain access to this year's programs. You might even like to get hold of the 2010 programs which have been updated and included on the new website.

The 2011 Scouts in Action Week badge is now available to order from the website. Badges this year are \$2.00 each and can be worn on your uniform from 22nd August 2011 in accordance with Branch guidelines (1 special event badge per uniform for 3 months from the start of the event)



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## From the Chief



Recently, at a meeting of National Chief Commissioners, we discussed, among other important issues, what we might achieve in the area of Mental Health. Of particular interest was the \$19,020 ACT Health Promotions Grant that Scouts ACT has been given to run a series of mental health courses for our members. Margaret Hancocks will be advertising for participants to enrol for the courses including a Mental Health First Aid course. Watch out for details on our website and in ScoutsIT of the courses available (at heavily discounted prices) and of the new Health and Well Being policy and strategies that are being developed.

This month we take time to recognise the "second mile" efforts of our adult volunteers. On August 26 we hold our adult recognition awards at the Woden Southern Cross Club. Nearly 40 of our leaders and supporters will have citations read and awards presented. If someone that you know is not on the list then make sure that they are recognised next year. Contact [herc@act.scouts.asn.au](mailto:herc@act.scouts.asn.au) - one of our talented team members will help you with the nomination.

Don't forget that there are lots of other ways to recognise the hard work put in by our volunteers – developing Group awards, and nominating them for the NRMA Volunteer of the Year and the Order of Australia Awards to mention just a few. Our volunteers are hard-working, inspiring and infectious – so let's share what they are doing – and encourage others to do the same.

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## Stromlo Forest Scout Hall is now OPEN for business

In 2003 the devastating bushfires burnt down the Stromlo Forest Scout Hall. Now 8 years later the Scout Group is reopening its newly built hall. If you would like to visit the Stromlo Forest Scout Group or give them a hand, please contact Mary Anne Rhind. The hall is located on Tantangara Street in Duffy.

Joey's meet on Tuesday from 5.30pm – 6.45pm

Cubs meet on Mondays from 6.30pm – 8pm

Scouts meet on Thursdays from 7pm – 9pm

## Kub Kar Rally 2011

Thank you to everybody who attended and organised the 2011 Kub Kar Rally, we had 217 cub racers, many leaders and family members attend. A special congratulations to the following winners and finalists.



### Winners:

1st Place - Llew Reilly (Majura Mountain), 2nd Place - Fynn Jammer (Pfadfinder), 3rd Place - Thomas McKellar (Erindale).

### Finalists:

Aisha Wood-Amin (Bunyip Pack, Birrale), Stephanie Lezaich (Badimara), Arne Hass (Pfadfinder), Thomas Adams-Walker (Oxley Pack, Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts), Jaxom Kerlin (Well Station), Toby Bohn (Majura Mountain)

### Design Only Category:

Best Detail - Ryan Clark (Diamantina) - a very sleek black kar

Funniest - Adam McKenzie (Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scouts) - an interesting silver racing spoon of peas

Most Original - Thomas Adams-Walker (Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts) - a chocolate coated ice cream block with a bite taken out of it.

## Have you done your Leader training?

**For trainees working to complete their training at the October courses.**

Group Leaders:

1. Ensure all application documentation has been submitted to Branch Office.
2. Arrange for trainee to attend one of the Workshop evenings.
3. Monitor and support trainee's progress through In-Service training
4. Encourage trainee's progress through e-Learning modules.
5. Complete training application form at least 2 weeks prior to courses (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October), noting that due to major complications in the past, with the booking of rooms for the required number of participants and catering requirements, late applications are not acceptable.
6. Group Leaders will be required to sign the training application form stating that In-Service and e-Learning have been completed.

## Your group or event in the next "Scouts in ACTION"

Would you like your group / event to be in the next issue of Scouts in ACTION? Its so simple, contact Tyron at Branch Office on (02) 6282 5211 or email him [development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au](mailto:development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au) and we will add your story to the next newsletter.