



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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The Arthur Shakespeare Foundation for Scouting Donor Scheme

The Arthur Shakespeare Foundation for Scouting was established in memory of Arthur Shakespeare, founding editor of The Canberra Times and a man who strongly supported the principles of Scouting. The aim of The Foundation is to assist ACT Scouts financially to help young people achieve their full potential.

Membership of the Donor Scheme provides an opportunity for men, women, companies and organisations to contribute to youth development in the ACT at various levels and in various ways. Membership of the Donor Scheme is achieved by donation for the various categories ranging from \$1000 to \$25 000. Donors receive benefits according to their membership level.

Donations can be made as a one off payment or over a five year period. There is also the option of making a bequest in your Will. **All contributions to The Arthur Shakespeare Foundation for Scouting are tax deductible.**

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From the Chief

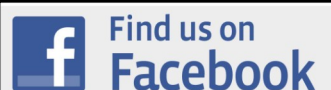


The last of our Scout groups has now completed their annual on-line census. Soon we will have a clear picture of our membership for the year ending 31 March. What about your Group or Formation – have your numbers increased? How many members have left during the year? Our recruitment pressures will ease if our retention rate is high enough. What ideas have you come up with to encourage your members to stay and play? Send your ideas to development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au

Saying, "Thank you" is a great strategy. On August 26 at the Woden Southern Cross Club we will be acknowledging the "second mile" service of our leaders and supporters. Come along and hear the fantastic work that has been done by our adult volunteers. Watch ScoutsIt for more details. Make sure you have booked your seat by emailing your acceptance to functions@act.scouts.asn.au

Additional training is also another way that we can equip our leaders and supporters to enjoy and prolong their stay in Scouting. We have been given a grant of \$19,020 to defray some of the costs needed to engage health professionals to run a suite of courses on mental health issues. Again, watch out for details on ScoutsIt.

The last few months have been hectic – with the Gala Dinner, the launch of the Arthur Shakespeare Foundation for Scouting Donor Scheme, Scout Forum, Solomon Islands Rover expedition, Kub Kar Rally and Gang Show. A huge thank you - to the many leaders, supporters and youth members who work so hard to make these events happen. I am very proud to be a member of the ACT Branch - aren't you?



22nd World Scout Jamboree

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will be held in Southern Sweden from 27 July to 7 August 2011. We have approximately 20 youth members and Leaders attending from the ACT and we wish them safe travels and are sure that they will have a once in a lifetime experience.

Those of us left at home do not need to miss out on all the fun. The Join In Jamboree program allows members of Scouting, both Adult and Youth, to learn about the World Jamboree, try some Swedish food and games and earn the special Join In Jamboree Badge.

The programs for each Section for the Join In Jamboree are now available from the Australian Contingent web site. <http://wsj2011.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iMenuID=17624532>. We encourage everyone to look at the website, download the programs and run them at your Section meetings.



An order form for the badge is also available from the website with details of the cost and how to place an order.

This year is especially exciting as the programs were designed by our own ACT Games team and we would like to thank Ian McNaught and his team for the hard work they put into developing the programs.

ACT Gilwell Reunion, 2011

Who's invited: All past and present holders of the Scout Wood Badge

When: Sunday 14 August 2011

Time: Lunch from 12 noon till about 2pm

Where: Shakespeare Centre, Camp Cottermouth

Cost: \$10 per person, pay on the day

Dress: Scout uniform and Gilwell Scarf, or civvies and Gilwell Scarf if you are a past Member

Guest Speaker: Leon Tannahill (our first ACT Branch Chief Commissioner)

Acceptances to jacki_warner@bigpond.com, on the understanding that you pay \$10, even if you don't turn up

Bear Grylls is coming to Australia

Be inspired as Bear relives some of the great escapes and sticky situations of his life as a soldier, mountaineer and serial adventurer. Learn about the intrepid crew behind MAN vs. WILD, and the mind-boggling logistics which go into every expedition. See breathtaking footage of some of the world's most remote and hostile locations and find out what it is like to be parachuted in from the man who did it, and survived!

Don't miss your chance to get up close and personal, and experience...
The Stories, The Danger, The Man.

The live show is coming to Sydney on Friday 2 September, Melbourne on Saturday 3 September and Perth on Sunday 4 September 2011. Ticket prices range from \$49-\$169, book online through ticketmaster.com.au



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 and we will add your story to the next newsletter.