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Scouting in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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Rovers 2011 Solomon's Island Project



A team of Rover Scouts from the ACT region have set out to refurbish the Red Cross Special Developmental Centre for Children in Honiara, Solomon Islands. The team of 17 Rovers will travel to the Solomon's this coming June. This project is designed to give young people from the ACT the opportunity to raise awareness of this cause and develop their skills in leadership.

As such this is the first project run solely by and for Rover Scouts!!

The project will improve opportunities for education by completing basic repairs to the roof, structural repairs on the fences, painting, building outdoor tables and chairs for lunches and building an additional class room using traditional grass hut methods. Rovers will work with local Scouts and trades persons to complete the number of basic maintenance jobs and repairs to the Red Cross School buildings.

From the Chief



Plans are well underway for the Gala dinner with guest speaker Luc Pannisod (our World Scout Secretary General) at the Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden on 20 June 2011. Tickets are \$85 per head (concession \$40) for a 3 course meal & selected complimentary beverages. For tickets & details email functions@act.scouts.asn.au The dinner is being jointly hosted by the Arthur Shakespeare Foundation for Scouting and the ACT Branch and is a great opportunity to hear a world leader in Scouting first hand.

In Brief a huge thank you to the Groups and Crews that have completed their membership census returns so far. Very positive feedback is being received from those adults engaging in our new electronic leadership training. Watch out for details about how your Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit, Crew or Fellowship can become more streetwise!

Gang Show 2011

Canberra Gang Show is a theatre production performed annually by ACT Scouts and Guides. It provides an opportunity for learning, developing and sharing theatrical skills, both on stage and behind the scenes. Canberra Gang Show 2011 has three goals, for every member of Gang Show to have fun, for each person to learn, and to put on a good show. All aspects and roles involved in a theatre performance – costume, lighting, sound, front of house, sets, props, security, makeup, publicity, music, choreography and more are fulfilled by members of Scouts or Guides from the ACT. Canberra Gang Show 2011 is scheduled for the July school holidays in the Erindale Theatre on the following dates:

Saturday 16 July Opening Night

Tuesday 19 July Matinee & Evening Performance

Thursday 21 July Matinee & Evening Performance

Friday 22 July Evening Performance

Saturday 23 July Matinee & Evening Performance



Congratulations to our Grey Wolf Awardees



Back row from left to right: Fiona Sanderson, Melissa Langerman, David Smith, Paul Janssens, Peter Harris, Les Hickey, Diane Barrett, Craig Robilliard, Vickram Grewal

Front row from left to right: Josephine Drummond, Tristan Langerman-Thompson, James Boric, Gavin Finch, Josh Myburgh, Ashley Jones, Aaron Robilliard, Patrick Miller, Ian Oxborrow, Robin Hodda is absent.

Good Luck Andrew!



Local Canberra Scout and National Scouts Ambassador Andrew Lock, will be attempting to climb Mt Everest solo and without oxygen. After the enormous 8848 meter above sea level climb to the top he will head off to Pakistan to climb Nanga Parbat Mountains, Andrew said "Yes, the risks are a little higher by climbing solo and without oxygen on Everest but the converse is that I'll climb light and fast, so that I can summit and get down more quickly than big unwieldy expeditions. And I've climbed Mt Everest twice, and all the other 8000 meter mountains without oxygen, so I've good experience with both the mountain and climbing without 'gas'."

Scouting in ACTION wishes Andrew a safe and successful expedition