

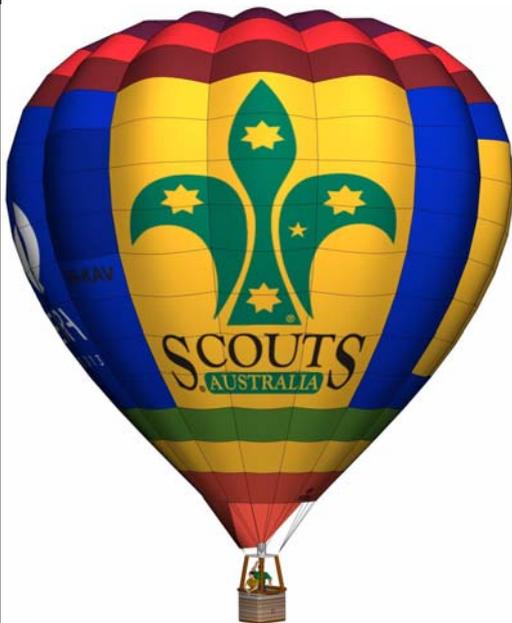


# Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

May 2012

## Scouts Hot Air Balloon Launch



Scouts ACT is introducing a unique Youth Balloonist Training Program. The Balloon Program is proudly supported by the Centenary of Canberra, ACT Government through the Community Centenary Initiatives Fund and the Australian Balloon Federation. As part of the Adventurous Activities Program, Scouting can now offer members the chance to participate and be qualified as Ground Crew, Pilots, and instructors while also promoting Scouting and the Canberra Centenary in 2013.

The official launch will happen on Monday the 14th of May on the lawns in front of Old Parliament House (tbc) from 7am onwards.

For more information please contact Ross McConnell 0401 101 913

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## From the Chief



Hopefully you have seen a lot more about Scouting out in the community this year. Tyron our Development Officer has done a great job in revitalizing our website and getting news of Scouting into schools and public events. He has encouraged Groups to spread news of Scouting in school newsletters, to use the monthly Australian Scout magazine and social media to let people know how exciting Scouting can be. You might even have heard the radio announcements or seen the ads at

the picture theatre.

Getting new recruits to Scouting is challenging in this busy over committed, lots to do world. Offering our members something to stay for is even harder. This is especially the case when resources (human and physical) are limited. But each day I am amazed at the ingenuity and inventiveness (as well as the dedication) of our leaders and adult helpers in Scouting. Large events such as AJ2013 and the 2012 Gang Show "Get Lost" are two examples of great team work and effort that will give youth and adult participants touchstone experiences that they will remember for a long time.

So how important is the weekly "Scout" program? Vitally important! This sets the groundwork, the development and the expectation of fun that is Scouting and prepares our members to fully enjoy and grow from large scale activities. The ACT Branch is working on an exciting project: the development of a workshop on best practice program delivery – and how we might optimize the talents and value the time given by our leaders and helpers. Interested? Like to be involved? Love to hear from you.



## Canberra Gang Show presents - Get Lost

When two Scouts from rival groups are left behind on the way to a scout camp, they must reluctantly team up and travel together to reach their friends. Ahead of them is a long journey beneath the trees, across the water and through the skies, and dealing with all the strange and interesting people they encounter along the way. Will they make it back to camp in time for supper?

Meanwhile, back at camp, the rival Scout groups are worried about the fate of their friends. With tempers rising, it won't take long for these friendship knots to unravel.

Will the lost Scouts make it back to camp on time? Will the campsite erupt in outright war between camps? Make sure you're in the audience to find out!



Tickets Available at the door 60 minutes prior to each session and are available now online. Final Night at Adult Rates Only.

Canberra Gang Show 2012 is performed at Erindale Theatre, Wanniasa ACT. For information on our show, please visit the website [www.canberragangshow.com.au](http://www.canberragangshow.com.au), email us at [boxoffice@canberragangshow.com.au](mailto:boxoffice@canberragangshow.com.au) or Call Us on (02) 6285 2213.

Ticket Type	Ticket Price
Adult	\$20.00
Concession	\$15.00

Date	Time
Saturday 14 July	7:30pm
Tuesday 17 July	7:30pm
Thursday 19 July	7:30pm
Friday 20 July	7:30pm
Saturday 21 July	1:30pm
Saturday 21 July	7:30pm

## Good luck Andrew!

As Australia's most accomplished high altitude mountaineer and Ambassador for Scouting, Andrew Lock OAM, prepares to climb the world's tallest mountain with out gas (oxygen assisted).

It will take about 6 weeks of climbing to be in a position to make a summit bid. This will be a repeat of last year's attempt to climb Everest solo and without oxygen. "Last year I had to turn around on the summit day when the weather deteriorated too much, so I'm hoping for better conditions this time"



Andrew will be carrying the Scouts Australia flag as well as wearing the Australian Flag badge and World Membership badges during his climb and will be filming a goodwill message to Scouts from the summit.

To keep up to date with the latest information on Andrews expedition you can visit his website, [www.andrew-lock.com](http://www.andrew-lock.com) and check out his live dispatches.

## 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 [development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au](mailto:development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au) and we will add your story to the next newsletter.