



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

March 2013

Centenary Scouting Badge

This month marks 100 years since the naming of Canberra, our national capital, our home, and the home of the Australian story. The Centenary of Canberra offers an opportunity for Australians to celebrate, re-discover and re-imagine their national capital—the city that tells the story of our country's freedom, spirit, achievements and aspirations.

Scouting would like to give a gift to Canberra like no other, a gift of community involvement, contribution and heritage. The Canberra Centenary Scouting badge is an opportunity for members to give that gift to their city. To earn the badge each Group has to run or participate in a service project, making a contribution to the broader community of Canberra and then choose two of the following options.

Our City - Your section will visit at least one Canberra site that has a contemporary, historical or cultural significance for the people and heritage of Canberra.

Our Centenary - Your section will participate in or volunteer to assist as Scouts at one of the City of Canberra Centenary Events

Our Community - Your section will participate in an activity run by, or for the benefit of a Canberra Community organisation other than Scouting.

Our Celebration – Participate with your section in an activity celebrating the Centenary.

Our Camp - Your section will attend the ACT Branch Centenary of Canberra Camp on the 18th and 19th of October 2013

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Welcome back to our big Canberra birthday year. This year Scouts ACT has taken the very important step of requiring all our adult members 18 years and over and those 16 -17 year olds working with younger members to apply for a Working with Vulnerable People card by 8 November 2013. The application form can be found on our Branch website and should be filled in and can be taken to any ACT Government Shop Front for lodgement. Proof of identity is required and this is explained in the body of the form. There is no cost for volunteers.

For those of you who already have the card, please forward a copy of the back and front of the card to Karen Jones at admin@act.scouts.asn.au The card is current for 3 years and replaces our usual police check. Please note that should you be required to obtain this card as part of your paid employment, there is a fee of \$71. The application process is similar but the Scouting details included in the attachment would be those of your workplace.

Have you visited Camp Cottermouth recently? The camp has undergone some new improvements to the entrance and portable buildings. I am constantly in awe of the exceptionally hard work and passion that our Camp managers Jenny and Owen Russell put into the camp to keep it looking so good. They are supported by a very dedicated Cottermouth Committee.

Make sure you don't miss out on seeing Gang Show 2013 – A Quest to Con – this year being staged at the Canberra Grammar Theatre. The show will run from 13 to 20 July. For more information please see www.canberragangshow.com.au



Have you considered International Scouting?

There are plenty of exciting opportunities to enjoy Scouting not only at home, but internationally. Several ACT Venturers were part of the 518 member Contingent that attended the New Zealand Venture in January.

Applications are now open for the 14th World Rover Moot, Canada, August 2013, the 20th New Zealand Jamboree, January 2014 and over 100 applications have already been received for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree, Japan 2015. So start saving or fundraising, maybe get a part-time job, to be a member of one of these Contingents.

You don't have to leave Australia to feel part of international Scouting. You can participate right here at home! There are plenty of options to incorporate an international activity into your regular Section night.

The Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP) is looking for host families for Venturers from Denmark, England and Japan for 6 to 8 weeks, arriving in July. Expressions of interest have also opened for Australian Venturers to go on exchange in late November 2013. No doubt, any of the 4 ACT Venturers who recently returned from exchange will be happy to share their experiences.

The National Pen Pal Program is looking for more than 100 Australian Mobs, Packs, Troops and Units to correspond with Scouts from the UK, Canada and USA. There is even a Rover Crew from South Africa looking for an Aussie crew to correspond with in Australia.

Full details of any of these events and programs can be found at www.international.scouts.com.au or contact the Branch International Commissioner, Attila Ovari, attila@ovari.biz for more information.



Adult Recognition Awards Deadline 18 March 2013

Don't forget to submit your nominations for the 2013 World Scout Day Adult Recognition Awards by the 18th of March 2013.

You can download an application form and view a slideshow about the awards and our Human Endeavour Recognition Committee (HERC) team on the website, just go to www.act.scouts.asn.au go to "Forms and Resources" and select the Leaders" tab.

Who can you nominate? Any adult who has made a significant "second mile" contribution to Scouting – and that includes our hard working Committee Support members as well as uniformed Leaders. Perhaps you know of other supporters outside Scouting who have contributed their time and energy to assist your Group or Formation. You know who they are. Now is the time to say thank you.

The nomination form has guidelines and spaces for you to tell the story of the person that you wish to nominate. Instances and examples are **essential** for the HERC team to identify the appropriate award level.

If you need any further explanation, help or advice please email the HERC team on herc@act.scouts.asn.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 development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au and we will add your story to the next newsletter.