



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

October 2012

JOTA - JOTI 2012



Come and join us on the 20th and 21st of October for Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI).

Amateur radio operators and internet users from all over the world participate in JOTA-JOTI and regularly has over 500,000 Scouts and Guides taking part. This years theme is "How Big is Your World", the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) invites all Scout Groups who take part in JOTA-JOTI 2012 to imagine, develop, measure and promote the impact of Scouting in their society. 'How Big is Your World' will also invite Scouts to consider being part of WOSM's flagship initiative, the *Messengers of Peace* (MoP). Every Scout can start making a difference in their community being part of the MoP Network.

Finally, this theme is also an invitation for Scouts to reflect on how they can develop themselves by interacting with others. The message to Scouts is, "Let other Scout friends from around the globe step into your world by sharing your thinking, feeling, emotions, ideas, proposals and projects with them. Share your life experiences to enlarge your world...."

The costs will be \$5 for a day session and \$5 per night for camping. You will need to provide all your own gear and activities for the majority of the day. Scouts and Guides will be allocated a day session to participate in the other activities.

If you would like to book in please contact Elizabeth Hickey on lhickey@netspeed.com.au or 6258 5719. Places will be booked in a first come first served basis so get in early!

From the Chief

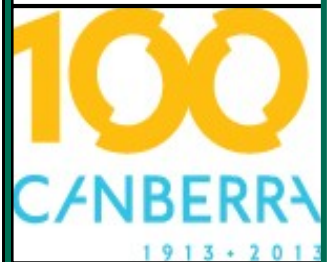


On 8 November this year the *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011 (WWVP Act)* comes into force in the ACT. Scouts ACT is required make sure that our members comply with the requirements of the Act by 7 November 2013. This will replace our current police check that we ask the Australian Federal Police to undertake on our behalf. It will also mean that we may need to make some other changes to our membership appointment and registration. I will let you know the changes as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you would like to read some of the fact sheets put out by the Office of Regulatory Services, follow the links to Working with Vulnerable People at www.ors.act.gov.au

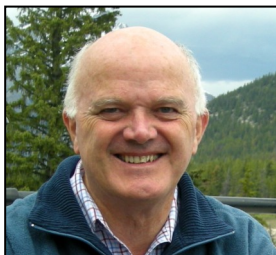
Lastly, a quick word about our April 2012 census. The figures reveal an increase in most youth sections with an overall youth increase of just over 4%. Leader wise we scored nearly 4% over that of 2011. That gives us an increase in our total membership of 3.8%. Thanks to everyone's recruitment and retention efforts, we are heading in the right direction.

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2012 Scouts ACT Elected President – Mr Leo Farrelly



Congratulations to our newly elected President of Scouts ACT, Mr Leo Farrelly. Leo has been a member of the Scout Australia, ACT Branch for 30 years and has had a number of different roles including Cub Leader, Scout Leader, Group Leader, District Commissioner, Branch Quartermaster and Assistant Chief Commissioner. He has also been a member of the Branch Executive Committee and a Project Commissioner. Leo has extensive experience in the governance & administration of not for profit organisations and is the current National Treasurer of the Ulysses Club Incorporated, Leo is also a member of Rotary.

Congratulations to our 2012 Adult Recognition Awardees

Certificate of Merit

Bridget Armstrong, Sophie Boyson, Bob Clark, Tristan Cross, Marianne Grewal, Vickramjit Grewal, Mark Holmes, Paula Marquardt, Brian Martyn, Leon mason, Jennie Norberry, Richard O'Callaghan, Nick Pieper, Adrian Sancataldo, Jens Stephan, Lisa Stephan, Martha Truelove, Jessica Wanganeen, Jody Whymark

Outstanding Service Award

Janette Mason

Silver Arrowhead

Mark Doyle, Wendy Freeman, Bruce Gray, David Hope, Timothy Kirsopp, Frances Prior, Gerard Prior, Fiona Riley, Rudi Schneider, Jenny Tomkins, Lynette Torney

Silver Wattle

Ronald Brody, Robert Jackson, Phillip Murphy, Garry Spokes, Michelle Taylor

Silver Koala

Duncan Carter, Peita Griffiths, Leigh Palmer, Linda Visser

Silver Emu

Stephen Rowley, Robyn Oldfield, Michael McDonell, Peter Thomas

Silver Kangaroo

David Cocking



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.