



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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Silver at the 2011 Special Olympics Summer Games



Congratulations to Bronwyn Ibbotson for winning a silver medal at the 2011 Special Olympics. Bronwyn took to the water as a Scout with Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scouts and later on trained with Sailability ACT.

Bronwyn was also selected for the 2007 Special Olympics Summer Games in Shanghai, from which she returned with a bronze medal. After some rigorous training and selection program, Bronwyn joined the 7,000 athletes who gathered recently in Athens for this years Special Olympics Summer Games. With the help of favourable winds, Bronwyn won a silver medal, only pipped for gold by just two points by fellow Canberra sailor Allister Peek. The third Canberra team Stephen Ponder and unified partner Michael Leyden, sailing a 420, brought home bronze.

Allister, Steve and Bronwyn and the teams coach, Terry Peek are most grateful to LBG and Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scout Groups for lending them their Lasers and a 420 to train in for the event. Without that help the team is unlikely to have been as successful as they were. Bronwyn was booted (age 26) from the Erindale Rover Crew in April this year.

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From the Chief



One Branch Committee that I did not include in my message to you last time was the Branch Operations Committee. All Branch Commissioners meet with me monthly and give counsel, advice and support in the operation of the uniformed section of the ACT Branch. They are also our Branch specialists and function as both a Group and Region resource base. Region Commissioners are also part of this Committee and bring a Group perspective to our work. All members of the Branch Operations Committee are keen to help you deliver the very best Scout program possible.

We are also working with Scouts Australia to define and develop a national framework to identify and promote *Best Practice Program Delivery*. You might have seen the website link to the survey that we are running to get your input on this important topic. It can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPPD> Your participation in this survey will help shape the advice we give to Scouts Australia and how we approach and resource program delivery in the ACT.

Last but not least - a huge welcome to Castaly Lombe our new Executive Officer! Castaly has already been hard at work in the Branch Office. Castaly brings enthusiasm, energy and a wealth of experience in working in Not-For Profit organisations and is very keen to get to know you. Next time you are passing by be sure to drop in and say hello.



Book week

During August and September, the Arts Commissioner, Julie Long visited 10 Joey mobs and 11 cub packs to celebrate Children's Book Week. There were book readings, games and opportunities for some dramatic play. Leaders and children loved the readings and would recommend this for your group. Julie is available for visits to all sections to run book nights or to add an element of story to any theme that a section is exploring. You can contact Julie by email on julie_h_long@hotmail.com



Pirate Camp 2011

Eight Cub Scouts from the Jumbuck Cub Scout Pack at Well Station Scout Group, had an awesome adventurous sailing time at the Pirate Camp on the 17/18 September 2011.

Their engineering skills and creative craftsmanship ensured their winning of the pirate race on the Sunday.

The DRACO Scout Fellowship Great Carpathalon!

The Great Carpathalon is a scout fishing competition run for every scouting member in ACT and NSW at Lake Ginninderra on the 20th November 2011. It's a great opportunity for scout groups to organise a family fishing day, cubs to earn their fishing badges, or for families to just come along and spend a day together and catch some fish.

To win, you must catch a CARP closest to a mystery weight in each division. Registration cost is \$5.00 per person and everyone who participates will receive a certificate of participation and a Great Carpathalon Badge. To register please send an email to dracofellowship@yahoo.com.au



Scout Compass of Discovery Unveiled

On the 19th of September, Scouts Australia and the City of Sydney unveiled a new artwork at Scout Place in Circular Quay. It was in recognition of celebrating the Centenary of Scouting, promoting adventure and encouraging responsible risk taking for our youth.

The art work was created by Jennifer Turpin & Michaelie Crawford, the 5 metre tall weather vane contains riddles related to some of Sydney's most naturally beautiful areas embedded in the paving of the 16 points of the compass. Each accompanied by their direction and distance from Scout Place. Commissioned by Scouts Australia and the City of Sydney and funded by entrepreneur Dick Smith and his wife Pip. This masterpiece dedicated to Scouting was unveiled by Sydney City Lord Mayor, Scouts Australia National President Major-General Michael Jeffery and the artists.

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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.