



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

April 2016

The 1st Scout Section Branch Scout Council

This month was the first ever Scout Section Branch Council. The Council has representatives from 10 Scout Groups and will play an important role in the direction of the Scout program. Well done to our Scouts, Scout Commissioner, Leaders and everyone else who helped put together the 1st Branch Scout Council.

Election of the BSC Executive: Cooper Keily as Chair, David Allen as Vice Chair and Brad Kennedy as Secretary for the 4 2016 Meetings.

The following troop nominated members were in attendance

Cooper Keily	Badimara
Sarah Oxborrow	Mt Mugga
Eve Hudson	Amaroo
Evanthy Wang	Air Scouts Canberra
David Allen	Birralee
Zac Lewis	Mulga
Isaac Martin	Lake Burley Griffin Sea Scouts
Ellie Wedgwood	Kama
Jack Witchalls	Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts
Brad Kennedy	Macarthur

From the Chief



Over the past few weeks Scouting activities seem to have increased yet again ranging from Dragonskin in NSW for our Venturers and Rovers to our local Cotter Shield for Scouts. With the weather cooling down I am looking forward to wearing my new Cub Scout Hoodie –especially at the big 100 Years of Cub Scouts campfire on 30 July.

35 Years and Growing At the time of writing I have just returned from a National Operations and Executive meeting – here in Canberra. As the host Branch we welcomed Scouting members from all over Australia. We were able to celebrate our 35th ACT Branch birthday anniversary with them at Old Parliament House. Were you able to celebrate this significant milestone in some way? Unfortunately the timing of the meetings precluded wider Branch celebrations so we might find another date and time to celebrate.

Save the Date Speaking of dates, what are you doing on 18 June this year? I would like to let you in on a secret – in fact 7 secrets. Our HERC Chair, Adrian Walsh has been doing some research and he is about to reveal 7 secrets of Scouting on June 18. I would like all adult members of Scouting to join us as we reveal Adrian's research. Can you guess what they might be? The event will be an all-day affair (after all there are 7 secrets). You might like to register your interest at functions@act.scout.asn.au It has been described as a crazy encounter of the secret kind. More news coming out soon on ScoutsIT.

Cotter Shield 2016

Alan Murray, Scout Commissioner

Over 400 Scouts and Leaders attended the participated in the annual Cotter Shield at Camp Cottermouth 1-3 April. The theme of this year's competition was Scoutish Games, where each of the 61 patrols competed for the Cotter Shield. Activities included bicycle jousting, gum boot golf, butterfly collecting on the rock activity wall, patrol heraldry and coat of arms, emergencies/first aid, and pioneering. Patrols were also assessed on camping. For the first time the Saturday evening meal was set as a mystery box style cooking competition where patrols collected the ingredients from a central store and created a meal. Patrols invited leaders from different groups to assess preparation, the menu and teamwork.

The winning Patrol of the Cotter Shield for 20-16 was lead by Naomi Forster from Gungaharra Troop, Birralee Scout Group



Iconic Moment for Stromlo Forest Scout Group



It was a very icon moment earlier this month when one of our longest serving Scout Leaders, John Sim (Barcoo) with more than 37 Years experience invested one of Stromlo Forests newest Leaders, Gerard Frawley.

Scouts in ACTION and the Australian Scout Magazine deadlines

Would you like your Scout Group or event to be in the next issue of Scouts in ACTION or the Australian Scout Magazine? If so, please send your write up to development.officer@act.scouts.asn.au by the 15th of each month for the Australian Scout Magazine (minimum 1 page and high quality photos) and the 25th of each month for Scouts in ACTION (maximum 1 page with photos).