



Scouts in ACTION

Australian Capital Territory Branch

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Possibilities imagined at the 2017 ACT Cuboree

By the 2017 ACT Cuboree Media Team

Hundreds of Cub Scouts, Junior Guides, Leaders and Adult Helpers descended on Camp Cottermouth for the 11th ACT Cuboree. Imagine 500 Cub Scouts, 100 Junior Guides, 191 Leaders, 164 support volunteers, and lots of tents all in the same place at the same time. We even had Cubs joining us from as far as the Northern Territory, Victoria and South Australia for the ACT Cuboree! Story continues on page 3...

From the Chief



Welcome back to the 2017 Scouting year! I trust that you, your friends and families had a pleasant festive season.

I know that for many in Scouting there is no such thing as a rest between years. It seems to be the major Scouting event season as well.

It started with a number of ACT Rover Scouts whom participated in the 2017 Australian Moot. This was held in Victoria and I was able to visit on the launch day to try and get a feel of what an undertaking a national Moot really is. The ACT will host the next Moot in 2020 and an able team lead by Ben Muller has already made great leaps in preparing for it. It seem that every year there is a Jamboree somewhere and this year saw many Scouts heading to New Zealand for the NZ Jamboree. The Australian contingent was ably lead by the ACT Scout Commissioner, Alan Murray.

I must congratulate everybody involved with the highly successful Cuboree. The laughter and smiling faces from those attending will stay with me for quite a while and is the highlight of the year so far for me. 600 Cubs and near 300 'others' make quite a noise and a big hole in anybody's kitchen when they get together. Simply awesome!

Cuboree provided an opportunity to farewell a long standing member of Scouting Allan Dean. Allan has been involved with almost every Scouting activity in living memory and has been unstinting in giving of his time and expertise. His most recent role in Scouting has been as the Assistant Chief Commissioner for the Northern Region. Rob Frederickson has agreed to take over the role of managing both Northern and Southern Regions. He cannot do this all by himself so he is putting together a team from each Region to help him. His primary focus will be on developing Groups through leader recruitment and support.

I had a chance to sit-in on the 2017 Gang Show script read through recently. This year will be the 50th Gang Show that the ACT Branch has presented and it looks like it will be up to the usual standards, if not better!

A reminder that if you know of someone worthy of recognising the contribution to Scouting with an annual Adult Recognition Award then please consider nominating them. It was a pleasure to be able to present Michelle Taylor, GL of LTSSG with her Silver Koala, and to be assisted by the Chief Commissioner of Australia, Chris Bates, during Cuboree. Happy Scouting!

News and Information from the Branch Office

Rotary Renovation Grant

The Rotary club of Canberra Burley Griffin are offering Scout Groups a matching grant up to \$5000 to renovate their Scout Halls. The grant is available from July 2017 to a selected Scout Group and will be paid in allotments over the next financial year.

A one page application is sought from Scout Groups who wish to apply. The successful Scout Group will be announced in April.

Scout Hall keys

Don't forget to give Branch Office a copy of your hall keys for our registry.

Applications sought for the role of President of the Branch

The ACT Branch is a not-for-profit community based youth organisation that is incorporated in the ACT. The Branch has a membership of 2,550 consisting of 2100 youth members and 450 adult leaders and supporters. The Branch is growing about 5-8% annually. Scouting delivers an outstanding educational program for Youth from 6 to 25 years of age.

The President's role is primarily the governance of the Branch ensuring that it is soundly structured and administered both legally and financially. The President chairs the Branch Executive Committee that fulfills all the expected roles of a board of management. Scouting operations of the Branch are the responsibility of the Chief Commissioner. The Branch Executive Committee appoints a set of Committees that attend to particular aspects of Branch governance and administration such as Finance, Administration, Risk Management, Property and Assets, Camp Cottermouth, Appointments, Ethics and Professional Standards and Communications. The Branch office has three paid staff being the Principal Administration Officer, an Administration Assistant and the Development Officer, and Camp Cottermouth also has a number of staff.

The President's role is entirely voluntary. The person we are seeking for this role should have a sound appreciation of the governance of not-for profit organisations and management experience in either the public or private sectors. Board experience in the business or community sectors would be advantageous, and, while it would be beneficial to have completed the AICD Company Director's course this is not essential. A sound knowledge of financial management will be required.

The President would have a network of contacts in government and business and be able to forge strong partnerships in order to advance Scouting in the ACT. Contacts and experience in the philanthropic sector would be an advantage. The primary focus of the President will be developing the long-term profile, position and financial viability of Scouting.

If you are interested in the role or have any questions, please contact Branch Office on (02) 6282 5211 or email president@scoutsact.com.au for more information.

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Our Search Teams were our camping bases. Each Search Team had 4 Crews, all were on a mission to investigate the 6 Realms of Possibility. During the imaginative journey to explore the Realms of possibility, our intrepid reporters Beth, Harrie and Kate interviewed members of the Realms to find out what all the Cubs and Junior Guides had been doing.



In the **Communicate Realm** there was a museum offering all art forms, painting, dance, music, acting and more. They even had an Egyptian tomb!

In the **Simulate Realm**, there was a library because books are the greatest simulation of all. Come and get some food, flying, fun!

In the **Co-operate Realm**, there was a pipeline, rock climbing wall, yacht race, origami and music, Brilliant teamwork skills and dangerously thrilling adventures.

In the **Activate Realm**, watch out for danger in the Giant's cave! You might end up cooked or even flushed down the toilet!

In the **Create realm**, there was an awesome construction challenge. Lots of great teamwork and expression with recycling, art and transformation.

At the **Locate Realm** the focus was on Mayan culture. There was an archaeological dig, a maze, number game and lots of fun and adventure for all!



Amongst all this excitement, we had Rover Scouts helping in all the Realms, as well the Media & Photography and Security team! In fact, Simulate Realm was run by them.

What a fun time was had on the Sunday welcoming our Joey Scout and Pre-Junior Guide friends to the ACT Cuboree for our Future Cub Day! We also welcomed some other VIPs including Chris 'Chiefy' Bates the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia, Members of Parliament and many other supporters of Scouting and Guiding in the ACT and surrounds.

Each day the talented Media and Photography Team published daily issues of Cuboree Capers, which landed in campsites each day soon after sunrise. Due to popular demand, [digital versions](#) of Cuboree Capers have now been uploaded to the Scouts ACT website.

Thanks for all your hard work. Cuboree doesn't happen overnight and it could never happen without all of the volunteers who work above and beyond to ensure that each and every Cub and Junior Guide has a great time which they will remember for the rest of their lives!

So thank you to each and everyone for pitting your enthusiasm, creativity and sheer determination against the challenges thrown at you. Thank you for doing it with a smile and a joke. You all should be proud have been part of the 2017 ACT 'Imagine' Cuboree!



Scouts ACT well represented at the 21st New Zealand Jamboree

By Alan Murray Australian Contingent Leader and Jasmine O'Neil Scout from Macarthur Scout Group



35 Scouts, 1 Venturer Scout, 1 Rover Scout and 11 Leaders from the ACT attended the 21st New Zealand Jamboree over the 2016-2017 Christmas Holidays. The 48 ACT members joined the Australian Contingent which totalled 241 at the Jamboree, was held in the small town of Renwick in the Marlborough Region on New Zealand's South Island. The Australian Contingent consisted of members representing every state and territory in Australia. 77 Contingent members remained after the Jamboree for the Post Jamboree Tour of the South Island.

The Contingent experienced the best that New Zealand and New Zealand Scouting had to offer with nearly 4000 participants. All participated in water activities at Picton, an overnight activity at Pine Valley and several local activities like rural games and trebuchet.

We even felt 2 minor earthquakes which is not unusual in a country that has more than 20,000 earthquakes a year.



Macarthur Scout Jasmine O'Neill reflects on her New Zealand Jamboree experience:



My trip to New Zealand was an adventure that I will never forget because the NZ jamboree was an experience that I learnt so many new skills, like shooting a riffle, survival skills, team building skills and packing skills! I even conquered a fear of abseiling and I did it twice. Along the journey I made multiple friends among two main troops from NZ (the "Clutha Mossies" and the "Kerikeri Marlins") and many Australian friends were made as well. I was also lucky enough to learn the differences of Scouting and the way they do BRAVO, uniforms, no badge books, parade styles and award badges.

For me, post tour was the cherry on top, it was amazing. We travelled down the South Island, to Hanmer Springs, Omaroo, Milford Sound, Te Anau, Coronet Peak and ending up in Queenstown and spending the last 3 days there before we headed home. I will be forever grateful for the chance to be a part of the 2016-2017 New Zealand Jamboree and hope to attend the New Zealand Jamboree in 2019-2020.

A big BRAVO given out to my friends, family, mum, teachers, and leaders who supported me along the way, at the jamboree and making this unbelievable experience possible.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

By Wendy Freeman, International Commissioner Scouts ACT

Welcome back to ACT members who attended the New Zealand Scout Jamboree. Don't forget to work on applying for your **International Explorer Award**. Details of the Award can be found at <http://international.scouts.com.au/awards-badgework/international-explorer-award>.

Applications are now open for the **31st APR Jamboree Mongolia** in July/August 2017. Members over 12.5 years of age are welcome to apply. Further information and how to apply at <http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/31st-apr-jamboree-2017-mongolia>.

Applications close 10 February 2017.

Applications are also open for the **New Zealand Rover Moot** to be held at Easter 2017. Further details at <http://nzmoot.scouts.com.au/>.

Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP)

Are you a Venturer who will be aged 16 or 17 years at the end of this year. Have you considered spending 6 weeks attending school and Scouting overseas over the summer holidays.

Applications will shortly open for the Scouts International Student Exchange Program (SISEP). You can read more about the program and stories from previous participants at <http://international.scouts.com.au/travel-with-scouting/sisep>



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 do@scoutsact.com.au by the 15th of each month for the Australian Scout Magazine (minimum 1 page with high quality photos) and the 25th of each month for Scouts in ACTION (10-15 lines and a maximum of 1 page with photos).