



SCOUTS IN ACTION

Australian Capital Territory

2018 CANBERRA GANG SHOW GETS UNDERWAY

By the Canberra Gang Show



Exciting times as rehearsals for the 2018 Canberra Gang Show are now well underway! Congratulations to Andrea Butler for winning the naming competition for this year's show - **FLAT OUT!**

Gang Show is a theatre production produced and performed by local Scouts and Guides from across the ACT and the surrounding region. The 2018 season is happening 15-21 July at Canberra Grammar School's Tim Murray Theatre.

Tickets for the 2018 Canberra Gang Show are on sale now! You can buy tickets via canberragangshow.com.au

Don't forget to add a visit from the Canberra Gang Show Youth Ambassador Team to your Term 2 program. Book a visit to your Unit/Troop to run a short activity and find out what Gang Show is all about. Bookings available now by emailing ganginten@canberragangshow.com.au.

FROM THE CHIEF

By Rick Goode



In April every year, Scouting across Australia joins the wider community on the 25th to remember those who have sacrificed so much. This year for the ACT Branch proved no different, despite changes requested by the organisers to the manner of our participation. This started the evening before with the traditional sleep-over at Campbell High School and was followed by the participation of a limited number of youth members (and some Leaders) in marshalling and in holding placards. It is always a moment of pride to see how our members take their responsibilities with the seriousness that it deserves, and I congratulate them and the members of Scouting behind the scenes for providing support to ANZAC Day.

The ACT Branch hosted Harry Long, the South Australian Chief Commissioner, who visited Canberra to talk with members of the Boy Scouts of America who are looking to re-establish a Cub Pack based at the US Embassy. This is exciting to the Branch and both the Cub Scout Commissioner, Tim Kirsopp and the Assistant Chief Commissioner – Youth Programs, Paul Janssens. They are looking forward to welcoming the new formation into our wider activities, initially in the Cub Section.

A large number of Scouts and Leaders (384 as at 5 May) have applied to attend the Australian Jamboree 2019. There is room for many more though and I encourage you to consider the opportunities that this presents. Applications close at the end of May which is fast approaching.

April is a great month for training and we saw evidence of this through the Basic Outdoor Skills training, Basic Practical Supplement for various sections and a pioneering course at Camp Cottermouth.

It is also a great time when the evenings are clear and crisp and many Scouting members took the opportunity to participate in the Mt Stromlo Public Astronomy night and did a 'tour of the Universe'.

Volunteers are being sought for the Joey Scout Imagineering Challenge on Sunday May 20th. This is part of the focus that the ACT Branch has on developing an awareness of the importance of STEM within the community (and is a lot of fun as well!). If this sounds as though you could be interested in learning more please contact the Branch Office or our STEM Commissioner on stem@scoutsact.com.au

BRANCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual General Council Meeting

Dear Scouts Australia ACT Branch Members,

I would like to personally invite and encourage you to attend the 37th Scouts Australia ACT Branch Annual General Council Meeting (AGCM) on **Thursday 24 May 2018 at 7.30pm at Kama Scout Hall- Birch Place, Macquarie**

The Branch Council's role is to exercise the powers conferred on it under section 69 of the Associations Incorporation Act (the law!) and under the ACT Scouts Constitution (our law) and to provide guidance to the Branch Executive Committee (our Board) for the conduct and development of ACT Scouts.

The Branch Council is made up of financial members, specifically defined as:-

- Members of Branch holding a Certificate of Adult Appointment
- Chair, Treasurer and Secretary of each formation, except Rover Crews
- Chair, Treasurer, Chief Commissioner of ACT Scouts
- all Rover Crew Leaders and the Chair of the Branch Rover Council
- an additional member from every registered Rover Crew, nominated from that Crew
- all Honorary Commissioners and Life Members of the Branch and such Supporters who have been elected to the Council (maximum of 30).

At the meeting a number of standard administrative matters are dealt with including;

1. Confirming last year's minutes
2. Receiving reports from the Chair and Chief Commissioner on BEC and Branch activities
3. Electing BEC members, including the Chair and Treasurer
4. Receiving & considering the financial reports
5. Electing Branch representatives recommended by BEC for various National Council positions
6. Other business as notified

There's also a guest speaker and supper afterwards. 30 financial members are required to form a quorum but we'd like to see everyone attending. I wanted to write to you personally to thank you for your contribution and to encourage you to be part of this vision, this big picture, which means being part of the AGCM process. Contact your Region Commissioner or the Branch Office to find out about opportunities within ACT Scouts.

Mark Holmes

Chair

Scouts Australia ACT Branch

SCISCOUTS UPDATE - MAY 2018

By Kate Lehane, Branch Commissioner - STEM

The Joey Scout Imagineering Challenge is coming up very soon on Sunday 20 May. The activity is already sold out, which is fantastic. Sadly we also have quite a long waiting list that we won't be able to fit in unless we have major cancellations.

We have a great team of Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, Leaders, Adult Helpers and Engineering students from ANU who have signed up to help run the day! If you missed out on a spot to help this time, don't worry there will be a chance to help at the Engineering Extravaganza in August! <https://www.volunteersignup.org/YWHAC>

Talking of the Engineering Extravaganza for Cubs, Scouts and Vennies - sales for tickets to this activity on Sunday 19 August, during National Science Week are also going well.

The Engineering Extravaganza will run as three 2-hour workshop sessions, in conjunction with an Engineering Expo which will be running all day from 9am-4.30pm. Groups will be allocated to a workshop within each timeslot: Spaghetti bridges, Straw towers, Geodesic domes and Mousetrap racers.

- **Session 1:**

Cubs/Junior Guides. Registration from 8am.
Workshop 9 - 11am, then Engineering Expo from 11.30am.

- **Session 2:**

Cubs/Junior Guides/Scouts/Guides. Registration from 10am.
Workshop 11.30am - 1:30pm. Expo before/after workshop.

- **Session 3:**

Scouts/Guides/Venturers/Senior Guides. Registration from 11am. Expo 11.30am-1.30 pm,
Workshop 2-4pm.

Cost: \$5.00/youth member, \$2.50/Adult Helpers + Leaders; for activities and SciScouts: Engineering badge. Sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for sale on the day; or BYO picnic.

Bookings for the Engineering Extravaganza via: <https://www.trybooking.com/UVDY>.

