

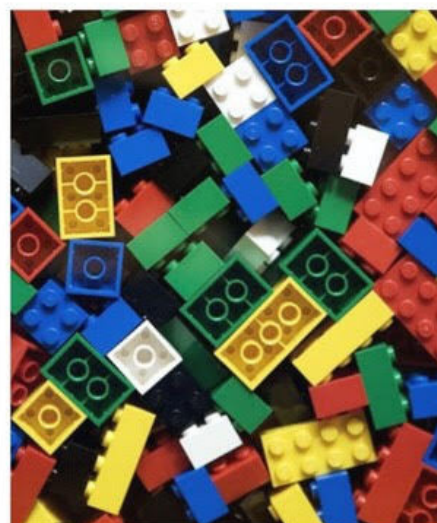


SCOUTS IN ACTION

Australian Capital Territory

BOOKINGS FOR BOTH SCISCOUTS: ENGINEERING EVENTS NOW OPEN

By Kate Lehane, Branch Commissioner - STEM



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Bookings are now open for both SciScouts: Engineering events which will be brought to you by the Scouts ACT's SciScouts team, the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science and Engineers Australia! Both events will be taking place at Melrose High School. All bookings should be made as a group by one nominated leader or adult; and individual bookings will be not be accepted unless by prior arrangement.

For further information visit: <http://www.scoutsact.com.au/sciscouts.html>

1. Joey Scout Imagineering Challenge - Sunday 20 May 2018

Build a spaghetti tower, play Joey Jenga, construct PaintBots, create some Jumping Cow craft, make a Geodesic dome, build Lego Joey Jeeps, power some Joey rockets and enjoy some engineering-inspired story-telling! 8:45am-2:30pm, with 45 min lunch break.

Cost: Joey Scouts and Pre-Junior Guides \$7.50, Leader \$5.00; Adult Helper with WWVP card \$5.00; Story continues on page 5...

FROM THE CHIEF

By Rick Goode



A very special highlight of March was being invited to the meeting of the Branch Venturer Council to present a Chief Commissioner's Award to some exceptional youth members for their work in leading the Act Contingent to AV2019. Claire, Belle and Andie showed all other Branches in Australia what the phrase 'Youth Leading, Adult Supporting' really means and again, I congratulate them. It was also an immense pleasure to have Andie present to the Arthur Shakespeare Foundation for Scouting on her part in the planning and implementation of the ACT participation in AV2019.

I was also very pleased to sign off on the recommendations of the Human Endeavour Recognition Committee (HERC) after they had evaluated and assessed the nominations for Adult Recognition Awards. These Awards are announced on 1 August, World Scout Day and will be presented shortly afterwards.

ACT Scouts has been participating in the Working for the Dole program, which the current round has now ended. Since earlier in the year, the Scout Halls of Mt Rogers and Mt Mugga have undergone a refurbishment and now look almost as good as new! We are uncertain at this stage whether we will be in a position to apply for the next round of the Program.

Gang Show interviews for cast members has now been completed and comprises a great mix of previous cast members and new members. The Show will be, as ever, of the highest standard. Participation in Gang Show, like many Scouting activities, is aimed at developing skills in a particular area, in this case, theatre. However, it also provides participants with a tool to help in developing the traditional Scouting (and Guiding) aims of resilience, cooperation and a wider appreciation of community.

The ACT Branch is holding a Youth Mental Health 1st Aid course in April and it was pleasing to note that within days of it being advertised, it was full. We will hold another course at an appropriate time in the future.

Many of you will have heard of the issues facing us in relation to the ANZAC Day participation of Scouting. As has been said on several occasions the position of the ACT Branch is that this is an RSL event and we are happy to participate where it is felt we can do so. I know that many are looking forward to the ANZAC Day sleepover at Campbell High School the night before.

Many of you will have answered a survey from James Lehane about what an appropriate ACT mammal is to symbolise the ACT. This was in response to a request for submissions from the ACT Government. The majority of support came for the Echidna and that is what we suggested in our submission. We will wait and see what the ACT Government decides.

I am often asked about how many members of Scouting there are in the ACT. Next time someone asks you that question you can tell them that there are 2,453 members as at 18 March. This is comprised of 259 Joeys Scouts, 713 Cub Scouts, 669 Scouts, 229 Venturer Scouts, 107 Rover Scouts and 476 Leaders. This represents an increase of 159 members since the Scouting year started.

Good Scouting!

BRANCH OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Branch Admin

Karen Jones is now working from Sydney on a part-time bases and is assisting Scout Groups with Xero and general account enquiries. If your Group needs support with Xero please contact Karen via email on: accounts@scoutsact.com.au

2. Scout book stock:

Youth record books are available for: Cubs, Scouts, & Venturers from the Branch Office. The Office purchases these books in bulks so they might be slightly cheaper than purchasing them online via The Scout Shop. If you would like to purchase the record books please email Sarah on admin@scoutsact.com.au or call 6282 5211, we will then invoice your Scout Group directly after the order has been collected.

ACT VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2018

By Adrian Walsh, Chair for HERC

Annual ACT Volunteer Awards are now open for nomination with nominations closing 6 April. Full details are available here: <http://vc-act.org.au/2018-volunteering-awards/>

Award categories include:

1. Volunteer of the Year

Presented to an individual whose volunteering contribution has made a significant impact in the Canberra Region.

2. Volunteer Team of the Year

Presented to a team whose volunteering contribution has made a significant impact in the Canberra Region.

3. Young Volunteer of the Year

Presented to an individual or team (aged 14-30) whose volunteering contribution has made a significant impact in the Canberra Region.

4. Senior Volunteer of the Year

Presented to an individual or team (aged 55+) whose volunteering contribution has made a significant impact in the Canberra Region.

5. Profound Influence Award

Presented to an individual, team, program or volunteer involving organisation whose work has delivered a great social impact to the Canberra Region. This work may have been delivered in the past year, or over a number of years.

6. Innovation Award

Presented to an individual, team, program, or volunteer involving organisation that has significantly enriched the community by using technology or knowledge in a creative or unique way.

7. Thought and Leadership Award

Presented to an individual, team, program, or volunteer involving organisation that has made a significant contribution to advancing volunteer leadership, knowledge, research, or reach within the Canberra Region.

8. Corporate Volunteering Award

Presented to an individual or team, whose volunteering work was delivered as part of a corporate or employee volunteering program and delivered a significant impact in the Canberra Region.

9. Canberra's Choice Award

This Award is open to all nominees. Voting will commence once nominations have closed.

Nominations should be forwarded directly to Volunteering and Contact ACT, but If you feel you would like some assistance in developing your nomination, contact Adrian Walsh (from HERC) in the first instance on 0418 582 628 / aw@adrianwalsh.com.au.

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includes morning tea, sausage sizzle, popper and a SciScouts: Engineering badge.
Bookings for the JS Imagineering Challenge via <https://www.trybooking.com/UQER>.
Required supervision ratios of 1 Leader/Adult with WWVP to 6 Joey Scouts/Pre-Junior Guides.

2. Engineering Extravaganza for Cubs, Scouts and Venturers - Sunday 19 August 2018

Three 2-hour workshop sessions, run 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
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>

Required supervision ratios of 1 Leader/Adult with WWVP to 6 Cubs/Junior Guides; or 12 Scouts/Guides/Venturers/ Senior Guides.