



11.2 Canberra Gang Show

Policy Title: Canberra Gang Show

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1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to provide the basis for Canberra Gang Show as a Scouting Activity, contributing through performing arts, to the youth member training activities in accordance with the Aims, Principles and Methods of the Association. Specifically, it aims to provide opportunities for youth development through training and participation in all facets of theatre.

2. Scope

2.1 This policy applies to all youth members, volunteers, staff, and board members of Scouts ACT who wish to participate in the organisation and production of Gang Show.

3. Policy Statement

3.1 Canberra Gang Show enables young people to develop confidence, teamwork, self-discipline, personal organisation and theatrical skills. It offers an outlet for the creativity of youth members and provides a public showcase for Scouting.

3.2 As a major activity of the ACT Branch, Canberra Gang Show shall clearly be identified and promoted as a Scouting activity. Members of Girl Guides Australia are invited to participate in all facets of Canberra Gang Show.

4. Responsibilities

Branch Commissioner, Gang Show

4.1 The Chief Commissioner is the owner of this policy and through the normal adult appointments process, shall appoint the Branch Commissioner Gang Show. The Branch Commissioner is the leader-in-charge with overall authority and responsibility for the management of Canberra Gang Show. In a theatrical context, the Branch Commissioner is the Producer and Executive Director.

4.2 Specifically, the Branch Commissioner supervises and controls the finances, creation and public presentation of the Show, and has ultimate responsibility for all aspects of the Show. The Branch Commissioner, in consultation with the Chief Commissioner or a designated Assistant Chief Commissioner, appoints the Production Director.

Production Director, Gang Show

4.3 As Canberra Gang Show contributes to the development of young people and as part of Scouts ACT commitment to 'Youth leading and Adult supporting', it is expected that the Production Director, members of the Production Team and other appropriate positions, shall be filled by young people under the age of 30 years. The Branch Commissioner, in consultation with the designated Assistant Chief Commissioner, may vary this age requirement.

Financial Management

4.4 A budget for Canberra Gang Show shall be prepared and submitted to the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) for approval.

4.5 The accounts in any given year will be permitted to run in surplus or deficit provided the reason for this state is justified to the BEC when the budget is submitted for approval. Gang Show surpluses when generated must be retained to be applied for a purpose for which approval by the BEC has been granted. Such provisions are intended to enable Canberra Gang Show to acquire and maintain expensive equipment to meet the ongoing nature of the activity.

Risk Management

4.6 The Branch Commissioner shall develop an overall Risk Management Plan for approval by the designated Assistant Chief Commissioner. Section Heads (Production Director, Technical Director and Welfare Manager) are to prepare detailed Risk Management plans for their area of responsibility.

Adult Participation

4.7 All adults who take a role in the Show must apply and pay the appropriate Gang Show registration fee, as approved by the Branch Commissioner, and hold a current ACT Government Working with Vulnerable People Card.

5. Procedures

5.1 There shall be a Chief Commissioner's Directive which shall provide direction for the good management and production of Canberra Gang Show.

5.2 Matters within the Instruction may include, but should not be limited to:

- appointment of the Production Director.
- appointment of members of the Gang Show Support Committee.
- management structure.
- financial management.
- Participation.
- program material and production values.
- protection of young people.

6. Compliance and Monitoring

6.1 Compliance with this policy will be monitored through regular reviews by the designated Assistant Chief Commissioner. Any breaches of the policy must be reported to the Chief Commissioner immediately.

7. Review and Amendments

7.1 This policy will be reviewed by the Branch Executive Committee, considering advice from the Chief Commissioner and the Branch Commissioner, Gang Show. Amendments may be made as required to reflect changes in legislation or organisational needs.

7.2 This policy will be reviewed every three years.

8. References

Related Documents: Chief Commissioner Directive, Gang Show

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