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# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Scouts get Scientific for Scouts in Action Month



Three thousand Scouts from across New South Wales are diving into physics, space, chemistry and earth sciences during the month of August as part of the ninth annual Scouts in Action Month.

The Scouts are part of the almost 13,500 Scouting members from around Australia and overseas who have registered to participate in themed activities designed to explore the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Established in 2010 by a Scout Leader in Queensland, Scouts in Action Month is an initiative that provides adult Scout volunteers with age-specific resources to support the delivery of the Scout program to youth members.

The 2018 theme “Scientific Scouts” was selected in consultation with adult Scout volunteers, and reflects society’s move towards STEM and inquiry-based learning activities.

“Learning by doing is a fundamental component of Scouts, and is all about encouraging young people to learn through their practical experiences and activities,” Mr Neville Tomkins OAM JP, Chief Commissioner at Scouts Australia NSW said.

“Scouts in Action gives young people the opportunity to take part in fun activities like making slime and elephant’s toothpaste, while developing creative and critical thinking skills by discovering the science behind them.”

Almost 200,000 people have participated in Scouts in Action Month since 2010, including Scouts and adult volunteers from across Australia, Malaysia, Colombia and New Zealand.

This year, Scouts in Action Month coincides with National Science Week (11-19 August), an Australian Government initiative that celebrates science and technology.

For more information about Scouts in Action Month, visit <https://www.scoutsinactionmonth.com/>.  
For more information about National Science Week, visit <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>.

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