

Aussiemoot Information



Volume 1

Welcome to the first Aussiemoot information bulletin for people who may be interested in finding out more about this International Event. It was thought that this may be the best way of us promoting an opportunity such as this to the vast audience who are eligible to attend. For those of you who have not met him yet, meet Duncan the Koala, who has been working hard promoting the endless opportunities moot that is to be held in Sydney, Australia.

This first bulletin is going through basics, giving current information, where to get more information from and the start of a UK registration of interest. Working on figures from past moots it is possible that quite a large number of the Movement will be heading for Oz and this number is likely to be spread out across the British Isles. It was felt that the need was there for a collection of names in a central area. So if you are interested, but feel that you will be on your own. Think again. You're not. We are working to prevent this from happening. As more information is given, other bulletins will be distributed to everyone who has given their details so that everyone is informed of future developments.

Some of you interested have been on other moots in Australia. Who have been as a participant, going again as a participant or now returning as staff? What better testament is needed than to know that there are others wanting to go back as the experience is that good? Maybe think about writing a short piece of your experiences to be added in future information newsletters for others to find out more of what to expect?

Aussiemoot - The facts so far...

- **The 17th Australian Moot** (aussiemoot for future reference) is on from 30th December 2007 to 12th January 2008, at the Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney Australia. This is classed as the moot of endless opportunities
- **Participants.** Aussiemoot is open to all member of the Scout Association who will be between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of the moot. Even if your

18th birthday is on the 30th December 2007 you are able to attend as a participant.

- **Staff.** Anyone who is a member of the Scout Association who is 26 or over is welcome to be part of this event as a staff member. Staff will be able to enjoy the fantastic opportunities that are available to participants. Kind of a working holiday.
- **Cost.** No set amount has been given at present, but it is looking as though it will be in 3 ways. You will have moot fees. On top of that you will have your expedition fees (more about that later) and lastly your flight costs. Depending on what you choose to do during the moot and when you book your flight/how many people you will be flying with will all reflect on your individual final cost. Remember, this event is being held in Australia's summer.
- **Website.** The aussiemoot website is www.aussiemoot.com On there you will be able to look at in more depth information on the moot, FAQ's, a members list of interested individuals (currently standing at 353) from a number of Countries. On this website you will be able to register your interest with the event organisers, and get your name and where you are from up on the members list. This does not mean that you are committed to go. It shows you're interested. You can gain information there, ask questions from the organisers, people can email or send a message to you or you to others and there is even a UK forum set up so that we can contact each other easier. There are many of us already on this list. It is something to consider. It gives the organisers a better understanding of numbers and you may be surprised at who is on there that you already know.
- **What's on during the moot?** You will arrive at the Moot site on the 30th December and the Opening Ceremony is that evening. Everyday there will be onsite/offsite activities for the participants. There will also be provided once all of the daytime activities have ended a selection of night-time entertainment that will be available including live bands to help you let your hair down. There will also be the Eastman Shield up for grabs, which teams compete for.

During the moot there will be 5 days of expeditions. There will be a varied choice of wild adventures to choose from, which could include Kayaking, Bush Walking, the Blue Mountains and Canyoning to tours from the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Opera House to the fantastic harbour and beaches. The Closing Ceremony is on the evening of the 11th January and departure of the moot site is on the 12th.

What do you want to do?

So you have thought about it and are interested in going. One question that you should ask yourself now is what do you want to do? Everyone is different. Some may choose to go to the moot and come home straight away. Others may want to take the opportunity to visit another Country before the moot and there will be a few who will use the time to travel afterwards. This is where getting in touch with your thoughts and ideas and passing them on of what you would like out of this experience helps planning an organising for yourself and getting us to help likeminded people get in touch with each other. It could help from keeping costs down to making friends before going out.

Who's running the show here?

There is a simple answer to this question. You are. This is an event for you, your experience. You decide if you want to go? When you go? What you do when out there and what you would like from this? How much you are prepared to pay? Where the money's coming from? Just because you have all of this to think about it does not mean that you are on your own. This bulletin is put together to help you with information and the opportunity to get the ball rolling with getting together names and contact details to help pass future information onto you.

To help to get the most out of aussiemoot, get in touch on the email address below and let us know what you are interested in doing before and after the moot.

Doner Gadsden, who is Co-ordinator for the West Lancashire group going to aussiemoot has agreed to write this bulletin, and to collect the information from you, store it and will keep in contact with the International Team. The International Team will monitor the progress in the coming months and are there for encouragement and advice to anyone wishing to do any International event.

The rest now is up to you. You can contact Doner at donergad@btinternet.com who is more than happy to add your name to the database.

If you know of anyone else who may be interested in being a participant or as staff at aussiemoot then pass this information onto to them.

Looking forward to hearing from you.