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SA LONES

STILL SCOUTING 106 YEARS ON





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Hello Everybody,

Merry Christmas to you all.



Well another year is closing, and another is not far from starting.

We have a lot of opportunity next year with the New Program under full swing within SA Lones from Annual Camp and into 2020. The one program will provide all Scouts the opportunity to achieve what they want to achieve, and that is anything they want!!

Congratulations to **Thomas** for been awarded his **Grey Wolf**, a great achievement and, while I am writing about great achievements, Congratulations to **Ashleigh** SA Lone Rover who was awarded her BP Award; an outstanding achievement of dedicated work respectively for these Awards. Congratulations to you both once again!

Annual Camp was a success, it was strange only being there for Annual Dinner and not the whole weekend, I know I missed out on a lot of fun and activities. I would like to sincerely thank all our Leaders for their work in the preparation of annual camp and even though we are moving to a Scout lead activities etc. at camps and events, the Leaders still have a lot of planning and hard work to do to ensure what's been planned occurs and you have FUN whilst doing these activities.

I also want to sincerely thank the Cooks, **Greg** and **Darren** for their time one again, you are certainly a very important part not only of Annual Camp but the SA Lones Family, *Thank you*. Finally but not least, a HUGE thank you to **Lee-Anne (EZ)** and **Andre(Diesel)** for coordinating Annual Camp from the start to the finish, a Job Well Done as usual, it would have been remiss of me if I didn't acknowledge the work these two do and of course what all our Leaders do.

I reported in my last message that I been busy working at home on the weekends for the past 2 months getting the house ready to sell after been here for 11 years. Well house is sold, our old house is currently been re-tiled, re-painted and re-carpeted, we are moving back to Onkaparinga Hills (near Noarlunga) on the 6th December so by the time you read this we will be back in our old house closer to our family and friends.

Well that's about me for this Lone Trail.

***Wishing all SA Lone families, a great, safe and Merry Christmas,
look forward to seeing you all in 2020!***

Yours in Scouting,
"Smokey"
Brian Holecek



"Once a Lone Scout always a Lone Scout"



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Greetings Everyone,

Wow, yet again it has been a very busy year for SA Lone Scouts!!

This year has been full on for us all. We have seen many of our members participate in many activities all over the place. For us Leaders, we have been busy following up on a number of things in regards to changing over to the new Youth Program (now known as the Current Program) and **Thank You** to all those who participated in the activities that were run at Annual Camp. If anyone has any feedback regarding this change over, please let your Leaders know so that we can make things to the best they can be.

For me, work has been busy with managing a project over the past nine months, which has involved doing a number of 7-18 day shutdowns to repair hydraulic cylinders/pumps and drive motors on a large machine at work. This included doing a shutdown the week before Annual Camp and also a longer one that was on either side of **Hopahowl** – talk about bad timing. I have also been involved with doing a big job modifying wagons for the Australian Defence Force, so that they can move their equipment between Adelaide and Darwin for operational practice exercises.



Thanks to my experiences in Scouting, I know how important planning is when undertaking jobs such as this.

In my view Annual Camp was a success and everyone seemed to have a great time with the array of activities. We did things a little differently this year by returning to the Bunkhouse after a long period of being at the Rymill Centre and I believe that, when all things are considered, it ran reasonably well. We were able to make the most of the existing and new activities being offered at Woodhouse and the weather was certainly on our side.

The opportunity for our members to travel into the city to undertake various activities was also enjoyed by all. Our Annual Dinner was attended by many guests and they all appreciated the opportunity to attend. For me the highlight of the dinner was having our Youth Members run the evening and also **Ashleigh** from the Rovers doing a presentation as the final component of her Baden-Powell Award. Like last year (and every other year), **Bagheera Lee-Anne** did an amazing amount of work for this camp and her efforts didn't go un-noticed – that was before she stepped into the kitchen to help out.

Thank You to all of the **Leaders, Parents, Helpers** and the **Youth Members** for making this weekend great. **BRAVO** to you all.

Lones again had a promotional presence at the Melrose Show through the selling of everyone's favourite Golden North ice creams and drinks. The day was a success for the Group and I'm sure everyone liked the items we had for those who participated in the Melrose version of 'The Yellow Brick Road'. Again, *Bagheera Lee-Anne* did a tremendous amount of work for this and deserves a big **BRAVO** – she even planned her dental appointments around the van collection times. After all the running about, it was great to wake up Saturday morning to see the sun reflect of the Southern Flinders Ranges; thus, heralding the beginning of a great day – although a little warm!! Our participation in community events such as this is very important, as it provides an opportunity for people to learn about Lone Scouts. Also, a huge **Thank You** to the **Gladstone Caravan Park** for allowing us to store the ice cream van due to power outages at Laura the day before the show.

Thank You to **Lee, Andrew, Nick** and **Ed** for their amazing work at this year's **Hopahowl**; which was held for the Joeys and Cubs at Woodhouse. *Lee* & *Andrew* ran the clown school activity and *Nick* helped with an activity and cleaned BBQ's in his spare time. *Ed* assisted our Joeys & Cubs to participate in activities and worked in with the other Leaders from our hosting group, Golden Grove, to ensure everyone had the best time possible. I understand all of the Lones participants, both Youth and Adult, all had a great time.

Congratulations to a number of our *Youth Members* and *Leaders* who received awards this year or were recognised for their service within Scouting and the community. It is important that we recognise the achievements of **OUR MEMBERS** as it shows to others that we appreciate the tireless work you all do. If you think there is someone that needs recognition, then please let *Smokey* know.

As always at this time of the year, I will again take the opportunity to, **thank all the Leaders** for their tireless work over the year and I know it has been trying but everyone has still had a great time. As many of you are now busy with Harvest and end-of-year wrap-ups, I hope that all goes well and that this work is completed by Christmas. Please take a moment to communicate to your Leaders and fellow Lones Scouts over this time, so that you can continue to build on the great friendships you've all developed.

A big BRAVO to everyone.

Have an enjoyable Christmas and a safe New Year.

Andre
(*'Diesel'*)



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### CONGRATULATIONS

Light Family on your new arrival

**James Ray Light**

born 23 October 2019,

a son for *Shaun* & *Linda*, a little brother for *Grace*  
and

first grandson for *Malu-Sue* and *Barry*



## ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ADMINISTRATION



Hi Everyone!

OK, so where did 2019 go? I'm pretty sure that it was March just last week!

Since the last Lone Trail, we have all been adapting to the new and now current programme. Most Leaders have attended information sessions and training so that they can get their heads around it but I think that the best way to do this is to actually put it into action and this year's Annual Camp started to see this, with our Youth Members taking a step forward with their ideas and participation at camp. I can see the advantages in this and it showed at camp and I think that once we have the new programme going under full steam, the benefits to both Youth and Leaders will be great!

A special 'thank you' to **Kirsty**, as she picked up on the new programme and how it was to be implemented earlier on. Her ideas and how Youth Members could start benefiting from them at Annual Camp were inspirational, not to mention that she had a major influx of new and 'come & try' Venturers at this year's camp. Well done **Kirsty!**

Annual Dinner, as always, was the main event at the camp! It's a time when those who have succeeded in their efforts and those who have supported Lone Scouts are acknowledged and this year was no different. It certainly is a special time and one that should be shared with other fellow Lone Scouts. *Well done to you all!*

Both **Andre** and *myself* ran our annual Melrose Show fundraiser the weekend after Annual Camp. I think Summer actually started on that weekend and it was great for business because we had a lot of people wanting ice cream and cool drinks. I would especially like to thank **Gwen and Bill LePoidevin** from the **Gladstone Caravan Park** for helping us out when it was desperately needed. Due to a scheduled power outage on the Friday before the Melrose Show in Laura, they allowed us to keep the Golden North Ice Cream trailer and contents at the Park and again after the show, so that it could be returned the following Monday. Their assistance with this awkward situation was greatly appreciated!

I would like to thank **Leaders, Youth Members, Parents** and **Supporters** for all that you have done this year for **Lone Scouts**. Your efforts and assistance are always appreciated.  
**Thank you!**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Cherryl Brady** for being our auditor once again this year. Thanks Cherryll!

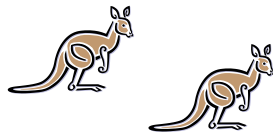
Take care during the school holiday break and by all means,  
have a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and  
a positively outstanding **NEW YEAR!**

Yours in Lone Scouting,

**Bagheera**  
*Lee-Anne "Esme" Whitehead*



JOEY'S JOTTINGS



JOEY News



Hello Everyone,

At camp we welcomed **Max**, it is great to have you join our Joey Mob **Max**.

For our October meeting we did an Aboriginal theme.

We have started on the new scouting programme, which I think will work well once we are into it a bit more.

A little hard on the Adult Helper at first, catching up on pre-investment pages.

**Max** is about to start an outdoor activity by learning to play tennis.

**Darzee** and **Roger** called in to see **Adam** on our last trip to Tanunda which was great to catch up with him and his family.

**Hello from Charlie**

Dear Darzee, Granny is helping me write this. I got my package today.

I am very excited as I'm learning lots about Aboriginals here. We live on Noongar country and they have 6 seasons not 4.

Last week my Nature school had its first birthday and **Issac**, a Noongar custodian, came and did the Welcome to his country and I watched him do a smoking ceremony to keep us safe.

I love learning about Aboriginals.



I am giving you 2 photos.

**Me** and **Issac** doing the smoking and a board showing the 6 seasons.

We are in the white season now. This means the flowers are white and the clouds change from rain clouds to marshmallow clouds.

Love Charlie

### **Sarah's Report**

Sarah has been making tea and a camp site.

You [Darzee], are all the Leader made out of a fork, the pink tent is yours the upside down cups are the Joey tents.

The camp fire is in the middle with stones around it, the other rocks are seats.

I hope you like it. I also made pizza witchetty grub aboriginal theme.



**Joey Scouts** wish everyone a **happy Christmas** and safe holidays and 2020.

Till next time, keep hopping,



**Darzee**



*Lones Joeyes and Cubs at Hopahowl*



## CARRY on CUBBING



Hi Everybody,

We farewell **Thomas** from our Pack and we wish him well as his Scouting Journey continues.

We welcome **Ruby** to our Cub Pack.

### Annual Camp by Aurelius

The Cubs arrived at Woodhouse on Friday. We set up in our rooms. When we finished setting up, we started greeting people. After dinner we went for a night walk and saw possums and koalas. The next day we went to the Fire Station with the Joeys. We had a tour and saw what they have on their trucks. We got to fire the water hoses (that was fun). We saw firemen actually go to fight a fire and during that we saw them go down the fireman's pole (too bad we weren't allowed to go down it). We saw how they got the key to go into the burning house. The example was the key to Santa's cave.

When we were finished at the Fire Station we went to the park for lunch and after that we went to the Adelaide Museum. We learned what some masks were for and lots of other cool stuff. At the end before we went back to Woodhouse, we went on a fun treasure hunt. That night we went on another night walk and saw the Scouts.

On Sunday we went to the tube slides with the Joeys. The Joeys and us practiced a skit about the Fire Station. We learned about the new program (that was boring). We had a flour bomb battle with the Scouts. We had our annual dinner and after that I was too tired for the bonfire.

On Monday we went to Challenge Hill (it was so fun). After Challenge Hill there was the goodbye ceremony and when that was finished, we went home.

I can't wait for next year's camp.

### Messenger of Peace by Leah

For the *Messenger of Peace* we are collecting money for the Huong La Center for children. Ben went to it for a school trip, it is an orphanage for people that have disabilities. I put collecting tins in places in Eudunda and Kapunda. Angela is selling milkshakes, Tom is selling eggs, Belinda is doing a bake sale and collecting 10c cans we are all putting the money that we raise together to the orphanage. *[Well done Jaeger Family & good luck, hope you raise lots of dollars. 'M'.]*

### Intro from Ruby

Introducing Ruby, our new Lone Cub Scout who has answered a few questions to introduce herself.

Why have you joined Scouts?

*To have fun and learn more new things.*

What you hope to do as a Scout?

*Do some things that I might not get to do often.*

What are you looking to achieve while you are a Cub Scout from now until your 11<sup>th</sup> birthday?

*Even if it's not all about winning and getting the badge's it will still be nice to get them*

Where do you go to school?

*I go to school at Geranium Primary school.*

What do you like to do for fun?

*I like to write story's, paint, ride my bike around the house and lots of sport.*

Where do you live? *Parrakie, in the south east of South Australia, adjacent Ngarkat Conservation Park.*

What do you like to do? *Colour-in and if I'm at school I ask the teacher for extra work.*

Ever been a scout before? *I have never been a scout before so I'm very excited about doing Lone Scouts*



*Welcome Ruby!*



News from Jack

I went on a school camp to Arbury Park and an excursion to the Coorong. I had a great time 😊

Report from Hopahowl Cub Leader Ed

Every 6 years the Cubs Cuboree and the Joey Hoporee happen at the same time. 2019 was one of those times. In October 2019, over 1,200 Joeyes and Cubs came to Woodhouse for the biggest Cub and Joey scout event of the year - **HOPAHOWL**.

Five Lones Joeyes and Cubs were there, sharing a camp with Golden Grove, Penola and the Northern Territory Scouts from Alice Springs. The weekend was a great variety of activities from cooking biscuits and swapping badges to hiking through the hills, rock climbing and sumo wrestling(!).

The Lones Joeyes and Cubs stayed together as a Patrol for the weekend, and it was great watching them have a great time.

One particular highlight was to see Cub Scout **Thomas** receive, in front of the whole Hopahowl camp, his Grey Wolf Award. He was one of 3 Cubs receiving this highest award, and even got to wear the hat of the Branch Commissioner (sort of).

There is a lot to say about Hopahowl, but it is best to hear from the Youth Members themselves, so here is what they had to say.

**Joey Scout Adam** "I thought it was FUN!!!" "My favorite activity was EVERYTHING!!"

**Joey Scout Harrison** I enjoyed the weekend even though it was very tiring. My favourite parts of the weekend were archery, inflatable slide in the water fun area, picking flowers on the way to the Botanic Gardens and the Little Rock climbing twister wall. I enjoyed watching our patrol do the activities I wouldn't try.

**Cub Scout Leo** I liked water fun because it was exactly what it was advertising, it was water and it was fun.

I really liked archery because I like bows and arrows, and downhill scooters because it felt like half BMX and half scooter.

I also liked the food and the people were nice. I liked teaching Thomas (Lones) and Alec (Golden Grove) the first part of desk drumming.

**Cub Scout Leah** I like all the different activities the rock-climbing wall, slippery pole, archery, making cookies, walk to botanical gardens and back, bomb disposal and sumo suits. I liked my challenge to climb up the rock climbing wall and reach the top 3 times that was really fun and the slippery pole trying to stay up but it did not work I kept on falling off (now I know why it is called slippery pole). The archery was fun because I hardly ever get to do archery except for Eudunda and Kapunda show. The camp was awesome except the sleeping on the hill.

**Cub Scout Thomas** I liked the whole weekend, because there were lots of enjoyable activities. It was really fun. I liked the food and camping. My favourite parts were the rock-climbing wall because it was challenging and with perseverance, I reached the top, and receiving my Grey Wolf.

*Wishing everyone a fabulous Christmas  
and  
an even better 2020 😊*

Looking forward to hearing from you all soon.



Cheers, 😊  
**Andu & Ed**



# SCOUTING AROUND



# "Monthly Communication"



## Scouts... Explore the Unknown!

This is the new Scout Section motto to go with the new Youth Program. Whilst Lones have been transitioning into the new program, and trying out new communication methods, we have also been ... well... SCOUTING! Check out some of our latest pics below, of scouts trying new things and learning heaps of new skills in the great outdoors!

In the last term, we have been...

**Caving**  
(Caving Camp at Naracoorte)

**Camping**

**Exploring Adelaide**  
(Lones Group Camp)

**Having fun!!**

**Learning about our local communities**  
(Belinda's Patrol Activity)

**Trangia Cooking**  
(Lones Group Camp)

**Shooting**  
(Mini Splash Camp at Roonka)

**Rafting**  
(Mini Splash Camp at Roonka)

**Kayaking**  
(Mini Splash Camp at Roonka)

**Making new friends**

Angela won "Best Shooter on Camp!"

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to more adventures next year!



Until next time... **Lee**, & **Andrew**  
SL AL



*Southern Griffins*

**VENTURER VIBRATIONS**



Hi Everyone,

Firstly I would like to welcome new AVL's to the unit,  
*Caitlin Polack, Marco Forg* and *Kylie Ind*.

We also have a number of new Venturers since Annual Camp, *Sean, William* and *Travis*.  
Welcome.

The last few weeks have been busy for many of our Lone Venturers as they begin working on Special Interest Area projects and completing activities in stages of their Outdoor Adventure Skills. We are seeing some interesting projects, including: sporting interests, Community Service, Environment, Kayaking expeditions and Messengers of Peace. A number of our Venturers are working hard towards completing their Queen's Scout.

### ANNUAL CAMP

*On the 27-30th of September the Lone Venturer Unit attended the annual Lone Scout camp at Woodhouse. The Venturer Unit had a fair few linking Scouts so it was really awesome to be able to meet up with old friends and make new ones. We did activities like challenge hill, a cooking challenge where we had to plan and cook a three course meal at the Lones Hut and the high ropes. The high ropes was super fun because we got to do the cool activities and also build trust amongst ourselves. We also invested our new Venturers on the course! We also transitioned onto the new programme which was actually pretty cool. - Frog*



### SUPERSPLASH

We are expecting 30 Venturers/Scouts to be camping under the Lone Venturer banner at Supersplash this year. Supersplash being the final branch activity of the year for the Venturer Section. It will be an exciting and entertaining event.

### OzVenture 2021

Registrations for OZ Venture 2021 will be open early next year. Please support our Venturers as they work hard to fundraise for this awesome event.



Merry Christmas

*Kanga,* *Bear,* *Caitlin,* *Marco* & *Kylie*  
(PA/ VL) (Nick, AVL) (AVL) (AVL) (AVL)



### ROVER RAMBLINGS



...with the Crew!

*Congratulations on your BP  
Ashleigh*

Hello Everyone,

We now have 9 Rovers and 1 Rover Advisor, which is very interesting as 2 Rovers reside in Qld and the Rover Advisor is also in QLD, but Karen is just about to relocate to Beswick in NT.

After a very enjoyable Annual Camp, where we saw **Ashleigh** become the new Crew Leader and also Invested a new Rover **Tahlea Loechel** into the Crew.

The Rover Section attended Sandblast, that was also a very enjoyable and was well attended, plus Karen was able to come down for both events.



On the 13<sup>th</sup> November at the Branch Rover Council, **Ashleigh Dungey** was presented her Baden Powell Badge, Brian Holecek (Smokey) was present and Sarah Weatherley was able to present it to Ashleigh with a lovely speech. After the presentation Ashleigh received a lovely bunch of flowers & bottle of bubbly off Karen who was unable to be present.

Wishing one and all a very happy and safe Christmas and 2020

YIS

*Karen  
Rover Advisor*

&

*Ashleigh  
Crew Leader*



2019 Annual Lones Camp



Lones at Annual Camp 2019



Andre in the Golden North Van at Melrose Show



Hopahowl



## LONE TRAIL DIARY DATES

Some future dates of interest – if you are interested in any of the Scouting events below, please contact your Section Leader for more info.

*Leaders, please note: closing dates for the 2020 Lone Trail editions: 16Feb, 17May, 16Aug & 15Nov*

### 2019

13 December last day of Term 4  
25 Christmas Day  
28 Proclamation Day



### 2020

01 January New Year's Day  
28 First day of School

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