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## SA LONES

### STILL SCOUTING 107 YEARS ON





Hello everyone,

As I sit back as 2020 is coming to an end I just think on what a year it has been with all of the challenges we have all had and I am amazed by the resilience of the members the Lone Scout Group have. Everyone has stepped up and supported one and another to ensure that our wellbeing is ok. When the call went out at the start of lock down back in March for Scouting at home to be done by all, the rest of the State had finally caught on to what Lones has been doing for many, many years. We are now getting enquires from other Groups around Australia looking for help and suggestions, it just showed how fantastic a program our Leaders run.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our Leaders for without you we could not run. **Lee-Anne** for stepping up into the role of GL and supported by **Jakab**, **Karen** and the **Rover Team**, **Venturers** headed up by **Kirsty** with fantastic support from **Marco**, **Caitlin** and **China**. **Scouts** with **Ed** and **Sky-Bianca**. **Cubs** with **Alison** and **Sue** and now **Sarah**, and **Joeys** with **Lyn** and **Sue**. And let's not forget **Meg** and **Graeme** for all of the behind the scenes work they also do, and all of our **Parents** who support us. If I have missed anybody I am sorry but thank you also.

With governments around Australia slowly removing restrictions my aim for 2021 is to travel the State and beyond to meet each and everyone of you face to face and one of the many events that will be held.

I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas with a prosperous New Year.

Yours in Scouting,

*Chris Ind*  
*DC Lone Scouts*



Ed

Lyn

Meg Bear

Chris Karen

China Jakab Marco

Andre Sarah W Alison

Graeme Malu-Sue Kirsty

Lee-Anne Caitlin Samantha

Skye-Bianca

**SA Lone Scout Leaders Wish You ALL**  
**A very happy and safe Christmas and 2021**

## **GROUP LEADER & Lones Accounts** **Lone Rover Membership Officer & Accounts**



Hi everyone,

As I write my report, I look back on the year that it was and how it has impacted Lone Scouts.

The changes that have occurred, not only to us due to COVID-19 but also with the New Program and how we have applied it.

You have got to admit, it has not been an easy year, yet we 'keep moving forward' and make the best of what we have.

Sure, we have missed out on seeing one another in the flesh (so as to speak) but new software in the form of Zoom has allowed us to still see one another face-to-face.

Our magnificent Leaders have also found a balance with screen time as well.

After all, if 2020 has taught us anything, it's the fact that we need to get out more and appreciate the "great outdoors"! This, of course, is just another tool that we can add to our toolbox to help communicate with *Our Members*, so that we can see how we are all coping.

We have seen changes to the Lone Scout Group structure, and we will continue to 'tweak' these changes for the benefit of both our Youth Members and Leaders. There is no point in making changes to something if it makes matters worse but from what I can see, the changes have been for the better, which is encouraging to know as it means that we are heading in the right direction.

I have also witnessed the determination of both our Leaders and Youth Members to 'keep moving forward', no matter what happens. From hikes to Unit meetings, you as Lone Scouts will make it happen but do not forget those that support you to achieve this. Your *Parents, Adult Helpers* and *Leaders* all play a big part to get you there and I want to thank each and everyone of them, especially with the year that we have just had! Without their support, it would have been harder and there is no fun in that.

I want to thank [Meg Haensel-Fuss](#), our Lones Trail editor, for producing such an informative Group newsletter each quarter. I love seeing what you have all been up to and what you have achieved. Thanks Meg!

*Thanks Bagheera & Everyone else who sends material in so I can put it all together for you. M.*

I would like to welcome [Stephen 'China Mug' Yam](#) as our new Assistant Venturer Leader. [Stephen](#) lives in Tasmania but is still associated with Scouts in South Australia and is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to Scouting. Welcome [China](#)!

[Sarah Weatherley](#) is assisting [Andu-Alison](#) with Cub Scouts as an Adult Helper. [Sarah](#) is a Lone Rover who has just recently achieved her BP Award, Rover's highest Award. Congratulations [Sarah](#) and thank you for your help!

I want to also thank all [our Leaders](#) for what you have achieved this year with your Units. It has been no easy task, especially when the rules keep 'modifying' but you make it happen. Thank you all!

Finally, I want to thank [our Youth Members](#)! Your smiles, creativeness and in particular, your determination is what Scouts is all about, but do you know what, the best is yet to come, so keep enjoying your Scouting journey!

Next year is not just another year, it is a NEW YEAR! Bring on 2021

*Merry Christmas to you all,*  
and  
thank you all for your support, especially in the last 6 months!

Stay safe and take care,

Yours in Lone Scouting,



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



Joey Scouts  
Are  
30!



*Lone Joeys celebrated turning 30 with a zoom party on the 24<sup>th</sup> November.*

*We all made a hat,  
Played games,  
Had eats & drinks  
Party balloons  
And a birthday cake!  
45 minutes of fun!!*



# JOEY'S JOTTINGS



Hello Everyone,



## JOEY News



Joeys and their *Adult Friends* are looking forward to February when they are all going to camp for the weekend with other Joeys from around the State. Might be hot, but one good thing it will be held at Roonka with loads of water activities. **Darzee** and **Malu** are going too.

Our Joeys, **Adam**, **Max**, **Sam**, **Teagan**, **Erin** and **Sarah** have all been attending Zoom meetings whenever they can.

**Adam** took us around his dairy one night with the video going, he even showed us a calf, so little. He also showed us a mind craft cow he and his brother made for him to wear to book week at school. Thanks **Adam**.

**Erin** and **Teagan** took the video and showed us where they live by the River Murray, it was flowing well. They also showed us the new playground being built on the edge of the beautiful green lawns of the Murray River.

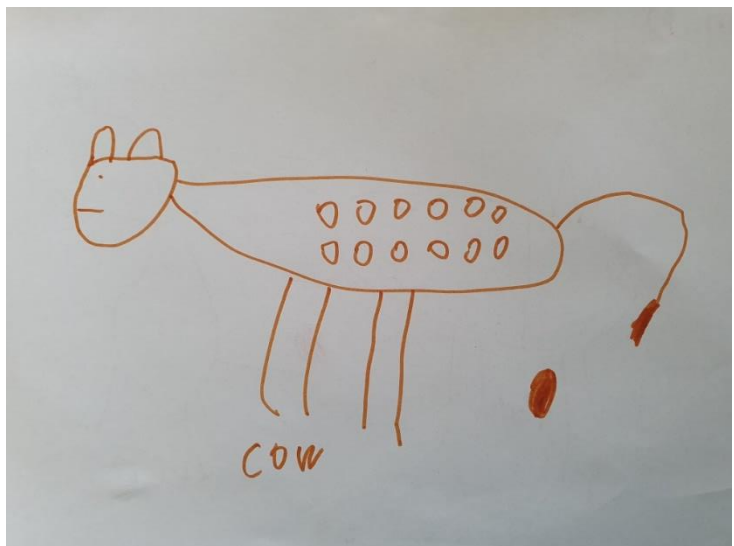
**Max** has had his brother join us for the meetings and Max loves telling us jokes and doing things, he made a great poppy for Remembrance Day out of a paddle pop stick and a patty pan. He had a Remembrance Day Service at school at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month. Thanks for sharing this **Max**.

**Sam** made a film of where he lives and what he does on his property, it was great to see, and **Sam** was able to demonstrate his bike riding skills.

**Sarah** organised an experiment, she made a meteorite and then had it exploding. She used food colour, carb soda and vinegar. She said it worked well and everyone could see it at the meeting.

All Joey Scouts have been working on their Environment Badge, talking about the waterways near where they live. We have had lots of talk and knowledge shared about the beach, the River Murray, dams and even about effluent dams.

Thanks for sharing all your knowledge. It was very interesting.



Sam's drawing of a cow "pooing"



**Joey**s also worked out that most people live where there is dust pollution, they put tape on a leaf and then pulled it off to see what was on it. They also worked out that fire needs oxygen and that oxygen gets burnt up by doing an experiment with a jar and a candle. Well done all.



*Sarah's drawing of a healthy ocean*

**Darzee** has been showing us her stick and leaf creatures and how to care for them. Also we have watched the silkworms hatch and grow and spin a cocoon and then turn into a white moth.

**Joey Scouts** turned 30 this year in South Australia and **Malu** can remember the first three Lone Joeys, **Clee**, **Ty** and **Shaun** all now in their 30's. Our present Joeys were going to meet in Adelaide but it has been cancelled due to Lockdown. So this week we made Birthday cards, hopefully I will receive them and send them to headquarters. At our November meeting we had a meeting with eats and games to celebrate being 30.

We are practising a song for the end of year concert on Zoom; and **Erin** is going to teach us how to make Christmas cards.

Well that is all from Our Lone Joey Scout Mob for this Lone Trail.

**Darzee** and **Malu** say thank you to you all for a great year.

They also wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and safe New Year.



Till next time, keep hopping,



**Darzee** & **Malu**  
Lyn Sue



## CARRY on CUBBING



Hi Everybody,

We welcome **Joshua** to our Cub Scout Section.

We will be farewelling **Jack** from our Cub Scout Section at the end of this term and we wish him well as he continues his scouting journey.

The Badges we awarded during term 3 2020 are:

**Aurelius** - Special Interest Area (SIA) Growth and Development

**Joshua** - SIA Art and Literature; SIA STEM and Innovation; SIA Growth and Development and SIA Adventure and Sports

Our plans for Term 4 2020 are:

**Aurelius** - is busy finishing off his school year and getting a new hair cut, but once his all his school work has been handed in Aurelius will be planning his next SIA.

**Charlie** - has continued to attend his local group in Greenwith while their travel plans have changed due to COVID-19



**Harrison** - is continuing to work on his SIA Adventure & Sport - to go on 10 bike rides, learn the road rules and to ride on the left-hand side if the road; and SIA Environment - raising some chickens

**Jack** - is starting to link with the Scouts Section

**Joshua** - is working in his SIA Adventure and Sport - participate in a Horse Show





**Leah** - is working on her SIA Environment growing her own veggies; and SIA Growth and Development - sewing a cushion



**Ruby** - is working on her SIA Adventure and Sport - to learn new skills in tennis. Ruby is doing really well with her tennis as she has been selected to participate in the ANZ Hot shots in Adelaide



**Thomas** - has lots of ideas for SIA badges and he is still trying to work out which one to work on.

Wishing everyone a fabulous Christmas and an even better 2021

Till next time,  
Cheers,



**Andu & Sarah W.**  
Alison



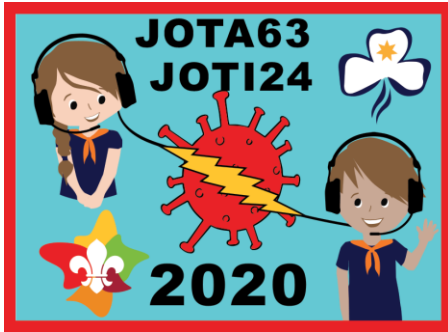




## SCOUTING AROUND

Hello Everyone & welcome to our Term 4 Report

### JOTA-JOTI



At the start of term 4, from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, the world celebrated the Jamboree on the Air - Jamboree on the Internet, or JOTA-JOTI.

This annual event allows Scouts across the world to interact with each other online and on radio, and be a part of the world community.

Some of our Lone Scouts participated in JOTA-JOTI, but an honourable mention must go to **Kiran** in Myanmar, and her efforts with JamPuz. Every participant and group on JOTI has a Jamboree ID code, or JID. The idea of the game is to talk to as many people as you can and swap your JIDs as you go.

**Kiran** collected pages and pages of JIDs and was clearly getting to know a lot of other Scouts and also become a JamPuz champion.



This picture shows the virtual campsite you could navigate around, watching shows, zoom talks, virtual campfires and playing games.

The Scouts had a few Zoom meetings across the weekend to check in and see what we had been doing, looking forward to next year.

### Mt Remarkable Hike

**Belinda** and **Alex** went on a significant adventure in the southern Flinders Ranges. Some unexpected weather meant it did not quite go to plan.

Here's Belinda's report on the hike:

As a requirement in both the Adventurer level Campcraft and OAS level 5, **Alex** and **I** had to plan and go on a 3 day, 2 night hike. The planning part included a map, route plan, emergency plan, menu, equipment list and risk management document. We decided to do it in Mt. Remarkable starting at Mambray Creek Campground and finishing at Alligator Lodge via Hidden Camp and Sugar Gum Dam Camp.

The weather was extremely wet with it raining heavily almost all of the first day. This caused Hidden Gorge to be flooded and we couldn't get through to the campgrounds. **Alex**, **Ethan** (a scout from Port Augusta) and **I** camped near a water tank near the start of the Gorge and had dinner cooked on a Trangia after setting up the tents.

The next day after cleaning up and re-packing our packs we went back the way we came then met our parents at the Mambray Creek Campgrounds, where we started after making the decision to cancel the remainder of the hike due to sore muscles, a blocked track as well as a lot of mud.

Several times we almost slipped due to the mud (which would have resulted in bad injuries due to being on the edge of a very steep hill), but we managed to get there in the end with nothing more than a splinter from a prickly bush.

In the end, it is an experience I won't forget in a long time.

## Special Interest Award Badges

Our Scouts have also been applying themselves to their special interests this term, and we have been able as a Group to assess and award some badges.

### Angela

I have made patchwork cushions for my new bedroom. Mum showed me how to do it. Ma showed me the patchwork way to do it - cutting out squares using a special ruler and knife. I made two for Jessie and she loved them.

### Thomas

Thomas completed two SIA badges this term. He completed a 1000 piece puzzle, a very complicated picture of a bookshelf. He also demonstrated via Zoom the two new tunes he learned on the saxophone, which also earned him an SIA badge.

### Leo

Leo has been working to successfully do two skateboard tricks, the 'Drop-In' and the 'Ollie'. After many hours of practice and a couple of lessons, he was able to perfect both of them and earned an SIA badge for his efforts.



## Camps and Get-togethers

Unfortunately, a spring rock climbing camp was unable to happen due to an unexpected illness.

A summer aquatic camp in January is currently being planned at Seahaven with the assistance of the DC for Torrens and boating enthusiast, Ian Vayne.

Hopefully the next newsletter will have some photos of the Scouts all together!

Merry Christmas all, wishing you a safe and happy 2021!

*Till next time, Keep on scouting,*

**Ed & Skye-Bianca**



# *Southern Griffins Venturers*

## VENTURER VIBRATIONS



Hi everyone,

During the school holidays in October, some of the Venturers went to the Scout Sailing School down at Seahaven to get our Stage 5 Sailing OAS and completed Level 1 and Level 2 Sailing. We sailed in the Patrol boats and Pacers throughout the week and on the last day went out on the *STV One and All* which was fun.

- Benjamin Forg



Throughout the term a number of Venturers have attended Branch activities including brushing up on their Unit Management and Leadership skills and completing Paddling training.

A few Venturers had the opportunity to participate in Remembrance Day activities in their local town, and many complete Service activities as Youth Helpers with their local groups.



The Venturer Unit continues to meet fortnightly online and set each other Unit Challenges. Highlights include participating in Lone Scout History Kahoot challenge and an awesome Unit Debate led by Vanessa that questioned if school should start at 10am!

Unfortunately with the cancelation of Supersplash, due to COVID restrictions, our Venturer section end of year celebrations will not occur but we look forward to what is hopefully a much better year in 2021!

The Unit would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cheers,

*Kanga,*      *Wolf,*      *& China*  
Kirsty          Marco          Stephen





## ROVER RAMBLINGS

...with the Crew!

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is staying safe and cool this fine summer.

Us Rovers have been keeping very active on our online platforms all wishing we could be out adventuring more. Over this time while social distancing we have also elected a new Executive Committee which, as the new Crew Leader, I would like to formally congratulate *Sarah Weatherly* as Assistant Crew Leader and *Martyn Pilgrim* as Secretary.

Plus, thanks to *Karen Meyers* continuing to stick around as our Rover Advisor (like we could ever get rid of her) and *Lee-Anne Whitehead* for continuing as our Treasurer.

I would also like to congratulate *Ashleigh Dungey* and *Sarah Weatherly* for completing their Baden Powell awards this year.

Although this year has not been amazing, hopefully next year is miles better (I hope).

YIS,

*Samantha*  
Crew Leader

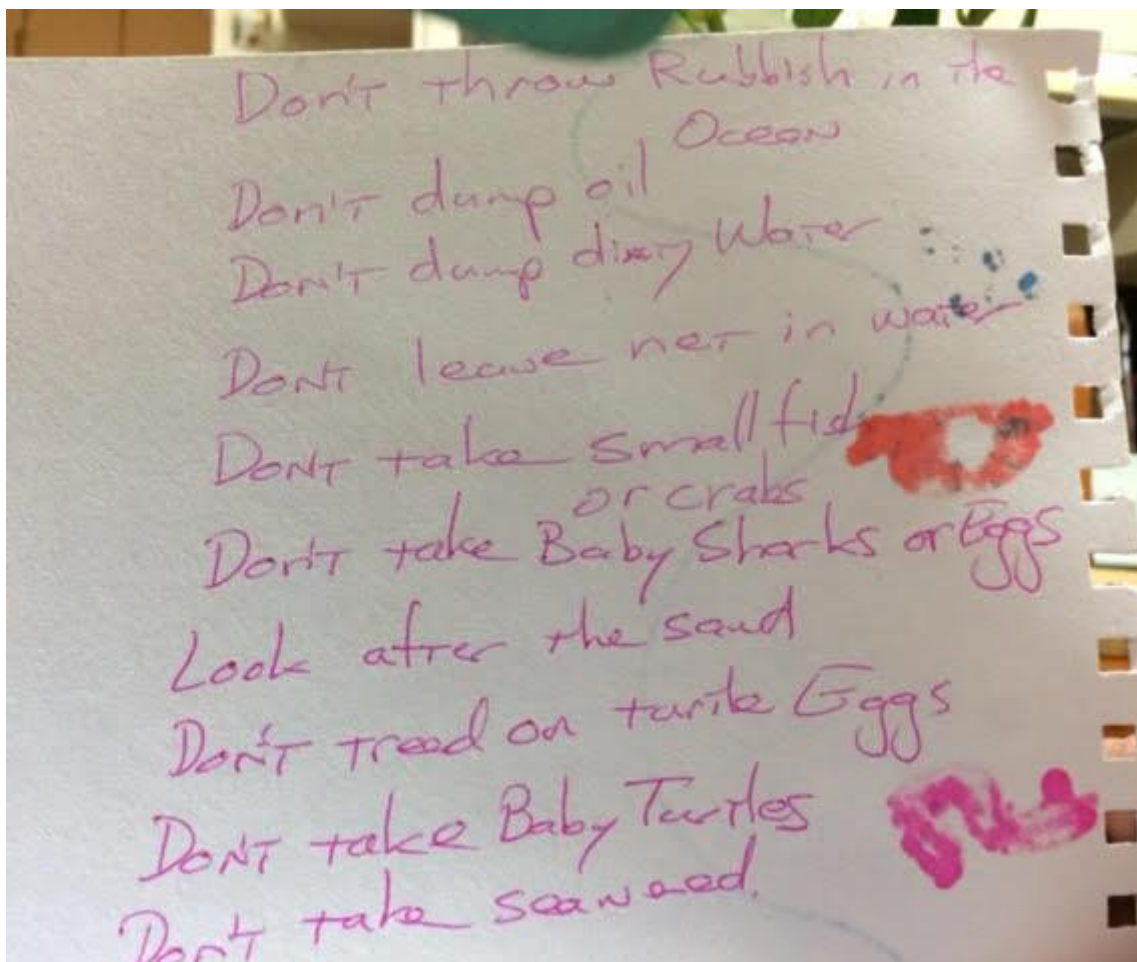
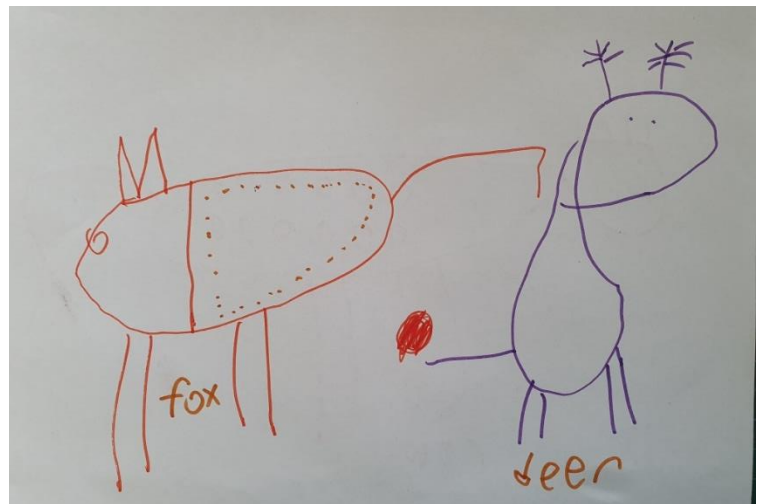




Sam fishing from a houseboat

Below:  
Sam's drawing of a  
Fox & deer

Drawings depicting part of what the Joeys have been researching for their Environment Badge.



Sarah's rules for a healthy ocean

From the Archives



*1982 SA Lones at Government House, Adelaide  
Act of Loyalty and Queens Scout Presentation*

*SA Lone Venturers  
Supersplash 1992*



*SA Lone Joeys & Cubs  
Annual Camp 1995*

*... Do you recognise anyone? There are two current  
Lones Leaders in this photo.*

## 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 date for 2021 Lone Trails:

*Feb 14; May 16; Aug 15 & Nov 14*

### 2020 December

- 11 Last day Term 4
- 25 Christmas Day
- 28 Proclamation Day

### 2021 January

- 01 New Years Day
- 26 Australia Day
- 27 Start Term 1

### February

- 22 Founders' Day – birthdays of Lord & Lady Baden-Powell



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