

#### LONE TRAIL THE

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## TAKING SCOUTING TO ALL COMMUNITIES



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# **SA LONES** STILL SCOUTING 106 YEARS ON







#### **DISTRICT COMMISSIONER**



Hello Everybody,

Well Time fly's, Lone Trial time has come again! I've been busy at work at Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre.



By now you're heard from your leaders and undertaking the program they've set out for 2019.

In the near future you get to hear more about the YPR review "The Adventure Begins" check out the <a href="Scout Website YPR">Scout Website YPR</a> page for more information.

We are looking to transition to the new YPR program from Annual Camp this year.

June Camp at Napperby is just around the corner, unfortunately I am unable to attend this year due to it's my grandson's Joseph 5<sup>th</sup> birthday and we travelling to Pinnaroo to celebrate this birthday. This is the first time I been able to get to his birthday as he was in Ceduna prior so really looking forward to that. Enjoy and have fun at June Camp.

We are starting to plan Annual Camp our most important camp in Lones, this is where we gather, renew and form friendships across all sections within Lones, celebrate your successes in achieving badge work and any other achievements you have attained, and most importantly have FUN!!!

Well that's about me for this Lone Trail, yep short and shining this one.

Yours in Scouting,

"Smokey"

Brian Holecek

Angela's Grey Wolf Presentation, Eudunda



# ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OF: PROGRAMME / SPECIAL PROJECTS / QUARTERMASTER

Greetings Everyone,

WOW, what a busy year it has been already and things certainly haven't slowed down. I understand for many of you that you haven't had a chance to rest and like me, things are constantly on the go. Work for me continues to be busy with the completion of a few project and a few new ones to get underway. Like last year, we have senior management coming over from the United States very shortly and I have to talk with them - which should be an interesting experience.

Cohen Cup: Some of the worst camping (but great farming) weather hit us right as everyone was setting up and we were all behind the 8-ball from the start. 25mm of rain began to fall on Saturday morning right as everyone was setting up and a downpour came as everyone was trying to pack up. Many kids arrived without proper footwear or rain jackets – so parents were dropping stuff off all day Saturday, so please remember to follow your camping packing list and listen to suggestions. Needless to say, once the kids got themselves partially sorted and dried out, they did manage to have a good time. As a result of the weather and the standard cycle of losing senior Scouts after a Jamboree, the camping standards were down a little but everyone gave it a go – even the Joeys from one Scout Group had a good go at lashings.

A huge **Thank You** to the Lone Rovers and also a number of other Rovers from other Crews for coming to help during the Cohen Cup. Their amazing efforts helped the organisers of Cohen Cup ensure that everything could work as best as possible. They even had time to pull down a shed and clean up around the Lones Hut.

Thank You to *Lee*, *Andrew & Jessie* for their assistance with making sure those Lone Scouts who did attend had a great time and also for their untiring support of this great event (including making sure all the ducks had a table at the café in the Wetlands Viewing Room).

Our June Camp is coming up very shortly and I look forward to catching up those who are able to make it up to Napperby Scout Camp near Port Pirie. As Scouts, we are very lucky to have this campsite and I really like going here as it provides us with the opportunity to do some more traditional Scouting and gives us the chance to offer a camp closer to home for some of our Members.

For this camp, we emailed out the forms in an effort to reduce postage/printing costs and we used the email addresses you have provided us.

If you didn't receive the June Camp information, and you believe that you should've, please contact Bagheera Lee-Anne <u>leeanne.salonescouts@gmail.com</u> to confirm your email address as I know people change them from time-to-time.

Things continue to happen all over Woodhouse and I hope that you will enjoy your time there when we have our Annual Camp. The new tube-slide and labyrinth continue to cause great excitement for many people and I trust that this will be the same for all of you when you get a go. This camp will be a little different on the Sunday as we have some guests coming to help us learn about the new badgework scheme for all the sections and we also have some great Leaders coming to help run some activity sessions – it is going to be great fun I am sure.

I would also like to thank everyone who took part in ANZAC Dawn Services and ANZAC Parades this year across South Australia. It is nice to receive positive reports from people who aren't members of Lone Scouts telling me of our members' involvement. If anyone has any newspaper articles of them participating in community events, please send them to me so that they can be archived in our records.

As Leaders, we love to hear what you've all been up to and if you have done something that you think is pretty cool, please write a few lines and send it to Meg (our Lone Trail Editor), along with some photos, [jpeg please], so that it can be included in the Lone Trail for the rest of your Scouting friends to read about. We send this newsletter out to many people outside of Lone Scouts and often we hear back from them saying how amazed they are with what our Members get up to.

Please keep our Annual Camp dates in mind (refer to the Lone Trail calendar) as it will be a great opportunity for Lones to get together and have a great time. We know that some of you won't be able to make but rest assured that we will be thinking of you as you are part of the Lone Scout family.

It is great to hear that a number of Lones Members have already completed the requirements for various badges and awards - I look forward to reading about these achievements in the future. Congratulations to you all on a job well done and I hope that you all learnt something about yourselves while achieving these great milestones. Please assist your Leaders by giving them plenty of notice of when you plan to undertake activities as part of your badgework, as there might be some things that they need to do to ensure your safety. However, please be patient when waiting for a response as it can take a little while for them to get back to you.

Take care and I look forward to catching up with many of you at our June or Annual camps.



Take Care

Andre

('Diesel')



Lones at Angela's Grey Wolf Presentation



#### ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ADMINISTRATION

Hi everyone!

Fortunately (or unfortunately, depending on the point of view) we have had a breakdown [24May] and are currently waiting on a bearing to be picked up from Adelaide but that gives me time to type my report.

Just a few things.

Since my last report, I have created a page on Facebook about *Lone Scouts in South Australia* that is an *open* page. This is to provide information to people wanting to find out more about us as they say that when they would like more information about who we are, what we do and how we go about Scouting, compared to mainstream Groups, the information is hard to find. This even applies to our website as it is not listed on the SA Branch's home page. I get a lot of people wanting to join the close page for National Lone Scouts, only to tell them that they can't join as they have not been involved with Lone Scouts but all they are after is information and that's with Lone Scouts in general. Even Group Leaders have told me that it's hard to find out information about us, so that's saying something.

This has had a positive impact on enquiries and our membership and I will be providing as much information as I can about us and will be asking our Leaders to do the same thing. As for all other happenings with our Group, this will still be added to the closed Lone Scouts page, so that we can share our ideas and activities with other states, as they do with us, in a safe environment.

Speaking of which, so glad that our Families who are on the road, travelling around Australia, are providing us with photos of our Members who are participating with other Groups during their travels. Keep it up!

We all love to see how Lone Scouts can be applied while Members enjoy mixing with other fellow Scouts. Yes, Scouts IS one, BIG, happy family!

Also love hearing from the parents of our travelling members, like I do with all our members. Always happy to answer or direct you with any queries that you may have!

I have also been a little tardy with my invoicing (yes, again) but the Prime Minister just didn't take into consideration of how busy I usually am around this time of the year. The tractor and hungry mouths wait for no man...or woman, and sowing is our current priority. This is, of course, after a fortnight on the road doing pre-poll voting at hospitals and nursing homes in my area and then in a Polling Booth on the day. Topping this off, my son needed both feet operated on and I have been his nurse!

It's true! Life does get busier as you get older! Did I mention that it needs to rain? <Sigh>



On a sad note, my thoughts and prayers to the family, both immediate and Scouting, of Rob Lewer, who passed away just recently. Rob was one of my Cub Trainers and Palavers were always fun and informative when he attended.

Also, to Nicola Capon for the loss of her mum.

TO EVERYONE, keep up the great work that you do for and in Scouts!

Bye for now and take care!

Yours in Lone Scouting,



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



#### **JOEY's JOTTINGS**



## JOEY News





Hello Everyone,

During this term the Joeys have been doing 'Harry Potter' themed activities, which I think most Joeys enjoyed.

It was based on the first book, so had different challenges to complete.

One challenge covered making Mum or Gran a drink for Mother's Day.



The next theme was all about carrots, doing crafts, cooking & growing them.



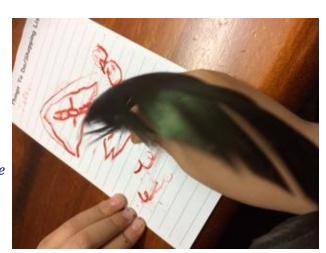
Some badges will be posted out for the Joeys who participated in 'Clean-up Australia Day', 'Harmony Day' and ANZAC Day.

Till next time, keep hopping,



Darzee

Joey Sarah's feather pen drawing. Sarah made a quill from a feather then used it with food colouring to draw herself in a tent and a three headed whale







Hello!

For the last couple of months, "on air" sessions have been a bit of a hit and miss affair, but it has been great when we connect with each other.

Meanwhile, the SOTA Members have been keeping busy with material sent to them by their Leaders.

Malu and Barry have had a wonderful holiday in the UK, and they caught up with 'Tic Tac' - Hazel, but are now back home and back in their normal daily routines.

Yours in Scouting,



#### **CARRY on CUBBING**

Hi Everybody,



During March we spent some time away as a family in the Barossa, attended Angela's Grey Wolf presentation in Eudunda, spent time with family and friends, I attended some training for OSHC and went to the movies with my mum.

During the school holidays we had an overnight stay in Glenelg with a spot of shopping in Adelaide, spent some of the Easter weekend in Peterborough with my sister and her boys plus my Mum and Dad and enjoyed

catching up with some friends too. With OSHC I went to visit the SA Aviation Museum at Pt Adelaide, did a visit to the Blyth Cinema to see Wonder Park & play mini golf in Auburn.

For ANZAC Day, Tyson and I participated in the Dawn service here in Clare with the Clare Scout Group. Tyson and other Youth Members handed packets of ANZAC biscuits they had made at the end of the service.

Cubs are currently working hard on their Achievement Badges and their Boomerang Badges

with a couple working towards their Grey Wolf Award.

#### Well Done to:

- Thomas on achieving his Their Service, Our Heritage badge and for cooking tea for 14 people as a part of his Gold Boomerang!!
- Leah on achieving her Level 1 Cooking Badge



### Upcoming Events

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June Mid Year Camp. Venue - Napperby.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Lones Annual Camp

Venue - Bunkhouse at Woodhouse

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October Hopahowl (previously known as EventX).

More details to come on <a href="http://cubs.sa.scouts.com.au/EventX">http://cubs.sa.scouts.com.au/EventX</a>

Looking forward to hearing from you all soon.



Cheers, *Andu* 



#### SCOUTING AROUND



#### **COHEN CUP**

I am writing to you from the passenger seat on the way home from Cohen Cup. This is a huge state-wide Branch event run by the Scout Section, where Scouts compete against each other to show off their camping, cooking, teamwork and outdoor skills. We had two Lone Scouts, **Belinda** and **Angela** who were hosted



by Northridge ParaVista Scouts to enter the Cohen Cup.

Angela's patrol did extremely well



in the Rookie section (where Scouts can receive leader assistance), delivering a fantastic menu and very colourful decorations for their Willy Wonka themed campsite. Belinda's patrol (also entering with a Willy Wonka theme) in a "Books and Characters" camp theme, showed some brilliant skills and, without any leader assistance, came second overall in the competition!!

We were lucky enough to be able to give their camping gadgets -a hammock frame and a stretcher, a trial run.

Camping was made all the more challenging by the very heavy down pours and constant drizzle of rain.





For our Lone Scouts, they were required to work with a team of scouts they had never met before, which can also be quite a challenge. Belinda and Angela are to be commended on the way they kept up good spirits and set a great

example for Lone Scouting.

A very big THANK YOU to Northridge ParaVista Scout Troop for their generosity and acceptance of our Lones in their team.

Lone Scouts look forward to being involved in next year's competition come rain or shine!

#### **WELCOME TO NEW SCOUTS**

This newsletter, we also want to welcome some new Scouts into Lones. We look forward to meeting and working with **Sanja** and **Alex**.



#### CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Finally, we have a very exciting announcement that Josiah has completed all the requirements for his Australian Scout This is the highest award a Scout can earn. Medallion!! Josiah has worked extremely hard, all the way from New Zealand, proving that Lone Scouting really can be done anywhere! You can read his report in this newsletter [page 10]. I am so impressed with Josiah's commitment and motivation towards achieving this award.

**CONGRATULATIONS. Josiah!!** 

Until next time... Lee, & Andrew AL

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# Southern Griffins VENTURER VIBRATIONS



Hi Everyone,

At the Tanunda Show we had the pleasure of investing *Nicole*, *Nathan* and *Oscar* into the Lones Family.

A lot of fun was had with all the Ventures and Rovers participating in the gum boot toss as well as helping with the Hand Milking competition.

If the Venture's could keep an eye on *My Scout* for upcoming events and courses, it would be much appreciated.

Hoping to catch up with as many of you at the June camp if not next time I am in town. Also remember if you can't reach me please contact Kanga. [Note Kanga's new email address]

See you round....

Bear, Kristen & Kanga (Nick, AVL) (AVL) (AVL/PA)

















#### **ROVER RAMBLINGs**

...with the Crew!

Hello everyone,

The Crew has been out and having fun in the last couple of months, with members participating in the annual Rover Rafting Challenge at Roonka, and Market Challenge versing Ace Rover Crew.

It was also great to catch up with some of the Lones Family at the Tanunda Show! We have kept the ball rolling with monthly challenges; cheese toasty April and #Trashtag May.

We are encouraging members to attend the New Program training days, with some of our Members having already attended the Rover only training day.

We'd like to wish the Lone Scouts good luck at Cohen Cup as well, will be close by in the Lone Hut doing service at Woodhouse.

`We can't wait to see you all at Napperby in June!



YIS Sarah Weatherley Crew Leader.

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#### ASM REPORT FROM JOSIAH

Achieving my Scout Medallion has been one of the biggest things I have done and has taken me through many experiences that I wouldn't normally have thought of or been able to do. I have learned a lot of things on this journey and I have come out of it better than I went in. When I was recently cooking (and burning my first attempt) my meal, constructed on a fire in my back yard it occurred to me that a few years ago I wouldn't have had the skills, yet alone the confidence to look up the fire laws and create a fire in the backyard of the urban area in which we live. I was just looking through my green book and it seems like ages ago when I led a Scouts Own along with my Patrol on my Leadership course, or when I ran the mock emergency along with my old Patrol Leader. These things were both extremely fun to do, but taught both me and the people around me life skills that may come in handy someday. I have in particular learnt that in order to achieve my goals, in this case being my medallion, but also my other goals in life, that I need to be motivated and to stand up and do the things I need to do. This became more apparent after I joined the Lone Scouts, where if I wanted to get something signed off, I had to find the time and do it as I didn't have the same regular weekly time to work on my badge work. One place where I felt like this was most needed was when I was planning my green hike. I found time to complete all of the paperwork and managed to pull it off, something I'm still disbelieving of now. I am just incredibly thankful that I didn't have to do this alone. Lee and Andrew have helped me through my time as a Lone Scout and my other leaders before that; Richard and John. In the times when I needed inspiration or a Leader's opinion on how something should be done they were there for me and without them I wouldn't have come close to getting my medallion. Throughout my scouting journey, the adventure which I would say was my highlight was when I was in Tasmania and some of the older Scouts and I climbed up Cradle Mountain in the snow. It was part of one of the older Scouts' badge work, one who also went on to achieve his medallion, but for me it was a fun challenge which was what scouting is about in my opinion. I'm pleased that I have finally been able to achieve my medallion and I strongly encourage anyone else who tries to be motivated and put in the effort to get this amazing reward.

#### LONE TRAIL DIARY DATES

Leaders, please note: closing date for 2019 Lone Trails: 18Aug & 17Nov

#### 2019

# Annual Lones Camp Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September Where? the Bunk House at Woodhouse Annual Camp is for ALL LONES



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