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Hello Everybody,

Well hasn't it been an interesting and challenging year so far, firstly the Bushfires and now COVID-19, the impact on life and scouting differ across all areas of life and across the world. It will be interesting to see what the new normal will be like post COVID-19 how school, work, and the way we live will change?



Can you think of ways it may change your life based on your experience so far with isolation etc. South Australia was fortunate it's COVID-19 restrictions were not as hard as in other states, because the impact in SA was not as severe as in other states but our borders are still closed so there is still a risk. Hopefully by the time you read this the SA Borders may be reopened, at least regional travel is now encouraged.

This will be my last Lone Trail Report as I have decided to hang up my scarf and woggle for good, after 34 years of membership with the scouting moving in NSW and SA, I think it's time I move on. I retired in December last year, and I am currently undertaking some extra curricula work voluntarily on an emergency management society committee based in Norway to keep my experience and expand my knowledge just because I can.



I have been a part of SA Lone Scouts since Annual Camp 1999 when I moved to Roxby Downs for my work at Olympic Dam; at the time I was a Group Leader with Hackham Scout Group. That's also when *Ben* and *Matt* both joined Lones, Ben as a Cub and Matt as a Joey, I then joined SA Lones after that Annual Camp. I have always enjoyed my times with Lone Scouts, and I sincerely thank every Leader who have been a part or connected with Lones, for their dedication to our members, Lone Scouts is a unique and important part of scouting.

I especially want to thank *Lee-Anne* and *Andre* for the tireless hard work in supporting me in their ADC roles, and *Meg* for coordinating the Lone Trail, they have always done an outstanding job.

Remember in your Scouting and in life, be positive, achieve what you want to achieve and never let anybody tell you can't achieve what you want to achieve, stay focused on what you want to be.

Thank you to all past and present SA Lone Scouts, it been an absolutely honour being part of your scouting lives and achievements.

Signing of for the last time 😊

Yours in Scouting,

"Smokey"

Brian Holecek



"Once a Lone Scout always a Lone Scout"

STOP PRESS:

I would like to announce that *Ed* will take on the role as Scout Leader, as *Lee* and *Andrew* are moving into another exciting phase of their lives, an additional family member with the arrival soon of a new baby. I sincerely thank *Lee* and *Andrew* for the dedicated service to SA Lone Scouts, I know the Scouts will miss them but I also know they will welcome *Ed* as SL.

Ed has a wide experience in what he has gained through scouting and his work place.

Lee will continue to assist *Ed* for the next month or so as he transitions into the new role.

Thank you Smokey, Lone VL, DVL, PLA-V, DC

Enjoy your life post Scouting, but remember, Once a Lone always a Lone!



Ben, Lisa, Kathi, Peter & Tegan with VL Brian



30 March 2004



ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OF: PROGRAMME / SPECIAL PROJECTS / QUARTERMASTER

Greetings Everyone,

WOW, what a busy but a very different year it has been and things certainly aren't looking like returning to 'normal' anytime soon. Covid-19 has certainly changed the way we do things and it has resulted in a lot of people thinking outside of the box.

I understand that many of our Members have busy doing great activities and I look forward to seeing more of the photos very soon.

Many Scout Groups across Australia and in many other countries around the Globe are unable to conduct their weekly meetings at their Scout Hall; so they have used some Lone Scouting to help bridge the gap. This has been great for us as many other Leaders have created some very useful resources for generations of Scouts to enjoy.

If you're interested in some of these ideas from Western Australia, please go to;

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/div12ch9azogrwt/AADiPZxVZoOYvMi8M_kn-26ma?dl=0

This one for some ideas from Victoria;

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/scouting-at-home/weekly-programs/>

And not to be outdone, the Tyaunda District in Queensland have done a number of YouTube clips which I suggest you have a look at.

Their *Messengers of Peace Project* is a particularly good one and can be found here;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwvUrT-e4Mk>

A big **BRAVO** for their efforts in making all of these resources.

For all of us, ANZAC Day was very different, so I would like to acknowledge all those Scouts and members of the community who took part by standing in their driveways for the Dawn Service. It was very pleasing to see that many people took part and the number of wreaths grow at my local memorial over the weekend.

Many things have changed recently for many of us and this includes members of the Lones Family.

Our District Commissioner, Brian Holecek, aka Smokey, has decided to retire after more than 30 years as a Leader with many Scout Groups in New South Wales and South Australia.

Brian has held the role of District Commissioner (twice) and Venturer Leader with South Australian Lone Scouts. He has also held many positions within the Hackham and Woomera Scout Groups.

Brian was a great help to me when I took over from him 2007 as District Commissioner and he always was there in case I needed advice or support.

Brian's contribution to Lone Scouting will not go un-noticed and I will forever be in his debt for all that he has taught me.

Thank You Smokey.

It is great to hear that a number of Lones Members have completed some badges and awards - I look forward to reading about these achievements.

Please assist your Leaders by giving them plenty of notice of when you plan to undertake activities as part of your badgework, so that they can help ensure you get the most out of your experience.

However, please be patient when waiting for a response as it can take a little while for them to get back to you with all that is going on right now.

Take care and I look forward to catching up with many of you when the opportunity allows.

Stay Safe & Wash Your Hands,



Andre
(*'Diesel'*)



ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ADMINISTRATION



Hi everyone,

Thank you all firstly, for keeping me informed of your own family's situation, especially when it comes to paying membership fees. We are more than flexible with your payment with this by providing the option of paying by instalments and more. If COVID-19 has affected families financially and you require assistance when paying membership fees, please let me know and we will help you out in any way that we can.

Scouts SA have also been flexible in this area and effective from 1st May 2020, all members will receive a 75% reduction of their Branch fees for a 12 month period. This means that Youth Members will only be charged \$14.50 in Branch fees, instead of the usual \$58.00.

In the meantime, stay safe and take care,

Yours in Lone Scouting,



Bagheera
Lee-Anne "Esme" Whitehead



Andre thought about "working from home", but decided the neighbours might not be impressed with having their road and driveways blocked for a few months!



ANZAC Morning Tintinara



ANZAC Morning Cummins

JOEY'S JOTTINGS



JOEY News



Hello Everyone,

Our Lone Joeys are working well in the new programme and some are also doing the "Joeys at Home" programmes on the internet.

Most of the Joeys got up early for the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day and also made lanterns, poppies, crosses and or ANZAC Biscuits.

We made cards for Mother's Day and hopefully most of the Joeys did something else special for their Mums or Grandmas.

Sleepover and hikes have been popular and 2 very proud Joeys can now ride their bikes without training wheels!. Well done!

Quite a few badges will be posted out with my June letters, so keep an eye out for the postman.

Well done Joey Scouts.

Till next time, keep hopping,

Darzee



Erin & Teagan making lanterns for ANZAC Day



Sam planting seeds for his Nature Badge



Max camping out over Easter

ANZAC DAY 2020 LONE JOEYS & Their Families



Charlie



Erin



Teagan



Sam & Alex

They shall grow
not old
as we that are left
grow old,
Age shall not
weary them
nor the years
condemn,
At the going down
of the sun and in
the morning,
We will
remember them
Lest We Forget



Brenton & Sarah



Max & Toby



Clean-up Australia Day

Report from Lone Scout Alex, aged 13

Today Sam (Lone Joey) and I (Lone scout) joined in with the Meningie Lion's and other community members of Meningie for Clean-up Australia Day. "We helped Meningie be nice" (Sam) and be a place for the tourist wanting to stop in and enjoy the towns facilities.

While doing this we had to wear a yellow or orange safety jacket and yellow gloves.

This was Sam's first activity as a Joey.



Thanks Sam and Alex, what a great effort, well done.



Sam [orange jacket] & Alex with Meningie residents



Sam



another 'Smokey' shot, this time with Darzee and Lone Joeyes & Cubs in 2017

CARRY on CUBBING



Hi Everybody,

Since April the Cubs have been meeting online each week using Zoom and Teams.

Each week they get a challenge for the week, catch up about last week, and play a game.

Each week we offer a Cub the chance to lead the meeting, guide the game, and suggest a challenge for the week.

We also go through any badge work the Cubs may have done. *Aurelius*, *Ruby* and *Leah* in particular have been excelling at Special Interest Projects.

They have been challenged to:

Participate in ANZAC Day, (Community Challenge);

Helping to cook a family meal, (Community Challenge);

Participate in Jamboree on the Trail, (Outdoor Challenge);

Create a picture, sculpture or story of a 'new world', (Creative Challenge);

Try to achieve Stage 1 Bushcraft Skills, (Outdoor Challenge)

The challenge ideas come from the Cubs from week to week.

My favourite game so far was a scavenger hunt, which sent everyone running all over their houses looking for items. Thanks Leah!

Next week we are reviewing the State 1 Bushcraft skills, everyone brings their dilly bags if they have one, and we play a navigation game.

Future ideas include playing Pictionary, a talent night, and setting up an outdoor camp at home. It's not the same as getting together for a camp, but as a catch up from week to week, the Cubs are enjoying it.

And remember Cubs, if you need ideas, look at the Scouting @ Home website

<https://qstore.sa.scouts.com.au/scoutingfromhome>

As part of the REVIEW part of online meetings, *Ed* asked the Cubs for some feedback on how the meetings have been going, and this is what they said.

1. What is the best thing about meeting online?

LEAH The best thing is that you get to see the other cubs often. I also get to see Ruby as I have never met her.

RUBY The best thing about meeting on line is that "it feels like a real Scout meeting", rather than missing out because we live so far from anything. I get to see other kids in same situation as me. Makes me feel happier.

AURELIUS That you get to see your friends without leaving home.

LEO That we get to meet up as a group at home, and get to play games and do tasks each week.

The Cubs love to see each other's faces, and be a part of a meeting. We are asking them to wear their uniforms, and say the Promise and Law at the start of the meetings.



2. What could be improved about meeting online?

LEAH A better internet connection

RUBY Nothing

AURELIUS I like it the way it is.

LEO The internet glitches quite a lot sometimes.

Living where they do, the internet does not always work as well as we would like. Sometimes we communicate only by typing 'chat' messages, but make things work.

3. What is something you would love to be able to do at an online meeting?

LEAH ??????

RUBY Not sure

AURELIUS I can't think of anything new that I want to be able to do.

LEO Sending messages to each other with GIFs

They seem to be enjoying what we are doing.

4. For those who were at the Teams meeting last week, would you prefer Zoom or Teams for future meetings, and why?

LEAH I prefer Zoom because it is easier to get on.

RUBY Zoom please, but go with what everyone else wants too.

AURELIUS I prefer Zoom because I use it a lot and I understand it.

LEO I prefer Teams because it doesn't work on my ipad and I can sit with my dad.

There is a preference for Zoom, which seems to be easier, and works better with limited internet.

Till next time,

Cheers,  **Andu & Ed** 



Ruby seed planting



Leo participating in SOTT

....and more ANZAC DAY shots!



Leo, Roman & Ed



Belinda, Leah [Thomas], Ben & Angela



Meg [far right] with fellow ex-Service mates



JOTT - Leo & Roman



SOTT - Leo

SCOUTING AROUND



Lone Scout Unit

Explore the Unknown

Hi everyone once again!

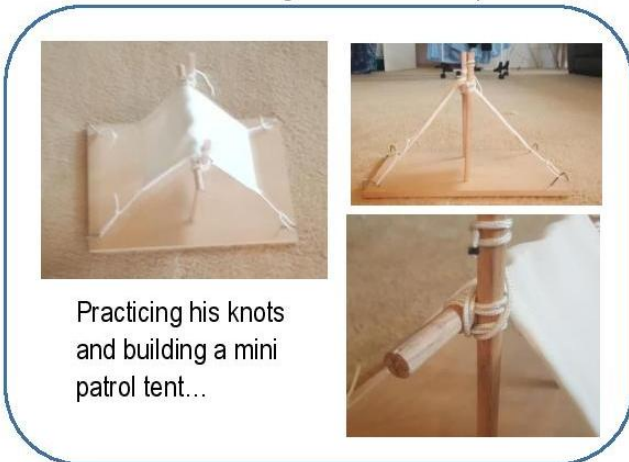
Of course, like everyone else, the Scout Section has been dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic and how to work around it. Sadly, it has meant that one of the Scouts' favourite activities, camping, has had to be cancelled. Our water camp that was to include some swimming, surfing and camp craft activities planned at Goolwa had to be cancelled until a later date, and we have been unable to catch up face to face.



But everything is a learning experience and what we make of it. Some advantages to come out of this are all the wonderful creative resources that Scouters around the country are coming up with, and Lone Scouts have had the opportunity to join in with some of these "Scouting@Home" activities. It has also given us the opportunity to learn about and trial some different online platforms that can help us overcome the challenges of distance and connect in new ways as Lone Scouts.

Tom, Angela, and Belinda recently trialled an online meeting with Lee and Andrew on Microsoft Teams. It took us a while to get on and we didn't get lots of traditional "Scouting" done, but it was good fun and wonderful to see some of our Scouts faces after so long!

Meanwhile, Alex has been busy at home with his family, inventing ways to "Scout from Home" Below are some of the things he has been up to...



Practicing his knots and building a mini patrol tent...

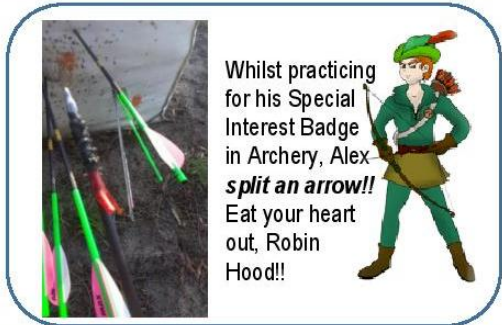


Alex and Sam participate in a beautiful Driveway Dawn Service for Anzac Day



Alex and helps his brother Sam (a Lone Joey) make some Rocky Road, a traditional Mother's Day treat which started at Alex's previous Scout Unit

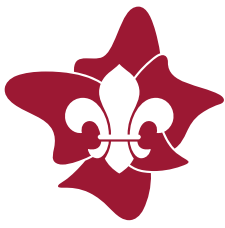
FYI, his Mum (and top food critic) Jill, reckoned it was "scrummy!!"



Whilst practicing for his Special Interest Badge in Archery, Alex *split an arrow!!* Eat your heart out, Robin Hood!!



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



Southern Griffins Venturers

VENTURER VIBRATIONS

Venturer Scouts

Hi everyone,

We would like to Welcome new Venturers *Cherie Puckey* (Loxton), *Vanessa Keen* (Glencoe), *Max Logos* (Renmark) and *Alex Teakle* (Renmark) to Lone Venturers.

CONGRATULATIONS to both *Sean Ind* and *William Goodes* for achieving their Queen's Scout Award. *Sean* has excelled in many areas in scouting but has particularly achieved great results in Abseiling and Rock climbing. *Will* excels in his involvement with the community, as president of the local Leo's club Will has also achieved his Endeavour Award in Leadership.

David and *Benjamin* have completed an amazing SIA Project that we hope will benefit the Lone Venturer Unit and assist with their communication and administration. Their examiner Thomas Milham BC of SA Rovers was more than impressed with their efforts in building the portal.



'I am extremely impressed with this project and the learning that David and Benjamin has undertaken to achieve it over the period of several months'.

Thomas Milham, Chairman SA Rovers

Venturers have been using a variety of forums to meet, alternating weekly meetings between Tuesday and Thursday nights. **BRAVO** On some excellent activities and great Leads!

Pre Anzac Day Craft and Share session on Discord.
Lead by Ceobahn



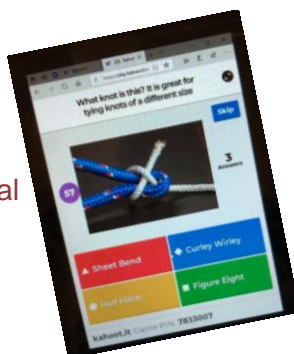
Kahoot! Night
Lead by Travis Ind



Mile Masterchef Night (using Milo or Hot Chocolate)
Lead by Jack M



Push Up Challenge and Mental Health Session with Caitlin
Tour of new Venturer Portal
Lead by Caitlin and David and Benjamin.



Finally, check out an awesome You Tube video, shared on Discord by Ceobahn. It might be about BSA but I am sure it will get you rockin'.

Born to be a Scout <https://youtu.be/HIIE9cF4j0s>

Cheers

Kanga, Caitlin, Marco & Bear
PA / VL AVL AVL AVL



ROVER RAMBLINGS

...with the Crew!

Hi Everyone,

Happy Quarantine!

The Lone Rovers have been ahead of the game with our ability to Rover from the comfort from our homes even if we're states away.

We have been doing monthly challenges as a Crew.

One of our amazing Rovers, Louis, challenged the Crew to a daily gratitude challenge for a month which most of the Crew was a part of.

This month's challenge has been to make hedgehog cakes (Google it) and so far the results have been awesome.

Please make sure you are safe in this time and keep scouting!

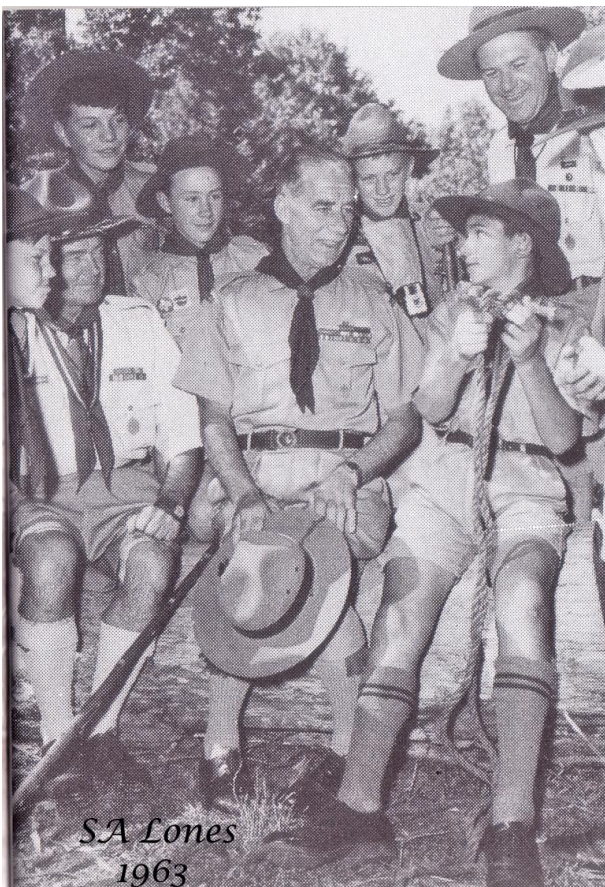


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*Ashleigh
Crew Leader*

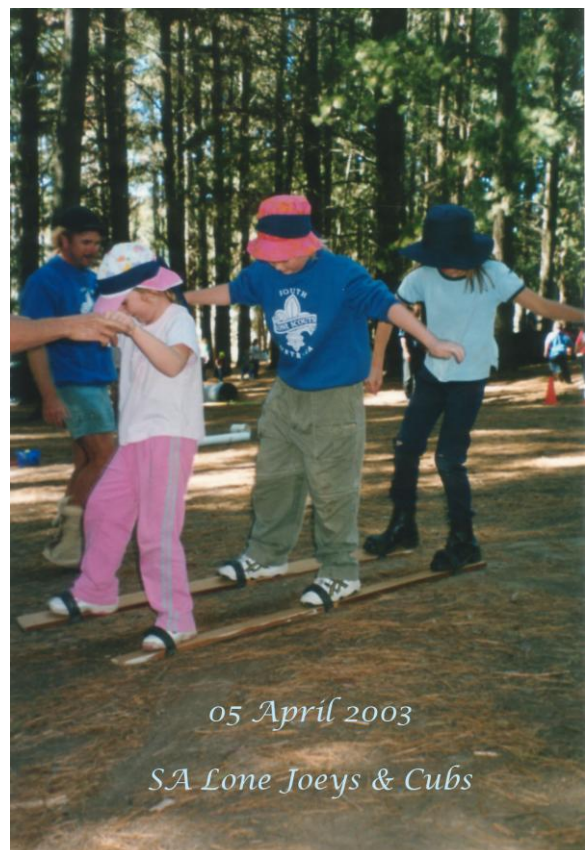
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..... and from the Archives .....



*SA Lones  
1963*

*1963 the SA Governor visiting Lones Camp*



*05 April 2003*

*SA Lone Joeys & Cubs*

*2003 Youth Team Challenge*

## 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 2020 Lone Trails:

*Feb 16; May 17; Aug 16 & Nov 15*

### 2020

#### June

8<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday Holiday  
21<sup>st</sup> Winter Solstice

#### July

3<sup>rd</sup> Last day of Term 2  
20<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 3

#### August

15<sup>th</sup> VP Day - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Pacific War 1945

**Winter Solstice:** the winter solstice is the day with the shortest period of daylight and longest night of the year, when the Sun is at its lowest daily maximum elevation in the sky. At the pole, there is continuous darkness or twilight around the winter solstice. In the southern hemisphere it occurs on June 21<sup>st</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup> in the northern hemisphere.



### SA LONES - Website

information, photos, Lone Trails, Section News and much more.....

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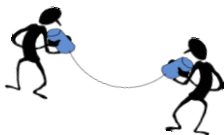


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