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SA LONES



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Hi everyone,

One thing that I have learned about COVID-19 is that the symptoms linger.

Apparently, this has something to do with when I was infected to when my 3rd vaccination took effect and fatigue has been a major issue. Combining this with our sowing program has not helped and I do apologise to all for my severe lack of communication.

We have recently completed our sowing and I can now return from the tractor seat to the office chair to work on Scouts.

One thing that I must do is congratulate the Lone Venturers on their win at EV again this year. This is a major effort from all involved – Venturer to Leader and to not only achieve this once but twice says something about how you all work so well together! A big thank you to parents as well for travelling the distance to allow those Venturers to

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An important date for your diary.... ANNUAL LONES CAMP - Friday 30th September to Monday 3rd October at Woodhouse. Camp information will be sent out soon.

Stay safe, take care,













Hello Joeys,

With much sadness we need to say thanks to *Darzee* for Leading the Joey Mob for so long. The majority of the Leadership is now mine, *Malu*.

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Darzee is still with us and writing to Grace each month, that is so Grace communicates with someone else except her Grandma, me.

Thanks Darzee for all you have done for the mob and so glad you are taking on the role of communicating with Grace so she has someone besides me to share her scouting experience. Please keep in contact and let us know what you are doing so we can put it in the Lone Trail.

We now have six Lone Joeys plus one come and try Joey, *Jayden* from Remark. If anyone has a friend who would like to join us tell them about us, and they can come and try Joeys as well.

On our Zoom this term we have made a Mother's Day Card with our hands being traced around, everyone decorated theirs beautifully with flowers and hearts, I think the Mums would have liked them very much.

A big shout out and **BRAVO** to all the Joey Mums for making Zoom work for the Joeys. I thank you very much, with all my heart.

Joeys attended ANZAC services, *Teagan* and *Erin* at Sanderston and *Liam* helped cook the Breakfast for everyone, *Grace* attended the Service at Killkenny, *Sam* attended at Meninge. *Max* and *Toby* could not attend but read the ANZAC Bear story and made ANZAC Biscuits as did some of the other Joeys. Well done to all. Oh yes *Malu* attended the ANZAC Service at Clare. It's a very special day when we remember those who have fallen in service and those who have served and are serving our country.

On Zoom this term we are working on our Growth and Development Special Interest Badge. We are looking at different countries Flags, where Countries are in the world, the food that is traditional for that country and we are going to build a special land mark from each country.

Grace has built with Lego the Leaning tower of Pissa with her Lego, plus cooked a Pizza and sang us a song in Italian. I wonder which country she is learning about. Send me a text if you know!!!!!

We will also be looking at New Zealand, Japan, Germany and China. Plus different Joeys are going to teach us a few words in the language they are learning at school. I'm so looking forward to learning so much about other countries.











Thank you *Max*, *Toby*, *Grace*, *Liam* and *Teagan* for putting this forward so we can all do it. If anyone in Lones can tell us about the country that their family came from that would be Great, send it to me or join in our Zoom meeting to share.

Marco and China, our Joeys and Cubs saw you eating with Chopsticks last Camp and would like to know how you do it, would it be possible to show us at Camp this year??

We are also working on the following - Bushcraft, Bush Walking and Camping Level One.

Sam has been very busy and achieved the following Badges: Our Heritage Their Service; Special Interest Badge - Environment, observing a caterpillar through to a butterfly cycle then drawing the full cycle of these amazing creatures; and Adventure and Sport - for water activities and others at Roonka, Well Done and Congratulations Sam.

Grace has also been busy and achieved the following Badges: Our Heritage Their Service; Walkabout One; Milestone One; and Outdoor Adventure Skills - Cycling one, Well Done Grace, Congratulations





Teagan

Our Heritage Their Service

Looking forward to awarding more Badges to our Joeys as they achieve them through this term.

Joey Sam, Cub Tom, Venturer Alec, Mum Jilly and Malu all went to Roonka Camp this year, it was great, loads of activities to do and people to meet. Even met *Charlie* one of our past



Joeys and his Grandpa. Charlie is now a Cub in Adelaide. So great to be able to see them. **Alec** worked so hard all weekend doing anything he was asked to do, Lones should be very proud of him. Well Done Alec.

Tom really enjoyed the Archery and the Flying Fox across the Lagoon, he did such a fantastic job. *Sam* was excellent at Archery and so enjoyed the Water Slide into the River Murray.

Mum Jilly did a great workout checking out everything and being a great supervisor.

Hope to see more at this camp in 2023.

Thank you for the team that did such a great job organising the camp, its one extraordinary outstanding achievement.

For now I will sign off and get on with sorting

badges that have just come by post and get them to the Joeys who have achieved them.

Malu Sue

Keep on hopping and smiling Joeys,













Top: Liam with Malu

Middle: Adam putting dates on milk tops & with day old calves

Bottom: **Sarah** biking on the Reisling Trail

CARRY on CUBBING

Hi Everybody,

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During term 1 2022 the following badges were awarded:

- Adam Stage 1 Aquatics & ANZAC Day 2022 camp blanket badge
- *Erin* Stage 1 Aquatics, Clean Up Australia Day & ANZAC Day 2022 camp blanket badge
- Harrison Stage 1 Aquatics & ANZAC Day 2022 camp blanket badge
- Leah Stage 1 Aquatics, Stage 1, 2 and 3 Camping, Stage 1, 2 and 3 Bushcraft, Stage 1, 2 and 3 Bushwalking, Milestone 3 (Lead), & ANZAC Day 2022 camp blanket badge
- Sarah ANZAC Day 2022 camp blanket badge
- **Thomas** Stage 1 Aquatics, Clean Up Australia Day & ANZAC Day 2022 camp blanket badge



CONGRATULATIONS to Leah

on all her hard work to complete her Grey Wolf ©



We are working on a date for the presentation of her award.

Special thanks to

Harrison, Ariel, Tyson, Tanya and Peter

for participating in Leah's Grey Wolf Hike along the Riesling Trail between Clare and Sevenhill.

We started our Term 2 program with an online ANZAC Day Service. Our plans for the rest of Term 2 2022 are: Games Night, Gardening Night, Combined Night with Scouts and Cooking Night.

We also look forward to getting to know the Cubs joining us from Renmark Scout Group.

We have farewelled *Leah* from our Cub Scout Section and we wish her well as she continues her scouting journey.

Till next time,





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Clean up Australia Day:



Toby's drawing of cleaning up the seas





Max's drawing of Clean-up Australia Day



Sam & Tom doing their bit on Clean-up Australia Day

Vanessa cleaning up at Hutt Bay



SCOUTING AROUND

G'day Everyone,



SCOUT NEWS

We currently have 9 Scouts. This included two re-joining us, one linking up from Lone Cubs and one linking up from Mt Gambier Cubs. We also have 3 Renmark Scouts (hello to *Caleigh*, *Kayleigh* and *Summer*) who joined us at the start of Term 2 while their Scout Group finds a new Scout Leader.

Welcome to new Scouts – *Leah Jaeger* (from Lone Cubs) and *Joshua Keen* (from Mt Gambier Cubs). We hope you enjoy Lone Scouts and become active participants.

We bid farewell to *Angela Jaeger* who has linked to Lone Venturers. Thanks for being a part of the Lone Scouts and we wish you the very best for your Venturing endeavours.

AWARD SCHEME

Tyson Gibson is enthusiastically working towards his Australian Scout Medallion and is preparing for his Adventurous Journey, which is a 3-day and 2-night self-sufficient bushwalk in a team with at least three other Scouts and/or Venturers. I hear he is running amok playing hockey on weekends!

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Since the last edition of the Lone Trail, our weekly Tuesday night activities have included:

(1) Founder's Day celebrating our Founder's birthday with each Scout making a presentation of Scouting from different countries;

- (2) an indoor scavenger hunt;
- (3) Learning some knots and building a flag pole;

(4) a debate night where 2 teams debated "Computers to replace teachers", where there were some very interesting arguments from both opposing teams;

(5) a combined activity with Lone Venturers to commemorate ANZAC Day with a war veteran as a guest speaker, who had interesting yarns of his time serving in the Australian Army; and

(6) a trivia/games night.

Through an initiative by *Skye-Bianca Hughes*, our enthusiastic Assistant Scout Leader, Scouts in Term 2 have started working on the Earth Tribe Program which is part of many environmental programs developed by the World Scouts organisation. There are three challenges, with the first being the importance of water and Scouts made a water filtration device.

EASTER VENTURE

This is a SA annual 4-day hiking competition for Venturers held every Easter, with older Scouts encouraged to enter in the Daypack section, where participants hike during the day with day-packs while their main luggage gets transported between nightly campgrounds.

This year's Easter Venture was held at the Mt Crawford State Forest from Friday 15th to Monday 19th April 2022. It starts with registration on Good Friday at 7:30 am. Imagine the dedication of Scouts getting up so early on a public holiday and head off to 4 days of hiking!

This year, we had *Tyson Gibson* (Lone Scout) and *Colby Ind* (Mt Gambier Scout) join the Lone Venturers Day-Pack Team, called the "*Jumanji*" Team as the competition theme was "Welcome to the Jungle". By all accounts, the Jumanji Team did very well to work together. Well done!

ANZAC DAY

We had a number of Scouts who attended ANZAC Day activities – *Elyse Fechner, Joshua Keen, Matthew Keen, Tyson Gibson.* Thanks to you all and anyone else I have may forgotten to mention. Participating in ANZAC activities continue to be part of our Scouting program to commemorate and remember those who served and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

ANZAC DAY 2022



Alex & Sam





Erin & Teegan



Matthew, Joshua & Vanessa



Tyson

COHEN CUP

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In the Rookies section, we had *Aurelius Purnell-Webb* (Lone Scout) and *Addy Piltz* (Barmera Scout) who combined with 4 Cubs from Goolwa Sea Scout Group in their "*The GSS Mystery*" team.

Lone Scout *Joshua Keen* was meant to join them but had to pull out at the last minute after being tested positive to Covid.

The Rookies Team did very well to be presented with four awards – Silver, Best Innovative Flag, Best Camp Gadgets and second place in Campers Choice. **WELL DONE!**

In the Advanced section, we were to have *Matthew Keen* join a team from *Trailblazer Venturers*, but Matthew pulled out after testing positive to Covid.

Thanks to *Skye-Bianca Hughes* for volunteering on the weekend and keeping an eye or two or three on the Rookies, and to the *Piltz Family* for supplying additional camping gear for the Rookie team – must have been cramped in the car!



UPCOMING MAJOR ACTIVITIES

SCOUT PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT / LEADERSHIP COURSE - All Scouts are encouraged to attend this course. Those who wish to achieve the highest Scout award being the "Australian Scout Medallion" – note that this course is compulsory. The remaining scheduled courses this year are:

(1) 3-5 June at Whyalla;

(2) 29 - 31 July at Woodhouse;

(3) 23 – 25 Sep at Douglas Scrub (this is a combined Cub/Scout/Venturer course and is run by China Mug);

(4) 21 - 23 October at Woodhouse.

BRANCH HIKE – This is an annual Scout hiking competition from Saturday 3rd to Sunday 4th September 2022. Details will be forthcoming shortly.

LONES CAMP - Very preliminary preparations and planning have commenced for our Group's Annual Lones Camp at Woodhouse from Friday 30th September to Monday 3rd October 2022. It again promises to be a fun and challenged filled weekend with a snorkelling activity already booked.

China Mug & Skye-Bianca Acting SL ASL





Top left: **Grace** learning to read a map Top right: **Sam** at Roonka Bottom left: **Harrison** & **Leah** on Leah's Grey Wolf Hike Bottom right: **Harrison**





Southern Griffins Venturers

VENTURER VIBRATIONS



Hi Everyone,

VENTURER NEWS

We currently have 20 Venturers.

Welcome to new Venturers – *Jeremiah Bethell* and *Angela Jaeger*. We look forward to your active participation with Lone Venturing.

We bid farewell to *Kiran De Poerck*, *Ethan Martin* and *Alex Strother*. Thanks for attending Lones when you can. Been good to have known all of you. Know that you are always welcomed to come back anytime you like, including attending major activities like the Lones Camp.

BP once said: "Once a Scout, Always a Scout".

AWARD SCHEME

Benjamin Forg, *David Forg* and *Jack McKenzie* are all working hard to complete their requirements to have a shot at achieving the Queen's Scout Award, the highest youth award in Australian Scouting. This same award is reflected in many Commonwealth countries.

All three are planning their Adventurous Journey, which is a 4-day and 3-night self-sufficient bushwalk in a team with a minimum of four.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Lone Venturers have continued to be a busy and active bunch. Since our last Lone Trail report, our activity nights have included:

(1) Founder's Day celebrating our Founder's birthday with each Venturer making a presentation of Scouting from different countries and a discussion on the future of Scouting;

- (2) an interactive First Aid Night with an Ambulance Paramedic as a guest speaker;
- (3) Planning and preparing for Easter Venture;

(4) a combined activity with Lone Scouts to commemorate ANZAC Day with a war veteran as a guest speaker, who had some interesting yarns of his time serving in the Australian Army;

- (5) a History Night where each Venturer made a presentation of the history of their local areas; and
- (6) a 5-minute challenges night, with many interesting and lateral thinking results.

EASTER VENTURE

This is a SA annual 4-day hiking competition for Venturers held every Easter.

There are two sections – Day-Pack Teams where Venturers hike during the day with day-packs while their main luggage gets transported between nightly campgrounds, and Full-Pack Teams where Venturers hike everywhere with their backpacks.

This year's Easter Venture was held at the Mt Crawford State Forest from Friday 15th to Monday 19th April 2022. It started with registration on Good Friday at 7:30 am. Imagine the dedication of Venturers getting up so early on a public holiday and head off to 4 days of hiking!

Thanks to Blackwood Park Scout Group for letting us use their Scout Hall as an overnight stay the night before EV started. We had 4 Venturers who stayed overnight. The pizza dinner at the local Montagna Café was awesome.

This year, we fielded a Lones Day-Pack Team, called the "*Jumanji*" Team as the competition theme was "Welcome to the Jungle". The team consisted of *Brodie Gaskin* (Team Leader), *Jayden Howe*, *Ashley Miles*, *Anise Piltz*, *Benjamin Faehrmann* with *Tyson Gibson* (Lone Scout) and *Colby Ind* (Mt Gambier Scout). On Sunday, both *Brodie* and *Jayden* had to pull out due to injuries. Although they were not significant injuries, it would have affected their ability to continue with the event. The rest of the Team did admirably.

And by all accounts and from Leader and Rover observers, the whole team did very well working together. **BRAVO!**

We also fielded a Lones Full-Pack Team called "*Panda Poachers*". The team consisted of *Benjamin Forg, David Forg, Jack McKenzie, Lachlan Stokes* (all Lone Venturers) plus *Brayden Sykes* and *Connor Thomson* from 4th Launceston Venturer Unit in Tasmania and *Ayden Mesecke* from Hallett Cove Venturer Unit.

Both Lones teams combined their resources to win the annual Duck Challenge on the Saturday night, acquiring 64 plastic ducks hidden in the bush at night. It was a sight to see Venturers in a mad scramble in the dark hunting for plastic toy ducks! Totally quackers!

At the presentation ceremony on Monday morning, the *Lones Day-Pack Jumanji Team* was awarded a Silver certificate.

The *Lones Full-Pack Panda Poachers Team* won: (1) the Graham Shield Perpetual Trophy, which is awarded to the overall best team, with the highest score from all activities; and (2) the Hike Trophy for the top full pack team reaching the most checkpoints.

Lone Venturers have now won these two trophies back-to-back, after winning them last year. With the exception of *Ayden*, the rest of the team were the same team members as last year's winning team. **CONGRATS!**

As Leaders, *Wolf, Koala* and *I* are both humbled and proud of how our two Lones Teams have demonstrated the Scouting ideals and spirit at Easter Venture, and positively marked the LONES presence in Scouts SA.

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In the Advanced section, we had *Anise Piltz* who joined the *Trailblazer Venturer Unit* from the 1st Salisbury Scout Group. Lone Scout *Matthew Keen* was meant to join them but had to pull out at the last minute after being tested positive to Covid.

The Team did very well to be presented with two awards. WELL DONE!



Jumanji and Panda Poachers Team Members at the end of EV



Top left: Leah's Grey Wolf Hike

Middle: **Panda Poaches** (left) and **Jumanji** (right) planning their hike routes for the next day

Bottom: Jumanji & Panda Poaches with their haul of Ducks.







ANZAC DAY

We had a number of Venturers who attended ANZAC Day activities – *David Forg, Vanessa Keen, Holly Gaskell, Brodie Gaskin* and *Belinda Jaeger*. Thanks to you all and anyone else I have may forgotten to mention.

As a Leader, I have always encouraged Venturers to take part in the ANZAC Day services in their local communities or where they might be, be it the Dawn Service or the Main March and Service, or both, and if there's an overnight youth vigil as well.

As an Australian and being the "me", I have always believed in my patriotism to this country. As a result, I have always attended ANZAC Day Services and installing this into both my children. It's not about supporting wars or being pro-war.

It's about commemorating the events that shaped our country and to remember those who served or paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend our country and to honour and continue the ANZAC spirit amongst ourselves. Although the ANZAC spirit was born out of war, the ANZAC spirit ideals of endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour and mateship has come to define us as Aussies.

This set of ideals have been proven in how we have come together as neighbours, friends, Scouts/Guides, mates and communities in battling and surviving bushfires, flooding and Covid.

UNIT COUNCIL

A Unit Council is a group of Venturers elected by the Venturer Unit members to manage the running (*or walking*) of the Unit. Functions of a Unit Council include planning and operating a balanced and fun program, managing unit membership and recruitment activities, ensuring unit communications, assisting with the standard of award schemes and award scheme progress, and mentoring and be role models for younger Venturers.

The tenure of our current Unit Council consisting of *David Forg* (Chairperson), *Benjamin Forg* (Secretary) and Council members *Jack McKenzie*, *Jayden Howe* and *Lachlan Stokes*, is due to expire shortly. We are hoping to have a new Unit Council appointed within Term 2. A major but wonderful challenge for the new Unit Council is planning for a Road Adventure Trip for later this year or early next year. So where are we going??? Can we do this by astral projection?

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RIVERLAND CAMP – Both *Anise Piltz* and *Lachlan Stokes* are working together to plan, organise and run a Riverland District camp for all Riverland Groups for all sections. This will be on a yet-to-be-chosen weekend in Term 3 and will be based at the Barmera Scout Hall.

2022 SNOW VENTURE - This year's Venturer Snow Trip to the Bogong High Plains in Victoria in July has already got two Lone Venturers signed up – *Lachlan Stokes* and *Erinne Haitana*. From previous Snow Ventures, we know you will have an awesome snow time. Looking forward to you bringing back some snow for us!

2023 NEW ZEALAND VENTURE - This Kiwi Venture has been very well attended by Aussie Venturers with previous events, especially when they have activities that we don't do in Australia. Congrats to *Vanessa Keen* who has signed up. Remember to watch out for snakes over there!

2023 NATIONAL ROVER MOOT – Every three years, there is the National Rover Moot, and the next one is in Tasmania from 31^{st} Dec 2022 to 8^{th} Jan 2023.

This is an awesome event and any Lone Venturers who turned 18 this year is strongly encouraged to link to Rovers and head to the Apple Isle Moot with Lone Rovers, based at a Scout Camp in North-west Tassie. Check out the info at <u>https://www.appleislemoot.com.au/</u>

ERROR IN THE LAST LONE TRAIL

In the last Lone Trail, we reported on Venturers who were presented with their Australian Scout Medallions at the annual Youth Awards held at Woodhouse on Sunday 5th December 2021.

They were Belinda Jaeger, Anise Piltz, Jayden Howe, Samuel Wakefield.

WE FORGOT TO ADD **BRODIE GASKIN**!

Sorry mate. At least there was a photo in the last Lone Trail with his ASM.





Lone Venturers during EV



Top: **Jumanji** Team logging in at EV

Middle: Panda Poaches logging in at EV

Bottom left: Cohen Cup **Aurelius** writing up the menu

Bottom right: Cohen Cup the **Advanced Team's** Gateway









ROVER RAMBLINGs

...with the Crew!

Hi Everyone

What with studies and work, the Crew have all been very busy, but we hope to get together for some more Rovering soon.

YIS,

Sarah W & the Lone Rovers

From the archives:



Above: SA Lone Venturers, June long weekend 2001 Hallett – Millennium Hike

Below: SA Lone Rovers, Easter 2004 - Nyroca EP





Above: September 2012 Lones Camp Lone Scouts & Ventures at Seahaven

-19-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 2022 Lone Trails: Aug 14 & Nov 13

2022	Term 2: 02	May – 08July	r; Term 3: 02May – 08July; Term 4: 17Oct – 16Dec
Jun	e	20	World Refugee Day
July	,	09 – 24	School Holidays
		30	UN International Day of Friendship
Aug	gust	01 – 07	National Landcare Week
		09	UN International Day of the World's Indigenous People
		12	UN International Youth Day
Sep	tember	01	Wattle Day
		02	Legacy Badge Day
		04	Father's Day
		08	R U OK? Day

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