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## SA LONES

### WE'RE STILL SCOUTING 110 YEARS ON!



## GROUP LEADER



Greetings Everyone,

Wow, yet again it has been a very busy year for SA Lone Scouts!! As a Leader, every time we sit down to do write our bit for the Lone Trail, it is a good time for us to reflect on what everyone has been doing recently. One thing is for sure – SA Lone Scouts certainly have not been idle by any stretch of the imagination. We have seen many of our members participate in a large array of activities, all over the place and it is great that there are many photos in our Lone Trail's to record this for future generations.



A huge welcome to **Raksha Karen**, our new Assistant Cub Scout Leader for Lone Scouts. Karen has joined us from Renmark and is no stranger to Lones, as her daughter was in Lone Venturers. Thank You to everyone for making Raksha welcome at Camp and I look forward to learning more about her Scouting experiences over time.

In my view Annual Camp was a success and everyone seemed to have a great time with the array of activities. *A huge Thank You to all the Leaders, Parents, Family Members, Cooks, and You for all coming together and working as one for the weekend.* We were able to make the most of the resources and activities being offered at Woodhouse and the weather was certainly on our side - I do not think I saw anyone idle for too long and it was great to catch up.

The Target Sports on Saturday was a huge hit (bad joke right there) and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, with the array of activities that were offered by them. I have also been asked by the Target Sport Team to pass on their Thanks and Gratitude for how well you all listened, participated, treated the equipment with respect and were so polite. Be proud of yourself when people notice this and compliment you.

Thank You to **Skye-Bianca**, our Scout Leader, for arranging this and dealing with the paperwork. A big **BRAVO** to you all.

The other on-site activities all seemed to go well and we were able to make things work around circumstances that were beyond our control.

While not everything worked out as planned and some things ran later than expected, please rest assured that we have learnt from this and will refer to our experiences when we look at doing the activities again. We also use your comments and suggestions to work on ideas for future camps and activities. Please feel free to send me any ideas or suggestions.

Thank You to everyone for being on time for meals and activities, as it makes things run a lot smoother. This year, the Rovers were not with us due to other activities, so a big Thank You to the Scouts and Venturers for helping where necessary and running activities for the Joeys and Cubs.

Thank You to those who also helped cover me while I was busy sorting out family issues and my father taking ill in the two days leading into Annual Camp. He is a lot better now - back asking for his banana and coffee.

Thank You also to **Bagheera Lee-Anne** for all the extra running about and sorting out problems while I was away with work and for doing the Closing Ceremony etc.

Thank You to **China** for staying back and sorting out the stuff in the Lones Hut after everyone had set off. Thank You to the **Woodhouse Volunteers** as well for helping to move activity stuff about for us and making sure we had a good supply of firewood at the Lones Hut. They also appreciated being invited to our dinner and campfire.

Not wanting to take a break, some of our Scouts and Venturers decided to then head off for a road trip to the Southern Flinders Ranges post Annual Camp and by all accounts everyone had a great time. A huge Thank You to [Lone Venturer Brodie](#) for organising some funding for this through the Leadership Through Adventure Funding that is run by Scouts Australia - as it helped to offset some of the activity costs and fuel. It takes a lot to arrange funding and I look forward to hearing from Brodie about how he found this experience. *[Read about Brodie's Unit Road Trip on pages 15-18]*  
Thank You to all the Leaders who helped with this activity and provided guidance where necessary.

Some of our younger members and their families also took an opportunity to participate in a Branch-run camp at our Roonka Campsite, near Blanchetown soon after Annual Camp and by all accounts everyone had a great time.

I always look forward to seeing the photos and reading about what you did on activities like this, throughout the rest of this edition. I also understand that we have Lone Venturers attending the Venture24 activity that is being held in Victoria in January and again, I look forward to hearing about this experience (hint, hint Tyson).

Congratulations to several of our Youth Members, Leaders and Family Members 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.

As per my previous Lone Trail reports at this time of the year, I will take the opportunity to THANK all the Leaders (and families/friends) for their tireless work/support and I know at times it has been trying but I am sure 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.**

Finally, a huge THANK YOU to all the Parents / Carers / Family / Friends of Lone Scouts Members for the huge amount of support you provide; from the driving to/from camps, extra items in the shopping for activities, emails, first aid victims etc. and support in general. THANK YOU.

Have an enjoyable Christmas and a safe New Year.

Andre



*Andre*



*Woodhouse Volunteers  
Timon, James & Tom*

## An Important Note re Parents/Carers attending other Scout Group, District or Branch run activities.

As camping and activity opportunities for Youth Members are sometimes directly sent to Lones Members from SA Branch, there may be additional requirements for any Parents or Carers attending.

This is due to an increased focus on the Duty of Care that is required when adults are accompanying children to larger, multiple-Group activities and many people being there. An example of this was the recent Roonka Camp that our Lones Members attended.

There may be a requirement for parents or carers to register with Scouts Australia – SA Branch as an Adult Helper and this includes the completion of a National Police Certificate (NPC), a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and some online training modules.

***These requirements also apply to Venturers who turn 18 during their final school year and Rovers who have recently joined.***

Please take these additional requirements into consideration when looking at attending these larger camps or activities and plan to register early so that any requirements can be met. Delays can occur throughout the whole process (chasing signatures, email failure, people busy outside of Scouting, etc.) and while Scout Headquarters are very helpful to overcome these issues, there could be a situation where time does simply run out.

It should also be noted that any requirements for the limitation of taking of photographs or videos of Youth Members and their parent/carer, cannot be guaranteed at these larger events.

While the organisers know about these requirements from your application, too many people have a phone in their hand too often and may not be aware of any limitations.

SA Lones places a very high importance on the Duty of Care towards both our Youth Member and Adults, along with families and the wider community.

All our Leaders maintain the necessary training, hold current NPC and WWCC documentation and are Mandated Reporters, as required by SA Law.

There are times when we draw upon those from our extended Lone Scout Family and each situation is managed on a case-by-case basis. This will include always having a Leader present while someone, from outside of Scouting, is helping to run a specific activity. It is also why we will not have people remain on-site for any longer than necessary when we are camping etc.

Please feel free to reach out to Andre (GL – SA Lones), or Chris (DC – SA Lones) if you wish to discuss further.



## **JUNE SIDAWAY (PATERSON)**

**JUNE 1933 – OCTOBER 2023**

Lones History

'Mum' VSL, 10/1985 – 12/1990

'Mum' RA, 1986

'Akela' CSL, 1/1991 – 1/1993

'Baloo' District Leader Admin, 1/1993 – 5/1994

'Mum' District Leader Development, 11/1994 – 1/1996

Editor Lone Trail, Vol 9, 3/1993 – 6/1994



***Always smiling***

***Sarah McInness (Smith) with June at her 90<sup>th</sup> in June***

## ASSISTANT GROUP LEADER



Hi everyone,

What a complete turn around with the weather that we are having this year! You can tell that I married a farmer as I start off my report about the weather but our harvest, together with this year's Annual Camp, has just had the perfect weather, plenty of sunshine, not too many hot days and not too many wet ones either.

I hope that you have all been keeping fit, happy and healthy!

### ANNUAL CAMP 2023

I hope that you all enjoyed this year's Annual Camp! It was great to see all Units working together well and enjoying camping together, along with participating in other activities together. We are one of the few Scout Groups that can do this, especially with all Units and it's great to see that we make the most of this, when we can. I did miss one Unit though, but the Lone Rovers also have events to attend and sometimes they clash. Maybe next year...

I have yet to send out a survey to all to find out what you liked or did not like at camp. Start making a list, along with suggestions for next year's camp so that we can start planning.

I want to thank the Leaders and Helpers at this year's camp as well. They help bring your suggestions to camp and make them work, which is not as easy as it sounds, especially when their workload as Leaders is bigger than mainstream Leaders. Thank you to the Parents who took their time to help our Leaders. As always, we are forever grateful!

A BIG THANK YOU needs to go to our Cooks **Greg Hurrell**, **Darren Lodge** and **Tara Whitehead**, and Kitchen Helper **Ryan Speck** for the weekend.

Not only do they prepare, cook and wash dishes for those attending camp, but they also take into consideration people's dietary requirements, which is no easy task these days, especially when those attending sometimes forget to mention what they are allergic to. Not an easy task these days!

### COMMUNICATOR AWARD

Has anyone come up with a new design for this award yet as I have yet to receive anything. *Don't be shy!* I would really love your input for this award as it's YOUR award!

### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024!

I am so thankful for the people that are in or a part of Lone Scouts in some way. Your contributions never go unnoticed, and your efforts are truly and dearly appreciated. Lone Scouts is not just a Scout Group but more a Scout Bridge to help those who come to an abrupt halt due to Group closures or changes in our lives. I consider it a privilege to be a part of this Group and look forward to continuing to do this in 2024.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Have a safe and fun break!

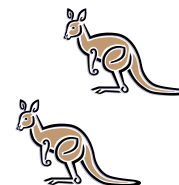
Stay safe & take care,



*Bagheera*  
*"Esme"*

*Lee-Anne Whitehead*





Hello Joeys,

It was great to see who those could make it to Annual Camp this year. I had fun, and so did those who attended, as they have told me on the Zoom meetings since. Some liked the tube slide others liked Challenge Hill. Some were a bit scared of the noises they heard when sleeping in their tents, but said it was good once they knew it was Koalas. One Joey liked the Jelly and Chocolate pudding, yes together.

We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to the **Venturers** for spending so much of their time with us to show us how put up tents and cook our tea in the Camp fire. A big thank you for taking us on Challenge Hill too. You are the best Venturers, our Leaders told us that, we already knew of course.

Most of us achieved our level 1 or close to it in Bushwalking, Campcraft and Camping. Congratulations to you all on your achievements at Camp.

Thank you to **Koala** and **Scorpion** for helping out with things all weekend, we had a great time. Thanks to **Meg**, **Koala** and **Scorpion** for putting so much time into you teaching us our knots, it was brilliant all that you did.

Now it is time to concentrate on our Milestones as all of us are trying to achieve our Peak Award. Good luck everyone.

Two weekends ago I went to Roonka up near Blanchetown, as there was a water activity camp for Joeys and Cubs there. Who did I meet up with, **Sarah** and her Dad, **Sabaai** and his Grandma, **Kai** and his Dad and **Jessie** and her Dad (he is an ex Lone Scout Leader). What a surprise. There was Target Sport activities, Kayaking, Water slides into the River Murray and a flying fox across the Lagoon plus craft activities. Sarah Liked the Slide best, Sabaai liked the Slide and he had a good time on the flying fox too. It was a fun weekend and everyone appeared to be very tired when they left. Thank you to the Team who did so much to organise the whole weekend; Leanne Worthy and all her dedicated teams and the Scouts and Venturers who volunteered their time to help out. It was cool going to a Branch event with so many others.

This term we have been on Zoom each fortnight, so far we have reviewed camp one week. The next we did Remembrance Day and Activities to show our respect to our forces. Now the Christmas Pageant has been in Adelaide and only a few weeks till Christmas, we had better think about Christmas activities, Do you think that might be a good idea?

Lone Joeys are an amazing team, always on Zoom, doing their best, and achieving in Life.

**Sabaai** went to the Remembrance Service in Meningie in Uniform and afterwards he interviewed a return Soldier. Well Done Sabaai. He is learning how to Sail each weekend and his instructor is an Ex Lone Scout, Tim Wright along with his Dad. Sabaai is going to take his Record Book to sailing to get Tim to sign off as he can do things correctly. This young Cub had to leave Zoom last week to check his fishing lines to see if he had caught a Brim!

**Toby** is on Zoom each week and he supported his brother with his challenge of walking 42km and raising money for the RFDS. Toby has recommenced Little Athletics this year. He went to a Remembrance Day service in Peterborough; Well Done Toby.

**Grace** has been busy with Recorder practice and performing. She has also made a generation Dolls bed by recycling a wardrobe to get the wood to make it. She drew a plan and used her own tools to put it together. Then she learnt how to use dress making scissors to cut material to size and pin and tack it and sew on the machine the dolls bed mattress and pillow. She liked the Machine sewing so much the next morning made a skirt to wear home. Great achievement Grace.

**Lily** has been on Zoom each session and been very chatty and eager to do everything. I know she has the opportunity to go to a Scout Group often so awaiting for her Dad and Lily to talk about what she has been doing there. Well done Lily for participating so well on Zoom.

**Liam** has been busy with his tennis and Dance, so can't be on Zoom, but he is a busy young Joey and hopefully will be in contact soon so we can fill out his Record Book and get his badges to put on his uniform.

What amazing young Joeys we have in Lones.

Wishing you ALL a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year,  
Keep on hopping and smiling Joeys,



**Malu Sue**



*Joeys & Cubs enjoying Annual Lones Camp 2023*



## CARRY on CUBBING



Hi Everybody,

### 2023 Annual Camp Report

The 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the October school holidays we all headed to Woodhouse for our 2023 Annual Camp. **Adam, Erin, Max, Sam, Sarah, Teagan** and **Kai** (from Camden Park Cubs) joined the Joey's for the fun filled program.

Below are a few questions we asked the Cubs and their answers about Annual Camp:



#### *What did you enjoy the most?*

- The archery and tube slide
- Doing the glow stick thing where we ran around & picked them up
- Tying knots, mostly tying them into a big loop
- Walk with Sarah
- Having fun with my friends
- Challenge Hill
- Everything

#### *What did you enjoy the least?*

- Me falling into the creek
- Some of the food
- Lack of sleep 😊
- Leaving
- Putting up tents
- Sleeping in a tent in a thunderstorm
- Desert was too sweet



#### *What would you like to do again?*

- Tube slide and archery
- The water part where we fell in the water
- Tube sliding, knots and challenge hill
- A walk
- Having campfire with banana splits and Archery
- Challenge Hill
- Doing activities with the Venturers

#### *What would you not like to do again?*

- Move room due to other kids
- The big trail
- Staying up late, getting a migraine.....and having to go home
- Nothing
- Putting up tents
- Walking across the Venturers bridge



#### *What would you like to do next year?*

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|---------------------------|---|
| Sleep with the other boys | Bike riding around Woodhouse                    |
| Rock climbing             | The Labyrinth                                   |
| Something crafty          | Build a long race track for remote control cars |
| Bike riding               | Build a raft and race it.                       |



At Annual Camp or during this term we awarded the following badges:

- Adam** Communicator Award 2023, Bushcraft Stage 1, Bushwalking Stage 1, Camping Stage 1, Cycling Stage 1, Aquatics Stage 1
- Erin** Communicator Award 2023, Cycling Stage 2
- Max** Communicator Award 2023
- Sam** Communicator Award 2023, Cycling Stage 1, Paddling Stage 1, Aquatics Stage 2
- Sarah** Communicator Award 2023, Bushcraft Stage 2, Bushwalking Stage 2, Camping Stage 2, Cycling Stage 2, SIA - Art and Literature, Milestone 2
- Teagan** Communicator Award 2023, Aquatics Stage 2
- Valarie** Communicator Award 2023

We have farewelled **Erin** from our Cub Scout Unit and we wish her well as she continues her Scouting journey.



### Upcoming Events

Wednesday 6th December - On-line Cub Meeting at 7.00pm [[Special Interest Area badges, Outdoor Adventure Skills and Game {Raksha's choice}](#)]

Wednesday 20th December - Joeys - Cubs Christmas On-line Meeting @ 7pm [[More into to come](#)]

Wednesday 7th February 2024 - On-line Cub Meeting at 7.00pm

Wednesday 21st February 2024 - On-line Cub Meeting at 7.00pm

Wishing everyone a fabulous Christmas and an even better 2024 ☺



Cheers,  
**Andu Alison & Raksha Karen**



Sarah's Scouts Own - Annual Lones Camp 2023

Scouts Own

prayer:



Four Seasons Prayer

Sarah

Dear Lord, We thank you for the summer, for clear blue skies and sunny sandy beaches. We admire the lizards basking in the sun, and the coolness of an afternoon sea breeze. We are grateful for holidays with family and friends, for swimming and relaxing in the shade of leafy trees. We love warm star-lit nights and we are in awe of the mighty power of thunder and lightning.

Tegs

Dear Lord, We thank you for the autumn, where cloudy windy days warn us of the coming cold. We marvel that some of the trees seem to die, that some animals hide away, and birds start long journeys north. We are grateful for the rain that autumn brings, which renews the earth and fills the dams and gives life.

Erin

Dear Lord, We thank you for the winter, for the glory of snow-capped mountains and the friendly warmth of an open fire. We are grateful for the sound of downpours on the roof and the sound of roaring waterfalls. We admire the beauty of crystal icicles and frozen ponds, and the new shoots of green on barren trees.

Max

Dear Lord, We thank you for the spring, for the new growth and life it brings. We love the diversity of wildflowers, the new-born lambs and joeys, and the smell of freshly mown lawns. We are grateful for the sunlight through the mist on chilly mornings that herald magical crystal-clear days. We marvel at all the changes that take place on this remarkable planet, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Helen Chick: For Moonee Valley District Walter Murphy Hike 2002

Song:

By Erin singing  
I've been around the world  
A couple of time or maybe more I've seen the sights  
I've had delights on every foreign shore  
But when my mates ask me the place  
That I adore I tell them right away.

Reflection:

Things I like about being in the bush

Sarah

A good thing about the bush is that it is peaceful.

Grace

I feel really happy when I am in the bush.

Erin

The nice thing about camping and hiking is being with my friends in a group.

Sarah

The bush is like my second home.

Tegs

I enjoy the songs, jokes, and campfires.

Max

The bush brings opportunities to challenge me —navigating, walking, and dealing with the rain and cold.

Tegs

I really enjoy the beauty of the landscape.

Prayer

Prayer for Cub Scouts

Lord, in this evening hour I pray  
For strength to do my best each day.  
Draw near to me that I may see  
The kind of Cub Scout I should be.  
In serving others let me see  
That I am only serving Thee.  
Bless me, Lord, in Thy great love,  
That I may be a better Cub.

## SCOUTING AROUND



### G'day Everyone,

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is no Scout Report in this Lone Trail edition.

However, the Scouts are busy, had a great time at Annual Camp with the Venturers and assisted with helping the Cubs & Joeys in some of the camp activities. *Thanks Scouts.*

*Wishing everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.*



*Brock & Addy talked about their "venturers" towards achieving their ASMs at the Annual Camp Dinner*



*G'day Everyone,*



**QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARDS**

At the 2023 Branch Awards Ceremony on Sunday 24 September 2023 at the Prince Alfred College, four Lone Venturers,

***Benjamin Forg,***  
***David Forg,***  
***Jayden Howe*** and  
***Anise Piltz***

were presented with their Queen's Scout Award Certificates by our Scouts SA Patron, SA Governor, and the King Charles III's representative, Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC.

Lone Venturer ***Jack McKenzie*** also achieved his Queen's Scout Award but was unable to be present at the awards ceremony.

However, all five Venturers did gather at Rymill Park, some with their families, for a post-award gathering. It was great to be able to catch up.



As of November 2023, Brodie Gaskin has completed all the requirements for his Queen's Scout Award and his royal Queen's Scout Award Certificate will be presented at the 2024 Branch Awards.

Many may not know this, but the Queen's Scout Award is actually a title conferred by the monarch via a Royal Warrant. It means you are not awarded the Queen's Scout Award, rather you become one.

It is a title, much like when a person is knighted as a "Sir".

## RECENT MAJOR ACTIVITIES

### 2023 Annual Lones Camp

For Lone Venturers, the camp at the Woodhouse Scout Activity Campsite started on the evening of Friday 29 September and ended on Tuesday 03 October 2023, continuing with the Unit's past decision to end the camp one day longer than the rest of the Group.

Our Venturers enjoyed many activities, including camping (right!), planning and hosting Joeys and Cubs on Saturday night camping with Scouts and Venturers, target sports, trail signs, ice blocking, building a bridge across a creek, presentations at the annual Group Dinner, campfire, Challenge Hill, and chilling out on the last day!

We also went up to Mt Lofty summit to invest three new Venturers – **Addy Piltz**, **Brock Gaskin** and **Kaitlin Onsworth**. WELCOME to Lone Venturers!

### What did our Lones Venturers do with Joeys and Cubs at the Camp?

As part of the pre-planning for this year's just gone Annual Lones Camp, the Joey and Cub Leaders asked if Scouts and Venturers could host their Joeys and Cubs for an overnight camp in tents where Scouts and Venturers camp near the Lones Hut at Woodhouse.

Of course we said yes, and Venturers started planning soon after.

Scouts and Venturers (*represented by "we" below*) hosted Joeys and Cubs (*represented by "they" below*) from Saturday afternoon till Sunday morning with the following activities:

#### Saturday

- Afternoon Part 1 – In teams mixed up of Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers, each team had to somehow extract a T-shirt frozen in ice, unwrap the frozen T-shirt and have someone wear it. The best suggestion came from a Cub!
- Afternoon Part 2 – We set up a session on how to use rocks to show directions and then set up a course for them to follow. We also got a team to set a course for the other teams.
- Afternoon Part 3 – After showing them a video on how to make Armpit Fudge, we distributed the ingredients (icing sugar, butter, cream cheese, coca, and vanilla essence), we helped them make Armpit Fudge and they all enjoyed it.
- Afternoon Part 4 – We helped them put up tents.
- Afternoon Part 5 – We put up fairy lights so that Joeys and Cubs can find their way to the toilets at night.
- Dinner – Backwoodsman. This is cooking meat, vegies and sauces in double wrapped foil and let it get cooked in embers. I think everyone enjoyed their dinner. Some came back for seconds. Venturers started the fire and monitored the cooking in the embers.
- Night Wide Game – Hide and Seek Glowsticks. I gave Scouts and Venturers a whole stack of glowsticks to be hidden in the bush and for Joeys and Cubs to find. Scouts and Venturers did very well in planning, setting up the boundaries and having Venturers posted at boundaries as there was a creek along one boundary, and giving instructions and helping them throughout the game. Each Joey and Cub got given two glowsticks at the end of the game. The feedback from the Joey and Cub Leaders was very positive on how the Scouts and Venturers manage the game.

#### Sunday

- Brekkie – We cooked pancakes and one-eyed petes for brekkie.
- We then help them to take down their tents.



As a Venturer Leader, and recognizing the age group they are in, I always allow Venturers to have freedom in discussing, planning, organising, preparing, and managing their activities, and I would throw in some advice, guidance, mentoring and some Dad jokes.

The hosting for the Joeys and Cubs went really well due to our Venturers' enthusiasm, capability, thoughtfulness, consideration for others, "never a problem" attitude and working as a team.

I am really proud of our Venturers, and I hope you as parents and guardians will be too.

### Unit Road Trip

Since Venturers started talking about a road trip back in November 2022, there has been many planning meetings. We had originally planned to do land yachting at Lake Ellen, next to Lake Eyre, but this fell through due to lack of availability of the Scouts SA Land Yacht team, and we then changed this to a Road Trip from the end of this year's Lone Camp.

As the Lones Venturer Leader, I would like to acknowledge the hard work that Lone Venturer **Brodie Gaskin** had done, and I have been really impressed with the level of planning and the detail of his documents for the road trip. His report is here somewhere in Lone Trail. CONGRATS to **Brodie** for a highly successful road trip.

## UPCOMING MAJOR ACTIVITIES

### Venture24

Venture24 is the next big Venturer Scout event, hosted and organised by Scouts Victoria. It seeks to bring Venturer Scouts together for an unforgettable once in a lifetime experience, starting with expeditions all around Australia and the Pacific Region, and with five post-expedition days of thrill seeking and adventure at the Core Camp at Lardner Park, Victoria. The adventure starts 31 December 2023 and ends 13 January 2024.

Lone Venturers **Addy Piltz**, **Anise Piltz**, **Brock Gaskin**, **Tyson Gibson** and **Colby Ind** have signed up.



### BOOTED OUT

At the end of this year, we bid farewell to the following Venturers who have aged out of Venturers. Thanks for your time and participation in Lone Venturers; and, maybe you might wanna try Lone Rovers. We wish you the best for your future endeavours and take care!

**Brodie Gaskin**, **Jayden Howe**, **Lachlan Stokes**, **Ashley Miles**, **Benjamin Faehrmann**, **Vanessa Keen** and **Holly Gaskell**.

### 2023 ALREADY OVER ???

Lone Venturers would like to wish all the other Leaders and Sections a wonderful festive season and may you all enjoy summer and come back refreshed and ready to rock and roll in 2024!



**PITCH YOUR TENT ON HIGH GROUND**

### 4<sup>th</sup> Law of Scout Camping

A single rock located under a tent will also be found to relocate under the sleeping bag.

Stay safe and enjoy your December/January Break,

*China Mug*  
VL

## Lone Scouts Road Trip 2023 – Brodie Gaskin

The adventure started on Tuesday afternoon with a trip to the Stirling Woolworths supermarket to buy much needed supplies for the trip. After a good night's sleep, we packed up the tents and supplies into the vehicles and headed for Pt Germein for a lunch stop. As the day was getting on we departed Pt Germein and left the main highway to travel through the picturesque Germein George to meet up with the Horricks Highway and onto Melrose. We pulled into the Melrose caravan park at around 4pm and proceeded to the camp ground to set up home for the next 2 nights.

Once everything was set up and tea was had, we settled in around the campfire to share stories and adventures and plan the next day's activities...climbing the famous Mt. Remarkable. It was all agreed that a reasonably early night was required and once the fire died out, we all went off to bed. Thursday 7:00am saw us arise for a pancake breakfast, and after doing the usual morning rituals of brushing teeth, hair etc., we made our lunches and set off to the summit of Mt Remarkable.

Following the path to the summit we had glimpses of Melrose and the surrounding farmland, we had to traverse various rock slides along the trail and after 2 ½ hours we reached the summit...although we were rather disappointed as there was no view from the top due to the dense scrub all around. After lunch and a rest we then set on the descent back to camp where we arrived around 4pm.



Following a well-earned rest and afternoon tea we then had the task to prepare tea. Scorpion had visited the Boolaroo Centre butcher while we were hiking and brought some steak for the camp oven...turns out the butcher had also been a Scout at the same Scout Group as Scorpion just a couple of years earlier. After instructing everyone on how to cut the veg for the camp oven, we all pitched in and prepared tea. I must admit the end result was absolutely delicious and even my brother went back for thirds...although I don't think we needed the baked potatoes as well...but it must have been good as there was nothing left over.



Friday saw us break camp, but we didn't have far to go, stopping at the Melrose Museum for a bit of local history on what it was like in the early days and the hardships they endured. We then bid farewell to Melrose and a short drive later we arrived in Wilmington to visit the Wilmington toy museum...I had visited this museum previously but was keen to go back. After lunch out the front on the side of the road we entered the museum and to my surprise they have a new room full of model railway...I was in heaven...I could have spent all day there, but after being dragged out of there we then headed for Spear Creek Campground.





Being school holidays the caravan park & campground was very popular, but we were directed to a secluded area over a creek, behind some trees and next to a steep hill...we were well isolated from everyone else. We set up our tents, kitchen and dining area, then went exploring up the gorge a short way. We then returned for tea and as the sun set we climbed a short hill near camp to watch the sun dip over the horizon.

We were woken up very early on Saturday morning around 5am when the wind decided to pick up our kitchen & dining shelters and turn them upside down. We collapsed the shelters and went back to bed for a few more hours.

We then arose and after breakfast headed to Pt Augusta for a trip on the historic Pichi Ritschi Railway which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The train pulled out around 10:30 am for the journey through the Pichi Ritschi Pass and onto Quorn for a lunch stop.

With around 1 ½ hrs for lunch we had a picnic and then spent some time on the playground. The return journey was just as exciting [for me anyway] and we pulled in to Pt Augusta at around 4pm.

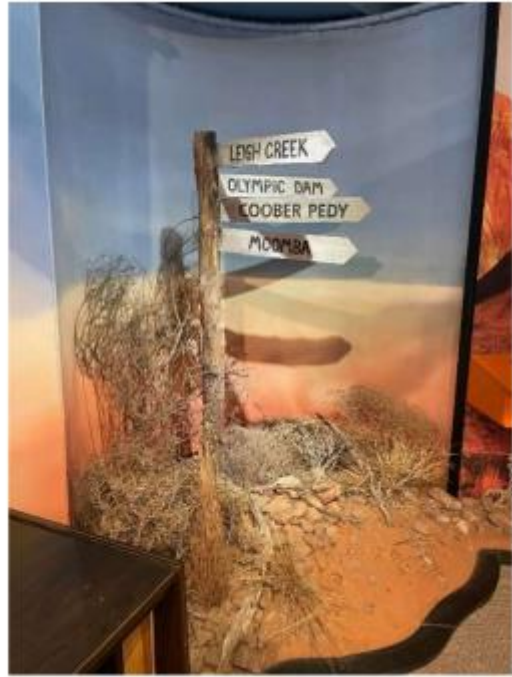
We then returned to Spear creek, where we were able to catch the last of the Bathurst top 10 shoot out. After tea we settled in around the campfire again for roasting marshmallows and S'mores, followed by some coloured flame packets from the camping store.



Returning back to Pt Augusta on Sunday for a visit to Wadlata Outback Interpretative centre to gain some insight into the area, the connection to the Aboriginal people and how the outback was opened up.

We also discovered how people communicated in the old days with the use of the overland telegraph. Lunch saw us stop at the Pt Augusta Lions Park for a sausage in bread lunch before returning to Spear Creek. We refilled our drink bottles and set out for a walk up the Spear Creek Gorge, returning after 2hrs and about 5 kms.

This time saw the first 2 of our party depart for home due to other commitments.



After tea we gathered on 'sunset logs' to watch the sun go down with a host of other people, there was a party that had gathered there to watch the sun set and one of the Dad's yelled 'watch for the green flash' as the sun dipped behind the hill...we all watched with baited breath, but didn't see it happen tonight...I think it was only to keep the kids interested...he had us all sucked in. We returned to camp for the final night around a fire, toasted the last of the marshmallows, and as the flames died off settled into bed.



We broke camp early on Monday morning where 2 parties set off in different directions...I headed south to return to Adelaide with us heading to Pt Augusta again for the journey home. Before we said our goodbye's we were all in agreeance that we should do it all again next year and see what other places we can explore.

Although our original Road Trip plans had included Land Yachting that didn't eventuate, I believe our Road Trip was still very successful. I'd like to thank the Leadership through Adventure Fund for their support, it certainly made a difference to our adventure. THANK YOU.



# ROVER RAMBLINGS

...with the Crew!



Christmas Wishes to one and all  
and  
Wishing you all a happy and safe 2024



*From the SA Lone Rovers*



*Our newest  
Queens Scouts  
Jack, Anise, Jayden,  
Benjamin & David  
with their special cake  
which became dessert  
for everyone at the  
Annual Lones Camp  
Dinner.*



*The Scouts & Venturers helped the Joys & Cubs to  
prepare their Backwoodsman dinner*



*Annual Camp*



*The Joey's & Cubs took on the challenge set by Meg to tie a Reef Knot behind their backs; they all did a great job!*



*Joey & Cub activities included craft and skills games*



*Grace's craft activity*



*Lilly's hand & feet 'Hopscotch'*



*The eldest and the youngest mastered the cup & string challenge*

### Challenge Hill





*Addy, Kaitlin & Brock were invested into the SA LONE Venturer Unit on the Summit of Mt. Lofty during Annual Camp*



*Parents & Venturers challenged each other at the Target Sport of electronic rifle shooting*



*Leaders in making,  
OUR AWESOME LONE VENTURERS*



### 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 2023 Lone Trails: Feb 18; May 19; Aug 11 & **Nov 17**

**2024** Term 1: 29Jan-12Apr; Term 2: 29Apr-05Jul; Term 3: 22Jul-27Sept; Term 4: 14Oct-13Dec

**2025** 06 -15 January 26<sup>th</sup> Australian Jamboree – AJ2025, Maryborough, QLD

**2027** August 26<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree Gdansk, Poland



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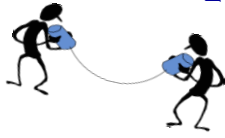


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