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## SA LONES

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



## GROUP LEADER

Greetings Everyone,

WOW, what a busy year it has been already and things certainly have not slowed down. I understand for many of you, that there hasn't been a chance to rest and things are constantly on the go. Work for me continues to be busy, with the commencement of a new Melbourne to Perth service and a few more interstate services to start shortly.



*Bogie from a 1930's Brill Railcar*

We have also been busy helping local railway preservation societies with donating locomotives and technical support. This has included working on some very old wheels and it has been very entertaining reading the old technical specifications (some of which is still on waxed paper).



*steam locomotive bogie from 621*

*621 – Duke of Edinburgh and was the SAR Commissioner of Railways personal favourite locomotive, and he made sure it was fully re-wheeled prior to decommissioning in 1969, so that any preservation society who received it, wouldn't have to re-wheel it for many generations. Talk about forward planning and use of authority for the greater good.*

I would also like to acknowledge and Thank everyone who took part in ANZAC Dawn Services and ANZAC Parades this year across South Australia. It is great to see the return of the huge amount support for local Services following the reduction that occurred during the COVID years.

It is quite pleasing to receive many reports telling me about the involvement of Lones Members – both past and present.

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.

## A big BRAVO to everyone!

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, so that it can be included in the Lone Trail for the rest of your Scouting friends to read about. We send this newsletter to many people outside of Lone Scouts and we do 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. Your Leaders have been busy planning things and making sure the weekend will be filled with many great activities. We understand that some of you won't be able to make it but rest assured that we will be thinking of you as you are part of the Lone Scout family.

Thank You to the Lones Leaders who have also helped at recent Branch activities, including SuperSplash and Easter Venture (one week apart!), as this extra commitment to Scouting is greatly appreciated by all. This additional work is taken on without hesitation and always done with great enthusiasm.

It is quite clear to me that your Leaders enjoy these activities as much as you and I encourage you to get to an extra activity or two, when possible.

Please speak to your Leaders about possible opportunities that may be of interest to you.

Thank You also to your Leaders for their ongoing commitment to Lone Scouts and the extra work that is required to keep things happening. A lot of planning goes into making sure you receive stuff when you need and there is a big focus on keeping activities engaging.

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.

Please keep the badgework and communication coming in as I know your Leaders enjoy receiving it.

Take Care and Keep Smiling,



*Andre*



*621 'Duke of Edinburgh' operating with SteamRanger*



## ASSISTANT GROUP LEADER

Hi everyone,

Life for me has been busy these days but I think that it's due to the late finish to harvest and the early start to sowing our crops, due to a bit of rain that we have had. This means that the tractor seats have been kept warm and we find ourselves dodging rain this year, something that we have not had to worry about for the last 6 or so years, so we won't complain (haha) .....as long as the rain keeps coming.



Not much to report on but something has been brought to my attention and that is how do we communicate when we become Lone Scouts?

Since COVID-19 raised its ugly head, it did provide us with better ways of communication between members, in particular, with the use of the online forum, Zoom.

Now, we realise that this is not everyone's answer when it comes to communicating with their fellow members or more importantly, Leaders.

The Lone Scout motto is that we must communicate with the Leader of the Unit at least once a month and these days it is easier than ever because not only do we have Zoom (secured account) but you can ring, text, email or post (a golden oldy) what you have been doing and also see what the rest of your Unit has been doing.

All we are asking is that we want you to become a part of our Scouting family.

It also informs our Leaders of where you are with everything as a Scout member and through their experience and knowledge of Scouting, they can suggest ways to help you out as much as possible to continue your Scouting journey.

Yes, we are different to mainstream Groups but we provide a more flexible program that can work with each member, no matter where you are. We are also one of the more fortunate Groups to have all Units available to Youth Members, from Joeys to Rovers.

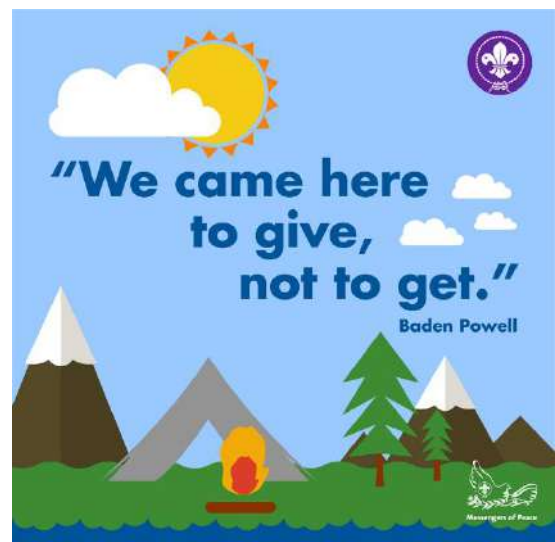
I could go on but I need to get back on the tractor, as they are forecasting rain tomorrow. I guess that what I am trying to say is that don't just join the Group, be a part of the Group! The benefits in the long run are truly amazing.

Stay safe & take care,



*Bagheera*

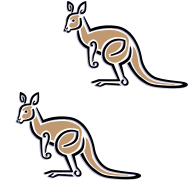
*Lee-Anne "Esme" Whitehead*



**JOEY'S JOTTINGS**



**JOEY News**



Hello Joeys,

What a few weeks we have had, full of action and lots of achieved for their Milestone badge work.

First of all we would like to say a big Thankyou to **Meg** for running our ANZAC Service on Zoom. We had 7 Joey and Cubs attend. A special Joey attended from Camden Park, thank you for attending **Kia** and his Dad **Peter**.

Thank you **Sarah** for preparing the Power point presentaion for the Service, you did well. **Meg** was great explaining what the RSL is and what they do. We learnt a lot. Thanks **Meg**.

All the Joeys have earnt there '**Their Service Our Heritage**' badges for this year, **Liam**, **Grace** and **Sabaai** all attended an ANZAC service in their areas. **Toby** had an interesting time in Western Australia learning at an interactive memorial in Western Australia. Congratualtions for attending and learning about our past and all those who serve Australia.

**Grace** has achieved her 50 km Walkabout Badge. **Grace** tells me it was all uphill to get to Morialta Falls, I asked was it all up hill to return, she just laughed and said *No it was not*.

**Sabaai** has been hiking with his family around the Coorong in the holidays plus been camping out in his tent. I am still awaiting to see what badges he has earnt. I cant wait to get his records so I can issue his badges.

**Liam** and I met up in the Holidays and we had a fun afternoon along with Cubs **Erin** and **Teagan**. It was a great catch up. **Liam** worked on his badge work and nearly achieved his 1<sup>st</sup> Milestone Badge. Awaiting for your records for your Walkabout badge.

**Toby** is due back soon from his big camping trip over to the west of our country, I wonder how many badges I will be sending him.

We had a great challenge over Easter. The Joey's were sent: a paper clip, two pipe cleaners, and 3meters of builder's string and had to make a flying fox to get their Easter egg from a high point down the Easter nest they made. They all achieved the goal with great enthusiasm. I had videos sent from all including some Cubs also. Then more videos as improvements were made. Videos came in from camp sites, offices and bedrooms. Thanks all for participating in this challenge, you all did well.

I could write more as the Joeys are a very active mob, but had better leave room for the rest of the sections to tell us what they have been up to.

Keep on hopping and smiling Joeys,

**Malu Sue**



## Lones at 2023 ANZAC Day Services

*Liam, Erin & Teagan with Rev Ben Usher at Sanderson*



*Rev. Usher was a Scout in the 1940's and then served in Malaya with the Australian Army from 1957-1959 and then in the RAAF as a RAAF Chaplain from 1973-1997.*



*Sam with Mr & Mrs Ousley at Mengingie*



*Max and Toby at the ANZAC Museum, Albany WA*



## CARRY on CUBBING



Hi Everybody,

During Term 1 each Cub had taken a turn at being 'host' for the night.

Ahead of Adam and his Family's meeting with the



Foundation for a wish, he asked us the following questions.

We have also included our answers.

*What would be your best birthday party (without a budget)?*

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|----------------|--|---------------|--|
| <b>Max</b>     | A Plane party  | <b>Raksha</b> | A Tiger party                          |
| <b>Sarah</b>   | Harry Potter party   | <b>Andu</b>   | A party with all my Family and Friends |
| <b>Valarie</b> | Any party  | <b>Erin</b>   | Sleepover & Camping Party              |
| <b>Adam</b>    | Tractor, building theme or constructions, everyone gets some Sidchrome tools | <b>Teagan</b> | Pool party with Friends                |
|                |  | <b>Sam</b>    | Lego building competition party        |

*If you could have super powers, what would it be?*

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|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>Adam</b>    | Teleport                              | <b>Teagan</b> | Flying                                       |
| <b>Sarah</b>   | Be a Witch                            | <b>Andu</b>   | To Heal People ad have no need for hospitals |
| <b>Max</b>     | To fly and get money when I wanted it | <b>Erin</b>   | Teleportation, Flying and Echolocation       |
| <b>Valarie</b> | Psychic                               | <b>Sam</b>    | Be a Black Shadow                            |

*What Cartoon Character would you like to be?*

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|----------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Max</b>     | Scrooge McDuck      | <b>Andu</b>   | Minnie Mouse   |
| <b>Sarah</b>   | Harry Potter        | <b>Erin</b>   | Lola the Bunny |
| <b>Adam</b>    | Pikachu and Psyduck | <b>Teagan</b> | Poppy Troll    |
| <b>Valarie</b> | Charmander          | <b>Sam</b>    | Pikachu        |
| <b>Raksha</b>  | A Fantasy Character |               |                |

*If you could have a 'YES' day (without a budget), what would you do?*

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|----------------|---|---------------|---|
| <b>Valarie</b> | Eat cake all day  | <b>Adam</b>   | Go bungee jumping or sky diving                       |
| <b>Max</b>     | Go to Scotland, play the bagpipes and eat Haggis                                      | <b>Raksha</b> | Have a Family day where my partner says "no" to work! |
| <b>Sarah</b>   | Go back to Melbourne, see 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' and eat soft shell crab | <b>Erin</b>   | Go shopping and buy makeup                            |
| <b>Andu</b>    | Have a day at the beach with Family eating fresh fish and chips                       | <b>Teagan</b> | Disney on Ice   |
|                |   | <b>Sam</b>    | Motorbike riding and bunny bashing                    |

What would be your answers??

Email them to Andu so that she can share them with the Cubs



Everyone has received a 2023 Clean Up Australia Day Camp Blanket and a 2023 ANZAC Day Camp Blanket.

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May- On-line Cub Meeting at 7.00pm [Sarah to run a game]

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June- On-line Cub Meeting at 7.00pm [Will to run a game]

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June- On-line Cub Meeting at 7.00pm [Harrison to run a game]

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July- On-line Cub Meeting at 7.00pm [Valarie to run a game]

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Annual Camp {more details to come}

Till next time,  
Cheers,

**Andu Alison & Raksha Karen**



*Sam helping out with the painting*



*Adam*

*Jack*

*Bear took Adam & Jack camping to the Riverland*



## SCOUTING AROUND

### G'day Everyone,



**Brock** and **Addy** attended EV as part of the Day Pack team with some of the Lone Venturers over Easter.

During the School Holidays, Scouts attended ANZAC Day Services across the state.

Scouts so far during Term 2:

♦ Had a night where they discussed their favourite songs and what they meant to them. The songs were as varied as the interests of our Scouts.



♦ An SES night where we had a guest speaker from SES talk to us about what the SES undertook during the Riverland floods. We heard about the enormous sandbagging effort undertaken in the Riverland to prepare for the floods and how else they prepared for them.

What the SES do in general all over South Australia in rural and metropolitan areas in storms, car crashes in rural areas, fallen trees etc.

We learnt about the 3 different call-out Categories of the SES, how they work in an Emergency, and what exactly they do when they receive a phone call.

He also specifically spoke about what each Scout could do in their area regarding flooding if it occurs.

Numerous Scouts have earned their SES Badge: **Maddi**, **Addy**, **Hendrik**, **Matthew** and **Brock**.

♦ We had a night where we covered the basic OAS Bushcraft 'I Statements' from levels 1 to 3.

Scouts will have the opportunity to make fake wounds to go with First Aid practice on the night, various Sustainable Development Goals working towards the Better World Framework and pioneering to go this term.

Some of our Scouts are attending a Pioneering camp later in June at Roonka.

We have 2 Scouts that are in the process of planning their Adventurous Journey: **Brock** and **Addy**. This is planned for the middle of the year.

Yours in scouting,

**Skye-Bianca** & **China Mug**  
ASL                      Acting SL



*Lones at 2023 ANZAC Day Services*



*Tyson at Clare*

*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*



*Meg with fellow Veterans at Cummins*





**G'day Everyone,**

**VENTURER NEWS** - With winter approaching, we seemed to be in a go-slow mode with a few dedicated Venturers appearing on-line. However, we have been busy with external activities in Term 2 and we are planning for an active Term 3.

**AWARD SCHEME**

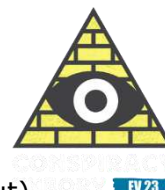
**Brodie Gaskin, Jayden Howe** and **Anise Piltz** are progressing very well through their award scheme.

It is expected that all three will qualify for the Queen's / King's Scout Award this year. **BRAVO!**

**MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST QUARTER**

**Easter Venture # 07 to 10 April**

This year's Easter Venture was held at the Para Wirra Conservation Park. With this year's theme of "Conspiracy Theory", we had one Day Pack Team and one Full Pack Team:



- Day Pack Team Name - *Googly Aliens*: **Ashley Miles, Brock Gaskin** (Lone Scout), **Addy Piltz** (Barmera Scout), **Anna Murray** (Murray Bridge Venturer)
- Full Pack Team Name - *Apollo Deepfake*: **Brodie Gaskin, Anise Piltz, Tyson Gibson, Colby Ind, Lachlan Stokes, Benjamin Faehrmann.**

Both teams did really well. Credit due very much to the Full Pack Team who's goal quickly became looking after each other rather than trying to win at all costs.

As part of the EV Event Team, **ex-Lone Venturer David Forg** in the Hike Team (which sets out the check-points and keeps an eye or two on the progress and welfare of participant teams), and the First Aid Team was led by **China Mug** and ably assisted by **ex-Lone Venturer Benjamin Forg**.

**Super Splash 2022 Rescheduled # 10 - 16 April**

A re-scheduled major activity for Ventures as the event normally on the first weekend of December was postponed due to the flooding of the Murray River.



**ANZAC Services # 25 April**

Many of our Venturers attended ANZAC Services to remember our fallen and those who serve in our armed forces and auxiliary services. We thank them for their sacrifice and service.

**Anise & Jayden Hike 25 - 28 April**

For their Queen's Scout Award Hike, **Anise Piltz** and **Jayden Howe**, backed up by **Brodie Gaskin** and **Tyson Gibson**, planned and walked their hike on a section of the Heysen Trail. Both **Anise** and **Jayden** did very well with their planning, which needed to comply with requirements laid out by our Scouts SA Bushwalking Team. Their plan was to hike from Spalding to Georgetown, however with some non-fatal injuries, the Team made the right decision to end the hike at the Bundaleer Forest Reserve.

Bravo on the Venturers working as a team and making decisions out in the field that are care-based. Also thanks to parents and guardians who provided transport and oversight.

**UPCOMING MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

**2023 World Jamboree**

The World Scout Jamboree - What is it? Lord Baden Powell, the founder of World Scout Jamboree (WSJ), invited young people from all over the world and wanted them to exchange cultures and enjoy adventure.





It was in 1920 that the first World Scout Jamboree was realized, held in the Olympia halls in Kensington, London. WSJ will be held every four years. It is the world's leading international youth event with more than 50,000 teenagers from 169 countries.

The 25th World Scout Jamboree will be held from 1 to 12 August in 2023 in Saemangeum, Korea. Lone Venturers going are; **Colby Ind**, **Abbey Gerritsen** and **Ebony Wurst**. They are sure to have an awesome experience!

### 2023 Annual Lones Camp

For Lone Venturers, the camp starts on the evening of Friday 29 September and ends on Tuesday 03 October 2023, continuing with the Unit's recent decision to end the camp one day longer than the rest of the Group.

Our Venturers are currently planning on-site activities, including hosting and running activities for the Joeys and Cubs who will camp with Scouts and Venturers on the Saturday. Activities will include cooking dinner on trangias.

All Venturers are encouraged to attend our annual Lones Camp to catch up with each other, renew friendships and have some fun together!

### 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.

With expeditions all around Australia and the Pacific Region, there's sure to be an adventure for you! After your expedition, join hundreds of other participants for five days of thrill seeking and adventure at the Core Camp at Lardner Park, Victoria.

Learn more at [www.venture24.au](http://www.venture24.au)

The adventure starts 31 December 2023 and ends 13 January 2024. Thus far, Lone Venturers which have signed up include **Anise Piltz**, **Tyson Gibson** and **Colby Ind**.



### UNIT POLO TOPS

Our Unit finally got polo tops made and many were handed out to Venturers participating at Easter Venture and those who ordered but did not attend Easter Venturer were posted from the metropolis post office at Dernancourt.

Sizes left are: 1 Medium, 3 Large, 3 XL and 3 2XL.



*China Mug* & *Lone Wolf*  
VL AVSL

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Law of Scout Camping

The distance to a given camp site is constant as twilight approaches.



*Lones at 2023 ANZAC Day Services*



*Lone Venturers Brodie, Anise & Jayden at Pt. Germein with Scouts & Leaders from Roxby Downs & Barmera and local Army Cadets*



*Australian Army Cadet Sergeant & Lone Venturer Colby was part of the official Catafalque Party at the Port MacDonnell Service. Colby is pictured with 1<sup>st</sup> Mt. Gambier Scout Lachie*

*Lone Scout Abbey at Penola*





*EV Day Pack Team - Googly Aliens  
Ashley, Brock, Addy & Anna*





***EV Full Pack Team - Apollo Deepfake  
Brodie, Anise, Tyson, Colby, Lachlan & Benjamin***

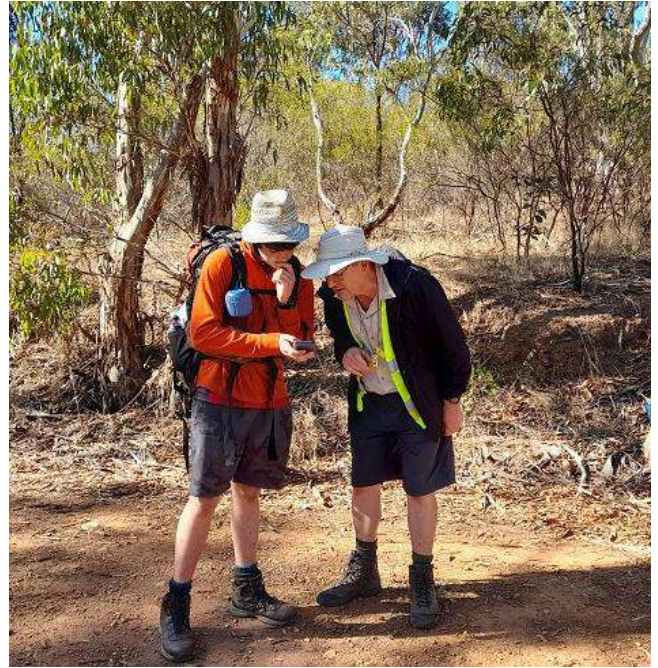




**Easter Venture**



*Left: Benjamin, one of three first aiders at the EV, aka an alien*



*Right: A Lone Venturer giving directions to the District Commissioner for Bushwalking!*



**Googly Aliens and Apollo Deepfake Teams**





## ROVER RAMBLINGS

...with the Crew!

### Rovers at Apple Isle Moot Tasmania Dec 2022-Jan 2023

At the end of 2022, Lone Rovers *Samantha*, *Phillip*, *Martyn* and *Dana* were able to attend the Apple Isle Moot in Tasmania. The event ran over 9 days in Tasmania's beautiful surroundings.

We started off the first night bringing in the 2023 New Year and then the very next day off we all went on different expeditions for 5 days. Some explored Tasmania's landscape and small islands, some enjoyed Tassie's amazing food, beverages, and beaches while others went a little more extreme by exploring Tasmania's amazing terrain through white water rafting, mountain biking, canyoning, or by 4WD.

We then all returned to our base camp from night one to continue the fun of 3 days of onsite and off-site activities while sharing our adventures with our mates and introducing all our new friends we had made during the week.

After the moot, the fun did not stop for the Lone Rovers as we joined some fellow SA Rovers for a week-long post-moot. We travelled around and saw more of Tasmania. We visited Port Arthur and had a day of fun at Penny Royal.

We got up to a bit of mischief over the 2 amazing weeks in Tasmania, and highly recommend the Moot to anyone in the Rover section. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and would do it all over again in a heartbeat.





### The Rovers Escape from Gaol

The Lone Rovers also had some fun escaping from jail at Adelaide Escape Rooms in March. With lots of laughs and debates on sponges, HAHA. We all had a great night over some yummy food and jokes.



### 4wd on the Boarder Track

Some of us Rovers also had the opportunity to have some fun out on the boarder track doing some 4w driving. Even with some car trouble had an absolute blast (Literally HAHA).



### Welcome to our new members

We old folks would also like to celebrate the joining of our new members.

**Please welcome:**

*Jack McKenzie*

*David Forg*

*Ben Forg*

*Jack Pitt*

YIS,

*Samantha & the Lone Rovers*

Assistant Unit Leader

# 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 12; May 14; Aug 13 & Nov 12

**2023** Term 1: 30Jan-14Apr; Term 2: 01May-07Jul; Term 3: 24Jul-29Sept; Term 4: 16Oct-15Dec

## June

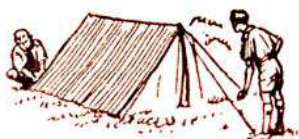
12 King's Birthday Holiday

## July

08 – 23 School Holidays  
30 UN International Day of Friendship

## August

07 – 13 Landcare Week  
12 UN Youth Day



## September

01 Wattle day  
02 – 10 Adelaide Show  
03 Father's Day  
09 NONT  
14 R U Okay Day  
29 Last day of Term 3



**SA LONES ANNUAL CAMP Friday 29 September – Monday 02 October 2023**



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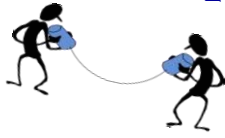


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