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Kaurna minyurna yaitya yarta-maathanya Wama Tarntanyaku.

Kaurna people are the traditional landowners of the Adelaide Plains.

Scouts SA acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we do our Scouting.

We respect the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to culture, community, land, sea, and sky and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Flameboree Lights Up Woodhouse

SCOUTS SA SMASHES WORLD RECORD

On Saturday, June 27, 2026, Scouts SA hosted Flameboree, an epic family campfire at Woodhouse Adventure Park, in the Adelaide Hills.

1,719 people came together to set a new world record for the Most People Roasting Marshmallows Simultaneously, smashing the previous 2012 record set in Kansas, USA. The successful world record attempt was an incredible way to cap off an historic night of entertainment, adventure and fun.

Throughout the day, families enjoyed iconic Woodhouse activities, such as Cameron's Climb, the Tube Slide, Woody's Challenge Hill, and The Labyrinth, as well as special attractions like Mini Golf, a dizzying Mirror Maze, Rock Climbing, and Target Sports.

There was also live entertainment throughout the day, with Scouts Shouts, Comedy Capers, and the Adelaide Gang Show taking the stage, delivering performances that had the crowd cheering for more.

When night fell, more than 500 people joined the glowing Fire Torch Procession through the park, setting the scene for a truly unforgettable main event.

With roasting sticks in one hand and marshmallows in the other, nearly 2,000 people united for the record attempt.

The warmth of the fire, the sweet aroma in the air, and the sea of smiling faces made it clear that this was something special.

Flameboree was a true display of Scouting spirit: people from all walks of life came together as a community to achieve greatness.

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers, members, and families who made Flameboree an event we'll be talking about for years to come.





CEO Reflection - Parting Words

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JAMES SELLERS



Ten years ago, I started at Woodhouse, and I can't think of a better place to have begun my journey with Scouts SA. Woodhouse is a special place and, of course, something of a homeland for Scouting in SA. To have played a part in growing the site and seeing it evolve over those years remains one of the things I am most proud of.

Woodhouse also gave me a front-row seat to some of the very best of Scouting. I saw thousands of volunteers come through its gates, watched major events and camps bring people together, and saw countless young people having experiences (and some minor injuries!) they would remember for years to come. It gave me a real appreciation for the energy and commitment behind this movement, and held me in incredibly good stead when I later had the privilege of becoming CEO.

Over the decade since, and particularly during my time as CEO, one thing has remained incredibly clear. In an organisation like ours, it can be easy to get caught up in the politics, structures, finances and issues of the day. They matter, of course, but they are not why we are here. Young people are why we are here. Keeping that lens firmly in place, and thinking about how we can best support our youth members and the incredible volunteer leaders and supporters who make Scouting possible, has always brought me back to what matters most.

As I look to the future, my hope for Scouts SA is that we continue to be bold.

Traditional Scouting will always have an incredibly important place, but the pressures on families and those wanting to volunteer are greater than ever. We have to recognise that and be prepared to adapt. Evolving is not optional. If we want Scouting to remain relevant for generations to come, we simply can't stand still.

Because Scouting is simply too important not to! We know young people who experience Scouting are more resilient, more capable and better equipped for whatever life throws at them. We see it every day. We should be incredibly proud of what this movement gives young people and get much better at telling the wider community about it. Scouting has something incredibly valuable to offer, so let's be proud of it and shout it from the rooftops!

And we shouldn't be afraid to let young people experience Scouting differently. So what if someone only wants to do Scouting for three months of the year, learn to paddle, take part in performing arts or join us for one particular program? Some Scouting is surely better than no Scouting at all! It gives us an opportunity to be flexible, rethink how we deliver what we do and create more ways for young people to experience Scouting. The world around us will continue to change, and we can change with it without losing the things that make Scouting special.

I leave incredibly proud of what we have achieved together, but even more excited about what comes next. Scouts SA has been a huge part of my life, and it has been an absolute privilege to play a small part in its story.

Look after what makes Scouting special, be brave enough to change what needs changing, and never lose sight of the young people we are here for.



2026 Adult Recognition Awards

The 2026 SA Branch Adult Recognition Awards Ceremony takes place on September 20, and we wanted to showcase all the incredible individuals who have been recognised for their tremendous efforts and achievements this year. The full list of awardees are available below and you can check out a full recap of the ceremony in the next issue of SA Scout Magazine.

Australian Scout Award

Lily Z
Madelin J
Alex R
Claire B
Emma M
Henry B
Martin D
Darcy N
Louis J
Laura S
Laura H
Oscar C
Alex R
Philip H
Charlotte B
Sam M
Elysa F
Benjamin K
Josh K

King's Scout Award

Mitchell M
Tyson G
Madi L
Rachel S
Bailey M
Nova O
Alessia S
Lachlan F
Mitchell H
Alexander R
Benjamin M
Casey S
Colby I
Ash C
Brock G
Charlie G
Louis H

Rover Service Award

Elise Banks
Tomas Schmied

Special Service Award

Alaina Andrews
Tahlita Armstrong
Elise Banks
Josephine Bartholomew
Rachel Berlemon

Katie Boon
Noah Casha, Rover
Angela Chamins
Teika Collins
Declan Crawford
Michelle Crumley
Marlene Cutajar
Juliette D'Onofrio
Adam Duniam
Natalie Edwards
Ian Elsdon
Storm Goldsack
Emma Golley
Jay Golley
Belinda Gregor
Sarah Grubb
Richard Hicks, Committee
Timothy Hogan
Shaylee Horne
Chantelle Jones
Harpreet Kaur
Donna Keen
Tanya Kent
David Kirk
Tammy Kowald
Amanda Lippasaar
Ann Lund
Nicole Malan, Rover
Tanya Maxwell
Andrew McCarthy
Chloe McTier
Tessa Miller
Peta Mitchell
Wayne Okely
Rebecca Pannell
Kathrine Putman
Mark Rogers
James Rooney
Hayley Russell
Phil Ryan
Amy Savage
Chantel Schiller
Emma Sifa
Louis Tonkin
Sarah Trussell
Akacia Vanmali
Amy Verduyn
Lisa Whitburn

Meritorious Service Award

Daniel Carter
Felicity Carter
Melissa Coppick
Ryan Edwards
Andrew Golding
Christopher Golding
Odette Haley
Skye-Bianca Hughes
Sean Ind
Karen Liebich
Mika Matthews
Lauren Mews
Anne Salotti
Dara Toms
Shane Warner
Janet Williams
Kylie Williams
Leslie Wood

Silver Wattle

Rosslyn Aistrophe
Langdon Blight
Nathan Borg,
Peter Den Hartog
Roger Farrow
Michael Finn
Tyler Forrest
Alison Gibson
Kaleb James
Ashley Johns
Kevin Johnson
Freya Lamacraft
Alexandra Mackenzie
Julie-Anne McKee
Steven Minuzzo
Hadi Moughnie
Craig Oxford
Heather Siebert
Helen Stone
Sarah Todd
David Trehearne
Laura Unger
Lee-Anne Whitehead

Outstanding Service

Jacqueline Bodycomb
Michelle Casserly
Margaret Haensel-Fuss

Kylie Pannell
Anne Ritchie
Darren Williams

Distinguished Service

Dianne Warner

Silver Koala

Kathryn Affleck
Trevor Averay
Gerald Carr
John Hooper
Juanita Howell

Silver Emu

Dianne Broughton

Silver Kangaroo

Cherryl Brady

Long Service Award

40 Years

Helen Filby
Lance Morgan
Mike Sellwood
David Trehearne
Denise Waters

45 Years

David Bayly
Gerry Carr
Paul Dickson APM
Kay Ealing
Mark Eckert
Bruce Gauci
Ray Jackson
Robyn Smith

50 Years

Bruce Stewart

55 Years

Peter Lane OAM

70 Years

Cynthia Harfield OAM

Scouts SA News

Peak Awards Term 3 2026

The following youth members have achieved their Peak Awards since the last issue of SA Scout.

Joey Scout Challenge Awards

Oliver B
Dustin H
Skye L
Woody L
James M
Aanya P
Eli VY
Ella Z
Xavier M
Ethan VL
Archer C

Grey Wolf Award

Isaac B
George B
William B
Kai D
Annabelle L
Eric N
Louis R
Jamie S
Alyssa W

Australian Scout Award

Rosie H
Sam J
Cody S

King's Scout Award

Patrick M
Alex S
Annaliese W
Zara W
Kaden Z

National Tree Day

JANIS BATES - PRESIDENT SCOUT SOCIAL & SERVICE GROUP

On Sunday 26 July, Scout Social & Service Group members took part in a tree-planting along Cox Creek at Woodhouse on National Tree Day, or more appropriately, National Habitat Day! It was a very wet and cold day, but we managed to finish before the rain. Joy had grown 30 endemic plants from seed in this area, which were planted out: 26 on the eastern side of the creek and four on the west.



Adelaide Gang Show

Adelaide Gang Show's 65th season hits the stage from September 16 to 19.

Will our Scouts and Guides find the perfect wish, or will the magic have a mind of its own? Grab your tickets today and check out the Adelaide Gang Show website for ticket deals and specials!

Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/DKDET> to get your tickets now.



Branch Moot 2026

Branch Moot 2026 is hitting Moonta on the Yorke Peninsula for the October long weekend. Lock it in, get amongst it.

Visit www.sa.myscout.com.au/events/775/ registration to register.



Scouts Shouts Youth Theatre

Get ready for a massive onstage live performance taking place across four huge nights, full of singing, dancing, and acting.

Visit www.linktr.ee/scouts_shouts to book your ticket.



Feel the Freedom at AJ2028

Excitement is building for the 27th Australian Jamboree, which promises to be the biggest and best Jamboree ever held in Australia. Be part of the adventure at AJ2028, don't miss out!

Visit www.aj2028.com.au to learn more.



My Snowy Adventure

CHARLIE - SCOUT - EDINBURGH PARK SCOUT GROUP

Last month, I went on a snow trip to Perisher with the 1st Helensburgh Scout Group from NSW, along with other scouts from NSW and SA.

Because the pickup was in Canberra, my family had to drive around 14 hours to reach our accommodation so that the next day I could catch the bus that would take all the scouts there for the two nights and to Perisher, where we skied.

On Friday, August 14, at around 2:30 pm, at Canberra Airport, two other scouts from Moonta and I were picked up by the bus and headed to the rental shop to get the gear we needed for this trip.

Among what we needed were snow boots that could clip into Skis or a snowboard depending on what you wanted, a jacket, waterproof pants so we wouldn't get wet if we fell in the snow, skis, of course, poles, and helmets. We all supplied our own snow gloves and goggles.

After we loaded all our gear onto the bus, we drove to where we were staying, which was the 1st Kosciusko Scout Group's hall in Jindabyne.

We were all given bunk beds to put our sleeping bags on, which was a nice change from sleeping on a mat in a tent. We had dinner, which was Pasta.

We had to wake up early on Saturday to avoid traffic on the way up to Perisher, so the leaders decided we needed to be awake at 5:30 am.

We all got dressed and ate some breakfast, which was toast and cereal and headed off.

I was nervous but very excited as I'd never skied before.

After about 40 Minutes of driving, we reached Smiggins Hole, which was part of the Perisher ski area and where we would mostly be.

Now, I didn't know how to ski, and neither did most of the kids, so we had to teach ourselves for the first few hours in a beginner's area, which wasn't very steep and was only about 20m long.

As you could imagine, I kept crashing into safety nets and falling over, but I soon managed to start slowing myself down and sometimes even stopped before falling over.

Luckily for all of us, we had lessons at 9:45 am that went on till 1:00 pm, so during that time we learnt how to stop for real, turn, speed up... all the basics.

After that, my friends and I, along with their parents, went onto something called the J-bar, which is like a seat from one of those flying foxes at a playground, but you don't sit on it.

You put it behind your back, and it pushes up the slope. The first time I went on the J-bar, I only went halfway up the slope, and when I tried to ski down, I kept falling.





But I tried again, at the top this time, and fell so many times, but I finally made it all the way to the bottom. And the final time I went on for the day was nearly perfect. I only fell twice.

As Saturday finished, we all got on the bus back to the scout hall and had dinner, a stew with beef and veggies, which was nice. We all showered and fell asleep very easily, ready for the next day.

So, once again, it was an early start with a basic breakfast, and we all got ready for another fun day.

Now that I knew how to ski well, I just did J-Bar until our next set of lessons, which were so much fun. I even managed to fall off the J-bar once, which was funny.

Our lessons were all about turning faster and tighter, which helped us gain more confidence.

After lunch, which was meat pies, salad and chips, I did the chair lift, which was your stereotypical lift that everyone knows, but it was hard, and I fell about seven times, but it was still so much fun.

Then I finished my day by going on the J-bar a lot, and I could do it perfectly without falling, which was a big improvement.

Our time in the snow had come to an end, so we very reluctantly got on the buses, took our snow gear back to the rental shop, picked up our bags, and left to return some kids, including me, to Canberra before the rest continued to Sydney.

We made it to Canberra at 7 pm, where everyone decided to make it their dinner stop, so it was Maccas for all.

All in all, the trip was such a fun time, and I really want to thank all the Scout Leaders from NSW, the parent helpers, and our amazing group leader, Greg, for running this fantastic weekend.

I learnt so much about resilience, picking myself up, and trying again, even when things seem hard.

Now I feel I am ready to tackle Scouts SA's Snow Venture in 2027.

Iced Jo Jo - 31st Icelandic Jamboree

JO - SCOUT - BLACKWOOD SCOUT GROUP

Jo is 12 years old. She is a proud Indigenous Year 7 student studying at Blackwood High School. She is a member of Blackwood Scouts.

Jo is a studious, hardworking student who, in her final year of primary school in 2025, won the Molly Byrne Award for Excellence. This award recognised her care of others, particularly the younger students and her high achievement during her time at Primary School. At Primary School, Jo was part of the Year 6 leadership group, an avid debater, and completed over 600 hours of additional voluntary study through Children's University.

Late in 2025, Jo discovered that the Scouts were holding a World Jamboree in Poland in 2026, but she soon found out she was 6 months too young to participate! Not deterred, she looked for other upcoming International opportunities with Scouts Australia and saw that the 31st Icelandic Jamboree would be held in July 2026 in Iceland.

Jo had never been overseas, and she thought this would be a wonderful chance to combine her love of Scouting, birds and nature, hiking, and learning new things, and to create a huge new challenge. Accordingly, she applied and was accepted to attend.

Whilst still debating and an active member of Scouts SA, Jo excelled in her school studies, receiving a merit award at the end of term 2, all the while raising \$8500 to attend the International Scouting Event.

She did this by selling sausages and bacon and egg sandwiches at the Gather at Blackwood Market and the Blackwood Lions Bargain Centre, coffees from a coffee machine she received for a Christmas present, a can and bottle drive (by letterboxing around the local community) and receiving donations of money from generous members of the public and former and current Scouting families and the Blackwood Rotary Club.

Having achieved her goal with the help of generous donations from local community members and with some more hard work, she then had to kit herself out with ultra-light gear including a tent, a sleeping bag and a lightweight chair and light clothing (as she had to take less than 23 kg on her back in a 75 L hiking backpack).

On 15 July 2026, the big day arrived! She left Adelaide at 5 am with two older Venturers and travelled to Sydney by plane. She then met 13 other Scouts & Venturers and some leaders from around Australia, and travelled with them to Singapore – her first time going overseas.

From Singapore, the Australian contingent of Scouts Australia leaders and youth flew to Helsinki, then to Reykjavik, Iceland, in readiness for the 31st Icelandic Jamboree.





The Jamboree was held for three weeks in Hamra, about 6 hours by 4-wheel-drive bus north of the Capital, in the Icelandic Highlands. Before this, she visited many beautiful places in Iceland and toured for a week whilst camping at a Scout campground near the Capital.

This included abseiling off a glacier and seeing some spectacular waterfalls.

At the Jamboree, Jo camped again and took part in many adventurous activities, including swimming, muddy games, and campfire cooking. In the nearby forest, she learned how to identify native plants whilst sampling the edible ones!

She built an Icelandic hammock and a tree house using her knotting and lashing skills. She went on hikes and learned about Icelandic culture and history.

She swapped scarves and badges with other Scouts (some from Iceland and others from the large international contingent).

She made many friends and had the adventure of a lifetime! She was also interviewed and starred on Icelandic National TV, speaking about her Jamboree experiences, and she met and spoke personally with the President of Iceland! In the last 12 days she has hiked over 150 km!!

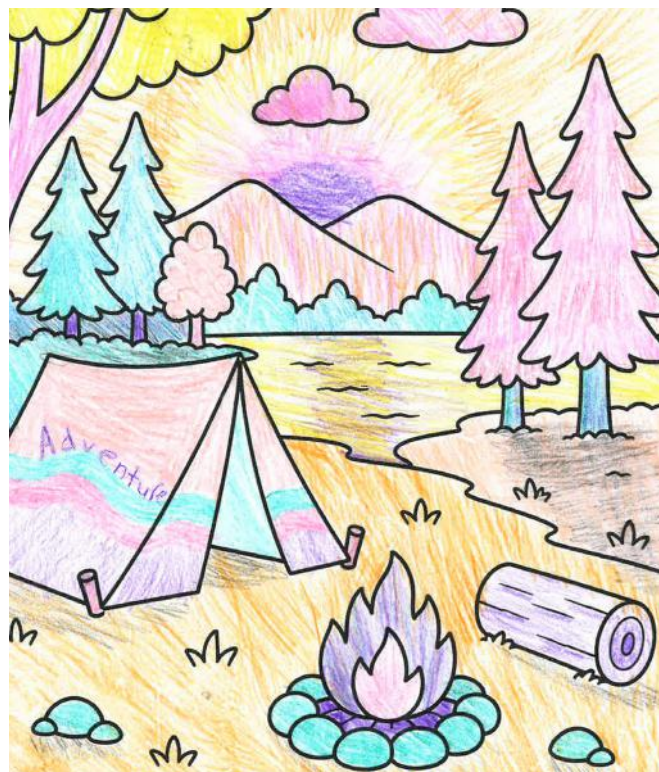
Despite her love of birds, the Icelandic puffins have eluded her, so this and her desire to see the Northern lights and experience an Icelandic winter (rather than the summer and the midnight sun!) will be reason enough for her to continue to save up in an effort to hopefully return to Iceland on another occasion.

Jo hopes to inspire other youth, Scouts, and others to seize the opportunities that exist if you are prepared to find them, work hard, and challenge yourself. Jo's family wish to thank the generous local community (young, old, and local businesses) for rallying behind her fundraising efforts, including Catherine Hutchinson MP, who has also supported and encouraged her, as have those at Blackwood High School and Scouts SA.

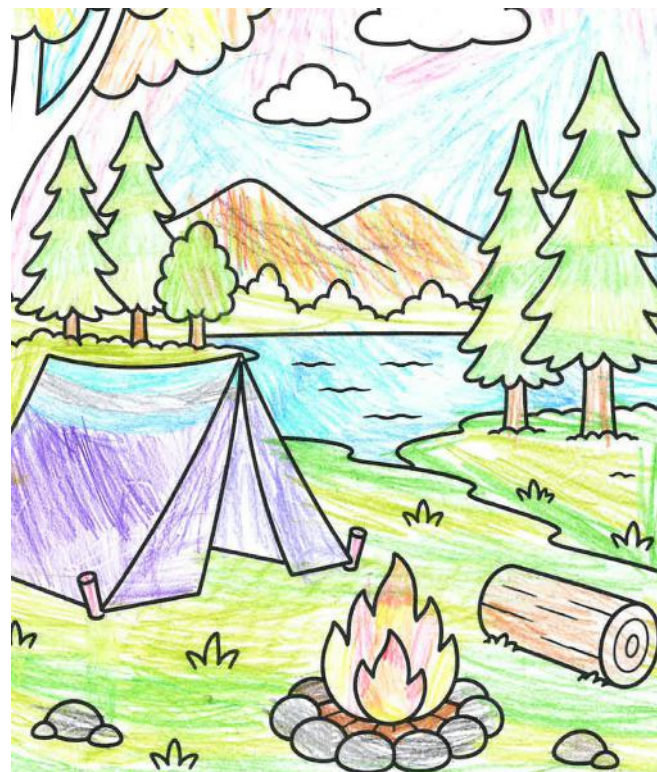


Colour Your Own Adventure Submissions

A huge thank you to the two members who shared their completed Colour Your Own Adventure artwork from the last issue of SA Scout Magazine. Your creations look fantastic!



Submitted by: Alyssa



Submitted by: Mikayla

Golden Grove Penny Hike

On March 11th, the Golden Grove Cub Unit took part in a Penny Hike as part of their Term One program. It is a regular part of our program, and a perfect opportunity to get out of the hall and explore the local area.

For those who do not know, a penny hike is a version sometimes known as an Urban Hike, where scouts go out for a walk around their local area. A penny hike is super simple to organise in terms of equipment. All you need is a coin such as a 20c piece.

I always start the walk at our Scout Hall, as it takes place on a regular Cub meeting night. But this doesn't mean you can't explore another area and start somewhere other than the Scout Hall.

At each intersection, a different Cub flips the coin, with the activity lead calling out right or left depending on how it lands. The Group then heads in that direction.

At the halfway point, leaders may need to influence the direction back towards the Scout Hall or skip the coin flip at some intersections to make sure everyone arrives back on time.

Tips

- Leaders need to keep track of geographical position and time. I personally use an app called 'Map My Walk', which provides a map of the walk and the distance covered.
- Put L and R stickers on the coin to help with memory.

On this night, we covered over 3 km, and despite travelling even further in the past, no two routes have ever been the same.

One thing to discourage is waving at buses! One night, while out, the Cubs decided it was a great idea to wave at passing vehicles. Many flashed their headlights; the fire truck sounded its siren for a moment. The issue came with the bus. It pulled over and opened the door, thinking they were hailing the bus. This brought an end to waving at passing traffic.

Overall, it is a great activity for our section and easy to organise, a chance to get out of the hall and explore the local area.

Colour Your Own Adventure

Print this page and bring your Scouting Adventure to life with colour!

Want to share your masterpiece? Send a photo of your finished artwork to magazine@sa.scouts.com.au for a chance to be featured in the next SA Scout Magazine!



Scout Event Calendar

JOEYS, CUBS, AND SCOUTS

OCTOBER

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Oct 2-5 - Rakali Paddle Adventure (**Scouts**)
 Oct 10 - Come and Try Land Yachting (**Joeys, Cubs, Scouts**)
 Oct 11 - Bushwalking OAS Stage 4 (**Scouts**)
 Oct 14-17 - Scouts Shouts Youth Theatre (**Joeys, Cubs, Scouts**)
 Oct 23 - Hoporee 2026 - Hop into Adventure (**Joeys**)

NOVEMBER

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Nov 6 - Personal Development Course (**Joeys, Cubs**)
 Nov 7 - Come n Try Sailing (**Cubs, Scouts**)
 Nov 13-15 - Scout Bushwalk (**Scouts**)
 Nov 14 - Torrens District Picnic (**Joeys, Cubs, Scouts**)
 Nov 20-22 - Roonka Space Camp (**Joeys, Cubs**)
 Nov 21 - Provide First Aid Course / Provide CPR (**Scouts**)
 Nov 21 - Rock Climbing at Onkaparinga (**Scouts**)
 Nov 27 - Personal Development Course (**Scouts**)
 Nov 28 - Come and Try Land Yachting (**Joeys, Cubs, Scouts**)

DECEMBER

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Dec 4-6 - Super Splash 2026 (**Scouts 13+**)



Print your term 4 calendar, highlight your important dates, pop it on the fridge, and stay on top of all your Scouting adventures.

VENTURERS AND ROVERS

Oct 2-5 - Branch Moot 2026 - SA Rovers (Venturers 18+, Rovers)
 Oct 2-5 - Rakali Paddle Adventure (Venturers, Rovers)
 Oct 10 - Come and Try Land Yachting (Venturers, Rovers)
 Oct 10 - West Lakes Paddling Leaders Day (Rovers)
 Oct 10-11 - Sailing Small Boats Safe Participant Training (Venturers, Rovers)
 Oct 10-11 - Bushwalking Trained Participant Training – Difficult Tracked Terrain (Venturers, Rovers)
 Oct 11 - Bushwalking Trained Participant Tracked Terrain (Venturers, Rovers)
 Oct 11 - Bushwalking OAS Stage 4 (Venturers, Rovers)
 Oct 14-17 - Scouts Shouts Youth Theatre (Venturers, Rovers)
 Oct 16 - Water Rescues Training (Venturers, Rovers)
 Oct 24 - Kayak or Canoe Flatwater Safe Participant Training (Venturers, Rovers)

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Nov 1 & Nov 7 - Kayak or Canoe Flatwater Trained Participant Training (Venturers 15+, Rovers)
 Nov 7 - Come n Try Sailing (Venturers, Rovers)
 Nov 14 - Torrens District Picnic (Venturers, Rovers)
 Nov 15 - Stand Up Paddle Boarding (Venturers, Rovers)
 Nov 21 - Provide First Aid Course / Provide CPR (Venturers, Rovers)
 Nov 21 - Rock Climbing at Onkaparinga (Venturers, Rovers)
 Nov 27 - Personal Development Course (Venturers)
 Nov 28 - Come and Try Land Yachting (Venturers, Rovers)

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Dec 4-6 - Super Splash 2026 (Venturers, Rovers)

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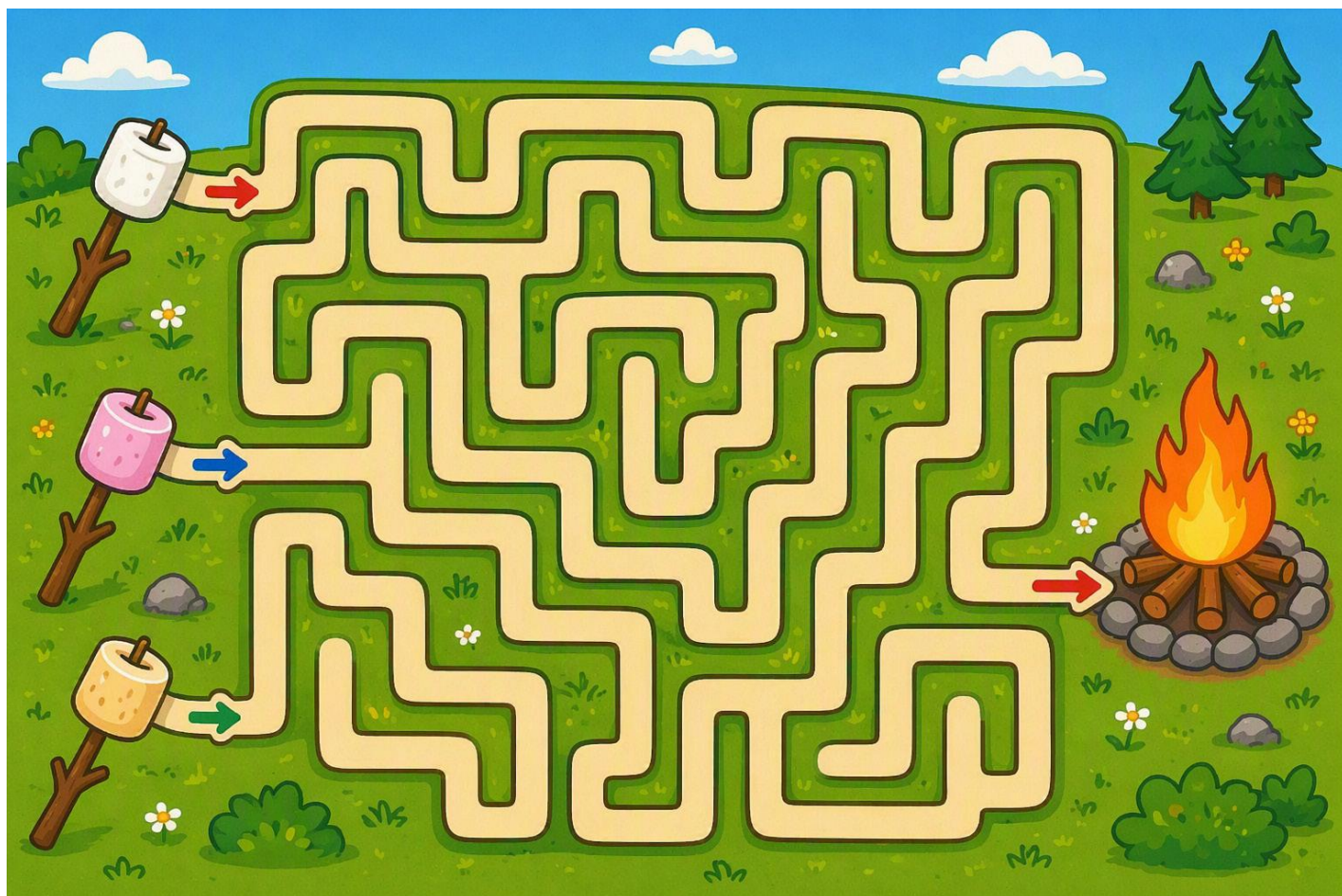
Scouts SA Guess the Word

Can you guess what these images show? Spell out the correct name for each one in the spaces provided. How many can you discover?

GUESS THE WORD		sa.scouts.com.au
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Marshmallow Maze

These marshmallows need to be toasted! Help your marshmallow navigate the twists and turns of the maze and reach the fire. Will your marshmallow make it through without getting lost or burnt?



Adventure, Challenge and Family Fun

REYNELLA SCOUT GROUP

In March 2026, Reynella Scout Group held its annual Family Camp at Woodhouse Adventure Park. The two-night camp brought together our youth members, families and Leaders for a weekend full of inclusive fun, adventure and challenges.

Over the weekend, we had 99 participants take part, with some families staying for the full weekend and others joining us for part of the camp.

There was something for everyone, with activities including the tube slides, bouldering wall, labyrinth and tunnels, Challenge Hill, a night walk, movie night, wide game, disc golf, orienteering and laser tag. During free time, participants could enjoy the green machines and giant outdoor board games, or design their own camp badge.

One of the highlights of the weekend was Challenge Hill, where participants took on an egg challenge — carrying an egg around the course without cracking it!

“A highlight of my weekend was Challenge Hill because we had an egg challenge where we had to carry an egg around the course and try not to crack it. My egg cracked in my pocket when I was in the mousetrap, but my sister’s made it the whole way.” - **Aurora G**

“I really enjoyed helping cook the pancakes for breakfast on the first morning. I also liked hanging out with my friends in the big tree at the campground and reading my book there, too. Also, I was really proud that my egg made it all the way through Challenge Hill without cracking.” - **Acacia G**

CHECKLIST FOR HOLDING A FAMILY CAMP

Obtain and complete an A5 form to submit for approval.

Verify Working with Children Checks for all Adults staying overnight. Head Office can support this process.

Clear communication prior and at the activity on sleeping arrangements.

Clear communication prior and at activity on acceptable behaviour.



Backstage to Broadway

What happens when you have 45 Adelaide Gang Show members, two cities, a packed itinerary and a whole lot of Gang Show energy? You get Backstage to Broadway!

During the July school holidays, AGS swapped Adelaide for Canberra and Sydney and an action-packed adventure filled with theatre, Scouting, sightseeing, new experiences and A LOT of laughs!

In Canberra, we explored everything from Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport to the Royal Australian Mint and the Australian War Memorial. We cheered on our friends from the Canberra Gang Show.

Then, with an early morning start, it was off to Sydney! We went behind the scenes at the Sydney Opera House, explored the harbour, stepped into the magical world of Harry Potter, and immersed ourselves in some amazing theatre experiences.

We packed in three Gang Shows, catching up with our friends at Hornsby and Cumberland Gang Shows and making new friends at Kirrawee Gang Show. There was plenty of cheering, inspiration and ideas to take home with us!

And with our week-long adventure almost complete, there was only one thing left to do: take our place in the Circle of Life with an unforgettable night at The Lion King!

There were early mornings, late nights, plenty of singing, countless inside jokes and memories that will probably be talked about for years to come.

But the best part? Getting to experience it all together. Backstage to Broadway was a chance to explore new places, build confidence and independence, be inspired by other shows, see where a love of performing arts can take you, make new friends and discover just how big the Gang Show family really is.

We came home with plenty of memories, new ideas, bigger dreams and lots of inspiration to bring back to our own stage!

"The Backstage to Broadway camp was an amazing experience that helped all of us get out of the house, get to know our fellow cast members on a deeper level, and support other Gang Shows from both Sydney and Canberra. We got to enjoy many new experiences and see places we normally wouldn't. My favourite part of the trip was sightseeing, visiting the Sydney Opera House, and seeing the Lion King musical. I also loved going and watching all the different shows because this gave us new ideas and we had a lot of fun with our friends." - Imogen



"Despite the delay on the way home, we got to do some plane spotting at Sydney airport. Canberra was the best part of the trip; Canberra is stupidly underrated - all the things there are awesome." - **Sammy**

"I loved the B2B camp because it connected me with the cast while doing fun activities. My favourite activity of the trip was Questacon and watching the other Gang Shows." - **Charlotte**

"Lowkey the aquarium and zoo was bussin, the food at Cottermouth was good and the staff at Cottermouth were excellent" - **Lucy**

"I've been in scouting for a very long time. I've done every camp I could from Joeys all the way to Rovers, but the Backstage to Broadway camp has got to have been the best camp I've ever been a part of. I'm currently an activity leader with Adelaide Gang Show, and even as a leader, I had an exceptionally great time!

From seeing several scouts shows from different states to seeing some awesome tourist attractions in Sydney and Canberra to then experiencing a professional stage performance of The Lion King, it was just breathtaking. I can't thank the wonderful team of Alana and Tom for organising this event; you can count on me to be there for the next one! Highly recommend." - **Damo**



Meet the Team

Welcome to Meet the Team, a new section of the SA Scout Magazine that gives you the opportunity to learn about the team at Head Office and the Branch Leadership Team. Each issue we will feature a handful of dedicated individuals who support Scouts SA.

Branch Leadership Team



Sean Bragg

ACC GROUP SUPPORT

How long have you been part of Scouts, and what is your role?

I have been an adult in scouting for 23 years and as a youth member for 9 years. Current role Assistant Chief Commissioner (Group Support).

What moment made you feel proud to be part of Scouts SA?

Being involved in AJ2019 as the Administration Director.

Who inspires you in Scouting?

Always the youth.

If you could pack three items for a camp, what would they be?

My caravan, sleeping bag and Dilly bag.

If you could instantly master one Scout skill, what would it be?

To be able to refresh my knowledge of skills that I have learnt over many years.



Jarrod Sharp

BC OPERATIONS

How long have you been part of Scouts, and what is your role?

Since I was a cub, shout out to 2nd Burnie cub pack, Scouts was a big part of my youth and also my young adult life through Wellington Rover Crew. I've got a couple diverse roles now: Camp Host at Roonka, Bushwalking Guide, Branch Hike Coordinator and then Branch Commissioner Operations, the latter being all about simplifying scouting through its procedures and systems.

What moment made you feel proud to be part of Scouts SA?

Being able to support SA scout to take on challenging multi-day bushwalkings in Tasmania. It's something I set as a goal when I joined as a leader, and realising it took a fair pathway of skill development in both my scouts and myself, qualifications and planning. It was an awesome experience I had as a scout so it felt good to pay that back.

Who inspires you in Scouting?

I still feel inspired from my original leaders from when I was a Scout, their approach to mentoring and the fun times at our camps.

If you could pack three items for a camp, what would they be?

My JetBoil for coffee anywhere, my comfy and warm hoodie, and a clipboard so I can feel important :)

If you could instantly master one Scout skill, what would it be?

Still trying to roll a kayak fully over - been trying to nail this for a few years.

Head Office Staff



Paul Williams
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
MANAGER

How long have you been part of Scouts, and what is your role?

I have been with Scouts almost 5 years. I started at the end of September 2021 as a contractor for the launch of Exurbia and then became a full-time staff member in May of 2022.

What moment made you feel proud to be part of Scouts SA?

There are a number of moments that make me feel proud to be part of Scouts, but the most recent moment would have to be the recent opening of the new Scout Hall in Roxby Downs. Not only was this an amazing achievement by the Leaders, Committee, and members of the group, but the support was shown not only by the local community but also by Rovers and Leaders coming from all over the state to assist and celebrate this amazing achievement.

Who inspires you in Scouting?

There is not one person in particular that inspires me within Scouting, I am inspired by many of the leaders who give up their time to support the youth.

If you could pack three items for a camp, what would they be?

Well, if I am honest, it would be a mobile phone where I can find the nearest Hotel or Airbnb and check in, a car to get there and a credit card to pay for it.

If you could instantly master one Scout skill, what would it be?

This is not an easy one to answer as there are many things I have seen over the past 5 years but maybe abseiling.



Jamie Briggs
MARKETING COORDINATOR

How long have you been part of Scouts, and what is your role?

I've been part of Scouts for just over a year. I am the marketing coordinator, managing Scout SA social media, creating most of the emails that flood your inbox, and other marketing related activities.

What moment made you feel proud to be part of Scouts SA?

When I attended my first event at Cuboree last year. Seeing the excitement and pure joy in all the youth present made me realise how much Scouting means to everyone.

Who inspires you in Scouting?

All the youth members. I have attended multiple events, and I always see youth helping, supporting and cheering on one another. That's truly inspirational.

If you could pack three items for a camp, what would they be?

Coffee, cheese and onion chips, and more coffee!

If you could instantly master one Scout skill, what would it be?

Tying knots.



Vivienne Bennie
CONTEMPORARY VOLUNTEERING LEAD
MEMBER SERVICES

How long have you been part of Scouts, and what is your role?

I started when 2 of my children were in Scouts and I've officially been a member 6 years as a volunteer and 2 months at Head Office as Contemporary Volunteering Lead.

What moment made you feel proud to be part of Scouts SA?

Having been given the opportunity to support our incredible volunteers who give so much to the Youth and the organisation.

Who inspires you in Scouting?

Every Youth and Adult member that step out of their comfort zone to do something they don't necessarily want to do or are scared to do. This is what Scouts is about and it's so inspiring.

If you could pack three items for a camp, what would they be?

Coffee, chocolate and more coffee!

If you could instantly master one Scout skill, what would it be?

The ability to stay awake on camp as late as Joeys.

AusSpeedruns Marathon 2026

MIKA - DISTRICT LEADER (VENTURERS) - TORRENS DISTRICT

Scouts are always eager to help others, support those in need, and make a positive impact. Mika, one of our dedicated volunteers and Head Office team members, truly embodies this spirit.

Recently, Mika participated in AusSpeedruns Marathon 2026 (ASM2026), a gaming event in Adelaide from 14 to 19 July that raised vital funds for charity.

Organised by AusSpeedruns, ASM2026 brought together speedrunners from across Australia to play and complete video games as quickly as possible while raising money for charity.

The event took place at the Adelaide Rockford Hotel and was streamed live on AusSpeedruns' Twitch and YouTube channels, allowing viewers worldwide to watch, enjoy, and support the fundraiser.

The marathon featured a wide variety of games, including Donkey Kong Bananza, Pokémon Scarlet/Violet, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D, Hollow Knight: Silksong, LEGO Star Wars: The Complete Saga, and more.

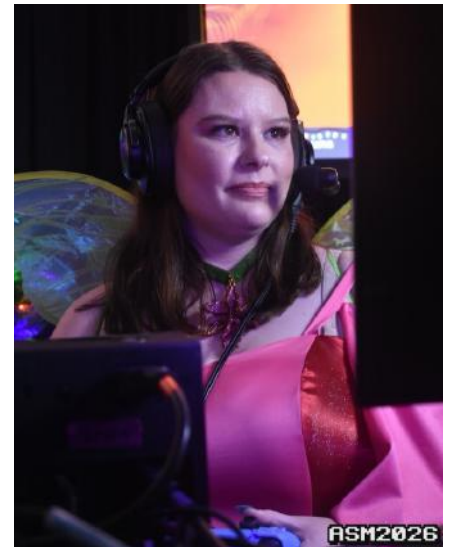
Participants included seasoned speedrunners, newcomers, event volunteers, commentators, organisers, and thousands of online viewers who contributed through donations and incentives. Here, Mika put her skills to the test for a great cause.

AusSpeedruns is about more than gaming; it emphasises community involvement and making a positive impact through charity.

ASM2026 raised funds for Game On Cancer, an initiative of Cure Cancer that supports innovative cancer research projects in Australia.

Building on the success of ASM2025, which raised over \$50,000, ASM2026 continued the tradition of using speedrunning and community support to make a meaningful contribution to cancer research.

Events like ASM2026 highlight the best of gaming: people coming together to share a hobby, celebrate talent, and support a worthy cause. This spirit echoes Scouting's values, with individuals uniting to leave the world a little better than they found it.



Whether you're a gamer, a speedrunner, or simply someone who wants to make a difference, supporting community charity events like AusSpeedruns is a fantastic way to give back.

Every donation, view, and share helps fund vital cancer research and supports the growth of Australia's vibrant gaming community.

Mika's commitment is inspiring, and Scouts SA is grateful to every Scout who gives their time to support events that make a real impact. Well done, Mika!



Cohen Cup 2026 - Back 2 Basics

HENRY - SCOUT - BEAUMONT SCOUT GROUP

Our preparation for Cohen Cup started with our theme brainstorm, then thinking about how that theme linked to ideas for camp set-up, gadgets and gateways. We practised making our gadgets and gateway at the scout hall, then the big weekend arrived...

We got there, set up the gazebos quickly to put stuff under because we heard there was going to be rain. Then tents went up, and we went to sleep relatively early, ready for a day of hard work building our creations.

The big day was here. We set up our stuff quickly so we could dedicate our time to meeting our camping advisor, Cathy, playing some Uno, and having lunch. And we dedicated time to our campfire, which was lit, then listened to some music and socialised with other Scout Groups.

Our dinner didn't turn out great, with our garlic bread entree overcooked (we didn't know how long to cook it, so we said 20mins over a campfire) and inedible; however, we cooked an extra dessert, so we still had 3 courses.... The lesson here is always be prepared.

Overall, it was an amazing experience for us scouts, creating memories that we will always treasure (or regret...).

Thanks to our leaders, camping advisor and everyone else who made this amazing event possible.

And to teams looking to take us on next year, come with a plan, look at how you could improve from this year, and don't cook garlic bread for 20 minutes...



Scouts Shoot for the Stars

EDINBURGH PARK SCOUT GROUP

In July, Edinburgh Park Scout Group hosted one of the highly anticipated Scout Rocketry Theory & Build Days.

This exciting session was made possible through the partnership between SA Rocketry Club and Scouts SA, giving youth the chance to participate in a STEM program where they designed their own SIA Project Plan and built rockets to shoot for the stars.

The day focused on theory and safety, making sure the following week's launch day went smoothly, and everyone had a great experience. Scouts learned about tool safety, basic electrical circuits, Newton's Laws of motion, the theory of flight, and the components and stages of a simple rocket launch.

But the real highlight was building model rockets. Scouts were excited to construct their own, and the results were so impressive that many could have been used by NASA!



The session was made even more special by a visit from **Federal Member for Spence, Matt Burnell**. After hearing about the buzz around the course, Matt stopped by to see Scouts building their personalised rockets firsthand.

"I had a fantastic morning visiting the Edinburgh Park Scout Group, where I got to see young people learning useful skills while having a lot of fun at the same time," Matt said.

Programs like this give youth a chance to do something unique and creative and could even inspire career pathways they may not have considered before. Matt echoed these thoughts, believing the course could spark a passion for careers in defence or space industries.

We will keep offering experiences like this to help youth explore new worlds. We hope everyone enjoyed their chance to reach for the stars.



Friends for Life

BRENTON WHITTENBURY - SCOUT, VENTURER, ROVER, LEADER, VOLUNTEER

What's your earliest memory?

One of mine is watching a film made by my Great Grandfather. It was a silent, black-and-white film chronicling a road trip he took in 1926 from Adelaide to Darwin and back. There was something magical about those old cars cruising through the outback that made me dream about doing it myself one day.

It probably wasn't long after that I joined Scouts and started to get a taste for adventure. Long trips away from home, becoming self-sufficient, facing and overcoming challenges. But that wasn't the best thing about Scouts; it was the friends I made.

Fast forward a few years and the centenary of that original car trip was approaching. What better time to fulfill a lifelong dream? So who do I talk to about it? A friend from Rovers, all those years ago, and together we start to plan the trip of a lifetime.

We secure a 1925 Studebaker, the same model as the original trip, and give ourselves 2 years to prepare. It seems like a long time, but things slow down when you're dealing with a 100-year-old car.

We replaced the wheels and tyres with stronger ones, fitted an electric fuel pump for greater reliability, and tightened every nut and bolt on that car to prepare it for the bumpy roads. It was greased, oiled and driven relentlessly to iron out all the bugs before we set off.

Something about that "Be Prepared" motto must have stuck with me.

And who helped us? Friends from our Scouting, Venturing and Rovering days. They understood adventure and wanted to help other people experience it. Not only that, they wanted to join the adventure themselves and come along as support. Of our core team of 7, 6 had been Scouts.

The trip took 6 weeks on some of the roughest roads Australia has to offer. The cars endured dust, sand, mud and rocks.

Our crew of former Scouts used their ingenuity to troubleshoot along the way. We dodged floods, found a way around closed roads, and drove the length of the Birdsville Track in a day to beat the rain. Problem-solving reached the next level, but the seeds were sown years earlier. I credit them for making my dream a reality.

Not only did we succeed in our centenary re-creation, but we raised almost \$30,000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service along the way.

Scouts gave me so much more than my values; they gave me Friends for Life.



Events and Opportunities

TERM FOUR 2026

Rakali Paddle Adventure

OCT 2-5

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Come and Try Land Yachting

OCT 10 & NOV 28

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Bushwalking OAS Stage 4

OCT 11

TRAINING



Kayak or Canoe Flatwater Safe Participant Training

OCT 24

TRAINING



Personal Development Course

OCT 30

TRAINING



Come n Try Sailing

NOV 7-8

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Scout Bushwalk

NOV 13-15

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Stand Up Paddle Boarding

NOV 15

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Personal Development Course

NOV 27-29

TRAINING



TRAINING DATES

Sailing Small Boats Safe Participant Training

OCT 10-11

TRAINING



Bushwalking Training – Difficult Tracked Terrain

OCT 10-11

TRAINING



Water Rescues Training

OCT 16

TRAINING



Provide First Aid Course / Provide CPR

NOV 21

FIRST AID



GILWELL TRAINING

Child Safe Environments (Youth Program Leader)

OCT 30

Scouting Essentials

OCT 30-NOV 1

Scouting Adventure

OCT 30-NOV 1

Scouting Leadership

OCT 30-NOV 1

Child Safe Environments (Program Support Leader)

NOV 1

Scouting Management

OCT 30-NOV 1

Event Spotlight

TERM FOUR 2026

Hoporee 2026: Hop into Adventure

OCTOBER 23-25

This October, Joey Scouts and Girl Guides from across South Australia will come together for an unforgettable weekend of adventure, friendship and discovery at Hoporee 2026.

Visit www.sa.myscout.com.au/events/771/registration to register!



Joey/Cub Roonka Space Camp

NOVEMBER 20-22

Are you ready to go to space? This year's annual Joey/Cub Roonka Camp is space-themed. Be prepared for a huge variety of fun land and water based activity with a out of this world twist.

Visit www.sa.myscout.com.au/events/731/registration to secure your place in space.



Rock Climbing at Onkaparinga

NOVEMBER 21

Registrations are now open for one of the final rock climbing events of the year! This six-hour outdoor climbing and abseiling session focuses on skill development aligned with the Outdoor Adventure Skills program.

Visit <https://events.humanitix.com/rock-climbing-onkaparinga-stages-1-3-vertical-saturday-21-november-2026> to register.



Super Splash 2026

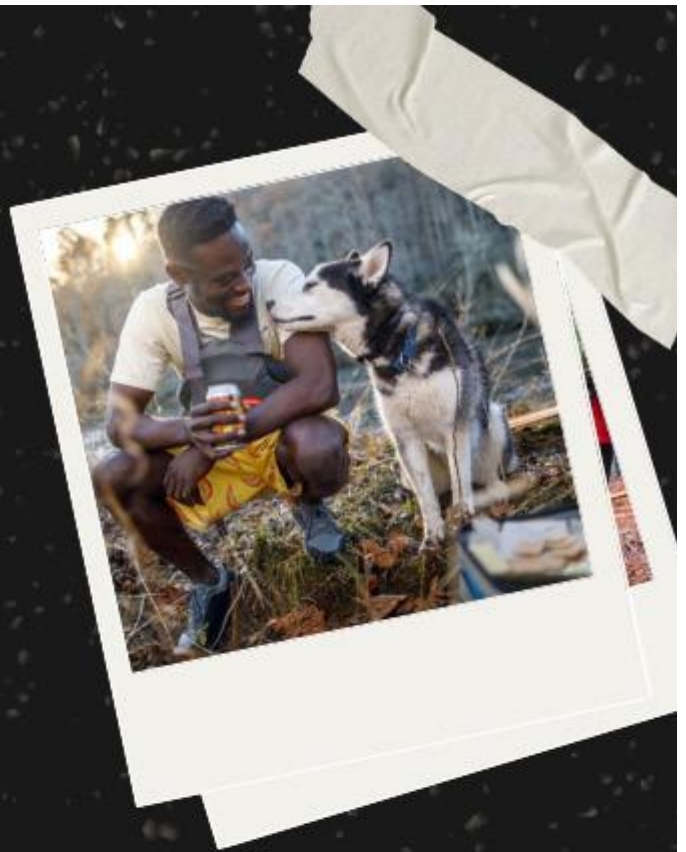
DECEMBER 4-6

The Venturer Section end-of-year event is back, bigger, wetter, and more action-packed than ever. Camp Illawonga, South Australia 4 to 6 December 2026.

Visit www.sa.myscout.com.au/events/773/registration to register now



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