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Kurna minyurna yaitya yarta-maathanya Wama Tarntanyaku.

Kurna 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.

From the Chief Commissioner

JOHN CLARKE OAM



Scouting is full of unforgettable moments - sunset hikes, blazing campfires, new challenges, and friendships that span the globe. But at its heart, the true magic of Scouting lies not just in what we do, but in what we create together.

Whether you're a Joey, Cub, Scout, Venturer, Rover or Leader, every step of the journey is richer when we lift each other up. It's not about being the fastest or the flashiest; it's about teamwork, kindness, and growing stronger together. Every experience, every skill, every idea adds something unique to our movement. And when we bring those together, the impact is powerful.

Right now, Scouts SA is evolving. We're exploring new ways to grow, to support one another, and to ensure the next generation inherits a Scouting movement that's just as bold, adventurous, and inclusive as ever. This means embracing change - even when it's challenging - and staying open to new ways of thinking and doing.

One way to stay inspired is by looking beyond our backyard. The Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in Switzerland - often called the Permanent Mini Jamboree - brings together Scouts from around the world to live the dream of global Scouting. Imagine hiking alpine trails, learning glacier rescue, or joining cultural nights with Scouts from across the planet. KISC is more than a campsite - it's a place of peace, unity, and true international friendship. You can visit with your unit, your family, or even apply to volunteer as a Pinkie if you're aged 18-30.

But you don't need a passport to find adventure. Right here in SA, we have a brilliant network of campsites just waiting to be explored. From Woodhouse in the Hills, to Roonka by the river, Nyroca, just outside of Port Lincoln, or Seahaven in Outer Harbor. Why not challenge your unit to visit them all by the end of 2026? You might even try a new Guides SA site, with Scout discounts at places like Douglas Scrub or GTS Dolphin.

So as we head into the second half of 2025, let's hold onto what makes Scouting so special; our spirit of adventure, our openness to new ideas, and most of all, each other. Step outside your comfort zone, explore somewhere new, and keep showing up for one another.

After all, Scouting only works because of you. Every tent pitched, badge earned, helping hand offered, or new member welcomed brings us closer to something amazing.

Let's keep making Scouting awesome - together.



John Clarke

Chief Commissioner
Scouts SA



From the CEO

JAMES SELLERS



Over the past few months, I've had the chance to get out and about a bit, and experience two events in particular reminded me just how special Scouting is as an organisation.

Cohen Cup at Woodhouse brought its usual dose of rain, but more importantly, it brought the site to life. I had the chance to connect with some of our adult members at the volunteer morning tea beforehand, and then take in the event itself. I love the energy it creates and the determination each team brings to their challenges. It's a favourite of mine, it makes Woodhouse sing and this year was no exception.

Not long after, I had the pleasure of attending the 60th year of Comedy Capers alongside three State Ministers, the local Mayor and Scouting royalty! It was a brilliant reminder of how important performing arts is to our program. The cast and crew delivered an incredible performance that celebrated the spirit, creativity and humour of Scouts. It was a fantastic night, full of energy and fun, well done to all involved.

While our programs remain at the heart of what we do, our commercial operations continue to play a critical role. Scout Recycling is embracing new technology and making significant steps forward in productivity. Our Camps and Adventure Parks team is going from strength to strength, with Woodhouse, Roonka and Nyroca all seeing strong use and great feedback from visitors and Scouts alike. Exurbia is also performing better than ever, holding its own in a tough retail market and recently bringing home an Eastside Business Award.

Financially, we are tracking well against our plan to return to operational profitability, and everything we do is underpinned by our strategic direction. All key markers are being met, and we remain focused on the plan's message of stability, sustainability and service to our mission. That said, there is no room for complacency. Pressures remain firmly on the Association, and we are constantly balancing ambition with the reality of running a complex and diverse organisation.

We've welcomed a number of new Board members in recent months, bringing fresh energy and a strong governance focus. We've also launched our Safeguarding Committee, adding further strength to how we support safe, inclusive environments. Engagement with Ministers and key stakeholders continues to grow, and our one-team approach across staff, volunteers and governance is clearer than ever.

There's still a way to go, but we're heading in the right direction. A huge thanks to our teams across the businesses and at head office they're some of the best people I've had the pleasure to work with, and they're doing their best to support Scouting and its interests better than ever before.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James". The script is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the 's'.

James Sellers

Chief Executive Officer
Scouts SA



Scouts SA News

Peak Awards: Term 2 2025

The following youth members have achieved their Peak Awards in Term 2 2025:

Joey Scout Challenge Awards

Beatrice G
Cameron V
Charlotte R
Ben M
Sam M
Martin B
Harper K
Evelyn L

Grey Wolf Award

Aubree C
Sebastian H
Mathew T
Hayden D
Toby D
Kenzlie M
Zara S
Jake S
George D
Victor J
Florence H
Haden G
Toby N
Sebastian B
Lilly E

Australian Scout Award

Mary B
Dean H
Levi H
Charlie S

King's Scout Award

Henry K
Ryan H
Hannah J
Alicia F

Ready for a Challenge?

We're looking for passionate, enthusiastic volunteers to help lead Scouts SA into the future. These new roles are flexible, so if you have the skills, now's the time to get involved.

Visit qstore.sa.scouts.com.au/organisation/vacancies to learn more.



Have you got a Knack for Photography?

World Scouting in the Asia-Pacific region is looking to champion talented photographers through the 2025 Asia-Pacific Scout Region Photo Contest.

Enter now for a chance to be featured on their 2026 calendar.

Learn more: bit.ly/4ksqp62



Gear Up for Branch Hike

Branch Hike is back for 2025 on 19-21 September 2025. Resources are now available to help your unit prepare in Term 3.

To learn more, visit:

qstore.sa.scouts.com.au/events/branchhike



Super Splash is back in 2025

Ready to make a Splash at Camp Illawonga in December? Early Bird registrations for Super Splash 2025 are now LIVE. Get in quick to secure your spot at a reduced price.

Head to sa.myscout.com.au to get started!



Ride the Bus with Adelaide Gang Show

Next Stop! Adelaide Gang Show's 64th season hits the stage this September! Join the fun, music, and madness of Happyville.

Book now at adelaidegangshow.com.au and find out how to earn your SIA badge too.



Managers of Scouting Conference

MOSC is a chance for leaders to network, and engage in meaningful professional development to assist you in your roles. MOSC returns in 2025 with even more exciting opportunities on offer.

Visit sa.myscout.com.au to learn more.



Around the Sections

Our Woodhouse Adventure

By Claire W - Joey Scout Leader

On May 31st - June 1st, the College Park Joey Unit headed off to Woodhouse for the weekend. This weekend would mark the first camp for our current group of joeys.

Once they had set up their tents, the Joeys had lunch and set off for a full afternoon of activities. The Joeys first stopped at Cameron's Climb where they worked together to climb as high as they could and a couple even made it up on top.

The Joeys then continued on to the Labrynth maze, where they had a ton of fun finding the slide inside and going down it multiple times.



College Park Joeys gather around the campfire



A Joey takes on an obstacle on Challenge Hill

We then headed onto the favourite activity of the weekend, Woody's Challenge Hill. It was fantastic to see all the joeys (and the parents) trying every activity. Many Joeys managed to surprise themselves by completing the challenges they thought they could not. Woody, one of our joeys, impressed us all by getting all the way across the rope swing over the creek at the end!

The Joeys then went to the tube slide to finish our major activities for the day, with many adults joining in on the fun too.

For evening activities, we headed back to camp and went over some fire safety and toasted marshmallows around the campfire, ensuring all Joeys earned their OAS Bushcraft Stage 1 by the end of the weekend. We also played a fun story game around the campfire while the parents cooked dinner. After dinner

we had some more campfire time, finishing the night with some s'mores cooked on the fire before heading to bed.

Waking up to the cold in the morning, the adults cooked bacon and eggs for breakfast before we went to Cameron's Climb and the Stag Shed for our final activities of the camp.

My Camp Experience by William

We had a great time on the weekend, especially on Challenge Hill and in the maze. My favourite part of Challenge Hill was climbing through the small round huts [mouse trap]. When I finished it, it made me proud. We also saw a koala climbing near the fire, that was special. I'm really thankful to the leaders for organising everything and helping us.

Glen Osmond's Cycling Adventure

By Winston, Bradley and Maple

On Sunday 4th May, I went on a three hour bike ride with Scouts. Bradley and I planned it for my Peak Award before I get to Cubs.

We started at the horse jumping (Victoria Park) and rode 12 km. Our dads came too, Bradley's brother Benedict, our leader Maple and her daughter Kate (a Scout).



The Glen Osmond Joeys on their bike ride

What was the best part?

"Riding." -Winston

"The playground, it was so fun."
-Bradley

Was the ride hard or easy?

"Easy!" -Winston and Bradley

What would you do differently next time?

"Next time I'd ride further." -Winston

"Just a little further and I'd bring more food." -Bradley

Backyard Science Mayhem

By Fullarton Joeys

This term the Joeys at 1st & 2nd Fullarton participated in a backyard science night where four Joeys brought their own experiments to show the group. After planning their experiment, bringing the equipment, demonstrating it to the group, and then reviewing how they went, they were all able to receive a Special Interest Area for STEM and Innovation.

Here's what some of our Joeys had to say about their experience:

"It was really cool, I really liked showing the others my volcano experiment and talk about how when you add acid and base and red dye, it explodes everywhere like a volcano." - Gordon

**"My experiment was really good because I made a rainbow in the milk. I showed the others how soap and milk don't like each other so it pushes the colours I add to the edge of the bowl and it makes pretty rainbows with colour"
- Adeera**

**"Mine was about pepper and surface tension and when you add soap it breaks the surface tension. It was really cool but only works once, so if you want to do it again you have to clean the bowl and start it all over"
- Druthija (Cookie)**

**"My experiment was magnetics, I really like seeing it things stick to my magnetic"
- Hailey**



The Fullarton Joeys learn about volcanos as apart of a science presentation.

Around the Sections

Our Long Weekend Adventure at Roonka

By Gurbani K, Scout

We went to Roonka on the March Long Weekend for our first camp of the year! We camped near Roonka for the first night as I believe they had a charity event on. The next morning, we woke up super early to then set up at Roonka, and we split into patrols later that morning to learn about our roles and duties throughout the weekend. Our first activity was canoeing in the billabong, or swimming if you didn't want to canoe. Later, we were able to have quick showers, refreshing ourselves before dinner was served. We also had enough time before bed to play Gaga ball, which was awesome!



Reynella Scouts raft up on the Murray River

The next day, we went kayaking on the river with instructors, which I enjoyed as this was my first time. After lunch, we were able to go on the water slide that was there, it was so much fun - except when my hat sank! We found so many bugs and cockroaches throughout the night, making it very exciting, and were even able to go rock climbing! Overall, it was an awesome trip and I cannot wait to do something different next time!

Murder at Fullarton Manor

By Amy D, Rover

This term, 35 Rovers from across SA joined Aurora Rovers for a thrilling night of mystery and mayhem at our murder mystery event, Murder at Fullarton Manor. Held at our Fullarton hall, the evening was filled with suspense, laughter, and plenty of accusations as participants worked together to unravel the mystery.

The night began with an invitation to "Elliot's dinner party," but things quickly took a dark turn. Set in an old estate full of secrets, everyone arrived in costume and in character, ready to lie, spy, and maybe even die.

Throughout the night, we searched for clues, questioned each other's motives, and tried to piece together who was responsible for poor Elliot's untimely end. Every Rover brought their A-game, and the drama was

both hilarious and intense.

I loved watching people be creative, share experiences and work together, to solve the murder I had thought about and written about for months. Everyone threw themselves into it, costumes, characters, wild theories, and all. It was awesome to see how much fun people had getting into the story and making the mystery come alive.

After plenty of wild theories and dramatic accusations, and a side tangent about the colour blue, the killer was finally revealed (turns out not all of us should be detectives, and maybe next time I need to calm down with the red herrings).

We wrapped up with snacks, laughs, and a post-mortem on everyone's questionable choices. However, while that went down, there was another death... An Aurora Rover had been stabbed by a flag, and their last wish, to be invested was granted.



Amy leads the Murder at Fullarton Manor activity

Adventure on the Water

RAKALI PADDLE ADVENTURE 2025

On Saturday, May 17, eight youth members embarked on a fun and adventurous one-night paddling journey on the Murray River. The 18km expedition began at Roonka, progressed downstream to the Canoe Tree, and back upstream including via the scenic backwaters of the River Murray. All participants carefully waterproofed and packed their equipment beforehand to ensure a smooth and successful trip.

The paddlers stop at one of the region's famous canoe trees, was an opportunity to learn about the local history and cultural significance of the area. This unique experience combined physical activity with an appreciation for the historical landmarks scattered along the river.

The group set up camp on Donald Flat, an island located north of Roonka. With no facilities on the island, participants practiced their bush camping skills, including lightweight cooking and



Amy leads the Murder at Fullarton Manor activity

camping. Similar to lightweight hiking, all equipment and supplies needed for the trip were carried in their kayaks.

On the second day, the group returned to Roonka, where the Rovers and one Leader-in-training demonstrated their kayak rescue skills. Despite the cold water, they successfully completed their rescues. This achievement added an important layer of practical training to the overall experience.

The journey provided an opportunity for participants to achieve various Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS) related to paddling and camping with many youth members taking a number of development opportunities back into their units and groups.

"I really enjoyed it - it gave me the skills to pack my kayak and the confidence to take on an overnight trip." - Abbi

The upcoming Rakali paddling journey promises to be even more thrilling, spanning four days and three nights over the October Long Weekend. This event is designed for youth members with prior paddling experience who have completed OAS Stage 3.

Our symbol, the Rakali, often referred to as the "Australian otter," is a unique and fascinating native rodent of Australia. Its name, adopted from the Ngarrindjeri language, symbolizes efforts to cultivate a positive public perception of this animal.



Amy leads the Murder at Fullarton Manor activity

A Journey Across Kangaroo Island

RYAN HARRISON

Ryan Harrison, a Venturer Scout from Aldinga Bay Scout Group recounts his Adventurous Journey across Kangaroo Island in the Term 1 2025 school holidays, supported by the Dick and Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund.

On the 11 April 2025, the last day of Term 1, myself and four Venturers, all from different groups across South Australia boarded the Sealink Ferry at Cape Jervis for the adventure of a lifetime.

We stayed the night in Kingscote, where we did final checks and distributed group gear ready for an early morning. The next day we woke up and drove an hour and a half across the island to the new Flinders Chase National Park Visitors Centre. There we had a briefing and set off on Day 1 of the KIWT! Day 1 was our longest day at 18km, it gave us our first glimpse at the diverse environments of Kangaroo Island. We

saw goannas and tried our luck spotting a platypus, but were unsuccessful. We got to camp, set up tents and then headed out on a spur trail to watch the sunset.

Day 2 was the hardest day of the hike, the majority of it was spent hiking along the cliffs of Maupertuis Bay, a vastly different environment to what was experienced yesterday. We also spent 2 km walking along the soft sand on a beach, which proved to be an endurance challenge. This coastal walking provided us with some incredible views, and the sight of the Cape Du Couedic Lighthouse growing ever closer informed us the day was nearly over.



The patrol rests while looking over the ocean



Pictured (L-R): Abigail L, Colby I, Ryan H and Chloe C scale the Remarkable Rocks. Lincoln R sits at the bottom

Day 3 allowed for us to reconnect with the outside world as we visited the Remarkable Rocks, a popular tourist site. These monolithic rocks stuck out from the surrounding shrubland like a sore thumb; a very intimidating look. The trail followed alongside the cliffs for a section, and here we observed hundreds of seals frolicking in the shallows, a very special sight. That night we made our dinner and took it to Sanderson Bay to eat, where we saw more seals and a spectacular sunset.

Day 4 was our last full day on trail. We hiked through living trees that were the height of us, but burnt out trunks that extended much higher.



The patrol at the start of the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail

Although the tragic fires that devastated the area 5 years ago were evident along the whole trail, this day gave the biggest clues to its past. Along the trail there were sections of forest that had not grown back, and we saw KIWT signposts that had burnt down as well.

plan a hike. This was the very first time that I had planned a hike for more than one night, so the processes behind it was a lot different. Kangaroo Island is also a lot more remote than anywhere I have been hiking before so I had to learn more about safety precautions.

go. Throughout the hike we were faced with high temperatures, requiring us to rethink our pace, slowing down to reduce chances of heatstroke. We also made sure to take frequent breaks and drink plenty of water on the hot days. This allowed us to get through the hike safely.



I developed my leadership skills greatly, before the hike I managed communications with people from across the state, and was able to both plan aspects individually but also take into account other people's ideas. I also developed my ability to take charge when in times of concern, such as when we may be lost, or when it isn't obvious where the trail is supposed to



Day 5 was short and our final day on trail. A mix of emotions filled our thoughts as we arrived at Kelly Hill Caves, the end point of the KIWT. Here we enjoyed a tour of the caves before heading to Penneshaw for a pub lunch and to catch the ferry back to mainland. Through planning and leading this adventure I learnt a lot about how to



The patrol at the end of the Trail

I would like to thank Dick and Pip Smith for their generosity, without their financial support this journey would not have been possible. I would also like to thank my mentors Michael Woodward and Lincoln Rieger for their support in planning this adventure.

Scout Groups Blaze the Trail

TRAIL JAM 2025

On the second Saturday in May each year Scouts all around the world hike together as part of Trail Jam (formerly Jamboree On The Trail). Scouts from the Reynella Scout Group and the Ascot Park Scout Group share their reflections.

This year, Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers from Reynella Scout Group hiked through Onkaparinga Gorge, choosing from three trail options: a 5.2 km moderate morning hike (Grade 2), a 6.1 km hard afternoon hike (Grade 4), or a full-day 11.3 km hard hike (Grade 4) combining multiple trails.

The options ensured all youth members could participate at a suitable challenge level, supporting Outdoor Adventure Skills progression and fostering friendships across all sections.



Aurora hikes with her Ventuer Buddy

Trail Jam with a Buddy

By Aurora G, Joey

This year I tried the longer, trickier walk. My buddy was a Venturer, that was really cool. Climbing the rocks was tricky, but my buddy helped me.



Reynella Joeys, Cubs, Scouts hike along a rocky outcrop

My Trail Jam Experience

By Hunter B, Scout

On Saturday 10 May, I attended the Reynella scout group hike for Trail Jam at the onkaparinga gorge. I did both the morning and afternoon hike and I chose to be buddied with a Joey to help them through the more difficult afternoon hike.

I enjoyed it because it was a part of the gorge that I hadn't hike yet and I got to experience different levels of terrain from boulder scrambling to long grass and steep hills. There were a few different types of wildlife we came across such as kangaroos and echidnas and I look forward to next year's hike(s).

Hiking Onkaparinga

By Olivia R, Scout

We went to Onkaparinga Gorge for Trail Jam along the creek and then up an epic hill. The views were very pretty from the top of the hill. We were with friends which is great for having company, making jokes and distracting yourself from sore legs. We had to scramble over rocks and climb an epic hill to the finish. We saw a number of different birds and, kangaroos, and other scouts hiking the trails. I would recommend all scouts give trail jam a go, it's a great way to hang out with friends for a full day and get some exercise outdoors.



Members of the Mawson District blaze the trail at TrailUam 2025

Mawson District Takes on TrailUam

By Members of Ascott Park

Members of the Mawson District came together for Trailjam. They traversed sections of the iconic Mawson Trail, the route led Cubs through winding bushland, scenic ridgelines, and steep descents.

“It was a very relaxing and great experience.” - Milla E

“It was very warm and good and kind of relaxing.” - Lincoln P

The day began in Belair National Park, with Cubs following wide, well-maintained paths past Playford Lake, enjoying the peaceful surroundings and a chance to stretch their legs on the only

uphill section of the hike. From there, the group made their way along Sheoak Road, where panoramic views gave way to the most technical part of the journey: Pony Ridge.

“Good, very long and will do it again next year.” - Luke D

“It was a never-ending hill and I really enjoyed it.” - Andy R

This 1.5km descent via switchback trails brought just the right level of challenge, with dusty sections and loose stones keeping Cubs on their toes. Leaders managed the section carefully, placing a designated tail-end leader to monitor for any oncoming mountain bikers. A planned support vehicle at the base provided peace of mind, though thankfully, none of the Scouts needed to make use of the bail-out option.

**“That was actually quite good!”
- Nehaal R**

“It was quite long but enjoyed hiking with my friends.” - Noah G



Ascott Park walks along a road during TrailUam

Investing a New Chief Scout of Australia

SARAH KLEINE

Sarah Kleine, Assistant Chief Commissioner - Youth, represented Scouts SA at the historic investiture of Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC as Australia's second female Chief Scout. She reflects on the powerful message of empowerment and inclusive leadership this milestone represents.

What does it mean to you as a young person and a Scout leader to represent Scouts SA at the investiture of Australia's second female Governor General as Chief Scout?

The proceedings of Her Excellency's investiture at Yarralumla, Government House were very inspiring, as the entire ceremony was led by youth members. This consisted of Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers from the ACT, and was joined by a crowd of Chief Commissioners, national committee members, and various roles such as the ACT Branch Commissioner Youth Empowerment and my own role as Assistant Chief Commissioner – Youth.

Having Her Excellency Sam Mostyn AC as our Chief Scout sends a powerful message, that Scouts Australia and Her Excellency maintain their commitment to community, inclusivity and equality, youth empowerment, and the Scouting Law and Promise.

How do you think Her Excellency Sam Mostyn's background in advocating for gender equality and climate action will inspire young Scouts across Australia?

Her Excellency has an extensive history of advocating for equality and climate action, and has worked in various roles with existing members of Scouts Australia. This pure passion and care that Her Excellency has is sure to be

widespread throughout the scouting communities, as the way she speaks about these is so inspiring. She made sure to get to know each of the youth members, and get to know what they love about scouting and their experiences. Even my own conversations with her show a real drive for youth empowerment and equal opportunity, I cannot wait to see her further involvement throughout her time as Chief Scout.

Typically, the Chief Commissioner attends events of this significance - what message do you think Scouts SA is sending by empowering youth leaders like yourself to represent them at such high-profile occasions?



Sarah Kleine, Assistant Chief Commissioner – Youth with Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC at Her Excellency's investiture as Chief Scout of Australia

I think Scouts SA is at a turning point, where we are starting to push what it really means to be a youth led organisation. I hope in the future these events can be further supported by our Youth Commissioners and even a range of youth members. The investiture party being full of youth members put a massive smile on my face for the immense pride I have for the youth members of Scouts Australia. This event really showed what it means to be 'youth led', and I cannot wait to see more of this as we work towards being more youth centric in Scouts SA and Australia. It was amazing meeting some of the Cubs and Venturers that participated, and seeing their passion for Scouting in the ACT.



Pictured (L-R): Shaylah McClymont, Deputy CC, Scouts Australia; Lloyd Nurthen, CC, Scouts NSW; Ayden Mackenzie, CC, Scouts QLD; Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC; Rod Byrnes, CC, Scouts Victoria; and Sarah Kleine, Assistant CC – Youth, Scouts SA

Having met Ms Mostyn today, what stood out to you about her vision or her approach to becoming Chief Scout, and how do you see this influencing Scouts Australia moving forward?

She really emphasised in her speech about her care for all things youth, equality, community and acknowledgement of Indigenous histories. She appreciates the importance of being Chief Scout, and the responsibility that comes with this prestigious title. She wants to be able to truly engage with the Scouting program and the members within it, and see what it means to be a member of the scouting movement.

I found out that Ms Mostyn's family history flows through Adelaide, and when I mentioned I was from South Australia her face lit up. Government House is now filled with stunning art from multiple diverse South Australian and Indigenous artists, which reflects her passion for community/ family and connection, as well as that true advocacy for equality and acknowledgement of Indigenous histories.

From what you know, what do you believe Scouts can learn from Ms Mostyn's leadership experience in both corporate and community sectors, especially regarding youth engagement and advocacy?

I think Ms Mostyn really showed what it means to be a leader. She spoke genuinely about her passions, expressed care and interest in members attending, and asked so many questions about what Scouting meant to each member. All who know Her Excellency would agree that she will be an amazing Chief Scout of Australia, and is bringing so much knowledge and experience from her previous roles.

Wii Came, Wii Conquered

EASTER VENTURE 2025, LINCOLN RIEGER

Lincoln Rieger, a Venturer from Belair Scout Group, shares his first (and final) experience participating in Easter Venture alongside a team of Venturers from across South Australia. He reflects on the challenges and triumphs of the weekend, as well as the fun, friendships, and trophies earned along the way.

Over the Easter weekend, teams of Venturers from across South Australia came together in the Mount Crawford Forest to take on one of the biggest challenges in the Venturer calendar - Easter Venture 2025.

As with every Easter Venture, this year's theme added an extra layer to the experience, Ready Player One saw teams dress up and organise themselves around video game concepts, bringing even more fun to the hike. Our team chose Wii Sports as our theme. From start to finish, we tackled the forest with tennis serves, bowling strikes, golf swings, baseball pitches, and the occasional round of boxing.



The team completes their final control point



Chloe undertakes an activity checkpoint challenge

But EV is never just about the costumes. It's about endurance, navigation, teamwork, and determination.

"A highlight for me was getting into camp knowing we had completed all of the controls." - Ryan H

Starting bright and early at College Park Scout Hall on Good Friday, we checked our gear, planned our route, and geared up. We jumped on some busses and headed north to Mt Crawford. Our goal was simple: visit every gold checkpoint, rain or shine. And rain it did.

The hike had lots of rain, but we didn't let that stop us. Whether navigating on the slippery tracks or doing the nighttime activities, we kept our spirits high.

Evenings brought a different type of adventure. From themed challenges to some heated competition around the subcamp, the nighttime activities gave us a second wind. They reminded us that EV isn't just about the hike, it's about the experience as a whole.

"My favourite bit was waking up to 'We Bring the Boom' playing in camp each morning." - Chloe C



Pictured (L-R): Lincoln R, Colby I, Chloe C, Abigail L and Ryan H

Our team was strong. We looked out for each other, made decisions together, and pushed each other to keep going when it got tough. And in the end, that teamwork paid off, we were proud to come away winners of the event.

“We kept moving, kept backing each other, and in the end, it paid off. Winning was a great way to finish the adventure.”- Lincoln R

Of course Easter Venturer wouldn’t happen without the amazing support of the organising team. Thank you to everyone who made Easter Venture 2025 possible, from the organisers

and activity leaders to the volunteers and support crews who brought it all together. A special thank you goes to Bruce and Janette for their many years of dedicated service to Easter Venture. This year marked their last ever EV, and we want to thank them for the generosity, kindness, and knowledge they have shared with countless Venturers over the years. Their presence at the event will be deeply missed.

No matter the weather or the challenge, Easter Venture showed us what we’re capable of when we work together, stay determined, and seek the adventure. Rain, mud, checkpoints and all.



Colby and Chloe hoist the EV shields

Easter Venture 2025





Gazebos, Grit, and Glory

COHEN CUP 2025: THE OUTBACK EXTRAVGANZA, ERICA PAWELSKI

Erica Pawelski from the College Park Scout Unit shares her Patrol's journey from up-and-coming rookie team to Cohen Cup Rookie Shield champions. She reflects on the challenges, teamwork, and spirit that led them to an unexpected but well-earned victory.

During the weeks leading up to Cohen Cup, our patrol had to do a lot of planning and preparation, but in the end, it was definitely worth it. When we were first deciding our patrols, I was hoping we would be a competitive team, because I went last year as a rookie patrol in the Cub Section, but I was the only person in my patrol that had been to a Cohen Cup before, so we decided to go as rookies.

Our patrol, Amanda, Georgia, Perry, Aarav, and myself, decided our name, The Desserted Dundeers, and brainstormed gadgets, a gateway, and food ideas. We assigned jobs for everyone to work on outside of scouts, and came up with an equipment list to give to our group's Quartermaster.

The week before Cohen Cup, we did a practice cooking night on our Scout night, and practiced cooking our main course, so that on the day, everyone would be familiar with the recipe and know exactly what to do - but it didn't go exactly as planned. Whilst we were cooking, with the stove on, cans open, and almost ready to serve, one of the table legs collapsed. Everything slid off, and food went everywhere, but somehow, the important ingredients of our main course, in fact, everything but the beetroot (which went everywhere!) survived, and we were still able to serve our meal.



Pictured (L-R): Georgia, Erica, Aarav and Perry with the Cohen Cup Rookie Shield

On the morning of Cohen Cup while we were loading the trailer, we were informed that one of our patrol members was sick, and another would only arrive halfway through the day, but everyone tried their best. Our sick team member was designing the flag for our patrol, and had it dropped off for us to soldier on.

Once our patrol arrived at Woodhouse (where, of course, it was raining...), we unpacked the trailer, and quickly set up our gazebos, to keep everything dry. I got out our site plan, and we started to set up our tents, and everything needed for our kitchen and dining area. Before we knew it, the judges were here

for their initial judging, and made sure everything was set up safely, and our tents were put up correctly.

The next few hours went by really quickly, and we had to make sure our site was fully set up, and start making dinner. We introduced ourselves to the meal judge, and set a time to serve dinner. This time, we made sure the table did not collapse.



The team sets up their campsite



Erica prepares dinner for the judges



Aarav and Perry constructing a gadget

With the theme of Cohen Cup being Outback Extravaganza, our menu was:

Bunyip Soup (Chicken and Vegetable Soup)

Roadkill Burgers (Homemade Hamburgers)

Wombat Poo (Cube Shaped Chocolate Crackles, served on green coconut (grass))

After entertaining our judge, who completed our scoresheet, and left after our Scout's Own, we were all pretty tired and cold, so we went to bed.

The next morning, our judge came back for breakfast which was:

Desert Dunes (Pancakes draped over strawberries to look like a mound)

Once we had packed up our food, it was time for the judging sheets to be returned, gadgets, gates and flagpoles to be finished off before the camp judges came again, and after they did, we started to pack up before the closing ceremony.

Everyone gathered for the ceremony and the winning patrols to be awarded. It was time for the Rookie winners to be announced, starting at third place, and working up to first, and to our surprise, our patrol was called out as the winning patrol!

We were thrilled and went up together to receive the shield and certificate. Although we tried really hard, we never really expected to win, but it proved we worked well as a team, and we will be back as a competitive patrol to try and win again next year!

Cohen Cup 2025





Events and Opportunities

TERM THREE 2025

Indoor Climbing and Abseiling Day (OAS Stages 1-2)

26 AND 27 JULY 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Eagle Mountain Bike OAS 4-5 Day

17 AUGUST 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Character Development Course

1-3 AUGUST 2025

PROGRAM



Chronicles of NONT

30-31 AUGUST 2025

ROVER



Rock Climbing at Morialta (Stages 3-5)

31 AUGUST 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Riesling - Rattlers Trail (OAS Stages 4-5)

6-7 SEPTEMBER 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Branch Hike 2025 | Legend of the Realm

19-21 SEPTEMBER 2025

PROGRAM



Rock Climbing at Onkaparinga (Stages 1-3)

27 SEPTEMBER 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



West Lakes Paddling Day (Stages 1-3 and 3-5)

6-7 SEPTEMBER 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



TRAINING DATES

4WD Safe and Trained Participant Course

12 JULY 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Wilderness First Aid Course

22-24 AUGUST 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Provide First Aid Course

10 AUGUST 2025

TRAINING



Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

28 SEPTEMBER 2025

TRAINING



GILWELL TRAINING

Child Safe Environments (Youth Program Leader)

22 AUG 2025

Scouting Essentials

22-24 AUG 2025

Scouting Adventure

22-24 AUG 2025

Scouting Leadership

22-24 AUG 2025

Child Safe Environments (Program Support Leader)

23 AUG 2025

Scouting Management

24 AUG 2025

Event Spotlight

TERM THREE 2025

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