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THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Performing Arts Shows

Theatre Lovers - 4,610

Adelaide Gang Show

150 Cast and Crew

Comedy Capers

223

Cast and Crew

Scout Shouts

178

Cast and Crew

Jamboree

503

Participants



Branch Hike

“Legend of the Realm”

229

Participants

Easter Venture

“Ready Player One”

165

Participants

Chronicles of NONT

329

Participants

Cohen Cup

“Outback Extravaganza”

272

Participants

Super Splash

329

Participants



Youth Awards

49

Joey Scout

56

Grey Wolf

23

Australian Scout

23

King's Scout

1

Baden Powell



Personal Development Courses - 143

Outdoor Adventure Guides/Assistant Guides - 20

Gilwell Training Qualifications - 36

Woodbadge Training Qualifications - 21

Youth Mental Health First Aid Course - 28

Provide First Aid Course - 72

Child Safe Environments - 90

SAIT Certifications - 44

Big Splash

418

Participants



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It has been a privilege to serve as President of Scouts SA over the past year. Our movement continues to demonstrate its enduring value to young people, families, and communities across the state. This year has been defined by renewed strategic focus, strengthened governance and a deep commitment to ensuring that Scouting remains safe, relevant, and impactful for generations to come.

I commend the Board, who are all Volunteers, for their unwavering commitment and dedication over the past 12 months. I particularly acknowledge those Board members who commit to additional responsibilities leading sub-committees and engage with scouting groups and activities. The Board has worked diligently to enhance our governance framework and ensure that Scouts SA is positioned for long-term sustainability.



Key initiatives included:

- ▶ Refining our strategic priorities to align with the evolving needs of young people and volunteers
- ▶ Strengthening Board processes, reporting structures, succession planning and risk oversight
- ▶ Embedding a culture of accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement
- ▶ Strengthened financial stewardship and improved long-term planning, with the support of our Chief Financial Officer, Carrie Williamson
- ▶ Establishing clearer pathways for Board–Executive collaboration to support operational excellence

These efforts have created a more resilient organisation, better equipped to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities.

We will continue to strengthen Board capability and succession planning, to ensure the organisation is strong and capable, with a commitment to sustaining a strong team in the office for the challenges ahead. The Board acknowledges Angela Marino for her sustained commitment and dedication to Board support and coordination.

A highlight of the year has been the strong and constructive partnership with the Chief Commissioner, John Clarke OAM. Together, we have:

- ▶ Reaffirmed our commitment to member support, enhanced volunteer support, and made a promise to improve the volunteer experience
- ▶ Prioritised initiatives that strengthen the visibility and relevance of Scouting in the South Australian community and across government
- ▶ Ensured alignment between strategic governance and operational and youth program delivery

This collaboration has reinforced the unity of purpose across our organisation, by focusing on what we are here for and helped drive meaningful progress.

The staff at Scouts SA, ably led by our Chief Executive Officer James Sellers, continue to provide an excellent foundation to support the operation of scouting, with direct support to groups with property, grants or insurance matters. Their management of the adventure parks, our retail outlet, Exurbia, and Scout Recycling Centres continue to provide visibility and an income stream that sustains our organisation, at a time when we observe many other organisations entering administration or winding up.



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Safeguarding remains our highest priority. This year, we continued to build a culture where every young person feels safe, supported, and empowered. Key actions included:

- ▶ Formally establishing a sub-committee to oversee the ongoing Board led commitment to safeguarding, this includes ongoing engagement with relevant government agencies and independent subject matter experts to guide our approach and policy environment
- ▶ Reviewing safeguarding policies and procedures to reflect best practice
- ▶ Strengthening incident reporting and oversight mechanisms
- ▶ Promoting a proactive approach to wellbeing and child safety across the organisation

Our commitment to safeguarding is unwavering and central to everything we do. Our support to survivors continues and has an enduring reputational and financial impact on the organisation.

Scouts SA is in a good position with stronger governance and a team prepared for more robust decision-making in the years ahead.

The past year delivered several significant achievements, including:

- ▶ Sustainment in youth membership numbers
- ▶ Increased volunteer engagement through targeted support and training
- ▶ Successful delivery of major Scouting events and community activities
- ▶ Launch of new initiatives to modernise the volunteer experience and enhance member experience, driven by the McCrindle research led by the Chief Commissioner

- ▶ Enhance engagement with stakeholders across the Scouting community

These achievements reflect the dedication of our volunteers, staff, and supporters who continue to embody the Scouting values.

As we move into the next year, our focus remains clear: to strengthen Scouting in South Australia, better support our volunteers, and support the delivery of a program that inspires young people to thrive.

I extend my sincere thanks to all volunteers, staff, youth members, families, and supporters.

With a committed Board, a dedicated Chief Commissioner, staff and a passionate community of volunteers, your commitment ensures that Scouting continues to make a profound difference in the lives of young people across South Australia.

Yours in Scouting

Brenton Scroop
President



Australian Jamboree 2025

January 2025 saw youth and adults heading to Maryborough QLD for the 26th Australian Jamboree, bringing together thousands of participants from across the world for 10 days of adventure, fun, challenges and friendships.

From on-site activities like zip-lining, archery tag, and mud runs to off-site adventures at Hervey Bay and Australia Zoo, AJ2025 had something for everyone. Scouts discovered new passions, built resilience, and formed connections that will last a lifetime. The main arena events kept the excitement alive every evening, with standout performances by artists such as Amy Shark and Havana Brown, as well as Sheppard performing at the closing ceremony.

As the largest event on the Australian Scouting calendar, Jamboree doesn't happen without the dedication of volunteers who work tirelessly in the lead up to, during and after events in all aspects of organising, leading and supporting – a big thank you to all those who supported Jamboree in whatever role.

Chris Wise
BC Contingent



Australian Jamboree 2025 (AJ2025), the experience of a lifetime. The kindness of the volunteers and the intricate planning made the event truly come to life. I was given the opportunity to challenge myself in ways that I never knew that I could. AJ2025 also allowed me to choose how to spend my day.

My favourite activity of them all was the mud run. We had arrived there early, and while we were waiting for our turn to get called to go, there were around five other cool activities to do. The other girls in our patrol and I were drawn to the graffiti wall where we got to decorate and sign our names on the wall creating a work of art made by many. We also wet sponges and threw them at each other. When some more scouts joined in it was an absolute free for all. When we got our chance to go on the mud run there was a choice between two courses. Four of the members of our patrol went for the low ropes course while Rose and I challenged each other on the other mud course and the tires leading up to it. The different obstacles made the whole experience unique and so much more fun than a regular mud run. When we reached the swinging tires, we each had a turn and I did it on my first try. It was so hard but that's what made it awesome.

Another one of my favorite activities was the trail cycle at Your Action. I loved cycling through the woods. The activity did not have any leaders with us but that allowed us to properly spread out and go at your own pace, whether you were an adventurous rider that wanted to race to be the first to finish or you wanted to

ride slow and enjoy the scenery. It was completely your choice. I definitely felt more confident in myself after that ride.

The Maryborough escape room was a true delight because you had to go the absolute fastest you could to try and complete the escape room. There was a booking system to keep the arrangements fair because they were so popular. There was even a chance to do it if you hadn't booked because if another patrol was late you could take their spot. This keeps the escape rooms full and stops the lines that can be a waste of time if you only have an 1 hour left and you want to do all of the activities.



One thing that stood out to me was the kindness of the volunteers. I will share two instances where their kindness made my day. One instance was at Your Action. Three of our patrol did not come and Rose got too hot and needed to wait in the medical tent. It was just Rosie and I doing the activities that "Can you throw -lumberjack" had to offer when we realized that motorized cooler racing was not on our list so we went over to the person and told her that we did not have this activity on our rotations but wanted to do it so she fit us in. She was so nice and she thanked us for telling her the truth because quite a few people had lied to her about things just like that. It proves that being honest is really the best way to go. The second experience of volunteer kindness happened when we got turned away from the escape rooms because we were late because we weren't quick enough at wood working. As we walked away to do another activity the person came running after us and told me that three of us could do an escape room after all because another group did not turn up. These kind of experiences make me feel happy and so privileged to be given the chance to go on AJ2025. I couldn't ask for a better way to grow and improve my scouting than a jamboree. Sometimes just being there meeting a new friend, helping someone that you have never met and laughing with someone new is all you need to have the best time ever

Ivy B
Scout - Beaumont Scout Group





DISTRICT ROUND UP

Adelaide Foothills

Athelstone, Beaumont, College Park, Gilberton, Golden Grove, Hope Valley, Magill, Pembroke, Ridgehaven, Rose Park/Norwood and Stradbroke Scout Groups

In November, Adelaide Foothills held its annual Cub Swimming Carnival and Christmas Break Up for Cubs and Joeys at Waterworld. The event was very well attended, with the District booking out the entire Waterworld complex for two hours so youth members and their families could enjoy full access to all facilities.

The Rose Park/Norwood Scout Group held its Open Day in February, featuring a mock campsite, a scavenger hunt, and Ice Blocking. The day was highlighted by a visit from Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, who engaged with our youth and enthusiastically joined in the scavenger hunt.

August saw 11 youth from our Joey and Cub Units participate in a climbing day conducted by the Scouts SA Rock Climbing Team at the Hallett Cove Hall. This was a fantastic opportunity for our smaller Joey Unit to socialise and engage with Joeys from other Groups.

Also in August, Adelaide Foothills held its annual Pinewood Derby at the Magill Scout Hall. This year, two Pinewood Derbies were held—one for the Cub Units and a second for the Venturer Units.

The Pinewood Derby is a wooden car racing event, with the District providing prizes for categories including 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, Best Themed Car, and Novelty Car. The District supplies the car kits, which the youth build throughout the year. This year's Cub Derby drew six Groups and a total of 34 youth participants.

Beadell

Port Lincoln, Roxby Downs, Whyalla Scout Groups

We have continued to work hard over the last 12 months, with community support and a commitment to learning new skills being key drivers of our success.

One of our District's many achievements has been our participation in community events, our successful fundraising efforts, and the continued growth and strengthening of our Groups. Fundraising has been achieved through community BBQs, sausage sizzles, regular can and bottle collections, and raffles.

We have proudly supported local causes such as toy runs, the Dirt Circuit canteen, football finals and race day clean-ups and showcased our spirit and services to our community through our involvement in Clean Up Australia Day, ANZAC and Remembrance Day services, local Christmas Pageants, Show Day activities, and Art of Christmas displays.

Scouting event participation across the District has included Easter Venture, the Managers of Scouting Conference (MOSC), Jamboree, and JOTA/JOTI.

Our Scout Group halls have also received some love this year. This includes a District Shed clean-up and ceiling repairs in Whyalla, a new fence installation at the Port Lincoln Scout hall, and very excitingly the near completion of a brand new hall in Roxby Downs.

Youth members have embraced a wide range of learning opportunities, building skills in knot tying, compass and map use, coordinate navigation, camp cooking, camping, sewing, leadership, teamwork, woodwork, fencing, and even safe use of power tools.



Scout Groups are geographically divided into Districts, which provide support by offering guidance and approval for activities, HR support for Leaders through training and management, assistance in improving program quality, ensuring adherence to policies and rules, and serving as the primary contact for member support within the District.



Along the way, we have camped, cycled, swum, hiked, and participated in a variety of hands on activities always with enthusiasm and fun.

We have visited Woodhouse, Mt Crawford, September Beach, Wild Dog Hill, and Point Lowly, and connected with Scouts across the globe through Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI).

Our community has supported us tremendously, with grants and donations received from BHP, the Recreation and Sport Active Club Regional Drought Relief Program, Dulux Paints, Holcim, Kennards Hire, MPS Group, Ventia, Haneco, Wormalds, The Pest Man SA, AB Chem, Roxby Signs, Roxby Downs Council, Autopro and many more. Numerous local businesses have also generously donated raffle prizes. This overwhelming support reflects how strongly our community stands behind Scouting. Together, as one community, we can continue to achieve great things.

We look forward to the long awaited grand opening of the Roxby Downs Scout Group's new Hall next year and hope to see you all there!

Hills to Coast

Aldinga Bay, Belair, Blackwood, Eden Hills, Flagstaff Hill, Hackham, Hallett Cove, Happy Valley, Morphett Vale, Port Noarlunga, Reynella and Seaford Meadows Scout Groups

The past year has been one of exceptional achievement for the Hills to Coast District, reflecting the dedication and spirit of our members, leaders, and supporters. Despite the ongoing challenges of leader and youth retention, the commitment shown by individuals across the District has strengthened our community and upheld the core values of Scouting in South Australia. Their willingness to participate, innovate, and contribute has shaped a year filled with memorable successes.

Community engagement has remained a cornerstone of the District's work, with strong representation at the Royal Adelaide Show, Government House Open Days, the Southern Community Showcase, and celebrations such as the Happy Valley Scout Group's 50th Birthday and 100 years of Hawthorndene in Blackwood. Environmental and service-minded events, including Clean Up Australia and National Tree Day activities, further demonstrated our collective desire to care for the spaces around us.

District-run activities offered youth and adults valuable opportunities to develop skills and confidence, with caving, paddling, archery, Trail Jam, snow play and ANZAC Day services among the highlights. Along with participation in all Branch-run activities, a few members also embraced interstate and international adventures, including AJ2025, Kangaree, Mud Kamp and Snow Venture.

Leadership development remained a priority, with many adults upskilling as line leaders or undertaking Outdoor Adventure qualifications. 45 adults received Scouts Australia Adult Recognition Awards, and several were honoured with community-based volunteer awards. Our youth also shone brightly, achieving 47 Peak Awards across all sections. These included 18 Joey Scout Challenge Awards, 11 Grey Wolf Awards, nine Australian Scout Awards, eight King's Scout Awards and one Baden Powell Award. Several youth also contributed to the local council and to MP youth committees, with others featured in the re-established SA Scouts magazine.

The District Team is immensely proud of what has been achieved and deeply grateful for the enthusiasm and resilience shown throughout the year. We look forward to embracing new adventures, challenges, and opportunities in 2026 as we continue to build a vibrant and supportive Scouting community.

DISTRICT ROUND UP

Limestone Coast

Lucindale, Mt Gambier and Naracoorte Scout Groups

Lucindale, Mt Gambier, and Naracoorte Scout Groups have had a busy adventure filled 2025, with youth members and leaders embracing a wide range of activities. Highlights across local, state, and national levels included a District Camp hosted by Lucindale, Branch Hike, and participation in AJ2025.

Groups were supported in delivering OAS opportunities in target sports, rock climbing, and abseiling –thank you to the Adventurous Activities teams involved. The Training team also delivered a valuable weekend of leader training in Mt Gambier, providing development opportunities for many Leaders who may not have been able to travel to Adelaide- thank you!

Community service continues to be a focus for our Groups, with participation in the South East Field Days, Christmas parades, ANZAC Day commemorations and the Winter Sleepout.

Lones

Lones Scout Group

South Australian Lone Scouts have continued to deliver Scouting experiences to members far and wide, including Alice Springs and Tasmania. The use of digital platforms enabled and has helped provide this opportunity, and our youth members are constantly finding new ways to enhance these opportunities.



Over the past year, our Members participated in a wide range of events, including Supersplash, Roonka Camp, Big Splash, Easter Venture, AJ2025, Snow Venture, and various training activities. They were also invited to several camps hosted by other Groups. Thank you to everyone who helped make these experiences possible for Lones as it has given our members the chance to undertake different experiences that they would not normally do. Land yachting and visits to Cleland were very popular.

Some of our Venturers participated in a Kosciuszko “10 Peaks” Hike, with the goal to hike ten of the most famous peaks over 2000m in the Snowy Mountains which a great time was had by all. This adventure was funded through the Dick and Pip Leadership Through Adventure Fund and supported by Leaders and adult volunteers from beyond South Australia. Thank you to all!

Our Members have also been busy within their local communities, supporting ANZAC Dawn Services, assisting with drink stalls at the Lucindale Field Days, sporting clubs, and engaging in a variety of other local activities. These opportunities have enabled many of them to progress through their badgework and personal achievement pathways.

The Annual Lones Camp at Woodhouse was well attended by members and supported by numerous members of the broader Scouting community—our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed. With favourable weather, we made full use of Woodhouse’s activities and facilities, and our members were proud to give back to Scouting by completing service work on Challenge Hill.

Mawson

2nd Adelaide, Ascot Park, Camden Park, Darlington, Fullarton, Glen Osmond, Hawthorn, Somerton Park and St George Pathfinders Scout Groups

Over the last year, Mawson District has been extremely engaged at both a District and Branch level and has achieved the following:





- ▶ The Mawson District purchased 22 PFDs late last year to ensure that we are compliant with the new standard AS 4758 commencing January 1, 2025.
- ▶ The then District Commissioner was a major contributor working with Marion Council on the ANZAC Vigil to be held at Marion RSL, and the Hilton RSL for the City of West Torrens Dawn Service, ensuring these events had a great Scouting presence.
- ▶ More than 45 families from Mawson District attended the Big Splash.
- ▶ The Ascot Park Scouts ran a successful "District Disco Ducks" on July 4, with about 32 Scouts attending.
- ▶ A young Ascot Park Cub won the competition for the Cuboree Badge Competition.

May, increased pressure on our already limited leadership team. Thanks to the continued support of Sean Bragg and the dedication of our leaders, we maintained strong program delivery, successfully ran several key District events, and continued supporting our groups to the best of our capacity.

These changes reflect the ongoing evolution of our groups and the willingness of new leaders to step into key roles when needed. Their contributions are essential to the ongoing health and sustainability of Scouting in Ridley District.



- ▶ Democracy sausages and stalls were run by a few Groups; a good profit was raised by those involved.
- ▶ Several halls have been brought up to code for sleepovers.
- ▶ St. George Pathfinders attended their national camp with other Russian St. George Pathfinder groups.
- ▶ The first Mawson District Scout camp, in many years, was held in October. We had eight of the nine Groups in the district attend.
- ▶ Earlier this year, the district team had a presentation from Krista Healey, a Bachelor of Disability and Community Inclusion (as well as JSL & AGL Glen Osmond) on setting up a District Inclusion Team to support Leaders in our District.

Ridley

Angle Vale, Edinburgh Park, Manor Farm, Mawson Lakes, Northridge Para Vista, One Tree Hill, Playford, Salisbury and Two Wells Scout Groups

The last 12 months have been a period of consolidation and challenge for Ridley District. Operating without a District Commissioner and losing our Assistant District Commissioner in

DISTRICT ROUND UP

During 2025, the Ridley District continued to face challenges, including reduced leadership capacity, declining youth numbers in several groups, and ongoing difficulties recruiting new adult volunteers. These issues strained event delivery and group operations.

Long-term sustainability remains a concern, with Mawson Lakes Scout Group scheduled to close at the end of term 4 due to low membership and insufficient adult support.

The District remains financially stable, with all activities covering their costs throughout the year. Careful management enabled us to meet an unexpected expense (the replacement of the Playford Scout Group fence following vandalism) without compromising our financial position.

Our priorities for 2026 include delivering a strong program of engaging District activities, rebuilding and strengthening the District leadership team, and providing increased support to groups to help stabilise youth numbers. We aim to recruit additional adult volunteers and improve communication, teamwork, and collaboration across the District.

Finally, thank you to all leaders, youth members, families, and supporters who contribute to Scouting in Ridley District. Despite the challenges of 2025, our community has demonstrated resilience, commitment, and the true spirit of Scouting. We look forward to building a stronger, more connected, and sustainable District in 2026.



Key Events in 2025

District Swimming Carnival - August 8, 2025

Held at StarPlex in Gawler, this year's carnival saw 110 youth enjoy races, games, challenges, and water safety activities. Heartfelt thank you to Renae Ferdinands and Jessica Hoffman from the Angle Vale Scout Group for their incredible effort, teamwork, and dedication in making this chaotic night a resounding success.

Joeys & Cubs Bowling Challenge - August 17, 2025

Held at Salisbury Bowland, this event welcomed 26 Joeys and 23 Cubs (plus Scouts for support) to a fun-filled day of strikes, spares, challenges, and SIA opportunities.

NONT - August 30-31, 2025

Run by ACE Rover Unit, "The Chronicles of NONT" delivered another fantastic event full of navigation, observation, energy, teamwork, and creativity.

Scouts Caving Camp – June 20-23, 2025

A challenging program for 29 Scouts, held in Naracoorte, exploring caves, tight spaces, teamwork, resilience, and Outdoor Adventure Skills.

Three Rivers

Angaston, Barmera, Gawler, Loxton, Nuriootpa, Southern Barossa and Waikerie Scout Groups

In 2025, the Nuriootpa Scout Group was placed into recess due to limited adult support, but the District also saw progress. Several groups secured grants and fundraised to upgrade their Scout Halls—Gawler is now fully compliant for sleepovers, and Angaston, Waikerie, and Barmera have all improved their facilities.

Membership has declined by around 50 youth and 20 adults, but we remain focused on growth. Targeted initiatives, including our presence at the Riverland Field Days, are helping attract new members.

We acknowledge the resignation of District Commissioner Alison Holt in September and thank her for her service. Assistant District Commissioner Ian Cooper is currently providing continuity until a new District Commissioner is found!

With refreshed energy, improved facilities, and ongoing recruitment efforts, we are well positioned to build momentum in the year ahead!



Torrens

ATTAQWA, Flinders Park, Fulham, Hillcrest, Kidman Park, Kilkenny, Lac Viet, Prospect, Semaphore, St Mary and Taperoo Scout Groups

Across the District, Scout Groups have experienced a positive and active year, delivering strong programs, meaningful youth development opportunities, and valuable community engagement, despite some challenges in capacity and resourcing.

Youth Participation and Program Delivery

Overall youth engagement remained strong, with most groups reporting consistent attendance and growth across Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers. Groups delivered full and varied programs that extended well beyond hall-based activities. Highlights included camps at Roonka, Woodhouse, Napperby, Wellington, Mt Crawford, Monarto Zoo, and Chalks Campground, as well as adventurous activities such as rock climbing, abseiling, bushwalking, orienteering, geocaching, cycling, dragon boating, and night hikes.

Youth-led programming featured prominently, with members actively planning games, activities, patrol programs, and leadership roles. Many young people experienced their first camp or overnight activity away from home, building confidence, independence, and resilience. Achievement outcomes were strong, with multiple Milestone badges, Outdoor Adventure Skills badges, Special Interest Area badges, Personal Development badges, Grey Wolf Awards, and leadership badges earned. Notable individual achievements included AJ2025 leadership roles, NONT participation, Easter Venture attendance, and award recognition at the Adelaide Royal Show.

Camps, Events, and Community Engagement

Groups actively participated in district, branch, and community events. These included ANZAC Day services, Clean Up Australia Day, election day and museum BBQs, church anniversaries, nursing home visits, World Scout Scarf Day, Science Alive, Planetarium visits, discos, joint campfires, and section linking activities. Fundraising remained strong through Bunnings and Mitre 10 stalls, raffles, BBQs, cookie sales, and community events, helping support program delivery and future activities.

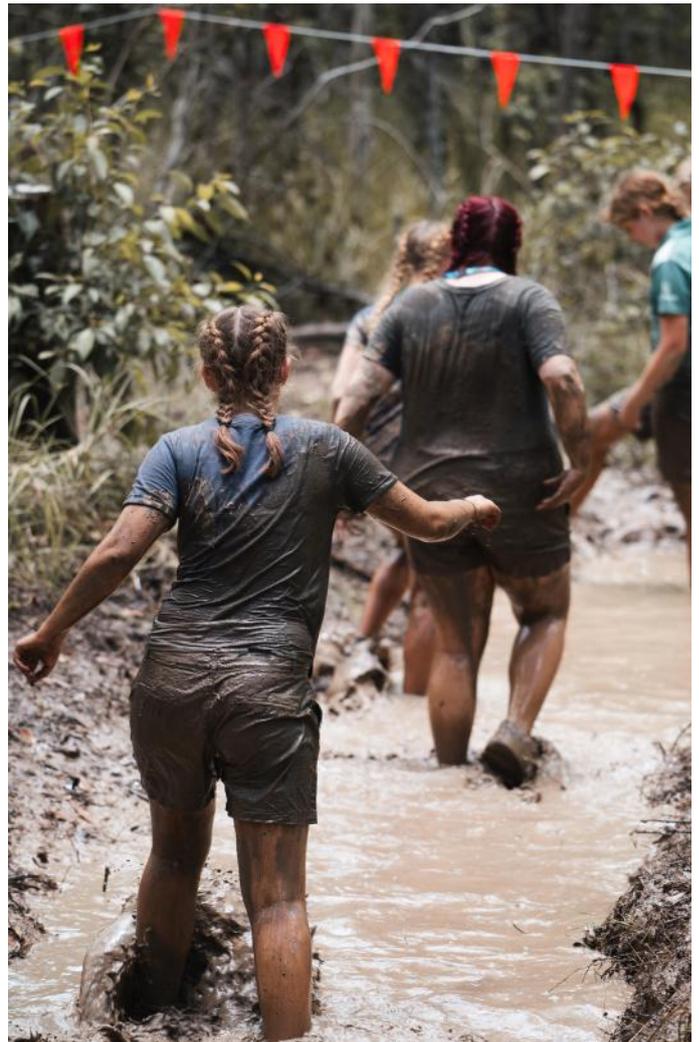
Leadership and Capacity

Leader teams across the District remained committed and steady, with new leaders completing or undertaking training and ongoing professional development occurring throughout the year. Some groups faced challenges maintaining momentum; however, strong determination from leaders ensured programs continued to run successfully. New initiatives included trialling

different programming models, patrol-based delivery, and the establishment of a new Rover Unit. Looking ahead, groups have identified growth in youth membership, leadership teams, and group committees as key priorities.

Looking Forward

We look forward to concluding the year with plans for summer camps, Christmas celebrations, and preparations for future milestones, including significant group anniversaries in 2026. Across the District, the dedication of volunteers and the enthusiasm of youth members continue to deliver high-quality Scouting experiences that build skills, confidence, and community connection.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE ROUND UP

Cycling

It's been another busy year for the Cycling Team, delivering activities, supporting formations, and assisting with Adventurous Journeys. In addition to our traditional mountain bike and cycle tour days, we introduced an unsupported overnight tour. Youth started in Riverton and explored the Rattler and Riesling Trails in the Mid North, carrying all their gear on their bikes and utilising newly acquired branch panniers. The trip utilised the grounds of the Clare Scout Hall to set up tents for an overnight stop, before returning to Riverton the following day. Following this trip, the team is planning additional tours in 2026.

During the year, the team also launched our new Trained Participant course. This course will provide youth and leaders with a clear pathway to learn and develop the skills to deliver their own cycling activities. Minor improvements to the course in 2026 will allow the team to include a safe participant option. We currently have three courses scheduled for 2026.

Following the release of the updated Cycling Activity Standard for on-road activities, the team began work on the off-road activity standard, which will open additional mountain biking opportunities for the youth of Scouts SA.



Land Yachting

It's been a busy year for Land Yachting, with six "Come and Try" sessions held across the year, most of them fully booked. A major highlight was seeing the team load up the land yachts and travel to the Yorke Peninsula for the Karkana District Camp at the Kadina Showgrounds in August. Across the weekend, 48 youth members and leaders experienced land yachting, developed new skills, and had plenty of fun along the way.

The team has also been actively searching for alternative locations closer to metropolitan areas to improve accessibility. While no suitable sites have been secured yet, they remain optimistic about finding the right fit.

In September 2025, the current Branch Commissioner stepped down. We thank them for their dedication and support over the years and look forward to welcoming a new Branch Commissioner to grow this adventurous activity.

Looking ahead, the Land Yachting Team is excited for the next 12 months and reminds groups that they don't have to wait for a scheduled "Come and Try" session. Events can be booked at Wellington on Saturdays—or, like the Karkana District, groups can source a suitable local site to host the adventurous activity.



Paddling

The Paddling Team continues to deliver a program of Branch activities, leader training, and support for major events such as Super Splash. The team now includes 47 endorsed leaders across the Branch and affiliated Scout Groups.

Key highlights for the year included the Rakali Paddling Adventures at Katarapko in October 2024 and at Roonka in March 2025. These expeditions offered Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers the chance to undertake two- or three-day paddling journeys that built skills in development, endurance, and leadership. Notably, the Katarapko adventure offered two Scouts to complete their Adventurous Journey by planning, leading, and reviewing their expedition.

The Paddling Team also delivered several highly attended 'Come and Try' events—at Glenelg Water Activities Centre for Cubs and Joeys, at Garden Island, and at West Lakes for Scouts and Venturers. These sessions provided exciting introductory experiences and supported youth members in achieving Outdoor Adventure Skills in Paddling.

Rock Climbing

It's been a bumper 12 months for the Vertical Adventures Activity Team. Our team has continued to provide safe, engaging, and skill-building opportunities for young people progressing through the Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS) Vertical stream. Pleasingly, our membership increased from 19 to 26 active team members, strengthening our capacity to support youth across the state.

Across the reporting period, we delivered a balanced program of natural-surface and indoor activities. At Morialta, we ran four Vertical Stages 3–5 events in November, March, June, and August, supporting 52 youth in developing advanced climbing techniques and confidence on real rock. At Onkaparinga, we delivered four introductory Stage 1–3 climbing days in November, February, May, and September, assisting 77 youth with foundational skills, safety awareness, and progression through their OAS pathways.

Our indoor Climbing and Abseiling weekend in July proved as popular as ever, with 42 participants on Saturday, and 46 on Sunday gaining experience towards Vertical and Abseiling Stages 1 and 2. With the continued success and demand for this weekend, we are pleased to confirm that three indoor weekends will be added to our 2026 program.

Alongside delivery, training and capability building remained a priority. We successfully ran two team training courses, in December and in August, focusing on safety systems,

instructional skills, and consistency. In addition, we held a second team development day at Rathjens Gap, dedicated to practising natural gear placements and refining technical rigging proficiency.

The team also proudly supported several state events, including Super Splash, Big Splash, and the Adelaide Foothills Joey Day, broadening access to vertical activities for younger sections across Scouts SA.



A key milestone this year was our Vertical Skills Trained Participant course, held in August 2025, through which we welcomed four new and highly valuable members to the team. With our long-serving leader Pete moving into the Assistant Chief Commissioner Program, our Assistant Branch Commissioner Michelle stepped up into the Branch Commissioner role, ensuring strong leadership and continuity for the team moving forward.

A standout moment for the team was our development trip to Mount Arapiles in October 2024, completed just before the blanket closures. With reopenings now underway, we look forward to returning in 2026.

The Vertical Adventures Activity Team remains committed to delivering high-quality, youth-focused programs and supporting Scouts to reach new heights in the year ahead.

YOUTH COMMISSIONER TEAM UPDATE

Over the past 12 months, the Scouts SA Youth Commissioners have continued to champion youth voice and leadership across the organisation. Our team has grown in confidence and capability, taking on increasingly significant roles in representing young people at major events, engaging with community leaders, and ensuring youth perspectives shape the future of Scouting in South Australia.

A significant milestone was hosting the Scouts SA AGM in March, where we facilitated engagement between local politicians, key stakeholders, and the Scouting community. This was followed by MCing the Branch Award Ceremony in September, where we celebrated excellence across our movement, recognising the outstanding contributions of leaders and youth members alike.



The Youth Commissioners have been active ambassadors for Scouts SA in the wider community. In January, we presented at the prestigious Adelaide Rotary Luncheon, sharing insights about the role of Scouting and how we are equipping young people to be ready for life. In April, we participated in the ANZAC Youth Vigil, honouring the service and sacrifice of those who came before us. August saw our involvement in the Department of Education's Active Citizenship Convention, where over three days we engaged with over 1,000 Year 10 students in conversations about meaningful community contributions. In November, one of our Youth Commissioners attended Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia's annual patronage party at Government House, representing Scouts SA members.

Political engagement has been a key focus this year. Several Youth Commissioners attended the National Youth Leadership Forum at Parliament House in Canberra, gaining valuable insights into national policy-making and youth advocacy. We also engaged with state politicians at community cabinet sessions, ensuring Scouting's message reaches the wider community.



A particularly important initiative was running a workshop on youth-focused safeguarding for adults in leadership positions at the Managers of Scouting Conference in July. This workshop ensured youth perspectives remain at the forefront of these critical conversations, reinforcing that safeguarding empowers young people to have a voice in the systems designed to keep them safe.

Throughout the year, we coordinated engagement efforts for Cuboree while actively supporting various Scouts SA events including Performing Arts Shows and other major Branch activities.

Professional development has been central to strengthening our team. We undertook Youth Commissioner Development Weekends in March and August, building our skills and knowledge. In May, we met with Meg Cummins, a World Scouting Youth Representative, learning from her international perspective on youth leadership. In June, we participated in media training with Jessica Braithwaite from Channel 9, developing our communication skills and confidence in representing Scouting publicly.

Looking ahead, we're energised by new opportunities to expand youth voice and leadership. With fresh initiatives on the horizon,

we're excited to continue co-leading and partnering with members at every level, creating a Scouting experience that truly reflects and serves young people. Together, we're shaping a bright future for Scouting in South Australia.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



This year, our businesses performed strongly, delivering growth across all operations and again achieving results aligned with our longer-term goals. Careful management and a continued focus on sustainability have delivered consistent, year-on-year improvement and a solid platform for the Association. Importantly, this success has allowed us to reinvest where it matters most. We have strengthened Scouting programs, expanded support services, upgraded facilities and delivered a vibrant, adventurous events calendar that reflects the energy and spirit of the Movement.

None of this progress happens in isolation. We are fortunate to be supported by partners, donors and sponsors who believe deeply in the value of Scouting and its impact on young people and communities. In particular, I thank Freemasons SA & NT for their continued generosity in supporting our programs and events. Grant funding and individual giving have also played a vital role in enabling important initiatives and providing meaningful support for our volunteers.

I extend my sincere thanks to our Chief Scout Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC Governor of South Australia, and to our Patron, Rear Admiral the Honourable Kevin Scarce AC CSC RAN (Rtd). Both have provided

This year marks a defining moment for Scouts SA. We stand at a point where the work of recent years is coming together, and the choices ahead offer genuine opportunity to shape the future of Scouting across South Australia.

Over recent years, we have strengthened our Association through clear priorities, disciplined decision-making and collective effort. That approach has rebuilt confidence and stability, while staying true to our purpose, and it has positioned us well for the opportunities ahead.





“At the heart of everything we do are our volunteers and young people. Our role as an Association is to support them, and create the conditions for Scouting to thrive ”

Movement to life, and I feel truly privileged to work with such an extraordinary team.

I am extremely proud of the way they champion Scouting and support our members every day. At the heart of everything we do are our volunteers and young people. Our role as an Association is to support them, back them and create the conditions for Scouting to thrive.

Looking ahead, we stand at a point of genuine opportunity. Scouting must continue to evolve. We must be prepared to adapt, take considered risks and do things differently to meet the world that youth are growing up in today. The forthcoming transition of our recycling operations is an important step in that journey, allowing us to sharpen our focus on Scouting and launch the next chapter with intent. Having our Board, volunteers and staff aligned as one team, there is much to be optimistic about. Exciting times ahead!

James Sellers
Chief Executive Officer

valued encouragement and recognition of young people and volunteers.

Our relationships with government continue to be constructive and engaged. Federally, I thank Claire Clutterham MP and Louise Miller-Frost MP for their ongoing support of Scouts SA. At a state level, I acknowledge Emily Bourke MLC, Katrine Hildyard MP, Olivia Savvas MP, Rhiannon Pearce MP, Lee Odenwalder MP and the outgoing Minister Susan Close for their engagement and support across respective portfolios. I look forward to working with the new Environment Minister, Lucy Hood MP, and acknowledge the continued support of the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Peter Malinauskas MP.

Scouting continues to hold strong, guided by careful planning and an intentional approach. Earlier this year, the Scouts SA Board was clear that our long-term success depends on keeping Scouting at the centre of everything we do. That focus, alongside the Chief Commissioner’s leadership, has set a roadmap for the future, centred on quality, building relevance, expanding into new areas, and reaching more young people and families.

The progress made this year reflects strong governance and direction. The Board has been aligned, thoughtful and decisive, and I thank them for their leadership and trust. In particular, I thank our President, Brenton Scroop, for his steady and principled guidance. I also acknowledge John Clarke OAM, our Chief Commissioner, for his energy, vision and forward-thinking approach.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our staff. Their commitment, compassion, and tireless efforts bring our



CAMPS & ADVENTURE PARKS

Highlights and Recognition

Woodhouse Adventure Park celebrated an exceptional year, winning dual Gold at the 2025 South Australian Tourism Awards for Unique Accommodation and Adventure Tourism. Unique Accommodation has now been awarded to Woodhouse for the fifth consecutive year, reflecting the consistent quality our members and visitors experience. Visitor satisfaction remained strong across all sites, with Google review scores of 4.6 at Woodhouse, 4.8 at Roonka and 4.7 at Nyroca, supported by improved guest touchpoints and targeted promotional activity.



Developments, Challenges, and Innovations

Significant infrastructure investment strengthened the portfolio, including a new commercial laundry, major road resurfacing, Challenge Hill improvements, and roof and gutter repairs at Old Woodhouse Manor, supported by a \$20,000 DEW grant.

More than 20 new education programs were introduced, including 'Seedlings' (Kindy–Year 2), Survival-Based Tent Camps, Adult Team Building, and the 'Compass' Senior Retreat (Year 11–12). A full Pre-School–Year 12 school camp pathway was launched across Woodhouse and Roonka, giving schools a clear progression of outdoor learning aligned with the Australian Curriculum.

As outdoor-based sites, operations remained influenced by weather, with extreme heat affecting school camps, and heavy rain impacting the family market. These conditions require ongoing flexibility in scheduling, staffing and guest management

Key Initiatives and Future Growth

Priorities for 2025–26 include progressing new accommodation pods and amenities, Challenge Hill renewal, fire panel upgrades in group accommodation buildings and long-term master planning. Transitioning cleaning and laundry services in-house will achieve significant cost-savings, and improve efficiency, consistency and service standards. Growth opportunities include two-night kayak expeditions and Arrow Tag at Roonka, expanded Educator and Corporate Wellness Workshops and weekend pay-per-play laser skirmish. Roonka will also introduce three beginner-friendly kayak trails to boost confidence and hire revenue.

Development of activities and programming will continue for the Scouts Youth Team Challenge (Nov 2026), supported by a \$30,000 Freemasons sponsorship. This much-loved event is being revived in an expanded format by the Camps & Adventure Parks team, delivering a refreshed two-day challenge designed to strengthen teamwork, leadership and resilience.



Woodhouse Visitation Statistics

39,571
Bunk Nights

29,941
Day Visitors

19,609
Campers

6,879 Scouts
Nights Under Canvas

6,800
Volunteer Hours

SCOUT RECYCLING CENTRES

Scout Recycling Centres (SRCs) again made a strong contribution to Scouts SA this year, delivering continued operational improvement, a solid financial result and stronger day-to-day performance across the business.

For nearly 49 years, SRC has supported Scouting while providing a valued recycling service to communities across South Australia. At the heart of that legacy are our people across the depots. Their commitment and pride in what they do delivers safe, reliable and customer-focused service every day.

With recycling legislation and policy continuing to evolve, engagement with government and industry remained important. SRC worked closely with the Environment Minister and Deputy Premier, the Hon Susan Close MP, senior government officials, the EPA and industry stakeholders to stay well informed, connected and positioned.

In parallel, SRC worked with technology and scheme partners to better understand approaches emerging in the eastern states and what they may mean for the future of container deposit and recycling schemes in South Australia. This helped inform decision-making and reinforced SRCs reputation as a practical and trusted operator.

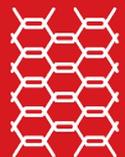


Leadership renewal also supported momentum during the year, with a new General Manager for Recycling commencing in July. This appointment has brought fresh focus to operational performance, customer experience and brand presence.

Operationally, targeted investment in staff development, maintenance tracking and safety initiatives delivered measurable improvements in efficiency and productivity. SRC recorded a profit of \$2.8 million for the year, exceeding forecast and improving on the prior year result of \$2.2 million. This outcome reflects well-managed cost control, improved rostering during seasonal downturns, stronger commodity pricing and a consistent focus on doing the basics well.

Looking ahead, SRC enters the new financial year in a strong position. Building on almost five decades of service, the business is well placed to continue delivering safe, efficient and community-focused recycling services while proudly promoting the Scouting brand. Following the end of the reporting period, Scouts SA entered into a partnership with Return-It, marking an important next chapter for SRC and providing a platform to grow alongside a leading recycling partner, while sustaining and building on the legacy created by generations of staff and supporters..

**7,815
Tonnes**
of scrap/steel redirected from landfill



**128,304,951
Units**
of deposit containers
redirected from landfill



EXURBIA



Over the past year, Exurbia has continued to strengthen its role as a key commercial arm supporting Scouts SA. In a challenging retail environment, the business delivered improved performance, growing brand recognition and tangible benefits for Scouting members and the wider community.

Exurbia delivered a modest year-end profit, supported by strong stock discipline, focused sales activity, and sustained growth in online performance.

During the year, the supply of 600 Jamboree 2025 contingent backpacks at cost price saved Scouting families more than \$21,000. Commercial sales to schools, universities and government departments increased, contributing meaningful profit while remaining aligned with Scouts SA's values of outdoor education and community engagement.

Retail performance was supported by a consistent and strategic marketing approach. Activity across in-store promotions and digital channels helped maintain strong engagement throughout the year and particularly across key trading periods. Online sales continued to grow, finishing the year 18 percent ahead of the previous year, reinforcing the importance of digital channels in reaching both new and returning customers.

Exurbia received external recognition during the year, winning the 2025 Norwood, Payneham and St Peters Eastside Business Award for Best Fashion Retailer. This followed several years as a finalist and reflects a consistent focus on quality service, store presentation and customer experience.

While trading conditions remain competitive, Exurbia enters the new financial year from a position of strength, with positive momentum, a recognised brand and a supportive contribution to the sustainability of Scouts SA.



SCOUTING AWARDS

Youth Awards

Baden Powell Award

Heidi van der Wielen

King's Scout Awards

Daniel Carlier
 Michaela Colla
 Harry Coventry
 Ethan Dodson
 Alicia Farrington
 AJ Fenton
 Balian Frederick
 Ryan Harrison
 Hannah Jackson
 Aimee Jordan
 Niccola Kemp
 Amelia Knott
 Henry Kowald
 Seb Melbourne
 Mitchell Mews
 Heidi Noble
 Nic Tiesman
 Natalee Trainer-Pincin
 Maretta Watts
 Emily Weir
 Josh West
 Tegan Williams
 Ben Willis

Australian Scout Awards

Hunter Bellman
 Claire Blockow
 Mary Bryant
 Jasper Buss
 Isaac Carlson
 Anton Evans
 Samuel Haley
 Levi Henderson
 Steven Hill
 Dean Hirschausen
 Madelin Jacobs
 Ryan Ness
 Casper Peeters
 Soren Petrie
 Haylee Pincin
 Alice Richardson
 Billy Richter
 Alex Robinson
 Nathan Stevens
 Charlie Stower
 Urja Thakur
 TJ Thomas
 Ethan Thompson-Skelly

Adult Awards

Silver Kangaroo

Chris Bates

Silver Koala

Graham Baker
 Craig Bugden
 Anita Bugden
 Rebecca Clements
 Mark Corbett
 Ben Coventry
 JB Hooper
 Sarah Jones
 Elaine Kennedy
 Nick Loxton

Outstanding Service

Peter Davis
 Roscco Johnston

Silver Wattle

Stuart Colla
 Brianna Dall
 Philip Doyle
 Jasmin Goode
 Chad Harder
 Chad Harder
 Rebecca Jordan
 Elise Kinsmore
 Robert Miotti
 Gary Powell
 Robyn Smith
 Ann Southwood
 Andrew Thomas
 Jason Timberlake
 Emma Tremain
 Alana Willett

Meritorious Service Award

Bronwen Allen
 Chantelle Bryker
 Annie Cranston
 Annie Cranston
 Matt Creamer
 Ruth Geddes
 Todd Harvey
 Ginny Harvie
 Krista Healey
 Daniel King
 Russell Latter
 Les Lyons
 Chris McDonough
 Ali McLarty

Terri McLeod
 Anthony McLeod
 Sam Morgan
 Helen Munro
 George Munro
 Daniel Noble
 Nicola Price
 James Sellers
 Tashy Smith
 Nerissa Sneath
 Chris Sykes
 Megan Wade
 Matt Warne
 Tony Winn
 Jenny Wood
 Adrienne Wright

Special Service Award

Steven Bailey
 Cally Beasley
 Nicole Bowden
 Chris Brown
 Trish Caddy
 Mel Carter

Rhys Charlesworth
 Breanne Christie
 Jacinda Clark
 Tim Digance
 Amy Dospisil
 Jodie Edwards
 Lucy Fawcett
 Sue Grange
 Nicole Greeneklee
 Josh Grenfell
 Kurt Haines
 Wendy Harrison
 Chris Hollingsworth
 Connor Hood
 James Hyder
 Matthew Inkley
 Jordan Klaassen-Jones
 Vivien Kruger
 Kimberley Lerc
 Raphael Ling
 Chelsea Ly
 Michael Ly
 Diana Macolino
 Chris Maddern
 Scott McCarthy

Keeley Menz
 Mandy Mesecke
 Ethan Miotti
 Jo Ness
 Peter Newbold
 Shannon Packer
 Michelle Popplewell
 Bernie Rawson
 Hugo Resch
 Meredith Richardson
 Elijah Rieger
 Carl Scally
 Nikita Sharp
 Jess Smits
 Nick Souter
 Mike Steveson
 Alfie Swallowe
 Alannah Walters
 Alister Waters
 Katrina Watts
 Gus Wells
 Jay Willson
 Belinda Willson
 Mark Zhang



Gone Home

The following members and past members have 'gone home' since the 2023/24 Annual Report was published. Their memory will live on in the legacy they provided through years of volunteer efforts given to Scouts SA and the Youth of South Australia.

Beryl Pearson ^o	4-Nov-24	James Munro ^o	16-May-25
Peter Hann ^o	16-Nov-24	Joan Pike ^o	19-Jun-25
Peter Hodgetts ^o	15-Jan-25	Ann Morgan ^o	22-Jun-25
Dennis Brown ^o	28-Jan-25	David Rattray OAM ^o	16-Jul-25
Betty Mugg ^o	20-Feb-25	John Liddell	21-Jul-25
Jeanette Johns ^o	26-Feb-25	Anthony Farrugia	29-Jul-25
Jack Winston ^o	8-Mar-25	Sir Eric Neal AC CVO	2-Sep-25
Diane Reed ^o	20-Mar-25	Steven Williams	8-Sep-25
John Batley	17-Apr-25	Paul Hender	30-Sep-25
Jacqueline Moreton	12-May-25		
Life Member ^o			

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER



Scouting in South Australia is in the middle of its Adventurous Journey. The planning has been completed, and in 2025, the doing kicked off. It is a flexible journey that requires constant review — a journey of transformation that creates new adventures and fresh energy for both youth members and adults.

Scouting is a youth organisation with the primary aim of delivering a program that inspires young people for life. But Scouting also creates lifelong friendships and strong support networks for adults, bringing people together in capable, committed teams who drive the ongoing growth and forward momentum of our organisation. Adult volunteers benefit from genuine camaraderie, shared purpose and meaningful connection — and those benefits flow outward into the wider community through stronger wellbeing, greater social participation, and a deeper pool of experienced leaders who contribute far beyond Scouting.

During 2025, our vision was tightened, adapting to our learning. Our priorities are clear –

Empowering Programs

Inspiring every young person to discover their best self.

We're strengthening the heart of Scouting — programs that build resilience, leadership and adventure. Through quality delivery and continuous improvement, every Scout experience challenge, connection and growth.

Innovative pathways

Reaching new communities with new ways to belong.

We're creating flexible, inclusive and future-focused programs that respond to how young people and families live today. Innovation keeps Scouting relevant, accessible and ready for tomorrow.

Supported volunteers

Valued people, empowered to make a difference.

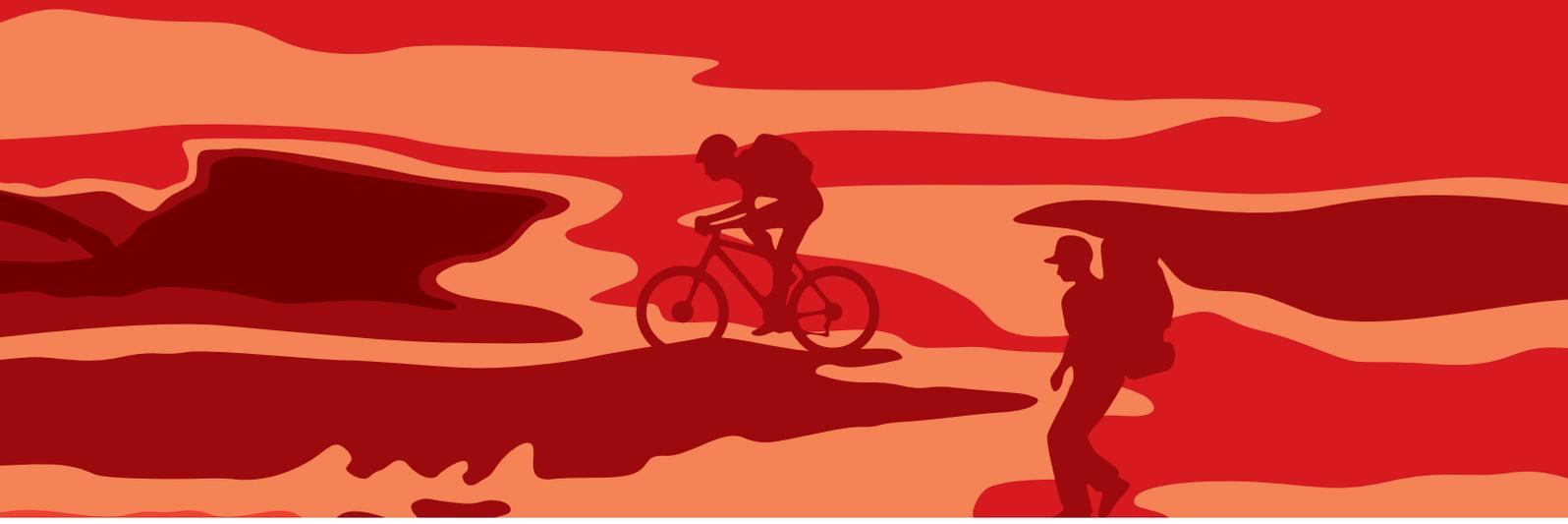
We're investing in our volunteers with practical tools, flexible roles, and genuine recognition. When our volunteers feel supported and appreciated, our youth and communities thrive.

United culture

A movement built on trust, inclusion and shared purpose.

We're building a positive, connected culture that celebrates diversity, collaboration and community. Together, we create the conditions where ideas grow and people belong.





Volunteering — the need for a new model has never been clearer

McCrindle Research led a comprehensive review of volunteering in Scouting (thanks to the generous funding from the Freemasons' Foundation).

We know that volunteers are stretched:

- ▶ 64% say there is a lack of others to share the load
- ▶ 59% say there is excessive bureaucracy
- ▶ 62% of parents say a lack of time stops them from volunteering
- ▶ 64% of parents have considered volunteering for Scouts
- ▶ Parents want volunteer roles that match their lives
- ▶ 85% of parents interviewed are more likely to volunteer under a new, flexible model.

A new model has been developed based on the McCrindle research and strategies implemented in the United Kingdom. Trials run for 12 months starting early in 2026.

We strive to build a culture where:

- ▶ We flex to match volunteers' interests and availability
- ▶ We make everyone feel welcomed and included, and provide timely recognition for their contribution
- ▶ We cut red tape, communicate clearly and empower local teams
- ▶ We support our volunteers with streamlined training and flexible modules
- ▶ We recognise effort early and often

“The future is ours to shape. Together, our challenge is to imagine the possibilities of what Scouting in South Australia can look like by 2030.”



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

Scouting is going to lead the way in evolving a new approach to volunteering. This is shared work — across groups, districts and the branch — building stronger foundations so more young people can access the Scouting experience, and more adults can contribute in ways that genuinely fit.

Building inspiration

The best Scouting happens when generations lead together. When young people and adults collaborate in true partnership, we get better ideas, stronger ownership, and a movement that is more inclusive, resilient and future-focused.

Our Youth Commissioner Team models this approach — visible, capable and working side by side with leaders across the state: presenting, mentoring, listening, and encouraging young people to step up and lead. The Youth Commissioners will continue to be a strong voice for Scouting, showing South Australia that future leaders are nurtured and supported to grow through Scouting.



Contemporary facilities that are welcoming, engaging and flexible in use

During 2025 the Group Health Assessment Tool was developed to synchronise a diversity of data about our groups. This helps guide practical, forward decisions: where facilities should be built in the future, youth saturation across suburbs, and the ownership and condition of our sites.

Scout halls are aging and no longer fit for purpose. We have mapped all facilities across the state and, in partnership with groups and districts during 2026, we will explore opportunities (including sensible mergers where needed) to reinvest and create relevant, engaging Scouting locations.

Facilities can no longer be used by single organisations. We are working toward flourishing partnerships with Guides SA, modernising relationships with councils, and—through engagement—seeking funding and in-kind support so Scouts SA facilities reflect contemporary society.



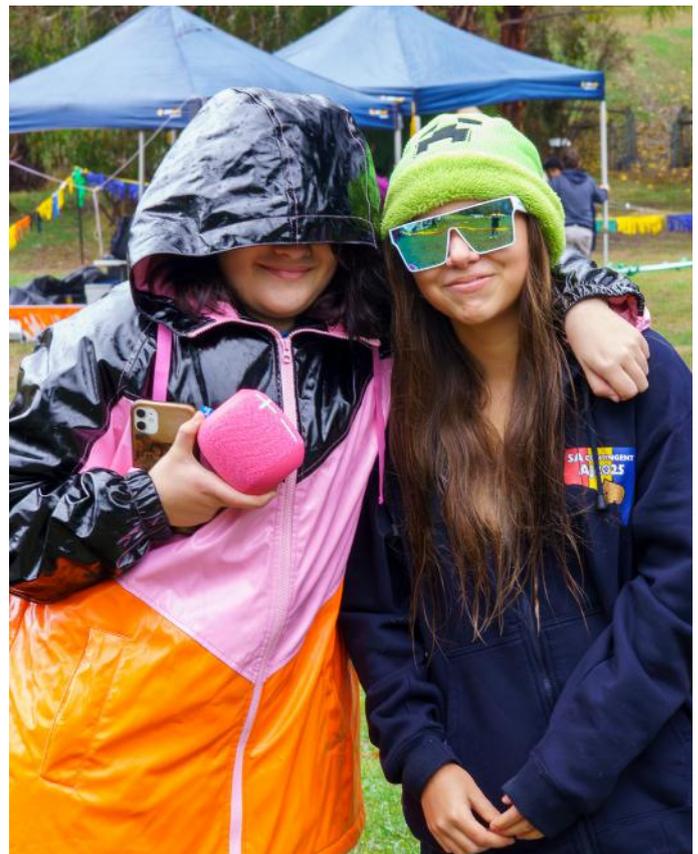
What could the Scouting program look like in 2030?

Traditional Scouting remains our bread and butter: weekly meetings in age-section groups. At the same time, the new volunteer model signals the opportunity for new delivery options. Our program is flexible, so the door is open to innovative ways to deliver Scouting at different times, in different locations, and with different support structures — enabling more youth and volunteers to share in the adventures of Scouting.

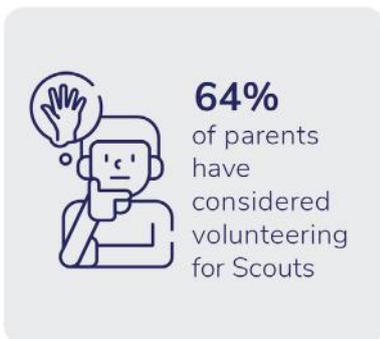
Scouting builds teamwork, leadership, and resilience. This Annual Report highlights that Scouting youth are more resilient than their peers, and we know many young people need support to build resilience, stay active, and put down their devices. In 2026, new specialist programs will be launched to bring disadvantaged youth into the Scouting family.

A partnership has evolved with Grandcarers SA. In 2026, we will run five camps for their youth and carers to foster teamwork, leadership, and resilience.

It is a big adventurous journey, with many involved — volunteers, staff and the wider community — coming together united with a passion to grow Scouting, so that more young South Australians can flourish in the diverse programs and activities that are Scouts SA.



John Clarke OAM
Chief Commissioner



GRANTS, SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS

We acknowledge and thank our Sponsors and Grantees for their support of Scouts SA during 2024/25. Over \$199k of support was pledged, with \$135k of grants and sponsorship funding recognised as income during the year and an additional \$65k committed towards future initiatives.

SPONSORSHIPS

We wish to thank the following sponsors for their support and assistance to Scouts SA.

South Australian Tourism Commission - Scouts SA at Adelaide Christmas Pageant

Heritage and People's Choice Ltd – Scouts Shouts Youth Theatre

Brunswick Pty Ltd – Scouts Shouts Youth Theatre

Rotary Club of Salisbury – Scouts Shouts Youth Theatre

Perryman's Bakery – Scouts Shouts Youth Theatre

Jump Swim School – Adelaide Gang Show

Team Sustainability – Adelaide Gang Show

Novatech Creative Event Technology – Adelaide Gang Show

GRANTS

Our thanks to the following Commonwealth, State and Local Governments, who have provided Grants for a range of services and activities and supporting projects to various Scout Groups.

Scouts SA and our Scout Groups rely on the provision of grants for the purchase or replacement of equipment, upgrading, renovating or repairing halls and supporting projects.

Australian Government

- ▶ **Department of Environment and Water** to Woodhouse Adventure Park
- ▶ **Department of Industry, Science and Resources** to Reynella Scout Group
- ▶ **Department of Social Services – Volunteer Grants** to Scouts SA Head Office, Aldinga Bay, Clare, Flagstaff Hill, Hallett Cove, Happy Valley, Northridge Para Vista, Reynella and Rose Park Norwood Scout Groups

South Australian Government:

- ▶ **Office of Recreation and Sport – Active Club Grants** to Goolwa, Hallett cove, Hawthorn, Moonta, Mount Barker, Mount Gambier, Mount Lofty, Naracoorte, Northridge Para Vista, Reynella, Roxby Downs and Waikerie Scout Groups
- ▶ **Department of Primary Industries and Regions** to Naracoorte Scout Group





Local Council Grants:

- ▶ **City of Marion** – to Hallett Cove Scout Group
- ▶ **City of Mitcham** – to Hawthorn Scout Group
- ▶ **City of Port Adelaide Enfield** – to Kilkenny Scout Group
- ▶ **City of Prospect** – to Prospect Scout Group
- ▶ **City of Unley** – to Fullarton Scout Group
- ▶ **City of West Torrens** – to Fulham, Glenelg Scout Groups
- ▶ **Copper Coast Council** – to Moonta Scout Group
- ▶ **Whyalla City Council** – to Whyalla Scout Group

Other Grants

BHP Olympic Dam Pty Ltd

- ▶ Roxby Downs Scout Group

Lord Baden Powell Society

- ▶ AJ2025

University of Adelaide

- ▶ Adelaide Gang Show

Ventia Australia Pty Ltd

- ▶ Roxby Downs Scout Group

Westfield West lakes

- ▶ Flinders Park Scout Group

Donations

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who donated throughout the year.

Your generosity has helped support our programs, our volunteers, and the opportunities we provide for young people across South Australia. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference, and we are genuinely grateful for your continued support.

A very special thank you to the Freemasons History & Literary Trust and Freemasons Health Promotion Fund who have donated over **\$97,000** dollars to scouting this year, including funding that assisted Scouts from Strathalbyn Scout Group get to the Australian Jamboree this year.

We also thank:

- ▶ Breakthrough Mission Op Shop
- ▶ SAEP Pty Ltd
- ▶ Leanne Galgey
- ▶ Wilfrid Prest
- ▶ Janet Byram
- ▶ Heather Wright
- ▶ Mark Hage
- ▶ Anne Salotti
- ▶ Denise Butler

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We would like to thank the Estate and family of

Frank Hill

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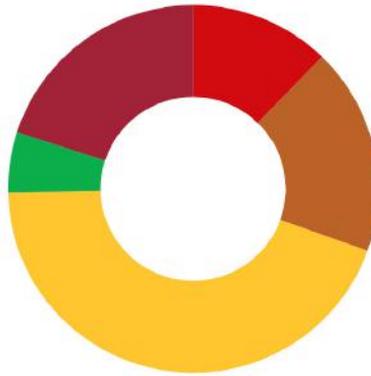


Assets and Liabilities

as at 30 September 2025



Assets	(\$)
Cash	3,893,434
Investments	6,219,050
Land and buildings	15,463,082
Plant and equipment	3,147,254
Leased assets	4,160,052
Other assets	4,718,896



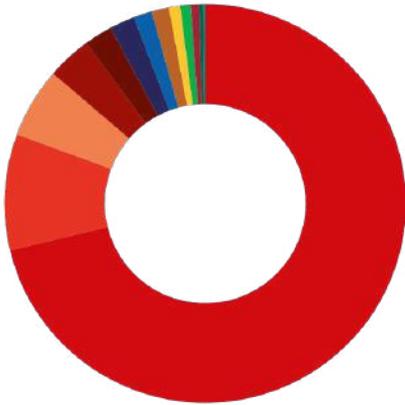
Liabilities	(\$)
Bank loans	2,915,803
Leases	4,336,658
Provision for compensation	10,528,802
Provision for employee leave	1,261,135
Other liabilities	4,763,613

Net Assets
\$13,795,757



Revenue and Expenses

year ended 30 September 2025



All Revenue (\$)

Sale of goods	28,040,552
Course, event and activity fees	3,706,231
Rent, hire and camping charges	2,227,552
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	1,409,800
Insurance recoveries	897,728
Membership and registration fees	805,086
Fair value movement on financial assets held at fair value	580,984

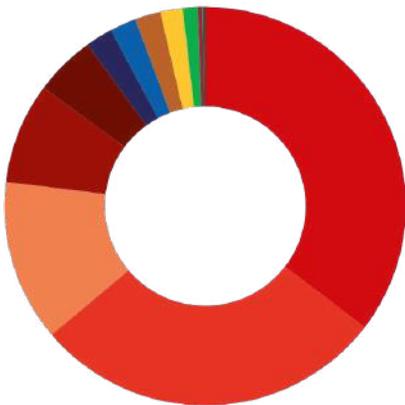
Other	555,326
Dividends and other distributions	353,967
Insurance premiums	327,677
Donations	268,295
Grants and sponsorships	134,640
Interest	54,424

Total Revenue

\$39,362,262

Total Comprehensive Loss

\$(3,595,339)



All Expenses (\$)

Materials and consumables used	15,204,949
Employee benefits	12,225,887
Responsibility to our survivors	5,615,804
Administration costs	3,515,450
Other expenses	2,112,364
Depreciation expense	940,020
Amortisation of Right of Use Assets	908,922

Property costs	893,152
Repairs and maintenance	771,185
Finance costs	511,027
Marketing and promotion costs	167,522
Lease payments	89,319

Total Expenses

\$42,955,601



THANK YOU

To all our very dedicated and valued Leaders, Volunteers, Sponsors, Supporters, and Scouts SA staff for the incredible work you do each and every day.

Chief Scout

Her Excellency the Honourable
Frances Adamson AC

Patrons

Mr Robert Champion de
Crespigny AC (Mar '25)
Rear Admiral the Honourable
Kevin Scarce AC CSC RAN (Rtd)
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RFD (Rtd) (Mar '25)

Honorary Member

Greg Landgren

Supporting Members

Janis Bates
Donald Bolton
Sue Hill (Mar 2025)
Norma Keily OAM
Rex Keily AM
James Macky (May '25)
Philip Pfeiffer (Jul '25)
Christopher Waples (Jan '25)

Board Directors as at September 2025

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Sarah Robinson
Vice President (Mar '25)
Matt Warne
Vice President
John Clarke OAM
Chief Commissioner
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Graham Baker
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Langdon Blight
Ditmar Guehrer
Nate Keily
Livinia Pearce
Peter Richings
Simon Gray (Mar '25)
Reece Grimshaw (Mar '25)
Flynn Hawkey (Nov '24)
Sue Hill (Mar '25)

Branch Leadership Team as at September 2025

John Clarke OAM
Chief Commissioner
Greg Warnes
Deputy Chief Commissioner
Chris Bates
PC Future Planning
Sean Bragg
ACC (Group Support)
Cherryl Brady (Aug '25)
ACC (Program Support)
John Hooper
ACC (Outdoor Adventure)
Sarah Kleine
ACC (Youth)
Adam McLean
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Development)**
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BRC Chair
Jarrod Sharp
BC Operations
Pete Willis
ACC (Program)
**Supporting Committee
Members**
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Langdon Blight
Cherryl Brady
Karen Brumpton
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