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From the Editor

Welcome to the SA Scout! Or maybe I should say, welcome back!

This is the exciting reboot of SA Scout, and you're reading the very first edition of this new chapter.

Bringing this magazine back has been an idea of mine since I started with Scouts. As a youth member, I loved flipping through its pages, spotting familiar faces, and reliving great events. There was always something special about seeing your Scout Group in print.

So many of us have fond memories tied to this publication, and now it's time to build on that legacy with something fresh, fun, and reflective of today's Scouting.

We're keeping the heart of SA Scout alive while bringing it up to date with a digital-first format that reaches more people and better captures the energy and diversity of Scouting in South Australia. Each edition will be designed to be a snapshot of our movement: vibrant, adventurous, and full of stories worth sharing. Most importantly, it will be a place where youth voices can shine.

The SA Scout will be released digitally in Week 8 of every school term, and to make it the best it can be, we need your help. Content submissions are

due by Week 6 - whether it's a write-up of an awesome activity, a photo from your latest camp, a milestone celebration, or even a funny moment from a section night, we want to hear from you.

This magazine is a platform for the whole Scouting community, with a strong focus on youth-led stories and experiences. It's your voices, your stories, and your spirit that will make it something we can all look forward to each term. So don't be shy - get involved, send something in, and let's make the SA Scout shine.

To submit a story, or to give feedback, email magazine@sa.scouts.com.au.

Yours in Scouting,

Jackson Pawelski
Editor - SA Scout

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From the Chief Commissioner

JOHN CLARKE OAM



2025 has already been an incredible year for Scouting, filled with exciting adventures, new friendships, and amazing opportunities. I've been truly inspired by the enthusiasm and creativity shown by Scouts across our community, both locally and globally.

Thanks to the Dick Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund, many of you have already embarked on incredible journeys - organising your own adventures at home or abroad. Remember, this fantastic fund is open to every member, from Joeys right through to Rovers.

This year also marks significant milestones for our Scouting performing arts. Comedy Capers Gang Show celebrates its 60th spectacular season this May, Adelaide Gang Show returns to the stage in September, and Scout Shouts Youth Theatre will deliver another fantastic performance in October. I warmly encourage you to experience the magic by attending at least one show - and perhaps you might even join the cast yourself in 2026!

October will be particularly vibrant with the Cuboree, themed 'Journey to Adventure', transforming Woodhouse Adventure Park into a bustling camp filled with eager Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers, this is a fantastic opportunity for you to step up, assist our younger members, and complete your Special Interest Areas.

Additionally, Woodhouse Adventure Park continues its popular 'School Holidays Unplugged' program for young adventurers aged 5-12. It's an exciting chance for kids to unplug from technology, engage with nature, and create lasting memories.

Our Outdoor Adventure teams remain dedicated to offering thrilling experiences in Alpine Activities, Bushwalking, Snorkeling, Target Sports, Rock Climbing, Scuba Diving, Paddling, Caving, Boating, Cycling, and so much more.

Let's take up the challenge to make #OutsideIn25 unforgettable. Why not plan to hold your unit meetings outdoors, discover new camping locations at Roonka or Woodhouse, or even organise an expedition to Kangaroo Island or Belair National Park?

Together, let's make 2025 a year of adventure, discovery, and great Scouting memories. Let's get creative, let's get adventurous, and above all - let's get outside!



John Clarke
Chief Commissioner
Scouts SA



From the Assistant Chief Commissioner - Youth

SARAH KLEINE



What a start to 2025! From the challenges and lifelong memories of the Australian Jamboree in Maryborough, to the energy of Rivermoot and the fun of the Big Splash, this year has already been packed with adventure, connection, and growth across our Scouting community.

It's been awesome to see so many Groups and Units getting out and about - whether it's been through local camps, exploring new sites around SA, or simply spending time together as a team. A massive shoutout to our amazing Activity and OAS Teams who continue to bring so many of these opportunities to life. We really appreciate everything you do!

There's so much more to come. Whether you're a Cub just getting started, a Venturer pushing your skills further, or a Leader helping create those moments—we want to see you getting involved. Come along to OAS days, help out at events, respond to surveys, share your ideas... everything you do makes Scouts better for everyone.

Leaders and Committee Members, don't forget the Managers of Scouting Conference in July. It's a great chance to grow your knowledge, connect with others, and help shape how we do Scouting across the Branch.

Cubs, Leaders, and volunteers—it's time to start getting hyped for Cuboree: Journey to Adventure! Coming this October, it's your chance to travel through time, space, or wherever your imagination takes you.

As Youth Commissioners, we've also been working hard behind the scenes to make sure youth voices are heard at every level of Scouts SA. Last year's ChangeMakers Workshop helped us shape four big goals around the UN Sustainable Development Goals: No Poverty, Reduced Inequalities, Quality Education, and Climate Action. These are issues that matter to young people, and we're committed to making a real difference through our 2030 Membership Vision.

Save the date: ChangeMakers 2025 is happening from 15–17 August, and we'd love to see even more of you there, helping lead the way.

Let's keep making this the best year yet. Can't wait to see what Term 2 brings!

Sarah Kleine

Assistant Chief Commissioner
Youth
Scouts SA



Scouts SA News

TERM ONE 2025 - AS OF 26/03/25

Peak Awards: Term 1 2025

Young people in Scouting have the opportunity to work towards a peak award over the course of their time in each age section.

Achieving a peak award represents a significant amount of effort and personal development.

The following youth members have achieved their Peak Award in Term 1 2025:

Joey Scout Challenge Awards

Acacia G
Reynella Scout Group
Jessie A
Lones Scout Group

Grey Wolf Awards

Kenzlie M
Goolwa Scout Group

Australian Scout Awards

Issac C
Hawthorn Scout Group

Billy R
Goolwa Scout Group

Hunter B
Reynella Scout Group

King's Scout Awards

Sebastian M & Ethan D
Flagstaff Hill Scout Group

Aimee J
One Tree Hill Scout Group

Tegan W & Harry C
Goolwa Scout Group

Cuboree 2025: Journey to Adventure

Three years after the excitement of Encounter 2022, Cuboree is back - bigger, and better than ever. Running from 24 to 26 October, Cuboree 2025: Journey to Adventure invites Cub Scouts from across the state to take part in an unforgettable experience, with volunteer opportunities also open to Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and adult leaders.



Dick and Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund

If you have an amazing adventure in mind, but need help getting it off the ground, now's the time to apply for funding through the Dick and Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund. Applications are now open for the next round of funding, closing 15 July. Get in quick to make your dream adventure happen!



International Opportunities

Scouts Australia is looking for expressions of interest for 2026 international events including the Scouting America National Jamboree, 19th Nipon (Japanese) Scout Jamboree, and the Icelandic National Jamboree!

EOIs are now open, and contingent sizes are limited so get in quick to secure your spot.



World Scout Jamboree 2027

Be part of the biggest Scouting event in the world! In July–August 2027, 40,000 Scouts from across the globe will come together in Gdańsk, Poland for the unforgettable adventure.

Now's the time to register your interest to stay up to date with all the latest information!



Volunteer in the Swizz Alps at KISC

Not a fan of winter? Well get involved with the summer volunteering positions at Kandersteg International Scout Centre - a permanent mini Jamboree! Take on short or longer term experiences and take your Scouting Journey international.



Memories from Maryborough

REFLECTIONS FROM AJ2025



It's hard to believe that it's been 4 months since 500 Scouts, Venturers, Leaders and Helpers descended on Maryborough QLD with 9000 others from around Australia and the world for AJ2025.

Over 10 days everyone experienced the heat and wet, humidity and mud and have many stories to tell about this adventure. It was great to see and hear about so many experiences that our youth members had visiting Australia Zoo,

abseiling, rock climbing, touring Maryborough, participating in beach activities at Hervey Bay – as well as experiencing camp life, cooking for their units and making life long friendships.

The next Jamboree is on the horizon in 2028 – we're not sure where it will be yet – but it's time to start thinking about how you can get there and experience this great Scouting adventure.

Chris Wise

Contingent Leader - AJ2025

Scouts recount their time at the 26th Australian Scout Jamboree in Maryborough, Queensland, held between the 6-15th of January 2025.

Angus B Beaumont Scout Group

Throughout my AJ2025 experience I was met with highs and lows that made the 10-day event unforgettable. I remember the kind friends I made along the way and the fond memories I made. I stood with friends while the green machine, our mess hall, got flooded. Even though we got flooded we bounced back with a funny prank on the fun police.

We put a wheel lock on one of the buggies and hold the key as ransom until they paid us one soft drink per scout in our unit! This, and the Australia Zoo experience, had to be my favorite part of Jamboree because of how organised the experience was and how clean the zoo was kept

I also loved the mall and main arena. The Boost shop was a life saver many times. Each contingent had really cool spaces such as mini golf and Mariokart in an actual car. The coolest onsite experience I had was abseiling. A close second to abseiling was the events every night. My favorite night event was the opening ceremony because of all the cool artists and the atmosphere that 9000 excited kids created. It truly felt magical when the Jamboree was officially started and the firework display got started.

An activity that truly pushed me out of my comfort zone was the 'Your Sights' activity in Maryborough. After getting into Maryborough and being released to start doing our chosen activities, I led a patrol around the town to each of the planned

activities, including a steam train experience.

I loved the sense of community created by the Jamboree. If you branch out and talk to other people, as I did, it was very rewarding. Swapping badges was a great way to meet new people and have fun. My goal was to get badges for all states and territories of Australia, the international contingent badges, and the oldest and coolest badge I could. I achieved this.



Memories from Maryborough

REFLECTIONS FROM AJ2025

Lacey L Flagstaff Hill Scout Group

AJ2025 was honestly one of the best experiences of my life. It wasn't just a camp—it was ten days full of adventure, fun, and memories I'll never forget. This was the 26th Australian Jamboree, and it only happens every three years.

It was supposed to be in 2022 but got delayed because of COVID. That actually turned out to be a good thing, because some people who had missed out last time were able to come, including a few ex-scouts. It made the whole thing feel even more special, especially for the Venturers who came along too.



The Jamboree took place in beautiful Queensland, and every day was packed with awesome stuff. There were three activity slots each day, and we got to do things like climbing, creating, exploring, and more. There were even big evening shows with fireworks, music, and heaps of

energy. The opening and closing ceremonies were massive highlights!



One of my favorite parts was going on excursions. We visited Maryborough and learned a bit about its history, spent a day relaxing at the beach, and went to Australia Zoo - which was amazing! At the zoo, I loved seeing the Aldabra tortoises, but the best bit was watching Bindi Irwin and her husband feed the crocodiles at the Crocoseum. The crocs jumped so high out of the water - it was insane. One almost ate a bin chicken!



At camp, we had duty patrol day where we cooked for our group. It was actually fun, and our leaders helped us learn new skills. When we weren't cooking or doing activities, we chilled out at things like code club or even had trips to the nearby mall. There was always something going on. What made it all even better were the people. I met Scouts from all over Australia and even from places like the UK. Our unit, FC010, became super close. We laughed a lot and made memories I'll always remember. I still talk to some of them now. If I could go back and change one thing—it'd be to pack more socks. The rain was wild!

Oliver S-P Reynella Scout Group

At Jamboree, I did several activities, such as abseiling, snorkeling, playing cards with friends and overall just enjoying the experience. My favourite activity was easily the one called "Your Summit", where we did climbing, ziplining, abseiling, and crate stacking.

I really enjoyed this one because I find myself really enjoying things like that, climbing, parasailing - it's just so fun to Ascend. I met a bunch of new people; 7 from New Zealand, 2 from Canada and 3 from England. The Lord Baden-Powell Society really helped me have what could possibly be the best experience of my life, and without them I would not have so many beautiful memories.

I would like to show my everlasting gratitude towards the LBP Society and say that I am so, so thankful.



A Visit from the Governor

ROSE PARK/NORWOOD SCOUT GROUP OPEN DAY

Assistant Scout Leader in training, Connor Hood, reflects on the 2025 Rose Park / Norwood Scout Group's Open Day.

Saturday, 22 February was an absolute blast at the Rose Park / Norwood Scout Hall. Our Open Day brought together Scouting families, community members, and even a few old friends of the group - it was great to see so many people come through the doors to see what we're all about.

We had the honour of welcoming Her Excellency the Honorable Frances Adamson AC, the Governor of South Australia. It was a pretty special moment having someone of that calibre

visit us - it made the day feel even more significant and showed just how much Scouting matters to the wider community.

Of course, the day wouldn't have been what it was without our amazing volunteers. I want to give a huge shoutout to our Group Leader, Tariq Aripin, and our Joey Leader, Maryanne Williams - they were non-stop the whole day. Everyone chipped in to make sure the event ran smoothly, and it really showed. We set up a mock campsite with tents, hammocks,

and a pioneering gateway that looked the part. It gave visitors a real feel for what Scouting is like. There were fun activities for the kids, an exciting scavenger hunt, and of course... the sausage sizzle. Safe to say, that was a crowd favourite.

What made the day really special for me was seeing people connect - old friends catching up, new faces getting to know us, and everyone getting stuck into what makes Scouting so great: fun, community, and adventure.



"Days like this make me feel proud to be part of the Rose Park / Norwood Scout Group and even prouder to be a Scout."



Fun and Friendship at Point Malcolm Reserve

THE BIG SPLASH

On Sunday 16 March, more than 350 Joey and Cub Scouts from across South Australia gathered at Point Malcolm Reserve in Semaphore for the first Big Splash. It was a beach day full of energy, smiles, and exciting water activities.

The event was created to give our youngest members the chance to experience something different and adventurous. Across the day, Scouts had the opportunity to try boogie boarding, swimming, flying kites, building sandcastles,

and taking part in beach games. Of course, the Super Slide quickly became a crowd favourite, alongside the tried and true Slip 'n' Slide.

Whether Scouts were chasing waves, getting creative in the sand, or spending time with friends and family, there was something for everyone. The day encouraged teamwork, confidence, and a sense of fun that truly captured the spirit of Scouting.

Thank you to all the leaders, volunteers, staff and supporters who helped bring this event to life.

The Big Splash was a huge success and a fantastic reminder of the value of shared adventure. We are already looking forward to the next one.





Empowering Youth Voice

SCOUTS SA'S YOUTH COMMISSIONERS

Lincoln Rieger, Deputy Assistant Chief Commissioner for Youth, shares his reflections on the journey of Scouts SA's Youth Commissioners – celebrating their origins, achievements, and the bold vision driving their future.



Formed in late 2023 the Scouts SA Youth Commissioners are a dedicated team of passionate young leaders working together to strengthen the voice of youth across our entire organisation.

We believe that young people should not only be included in conversations that affect them but should also play a leading role in shaping the future of Scouting in South Australia.

Our team serves as a vital link between young people and key decision-makers within Scouts SA ensuring that youth perspectives are not only heard but are actively driving meaningful change.

We're committed to creating an environment where young people feel empowered to speak up knowing that their insights and ideas can lead to real outcomes. But this team is about more than just representation. It is about achieving results that matter.

Every initiative we take on is driven by the real experiences and needs of young people in the movement. From increasing accessibility and inclusivity across all levels of Scouting to creating stronger leadership pathways and ensuring that events are youth-led and youth-driven we are focused on delivering projects

that leave a lasting positive impact.

What makes our team unique is the diversity of perspectives and backgrounds each member brings. We are Scouts from all walks of life united by a shared goal to shape a Scouting community that is inclusive forward-thinking and truly youth-empowered. Together we are working to build a culture that values collaboration, celebrates innovation, and puts young people at the centre of everything we do.

Our journey so far has been inspiring. We've made important strides and we've seen the power of youth leadership in action. But this is only the beginning. As our team continues to grow so does our ambition and our impact. We are constantly motivated by the voices of the young people we represent and their vision for a stronger more dynamic Scouts SA.

We invite you to read on and learn more about the Youth Commissioner Team, the passionate individuals who make it happen and the many ways we are working to create a better more vibrant future for Scouting in South Australia.



Get to Know Sarah

ASSISTANT CHIEF COMMISSIONER - YOUTH



Sarah Kleine

ASSISTANT CHIEF COMMISSIONER - YOUTH

What excites you most about being the ACC - Youth?

I think this new opportunity for youth voices to be heard is what makes this new role so exciting to me, having such a powerful team of young people that will allow these voices to be heard from all over the Branch. We are already seeing positive change from listening and responding to the perspectives of the scouting youth.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

When people ask me about Scouts, I wholeheartedly and proudly can say that I would not be the person I am today without Scouts. The skills you develop through networking, the program and journeys through my peak awards has really strengthened my character and ability to work with others and build a really

strong team that play off of each other's strengths!

What's one moment in your Scouting journey that you'll never forget?

I will never forget the immense sense of belonging and community I found around the International Campfire at Kandersteg International Scout Centre. Being surrounded by people from all over the world, connected by our experiences within scouting, and singing along, dancing and laughing.

What do you hope to achieve by the end of your time as ACC - Youth?

I hope to have supported the Youth Commissioner Team to become a very impactful team within Scouts SA, being able to drive meaningful change for the betterment of our members and groups.

"By empowering young people, we are not only building stronger leaders for the future, but also ensuring the continued relevance of our movement."

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

Always give things a chance! If you put your hand up and take a shot, you can either grow and flourish or learn more about yourself and change from the experience. This role began with a question at a training camp followed by "sure, why not?" and look where the YCT is now! It

all begins with a 'Yes', so throw yourself out there and try to challenge yourself!

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

I major in Visual Art at University, so at the moment I really enjoy developing film in the darkrooms! In the past I have done painting, art history, ceramics and so much more. Anything I can dive into and experiment I enjoy!

Where do you see yourself in five years, and how do you think Scouts will have played a part in that?

I see myself having finished my Bachelor of Secondary Education, teaching in a High School in Art or English. I will have been a Pinkie at KISC and tried out some different roles within Scouts SA! Scouts has taught me to explore and always be willing to learn, and I think that's why my passion for education and adventure has gotten me to where I am today!



Get to Know Lincoln

DEPUTY ASSISTANT CHIEF COMMISSIONER - YOUTH



Lincoln Rieger

DEPUTY ASSISTANT CHIEF
COMMISSIONER - YOUTH

What excites you most about being the Deputy ACC - Youth?

The opportunity to make real change excites me most, especially turning conversations into tangible, actionable outcomes. It's incredibly rewarding to see young people's ideas taken seriously and put into practice. That shift from talk to action is where real impact happens.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

Scouts has helped me grow in leadership, resilience, and public speaking. I've learned to work with a diverse range of people and adapt to different situations. It's made me more confident, capable, and passionate about creating positive change.

What's one moment in your Scouting journey that you'll never forget?

One moment I'll never forget is building platforms in the trees and sleeping on them during a camp. It was really cool seeing something we had thought up, designed, and built actually come to life, and then getting to use it ourselves. That creativity and teamwork made it unforgettable.

What do you hope to achieve by the end of your time as Dep. ACC Youth?

I want to build a team that takes pride in what they do and feels empowered to lead. I hope people inside and outside of Scouting see the value of youth voices and how powerful the movement can be. It's about creating a culture of youth-led impact that lasts.

"Opportunity doesn't knock, it waits for us to open the door. Say yes, take the leap, and trust yourself."

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

Give everything a go, say yes! Even if it's outside your comfort zone, that's where the most growth happens. You'll learn so much about yourself and find a whole community of people cheering you on.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

I love mountain biking and getting outdoors, it helps me reset. Whether it's on a mountain bike trail or hiking in nature, it's my way of finding balance.

Where do you see yourself in five years, and how do you think Scouts will have played a part in that?

In five years, I hope to be a primary school teacher who's advocating for youth voice. Scouts has helped shape me, and I know it'll influence how I lead in the classroom and community. It's given me a lifelong passion for empowering others.



Meet the Youth Commissioners



Ash Clonan

YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& VENTURER SCOUT

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

For me, it's the new experiences and connections to be made, and also the opportunity of being someone who gets to be involved in actioning change for youth, by youth.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

I've gained so many more meaningful connections, experienced things I wouldn't usually do outside of my comfort zone, and it's help me learn so many new life skills and leadership skills.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

I would say just give it a crack, not everyone has to be same kind of leader. Everyone can be different kinds of leaders whether thats speaking in front of crowds or working with smaller groups to accomplish goals. Always give everything a crack.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

I love to keep getting out there with my friends, do adventurous things such as hiking, bouldering, and other little hobbies such as photography and making short films.



Niccola Kemp

YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& VENTURER SCOUT

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

I feel most excited to take on a leadership role that I never thought I could do and I'm excited to be a voice for change. Equity is important to me and I want to help achieve this across all of Scouting.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

Scouts has challenged me so many times. Through these challenges I have learnt that the most important thing to me is my integrity and doing what's right, despite others having opinions that may go against it, because of this, Scouting has shaped the person I am.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

Any price of advice I could give to a younger scout would be to not always take other people's opinions of you to heart. There will always be someone out there who may not like you, or judge you for doing something they wouldn't but don't let that stop you if you have a passion for doing something you love.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

Outside of Scouts, I spend my time in many sporting roles - playing, umpiring, and mentoring netball. I also live on a 100 acre property (which keeps me very busy) riding horses, motorbikes and taking care of animals.



Liv Pearce

**YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& BOARD MEMBER**

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

What excites me most is the ability to work with an amazing team of like-minded and enthusiastic young people who have the ability to make informed decision about the Scouting experience in SA.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

Being in Scouts has shaped who I am in so many ways! I have learnt the value of leadership, teamwork and compassion, and most importantly, it has been a fun adventure along the way!

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

A piece of advice that I would give to my younger self wanting to take on a leadership role is to listen to all sides. You may not agree with someone else, but you need to respect them enough to hear what they have to say and it can better inform your decisions.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

Outside of Scouts, I like to spend my time in the outdoors! From a simple afternoon in the garden to going hiking or chasing cows at my in-laws' farm, if I'm outside, that's relaxing enough for me!



Madi Latter

**YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& VENTURER SCOUT**

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

I am excited to help the youth's voices be heard and support them in any way that I can. Scouts is such a fantastic community so I hope to help it grow and only get more supportive.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

When I first started scouts I was very shy and didn't like trying new things. Scouts built up my confidence so much in joeys and Cubs. This meant I wasn't afraid to try all of the amazing opportunities that Scouts and Venturers have given me.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

I would just tell them that confidence is key and that they just have to go for it. If the role they want seems to scare them start off small. They can start of as an Assistant Patrol Leader and work their way up as they feel ready.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

I love scuba diving, it is such a calming activity. As soon as you descend into the water, it just goes quiet, and you get taken into this beautiful world. I love ice skating, I find it relaxing how you can just glide around and spin so easily.

Meet the Youth Commissioners



Pip Hamlyn

YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& SCOUT

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

I'm excited to help other Scouts and share my opinions. It's great to have a voice and be part of shaping the future of Scouting.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

Scouts has helped me become more confident and open-minded. I've learned to listen to others and work as part of a team.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

Go for it! Try new things and don't be afraid to step up - you'll grow a lot and get plenty of support along the way.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

I like watching YouTube and spending time on screens, it helps me relax and recharge after a busy day.



Emily Weir

YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& VENTURER SCOUT

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

The ability to give back to the community that has done so much for me, and the opportunity to form more connections with members of this community.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

Scouts has challenged me to participate in things that I never would have originally and it's given me opportunities I couldn't have found elsewhere. Scouts has helped me to expand my social circles and better my ability to work as a team.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

Go for it! Don't hesitate to ask about different opportunities or apply for new things. Relying on your leaders is super important when trying to improve your leadership! They're there for you!

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

Outdoor activities like surfing, skiing and hiking help me to wind down during busy school terms. Language is also an important part of my life. Growing up in a French immersion environment, I feel most at home when teaching others or speaking French. I also love going out with friends; dinners, music festivals, concerts, any chance to have a good chat!



Ryan Harrison

YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& VENTURER SCOUT

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

Getting to participate in and organise a variety of events, and represent the youth of Scouts SA.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

Being a Youth Commissioner has pushed me to try new things and develop new skills, such as public speaking and organisation.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

I would say, just give it a shot. Step into a role if it's there - Scouts is a supportive community, and there will be people to help guide you through the process.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

Outside of Scouts, I spend my time studying, hanging out with friends, playing with my dogs, and going on hikes.



Amy Dospisil

YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& JOEY LEADER

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

Being able to work with young people in Scouts to help better our organisation and our world.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

Scouts has given me friends for life and so many opportunities from Outdoor Adventure Skills, to leadership, to community work.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

Just give it a go, don't be scared to take those opportunities and learn. Importantly don't be worried about making mistakes, it's going to happen and all you'll do is learn.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

I like to watch crime shows and knit/crochet a million different projects. I also like going to deaf community events and practicing my Auslan.

Meet the Youth Commissioners



Bailey McKee

YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& VENTURER SCOUT

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

The opportunity to make a positive impact on young people's lives and help shape the future of Scouting is incredibly exciting. To have my own voice heard in scouting and my opinion encourage other young people to do the same.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

Scouts has taught me leadership, teamwork, and resilience, helping me become more confident and adaptable which can be applicable in my everyday life.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

Be open to learning, listen to others, and lead by example; your actions will inspire those around you.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

Outside of Scouting I enjoy band photography, making short films, hanging out with mates, theatre and game programming.



Erin Fawcett

YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& GROUP LEADER

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

Being the change I want to see in Scouts. I'm excited to lead by example and help make Scouting even better for young people.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

It's boosted my confidence and given me the chance to build friendships that I know will last a lifetime.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

Say yes! Bite off more than you can chew - and then chew like mad. You'll learn, grow, and surprise yourself along the way.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

I love taking long walks on the beach with my puppy. It's the perfect way to relax and reset.



Elijah Rieger

YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& ROVER SCOUT

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

Working with a great team of like minded young people on projects I am passionate about and supporting our young people of Scouting.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

Scouting has taught me the value of teamwork, passion, commitment, and leadership. Scouting has a way of showing you that you can.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

Never underestimate the power of saying yes. You never know where saying yes might take you. Always show up, and always offer to help.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

Outside of scouts I love photography and playing my guitar.



Emily Daynes

YOUTH COMMISSIONER
& ROVER SCOUT

What excites you most about being a Youth Commissioner?

I'm most excited about being a Youth Commissioner so I can help youth have a voice and help push scouting into the future.

How has being involved in Scouts helped you grow as a person?

Scouting has helped me grow by allowing me to try new activities, challenge myself and grow in every aspect of my life. I have made life long friends from Scouting and countless memories.

What advice would you give to a younger Scout who wants to take on a leadership role?

Try, if you want to take on leadership roles, you obviously have the passion for it, and that is what a leader is! Ask your group for more leads of activities, ask your leaders or youth leaders for help aswell.

Outside of Scouts, how do you like to spend your time and unwind?

I like to listen to music, go for a drive, watch a movie, crochet, cook, and sleep

Events and Opportunities

TERM TWO 2025 - AS OF 26/03/25

Rakali - Overnight Paddle Journey

16-18 MAY 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Cohen Cup 2025: The Outback Extravaganza

17-18 MAY 2025

PROGRAM



Come and Try Land Yachting

24 MAY 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Climbing Day Stages 1-3 (Onkaparinga)

31 MAY 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Capture the Flag

1 JUNE 2025

ROVERS



Character Development Course

13-15 JUNE 2025

PROGRAM



Climbing Day Stages 3-5 (Morialta)

15 JUNE 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Cuttlefish Diving and Snorkeling

21-22 JUNE 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



Navigation Skills Weekend

27-28 JUNE 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



TRAINING DATES

Provide First Aid Course

17 MAY 2025

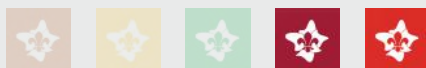
FIRST AID



Wilderness First Aid Course

23-25 MAY 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, FIRST AID



Caving Trained Participant Course

23-25 MAY 2025

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, TRAINING



Managers of Scouting Conference

4-6 JULY 2025

TRAINING



GILWELL TRAINING

Child Safe Environments (Youth Program Leader)

23 MAY 2025

Scouting Essentials

24-25 MAY 2025

Scouting Adventure

23-25 MAY 2025

Scouting Leadership

23-25 MAY 2025

Child Safe Environments (Program Support Leader)

24 MAY 2025

Scouting Management

25 MAY 2025

Event Spotlight

PROGRAM

Cohen Cup

Cohen Cup is Scouts SA's very own cooking and camping competition dating back to 1938!

Over the course of the weekend, your skills will be tested in either the rookie, or competitive division, and all sections are able to compete.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Rakali Overnight Paddle Journey

Looking to sharpen your skills with a paddle, then Rakali is the perfect opportunity for you to get out onto the water and work towards your Outdoor Adventure Skills: Paddling stages.



TRAINING

Managers of Scouting Conference

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





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