



# Scouts SA

## Canoeing Action Newsletter

### (Organisation and Events)

#### CANOE – May 15



#### **Welcome to the second Canoeing Newsletter**

Whew it has been an extremely busy summer. Where did it go? It is time to catch our breath and write a newsletter.

#### **Summer Activities**

Many groups took advantage of facilities at Glenelg and enjoyed the summer twilight paddling in the Patawalonga.

Canoeing featured strongly as part of AV2015 and it was Heaps Good!

Simon and Gavin organised a very successful 3 State Kayaking Trip based at Border Cliffs and paddling into the unique and beautiful Chowilla area. Thanks to Jeff 35 venturers completed their training and **paperwork** and will be awarded their level 1 kayaking in due course.

Many interstate and overseas venturers enjoyed paddling in the Ships Grave Yard and seeing the playful Dolphins in the Torrens Island area.

There have been plenty of other canoeing activities, including a Lones camp, Green Level Journey. Water activity camps at Roonka and a charge course. A couple of groups attended Floatfest.

#### **Training**

You should be aware by now that Scout Training is changing in 2015. For further information refer to <http://www.training.sa.scouts.com.au/training2015>

What does this mean for Canoe / Kayak Training?

At the time of writing we understand that to be able to lead Scouting Canoe/ Kayaking you will no longer require units issued by SAIT. However you will need to undertake identical training presented by Scouts Australia or complete an RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) process. This will not be delivered by SAIT. In future SAIT will only issue Certificates using the RPL procedure.

**There are still many Canoeing/Kayaking Leaders who have made little or no attempt to update their current qualifications. This needs to be completed by 31/12/15.**

#### **Summer 2015/2015**

Planning is already proceeding next summer.

Night paddles will still continue at Glenelg and weekend “come and try” sessions are going to be offered on (Tentative dates) Saturday 24th October 2015, Sunday Saturday 15th November 2015, Sunday 14th February 2016), Saturday 5th March 2016. Groups will be offered a 2 hour session, cost \$7 per participant minimum 10 people. This gives groups located too far from Glenelg to participate in the popular night paddles a chance to canoe. As details firm up they will appear on the canoeing website <http://www.adventurousactivities.sa.scouts.com.au/canoeing>

Groups (Scouts and above) who have participated in a “come and try” can arrange a Garden Island paddle. Contact BC Canoeing to register interest.

#### **Canoe Activities**

From time to time organisers of canoeing events would like to contact qualified leaders directly. The database of email addresses we are creating will facilitate this.

District activities and major events can also be posted on an event site so that Leaders will be able to select activities that may attract them.

#### **FAQ**

We would also like to develop a FAQ page so that we can answer your questions in a timelier manner, and it is a go to place for most queries.

**We look forward to your feedback.**

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