

**Venturer
Scouts**
SA

VENTURER 700

OUR VISION

TO HAVE 700 ACTIVE VENTURERS PARTICIPATING IN THE
VENTURER PROGRAM BY 2025

WHERE WE ARE NOW

**SA Branch currently has approx 450 registered Venturers.
Our target of 700 Venturers means we need to have 250 more Venturers by 2025.**

The Venturer section as at March 2019 currently consists of:

- 49 Registered Venturer Units
- 3 Completely empty legacy Units
- 6 Units with less than 5 Youth Members
- 22 Units with between 5 and 10 Youth Members

Responsibility for the management of Venturer membership is that of the Group Leader (as with all membership)
Youth Members remain registered as Scouts or Venturers above the age range of that section.

Scout section numbers include Youth Members who are technically 'too old' to be registered Scouts. This is mainly due to scouts leaving and Groups not removing them.

A perception/ reasoning for this may be that Groups with low numbers will be scrutinised closer by Branch.

Scouts typically becoming disengaged around this age if they are not looking to complete their Green Cord/ ASM.

Scouts are also held onto by SL's who have failed to forward plan for the eventual advancement of their Senior Scouts / PLs / TL's.

448 VENTURERS

13-19.5 years old
300 Male
148 Female
22 Venturers 18+

There is a perception that every Group needs to have a Venturer Unit as the Scouts don't want to leave the Group.

To date the majority of these claims have been adult voices rather than youth ones. Youth can stay affiliated with the Group in a Youth Helper capacity if they wish.

SCOUTS

439 Scouts 13.5 and older
61 between 13.5 and 14

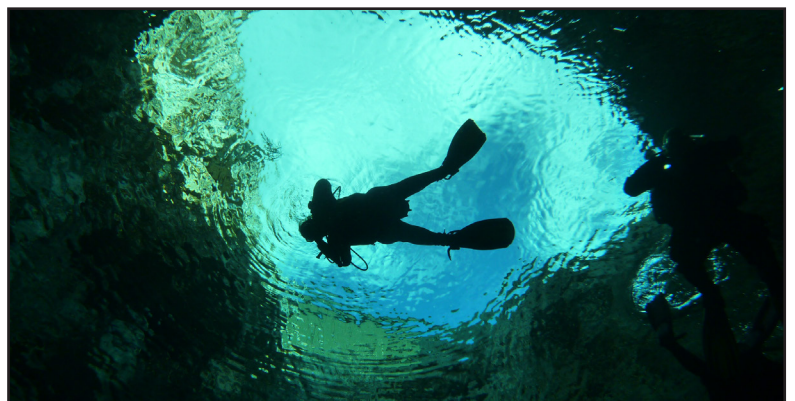
Prime age for the linking process

Its better to 'lose' a Scout to a local Venturer Unit than lose them for good.

OLDER SCOUTS

106 Scouts aged 15-16

Are they active?
Outside of Scout age ranges



OPPORTUNITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS



Opportunities that exist to impact on the success of Venture 700 include:

Venturer Section Promotions to Scouts.

EV discounts for 13.5+ Scouts to encourage linking with a Unit.

Linking Scouts can attend Supersplash with a Venturer Unit.

Youth Leader Forum for Unit Chairs to share best practice.

Communication newsletters calendar updates save the dates website.

Who are the Stakeholders of this project?

BC Scouts and BC Venturers

Strong Scout Troops and Venturer Units with Members linking

BC Rovers / Branch Rover Council

Increased Venturer numbers assist with increasing Rover numbers

ACC Group Support and District Commissioners

Strong active Scout Groups with Strong Venturer Units

Groups/ GLs

Strong Venturer program operating

Scout Leaders

Increase in Youth Members moving and continuing in the program

Venturer Leaders

Stronger Units
Better support for Units

Scouts SA HQ

Administration Support

Scouts SA

Increased membership means more young people participating in Scouting



PLAN TO ACHIEVE OUR VISION

700 Venturers means 35 Venturer Units in the state with at least 20 members in them. This is a target that is achievable in the future, but we must have a clear understanding of where we are starting.

In 2025 we want to see strong, active Venturer Units with over 10 members meeting regularly, working in project patrols and providing valuable life skills and lessons to our young people, supported by Adults.

Each Unit is supported in their program journey by a range of program experts. This support is provided because we know where Units are, how their program looks and how to best support them...An active dialogue and discussion helps this partnership to grow.



THE FUTURE...

A number of Groups have strong Scout numbers but no Venturer Unit - and are looking at opportunities for Venturers.

For a few terms their older Scouts link in with Venturer activities happening in other Units.

The Group has a Group plan to recruit Venturer Leaders in order to start offering Venturers at their own Group in 6 months.

They work with the Branch Venturer team to turn this dream into a reality.

Could this be your Group?

ACTION PLAN

**Venturer 700 requires the focus of South Australia Branch in order to make it a reality.
This project needs support and action from all in order to achieve our goal.**

Promotion of Venturer 700

Communication and promotion of this plan to all stakeholders including continued update and promotion

Who: DCC/ BC Venturers

Deadline: 30 days from implementation

Over Age Scouts

Provide lists of over-age Scouts to Groups for action

Who: Membership Team (HQ)

Deadline: 30 days from implementation

Youth Leader Forum

Forum with Unit Chairperson on how to engage with other Units, best practices etc

Who: BC Venturers

Deadline: November 2019

Unit Audit

Identify Units with less than 10 members and assess viability (include meeting with GL and VL)

Who: DCs

Deadline: 60 days from implementation

15+ Scout Advice

Letter for Scouts over the age of 15.
Scouts who are aged 15+ will receive a letter from HQ with advice and information about units nearby to start linking with

Who: Membership Team (HQ)

Deadline: 30 days from implementation

Venturer Leader Day

Co-ordination of Venturer Leader Day with Venturer 700 as a topic for discussion and input

Who: BC Venturers

Deadline: 2019

Empty Units

Units that are currently empty, or that have been identified as being dormant need to be closed using the R2 process

Who: DC/GL

Deadline: 30 days from implementation

Linking

Develop a series of resources and references for those approaching linking age.
Connecting Scouts with Venturers
Advice /Letters at 13.5, 14, 14.5
Event/activity promotion
Post Jamboree letters

Deadline: June/July 2019

Review of Venturer 700

6 months review of Venturer 700
12 month review of Venturer 700

Who: DCC/BC Venturers

Deadline 6/12 months from implementation

What role will you play in achieving our vision of 700 Venturers by 2025?