

**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA  
NEW SOUTH WALES  
BRANCH ROVER COUNCIL**

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## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **1. FINDING A NEW STATE COMMISSIONER (ROVERS) - ACTIVE**

The only person to submit an expression of interest unfortunately withdrew his application prior to the November 2010 BRC meeting. As a result the BRC has asked Craig Starling if he can mind the role until we find a new State Commissioner (Rovers) or until the April 2011 BRC AGM.

The withdrawal of our only candidate means that the BRC executive is now accepting new expressions of interest and will continue to do so until the end of February 2011. After the 28 February 2011 the BRC executive in consultation with the Chief Commissioner will reassess the situation and develop a plan of action for the consideration of the BRC.

Expressions of interest can be submitted to any members of the BRC executive.

### **2. BRC ELECTION & NOMINATIONS - ACTIVE**

At the November 2010 meeting of the BRC, as advertised and in accordance to our new election procedure, an election was held to elect the BRC Executive Committee office bearers for 2011/2012. The following people have been elected:

- President - Pete Favelle
- Vice-President - Alison Maynard
- Secretary - Andrew Seddon-Powell
- Treasurer - Mellisa Cahill
- Training Officer - Jade Elliot
- Activities & Service Officer - Matthew Lee

Please note the following positions on the 2011-2012 committee remain unfilled:

- Internet Officer
- PR & Marketing Officer (EoI received from Mitch Shaw)
- Venturer Liaison Officer
- Special Projects Officer
- Assistant Activities and Service Officer (EoI received from Mitch Rath)

An election will be held at the February 2011 BRC meeting (5/02/2011) to elect the remaining positions. If you are or know someone who is interested in one of these positions please submit a written nomination to [secretary@nsw.rovers.com.au](mailto:secretary@nsw.rovers.com.au) by Saturday 22 January 2011.

### **3. ROVERING TOWARDS 2020**

#### **3.1. NSW Workshop - ACTIVE**

The Roving Towards 2020 team will be running a half-day workshop, which is open to all Rovers in NSW, on the 12/02/2011 at the Baden-Powell Scout Centre, Pennant Hills. Start time is 9:00 am and morning tea will be provided. The RT2020 team would ideally like to see

about 30 Rovers attend. Due to the time frame for the review this will be one of the last opportunities for Rovers to provide feedback in this format.

The Region Rover Commissioners have also been invited to attend the workshop as they will be meeting at the BPSC for a Commissioner Conference at the same time.

### **3.2. Online survey - ACTIVE**

The RT2020 team have developed an online survey, which is currently being reviewed. The survey will be open to all Rovers and will be released very soon (no firm date).

## **4. NATIONAL AND WORLD MOOTS**

### **4.1. Oz Moot 2011 - CLOSED**

The NSW Contingent was comprised of a total of 49 people. Feedback received has indicated that everyone had a fantastic time. Pete will report on this at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

### **4.2. WAM 2014 - ACTIVE**

The next National Moot will be held in Western Australia in 2013/2014. Register your interest and keep up with what's happening at <http://wam2014.com.au> and via Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/wam2014>

### **4.3. World Moot - Canada 2013 - ACTIVE**

The next World Moot will be held in Canada in July 2013. More information can be found at <http://www.scoutsducanada.ca/cgi-cs/cs.waframe.content?topic=42467&lang=1> and via Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/MOOT-2013/141580982530028>

### **4.4. World Moot - Iceland 2017 - ACTIVE**

At the 39<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference Iceland was selected (they were the only ones to bid for it) as the hosts of the 2017 World Scout Moot.

## **5. AWARD NOMINATIONS - ACTIVE**

Nominations are still being accepted for the following awards:

### **5.1. Stan Bales Rover Service Award**

The Stan Bales Rover Service Award recognizes individuals who have given exceptional service to the Rover Section.

### **5.2. Quality Roving Award**

The Quality Roving Award is given to Rover Crews who have excelled at delivering the Rover Program in the previous year.

### **5.3. Lodge Baden-Powell Service Award**

Sponsored by the Masonic Lodge, the Lodge Baden Powell is awarded to Crews who have given exemplary service to the general community outside of scouting.

Nominations for all of these awards will close on the 5 February 2011. For more information on all of these awards please contact Pete via [vice.president@nsw.rovers.com.au](mailto:vice.president@nsw.rovers.com.au) or 04 0416 9346.

## **6. ROVERINGS GREATEST ADVENTURE 2010 - CLOSED**

Congratulations to the Epping Rovers who's RGA entry "Race from the Rock" won the 2010 RGA competition. The team of 4 Rovers undertook a challenge to drive from Uluru to Sydney in less than 30 hours. For their efforts they walked away with \$2000.

## 7. BRANCH EVENTS

### 7.1. Calendar - **ACTIVE**

The NSW Rovers Event Calendar for 2011 is now available at <http://www.nsw.rovers.com.au/events/calendar.html>. Thanks to Nick and Mitch who put it together.

### 7.2. Lord Mayors Picnic 2010 - **CLOSED**

A huge thankyou to the 44 Rovers and Scouters from 5 regions (including Lones) who helped out at Lord Mayors Picnic on New Years Eve 2010. BRAVO (especially to GWS region who supplied 17 of the Rovers).

### 7.3. Hike for Hunger - **CLOSED**

Despite the rain 27 Rovers turned up to Hike for Hunger last Saturday 6 November 2010. We're not sure how many food items each Region has collected. Nick has asked every Region to supply him with the details and will report on this at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

### 7.4. Snow moot sub-committee proposal - **ACTIVE**

At the September 2010 BRC meeting it was proposal to set up a subcommittee with a similar structure to a VOC to organise Snow Moot every year. While the BRC amenable to the idea they asked the BRC Executive to expand of the idea and return to the November 2010 BRC meeting with a formal proposal. Alex presented a draft proposal at November 2010 BRC. It was agreed to vote on the proposal as part of the vote on the NSW Rovers Handbook.

### 7.5. 2011 Branch Ball - "A Fairytale ball before bedtime" - **ACTIVE**

At the September 2010 BRC meeting the tender was for the 2011 Branch Ball was awarded to Razorback Rover Crew. The Ball is on the Saturday 5 February 2011 at Camden Valley Inn, 290 Remembrance Drive Camden. More details can be found on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=155477014465466>.

### 7.6. Branch Moot 2011 - **ACTIVE**

Tenders for Bush Dance 2011 are open. Please contact Nick or Matt L for more information.

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### 7.8. Quest 2011 - **ACTIVE**

Matt L has done some work on Quest, putting together some flyers and a draft program for the day. BRC executive to lock in details and promote heavily. Matt L to report on this at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

## 8. SURFMOOT CONTINGENT - **CLOSED**

The BRC Executive just before Christmas undertook a small search to find a Surfmoort contingent leader. Samantha Strachan was the only person to apply for the job. Sam will report on this at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

**9. 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROVER YOUTH FORUM - CLOSED**

The Rover Youth Forum ran during Oz Moot and was an opportunity for Rovers to provide feedback directly to the National Team on issues concerning Rovers in Australia and their state.

Prior to the Forum NSW requested that the future National Moots be considered as a potential discussion topic.

Alison will report on this at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

The reports from the past 3 Rover Youth Forums can be found at <http://www.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iMenuID=19313916>

**10. BADEN-POWELL SCOUT AWARD APPLICATIONS - ACTIVE**

The BRC executive is currently reviewing two Baden-Powell Scout Award applications. Separate review committees have either been formed or are currently being formed to review the logs. Recommendations from the review committees will be submitted to the BRC once the reviews have been completed.

**11. NRC EXECUTIVE FOR 2011 - CLOSED**

The National Rover Council held its election for the NRC executive office bearers at the 2011 NRC meeting held before Oz Moot. The following people were elected to the three NRC executive positions:

- Chairman - Libby Davison (VIC)
- Vice Chairman - Shaun Sandilands (QLD)
- Training & Development Officer - Nicky Strachan (VIC)

**12. NATIONAL ROVER COUNCIL MEETING 2011 - ACTIVE**

The 2011 NRC meeting was held at the end of December 2010 because Oz Moot and the World Scout Conference meant many people could not make a January 2011 meeting. Draft minutes from the meeting have been distributed to the executive for double checking. An executive summary will be provided to the February 2011 BRC meeting as well as a copy of the final minutes if they are released by then.

**13. DATA PROJECTOR - STALLED**

Project stalled. Matt L has unfortunately not found the BRC a data projector and associated accessories as part of a grant that the BRC received over a year ago. Matt L will report on this at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

**14. TIMOR LESTE PROJECT - ACTIVE**

National has distributed more information about this project and have advertised for a Rover Project Manager. If you are interested in this exciting service project check out the Timor Leste page on the Scouts Australia website <http://www.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iStoryID=18463930>

**15. APR COMMITTEE NSO VISIT - CLOSED**

On Sunday the 28th November 2010 a team from Asia Pacific Scout Region visited Scouts Australia National Office to see how Scouting in Australia was going. National were looking for some Rovers to attend a 1 hour meeting to allow the APR team to meet some Rovers. Alison organised a small open nomination process to find Rovers to represent Australia. Unfortunately almost nobody responded. In the end Alison Maynard, Samantha Strachan and Alex Motyka attended the meeting.

**16. BRC LEVIES - ACTIVE**

A proposal to raise BRC levies by \$1 (possibly \$2) will be discussed at the February 2011 BRC meeting. BRC levies have not increased for several years now and the BRCs expenditure has increased significantly as it has undertaken more projects to develop the Rover Section. In order for this to be sustainable the BRC must look at raising it's levies.

**17. APR SCOUTING PHOTO CONTEST - CLOSED**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Region Scout Photo contest close on 24 January 2011. If you think you have captured the spirit of Scouting in Australia, you are encouraged to enter this Region-wide competition. In the past two years, Silver and Bronze prizes have been awarded to Australian entries. You could be next! More information can be found on <http://www.international.scouts.com.au/main.asp?iMenuID=19938579>

**18. ONLINE TRAINING - ACTIVE**

Online training is going to be rolled out starting February 2011. Jade is coordinating the review of modules as they are released. She is also working with Margaret Crawford on the of the Basic Sectional Techniques training weekend. Jade will provide a report on her progress at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

**19. PULL UP BANNERS - CLOSED**

Nick had two pull up banners produced for Hike for Hunger. One was a generic Rovers one because we sold the BRC's one to SC&T region and the other was a custom Hike for Hunger pull up. The banners cost a total of \$393. The Hike for Hunger banner will be on display at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

**20. NSW ROVERS HANDBOOK - ACTIVE**

The BRC Executive has put together a new central resource for all NSW Rovers policies, procedures and guidelines. It has tentatively been called the "NSW Rovers Handbook" and has been designed to be the "single source of truth" for NSW Rovers policies and guidelines. It is also a "living document" that is updated over time as things change. A draft was distributed to the BRC at the November 2010 BRC meeting and via email as well. The executive is still writing some topics in the handbook and feedback is more than welcome. The adoption of the resource will be voted on at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

**21. LINKING BETWEEN VENTURERS AND ROVERS MOU - STALLED**

The Memorandum of Understanding, which Jeff wrote, is currently with the Venturer section for feedback. Alex to follow up.

## **22. LETTERS TO BPSA AND QSA AWARDEES - CLOSED**

An automatic process was set up through State Office to send congratulatory letters from the BRC to BPSA and QSA awardees when they receive their award.

## **23. GIFTS FOR BPSA AND QSA AWARDEES - ON HOLD**

At the September BRC meeting the BRC asked if the Jeff would be willing to fund the Rover lanyards as a small congratulatory gift to BPSA and QSA awardees. While Jeff was amenable to the idea he advised that it will be a decision the new SC(R) will have to make.

## **24. LETTERS TO VENTURERS - STALLED**

Alison has been working with Jeff to write some letters that will be sent to Venturers encouraging them to join Rovers once at various stages in the Venturer lifecycle (e.g. age 17.5, age 18 and just before they are deregistered). Currently with State Office.

## **25. ROVER ADVISORS AND SHOULDER KNOTS - STALLED**

At the August BRC meeting the BRC resolved to support Western Australia BRC's motion to officially allow the Rover Advisors and Rover Commissioners to wear the Rover epaulets and shoulder knots. It also resolved to ask the NSW Chief Commissioner to make a local ruling to allow the wearing of epaulets and shoulder knots.

The Chief Commissioner has indicated by email that Rover Advisors in NSW are now permitted to wear Rover Shoulder Knots and Rover Epaulets.

WA BRC have been notified of our support. The issue must now be raised at a meeting of the National Operations Committee by the NRC Chair.

## **26. EXPERIENCE ROVERS BADGE - STALLED**

There is concern that the Experience Rovers badge is not really making it's way down to Venturer Units and Crews. The executive will relook at how we can communicate this initiative to grass roots members.

## **27. I WANT TO BE A ROVER WOGGLES - STALLED**

This project was discussed at the 2011 NRC meeting. VIC BRC has yet to get back to us with details on how to move forward with the order of woggles. WA is now reconsidering it's position on the woggles and may now also be ordering some woggles.

## **28. BRC EXECUTIVE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS - STALLED**

Alex to review BRC position descriptions and report on this at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

**29. EMAIL LIST MIGRATION - STALLED**

Matt R was to migrate email lists by the November 2010 BRC meeting.

**30. MERCHANDISE****30.1. Rover Drink Coolers - ACTIVE**

The Rover Drink Coolers have sold like hot cakes. So much so that Pete has arranged for 400 more. Don't forget that these great looking drink coolers are only \$5 and can be purchased through our friendly and helpful BRC executive officers.

**30.2. Other merchandise - ACTIVE**

Pete had a whole range of merchandise produced for Oz Moot, much of which sold very well. He has drafted a proposal for the production of additional quantities of merchandise to be tabled at the February 2011 BRC meeting.

**31. NSW ROVERS EMAIL UPDATE - STALLED**

Unfortunately since David (who became the project champion after Alex became President) has left the Rover Section we no longer have someone to compile the NSW Rovers Email Update. The BRC executive will look at resourcing issues as part of it's strategic planning work.

**32. DRINKSAFE POSTERS - ACTIVE**

QLD and SA placed orders for DrinkSafe posters and cards. Each wanted 500 cards and 50 posters of each type. The SA order has been delivered and the cards were used at Oz Moot. The QLD order will be shipped once their Branch office is back up and running. Our order from the printer cost \$510 for 200 posters and 1000 cards of each type. Alex who will need to be reimbursed paid for the order. Removing the SA and QLD orders NSW is left with 100 posters of each kind and zero cards. WA is now also considering ordering some DrinkSafe material.

**33. NSW ROVER FORUMS - STALLED**

The new NSW Rover Forum that the BRC executive was trialling experienced a significant set back when unfortunately our server was hacked. Since the November 2010 BRC meeting the forum has been restored except for any documents, which were hosted on the Forum, which must be re-uploaded. Alex to upload documents as soon as possible.

**34. NATIONAL ROVER MARKETING MATERIAL - ON HOLD**

This project is currently with the NRC. More information will be provided when available.

**35. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE - STALLED**

Alex presented a draft of the BRC constitution (which has also been circulated via email) to the November 2010 BRC meeting. Unfortunately the draft is not 100% complete because several of the lawyers he consulted did not provide feedback until the day before the BRC meeting. Alex was to incorporate the lawyer's feedback and distribute the final draft before the February 2011 BRC meeting. Due to commitments during the holiday season and overseas travel during the majority

of January Alex has been unable to provide the final draft so far. Alex to provide final draft before February 2011 BRC meeting.

NOTE: The only real structural change (the suggestion that executive officers not be allowed to be region delegates simultaneously) will be removed due to time constraints.

### **36. NATIONAL ROVER YOUTH PROGRAMMING MEETING - ACTIVE**

Minutes from the National Rover Youth Programming Meeting were circulated at the 2011 NRC. Alex will put together an executive summary and email it out with a copy of the complete minutes as soon as possible.

### **37. STRATEGIC PLANNING IN THE ROVER SECTION - STALLED**

A strategic planning meeting to be held on 13 Feb was proposed to the executive but there was little enthusiasm for the idea. The executive will reassess the idea in the coming week.

### **38. BRC TREASURY - STALLED**

Unfortunately since David has left the Rover Section a clear picture of the BRCs accounts is unknown. Mellisa (treasurer-elect), Pete and Alex need to meet and sort out the accounts as soon as practicable. It is vital for the BRC to ascertain it's current financial situation before any more significant financial commitments are made.

### **39. DECEMBER 2010 NRC AGENDA ITEMS - CLOSED**

The NRC has asked the BRCs to submit agenda items by Monday 8 November 2010. The NRC kindly let NSW submit an agenda item on the Rover Service Award after the cut off date. The agenda item was discussed at the NRC meeting and the discussions outcome is document in the NRC minutes.

### **40. COMBINED OP AND ROVERS SERVICE CAMP - ON HOLD**

The NSW Olave Program Committee has asked if NSW Rovers would be interested participating in a service camp to do some maintenance work and bush fire clearing at the Girl Guide owned Glengarry Camp. The camp would be organised by the Girl Guides and tentatively be held in the first half of next year. Project currently with the Girl Guides.

### **41. SYDNEY TRIATHLON - ACTIVE**

USM Events is running a Triathlon in Sydney on 9-10 April 2011 and they want Rovers to man water stations and do other odd jobs. A generous donation will be made to your crew for your assistance. Pete was meant to distribute details to the Regions before the November 2010 BRC meeting but was inundated with Oz Moot work. Information to be distributed ASAP.

### **42. PROJECT/EVENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROPOSAL - CLOSED**

Liz Anderson the NRC Training & Development Officer wrote a proposal for Scout facilitated, accredited, project management and/or event management training courses. The November NRC

2010 meeting was asked to provide feedback but none was given. The proposal went to the National Training Conference and National are now looking at ways Scouts could offer this kind of training.