

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

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## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

In the past it has been difficult for Rovers on the BRC (let alone Rovers not involved in Rover governance) to get an understanding of what work is performed by the BRC executive. In an effort to increase communication and to operate more transparently the BRC executive will be producing and distributing regular "work in progress" reports detailing the projects and tasks (excluding confidential matters) the executive is currently undertaking on behalf of Rovers in NSW.

### **1. AJ2010 LEADER BAR**

The Jamboree Leader bar which was run by NSW Rovers (headed by Amy Campbell) made a small profit of \$9,516.15. The bar sold \$89,188.53 worth of drinks and had costs of \$79,672.38.

### **2. STATE SCOUT FELLOWSHIP**

The State Scout Fellowship recently voiced a concern that they had been prevented from sending a fellowship rep to BRC meetings. We're not sure what happened here but we've been in touch with the State Commissioner (Fellowship) and advised that him that Fellowship are more than welcome to send a representative to BRC meetings.

### **3. SCAC**

The State Commissioners Advisory Council (SCAC) is a monthly meeting of sectional and program support commissioners. The SC(R) and BRC President are expected to go to these meetings. In an effort to increase skills and knowledge transfer between Rovers, as well as foster greater transparency and inclusion, we have been allowed to bring another Rover (BRC executive member) as an observer to each meeting.

### **4. NEW STATE COMMISSIONER (MAJOR EVENTS)**

Replacing Bob Baker, Terry Brook has taken on the role of State Commissioner (Major Events).

### **5. DRAGON SKIN**

As usual we had tons of Rovers help out a Dragon Skin. We're trying to get the official number of from DS HQ but we're still waiting on people to get back to us. On a relayed note Dragon Skin has now been classified as a major event by Branch and as a result now falls under Terry Brook's portfolio.

### **6. WEBSITE**

Exciting news! NSW Rovers has a new web site address! The new URL is [www.nsw.rovers.com.au](http://www.nsw.rovers.com.au). Coupled with the move to a new web address we've also migrated the site to a new server and

hosting package. The web hosting is costing only \$150 for 3 years and gives us things like unlimited server space and bandwidth.

Most thing's have been migrated across to the new server with only the email lists to go.

## **7. EMAIL LISTS**

brc@nswrovers.com has been updated with the new delegates for 2010/11. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary from each region has also been added to the list.

## **8. MERCHANDISE**

Pete has made contact with WA and place an order for lanyards and mugs. WA have very kindly given us a cheaper "wholesale" price and will be passing them on at Mudbash so look out for them soon.

Nick has been working on getting the rover pull ups ready for all the regions. Depending on the printer they may even be ready for the June BRC.

We're also looking at producing some Rover stubby coolers. We'll take more about these at the June BRC.

## **9. I WANT TO BE A ROVER WOGGLES**

NSW Rovers is looking at ordering another batch of "I want to be a Rover" woggles. An email was sent out to all the brc@nswrovers.com email asking the regions how many woggles they believed they needed. Some regions responded but there are still plenty who haven't. So far it looks like we'll need to order 3000-4000. They cost about \$1 each to make so they will be a considerable expense because of this we need to know how many we want to order so we can look at ways of funding them. We'll take more about these at the June BRC.

## **10. BRC CONTACT DIRECTORY**

Lauren has been working on the contact directory and the first draft has been distributed to brc@nswrovers.com email list. Please check your regions contact details because there are still a lot of details that haven't been finalised.

## **11. SEPTEMBER BRC**

An opportunity for us to have delegates from every region attend the September meeting is coming up on the horizon. A proposal for changes to NSW YACS recommends a change of meeting location and date. The proposal suggests the next YACS meeting is held at Bundilla on the same weekend as the September BRC. If we move the BRC meeting to Bundilla we could have delegates from every region because YACS flies in delegates from remote regions. The YACS team is happy to have all the YACS Rovers attend the BRC on the Saturday.

## **12. RESOURCES CD**

You can now download the NSW Rovers resource and information CD from the NSW Rovers website! You can download the whole thing as one big zip file or you can browse the contents

online and just download the bits you need. Spread the good stuff  
<http://www.nsw.rovers.com.au/members/>

### **13. DRINKSAFE POSTERS**

We've developed a draft of the second phase of the DrinkSafe communications initiative and a concept of phase 3 as well. We will show these off at the June BRC.

### **14. DESIRED STANDARDS**

We've developed a Desired Standards for Rover Crews document. The document actually was first developed back in the day when we still had Areas instead of Regions but got lost in the system and nearly everyone forgot about it. The only copy we could find was a paper copy held in SC&T region. Through a long and involved process we sought feedback from the BRC exec, Region and State Rover commissioners, YACS, NRC and also referenced it against other docs like the Quality Rovering Award, other section desired standards, NRC documents to come up with the revised document. The document will be made available at the June BRC as well as online.

### **15. TRY ROVERING**

Mitch has been working really hard and has resurrected the Try Rovering badge. His proposal for the Try Rovering badge will be presented and discussed at the June BRC.

### **16. VENTURER AND ROVERS STATS**

Alison has sent out a list of Venturers to all the Regions. RRCs and Crews should be using this list to recruit Ventures into Rovers. What is your Region doing to grow your membership numbers?

A list of Rovers in each Region has been distributed to the [brc@nswrovers](mailto:brc@nswrovers) email list as well.

### **17. BRC STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

We tried running a half-day strategic planning meeting and dinner on the 29th May 2010. Unfortunately because of the late notice many regions couldn't make it and we had to postpone it. A new date will be set at the June BRC.

### **18. BPSA ROVER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Since the AGM we've reviewed two more candidates for the BPSA; Chloe Hatcher and Kristal Jollie. Thank you to the past BPSA awardees Megan Roser, Greg Pearce and Eliza McGrath who sat on the review panels. We'll take more about these at the June BRC.

### **19. ROVER ADVISORS AND SHOULDER KNOTS**

Western Australia BRC has asked all the states what they think about the idea of Rover Advisors wearing the Rover shoulder knots, service pin and shoulder badges. We'll take more about these at the June BRC.

## **20. NATIONAL ROVER REVIEW**

Congratulations go out to our own Daniel Nelson who has been selected to represent Rovers on the National Rover Review panel.

## **21. TRAINING SURVEY**

Jade has put together an online survey about Rover training so we can get a clear idea of what training is being carried out in the Regions, what training Rovers currently have and what training Rovers need. Rovers who complete the survey will go into the draw to win 2 movie tickets. The URL will be distributed shortly.

## **22. TIMOR LESTE PROJECT**

National are looking for a Rover to coordinate and determine how many Rovers in Australia would be interested in taking part in a service project in Timor Leste to build a building in partnership with Rotary. Information about the project has been distributed to the [brc@nswrovers.com](mailto:brc@nswrovers.com). Please pass it onto your Crews. The project has the potential to be used as part of someone's BPSA.

## **23. BRC EXEC MEETINGS**

The BRC exec is opening its doors to Rovers. In an effort to encourage participation in Rover governance and to operate more openly Rovers are now invited to attend exec meetings as observers. If any Rover is interested in attending an exec meeting please contact Alex ([president@nsw.rovers.com.au](mailto:president@nsw.rovers.com.au)).

## **24. ROVER FORUMS**

Dave has been doing a bit of background work on setting up a new Rover forum. Things are still be arranged and we'll let you know when they are ready.

## **25. MEMBERSHIP GROWTH PROJECT**

A draft of the membership growth project info pack will be distributed at the June BRC.

## **26. ST GEORGES DAY**

Thank you to all the Rovers who attended the St Georges day service at St James church in Sydney and also to those who celebrated St George with their Crews and Regions. Also a huge thank you to Nick who once again did a fantastic job of organizing the service.

## **27. ANZAC DAY**

Than you to all the Rovers who attended the Sydney City ANZAC day service and ANZAC day services all across the state.

## **28. NSW ROVER CREW DIRECTORY**

We've compiled a list of all the crews with meeting time, date and contact details. All the data was sourced from the Scouts database so it could be a little old. A copy has been sent to [brc@nswrovers.com](mailto:brc@nswrovers.com) email list. Could all the regions please check the list and make sure the details are correct. Also can each region supply their Crew Leaders email address so we can activate the crew email forwarders. We'll take more about these at the June BRC.