

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. HIKE FOR HUNGER

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 by the 12 November. Alan from Wesley Mission will be the November 2010 BRC to present the shield.

2. BRC ELECTION & NOMINATIONS

The BRC Executive hasn't received any nominations for the upcoming BRC elections. ☹ The nomination period is STILL open and will close on 13 November. Nominations need to be in writing and signed by your RRC Chairperson and one other Rover. Any fully invested Rover who has the support of their region is eligible to be nominated.

Please encourage everyone to consider taking on a role on the BRC Executive. It is an incredible experience to work with some of the most passionate and capable Rovers in the state. It's a great challenge and definitely worth doing.

3. FINDING A NEW STATE COMMISSIONER (ROVERS)

We've received one Expressions of Interest from someone who is currently acting as an RA for Oatley Bay Rover Crew. The applicant has been sent the position description and has spoken numerous times with Alex. The applicant has been asked if he wants to continue his application and will decide once he has spoken to Jeff.

If the applicant decides to proceed we will move into the interview phase of the process.

4. OZ MOOT

The NSW Contingent form will be available very soon once the merchandise supplier has supplied Pete with the final costs. Also don't forget that your Oz Moot fees are now due so please make sure you've paid.

5. ROVER REVIEW

5.1. Rover Towards 2010 team at YACS

The RT2010 team ran a workshop at the NSW YACS weekend. Thankyou to all the Regions who nominated Rovers to attend and represent their Region. NSW was very lucky to have this opportunity to provide input into the review because so far the only other state to run a workshop has been Queensland.

5.2. RT2020 team at BRC

Jen Kilgariff, social researcher from the RT2020 team, attended our September 2010 BRC to get an idea of how a BRC can run.

5.3. Alex at a RT2020 team meeting

I (Alex) was fortunate enough to attend the last RT2020 team meeting as an observer. It was a fantastic insight into the teams work and there is a huge potential for positive change.

5.4. RRC Chairs Forum

The last RRC Chairs Forum spent the majority of it's time talking about the Rover Review. Alex will be typing up the notes from this meeting and will be forwarding it into the RT2020 team.

5.5. Feedback

The RT2020 team is still looking for feedback from Rovers. If you have any thing that bugs you about Rovers or have a great idea about how we can make Rovers better please email rovers2020@scouts.com.au

6. AWARDS

Nominations are still being accepted for the following awards:

6.1. Stan Bales Rover Service Award

The 6.1. Stan Bales Rover Service Award recognizes individuals who have given exceptional service to the Rover Section.

6.2. Quality Roving Award

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

6.3. 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.

6.4. Roverings Greatest Adventure (RGA)

This is a National competition designed to get Rovers out there doing awe-inspiring adventures. This year's prize pool has jackpotted to \$2000 and any activity undertaken from 1 December 2009 to 1 November 2010 that has gained media coverage is eligible to entre. Closing date for applications is 30 November 2010.

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

7. 5TH ANNUAL ROVER YOUTH FORUM

The Rover Youth Forum is an opportunity for Rovers to provide feedback directly to the National Team on issues concerning Rovers in Australia and their state. The forum will run on the second last day of the moot but only 3-4 Rovers from each state attend. If your interested in representing NSW at the Youth Forum please make sure you indicate your interest on the NSW Oz Moot Contingent form due out soon.

National is also looking for discussion topics for the Forum. If you have any ideas for topics that are relevant to all Rovers in Australia please email them to Alex via president@nsw.rovers.com.au.

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

8. NRC NOMINATIONS

The National Rover Council will be electing it's 2011 officers at the December 2010 NRC meeting in Adelaide. If there are any switched on Rover who would like a challenge and are interested in nominating for the very important roles of NRC Chair, Vice Chair and Training & Development Officer drop Alex a line on 0424 070 550.

9. DATA PROJECTOR

Project stalled. Matt L upon his return from Canada will be searching for a data projector for the BRC to purchase prior to the Novemebr 2010 BRC meeting.

10. TIMOR LESTE PROJECT

National has distributed more information about this project and have advertised for a Rover Progrject Manager. If your 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>

11. COMMITTEE NSO (NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANISATION) VISIT

On Sunday the 28th November, a World Scouting team will be visiting the Scouts Australia National Office and are keen to meet some youth members to gain a better understanding of the youth perspective of Scouting within Australia.

National are looking for a few Rovers interested attending the meeting. Any one interested should contact Alison via venturer.liaison@nsw.rovers.com.au. Alison will be communicating a nomination process very soon.

12. NSW ROVERS HANDBOOK

The BRC Executive has been working on a really exciting foundation-building project. We don't want to say to much about it now because we want to present it at the November 2010 BRC meeting.

13. LINKING BETWEEN VENTURERS AND ROVERS MOU

Project stalled. The Memorandum of Understanding, which Jeff wrote, is currently with the Venturer section for feedback.

14. ONLINE TRAINING

Jade and Pete have headed up a working party comprised of Rovers and Trainers to review the Intro to Rover online training module developed by National. Jade chaired a teleconference to

garner the feedback of the working party and has sent preliminary notes to the NRC Training & Development Officer. Jade will provide a full report by the November 2010 BRC meeting.

Additional Rover online training modules will be reviewed as they are released.

15. LETTERS TO BPSA AND QSA AWARDEES

The BRC is now sending congratulatory letters to BPSA and QSA awardees. Before the November BRC Alex will set up an automatic process with State Office so the letters are sent from State Office when the award applications are processed and approved.

16. GIFTS FOR BPSA AND QSA AWARDEES

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.

Project on hold.

17. LETTERS TO VENTURERS

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). Project stalled. Currently with State Office.

18. VLO FORUM

On the 27 September Alison chaired the VLO Forum, a teleconference meeting of Venturer Liaison Officers from each Region. Alison will provide a small report on the Forum at the November 2010 BRC meeting.

19. ROVER ADVISORS AND SHOULDER KNOTS

Project 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.

WA BRC have been notified of our support and their motion will be tabled at the December NRC.

Jeff drafted an addition to the NSW uniform policy in August but it's unclear what progress has been made on this since then.

20. EXPERINCE ROVERS BADGE

Mitch will present a communications plan for the Experience Rovers badge at the November 2010 BRC meeting.

21. I WANT TO BE A ROVER WOGGLES

At the NRC October teleconference we identified only NSW and VIC are in a position to order more woggles. Alex will chase the VIC BRC Chair to determine how they want to proceed re type and quantity of woggles. Alex will report on progress at the November 2010 BRC meeting.

22. BRC EXECUTIVE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Project stalled. More information will be provided when available.

23. ROVER DRINK COOLERS

The BRC Executive is selling awesome looking BRC drink coolers for \$5. If you want one track down one of the ever fieldly and helpful BRC Executive officers or contact Nick via pr.marketing@nsw.rovers.com.au

24. NSW ROVERS EMAIL UPDATE

The November issue of the Email Update will be sent out very soon. If your region or crew would like to advertise an event make sure you send your submission to newsletter@nsw.rovers.com.au by Friday 12 November 2010.

25. EMAIL LIST MIGRATION

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

26. DRINKSAFE POSTERS

The other BRCs were asked to place their orders by 24 October. SA was the only Branch order any. VIC responded saying they are interested but want to swap some of the photos so that they have Victorian vehicles. Alex to place an order for posters and cards by the November 2010 BRC.

27. NSW ROVER FORUMS

Project stalled. More information will be provided when available.

28. NATIONAL ROVER MARKETING MATERIAL

Project stalled. More information will be provided when available.

29. BUSH DANCE 2010

Unclear if surplus from Bush Dance 2010 has been transferred into BRC account. Pete and Lauren will investigate and report back to the November 2010 BRC meeting.

30. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

I (Alex) has been working on reviewing the constitution and hope to have the revised constitution ready for the November 2010 BRC meeting so it can be voted on at the February 2011 meeting.

31. QUEST 2011

Project stalled. Waiting on Matt L to return from Canada.

32. NATIONAL ROVER YOUTH PROGRAMMING MEETING

Project stalled. National have not supplied us with final minutes from the Youth Programming meeting held in Adelaide in September.

33. STRATEGIC PLANNING IN THE ROVER SECTION

Project on hold. Waiting till after the November 2010 BRC elections.

34. OUTSTANDING INVOICES

It is unclear what invoices remain outstanding. More information will be provided shortly.

35. SNOW MOOT SUB-COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

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 to draft formal proposal by November 2010 BRC.

36. DECEMBER 2010 NRC AGENDA ITEMS

The NRC has asked the BRCs to submit agenda items by Monday 8 November 2010. The BRC Executive was asked to identify agenda items. None were identified. This has been communicated to the NRC Chair.

37. COMBINED OP AND ROVERS SERVICE CAMP

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.

38. SYDNEY TRIATHLON

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 will distribute details to the Regions before the November 2010 BRC meeting.

39. NSW ROVERS EVENTS CALENDAR

The NSW Rovers Events Calendar will be distributed in time for the November 2010 BRC meeting. Mitch will send out a the latest draft and a reminder for Regions to double check their dates.

40. 2011 BRANCH BALL

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>.

41. PROJECT/EVENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROPOSAL

Liz Anderson the NRC Training & Development Officer wrote a proposal for Scout facilitated, accredited, project management and/or event management training courses. Liz asked every BRC to find out if there was interest/demand from Rovers. Alex previously communicated this to Regions with a closing date of 26 November for feedback so it could be discussed at the November 2010 BRC meeting.