

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. HIKE FOR HUNGER

Hike for Hunger is on the 1 November 2010 so get your game on and start collecting as many non-perishable food items for the Wesley Mission. Wesley Mission uses the food to feed the homeless and families struggling financially. Lets try and beat last year's record of over 11,000 food items. More information will be provided as the September BRC.

2. FINDING A NEW STATE COMMISSIONER (ROVERS)

The closing date for Expressions of Interest was on the 17 September but we haven't received any submissions. The exec has approached quite a few people and while some people said they would think about it, we haven't received any EoIs from them. Because we haven't received any EoIs some of the comms didn't go out until 2 days before the closing date we're going to extend the closing date to 15 October 2010. After this date the BRC may have to ask the Chief Commissioner to appoint a caretaker while we continue the search. This will be discussed at the September BRC.

3. OZ MOOT

Please continue to promote Oz Moot (www.ozmoot.com) and encourage all members to attend. Perhaps you could even bring a friend? At last count we only had about 60 Rovers attending. This is a once in a 3 year experience you will not want to miss. Contact Pete our contingent leader for more information.

4. ROVERING TOWARDS 2020

Jen Kilgariff, one of the Roving Towards 2020 team members, will be attending the September 2010 BRC meeting at Homebush. Her visit is mainly to get an idea of how a BRC can run but will also be able to field questions about the Rover Review.

5. BRC ELECTION & NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the BRC Executive are open till the 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 defiantly worth doing. It's also an awesome opportunity to help push NSW Rovers forward.

6. STAN BALES ROVER SERVICE AWARD

Nominations for the Stan Bales Rover Service Award are now being accepted and will close at the February BRC meeting. The award recognizes individuals who have given exceptional service to the Rover Section. If you would like to nominate someone or would like more information please contact Jeff (commissioner@nsw.rovers.com.au) or Pete (vice.president@nsw.rovers.com.au)

7. QUALITY ROVERING AWARD

Nominations for the Quality Rovering Award are now being accepted and will close at the February BRC meeting. The Quality Rovering Award is given to Rover Crews who have excelled at delivering the Rover Program in the previous year. For more information on the QRA check out the NSW Rovers website. Nominations should be sent to Pete via vice.president@nsw.rovers.com.au

8. ROVERINGS GREATEST ADVENTURE

Please continue to promote Roverings Greatest Adventure to all Rovers. 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 enter. Closing date for applications is 30 November 2010. More information on the NSW Rovers and Rovers Australia website.

9. EXPERIENCE ROVERS

The badge is here! 1000 Experience Rovers badges have been made and will be presented by Mitch at the September BRC. The exec will soon start working on a comms plan to get the badge out there.

10. I WANT TO BE A ROVER WOGGLES

The BRC approved for the release funds to purchase 5000 "I want to be a Rover" woggles. Dave sourced a quote from Westwind, which was distributed to the NRC. The idea is that all the states go through one order so that the cost per unit is reduced. The NRC will be discussing this on the 10 October. Until then this project is on hold.

11. BRANCH BALL

Tenders are still open for the 2011 Branch Ball. Anyone interested in tendering should get their tender in ASAP because we've received 1 already and the September BRC is only 1 week away.

12. MERCHANDISE

The executive is selling WA produced Rover lanyards (price \$5) and mugs (price \$12 - we only have 10 left). If you want one just contact anyone on the BRC executive.

The BRC approved the release of funds to produce Rover drink coolers. The drink coolers have been produced and will be shown off at the September. A cooler will cost \$5 and you will be able to buy one from anyone on the exec.

Also a small reminder that Rover pull up banners are still available.

13. BRC EXECUTIVE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

The executive is still reviewing the documents and adjusting as required.

14. LINKING BETWEEN VENTURERS AND ROVERS MOU

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

15. ONLINE TRAINING

Scouts Australia has spent a lot of time, money and effort building online training courses for section leaders and is currently putting together the Crew Leader training modules. The online training is due to be released at the end of January 2011. Jade and Pete are heading up a working party to review the content of the online training courses and provide formal feedback to Scouts Australia by October 22. This will be discussed at the September BRC where Jade and Pete will present their plans on how the review will be achieved.

16. LETTERS TO BPSA AND QSA AWARDEES

Possibly for the first time ever the BRC is now sending congratulatory letters to BPSA and QSA awardees. We're looking to set it up so the letters are sent from State Office when the award applications are processed and approved.

17. GIFTS FOR BPSA AND QSA AWARDEES

As part of a limited trial Alison and Alex attended the Government House presentation on behalf of the BRC and gave each BPSA and QSA awardees a Rover lanyard as a small congratulatory gift. All up 21 people received a gift from the BRC. The trail was funded by the SC(R)s budget. This will be discussed at the September BRC.

18. 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).

19. VLO FORUM

Alison is trying to start up a Venturer Liaison Forum. We really need all the regions to support this initiative. Linking Venturers account for 70% of Rover membership. It's important that we're all working together as a team to increase membership numbers.

The first VLO forum will be on 27 September and will be a teleconference.

20. ROVER ADVISORS AND SHOULDER KNOTS

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.

21. DATA PROJECTOR

In February 2009 the Pete (2009-2010 Treasurer) managed to get a small equipment grant from the government to buy a projector and accessories for the BRC. The total value of the grant is \$4176, which has already, transferred into our account. Unfortunately because the organization collectively forgot about this, we've been operating under the pretense that we were \$4000 richer than we actually are. Matt L has been tasked with researching possible projectors for us to buy.

22. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SCOUTING

The next YACS meeting has been postponed to 5-7 November and will be held at the Baden-Powell Scout Centre. One Rover delegate from each region is required for the upcoming meeting. This position does not require experience in Rover governance, or in the other sections of the movement. Rather it is an opportunity to give your opinions on Scouting as a whole, and the topics that affect everyone. It is really important each region is represented because the Roving Towards 2020 team will be attending to collect feedback for the Rover Review. For more information contact Alex or Alison via yacs@nsw.scouts.com.au

23. NSW ROVERS EMAIL UPDATE

Issue 5 of the email update (<http://nsw.rovers.com.au/newsletters/issue-5.html>) has gone out. We're aiming to make these updates a monthly thing. The next update will be sent out in the first week of October. If your region or crew would like to advertise an event make sure you send your submission to newsletter@nsw.rovers.com.au by 30 September.

24. NSW ROVERS WEBSITE

Dave has put in a ton of work teaching the NSW Rovers website (www.nsw.rovers.com.au) some new tricks. He's moved the website into a Content Management System which will make updating the site much easier. He has also set up an online calendar, which is powered by Google Calendar. This means we now have the ability to allow RRC activity officers to update the calendar. This will be discussed at the September BRC.

25. EMAIL LIST MIGRATION

Project stalled. More information will be provided when available.

26. NSW SCOUTS AGM

The resumption of the NSW Scouts AGM will be held on 25 September at 10:30 AM at the Baden-Powell Scout Centre to vote on the nominated SEC. An opportunity to ask questions about the outcome of the NSW Scouts AGM will be given at the September BRC.

27. DRINKSAFE POSTERS

Order forms have been sent to the other states. The NRC will be discussing this on the 10 October. Until then this project is on hold.

28. ROVER FORUMS

Dave has set up a forum, which the BRC exec is currently trailing. There is no clear timeline for if and when this will be opened up to all Rovers. More information will be provided when available.

29. NATIONAL ROVER MARKETING MATERIAL

NRC is going to print a new batch of the National Rover print campaign (e.g. brochures, stickers). Alex is working with NRC and Ad Partners to source original artwork and coordinate reprint. We have the artwork and are now sourcing quotes for printing. More information will be provided when available.

30. BUSH DANCE 2010

The 2010 Bush Dance, headed up by Lauren Thorn, was a success in many ways. Over 135 people attended and the event had made approximately \$700 surplus. Lauren will provide a wrap up report at the September BRC.

31. NRC INVOICES AND MINUTES

All the invoices for the January 2010 NRC have been sent to the branches and most have paid. Pete and Dave will update the September BRC on the status of outstanding invoices.

32. STRATEGIC PLANNING IN THE ROVER SECTION

At the August BRC meeting Alex presented a small paper on strategic planning in the Rovers section with a proposal for setting up a structure for setting some long-term goals for NSW Rovers. The feedback from the BRC as well as various other sources is being considered. More information will be provided when available.

33. TRAINING SURVEY

Jade's training survey had about 100 Rovers participate. The survey was briefly discussed at the August BRC. Jade will report on the key findings and recommendations at the September BRC.

34. TIMOR LESTE PROJECT

Project stalled. More information will be provided when available.

35. BRC EXEC MEETINGS

If any Rover is interested in attending a BRC executive meeting as an observer please contact Alex (president@nsw.rovers.com.au or 0424070550).

36. RRC CHAIRS FORUM

The next RRC Chairs Forum is on 22 September. The purpose of the forum is for all the RRC Chairs (or equivalent) to get together and update each other on what's going on in each region, share ideas and help set and work towards shared goals for our state. The forum runs every two months.

37. 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 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.

38. CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Progress is minimal at this stage. Primarily focused on researching constitutions at this stage however a very basic structure has been put together. The will be discussed at the September BRC.

39. BRANCH MOOT

The BRC did not receive any tenders for the 2010 Branch Moot. As a result Branch Moot will not be running this year. Tenders for next years moot are now open.

40. QUEST 2011

The executive is in the initial planning stages of next years Quest. At this stage we are looking at returning to the Armory Theatre. More information will be provided when available.

41. RESOURCES CD

It's unlikely we will provide yearly updates to the CD. Instead we plan to continually update the resources section on the www.nsw.rovers.com.au website.

42. AJ2010 LEADER BAR

The BRC has received its 50% share (\$4,758.08) of profits made from the AJ2010 Leader Bar. The bar was run by NSW Rovers (headed by Amy Campbell) and made a small profit of \$9,516.15. The bar sold \$89,188.53 worth of drinks and had costs of \$79,672.38.