

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

**MEETING OF THE NSW BRANCH ROVER COUNCIL
TO BE HELD AT STATE OFFICE
102 BENNELONG PARKWAY, SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK
ON SATURDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER 2010, 2:00PM**

DRAFT BRC MINUTES

1. PRESENT

Alex Motyka (BRC), Pete Favelle (BRC), Allison Maynard (BRC), Jeff Rose (BRC), Matthew Lee (BRC), Mitch Shaw (BRC), Jade Elliot (BRC), Owen Sutton (TGW), Steven Reynolds (RIV), Leah Reynolds (RIV), Daniel Seddon-Powell (Lones), Trevor Nicholls (Lones), David Twist (GWS), Mel Cahill (GWS), Nick Butchner (SN), Peter Williams (SM), Chris Milligan (SN), Leigh Warder (SN), Anthony Buckley (SN),

2. APOLOGIES

Lauren Thorn (BRC), Nick Wolf (BRC), Mathew Rilley (BRC)

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the BRC meeting held on the 25th September be accepted.

MOVED: unknown

SECONDED: unknown

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1. Work in Progress report

Accepted as read.

5.2. Election of BRC Executive

Written Nominations Accepted:

Peter Favelle - President

Alison Maynard - Vice President and Venturer Liaison Officer

Jade Elliott - Training Officer

Daniel Seddon-Powell - Treasurer, Secretary, Activities, Service, Training, PR & Marketing, VLO, Special Projects

5.2.1. PRESIDENT : Peter Favelle

- 5.2.2. VICE PRESIDENT: Alison Maynard
- 5.2.3. SECRETARY: Daniel Seddon-Powell
- 5.2.4. TREASURER: Melissa Cahill
- 5.2.5. TRAINING OFFICER: Jade Elliot
- 5.2.6. ACTIVITIES & SERVICES OFFICER: Matt Lee
- 5.2.7. PR & MARKETING:
- 5.2.8. VENTURER LIAISON OFFICER:
- 5.2.9. INTERNET:
- 5.2.10. SPECIAL PROJECTS:

5.3. Election of Observers to the December 2010 NRC

5.3.1. Due to Pete holding the position of Vice President and President Elect we need a new delegate.

5.3.2. Nominations: Matthew Lee, Daniel Seddon-Powell

Elected: Matthew Lee

5.4. Search for State Commissioner (Rovers)

Jonathan Sellar (acting RA to Oatley Bay Rovers) the only individual to submit an Expression of Interest has withdrawn his application. Unfortunately Jonathan felt he could not meet the time commitment required of the role.

The Council must now re open the search for a new State Commissioner (Rovers). Since Jeff Rose will be stepping down from the role in December the Council will need to find an individual to mind the role while the search continues.

Craig Starling, Assistant Region Commissioner (Rovers) – Sydney North, has indicated he would be willing to mind the role until the April AGM of the Council.

MOTION: The Council invite Craig Starling to act as an advisor to the Branch Rover Council until the role of the State Commissioner (Rovers) is filled or until April 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Branch Rover Council.

Moved: Peter Favelle

Seconded: Peter Williams

Motion Carried

5.5. Governor General's Special Children's Christmas Party

6-8 Rovers from Kings Langley are helping. THANKS to those who are helping. We were supposed to be running face painting, but are now only helping out.

Proposed motion no longer valid.

5.6. NSW Rovers Handbook

The NSW Rover Handbook publication is a compilation of procedures, practices and guidelines designed to govern the Rover section in New South Wales. It has been designed as a "single source of truth" - a centralized and comprehensive reference of NSW Rover documentation and resources.

There was some discussion as to the title of the NSW Rovers Handbook, with the proviso that it may cause confusion with the old Australian Rover Handbook which no longer exists.

MOTION (for voting at the February 2011 meeting): The Council adopts in principle the NSW Rovers Handbook as an official publication of the Council, commits to maintaining the publication over time and adopt the NSW Rovers Handbook as the official source of Rover Section procedures, practices and guidelines.

Moved: Bob Nightingale

Seconded: Steve Reynolds

5.7. BRC Constitution Review Committee

4 lawyers and a Senior Lecturer from the Newcastle Business School are currently reviewing the draft rewrite of the NSW Branch Rover Council constitution.

The draft of the rewritten Branch Rover Council constitution has been circulated at the November BRC meeting for consideration by the Council members.

The rewrite makes almost no changes to the Councils structure and operation. The focus of the rewrite was to remove duplication, contradictory statements, and inappropriate information. It was also designed to clarify our structure and operation while still retaining flexibility. The one significant change the rewrite introduces is the idea that members of the Executive will no longer be able to act as delegates while in office.

MOTION (for voting at the February 2011 meeting): The Council adopts the amendments to the BRC constitution.

Points to Note in the amended version: Quorum and Membership, funds, by-laws, meetings, election process, representatives and delegates, Miscellaneous

5.8. NRC Agenda Item: Rover Service Award

The Rover Service Award (known in NSW as the Stan Bales Rover Service Award) is an Adult Service Award that can be awarded by the Branch Rover Council on the recommendation of a Crew, Region Rover Council, or the Branch Rover Council itself to Rovers, Rover Advisors, other uniformed of the Scout Movement, and/or non-uniformed people, who give outstanding service to the Rover Section.

The Award is currently a cloth emblem/badge with a red and white knot on a blue background that may be worn by Rovers on their uniform. It is the only Adult Service Award, excluding the Certificate of Merit, that does not also have a medallion (designed to be worn around the neck e.g. Silver Kanagaroo) associated with the award.

NSW would like to take a discussion paper to the December 2010 NRC meeting proposing the development of a medallion for the Rover Service Award. A sample design will be developed in time for the NRC meeting.

MOTION: The Council supports the proposal for the development of a medallion for the Rover Service Award.

Moved: Peter Favelle

Seconded: Daniel Seddon-Powell

Motion Carried.

5.9. Rovering Towards 2020

Received feedback at NSW YACS, as well as the RRC chairs forum.

Also, the RT2020 team is looking for a FEMALE rover to represent the larger states. Expressions of Interest are being taken by the 12th December.

5.10. Rover and Olave Program Service Camp

Held over until next meeting.

5.11. Rover Youth Forum Discussion Topics

National are looking for topics for the Rover Youth Forum Discussion. There has been no response from regions as yet.

5.12. Stan Bales Rover Service Award

Change to the makeup of the committee – any other member as the committee sees fit. Vice President to be the chair of the committee.

MOTION: The Council resolves to adopt the changes to the Stan Bales Rover Service Award guidelines.

Moved: Peter Favelle

Seconded: Trevor Nicholls

Motion Carried.

5.13. BRC Treasury

Outstanding invoices:

- GWS - \$748.50
- NC - \$18
- Riverina - \$230
- SM - \$666.50
- Golden West - \$58.50

Outstanding accounts:

MOTION: The Council resolves to release funds to pay the NRC levies for 2009 and 2010 totalling \$3,555.00.

Moved: Melissa Cahill

Seconded: Leigh Warder

MOTION: The Council resolves to release funds to reimburse Oleksander Motyka for the payment of 3 years of web hosting totalling US\$142.20.

Motion: Daniel Seddon-Powell

Seconded: Chris Milligan

Items for Notice:

\$165 to Alex for Jeff's Present.

\$7,861 for OzMoot contingent gear. Money coming in as contingent fees do.

5.14. Hike for Hunger

Thanks to everyone for coming, we did well. Report to be attached.

5.15. Snow Moot Committee Proposal

A standing resolution has been written to define the structure and operation of the Snow Moot Committee. The resolution will be distributed at or prior to the November BRC meeting.

MOTION: The Council resolves to establish an ongoing sub-committee of the Branch Rover Council named the Snow Moot Committee which will operate within the rules outlined in the Snow Moot Committee standing resolution.

The BRC decided to add the document to the Rover Handbook and to vote on it in the same vote as the handbook in February

5.16. Website & Rover Forums

A significant technical error has resulted in the loss of the Joomla powered NSW Rovers website. Unfortunately there is no way to recover the significant amount of work that comprised the web site. A temporary solution (most likely revert to the old static html site) will be put in place.

The forum was also affected however we believe there is a possibility we may be able to recover lost data.

5.17. Award Nominations

Award nominations to Pete for Stan Bales Rover Service Award, Roverings Greatest Adventure, Quality Rovering Award, Lodge Baden-Powell Service Award.

5.18. Strategic Planning

The BRC Executive will be holding a strategic planning meeting in February/March 2011 to develop a long-term strategic plan for the Rover Section. All Region Chairpersons, BRC Executive members and Region Commissioners (Rovers) will be expected to attend. Additional people may be invited to attend.

5.19. Oz Moot

1st December 2010 is the payment deadline. Numbers stand at 50ish at present.

5.20. NSW Scouts Constitution Review Committee

Applications now being taken. Anyone interested should apply.

5.21. Project/Event Management Training Proposal

The BRC did not have any feedback for the NRC Training and Development Officer.

5.22. Meeting minutes and report templates

Motion: The Council adopts the use of the NSW Branch meeting minute and report templates for documenting the business of the Council.

Moved: Chris Milligan

Seconded: Steve Reynolds

Motion Carried.

5.23. Surfmoat Contingent Leader

Applications are now open for this position.

Motion: To allow the Exec to approve the contingent leader.

Moved: Peter Williams

Seconded: Steven Reynolds

Motion Carried

5.24. Mudbash Contingent Leader

Applications now open for this position.

6. REPORTS

6.1. President

Month:	September - November
Name:	Oleksander Motyka
Key Activities / Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Running NSW Rovers :P• Production of the NSW Rovers Handbook• Re-write of the NSW BRC constitution• Wrote standing resolution for Snow Moot Committee• Chaired the RRC Chairs Forum, which devoted the majority of its meeting time to discussing the Rover Review. Feedback from the meeting has been sent to the RT2020 team.• I attended a meeting of the Rovering Towards 2020 team an observer. It provided me with a valuable insight into the process being undertaken. It was extremely pleasing to see such a qualified and passionate team working towards developing a program that will be relevant to Rover over the next 10 years.• I attended the Victorian Rovers BRC meeting and away weekend as an observer. This was an extremely valuable experience and gave me an insight into how Vic Rovers run.• Lots and lots of other stuff that is covered in the Work in Progress report
Events Attended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Venturer Liaison Forum• NSW Olave Program Committee• National Rover Council teleconference• BRC Executive meeting• October and November SCAC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRC Chairs Forum • Roving Towards 2020 team meeting (observer) • Youth Advisory Council for Scouting • Victorian Branch Rover Council away weekend and BRC meeting • Regular meeting nights with 1st Valentine • Regular meeting nights with North Lake Macquarie Rovers
Support Required / Matters for Escalation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All items are either addressed in the November Work in Progress report or have been added to the November BRC meeting agenda
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big hugs all round ☺

6.2. Vice President

Month:	September - November
Name:	Pete Favelle
Key Activities / Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once again my time has been consumed with OZMOOT and has been further complicated by a problem at crew level. • Stan Bales and QRA awards under re write or have been re written. Lodge BP document to be created
Events Attended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCC • Bootings, camp and many many meetings • Assisted with RBL3 at Pennant Hills with 35 other Rovers • Ozmoot teleconferences • Roverings greatest Adventure trip to Ayers Rock • First Aid, Abseiling and Canyoning courses at Region level - Not just an office boy
Support Required / Matters for Escalation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the lead up to OZMOOT my time is very limited and while small project tasks have been taken on I would like to limit the amount of jobs I undertake so all jobs can be completed and tasks such as OZMOOT are not compromised.
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merry Christmas everyone I wish you all a happy and safe festive time and for those I will see in Adelaide don't forget your toothbrush.

6.3. Secretary

6.4. Treasurer

6.5. Activities Officer


6.6. PR & Marketing Officer

Name:	Nick Wolf
Key Activities / Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hike for Hunger - production of activity pop-up banner • Distribution of "Rovers Australia" pop-up banner and the production of a replacement banner for NSW Rovers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing promotion and development of NSW Rovers Facebook presence
Events Attended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hike for Hunger
Support Required / Matters for Escalation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

6.7. Internet Officers

6.8. Activities & Service Coordinator

Month:	September - November
Name:	Nick Wolf
Key Activities / Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hike for Hunger - a total of 11,130 amount of items broken down by Region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sydney North - 8,657 ○ South Metropolitan - 1,563 ○ Hume - 70 ○ South Coast & Tablelands - 705 ○ NSW BRC - 135 • Meeting with Mayor's office officials, badge design and ongoing recruitment of volunteers for the Lord Mayor's Picnic
Events Attended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with City of Sydney organizers • Hike for Hunger
Support Required / Matters for Escalation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking volunteers for Lord Mayor's Picnic - anyone interested should email activities.service@nsw.rovers.com.au
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Badge design for the Lord Mayor's Picnic 2010 is as follows: 

6.9. Venturer Liaison Officer

Month:	September - November
Name:	Alison Maynard
Key Activities / Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters to Venturers • Venturer Liaison Conference • Congratulatory Letters to Queen's Scouts

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience Rovers
Events Attended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hume RRC • BRC Exec Meeting • NSW YACS
Support Required / Matters for Escalation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

6.10. Training Officer

Month:	September – November 2010
Name:	Jade Elliott
Portfolio:	Training
Key Activities / Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with Pete F re BL3 Rovers and what is to be included, because of paperwork not arriving in time this was left in Pete’s hands.
Events Attended:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
Support Required / Matters for Escalation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question to regions – answers via e-mail not at BRC – How do you find best to advertise training? And do you advertise just to your region or other regions as well?

6.11. State Commissioner (Rovers)

Reports as per attachment to these minutes.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE/ACTIVITY REPORTS

7.1. Rover Scouts Motorsports

7.2. Bush Dance

7.3. Branch Ball

7.4. Snow Moot

7.5. Branch Moot

7.6. Quest

Reports as per attachment to these minutes. `

8. REGION REPORTS

8.1. GWS

8.2. Hume

8.3. Hunter & Coastal

- 8.4. North Coast
- 8.5. North West
- 8.6. Riverina
- 8.7. SC&T
- 8.8. South Met
- 8.9. Sydney North

Month:	September - November
Name:	Chris Milligan
Number of Rovers:	170+ (roughly)
Number of Crews:	13!
Past events and activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our annual Rover BL3 course was held on Sept 24-26 at Pennant Hills, with around 30 attendees. • (2nd) Gordon Rover Crew was approved for re-registration at the RRC on Sept 26. After a period meeting with Normanhurst, Gordon are now operating in their own right. • Turramurra Rovers' huge annual harbour cruise was held on October 8, attracting around 300 people. • The Rover Intro course scheduled for earlier this month was cancelled, due to only four applicants. • Our Crews made an excellent effort for this year's Hike for Hunger, which culminated in the food being delivered to Wesley Mission on November 6 and the traditional hike across the Harbour Bridge. • Sydney North's Crews collected over 7,000 cans and other food items, with Turramurra alone contributing 2,500. • Rovers assisted with activities at "Ventout" on Nov 13-14. Worlds and worlds of praise received back from sectional commissioners! • Aaron Smith from Kissing Point Rovers, our 2009 Tony Balthasar Awardee, completed his expedition in Europe - a 2-1/2 month bicycle journey through Finland and Sweden. • Our Christmas CLBAM (Crew Leaders' Bi-Annual Meeting) was held last Friday Nov 12, with good attendance and some thought provoking discussion, including a great session on self-motivation from Warren Scott (RA, Normanhurst). • An interest meeting was held on Nov 18 at North Sydney with a view toward potentially establishing a new Crew for the lower North Shore. This project has been championed by Hilary Yerbury and David Spears and has had input from a UTS marketing student. A key aim is to attract overseas students who are studying in Sydney and who possibly may have had Scouting experience in their home country.
Upcoming events and activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt Colah/Mt Kuringai Crew will be hosting the Region Rover Christmas Party "CRAP" on November 27 - TONIGHT! • Around 25 Sydney North Rovers so far are signed up to attend the 18th Australian National Rover Moot in Adelaide, commencing December 30. NSW Contingent Leader is Pete Favelle from Epping. • Rovers will be giving their annual service to the Lord Mayor's New Year's Eve Picnic for underprivileged children at Government House. • Platabeen Rovers and Venturers are well underway with planning for the 2011 Region Roventure - "Rome-venture" - to be held at Cataract Scout Park on Feb 25-27.
Support Required / Matters for Escalation:	

Other:	HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR!
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8.10. Golden West

8.11. Lones

Reports as per attachment to these minutes.

9. OTHER REPORTS

9.1. Girl Guides Olave Program

Month:	September - November 2010
Name:	Renée Bianchi
Key Activities / Initiatives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rover & OP Service Project - I have not received any more information from my headquarters not cannot elaborate on the project at this time. • Our Link Badge with the Senior Guide age group (14-17 years) is near completion. • Some time in 2011, an Olave Resource, much like a handbook, will be available and hopefully online. • We are looking at implementing a peer education pilot program next year. Ideas include women's health, particularly women's sexual health, bullying, body image, etc.
Upcoming events and activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Olave Program Conference in February 2011. Have extended an invitation to NSW Rovers to run a session on Rovers.
Support Required / Matters for Escalation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • `
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renée has been selected as the under 30 years representative in the Girl Guides Australia delegation to the world conference for Guiding organisations worldwide (all members of WAGGGS) in Scotland in July next year.

9.2. Fellowship

Reports as per attachment to these minutes.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

11. CLOSE

Meeting Closed: 5:30pm

The next meeting is on 2:00 PM Saturday 5 February 2011 at State Office.

12. TELECONFERENCE DETAILS

People ringing in from outside of Sydney should ring 1800 333 803.

People ringing from Sydney should ring 02 9696 0695.

The participants pin is **886496**.