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**Minutes of the Branch Rover Council, Held on February 13, 2016 at Epping Scout Hall**

Meeting Opened: 1.00pm

**Present:**

Golden West: None

Greater Western Sydney: Ayla Jones, Chris Ward, Hannah Woodrow Clark, Rachael Fulton, Rachel Ewings

Hume: Ian Bromley

Hunter and Coastal:

Lones: Katelin Nickl

North Coast: None

North West: None

Riverina: Emma Mai Bentley

South Coast and Tablelands: Rhiannon Hughes, Greg Pearce

South Metropolitan: Mike Weatherly

Sydney North: Liam Pullan, Nick Buchner, Emma Noller, Keith Buckley, Jamie Ride, Mitchell Rath

OP Guides: None

Other: Wal Waerner, Simone Haider, Liam Painter, Angus Boxall, Clair Udy, Luke Saunders, Robert Zamora

Guests:

**Apologies**

Golden West:

Greater Western Sydney:

Hume:

Hunter and Coastal:

Lones:

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North Coast:

North West:

Riverina:

South Coast and Tablelands: Bob Nightingale

South Metropolitan:

Sydney North:

OP Guides:

Other:

Guests:

## **1. Previous Minutes**

### **1.1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

*Motion: The council accepts the minutes from the previous meeting as a true and accurate account of that meeting*

*Made: Greater Western Sydney (Ayla Jones)*

*Seconded: South Coast and Tablelands (Rhiannon Hughes)*

### **1.2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

1.2.1. Service Discussion: Placed in General Business

1.2.2. Rover Banners- Has been looked into but not currently purchased- has to be held back as Mitchell is looking for thicker banners.

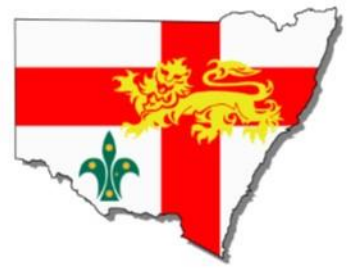
1.2.3. Wristbands- Australian Jamboree has been and gone. We purchased and paid for the wristbands as decided at the November meeting. The colour was pink, rather than the previously determined red, however they worked quite well. There are approximately 6000 units left, and we need to decide what to do with these. Some were sold at the recent NRC conference at a price of \$75.00 for 100 units. Our regions should be feeling the benefits, and we should be selling these at a cheaper price. Please note- these are primarily aimed at being a promotional tool, rather than being sold as a fundraiser.

*Motion: That the New South Wales Branch Rover Council sell the leftover wristbands for \$0.50 to Regions and \$0.75 to out of state groups.*

*Made: Greater Western Sydney (Ayla Jones)*

*Seconded: Sydney North (Keith Buckley)*

*Motion Carried*



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## 2. Correspondence

### 2.1. In

Bank Statements  
NSW Lones Rover Crew Report

### 2.2. Out

None

## 3. Executive Reports

**Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Public Relations, Internet, Special Projects and Training did not submit reports to the council for consideration.**

### 3.1. Chairperson

I submit my apologies. It has been incredibly busy recently and I have been unable to prepare a report. Over the off period it has been a good few months for Rovering. We had tonnes of attendees at Jamboree, covering all bases and elements of organising the event, made up of 200 total rovers. Our BRC are trying to keep the communication going, please let us know if you are not receiving emails so that we can rectify this. Lots of stuff is coming up in the next couple of months- nearly 160 Rovers will tonight be attending Branch Ball, which is our biggest attendance in 10 years. There will be an executive conference run next weekend, if you have any items that you wish considered and discussed by the executive please let us know. The next BRC will be run as the AGM and conference at Heathcote, and may incur a small cost for attendance. Several members of our incoming Executive recently visited Riverina, and are looking at attending all Region's ARP's. Finally, thank you to Luke McIvor for his assistance in planning the National Rover Conference, and congratulations to Angus Boxall on his appointment as National Rover Council's Vice Chair.

**If we are charging a fee for the conference, this should be charged to the Region rather than the Individuals.**

### 3.2. Activities Officer-

- Summer break is usually quiet branch activities wise
- Lots of Rovers at Jamboree, excellent to see
- Branch Ball sold out one day after early bird tickets ended - very happy
- Would consider thinking about different regions commitments to branch events. Will elaborate in my report to the BRC in April about Branch Ball, but its poor to see major regions only having one person at a branch event.
- Snow Moot 2016 Event page is up



- No Bushdance tender as of yet. Possibly because we changed the dates to Feb. Would like to see a crew tender for it. Reminder to the BRC that you do not have to be a 'rural' crew to hold bush dance. Could easily be held in a metropolitan area

### 3.3. State Commissioner- Rovers

Despite some misgivings (ie thousands of screaming Scouts) I had a great time at AJ2016. It was fantastic to see Rovers EVERYWHERE; as Service Leaders, as line Leaders, running bases, and helping out. I got so many compliments about the Rover section, and the odd complaints were usually misguided – my favorite was the bus load who left on NYE to go into town, “obviously to a piss up”. The leader was somewhat embarrassed when I explained that they were going to the Lord mayors Picnic, more service on top of what they'd already done on site – remember to promote what you do as a section! But in short, great work Rovers, you can be very, very proud.

Training: I'm off to Wagga Wagga in a couple of weeks for a BPS, then the next is 28/29th May at Bundilla. Learning lessons; please get your YA1s done early, as Police Clearance continue to cause difficulties for Rovers from a time taken perspective. This is a 'no exceptions' issue, believe me, I've tried. This may be an issue with Dragonskin, so get your forms in NOW. Also, L8s (Intro Interview) does need to be done as well as part of this process. I know this has been a bit Region based in approach, but it's getting to the point where we might as well just sign up everyone on the YA1 and be done with it, plus it saves hassles down the track.

The Rover APS is approaching on the 23/24th of July. Apply NOW if you want to go. Rover wood badges are very exclusive, come and join the club.

## 4. Region Reports- Urgent Business

**No report submitted by Hunter and Coastal, Golden West, Riverina, North West, North Coast, Lones Rover Crew and South Metropolitan prior to the meeting.**

**Please start sending in reports on time to the Secretary. This is a very important part of the meeting and communication.**

### 4.1. Hunter and Coastal

15 Venturers Linked. A group of Rovers attended the BPS, Lord Mayor's Picnic and Jamboree.

### 4.2. South Metropolitan

Our numbers are growing. Big attendance at jamboree, lord mayor's. Our AGM will be held on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 4.3. Hume



Plenty of Venturers linking, 1 Crew has sadly closed down. Our 2 main crews are doing very well and we had a large attendance at AJ.

## **5. Subcommittee Reports**

### **BPSA Subcommittee Report**

Ran two subcommittee reviews- Kristy Hiscock and Angus Boxall. Will not yet be endorsing either award yet as they both require more work.

*KRISTY HISCOCK: The BPSA Review Sub Committee does not support awarding Kristy the BPSA due to concerns with her Scout Craft and Ramble badges. However we recommend that Kristy be given 6 months to supplement the Scout Craft requirements through an additional 3 nights (minimum) of camping over at least 2 separate camps. These should clearly demonstrate and document high levels of organization, catering, and camping skills. Kristy is over 26 years of age, however this precedent has been used in the past in a similar situation. This recommendation is unanimously made by the Sub Committee. If this requirement is successfully met, the Sub Committee would then be able to recommend awarding the BPSA in this case.*

*ANGUS BOXALL: Please provide an executive summary of your Scout Craft badge, no more than ½ page per camp. The aim of this outline, apart from summarizing what you did, is to high light what aspects of Camp Craft you personally developed at each camp undertaken.*

### **Diversity and Inclusion**

Mardi Gras has so far had very low numbers of members registering, and the subcommittee instead wishes to propose attendance to view the parade. We would instead propose that our Rovers attend as supporters of the parade, and we can determine the diversity of the group attending. Please note two things- this includes Commissioners who are welcome to attend, and please do not wear anything which will identify you as a member of the Scouting movement. We also wish to note our support of the Victorian Rovers who marched in full Scout uniform at the front of the Victorian parade. They did a very good job.

### **Jamboree**

Brownsea Island did well. We had a few negative comments, but were ale to ‘blow their minds’. There were mostly positive comments about the activity however, and the Scouts loved the wristbands.

## **6. Workplace Health and Safety**

No items put forwards.

## **7. Awards**

**7.1.** Laura Cowie- Please note that Laura Cowie has completed her BPSA, which has been approved at Crew and Region levels.



7.2. Last chance for nominations for awards Stan Bales and Quality Roving Awards.  
Chairman's award will be due in June.

## **8. Agenda papers**

### 8.1. Delegates to the BRC

Amended the paper during the workshop. Thankyou to Keith Buckley for his lovely flowchart.

a) *Motion 1: The NSW Branch Rover Council amend the Constitution as stated above reducing the number of Delegates from four (4) to two (2).*

*Made BRC Executive (Luke Saunders)*

*Seconded: Greater Western Sydney ( Ayla Jones)*

Note- We are voting on the intent. There were a few requests for clarification.

Meeting discussion:

We seem to be giving votes to the region areas, at the expense of the Sydney Regions, when there are less country regions than metro. The aim of the paper is to make voting accessible by all regions, as we have a 50/50 split between country and metro regions.

This feels like a bandaid solution, and may be solved by the chairing of the meeting and how the council runs, rather than the numbers of the council.

It was pointed out at this point that the delegation from Sydney North had spoken three times more than the other delegates, and this was part of the point of the paper, as the delegates seem to be disagreeing within their region.

The country regions also seem to be uninterested in attending and making their voices heard, as none of them are even in attendance. This was pointed out to be in error as there was a Riverina delegate present within the meeting, and the council received apologies from Golden West Region.

*(11, 3, 1) Motion Carried*

b) *Motion 2: The NSW Branch Rover Council amend the Constitution as stated above to allow Regions to have four (4) Reserve Delegates*

*Made: BRC Executive (Luke Saunders)*

*Seconded: Greater Western Sydney (Rachel Fulton)*

*Motion hung- 8 votes each way.*

Chair- will not take the casting vote. Discussion about why regions are not agreeing, and Regions sought clarification. Motion was remade by the same.

*(8, 6) Motion Carried*

c) *Motion 3: The NSW Branch Rover Council amend the Constitution as stated above to require the Secretary to be notified at least three days in advance where a Temporary Delegate will b*



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*e sent in the place of the appointed Delegates and Reserve Delegates.*

*Made: BRC Executive (Luke Saunders)  
Seconded Greater Western Sydney (Ayla Jones)  
Motion Carried*

## **9. General Business**

9.1. Service Discussion- It was requested at the last meeting that Regions go to their Regions and discuss service ideas and the future of service in NSW. Regions to send this to the Secretary prior to the next meeting.

**Action Item: Regions to send their comments and feedback to the secretary.**

9.2. Placards- to be held over until next meeting.

9.3. Social Media Policy

Scouts NSW has a Social media policy which “strongly recommends that adult Members not be Facebook friends with Youth Members”. We should be urging Rovers to delete and unfriend any youth members they have added or accepted on social media. We should also not be engaging in any one on one conversation with these same youth members. Scouts is legally a workplace, and this all holds legal ramifications. Note- we did approach the NRC at the last meeting with the Venturer telethon paper, which was well received at the NRC meeting.

**9.4. Fellowship/Rover Pathways-**

**9.5. ATA/QSA Association**

**9.6. Rover welfare @ major events**

**9.7. Clarification of Rover interaction with Venturers**

**9.8. Minutes on Website.**

**All other items held over until the April general meeting.**

Meeting Closed at: 3.00pm

Next Meeting: April 16th

Location: Heathcote Scout Camp

Paper Submissions due by: 2nd April

Reports Due by: 9th April