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President



As outgoing President, it is my pleasure to recount the year gone by. With strong contingents to many region, state, interstate and national events NSW Rovers

has maintained its strong presence at social and service events. It continues to perform admirably and on the whole promote a positive image of Rovers and Scouting in general.

To my executive, all I can say is thank you. By now you all know my flaws as I have picked up a few about you. But it is your strengths that I have attempted to tap into



throughout the year. Without your work, it would have been a very sad year. And to the incoming exec I will say this, screw Clair's dream, what is your dream? What positive fact are you going to leave behind? Don't take this the wrong way, Clair is still in charge. But don't be always looking to Clair for your next task.

I have had very little work as president that I can call my own. You work with members of your team, and liaise with other parties. I did however encourage the use of agenda information distribution via use of agenda item templates. These agenda papers make sure that meeting chairs as well as other members

of the council know what will be discussed and can make necessary communications and research. If all rovers used this tool to bring new ideas and discussion to the BRC we would be in a much better place. I will attempt to continue to work with the incoming exec to improve this process.



I also performed some project work for the NRC in the form of improved "By-laws". I committed a lot of time for this work but after seeing the completion of the project it was well worth the effort. NSW BRC could deal with a similar simplification as NRC at an O&I level, I will also attempt to continue with this work, if you'll have me.

The NRC, and the BRC for that matter, is always in need of rovers to perform project work. If



you want to feel the satisfaction as I have, get in touch through BRC.

I would like to once again thank all the members of the Council (that includes region delegates). Without all your work this year it would not have gone as well as it did. I will leave you with this last sentiment for all rovers, don't do rovers like I have, don't do rovers like Tom, Dick or Harry has. Learn from every rover you know, because everyone has weaknesses, but if you collect everyone's strengths you have a much better Rover.

Yours In Roving
Adam Butler



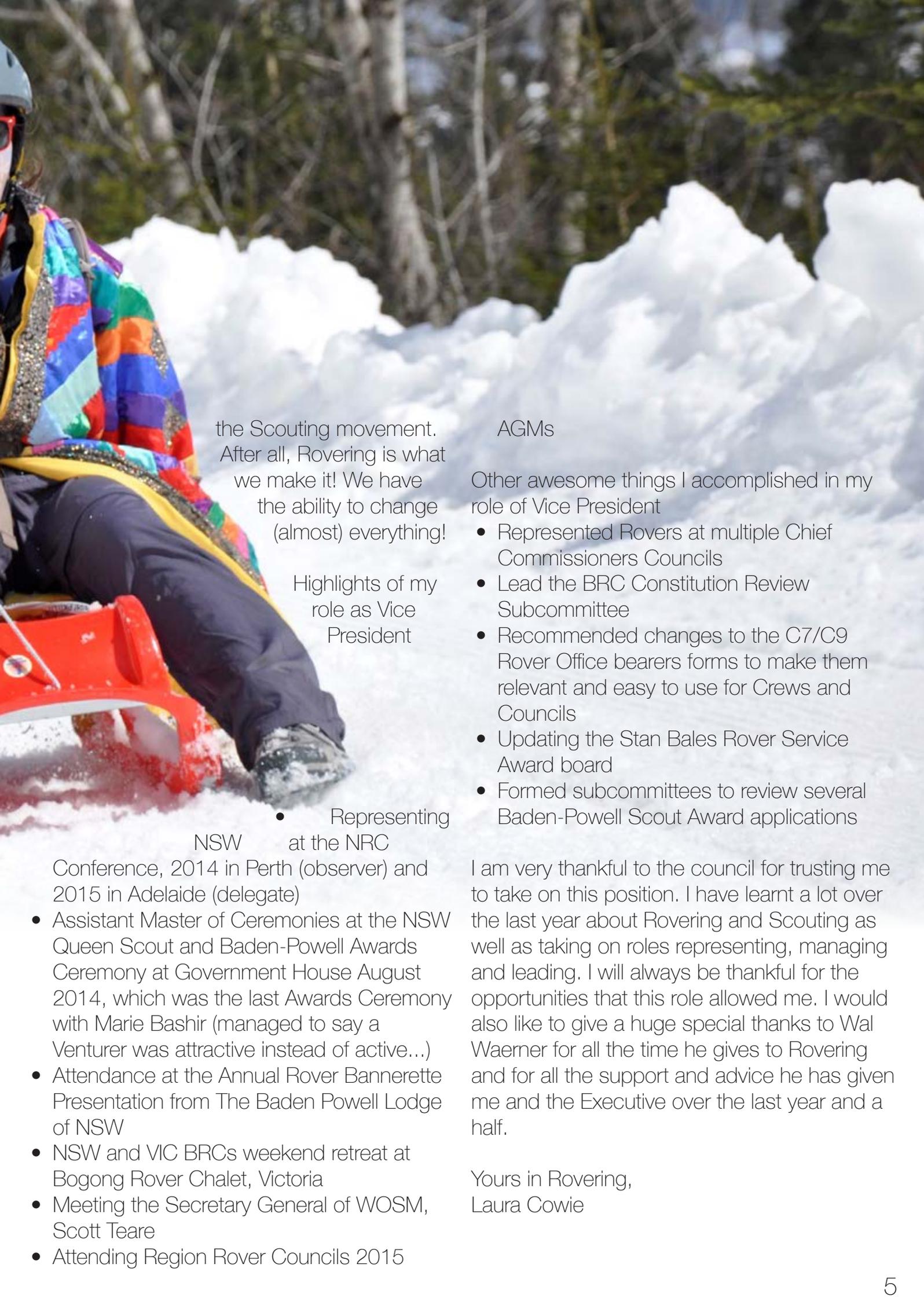
Vice President

Since I was elected to the role of incoming Vice President in November 2013 I have had an extremely busy Scouting life. After being elected, the very first opportunity I was given was to represent NSW at the National Rover Council Conference in Perth (straight after attending WAM) along with the rest of the NSW delegation. I found that I had been plunged into a level of Roving that I had never experienced before but I quickly picked up all the lingo I needed to fit in and had a great time contributing to discussions about Roving issues and networking with Rovers from all over Australia.

Since NRC 2014 I have been non-stop Scouting, not just on behalf of the BRC but also for myself, taking advantage of every opportunity that being a Scout and a Rover offers. A few of my Scouting highlights were working at Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland as Short Term Staff (meeting the King and Queen of Sweden and Michael Baden-Powell), attending a winter party at Bogong Rover Chalet in Victoria and attending the Australian Venture 2015 as a day worker, as well as going to all those awesome Rover events including 90s Kid Moot, SA State Moot 2014, Magical Mystery Tour, VIC

MARB, Surfmoort and SN Summer Moot 2015. Just recently I had a really great experience doing my Rover Advanced Course in SA and I would strongly encourage all Rovers to try to reach this level of training as it is very rewarding and easily attainable in the time that we are Rovers.

I had a great year working with the other members of the Executive, in particular working closely with Adam and Wal, to tackle all the issues that arose and managing the general affairs of the Council. I was pleased to see so many papers being brought to the BRC because it shows how Rovers are getting more involved in the management of their State. I really encourage Rovers to identify ways of improving Roving, across all areas, and presenting these ideas to their RRCs and hopefully to the BRC in the hope that we can become the MOST INNOVATIVE section of



the Scouting movement.
After all, Rovering is what
we make it! We have
the ability to change
(almost) everything!

Highlights of my
role as Vice
President

- Representing
NSW at the NRC

Conference, 2014 in Perth (observer) and
2015 in Adelaide (delegate)

- Assistant Master of Ceremonies at the NSW Queen Scout and Baden-Powell Awards Ceremony at Government House August 2014, which was the last Awards Ceremony with Marie Bashir (managed to say a Venturer was attractive instead of active...)
- Attendance at the Annual Rover Bannerette Presentation from The Baden Powell Lodge of NSW
- NSW and VIC BRCs weekend retreat at Bogong Rover Chalet, Victoria
- Meeting the Secretary General of WOSM, Scott Teare
- Attending Region Rover Councils 2015

AGMs

Other awesome things I accomplished in my
role of Vice President

- Represented Rovers at multiple Chief Commissioners Councils
- Lead the BRC Constitution Review Subcommittee
- Recommended changes to the C7/C9 Rover Office bearers forms to make them relevant and easy to use for Crews and Councils
- Updating the Stan Bales Rover Service Award board
- Formed subcommittees to review several Baden-Powell Scout Award applications

I am very thankful to the council for trusting me to take on this position. I have learnt a lot over the last year about Rovering and Scouting as well as taking on roles representing, managing and leading. I will always be thankful for the opportunities that this role allowed me. I would also like to give a huge special thanks to Wal Waerner for all the time he gives to Rovering and for all the support and advice he has given me and the Executive over the last year and a half.

Yours in Rovering,
Laura Cowie

Treasurer



As of the 31st December 2014:

Account	Balance as at 31/12/14	Income	Expenditure	Profit/Loss
General	\$11459.87	\$8962.42	\$6879.36	\$2083.06
Special Activities	\$14282.21	\$40869.40	\$37665.06	\$3204.34
Term Deposit 1	\$5093.21	\$93.21		
Term Deposit 2	\$5000	Nil		
Term Deposit 3	\$5000	Nil		

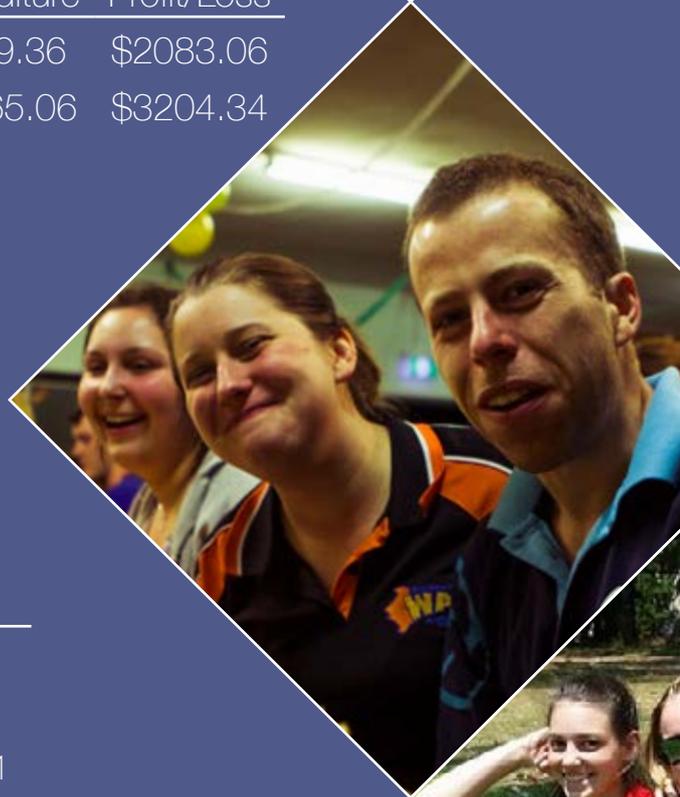
A breakdown of major income and expenditure can be found below. A comprehensive report of income and expenditure is available on request to the treasurer.

Income		Expenditure	
Levies	\$4256	Levies	\$3564
Merchandise	\$1647	NRC Conference	\$841.30
Term Deposits	\$93.21	BRC Conference	\$1014.31
Interest	\$30.16	Exec Costs	154.88
Activities	\$3204.34	Misc	\$100
Nova Trailer	\$400		

The Branch Rover Council has streamlined its processes this year, making it even easier for payments to be made and received. We invested in a PayWay card reader, opened 3 term deposits and established an assets team within the executive to manage our assets such as merchandise and the Nova trailer.

I trust that the council will continue to develop and refine its financial processes under the guidance of its new treasurer, Luke Saunders.

Yours in Roving,
Alison Maynard



Internet



The last year was a great year for NSW Rovers online, with many different achievements. These

Ranged from the launch of our new website, increased social media presence with our Facebook Page hitting over 1000 Likes and finally taking advantage of new audio conferencing technology to connect those who do not live in Sydney to the BRC meetings.

At the 2014 BRC AGM I Launched the new website design for NSW Rovers as the first role of my job. The reason for this is the old website was outdated, hard to update and navigate to find the information needed.

The solution for this was to create WordPress Content



Management System Site so as to make it easier. Some of the features of the new site are:

- The NSW Crew Finder

- with the contact details of every crew
- Up to date forms for Rovers
- Photo Gallery's Linked to our Facebook
- Profiles of all our Executive members

In the coming years hopefully it will be used by more exec members as a place to advertise information to rovers.

The NSW Rovers Facebook page is a very popular place that we advertise a lot of information for Rovers everywhere, with the creation of events and posts to let people know what is going on. At the start of April last year we had 747 people who had liked our Facebook page, and on the 8th of April, just over a year later we have 1034 likes which is over 287 people who have liked it since then which is fantastic. This will only grow in the years to come, with the branch events using the NSW Rovers Facebook page as a portal to advertise their events.

Finally this year we have started to use the program GoToMeeting to facilitate the Video Conferencing for BRC. This has allowed us to run many different meetings in various locations, so that no one misses out. A prime example of this was at the BRC Run in Albury in conjunction with the Branch Bush Dance, where the main executive was at Albury, and everyone else was at NSW HQ so we were able to run the meeting in multiple places at one.

To Sum up my report 2014 was a great year and I already have plans to help improve the NSW Rovers BRC in many different ways.

Liam Painter

Training

The last 12 months as Training Officer has been both rewarding and at times challenging. Firstly, I would like to thank the two people that helped me the most with this role over the past 12 months that being Luke Pullan and Walter Waerner. Without their help, support and guidance along the way my role would not have been as enjoyable or successful.

In addition, I would like to thank Margaret Crawford (Assistant Chief Commissioner Adult Training & Development) for her drive and support to mentor Rovers on the NSW Training Team, and allowing us to be more heavily involved in Rover training by assisting on courses and attending various professional development weekends. Over the past 12-18 months Rover training in NSW has made significant leaps and bounds and it's exciting to think about what the future holds for Rover training in NSW, with the Rovers having more involvement in both the planning and delivery of their own courses.

Since April last year we have run two Basic Sectional Techniques (BST) weekends, which resulted in 40 Rovers completing Basic training, as well as 1 Advanced Sectional Techniques (AST) weekend, which 13 Rovers attended with participants from NSW and ACT.

Both the September and February BST courses in 2014-15 ran smoothly and by all accounts participants had a great time learning a great deal of skills whilst getting extensive networking with other Rovers. It was great to

see Rovers taking the further challenge of completing their AST, which was held in October. This was run on a combined Advanced Training weekend with the other sections at Pennant Hills. It was great to see such a large course, which was fantastic publicity for the section and I hope that this support of advanced training continues.

I would like to thank all the people who presented on

all our courses over the past 12 months, without their help and support Rover training in NSW would not be as enjoyable or effective. Special Mention must go to Dylan Hunt for his help this past year on all our courses. I would also like to thank the super dedicated Rover trainers that travelled



interstate in October from ACT and Victoria, this partnership will continue to flourish and the Rovers from all our States will really benefit from the increased quality of our courses.

In 2014 we saw only training, but section, and it

massive changes to not also the entire Rover was promising to



see that at every hurdle we have raised to the challenge and taken it in our stride and with every change we worked through it together as a team. These changes include:
The new Baden Powell Scout Award and associated changes in Knighting Requirements
E-Child Safe and WHS compliance by all Rovers across NSW
The ever evolving Outdoor / Adventurous Activity qualifications
Crew Leader (Appointed) training to include Level 1 Bushwalking
The implementation of a National training curriculum, which of course still has some kinks to be ironed out over the coming years.

We have some very exciting ideas and initiatives in the pipeline for 2015 and beyond

including:

- The potential introduction of a week night/ multi weekend BPS course
- RoTober (NSW's answer to Victoria's May Madness) hopefully on the third weekend in October 2015
- A PLA course for Rovers
- An Aim to get 25% of the State BPS trained by the end of the 2015/ 2016 executive term

This is just a snapshot of what the future holds for Rover training in NSW and we will tackle this and anything else that training in 2015 throws at us.

Training, while being crucial for the smooth operation of a Crew (with Crew Leaders and RA's alike having to complete Basic Training) also opens up a wide range of opportunities and experiences for us that a lot of the time we are unaware of. Regardless of weather you have desires to be on a Crew Executive, Committee or just want to have fun you will get a lot out of Training.

Lastly, I am looking forward to seeing all the great work Shell will achieve in the coming year, and of course I will always be around to support the person in this Role as well as Training in this State and for all Rovers across the Country

Signing Out for 2014/ 2015 Term
Clair Udy

Service

Service is our motto and that is exactly what we did this year! We have had a big year for service across the state with many of the Branch events hitting record numbers as well as many regions participating in many service projects or events over the past year. Across the state there has been a push for service projects both to the community and within scouting.

Some of the Branch events which have occurred over the past 12 months are; ANZAC Day, St Georges Day, State AGM, Baden Powell and Queen Scout Award presentations, Hike for Hunger and Lord Mayors Picnic!

My term began with assisting the outgoing service officer for 2013/2014 with St Georges Day Service where about 20 crews from all across the state came together for a service and the blessing of their St Georges flags, the service provided by St James Church was highly applauded by those in attendance. ANZAC Day came soon after with which was attended by a large number of rovers all showing their dedication to help with various roles throughout the day and paying their respects to the fallen. Rovers helped with handing out rosemary, flag bearing and setting up and pack down of barricades for the dawn service.

Several Rovers helped with the opening and closing flag bearing for NSW State AGM held at Pennant Hills Scout Centre, the Rovers also helped with setting up the main hall for afternoon tea and got to try a sample of the

award winning scones while doing so!

Queen Scout and Baden Powell Award ceremonies were attended by groups of Rovers over the past year to provide assistance with the setting up of the ceremony.



Hike for Hunger was a success this year with 7000 cans collected across the state, leaving us with a total number of cans donated to Wesley Mission over the years at 97000 cans!! Wesley Mission is very appreciative of the food donated, NSW Rovers are the biggest source of donated items and they would not be able to support all the families and young people across NSW



where they could be of assistance. The rain held off for the picnic and it turned out to be a great afternoon with many new Rovers from different regions attending this year. Don't forget to register early this year to avoid missing out on this great event!

My term is wrapping up with the coordinating of St Georges Day and ANZAC Day with the incoming BRC. With the centenary of ANZAC Day it is looking like it will be a big one with many hands needed to hand out rosemary, set up barricades, escort people to their seats and helping carry flags and deliver water in the march.

I wish the new service coordinator and the BRC all the best for the next year and I hope they have just as much fun as I have had over the past year getting involved in these great service opportunities.

Jamie

without the dedication of the Rovers to collecting cans over the year. Lets see if we can make it to 100,000 cans in 2015!

Lord Mayors Picnic came all too soon for 2014, with 43 Rovers in attendance. I received many email with positive feedback on how helpful and dedicated the Rovers were to their jobs and were always on the lookout for areas

Venturer Liaison

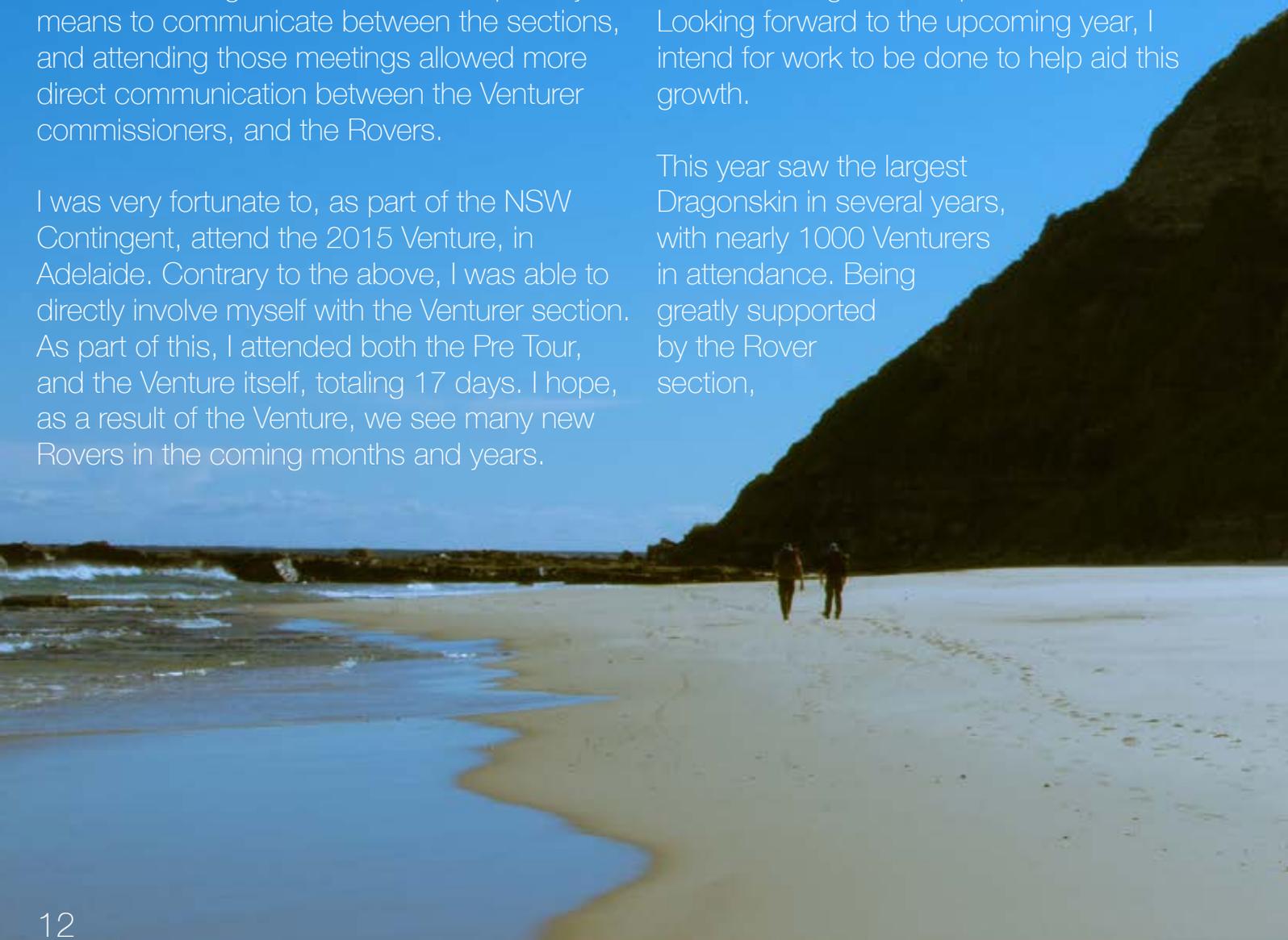
This past Branch Rover Council term has proven both challenging, and rewarding for me in many aspects. Being the first time I'd sat on the BRC as an officer, the experience had at time, a steep learning curve.

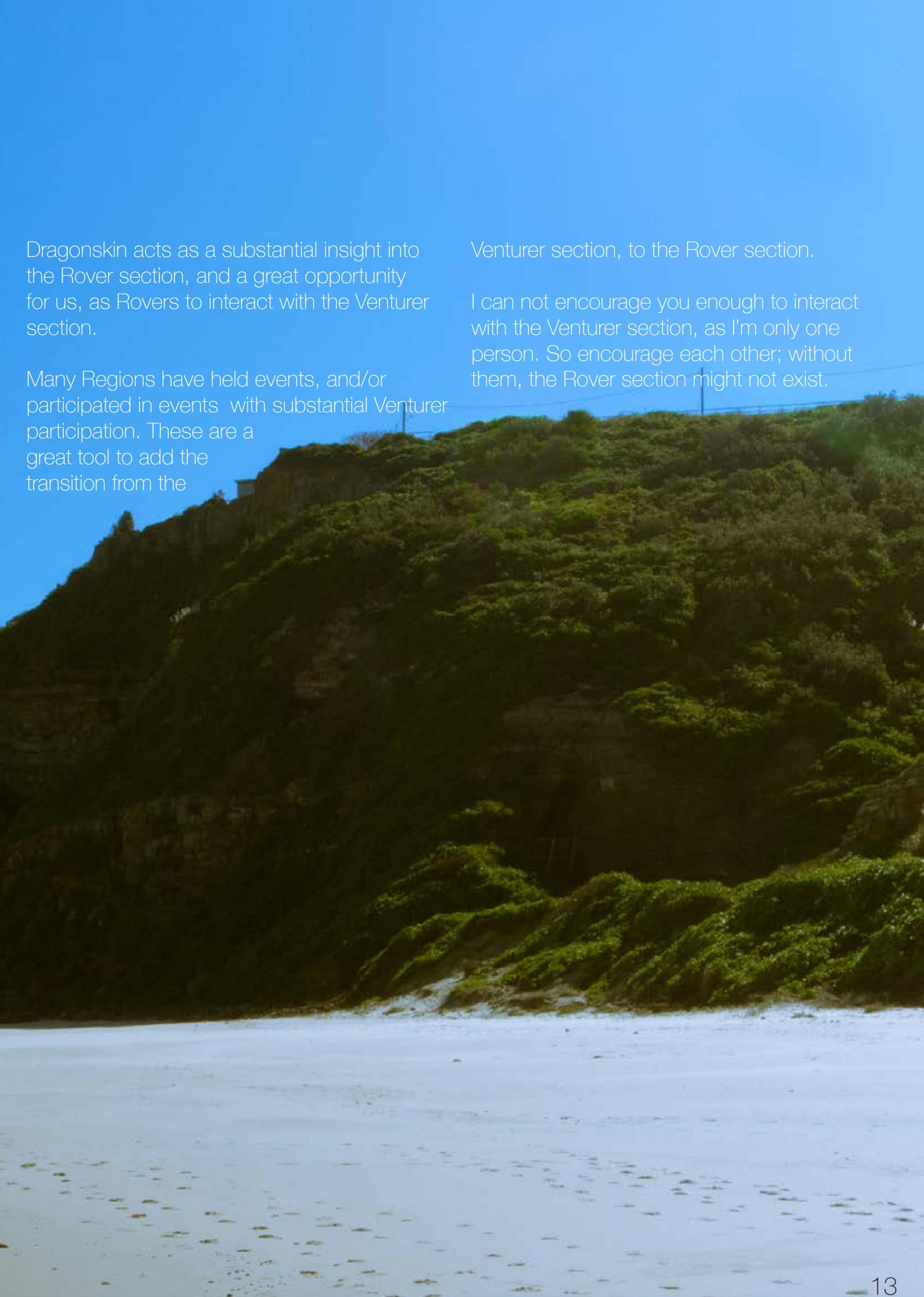
One of the major issues I struggled with over this time was coming to grips with the role of VLO. At a Branch level it plays a critical part in the link between Venturers, and Rovers, but is also difficult to hold a role that is more suited to the grass roots of the movement. As part of my role, I attended the State Venturer Scout Council meetings, which acted as a primary means to communicate between the sections, and attending those meetings allowed more direct communication between the Venturer commissioners, and the Rovers.

I was very fortunate to, as part of the NSW Contingent, attend the 2015 Venture, in Adelaide. Contrary to the above, I was able to directly involve myself with the Venturer section. As part of this, I attended both the Pre Tour, and the Venture itself, totaling 17 days. I hope, as a result of the Venture, we see many new Rovers in the coming months and years.

In the middle of last year, I discussed at length, the state, and past trends of Rover membership in NSW. With our current membership sitting around 800 at the moment, we have grown significantly in the past few years. These trends while promising, do allow for continued, and increased growth within the movement. Having setting a goal of achieving 1000 Rovers by 2019, we are both within reach, and well on our way to meeting, and exceeding these Expectations. Looking forward to the upcoming year, I intend for work to be done to help aid this growth.

This year saw the largest Dragonskin in several years, with nearly 1000 Venturers in attendance. Being greatly supported by the Rover section,





Dragonskin acts as a substantial insight into the Rover section, and a great opportunity for us, as Rovers to interact with the Venturer section.

Many Regions have held events, and/or participated in events with substantial Venturer participation. These are a great tool to add the transition from the

Venturer section, to the Rover section.

I can not encourage you enough to interact with the Venturer section, as I'm only one person. So encourage each other; without them, the Rover section might not exist.

Special Projects

This year has been an incredibly activity and exciting year for special projects with lots of fantastic things been happening throughout the year for this role! Throughout the year I endeavored to attend and actively participate in as many of the executive meetings as possible, providing my long term BRC knowledge to the team assisted on many occasions of ensuring effective quality discussion was occurring as well as often providing insight into the past happenings of the BRC.

Throughout the year I was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to travel around to quite a few of the various Region Rover Councils being held in NSW, while attending these meetings I assisted in promoting a number of BRC events as well as assisted with the discussion of the happenings of the past BRCs, one of the most important tasks I completed while at these meetings was analyzing the effectiveness of the various RRCs, this task was highly enlightening for me to be able to look at in great detail exacting what each of the various RRCs do.

A large portion of my year was spent preparing for this exciting weekend! Rather than the mad last minute rush of organizing conference that has happened for many years this year's conference was mostly organized months in advance. As last year's conference held over the whole weekend rather than just the day was such a success the same structure has been kept for this year. With a huge range of guest presenters organized a full range of topics was able to be engaged with. A new venue also helped ensure that the weekend was closer to civilization and easier to access,

and hopefully as phone reception.

This report does sadly bring to an end the 4 and a half years of service I have given to the NSW BRC, along the way I have learnt an incredibly large amount about not only Rovers and scouting but about myself, taking on these leadership roles has truly allowed me to foster and development my interpersonal skills, leadership skills and event management skills. Scouting is a fantastic organization that provides so many opportunities for young people to experience and develop in ways that they would not normally had the chance. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me and worked with me over the last 4 and half years, without the support I received I would not have been able to achieve the things I was able to achieve, so thank you! I would also like to take this opportunity to wish next year's BRC and all the future BRCs best of luck and to encourage all Rovers all around NSW to take up all the opportunities that scouting throws at you; you never truly develop till you step out of your comfort zones, and hey! What's the worse that happen:D



State Commissioner



It's been yet another action packed year in Rovers NSW. I'm now at the 3 year mark as SC Rovers and it definitely felt a much harder year than the one before, with lots of changes.

Some issues were difficult, for example Child Safe training. It would have been easy for everyone to just sit back and moan about how unfair life is, how difficult it is to comply, and so on. But with challenge comes opportunity, and Rovers stepped up across the state to meet these head on.

The organisation, leadership, strength and 'can do' attitude demonstrated by Rovers in the last 12 months is really inspiring and motivating.

Rover Training continues apace. Lots of Crews now have 'Responsible' Crew Leaders, and "Irresponsible' Rover Advisers (okay, that should be 'Not Responsible', but doesn't sound as much fun). Our Rover training courses are now fully managed and run by Rovers (thanks Clair, Luke, Dylan, Shell and the ever expanding team of Rover presenters). This provides heaps of development opportunities for many enthusiastic Rovers, as well as increasing training relevance. This will continue into the coming year, and will only get stronger.

The new Baden Powell Scout Award has been around now for more than a year. I was delighted to recently receive the first award completed under the new scheme, with rumours of many more applications in the pipeline. Combining Squire training and the Award scheme makes

it easier to get into the BPSA journey, and demystifies this peak award in Scouting. I'd encourage all Rovers to give it a go. If you're not sure, ask your friendly BPSA Support Team.

Well done to Adam and the outgoing BRC. It's definitely been a challenging year, but the Executive got stuck in and made a positive difference. It's been a pleasure working with you all, and I've really enjoyed seeing you all grow into your roles; hopefully you've found it rewarding, worthwhile and [mostly] enjoyable. Well done to everyone who has supported Rovers in a leadership role, whether at Crew, Region, State or National (and that includes the ever present and supportive RAs and Commissioners!).

Coming back to the theme of challenges... At National Rover Council earlier this year the guest speaker stated that Rovers are the most conservative section in Scouting; No one argued! Say it isn't so! Rovers are tech savvy, dynamic, and constantly pushing the boundaries of what they do. But in some ways I had to agree. There are plenty of things we do in Rovers these days that were problems or issues back when I was in a Crew. We are scared to change because "we've always done it that way" or the RA says "we tried that 10 years ago and it didn't work". Tradition drives more of what we do in Rovers than you might think. Society has changed over the years, but how has Roving evolved? I encourage every single one of you to get involved in Rover governance, it's your section, and if you've got ideas to make it better for all Rovers, don't just think about, get out there and do it! As with Child Safe, don't complain – sort it out. Challenge yourselves and those around you to make Roving even better, after all, you are the leaders of your own section.



Surf Moot

23-26 January 2015
Eumerella Scout Camp



AV2015 - Heaps Good

2-13 January
Woodhouse Activity Centre





ACT Branch
Wiggly Moot
24 - 26 October 2014
Camp Cottermouth



MARB 2014
20 September
Williamstown Town Hall



Sydney North

Sydney North Region has seen a big year. We have had great events, seen the Rovers of the Region a loads of activities! The year kicked off the way that everything should begin, with pizza. The annual Region Dinner had 65 Rovers sharing pizza at GPK Chatswood.

Crews spoilt us with a wide range of activities over the past 12 months. Normanhurst Rovers ran another successful Magical Mystery Tour with over 160 in attendance, and a relaxing Not-a-Moot at Lidsdale State Forest. Kissing Point tested the Region's general knowledge with a challenging Trivia Night. Turramurra Rovers ran another successful annual harbour cruise "Super Cruise" and a wild jungle-themed Christmas Rover Annual Party. In addition to their already full plate of activities Turramurra hosted two wineries tours for the Region, and really pushed it to the limit with a group of 10 Rovers doing some impressive ice climbing for a week.

Our contribution to Scout Hike and Dragon Skin were appreciated by the Scouts, Venturers and Leaders again this year with hundreds of Rovers providing support for these events and providing an excellent showcase of Rovers to the wider Scouting community.

Those with talent, skill and the ability to withstand heckling from their fellow Rovers were up onstage again at this year's Hornsby Gang Show. Rover Night was loud, heckle filled, and went well into the next morning. Well done to those who got up there!

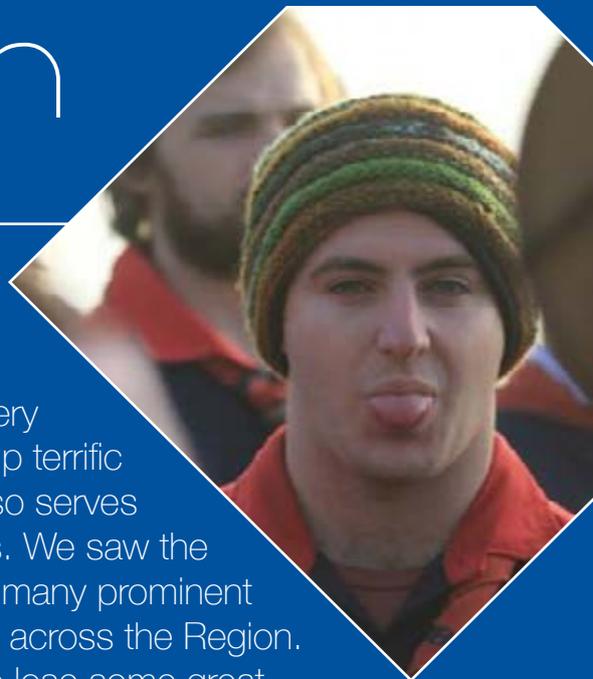
A joint venture between Epping's Jacqui Osborne and Turramurra's Emma Watson gave us an Inter-Crew Hunger Games. Well, there was a lot of running around, tackles, violence, blood, a hospital visit... so basically it was

a great success.

Sadly as every year offers up terrific events, it also serves up booting's. We saw the booting's of many prominent Rovers from across the Region. While sad to lose some great friends we wish them the very best for their futures, knowing we will continue to see the shining, yet wrinkled faces.

Despite the action packed year, the Rovering motto of "Service" was not forgotten. Platabeen Rovers got together this year and held a big morning tea to raise money for cancer. A group of Rovers came together to build a new Cub Shed at a local Scout camp. Brush Park, Epping and Berowra Rovers helped clear thorns and build stairs at Sugee Bag Creek Scout Camp. Turramurra provided support to their local Guide group in the form of landscaping stairs, while Kissing Point and Berowra Rovers helped pull apart old bunks and furniture at Stewart House. A few Rovers have been providing their ongoing support to Cromehurst, a special needs Scout Group. A massive thanks to those who have been going and helping out, it is great to Rovers getting involved.

Several Rovers from the Region joined those from the rest of the state to attend the St George's Service in the city, and with ANZAC Day services across the Region there was a good attendance to the Martin Place Dawn Service in the city. You could see the Rover shirts throughout the crowd. The march was an incredible experience for all those who went.



The RRC has expanded its commercial operations this year in the form of merchandise. The Region has purchased "Rovers Only" parking signs, Rovers shirts from Queensland Rovers, Rovers sunglasses from the ACT Rovers, and Rovers mugs from our friends in Western Australia.

This year also saw the introduction of the compulsory Child Safe and WHS modules for all Rovers. I am pleased to say a vast majority of the Region's Rovers have completed their training and are now actively providing an increasingly safe environment.

Jamboree 2016 is already well into preparation. I look forward to seeing Rovers from across the Region getting involved.

The new State Youth Council was reinstated this year with Venturers and Rovers worked together to go through the National Youth Review, and discuss Rovering as it affects them.

This year there were four Rovers who held positions on the NSW BRC from Sydney North Region which is a fantastic effort from those involved. These were Laura Cowie (Vice President), Mitchell Rath (Special Projects), Jamie-Leigh Ride (Service) and Liam Painter (Internet Officer). These Rovers have been doing a fantastic job at being representatives of our Region as BRC Executive members, the Region's involvement doesn't stop there for BRC. At the November BRC Elections Emma Watson and Liam Painter were elected on to the BRC Executive again as Activities Officer (Emma) and Marketing and Public Relations Officer (Liam) which shows ongoing support to making a difference at state level.

What is also great to see is Sydney North Rovers stepping up to run Branch Activities with Jack Temisgian being the Moot Chief for Snow Moot in 2015, and a committee of Rovers from all over the state running Branch Moot 2015 which is hoped to be one of the

biggest Moots in NSW to come, involving Crews including Brush Park, Turramurra, Gosford, Kings Langley and Mona Vale to name a few.

Four B-P Awards were passed through the Region this year from Scott Osborne, Geoff Ward, Elizabeth Michael, and Dom Warland. Their hard work in achieving this prestigious award has been awed upon by many.

While four Rovers presented their BPSAs to the Region, two more were granted the Tony Balthasar Achievement Award. Owen Cooke and Georgia Buckley were both granted the award funding for their proposals to complete arduous and exciting adventures overseas. Owen has completed his 1,000km trek across the French and Swiss Alps and I look forward to hearing about Georgia's international rock climbing adventures when she returns later this year. At our AGM just passed Lauren Hanson was granted the Tony Balthasar Award for this coming year!

Our Region also saw the beginning of the reign of Ben Michaels alas Assistant Regional Commissioner for Rovers. He and Nick have worked well over the past year and I cannot begin to thank them enough for their contributions and support over the past year. I wish them the very best in their ongoing support to the Rovers of the Sydney North Region.

Allow me to finish up by saying a wholehearted and enthusiastic thankyou to the RRC Executive of the past year. With a vast majority of the members in their first terms in the RRC Executive, and with very limited access to their predecessors, they have gone above and beyond to learn and grow into their roles, all the while impressing those around them. Congratulations to you all, and I wish the RRC Executive for the next year all the very best.

South Metropolitan

2014 was a great year for South Metropolitan Rovers across many areas, As a region we grew, travelled and achieved together. The Executive team for 2014 have all done an incredible job In their perspective roles as well as together as a team.

Highlights for South Metropolitan rovers over the past 12 moths includes, Having Abbotsford Rover crew finally listed as their own crew after many years and running a very successful moot back in December, we saw rovers from 1st Caringbah travel to the other side of the world to experience scouting in Africa, we have had an increase in rovers attending out of region events along with interstate events, while on a crew level we have seen more adventurous and upcoming programs. Within our region we have a couple of major events, which I am proud to say we have had an increase in rover involvement in the running of these events, such as School For Adventures, Boree and Region Camp, as well as our continued support and involvement with VOC 3 for Dragonskin.

We are slowly starting to see an increase in new Rovers starting their Baden Powell award which has been a little quiet in recent years, and is something that as a region we will push and support moving forward. South met have kept a steady involvement in our service activities, with a crew achieving an award for their service efforts, our service to the scouting movement is huge, and for this many thanks are given to all the rovers in the region. Our last highlight would be the huge increase over the past 12 months of Rovers who have taken on an extra step of training up and becoming

leaders of other sections of the scouting movement, a high percentage of Venturer units within our region now have a rover as one of their leaders which is an initiative we are building on to increase our rover numbers in the coming years.

We have elected a strong and extremely capable executive team for 2015 who will lead us through another successful year

where we hope to increase our numbers, potentially see some new crews and get involved in more events. On behalf of the rovers of south met we would like to thank BRC for their support through out 2014

Tim Smellie
Region Chairman 2014



Hunter & Coastal

Wow 2014, such an eventful year. This year saw our region striving for bigger and better things. Thanks to Gosford Rovers, we have successfully run our first Moot in many years which was fantastic and saw many rovers from all around the state in attendance! We also had a committee get together and run Roventure which again had not been run in many years and was an enjoyable event for all who attend.

Congratulations to all who made both of these events possible. Our region also attended many other Moots, Bushdance, St Georges Day,



Kings Langsley
Fornal Maccas
Crawl, Dragonskin,
Harbour Cruise, Magical
Mystery Tour, Region
Venture, Region Rover Chillax
Camps, region rock days and Lord
Mayors Picnic. (Please excuse me if
I've forgotten anything!)

We also did what rovers do best and offered

service to local community groups within individual rover crews and a region as a whole. Special Children's Christmas Party was definitely one of the highlights as we assisted with security, handing out drinks and just general duties whilst at the same time having fun with the kids. We all enjoyed the dancing and most of all, the photo with the big man himself, SANTA!

Training was completed by many in our region. The local BST course was run at the beginning of 2014 and had 6 of our region in attendance and we also had 3 others attend Sydney North's BST course later in the year. 2 rovers and regional commissioner attend the AST course run in October. These rovers are both working towards their wood badge which is stemmed from witnessing two other fellow rovers, Clair Udy and Shell Bond, achieving this great honour in early 2014. Congratulations girls. It is great to see so much happening in our region, and one can only hope that this dedication to training will continue again this coming year.

2014 saw the numbers of our region increase. This was due to the introduction of Hunter Valley Rover Crew who has become a great asset to our region. We have seen many crews gain a few more members and a few crews decrease. It is up to each crew to promote themselves not only within scouting but also within the local wider community.

Remember, Rovers is all about fun... don't ever let that change!

YIR,
Becky Harding

Greater Western Sydney

What a year it's been. It's seen some great successes, and some spectacular failures. You can't win every battle, but that hasn't stopped us from trying. The work Greater Western Sydney Region has done is a testament to both the individual members, and the attitudes of the of the whole region. It's a year we can collectively be proud of, well done *pats on back*. The events we've attended alone is enough to impress; Moots, too many to count, a list of service activities so long, the paper used to write the list could spell service, a pool party (hold the water), the 2015 Australian Venture - Heaps Good, so on and so forth.

Some events of noteworthy exception include; our very own region moot; Man Vs Monster Moot. Presented by 2nd Castle Hill Rover Crew, the event was both meticulously planned, and well executed. Attracting Rovers from far and wide, Camp Ku-ring Gai swelled to some 160 people, increasing the surrounding townships population substantially, no doubt. The event offered everything you'd expect in a moot; camping, friends, etc. As is customary, the event hosted a competition of monstrous proportions, pitting crew, against crew; region, against region where all but one would leave defeated. I'm happy to say that come August this year, the victors, 1st Blaxland 'Kalangadoo' Rover Crew, as part of their winnings, play host to Marvel Moot, at Camp Kariong.

Into its second year, Service Moot saw action once again, this time at 4th Castle Hill Scout Hall (yes, 4th). With many rovers spending their Saturday lending a hand, and where applicable, two, we were able to giving some much needed attention to the hall, and neighbouring

bushland. Many trips to the tip, and several

asthma attacks later, and the million bucks. In its

Dragonskin acts as an opportunity for Greater Western Sydney Region to flex our muscles. For some, that statement is literal. With many, many months of planning involved, and Rovers heading down a whole week early to begin preparations, we can't get enough. Many of the departments that make up the VOC4 staff have support from Rovers within our region, from Admin, Activities, Sites and Services, etc. and many of the bases being run by Crews within the region, we come out in force each year. Unsatisfied with maintain the status quo, each year we manage to outdo ourselves, continually developing new, and better means to support the Venturer section at this event.

Not only did we run a region moot, but Kings Langley Rover Crew ran Branch Moot -





Mexican Moot. Held over the October long weekend, at Camp Kariong, Kings Langley Rover Crew was able to

transport the attendees across the ocean, all the way to Mexico. Instituting a unique scoring system, being that of grain, teams were tasked to collect grain over a multitude of challenges, and maintain its safety over the weekend fraughting danger, and attempted sabotage to be named the victor. The evenings offered a unique opportunity to become immersed in the culture. Dining on authentic cuisine, and partaking in Mexican trivia competitions only added to the experience. An excursion to the beach offered a chance to relax and let ones hair down, in a futile attempt to remain in touch with reality in the face of Mexican Moot. Ultimately, 1st Merewether Rover Crew were crowned victors with a last minute landslide addition of 40kg of grain.

Three of the five Rovers from NSW who attended the Australian Venture at the beginning of the year down in Adelaide. Performing a variety of roles, we were able to both interact with the Venturer section, and

facilitate the event. The impact we have on these events, and others reaches far and wide, beyond the bounds of this section, and it's members.

Looking holistically, at the region, we have much more to be proud of than just events. In the past 12 months we've seen the introduction of a new crew; 1st Blacktown Rover Crew to our ranks, bringing our total up to nine. One more and we'll hit double digits. Our membership base has grown. This time last year, we had 111 members, now we have 120. In rovers, there's always room for one more, even two in some cases. Every member within this region has also completed their Work Health and Safety modules on eLearning, and most have completed their Child Safe (or the other way around, one of the two has been done).

This time last year, we set two goals as a region: to strengthen ties within the region, so we could act as a single cohesive unit, rather than individual, and independent crew; and to increase the flow on from the Venturer section, to Rovers. While I'll be the first to say we aren't up there with the best yet, I'd like to think that we've made strides. As I've mentioned, we've grown in numbers, which has hopefully come partly from the Venturer section, and as the ties between our crews is much harder to gauge, I'll leave that up to you to decide.

Looking forward, there are many opportunities to excel, with the Jamborette, Waratah, and the Jamboree coming up. The only thing I would say as advice is; the worst thing you can do is sit back and watch everything pass you by.

Good work, and good luck for the year ahead.

Hume

This year Rovers in Hume region have been involved Roving in many ways and places.

Our we have 4 established crews in our region, and 2 crews still starting up. The newest crew to begin meeting is Southern Highlands Rover Crew this extends the reach of Rovers in our Region into a district that previously Rovers had to leave to join a crew.

Hume Rovers have attended various events across the state and interstate including: Mexican Moot, Bush Dance, Regions Moots and ACT Branch's "Wiggle Moot".

Hume Rover shave represented the region at NSW Branch Rover Council with two Rovers on the BRC Executive, Alison Maynard and Amelia Kayess (both of Kentlyn Rover Crew) have served as Treasurer and Secretary respectively to the BRC this year.

This year many Hume Rovers have been involved in service. Crews completing service projects both inside and outside of scouting have been greatly appreciated by those they serve. Some examples of service this year include Rovers acting as section leaders, camp staff, helping at section camps and participation in ANZAC day services.

Rovers in the region have been undertaking training both mandatory Childsafe and WHS modules and Rovers who have undergone basic and advanced training. Including Alison Maynard being presented with Rover wood beads.



This year a Hume Rover has completed the highest award in the Rover section, the Baden Powell Scout Award. Tony Petrin from Kentlyn Rover Crew completed the award and a presentation was held in November. He is the first Hume Rover to have completed a BP in some time. Congratulations Tony!

Another award presented to a Rover in Hume region this year is the Stan Bales award which was presented to Alison Maynard at the BRC AGM. This award is to recognise a person who has given exceptional service to the Rover Section. Congratulations Alison!

The Hume RRC executive and Crew leaders were this year involved in creating a plan for developing Hume Rovers and the establishment of goals for the growth and development of Roving in Hume region. The RRC meetings have been changing and evolving to better benefit Rovers in the region, with alternative meeting styles tried, and a new time and place selected for our meetings this coming year.



South Coast & Tablelands

This year has been an extremely challenging year for all of us in South Coast and Tablelands Rovers, however our Region has rallied and made it through the various curveballs thrown at us. This was partially related to several key Executive members resigning mid-year due to other commitments, however those remaining picked up the slack and made the year a successful one on many fronts.

In regards to training it was great to see many rovers getting stuck in and completing their online training modules, both mandatory and elective and setting their sights on the upcoming basic training courses. It has also been good to see a couple of Rovers completing their advanced training, by all accounts it was a positive experience. Hopefully more Rovers will look towards this in the coming year.

We continue to strengthen the presence of SCAT Rovers in the Region, as well as outside, through events such as Weekend Wide Game, Jamborette and State Rally. Our involvement in these remains key for their success. We have also had an increased presence at Region Team meetings this past year, with Rovers involved in the Region AGM, as well as commissioner's conferences throughout the year.

While Region activities have been strung together at the last minute in many cases, they have been pulled together due to all crews in the region making the effort. This had lead to a rather large boost in Inter-Crew Cooperation, which will hopefully continue into the new year.

Service continues to be big in our region, with Crews, Individuals and the Region having heavily involved themselves in all possible aspects. Activities such as Hike for Hunger, Jamborette and Pigskin are always well attended, but we also have a large number of Rovers involved as section members with all other sections, and this number continues to grow. Additionally, many Rovers have this year taken up positions as District and Region roles, ranging from leadership roles to sites and services teams for our Region activities.

Weekend Wide Games North and South continue to be well run by members of our Region, and the events continue to attract hundreds of Scouts. This remains a key recruitment strategy for our Region, convincing them early that Roving is a fun and active section in the South Coast region.

Recruitment of Venturers remains important, and they must be encouraged to link, regardless of which crew they ultimately decide to join. Initiatives such as the Region Venturer Rally and any joint activities are vital to this, so keep running them with your local units. The appointment of a new Region Venturer Leader last year will hopefully make liaising with the section a lot easier.

The new BPSA system has taken a hold in our region, with a large number of individuals seeking to take on the challenges, with several more beginning to complete their first badges. With the old system finishing at the end of the year, those still working will be nearing completion, and will hopefully bring the region a couple more Awards by the end of 2015.

Branch Moot

Mexican Moot

Two things come to mind when I say Mexican. Mexico and Branch Moot 2014. After our run in with the Victorian branch at the start of the year, we are not allowed to discuss Mexico so unfortunately you have to listen to me waffle on about Mexican Moot. I had a dream, an idiotic one, but a dream never the less, about this time fourteen months ago. After more then a years worth of meetings, planning, stressing and a crap load of Mexican food, one hundred and fifty rovers from around Australia reach the summit and had a blast in Mexico. The success of the event far exceeded our expectations and from all accounts everyone had an awesome time.

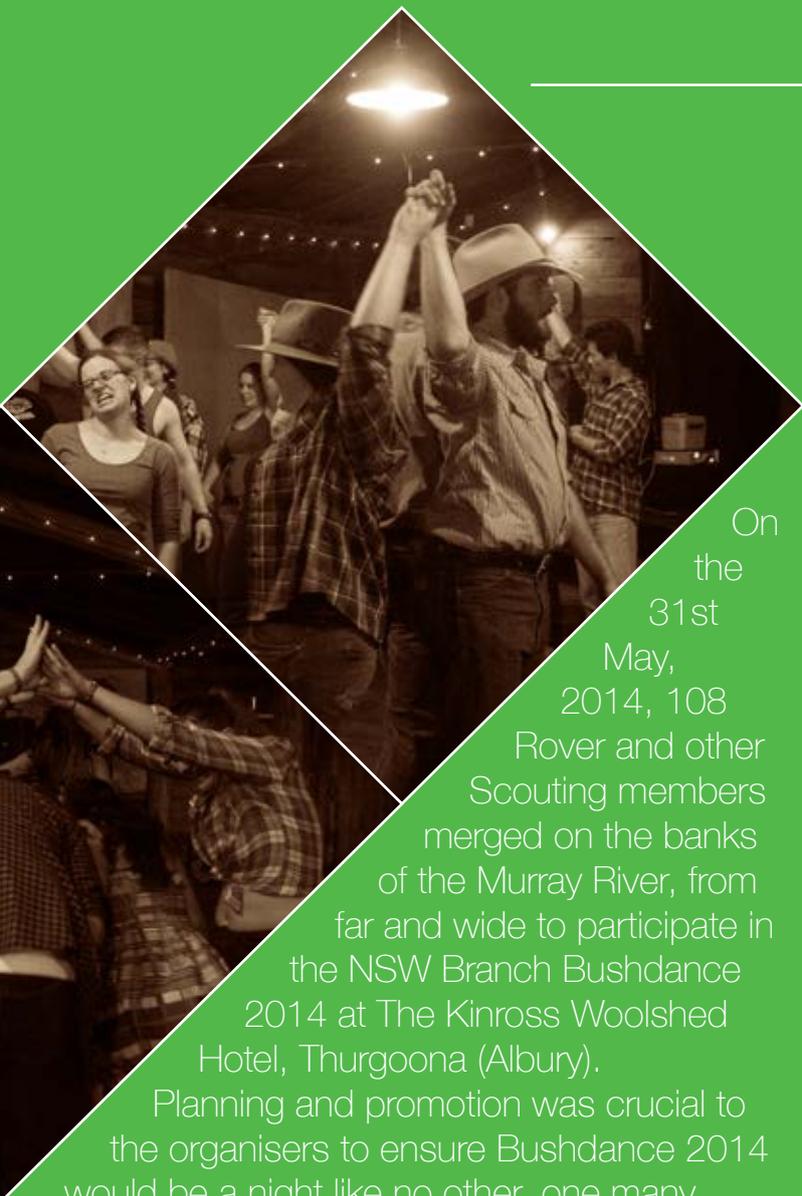
Over the weekend, the Rovers participated in a range of activities, including round robins, larger team activities and a scavenger hunt on the Sunday. The Rovers also widened the track down to the swimming hole as the service activity and the warden was rather impressed with the outcome. My personal highlight for the weekend was Saturday night, where we all gathered, ate, talked and sang along with Mexican Elvis. Although not everything when to plan over the weekend, we hoped what didn't, looked intentional anyway. We would also like to give a special mention to the catering team who provided amazing food for every meal across the weekend.

We are pleased to announce that this activity ran to budget and resulted in a profit of \$950. The treasurers and attendance reports have been attached and can be referred to for a breakdown of all



income and expenses. In conclusion, I would like to say a big thank you to Kings Langley for the marvelous effort that went into running this successful moot and we wish the best of luck to those running Maximum Security Moot 2015.

Bush Dance



On the 31st May, 2014, 108 Rover and other Scouting members merged on the banks of the Murray River, from far and wide to participate in the NSW Branch Bushdance 2014 at The Kinross Woolshed Hotel, Thurgoona (Albury). Planning and promotion was crucial to the organisers to ensure Bushdance 2014 would be a night like no other, one many would not forget for many years to come. Contrary to the belief that a Bushdance held in Albury, some 500km's south of Sydney, would not be successful, 111 tickets from 120 were sold! Of these, some belonged to members of the Branch Rover Council Exec, Riverina Region Commissioner's and Fellowship, NSW Lones RA and the NRC Advisor. Special mention must go out to South Australia, Tasmania, ACT and Victorian Rovers and ex-Rovers who attended and last but not least, Rovers of NSW!

Thanks goes out to Cook's Bus Service (Wodonga), Riverina Activities Fellowship and 1st Lavington Scout Hall for safely transporting, providing shelter and breakfast to all in need. Thanks also to the Committee – Alana, Leah and Karly (1st Albury Rover Crew) and Bea

and Lachlan (Wagga Wagga Rover Crew) for the remarkable effort you all put in to make the night a success. I would not have been able to do it without you!

The night started with a great 2 course feed, catered by the Kinross Woolshed Hotel. Following on from the feed, the band "Tin Shed Rattlers" (from Wagga Wagga) struck up their instruments, introduced themselves and led us away into one hell of a night!!!

The night did prove to be one very successful night! A night like no other! A night everyone WILL remember in years to come! "It's too hot" and "I'm worn out" are not complaints in my book... but a sign of a great night! Credit to everyone who participated... The Band called more dances at our Bushdance than they ever have, exclaimed we were one of the best audiences they have ever played for and played for longer than we paid them!

I cannot even begin to describe the atmosphere of Bushdance 2014. The location, the setting, the band, the people... Everyone brought their own energy and hype to help create such a wonderful event! Many a smile, dance, laugh and memory was shared. I for one, could not wipe the smile off my face!

YIR,

Kristy Hiscock
Dance Chief
1st Albury Rover Crew



Until next year.