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New South Wales Rovers

Endless Opportunities

The Quality Roving Award

“A step towards improving the quality of Rover Crews within NSW”

In “Rovering to Success”, Baden-Powell said of all Rovers:

“Remember you are you. You have your own life to live, and if you want to be successful, if you want to be happy, it is you who have to gain it for yourself. Nobody else can do it for you.”

The same is true of a Rover Crew. For a Rover crew to be successful, they must be driven to be active and to participate fully in the Rover program. With this in mind, the NSW Branch Rover Council has provided the Quality Roving Award (QRA) to assist crews towards improving the quality of their Roving, but also as a mechanism to set the direction, standards and quality of Roving that occurs within the NSW Branch.

A list of criteria has been developed in order to set the standards by which Roving should operate within NSW, as set out in the Branch Rover Council Constitution. Whilst the focus of each individual is different, the guidelines recommended in the QRA represent what can be seen as the essential elements for a quality crew to operate effectively.

APPLICATIONS

Applications will be available from the Vice-Chair of the Branch Rover Council and will also be distributed to each Regional Rover Council in the later part of the year.

The closing date for applications shall be the last meeting of the Branch Rover Council prior to their Annual General Meeting of that year.

An application must be submitted to their RRC for consideration. Once a crew’s application has been passed by the RRC the Regional Rover Council Chairman shall advise the Branch Rover Council Vice-Chair of the existence of a Crew within their Region wishing to apply for the QRA.

ASSESSMENT

In order to assess if a Crew has satisfied the criteria for the awarding of the QRA, a panel shall be convened to assess each Crew’s application, the panel shall consist of:

1. The BRC Vice Chair
2. Two other members of the BRC executive
3. Any other persons as the BRC Vice Chair sees fit to appoint

A member of the crew applying for the award may be requested to attend but all efforts should be made to provide supporting evidence within the application as well as a contact phone number. Evidence may include the Crew program, Region minutes, Crew logbook, Census documents and Training Certificates. These are not essential but will help aid the committee in making their decision. This panel shall review the Crews application for the QRA based on the criteria set out below, and then make a recommendation to the Branch Rover Council that the QRA either be awarded or not.

NOTES FOR APPLYING FOR THE AWARD

Once your Crew has decided to apply for the Quality Rovering Award you must fill in the Quality Rovering Award Application Form.

To fill in the form, mark each of the requirements that your Crew has met over the last Rover year (from Crew AGM to Crew AGM). As you mark these off, fill in the details column with any information that helps to prove that your Crew has met the requirement.

For more information contact the Branch Rover Council Vice-Chair at vice.chairman@nsw.rovers.com

REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria are the requirements for the awarding of the QRA:

1. Have at least one appointed Crew Leader or Rover Advisor- Responsible in the Crew.
2. Crew Leader to have completed Basic Training and Rover In-Service before, or during their term of office.
3. Participate in at least 20 activities or outings away from the hall in a year, with at least two-thirds (2/3) not being Branch Rover Council or Regional Rover Council run events.
4. Participation in at least 4 Branch Rover Council and/or Regional Rover Council activities or events (excluding meetings of these councils).
5. The Crew Executive and/or the Crew Council, meet on a minimum of six (6) occasions in the year to discuss issues of importance to the Crew.
6. At least 10 nights camping with the Crew in the year.
7. Participation in at least one event from each area of the Rover Program. That is Physical, Intellectual & Emotional, Spiritual and Social.
8. Be in attendance at more than two-thirds (2/3) of all possible respective Regional Rover Council meetings, which must include that Region's Annual General Meeting.
9. At least 70 % of the Rovers who were in the Crew and under the age of 25 at the time of the Census are still in Scouting at the time of the next Census (either as a Rover or Leader).
10. Participation in at least 4 activities with local Venturer Units.
11. Participation in at least one Group activity or event. For those Crews not affiliated with a Group, participation in a District, Zone or Regional activity with other Sections of the Movement would suffice.
12. Metropolitan Crews – at least 10 registered members.
13. Country Crews – at least 5 registered members.
15. A net increase in membership.
16. Ability to abide by all Scouting Rules and Regulations.

If a Crew satisfies these criteria for the awarding of the QRA, the application for the award, along with the appropriate documentation (see attached form) needs to be presented to their respective Regional Rover Council. On the Regional Rover Council's recommendation for the awarding of the QRA, the Regional Rover Council must submit the proposal to the Branch Rover Council Vice-Chair by the February Branch Rover Council meeting, and all documentation needs to be signed by:

1. Crew Leader
2. Rover Advisor, or person who is assuming this role (if applicable)
3. Regional Rover Council Chairman
4. Regional Commissioner – Rovers

Crews that do not meet all of the criteria in a given year are still encouraged to apply as all applications will be reviewed and considered in light of the circumstances.

Crews that qualify for the QRA will be presented the award at the NSW Branch Rover Council AGM by the State Commissioner for Rovers or their delegate. A certificate will be given to the Crew and each Crew member shall receive a badge that can be worn on their uniform.

Crews that do not qualify for the QRA will be notified in writing of the status of their application prior to the NSW Branch Rover Council AGM.



APPLICATION FORM

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3. Participate in at least 20 activities or outings away from the hall in a year, with at least two-thirds (2/3) not being Branch Rover Council or Regional Rover Council run events.		
4. Participation in at least 4 Branch Rover Council and/or Regional Rover Council activities or events (this excludes meetings of these councils).		
5. That the Crew Executive and/or the Crew Council, meet on a minimum of six (6) occasions in the year to discuss issues of importance to the Crew.		
6. At least 10 nights camping with the Crew in the year.		
7. Participation in at least one event from each area of the Rover Program, that is, Physical, Intellectual & Emotional, Spiritual and Social.		
8. Be in attendance at more than two-thirds (2/3) of all possible Regional Rover Council meetings, which must include the Region's Annual General Meeting.		
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14. Ability to abide by all Scouting Rules and Regulations.		

Crew Leader

Rover Advisor (If Applicable)

RRC Chair

Regional Commissioner – Rovers

7. Physical			
7. Spiritual			
7. Social			
8. Emotional			
9. Intellectual			
10. Venturer Activity			
11. Group Activity			