



**National Rover Council
Remote Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 22nd March 2017

1. Procedural Items

1.1 Meeting Open

Meeting opened 8.03pm AEDT.

The National Rover Council acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of this country and pays their respects to the Traditional Owners and Elders, past and present, of the land on which we stand today.

1.2 Attendance

Angus Boxall (NRC)	Jeshka McConnell (ACT)	Blake Bath (QLD)
Bek Hobbs (NRC)	Leah Bach (ACT)	Rose Windley (QLD)
Andrew Hilditch (NRC)	Ayla Jones (NSW)	Catie Metcalfe (SA)
Lizz Affleck (ACT)	Lloyd Nurthen (NSW)	Matthew Barnes (VIC)
Sam Roald (ACT)	Lachlan Casburn (NT)	Keiron Younger (VIC)
Steven Raymond (ACT)	Liam Tibballs (NT)	Steph William (WA)
Owen Holloway (TAS)	Alex Findlater (TAS)	Cat Houston (NRC)

1.3 Apologies

Ezgi Bridger (VIC) and Gavin Brady (NRC)

2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 Previous Minutes

A.Boxall presented the 2017 NRC Conference minutes previously circulated in February for approval by those present at the remote meeting.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council confirms the minutes as a true and accurate record of the NRC Conference held 7th to the 9th of January 2017.

Moved: Tasmania. (Owen Holloway) Seconded: Northern Territory. (Liam Tibballs)

CARRIED

3. Executive Reports

3.1 Chairman's Report.

A.Boxall speaks to his report noting key areas including representation at National meetings NYC and NEC and National Team, with NOC in Perth this weekend. The "I want to be a Rover" woggles are nearly complete and should be available to order within 4 to 6 weeks price has been finalized at \$1 per unit. The NRC exec has held a handover weekend in Sydney and the first Exec remote meeting, these will occur monthly going forwards to track progress towards completing projects. A.Hilditch and A.Boxall have been fortunate to attend ACT and TAS BRC's in the first quarter of the year to see how each BRC runs and how the NRC can provide support.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through the Chairman.

CARRIED

3.2 Vice Chairman's Report.

R.Hobbs spoke to her report noting plans to improve communication between NRC exec and project teams, via including them in the NRC exec remote meeting. The new national leadership program You + Lead has replace Mawson the new course is open to Venturers and Rovers, R.Hobbs with circulate further information. The theme fro Crew Challenge theme for 2017 is Spirituality, posters with be developed and circulated in the mean time please share with your BRC's and crews.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through the Vice Chairman.

CARRIED

ACTION: BRC to promote the 2017 Crew Challenge theme of Spirituality.

3.3 Training Officer

A.Hilditch spoke to his report previously circulated via drop box noting the meeting between Branch Rover Council Officers responsible for training items discussed included; Resource Sharing, Rover Training Review Update, Elearning and Outdoor Skills Updates, Communication between NRC and BRC including the NC AT&D NEC papers, NT Training and Non - Formal training/ development sessions.

A.Hilditch also shared plans to organise a remote meeting between current Branch BPSA support team members to see if they feel any updates and improvements to the Red book need to occur and develop further resources to place into the drop box.

In the absence of a secretary 700 duplicate files have been deleted out of drop box and the latest version of the national calendar and BRC and NRC contact list.

Congratulations to NSW and SA who have so far run very successful Rover Training course this year. Two attachments were included with the report; minutes of the training meeting and calendar of branch training dates.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through the Training Officer.

CARRIED

3.4 NRC Advisor

No report Submitted.

4. NRC Secretary Vacancy.

Nomination paper from Lloyd Nurthen was received and circulated via email and drop box. L.Nurthen answered questions put to him by council members speaking to his experience as a crew secretary and how his recent appointment as Deputy Chief Commissioner NSW Youth Commissioner would not impact his ability to complete the role of NRC secretary.

MOTION

That Lloyd Nurthen nomination for the position of NRC Secretary be accepted by the National Rover Council and that he be confirmed as the NRC secretary for the 2017 year.

Moved: New South Wales.

Seconded: Victoria.

**CARRIED
ABSTAINED: ACT & WA**

5. National Moots and Project Officer Reports

5.1 Centenary of Rovers

C.Houston spoke to her report, detailing that her working group is prepared for their face-to-face meeting in two weeks. C.Houston asked that Branches look to follow Tasmania's lead and elect or appoint a member from their BRC to coordinate centenary efforts in the lead up to 2018 to liaise between their BRC and the NRC working group.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through the Centenary Project Officer.

CARRIED

5.2 Roverscope 2018

No report Submitted.

5.3 NZ Moot 2017

No report Submitted.

5.4 World Moot

No report Submitted.

5.5 National Moot

First team meeting held in the start of February to get across the early planning. Most team positions have been filled and several team members attended a Youth Program Meeting in Adelaide.

6. Remote Meeting Guidelines

A.Hilditch spoke to the guidelines on remote meeting etiquette, noting that they provide information to members on how remote meetings can proceed efficiently with limited interruption.

7. National Rover Council Budget 2017/18

A.Boxall spoke to the budget paper, noting that actuals on previous years financials have been presented against the budget as requested by the Victorian Delegation. A.Boxall noted the difficulties in procuring financial information prior to 2015 as around this time national changed its financial reporting. NRC has remained in operational surplus for the previous 2 years, noting however that Handover meeting remains the largest variable from year to year. The budget has been reduced from 20 tracking categories down to 6 so that Xero can now be match to the now fewer tracking categories to make it easier to produce financial reports. The Budget now includes a 5% contingency.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council approve the 2017/18 Budget for adoption over the financial year.

Moved: Australian Capital Territory.

Seconded: Tasmania.

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8. 2018 National Rover Council Conference

A.Boxall spoke to paper regarding the 2018 Conference previously circulated at the 2017 Conference, reiterating his belief that for conference to be worthwhile it would be required to go for the minimum duration of 48 hours. As the AV2018 committee had revealed that Venture closing ceremony would occur Friday night with participants and staff not leaving till Saturday morning, similar to the moot and this years conference, 2018 conference would be required to go through to the Monday afternoon. A.Boxall committed to working with the QBRC to finalize dates and further information ahead of the next remote meeting.

9. NRC Position Descriptions

9.1 Existing Position Description Updates.

A.Hilditch spoke to the updated position descriptions for the NRC exec that includes the changes from successful papers from the 2017 NRC conference and including tasks from the NRC exec structure workshops. A.Hilditch noted that if anyone felt that the formatting was too Victorian, that could be fixed.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council approve the updated NRC Exec position descriptions for inclusion into the NRC By-laws.

Moved: Australian Capital Territory.

Seconded: Queensland

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.2 Proposed Promotion and Marketing Officer

A.Boxall spoke to the outcomes from the PR & Marketing workshop, how neither attempts at finding a chair for the NRC Marketing working group had so far been successful. To move forward A.Boxall proposed that an appointed project officer would chair the working group and fulfill the role as set out in

the circulated position description. QLD questioned how this attempt would be more successful; A.Boxall noted that with the position description would set clear objectives and that an appointee wouldn't necessary have conflicting interests with a branch marketing appointment.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council accept the proposed Promotions and Marketing position description and that the NRC seeks to appoint a person to this role prior to the next remote meeting via a panel.

Moved: Queensland

Seconded: Northern Territory

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

ACTION: NRC Chairperson to advertise for the position of NRC Promotions and Marketing officer and set up an appointment panel prior to the next remote meeting.

10. Branch Reports

10.1 Australian Capital Territory.

E.Affleck spoke to the report previously circulated in dropbox noting success with the rover support with the ACT Cuboree, 3 participants in the Sydney Mardi Gras and all ACT rover crews conducting AGM's since the start of the year. Challenges include the writing a new bullying policy, ACT asked for Branches to forward any pre existing policies on bullying that they might have to E.Affleck at brc.chairman@act.scouts.asn.au

10.2 New South Wales

A.Jones spoke of NSW recent BP presentations in which six rovers received their BP certificates at government house. NSW rovers took part in the Sydney Mardi Gra as apart of the NSW scout float. Region events have been extremely successful in recent months with Harry Potter Moot and Moot Against Humanity having over 200+ participants each including interstaters. NSW has BRC conference, ANZAC and St. George's day coming up. NSW ran its largest ever Rover Basic course with 25 participants in early February. Current challenges include starting the process of finding a new State Commissioner Rovers with Wal accepting the position of DCC Adult Training and Development. The other challenge includes 26+ members attending as participants, where we'd prefer them to provide to support staff. NSW asked other branches to send idea on how they manage participation.

10.3 Northern Territory

L.Casburn spoke of recent branch successes with running a Branch level initiative course for Venturers. Other success includes retention of Ventures and growth of membership, the BRC elections where recently held with L.Casburn being returned as Chair, L.Tibballs as Executive officer and A.Kane as Development.

10.4 Queensland

B.Bath highlighted the recent achievements of chasing everyone up for Training Blue cards, and heading up to North Queensland for the Easter weekend. The end of the current QBRC exec will occur in June, B.Bath states he will miss members of the NRC. Finally St Georges ball is on the 9th of September and will be the largest ever.

10.5 South Australia

R.Hobbs noted several successes with recent events and training with the first Rover Advanced training-taking place since 2015, with 9 participants, the course ran along side LOY and LOA. Challenges include Venturer retention is way down with rover crews not taking a proactive approach with recruitment. Other issues include crews not completing event paperwork to signify that they are attending a scout event. The SA BRC elections are in May with handover taking place in June, MOP and Centenary are looking at being included in a more formal manor at these years elections.

10.6 Tasmania

O.Holloway spoke of the cancelation of the scheduled basic course due to the course leader being ill and plans to postpone it. The TBRC recently held its AGM on the March long weekend, A.Boxall and A.Hilditch were in attendance as representative from the NRC. The new TBRC executive of wardens where elected with Alex Findlater elected as chair and Owen Holloway as Vice Chair who make up the Tasmanian delegation to NRC. Craig Millsom has been elected as the Centenary rep for Tasmania. Currently working through challenges in relation to crew membership numbers.

10.7 Victoria:

K.Younger noted that Surfmoort had a low turn out in comparison to previous years and that a new committee was recently elected to revitalize the event. May Madness is coming up with several interstates expressing interest in attending. Successes include the establishment of a Program officer as per the outcomes at NRC conference and beginning BRC's with and acknowledgement of country Current challenges include the recruitment of a new State Commissioner Rover Support as J.Freeman six-year term will expire in April. Currently looking at developing a building at Mafeking with will place a significant financial burden on the section. Branch has raised the membership fee to \$188 per member per year.

10.8 Western Australia

S.Williams highlighted success with Sandmoort and founders day guard of honor. One rover has been presented with their BPSA. The BP Freemasons lodge recently held their night in commemoration of Baden Powell and WA Rovers assisted with the event, presentation of cheques to the Crew of the year and WARC for their service to the community over the previous year. WA recently had a blood drive where several members donated, blood, plasma and platelets. A joint Rover Venturer bubble soccer night was held and a trailer was purchased for RSM events. Current challenges include secession planning for WA Rover training team. WA asked for a copy of any branches court of honor policy. A.Hilditch promised to send S.Williams a copy of Victoria's.

11. General Business

No items are raised for discussion

12. Work Health and Safety

No items are raised for discussion

13. Procedural Items

13.1 Next Meeting

A. Boxall proposed that a remote meeting be held sometime in June prior to the commencement of the World Moot Pre Tour and that a poll be used to determine the date, based on members availability.

ACTION: A. Boxall to distribute a poll to NRC members to decide the date of remote meeting.

13.2 Meeting Close

Meeting closed 9.24pm AEST