



**National Rover Council  
Remote Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## 1. Procedural Items

### 1.1 Meeting Open

Meeting opened 8.05pm 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)	Alex Findlater (TAS)	Thomas Milham (SA)
Owen Holloway (NRC)	Jessica Huxley (TAS)	Rose Windley (QLD)
Natasha Wood (NRC)	Harrison Lantry (NSW)	Freya Lamacraft (SA)
Andrew Hilditch (NRC)	Rachael Fulton (NSW)	Edwin Ryan (VIC)
Eleanor Hewitt (ACT)	Peter Favell (NSW)	Keiron Younger (VIC)
Max Kelly (ACT)	Sean Bond (NT)	Tahlia Batters (WA)
Edward Costello (TAS)	Alex Warin (SA)	Cat Houston (NRC)

### 1.3 Apologies

Ezgi Bridger (VIC) Gavin Brady (NRC) Peter Wotherspoon (VIC) Jeshka McConnell (ACT) Kristy Butler (QLD)

## 2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

### 2.1 Previous Minutes

A.Boxall presented the 2018 NRC Conference minutes previously circulated in January 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 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2018.

**Moved: Queensland**

**Seconded: Australian Capital Territory**

**CARRIED**

## 3. Standing Items

### 3.1 Child Safe Issues

N. Wood reminded everyone to follow up with their Rovers to complete the Child Safe Elearning module

### 3.2 WHS Issues

N. Wood reminded everyone to follow up with their Rovers to complete the WHS Elearning module

### 3.3 Conflicts of Interest

NIL

## 4. Executive Reports

### 4.1 Chairperson's Report.

A. Boxall noted that the NRC had put forward two papers to the National Operations Committee as outcomes from the January NRC conference, the first being the Rover Centenary epaulettes and the second being further exploration of the viability of Australia bidding for a World Moot. He asked the BRC

approach their Chief Commissioner to discuss the papers before NOC in April. The NRC exec had a face to face meeting in Melbourne 2 weeks back, it was predominantly used to plan out the goals of the next 12 months. Communication between NRC and BRC's is a key focus this year, each BRC should aim to be represented at the four NRC remote meetings taking place this year. A. Boxall made mention of this recent appointment as the Chief Director of Australian Venture 2021 in NSW and noted that it is his intention to see out the remainder of his term as NRC Chair concluding in January 2019.

#### **MOTION**

That the report be noted.

**Moved through the Chairperson.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4.2 Vice Chairperson's Report.**

O. Holloway gave a brief report on the NRC's intention to publish a monthly update to all Australian Rovers starting next month; the email would include relevant information on the happenings of the Rover Section, the first one will heavily feature Rovers 100.

#### **MOTION**

That the report be noted.

**Moved through the Vice Chairperson.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4.3 Training Officer's Report**

N. Wood spoke to her report previously distributed, noting that WA, QLD and VIC were undertaking a DACUM for the NTC in relation to the Rover training curriculum. N. Wood had been sending through updates to BRC training officers on upcoming adventurous activities courses and asked that these were passed on to crews. N. Wood concluded that her other activities had included writing content for the new Rovers Australia website and reviewing YPR material for the NYPT.

#### **MOTION**

That the report be noted.

**Moved through the Training Officer.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 Secretary's Report**

A. Hilditch spoke to the report previously circulated highlighting key documents that the NRC had been working on over the last three months including the Strategic Plan, By-laws and Budget. He further noted that the NRC exec had reviewed the feedback from conference and that had been in Sydney earlier that day to discuss the NRC finances with the National Financial Controller.

#### **MOTION**

That the report be noted.

**Moved through the Secretary.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 NRC Advisor**

No report Submitted.

### **5. Project Officers Report**

#### **5.1 Promotions and Marketing Report**

A. Boxall and S. Fuller working on producing a marketing plan for Rovers Australia.

#### **5.2 Centenary Working Group Report**

C. Houston highlight that service 100 had a been well shared on social media and asked BRC's to focus on pushing Crew Challenge and Messengers of Peace over the next quarter. Link 100 is the other program of the centenary and there are lots of resources in the Crew pack on programs to run for this. From a Social media perspective please use hash tags as this makes it easier for the Rovers 100 team to

find and share on social media. C. Houston acknowledged that there had been a delay to the logo approval however with slight modification it had now been approved and Merch had been ordered.

A. Boxall asked that BRC's please only use the nationally approved logo going forward, however any previously produced merch with the old logo could be used until exhausted.

## 6. CBR Moot, 21st Aus Rover Moot Report

A. Boxall on behalf of B. Muller asked BRC's to pass any feedback on the Moot guidelines that were discussed at Conference to B. Muller within the week as they would be tabled at NOC and NEC in April. All branches should be in the process of finalising contingent leader appointments for CBR moot before the end of March.

**ACTION:** BRC's to have made Contingent leader appointments for CBR moot by end of March and pass contacts onto B. Muller.

## 7. Rovers at AJ2019

### 7.1 Volunteers at AJ2019

A. Warin spoke to the flyer advertising currently available positions that the Jamboree were looking to fill, noting that members did not have to be from South Australia to be on the Jamboree team.

### 7.2 RoverScope Infrastructure Budget

A. Warin spoke to the proposed budget and requested of the National Rover Council \$4600 for the Roverscope infrastructure needs. Questions were raised over the fact the Jamboree committee usually funds activities of this nature, and that as South Australia were still in discussions with the Jamboree over a budget line for the activity the NRC should not commit to providing funds whilst this was occurring.

#### MOTION

Approve \$4600 in funding for establishing the infrastructure of a RoverScope site in the mall at AJ2019

**Moved: South Australia**

**Seconded: Queensland**

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**DISSENT: VIC (2) ACT (2) NSW (2) TAS (2)**

**FOR: SA (2) NT (1) QLD (1) WA (1)**

As Branches were evenly split in support a count of delegates in attendance votes were taken.

## 8. SA's Rover Summit Sponsorship Request

T. Milham spoke to the paper asking for NRC funding of up to \$930 for the Rover Summit inline with the proposed budget. The development day is modeled of the WA Rover Con and SA would provide all resources and outcomes to the NRC after the event. T. Milham noted that though this sort activity would usually be funded by the respective BRC or individual, SA BRC were currently going through a tight financial period. It was requested that the Summit day include a workshop on BRC financial management and fundraising so that SA BRC could better manage their finances in future and self-fund this event in the future. T. Milham committed to including this in the program and to provide the NRC with a copy of the full program in advanced.

#### MOTION

Support South Australia's Rover Summit 2018 in the form of financial sponsorship of up to \$930 from the Development Fund.

**Moved: South Australia**

**Seconded: Tasmania**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DISSENT: VIC, ACT**

**ABSTAIN QLD**

**ACTION:** A. Hilditch to provide SA with a copy of the National reimbursement form for SA to claim funding for the Rover summit expenditure.

**ACTION:** T. Milham to provide the NRC with a full copy of the Rover Summit program before the proposed date, the 7<sup>th</sup> of April.

## 9. NRC Financials

### 9.1 Report from NRC Financials meeting

A. Hilditch noted his meeting with N. Esat took place earlier today and that the NRC had been given access to its historical financial records and that he would prepare a comprehensive report on operational and development fund expenditure going back until April 2015. For the next NRC remote meeting in May.

**ACTION:** A. Hilditch to provide a financial report on income and expenditure of the NRC from April 2015 to March 2018 to the May NRC remote meeting.

### 9.2 2017/2018 Profit and Loss Statement

The actuals from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> 17 were tabled, significant expenditure on the NRC face to face meeting and the NRC conference were yet to be finalised and the full financial year report would be circulated once completed by the national office after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 9.3 2018/2019 Budget

A. Hilditch discussed key points from the 2018/19 budget paper highlight the projected NRC levy invoices and the expected cost of conference which were new additions to the budget. Levy's had increased by 10 cents in line with the equation in the by laws moot buddies remained at a dollar, thus the combined national rover fee was \$5.30 per rover. The budget was submitted to the dropbox on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Victoria asked for more time to review.

#### MOTION

That the National Rover Council approve the 2018/19 Budget for adoption over the financial year.

**Moved: Australian Capital Territory.      Seconded: Queensland**

**MOTION CARRIED  
DISSENT: VICTORIA**

## 10. NRC By – Laws Version 2.0

A. Hilditch spoke to the NRC By – Laws paper noting that the NRC By – Laws had not been updated since May 2016, though two NRC conferences and several remote meetings worth of changes had taken place. Given that significant changes had taken place during that time, the proposed document had been reformatted to a new order, along with a few minor changes not yet approved which are detailed in the appendix to the paper. As the document was 46 pages in total and there was no pressing need to vote instantly to change to the new version, BRC's would have between the March and May remote meetings to submit feedback to A. Hilditch before a vote to ratify the By Laws at the May remote meeting.

**ACTION:** BRC's to review the NRC By Laws version 2.0 ahead of the May remote meeting and submit feedback to A. Hilditch at [nrcsecretary@scouts.com.au](mailto:nrcsecretary@scouts.com.au) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

## 11. Rover Australia Monthly Updates

O. Holloway spoke to the paper noting the NRC's intention to distribute a mail chimp email to all Australian Rovers on a monthly basis. WA raised that this would be the third email Rovers would receive from Branch or National. O Holloway noted that it would be by opt in only and that BRC's would make the decision on behalf of their rovers to receive the email. The effectiveness of this form of communication will be reviewed after 6 months at the October NRC remote meeting.

#### MOTION

**Moved: Australian Capital Territory.      Seconded: Queensland**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ACTION:** O. Holloway to email BRC's asking if they wish to opt into the Rover Australia monthly update.

## 12. Branch Reports

### 12.1 Australian Capital Territory.

E. Hewitt spoke to the ACT branch report previously circulated highlighting the activities that ACT rovers had been involved in over the previous 2 months including hikes, St George challenges and BRC's Upcoming activities include a Basic Outdoor Skills course Dragon Skin, NSW Basic training and another branch hike.

### 12.2 New South Wales

R. Fulton spoke of NSW recent region moots, BRC Awards Dinner Scout Museum visit and Rover Basic course. A. Jones turned 26 and stood down as BRC chair, with H. Lantry now Acting chair until the new BRC exec take over at the NSW BRC conference on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April. NSW are running a combined Basic and Advanced course in May.

### 12.3 Northern Territory

S. Bond noted that it had been a bit quite in the NT recently due to wet season, however several upcoming activities were planned. Litchfield RC is planning on entering the Finke Desert Race on the June long weekend in Alice Springs. The Advanced course date has been postponed till later in the year.

### 12.4 Queensland

R. Windley noted that QCON was held a month ago, major discussion took place on re working the succession plan for QBRC deputy chair to chair as this had not been fulfilled in recent years. Major events are booked in for the year with St Georges ball in August. Currently working on Rovers 100 program and helping rovers to complete basic training workbooks.

### 12.5 South Australia

A. Warin spoke to the SA report, noting that recent events included Roonka Raft Challenge and a fair contingent went to Surfmoort from South Australia

### 12.6 Tasmania

E. Costello noted that Tasmania had held its AGM over the weekend at regatta and that he, E. Costello had been elected as the new TBRC Chair with J. Huxley as the new Vice Chair and NRC Delegate. TAS activities had included Summer Moot and Regatta with Easter moot coming up.

### 12.7 Victoria

K. Younger noted that Victoria had held Surfmoort and Border Bash RSM event since the NRC conference, they had an upcoming Basic and Advanced training weekend in May. VIC BRC had scarfed up rovers with Centenary Scarfs and the E. Bridger had taken over as the new NRC delegate for Victoria. Vic BRC currently conducting a review of Mudbash, Surfmoort and MARB.

### 12.8 Western Australia

T. Batters spoke of the recent sand moot, which was well attended. Upcoming events include St George's day. WA Rovers talking about changing the current culture within the section at Rover Con later this year.

## 13. General Business

N. Wood restated the need for everyone to complete their compulsory E Learning modules.

## 14. Procedural Items

### 14.1 Next Meeting

A. Boxall proposed that a remote meeting be held sometime in May and that a poll be distributed after Easter to determine the date, based on members availability.

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

### 13.2 Meeting Close

Meeting closed 9.34pm AEST