



**National Rover Council
Remote Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 28th May 2018

1. Procedural Items

1.1 Meeting Open

Meeting opened 8.05pm AEST.

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)	Eleanor Hewitt (ACT)	Kristy Butler (QLD)
Owen Holloway (NRC)	Max Kelly (ACT)	Nathan Sears (QLD)
Natasha Wood (NRC)	Edward Costello (TAS)	Freya Lamacraft (SA)
Andrew Hilditch (NRC)	Rachael Fulton (NSW)	Alex Warin (SA)
Ben Muller (CBR Moot)	Ezgi Bridger (VIC)	

1.3 Apologies

Gavin Brady (NRC) Peter Wotherspoon (VIC) Jeshka McConnell (ACT) Harry Lantry (NSW)

2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 Previous Minutes

A.Boxall presented the minutes from the remote meeting held on the 15th of March 2018 previously circulated in March 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 remote meeting held on the 15th of March 2018.

Moved: Australian Capital Territory

Seconded: Tasmania

**MOTION CARRIED
DISSENT: SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

3. Standing Items

3.1 Child Safe Issues

NIL

3.2 WHS Issues

NIL

3.3 Conflicts of Interest

NIL

4. Executive Reports

4.1 Chairperson's Report.

A.Boxall noted that since the last remote meeting, he had attended NYC in Brisbane, NZ NRC Conference and NZ Moot. NYC is pursuing a new youth empowerment model through Youth Commissioners to be counterparts to respective national commissioners. This eventually replaces the National Youth Council after a phase out period. Discussions are still taking place at NOC and NEC over the exact model Scouts Australia wishes to implement. In New Zealand, rovers looking at ways to empower themselves, taking

structures and operations in Australia as a guide to what they'd like to achieve. Due to the timeline requirements for Australia to make a bid for World Scout Moot 2025, we will need to request additional time from the National team. Looking to put together a more formal team to support this work. Key documents are ready to present tonight including; the strategic plan, NRC By laws and Project officer Diversity and Inclusion position description. The new Rovers Australia Website should be ready for launch by the end of June, the monthly newsletter will follow after the launch.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through the Chairperson.

CARRIED

4.2 Vice Chairperson's Report.

O. Holloway highlighted the meeting of Branch Centenary reps and Catriona Houston on the 27th of May to bring everyone up to speed with what all Branches are doing to support the Centenary of Rovers, including the sharing of resources. Currently working of determining how to best collate Rovers emails to distribute the monthly newsletter will require BRC's assistance to assist with this. O. Holloway noted that he attended NOC and NEC in April along with NASIC. Scouts Australia is looking at streamlining membership databases and reviewing current branding of Scouts Australia. P&R will be updated following changes at WOSM. Finally preparing for moot buddies next year.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through the Vice Chairperson.

CARRIED

4.3 Training Officer's Report

N. Wood spoke to her report noting updates from the Rover Trainers remote meeting from NAAC and NTC. An email was distributed to BRC training officers giving an in-depth summary of what occurred at each of these meetings, if you would like a copy please contact Tash. NTC was combined with NYPT, with the vision of brainstorming what the new training program would look like for the new program. From NAAC, please push SAIT qualifications, as the more qualified rovers are the easier it will be to implement the new program. Please email out the information on adventurous activities to your crews. Focus in the next quarter will be to develop resources for life after Rovers. Tash noted all of the recent rover training courses held in the last month.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through the Training Officer.

CARRIED

4.4 Secretary's Report

A. Hilditch noted that his report contained information on his activities over the past two months, including the preparation of minutes and documents for the NRC.

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 noted on behalf of S. Fuller that continued promotion via the Facebook page was occurring. The current page reach is roughly 4,000 with two to three posts per week being made.

5.2 Centenary Working Group Report

No report submitted.

6. CBR Moot, 21st Aus Rover Moot Report

B. Muller gave a brief summary on the moot organizing teams activities, highlighting the planned Contingent Leaders remote meeting, NT still need a contingent leader for the event. CBR moot plan on submitting their budget and program to the NEC at the July meeting,

7. CBR Scholarship Funding

B. Muller spoke to the paper noting that as CBR is also APR moot, it is required to provide scholarship to low socioeconomic countries to attend. Funding is currently being provided by International commissioner, however additional money is required to cover costs.

MOTION

Approve \$10,000 from the Rover Development Fund to support scholarship applications from internationals to attend CBR moot inline with APR moot guidelines.

Moved: Australian Capital Territory Seconded: New South Wales

**MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

8. NRC Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021

A. Hilditch spoke to the NRC strategic plan 2018 -2021, noting that it was a summation of the two workshops held at the 2017 & 2018 NRC Conference. It is the road map of where the NRC will look to meet strategic goals over the next three years.

MOTION

That the NRC strategic plan 2018- 2021 be endorsed by the National Rover Council for implementation over the coming 3 years.

Moved: Australian Capital Territory Seconded: Tasmania

**MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

ACTION: A. Hilditch to distribute the NRC strategic plan 2018 -2021 to the National Rover Council and other interested parties.

9. NRC Financials

9.1 NRC Financial Report period 01/02/2018 – 30/04/2018

A. Hilditch spoke to the financial report covering the period 1st of Feb to 30th of April, noting that several BRC's paid their NRC levies and the deposit for Woodhouse for the NRC conference in 2019 was paid by the NRC.

9.2 2018 NRC Conference Invoices

K. Butler noted that the NRC Conference invoices for 2018 were nearly ready to distribute, noting that only a small number of costs were not yet accounted for. Saving adjustment for flight rationalization Branches could expect to receive and for around \$160 per head for the 2018 Conference. Any questions should be directed to K. Butler in regards to exact amount once the invoices are distributed.

10. NRC By – Laws Version 2.0

A. Hilditch noted that the By – Laws had received minor grammar amendments following submissions from Victoria and South Australia over the two months that they have been tabled with the NRC, otherwise they remain unchanged.

MOTION

That the NRC By – Laws version 2.0 and all subsequent changes be ratified and that the NRC By – Laws version 2.0 supersede all previous versions.

Moved: Australian Capital Territory. Seconded: New South Wales

**MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

ACTION: A. Hilditch to distribute the NRC By Laws V2.0 to the National Rover Council and other interested parties.

11. Diversity and Inclusion NRC Project Officer

A. Hilditch spoke to the paper in regards to the proposed NRC Project Officer: Diversity and Inclusion, noting the position description outlining eligibility and requirements. This position was a recommendation from the 2017 conference, A. Boxall outlined that applications would be open for a month following the distribution of the minutes from the remote meeting and that the NRC exec would review any applications and make a recommendation of appointment for ratifying at the next NRC remote meeting. The appointment would be until conference where it would then open to election for the following 12 months. O. Holloway noted that the NOC was anxious to the rover section make progress in this space.

MOTION

That the NRC creates the project officer position for diversity and inclusion as outlined in the position description and that the role be open for nominations.

Moved: Australian Capital Territory. Seconded: Tasmania

**MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

ACTION: A. Hilditch to distribute the online application form for the position of NRC project officer D & I to the National Rover Council and other interested parties.

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; St Georges Challenges, two BPSA presented, a Basic training course with 9 participants. Current challenge includes filling the BRA position, as Craig will be moving to Victoria.

12.2 New South Wales

R. Fulton noted that NSW had run successful training courses in May both at a Basic and Advanced level. 5 Wood badges have been presented so far this year. Dragon skin was held over the Easter weekend and hundreds of Rovers assisted with the event. Branch Ball is on the 2nd of June the theme celebrates 100 years of Rovers. NSW BRC Conference and hand over to the new Exec occurred in April.

12.3 Northern Territory

Not Present

12.4 Queensland

K. Butler highlighted the election of the new QBRC exec and the subsequent handover that was occurring. The Queensland Rover Conference is on the last weekend in June, where planning for the following year will take place, Test n Track moot occurred over the Weekend and St Georges Ball will be held on the 25th of August Tickets are open now for any interstaters who wish to attend. QLD has had success with Training holding one successful course earlier in the month. Challenges include sorting through budget and motorsport issues with Branch and that we are in the process of filling the QLD centenary officer role.

12.5 South Australia

A. Warin summarized that South Australia had awarded 4 Wood Badges and 2 BPSA in the last few months. SA rovers would be attending Mudbash in Victoria and hosting a centenary dinner on the 10th of November. Membership numbers have remained steady between 170 and 180. Working through with the Rover Training team to finalise dates for future Rover training courses this year. S. Fredrick is in the process of handing over to L. Vilanova as the new Branch Commissioner for Rovers South Australia.

12.6 Tasmania

E. Costello noted that Tasmania had recently held Easter moot and a basic training course. Winter moot will be a future rover moot this year, involving ventures being held in August. A centenary dinner is to be held in November.

12.7 Victoria

E. Bridger spoke to the Victorian report noting the election of the new BRC exec and the basic and advanced courses held in May. Mudbash is expecting between 800 - 900 people this year and MARB, Centenary Moot and Rover Dinner will be held in September October.

12.8 Western Australia

Not Present

13. General Business

Victoria Requested that the NRC Exec look into arranging the Rover Section to receive the same congratulations that the Cub Scout Section received for its centenary year, being a message noting the occasion from the Chief Scout of Australia, (His Excellency, the Honourable General Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC) and a recount of an anecdotal story of a time within the section by an eminent Australian, the Cub section received one from Dick Smith AC.

14. Procedural Items

14.1 Next Meeting

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

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

13.2 Meeting Close

Meeting closed 9.02pm AEST