



**National Rover Council  
Remote Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 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)	Jemma Davies (QLD)
Andrew Hilditch (NRC)	Ezgi Bridger (VIC)	Alex Warin (SA)
Rachael Fulton (NSW)	Jesse Carter (VIC)	Freya Lamacraft (SA)
Anthony Buckley (ACT)	Eddy Costello (TAS)	Sean Bond (NT)
Lachlan Casburn (NT)	Peter Favelle (NSW)	

### 1.3 Apologies

Natasha Wood (NRC), Paul Byrnes (VIC), Peter Wotherspoon (VIC), Harry Lantry (NSW) & Ben Muller (CBR)

## 2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

### 2.1 Previous Minutes

O.Holloway presented the minutes from the remote meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 previously circulated in June 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 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.

**Moved: Australian Capital Territory**

**Seconded: Victoria**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 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.B Boxall gave his report noting that in recent months several meetings had taken place including National Team, Youth Empowerment Forum and Aisa Pacific Region Conference in the Philippines. A. Boxall noted that the structure of the NYC would change with that council wrapping up and youth commissioners taking their place on the national team, the final approval of such proposal will be voted at NEC in November.

This representation model was supported by the APR and youth empowerment and diversity at a NSO level in the region was a major topic at the APR Conference just held. NRC exec have a Face to face meeting this weekend to continue to plan conference and finalise the website project amongst other things. A. Boxall noted that he will be away from the 15th of Nov to the 15th of Dec and that O. Holloway will represent the Rover section at NOC and NEC and that A. Hilditch point of contact for conference related questions Branches may have.

**MOTION**

That the report be noted.

**Moved through the Chairperson.**

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Vice Chairperson's Report.**

O. Holloway noted that over the previous months he had attended the NYC youth empowerment forum in Victoria with A. Boxall and N. Wood. Noting that he would be attending NOC/ NEC on Angus' behalf and that there are several papers up for discussion write by or effecting the rover section, that he hoped BRC's still supported and had approached their Branch Chief Commissioners for support as well. Crew Challenge for 2018 'Service 100' submissions now open and available on the Facebook page.

**MOTION**

That the report be noted.

**Moved through the Vice Chairperson.**

**CARRIED**

**4.3 Training Officer's Report**

N. Wood report made mention of the NTC meeting held in Adelaide over the weekend, an email with all of the relevant details to rover section was distributed to the BRC Training officers for the respective Branches. Few highlights are QLD Rover training subsidy and National running a Event Management course in April next year in WA.

**MOTION**

That the report be noted.

**Moved through the Training Officer.**

**CARRIED**

**4.4 Secretary's Report**

A. Hilditch noted he was currently focusing on the organization of the 2019 NRC conference Inc. coordinating booking for flights, preparation of the NRC audit, both items which would be discussed in further detail. A. Hilditch also working on preparing financial report for NRC conference.

**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**

No report submitted.

**5.2 Centenary Working Group Report.**

No report submitted.

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

R. Fulton gave a brief update on behalf of B. Muller, noting that the CBR contingent leaders from each branch attended a face-to-face meeting in the ACT over the weekend just gone. Key event details include:  
Dates: 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 to 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.  
Price: \$900 Participant, \$700 Staff excluding expeditions and flights.  
Application system opening soon in November.  
Website: <http://cbrmoot.scouts.com.au>

## 7. NOC/ NEC Papers

### 7.1 National Youth Council Restructure

P. Harrison and E. Prinsloo paper to dissolve the NYC in favor of Youth Commissioners on the National team from 2019 onwards to be voted upon at this NEC. O. Holloway to distribute the paper to the BRC's. Impact on the Rover section is that rovers will have access to apply for these positions from the end of the year. Any questions email O. Holloway.

### 7.2 18 year old Venturers paper.

This paper also being voted upon will ratify the changes to age of linking in the new program to accommodate Venturers who do not wish to link before the completion of their year 12. Impact for the Rover section is that bulk recruitment of Venturers into the rover section will occur in Summer.

## 8. Rovers Australia Website

The Website will be launched shortly, it will be light on in terms of content to start with. However as time goes by additional information and history will be added. NRC exec working to finalise this project over the weekend. If BRC's have suggestions for content on the new Rovers Australia Website, please contact the NRC exec.

## 9. NRC Qualitative Audit

A. Hilditch noted that the NRC was working through the qualitative audit of the NRC ahead of Conference and had developed a survey in relation to the activities of the NRC. This survey is for branches to submit their feedback for data to be included in the final report.

The survey can be found here; <https://goo.gl/forms/tC8Y82Xp4rzQIFUH2>  
Branch delegations were asked to complete it by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December,

**ACTION:** Branch delegations to complete the survey for the NRC audit by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

## 10. National Rover Council Conference 2019

A. Hilditch noted that the Info Pack for the upcoming NRC conference had been distributed to all those who had been elected or appointed to attend so far. (List included below). A. Hilditch requested branches to confirm delegation numbers and dates where all delegation members would be appointed.

WA, QLD, TAS electing any observers on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, TAS and WA unsure of delegation size, QLD anticipate they will send five.

NT electing delegate on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, at this stage intend to have a delegation of two.

SA electing delegation on 14<sup>th</sup> of November will be sending five members to conference.

NSW electing observers on 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Sending a delegation of five.

Members currently scheduled to attend the 2019 NRC conference (January 19 Woodhouse SA).

NRC Exec: Angus Boxall, Owen Holloway, Natasha Wood, and Andrew Hilditch

ACT: Eleanor Hewitt, Max Kelly, Anthony Buckley, Sam De Rota, and Matt Court.

NSW: Harry Lantry, Rachael Fulton, and Peter Favelle

NT: Sean Bond

QLD: Jemma Davies, Kristy Butler and Ryan Sodziak

SA: Lauren Vilanova and Alex Warin

TAS: Edward Costello, Jessica Huxley, and Ian Hart

VIC: Paul Byrnes, Ezgi Bridger, Peter Wotherspoon, Jesse Carter and Tash Beggs

WA: Tahlia Batters, Elodie Prinsloo, and Greg Chapman

**ACTION:** BRC's to continue to liaise with A. Hilditch in the organisation of conference.

## 11. Branch Reports

### 11.1 Australian Capital Territory.

M. Kelly spoke to the ACT branch report previously circulated noting the BP Awards presented by the BRC in the last couple of months. Recently ACT buried their time capsule at Cotter for 25 years, the Branch Moot is coming up in 10 days, have a record number attending again. Another basic course scheduled for December after exams. BRC elections for the next 12 months took place in October E. Hewitt is the new BRC chair, A. Buckley is new BRA.

### 11.2 New South Wales

R. Fulton noted that NSW had recently held an awards dinner to present RSA's and Rover recognition awards. Dirt and Dust (Branch moot) held on October long weekend, South met region moot coming up in a few weeks, Training wise NSW held an APS and BPS in the last couple months. Elections for the new exec take place on the first weekend of December.

### 11.3 Northern Territory

L. Casburn noted that the NT had been working to strengthen current crews as member's age, and to support Alice Springs. The plans to hold an advanced training course at the end of the year has fallen through, with the focus in the interim to support members to complete their basic. At this stage hoping to hold the Advanced course in March next year.

### 11.4 Queensland

K. Butler highlighted the busy couple month QLD Rovers, with Banana Bash and St Georges Ball. A few service 100 events were organized to fix campsites, with a link 100 activity planned for the end of the year. A few QLD rovers will be traveling to ACT Branch moot. QLD rovers have now received their centenary badges and are trying to distribute them as quickly as possible. Jemma is the BRC elect taking over at the end of the months.

### 11.5 South Australia

A. Warin summarized that South Australia had been busy with Snadblast and Rovers 100 centenary dinner, with 306 tickets have been sold for that event. Elections for BRC are Wednesday week, Alex will be attending the NRC in some capacity with SA. Steady completion rate of APS and BPS rover training along with BPSA keeping the BRC busy. 5 RSA handed out at the award ceremony at the start of October. Few rovers going to ACT moot from South Australia.

### 11.6 Tasmania

E. Costello noted that Tassie rovers had been involved in the annual raft training and raft race. TBRC has been working on getting a few mental health first aid courses off the ground. TBRC meeting on Sunday, a event to celebrate centenary of rovers was held at Government house and the dinner is on this weekend with over 100 tickets have been sold for. Tassie rovers will be present at state venture to promote the Rover section.

### 11.7 Victoria

E. Bridger noted that Victoria had held its annual Rover Dinner to present RSA's and celebrate the centenary in which 250 people attended. MARB was also held in September. Government House BP and QS presentations took place last month. The 450<sup>th</sup> BRC meeting took place in October, 4 BP awards approved in the last 2 months.

### 11.8 Western Australia

Not Present. However please note that E. Prinsloo has been elected as BRC chair for the 2018/19 year.

## 12. General Business

**Centenary Epauettes:** The epauettes for the centenary year have been produced and are now available on the Scout shop. The official policy of the wearing of these badges will be circuited to BRC's chairs, from the NOC meeting where they were approved. For reference they are a direct replacement of the current green epaulette badges or red RA badges (where applicable) for eligible members for a maximum of 8 years (RA's), or until booted (Rovers).

**NZ Moot Activity Refund:** Victoria (J. Carter) enquired about the refund available to NZ moot participants in relation to cancelled activities. O. Holloway advised he would follow up with A. Boxall the Australian contingent leader for NZ moot 2018.

**NRC Audit:** E. Bridger noted that the NRC conducted a governance audit of the NRC and that the final report for which was never included in the file system. E. Bridger encouraged A. Hilditch to read the copy she would send him and use what was applicable in writing the current audit.

**NRC Conference Papers:** Papers will be due at 22:00 AEDT 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2018, all papers to be emailed to the NRC Secretary [nrcsecretary@scouts.com.au](mailto:nrcsecretary@scouts.com.au)

### 13. Procedural Items

#### 13.1 Next Meeting

A. Boxall proposed that a remote meeting be held sometime early in December and that a poll be distributed late November to determine the date, based on members availability. Meeting would primarily be held to resolve conference preparation questions.

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

#### 13.2 Meeting Close

Meeting closed 8:57pm AEST