



Rover Scouts

National Rover Council

National Rover Council Remote Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday the 6th of May 2021

Key Points & Major Actions

Paper	Outcome	Actions
9.1 Implementation Team	Passed Unanimously	BRC: Promote the position description after the NRC announcement NRC Exec: Promote the position description and appoint suitable candidates to the position
10.1 WSM 29 Bid Paper	Passed Unanimously	WSM Bid Team: Finish the bid intime for the NOC deadline NRC Chair: In consultation with the Bid & Team Lead write a paper to NOC
10.2 16th World Moot – Ireland 2022 – Australian Contingent Timeline	WITHDRAWN	NIL
10.3 ERT Paper – Tabling final report	Passed Unanimously	ALL: Respond to the doodle poll by the 22 nd of May
10.4 Intention to restart the Diversity & Inclusion Working Group	Passed Unanimously	NRC D&I: Arrange promotion of D&I working group positions BRC: Promote the working group applications until the 31 st May

1. Procedural Items

1.1 Meeting Open

Meeting opened 7.38 pm AEST.

As Scouts of Australia, we acknowledge Australia's First Nations Peoples, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

We're grateful to do our Scouting in this country; we commit to use its resources wisely and develop our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

We also acknowledge any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scouts who are part of our movement today.

1.2 Attendance

Eleanor Hewitt (NAT)	Calista Beck (ACT)	Lizzie Fogarty (NT)
Nicolas Gardiner (NAT)	Shaylah McClymont (ACT)	Brendan Wilson (QLD)
Hugh Crawford (NAT)	Chris Young (ERT)	Thomas Milham (SA)
Georgia Welch (NAT)	Clinton Smith (ERT)	Isaac (TAS)
Lachlan Court (NAT & ACT)	Jay Reid (ERT)	Narelle (TAS)
Emma Johnston (NAT)	Bryn Catlin (NSW)	Andrew Strachan (VIC)
Patrick McCormick (NAT)	Grace Mitchell (NSW)	Michelle Saffin (VIC)
	Regi Caesar (NSW)	Addy (WA)
		Toby Blyth (WA)

1.3 Apologies

Jake Goodall (NAT)
Liam Gallagher (NAT)
Max Kelly (ACT)
Sam De Rota (ACT)
Nathan Sears (QLD)

2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 Previous Minutes

N.Gardiner presented the minutes from the NRC March Remote Meeting previously circulated in April 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 March Remote meeting.

Moved: NRC Exec

Seconded: ACT

MOTION CARRIED

3. Standing Items

3.1 Child Safe Issues

NIL

3.2 WHS Issues

E. Hewitt notes attendees to be aware of any hazards at meeting place such as cords and any other trip hazards.

3.3 Conflicts of Interest

NIL

3.4 NRC Finances

P.McCormick and E. Hewitt provided a clarification over the term 'NRC Wkly,' as an inaccurately labelled expense following the NRC conference and it has been requested that the NOC adjust expense labelling's to more accurately reflect expenditure and ensure full accountability of funds.

ACTION: J.Goodall to contact NSO regarding the above labelling

4. NRC Team Report

4.1 NRC Team Report.

The NRC Executive and Standing Project Officers presented their combined report, providing an update against the NRC Strategic Objectives. This report can be found in the OneDrive.

MOTION

That the NRC Team report be noted

Moved: NRC Exec

Seconded: SA

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Action Items List.

The NRC Exec presented the action items list of tasks that the office bearers had been working on since the last NRC meeting and upcoming projects they intended to complete over the next couple of months. This can be found in the OneDrive

MOTION

That the Action Item List be noted

Moved: NRC Exec

Seconded: SA

MOTION CARRIED

5. Apple Isle Moot: 22nd Australian Rover Moot Report

5.1 Apple Isle Moot: 22nd Australian Rover Moot Report.

Email by Justine McKeown (AIM Chair) sent to Chairs on 5/5/2021 summarised by Eleanor Hewitt.

TAS raised the question 'Will Contingent Leaders have to fund themselves to attend the Moot pre-meeting or is it covered by MOC or will BRC's be expected to fund this?' to the moot team. The Moot Organising Committee will fund this, Contingent Leaders will only pay staff fees

MOTION

That the Apple Isle Moot Report be noted

Moved: AIM Chair (through E.Hewitt)

Seconded: NSW

MOTION CARRIED

6. World Scout Moot 2029 Team Report

6.1 World Scout Moot 2029 Team Report

Report was summarised by E.Hewitt (NAT) on behalf of C. Levett (WSM Bid). This report can be found in the OneDrive.

QLD seeked further clarification regarding the initial funding arrangement that has not occurred. E.Hewitt & C.Young clarified that November is when the bid is due to NOC, there will be discussions shortly with papers to follow and the Finance Team will be meeting soon

MOTION

That the World Scout Moot 2029 Team Report be noted

Moved: WSM Bid Team Lead (through E.Hewitt) Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED

7. External Review Team Report

7.1 ERT Team Report

The ERT presented their report, providing an update on the External Review.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved: ERT

Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED

8. Branch Reports

Full reports can be found in the One Drive. Branches asked to provide *two stars and a wish* for the below.

8.1 Training

NSW: Stars – ran an online BPS course where NSW and ACT Rovers attended. Ran a course for Unit Treasurers. Wish – that the Branch had a Training Officer.

VIC: Stars – last Rover specific course (for Basic and Advanced) ran last weekend. Working on short modules around finances, BP, etc. Wish – for more Rovers to undertake Wood Badge training.

8.2 Program

QLD: Stars – 5 BPSA's almost finalised, waiting for interviews to be completed. Due to the awesome organisation of Rover Branch events, QLD Scouts have approached the section for assistance in planning future events. Wish – more information on the curriculum for the Unit Leadership Course achievement under the [new] Program.

SA: Stars – Great turnout at ANZAC Day services, 25-30 Rovers involved at the Adelaide service. 70 Rovers then attended the Branch netball challenged. Post-covid activities are picking up. Wish – more Rovers in standing up in leading or assisting major projects and events.

WA: Stars – Rovers attended a recent service weekend. Wish – more Rovers leading and attending events.

8.3 Governance

ACT: We have recently voted for our new/renewed BEC Rover Representative as our overall Branch AGCM is coming up (27th May) and will need to ratify the position. S. McClymont (ACT Chair) was welcomed to join the selection and interview panel in employing the Branch's new Executive Officer at the Office. Wish – Our Rovers improve in completing referee reports and online training to avoid being deregistered by the Office.

8.4 Marketing, Sustainability Actions Plans & SDG's

WA: Stars – new mugs have been ordered with the new logo and will be for sale soon. No comments on SDG's.

NSW: Stars – Promoting Rovers in getting involved in community involvement events at a Unit level. Merchandise is being sold at discounts. New item every week at 26%. Wish - sustainability action plan.

SA: Wish – sustainability action plan. Had workshops ~2 years ago however not much has been actioned since.

P.McCormick (NAT Ass. Commissioner) Suggests a goal for whoever goes for sustainability commissioner to work in supporting Branches in sustainability action plans. .

<https://scouts.com.au/blog/2021/01/21/assistant-national-commissioner-sustainability-vacancy/>

8.5 General

VIC: Stars – cards have been printed with a map of indigenous lands in Victoria and on the back a standard script for an Acknowledgement of Country. Mudbash is coming up. Wish – Hoping for interstate open to be open for Rovers wishing to attend the event.

A photo of the cards can be found in the VIC report in the One Drive.

NSW: Stars – excited for upcoming events. See the in the One Drive.

9. Voting Items

9.1 External Review Implementation

MOTION

Rules of Debate: Move to discuss

Moved: NRC Exec

Seconded: QLD

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion:

Q (VIC): Raised a question over the balance of executive and non-executive members within the team.

A (E.Hewitt): Clarified it is ideal to have current members of the NRC in the team in order for the team to be able to raise papers. P. McCormick added that the Implementation Team will be empowered by the whole of the NRC.

Q (ACT): What happens when the NRC Chair and Adviser disagree in the selection process for the team?

A (E.Hewitt): If that were to happen the discussion would be brought to the attention of the wider NRC.

No comments raised by: TAS, SA, QLD, NT, NSW.

MOTION

That the Nation Rover Council:

Agree to the attached position description

Agree to the NRC Chair and NRC Adviser selecting applicants based on merit against the position description

BRC's advertise the Position across their Branches and Scouting networks.

Moved: NRC Exec

Seconded: QLD

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Information & Late Papers

10.1 Program & Educational Objectives (WSM 2029 Bid)

Pat congratulated the team and appreciated the openness they have to take input too when he commented on First Nations section. Bravo Jake, Cairo and others. And great symmetry, with 30 years between the previous two World Moots here, and 30 years past since the last one now - maybe a lucky sign.

ACT & SA also spoke their congratulations and were impressed at the level of work completed.

MOTION

That the National Rover council: Note this paper which will be brought to the NOC by the NRC Chair

Moved: NRC Chair

Seconded: NSW

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 WITHDRAWN 16th World Moot – Ireland 2022 – Australian Contingent Timeline

This paper was withdrawn by the paper authors

WITHDRAWN

That the National Rover council:

Assign an NRC member to advocate the Ireland Moot contingent team on behalf of the Australian Rover Council

Advocate for a public timeline around 16th World Moot feasibility to be released to Rovers Australia

Ensure all Rovers have a clear understanding of when they will know if the Australian contingent will be able to travel to Ireland for the 16th World Moot

WITHDRAWN

10.3 ERT Paper – Tabling final report

MOTION

To bring this paper forward to before 9.1

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION

Rules of Debate: Move to discuss

Moved: JAY (ERT)

Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion:

No prior questions were received. Allowance for on the floor questions as per Rules of Debate.

C (SA): T.Milham expressed thanks on behalf of SA.

C (QLD): Noted it was great to have the report released.

C (VIC): It was noted that Victoria does not apply the Rover Levy on top of standard Branch costs as Scouts Victoria will not allow it. The Rover Branch instead pays their share of the Rover Levy from funds in other areas of the VIC Rover accounts. See amendment below.

No comments raised by: ACT, NSW, NT, WA

AMENDMENT

That the ERT change the below in the report (p. 44, footnote 71):

Every Rover Scout in Australia pays an annual 'NRC Levy' of approximately \$6.00 generally as a component of their branch fees, which is paid to the NRC and used to cover operational costs and development projects.

To:

Every Rover Scout in Australia pays an annual 'NRC Levy' of approximately **\$7.50 which is paid to the NRC** and used to cover operational costs and development projects

Moved: VIC

Seconded: SA

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION

That the National Rover council accept the Review Team final report as tabled

Moved: ERT

Seconded: SA

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 Intention to restart the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

L.Court presented the paper in the OneDrive.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council actively promote this working group and the 31st of May closing date to their respective delegations

Moved: D&I

Seconded: ACT

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. General Business

Pictures of indigenous cards added to VIC report

Pat acknowledged and huge thanks on behalf of NRC to ERT. Worked well with previous and current Exec. Eleanor shares Pat's thoughts.

13. Procedural Items

13.1 Next Meeting

N.Gardiner notes to the council that the next NRC Meeting period will be between the 14th - 18th June for the discussion of the External Review Team Report and to please respond to the doodle poll by the 22nd of May

N.Gardiner notes to the council that the next ordinary NRC Meeting period will be between 19th - 24th July 2021

ACTION: J.Goodall to distribute a poll to NRC members to decide the date of upcoming ordinary remote meeting.

13.2 Meeting Close

Meeting closed 9.21pm AEDT