



Rover Scouts

National Rover Council

National Rover Council Remote Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held Thursday the 22 June 2021

Key Points & Major Actions

Paper	Outcome	Actions
Beyond the Horizon	Failed	NIL

1. Procedural Items

1.1 Meeting Open

Meeting opened 7.33 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)	Bryn Catlin (NSW)	Calista Beck (ACT)
Nicolas Gardiner (NAT)	Grace Mitchell (NSW)	Max Kelly (ACT)
Hugh Crawford (NAT)	Kieron Younger (VIC)	Lizzie Fogarty (NT)
Lachlan Court (NAT & ACT)	Shaylah McClymont (ACT)	Alison Mayard (NSW)
Emma Johnston (NAT)	Jadzia Clifford-Pugh (QLD)	
Patrick McCormick (NAT)	Thomas Milham (SA)	
Jake Goodall (NAT)	Andrew Strachan (VIC)	
Cairo Levett (WSM)	Peter Wotherspoon (VIC)	
	Addy Van Munster (WA)	
	Narelle (TAS)	

1.3 Apologies

Shaun Sandilands (QLD)
Toby Blyth (WA)
Sam de Rota (ACT)
Lachlan Casburn (NT)
Josephine Bond (SA)

2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 Previous Minutes

J.Goodall presented the minutes from the NRC May Remote Meeting 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 May Remote meeting.

Moved: NRC Exec

Seconded: NSW

MOTION CARRIED

2.2 Previous Minutes

J. Goodall presented the minutes from the NRC Extraordinary Remote Meeting previously circulated in July for noting by those present at the Remote meeting. All decisions are correct. Wording and readability still need to be completed and will re-presented at the next NRC Remote Meeting for approval.

3. Standing Items

3.1 Child Safe Issues

NIL

3.2 WHS Issues

NIL

3.3 Conflicts of Interest

NIL

3.4 NRC Finances

Nil to report, invoices to come out shortly.

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.](#)

Congrats to:

Bethungra Rovers (ACT)
Ace Rover Unit (SA)
Damon Love (NSW)
Jake Goodall (QLD)
Heidi vander Wielen (SA)
Luke Dimsey (TAS)
Jordan Klassen-Jones (SA)

On their successful applications to the Rover Challenge Program! You will be notified by the NRC shortly regarding your funding agreement.

MOTION

That the NRC Team report be noted

Moved: NRC Exec

Seconded: SA

MOTION CARRIED

4.2 Action Items List.

J. Goodall reported that NRC are currently moving over to a new project management system, and are still working to understand its usage and reporting structure. A [snapshot is available for noting](#) and a full report can be provided to BRCs if needed, once the reporting has been sorted out.

MOTION

That the Action Item List be noted

Moved: NRC Secretary

Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED

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

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

No report submitted

If you need to still confirm your contingent leaders contact Justine at:
justine.mckeown@moot2023.com.au

6. World Scout Moot 2029 Bid Team Report

6.1 World Scout Moot 2029 Bid Team Report

A joint decision has been made between the Bid Lead (Cairo Levitt) and the NRC Chair (Eleanor Hewitt) to withdraw from bidding for the 2029 World Scout Moot and to bid for the 2033 World Scout Moot instead.

There are two key reasons behind this decision:

1. With the continuing uncertainty of the impact of COVID – 19, budgeting and costings of key expenditures for both the bid and the event remain uncertain. We are optimistic that in a few years the situation will settle down and will provide greater clarity on expenses.
2. Last night, it was confirmed that Brisbane will host the Summer Olympics in 2032. With the infrastructure that will be built and the resources created to host such large numbers at this event, it

seems wise to hold off our event until 2033 as to best utilise these resources. Additionally, we believe the Olympics taking place a year prior will allow for some fantastic promotional opportunities.

Additionally, we believe that having an additional four years to plan will allow us to deliver the best event we can that will truly highlight all that Australia and Scouts Australia has to offer.

MOTION

That the NRC halt the World Scout Moot 2029 Bid and start bidding for the 2033 event.
That the report be noted

Moved: EXEC

Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED

7. Branch Reports

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

7.1 Training

NSW: still able to run mental health first aid course in lockdown

7.2 Program

NT: lots of Branch activities coming up and being involved in younger sections

QLD: annual test and track Moot held

TAS: most Rovers attending events are now registered; all events are running with event Chairs

VIC: trying to run events in covid lockdown and helping younger sections, however there are date clashes as events keep moving

7.3 Governance

ACT: review of position descriptions in BRC and removed/added a few members in their BRC. They are concerned about getting people to apply for those new positions

NT: Approved a second Rover Unit in the NT; already has 4 Rovers and have doubled NT's numbers.

NSW: co-authored a paper to lower Fellowship age in their Branch.

QLD: conference occurred with much discussion. Lots of empty exec and rep roles so hoping to fill those soon

VIC: One of their chalets has been booked out and great success however lockdown has created issues.

7.4 Marketing

ACT: Unit of the month has been working very well, representation from nearly all Units.

7.5 Learnings

7.6 Sustainability Actions Plans & SDGs

Nil

7.5 General

NSW: don't want to be in lockdown

SA: Thanks to SA team due to Thomas stepping out on a leave of absence, Thomas really appreciates it.

TAS: Communication between BRC & Unit Exec members wants to be improved

8. Voting Items

8.1 Beyond the Horizon

MOTION

That the paper be discussed

Moved: NRC Sec

Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Goodall spoke to the paper in the OneDrive about the Beyond the Horizon merch and how this is the 'go/no go' decision. He also spoke that these shirts are designed not to be for scout activities but as a casual shirt that helps market scouting and Rovers. At current the Rover Development Fund has no income, besides Moot Buddies which is paid out every 3 years, so we are not replenishing our resources when we are taking from it.

MOTION

That the paper be moved to a non-structured debate

Moved: NRC Chair

Seconded: VIC

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Much discussion was held around the design of the t-shirt and sun-safety of the shirt by many Branches. There was also an issue with the quality of the t-shirt. J. Goodall expressed that majority of these changes would create a major price rise from the Scout Shop which could be an even more contested issue as the cost was already a point of contention.

VOTE

DISSENT: VIC, NSW, QLD, SA, ACT, TAS

FOR: WA

ABSTAIN: NT

VOTE FAILED

9. Information Items

9.1 WSM 2022 Refund Arrangements

Vic is wanting more info on the chances of going to World Moot 2022 and their membership wanted to know more about finances. When NOC will know the no/go date.

E. Hewitt clarified that no one in Scouts Australia can change these dates.

It is worth highlighting though that the contingent information page specifically states "*If the Contingent is cancelled (e.g. on medical advice, due to border restrictions or if the event is cancelled), Scouts Australia will provide a refund of all recoverable amounts paid.*".

E. Hewitt has discussed the paper with Aaron Wardle (International Commissioner); Aaron raises a number of points relating to the background information detailed in the paper:

Refund Policies:

The refund policy was significantly amended as a direct consequence of the pandemic. The cancellation policy was specifically added as a new feature of the application.

Travel bans:

All international travel on behalf of Scouts Australia is currently suspended until 31 January 2021. Refer: <http://scouts.com.au/what-we-do/international/> (NB. This is on specific advice to Scouts Australia from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) recommending that the

emergency declaration under the Biosecurity Act 2015 is anticipated to be extended at quarterly intervals until February 2022.)

In addition to this, Scouts Australia has a “Resumption of International Scouting Travel Checklist”. in this, it prohibits travel of Scouting members where mandatory quarantine or self-isolation is required. This checklist was developed in consultation with DFAT in mid-2020 and aligns with Phase 4 of the reopening plan announced by the PM on 2 July.

Flight costs:

The Contingent is very aware of the risk of fluctuating flight costs and published this statement on the application form:

“Any member who selects Independent Travel (Option 1) accepts full liability for the purchase of their flights and acknowledges that refunds may not be possible from your airline or travel provider if the Contingent is cancelled.”

All members that have selected Options 2 and 3 are protected from these potential flight costs.

BRCs understood E. Hewitt’s update and suggested that NRC or the International team provide some information and communication to Rovers. E. Hewitt asked that the NRC and BRC don’t share the info but to recommend that members seek the info from the Contingent.

9.2 External Review Implementation Team

In addition to the NRC Chair and NRC Adviser, the Implementation Team includes:

Matt Prants (NSW, current Rover, former NRC Vice-Chair)

Jesse Carter (Victoria, former Rover, U30 member of SAIT Committee)

Madelaine Ancill (Victoria, current Rover)

Paul Byrnes (Victoria, former Rover and BRC Chair)

NSW expressed concerned about representation. E. Hewitt clarified that the Implementation Team is not providing opinions but delivering work; if you want to see diversity on committees, BRCs need to promote the applications to their BRCs.

Eleanor and Pat will provide oversight and support for the team, and ensure their progress, though the team members will choose their own Team Lead.

10. General Business

11. Procedural Items

13.1 Next Meeting

J. Goodall notes to the Council that the next NRC Meeting period will be between the 13th-19th September 2021 for the next Remote Meeting.

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 8.56 AEDT