



**National Rover Council**  
**Remote Meeting**  
Minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## 1. Procedural Items

### 1.1 Meeting Open

Meeting opened 8.04pm 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)  
Nicolas Gardiner (Nat)  
Jake Goodall (Nat)  
Hugh Crawford (Nat)  
Patrick McCormick (Nat)  
Liam Gallagher (Nat)  
Emma Johnston (Nat)  
Madeline Ancill (RIT)  
Jesse Carter (RIT)  
Kieron Younger (VIC)  
Gemma Park (VIC)  
Peter Wotherspoon (VIC)  
Jordan Phillips (WA)  
Shannon Akers (TAS)  
Grace Mitchell (NSW)  
Bryn Catlin (NSW)  
Ryan Kemp (NSW)  
Shaylah McClymont (ACT)  
Sam De Rota (ACT)  
Emily Ogden (ACT)  
Toby Blyth (WA)  
Meghann Gallagher (WA)  
Paul 'Caesar' Lappin (QLD)  
Jadzia Clifford-Pugh (QLD)  
Daniel Boyd (QLD)  
Mackenzie Pearce (NSW)  
Alison Maynard (NSW)

### 1.3 Apologies

Justine McKeown (AIMoot)  
Narelle Ball (TAS)  
Lizzie Fogarty (NT)  
Sean Bond (NT)  
Paul Byrnes (RIT)

## 2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

### 2.1 Previous Minutes

J.Goodall presented the minutes from the Remote meeting held in September (previously circulated in October) and the minutes from the Emergency Remote Meeting held in October (previously circulate in November) 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 September 2021 NRC Remote

**Moved:** NRC Executive

**Seconded:** NSW

**YES:** All Parties

**NO:** NIL

**Abstain:** NIL

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### MOTION

That the National Rover Council confirms the minutes as a true and accurate record of the October Remote meeting

**Moved:** NRC Executive

**Seconded:** NSW

**YES:** All Parties

**NO:** NIL

**Abstain:** NIL

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 3. Standing Items

### 3.1 Child Safe Issues

NIL

### 3.2 WHS Issues

NIL

### 3.3 Conflicts of Interest

NIL

### 3.4 Finance

The withdrawals in the statements are from Rover Challenge Grants and deposit for Conference Site.

## 4. NRC Team Report

### 4.1 NRC Team Report

The NRC team spoke to the report in the OneDrive.

### 4.2 Action Items List

The NRC Exec presented the action items list that the office bearers had been working on over the past three months and upcoming projects they intended to complete over the next couple of months.

**MOTION**

That the report be noted.

**Moved through the Chairperson**

**Seconded: NSW**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

J. McKeown was not in attendance however sent in a written report. If any questions are raised on the report, please send through to J. Goodall as soon as you can.

**6. World Scout Moot 2033 Bid Team Report****6.1 World Scout Moot 2033 Bid Team Report**

Nil provided

**7. NRC External Review Implementation Team****7.1 Team Report**

J. Carter gave a verbal report.

It has been a busy few months for the ERIT team and they have been focussing on the position descriptions as well as some Conference information papers. They will send a few for information papers around later regarding pricing of Conference.

**MOTION**

That the report be noted.

**Moved: ERIT Team**

**Seconded: NSW**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8. Branch Reports****QLD**

Star: New secretary, marketing and IT officer filling out their BRC Exec and some fresh faces around in the governance of QLD Rovers.

Star: Acquiring an old Scout den for the BRC to store equipment and resources.

Wish: Everyone is super burnt out and taking a break to give everyone a rest and come back with a clear head.

**VIC**

Star: Vic is out of lockdown and had their first Rover motorsport event after lockdown along with training courses and many other events.

Star: Rover Dinner and AGM went super well with many Rovers in attendance.

Wish: A few near misses and are training rover to ensure these reports are completed and distributed to the necessary people correctly.

**NSW**

Star: Just elected the new BRC office bearers and H. Crawford will be taking over in April as Chair.

Star: Many award recipients have been given RSA, ARA etc. Congrats to them!

Wish: Going through many changes in the Branch structure however are adapting.

**ACT**

Star: 2022 Calendar is nearly ready to be released to Rovers and it is going to be packed.

Star: Celebrated the BP Scout Award recipients at Government house; 8 BPSA recipients attended, as well as 2 Rovers who received their Queen's Scout Award.

Wish: wish everyone happy holidays and look forward to seeing everyone at Conference and the Moot.

**TAS**

Star: Lots of bookings at campsites which means for income to the BRC.

Star: Some Rovers attended the state venture and helped to promote AIM.

Wish: Numbers have declined over the past few months however are optimistic that they will bounce back.

**SA**

Nil Attended

**WA**

Star: New Exec has come in and they are excited to begin the role.

Star: Over 50 Rovers have attended training this past year.

Wish: Hoping for a fantastic 2022 year and their BRC turns 100 years old; they have lost control of their FB unfortunately due to technical issues.

**NT**

Apologises

**9. Voting Items****9.1 Paper Submissions** J.Goodall spoke to the paper in the OneDrive**MOTION**

That the National Rover Council:

-Update 'National Rover Council By-Laws, Article 3 Meeting Procedures, By-Law 3.4' to the following (additions in red):

All submissions requiring a vote of the NRC shall be submitted to the NRC executive, no later than **two weeks** before a Remote meeting and **three weeks** before the AGM. **Late papers, including those requiring a vote, submitted after the timeframe will only be distributed to the NRC by agreement of the NRC. Any submissions received within 48 hours before a Remote meeting will not be accepted, unless deemed necessary by the NRC Chairperson.** Submissions must have the support of a BRC or the NRC Executive. The agenda of an NRC meeting shall be distributed to the NRC two weeks before a Remote meeting or three weeks before the AGM and will consist of the following.

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- B) Report of the record of decisions and activities of the NRC Executive since the previous meeting of the NRC
- C) BRC reports on activities which have taken place in their Branch between NRC meetings
- D) Items submitted by the BRCs
- E) Any other items as determined by the NRC Chairperson

**Moved: NRC Executive**

**Seconded: NSW**

**YES: All Parties**

**NO: NIL**

**ABSTAIN: NIL**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**9.2 Position Descriptions** J.Carter spoke to the paper in the OneDrive on the updating of the Training & Development Officer role as well as the Treasurer role.

K.Younger expressed support of the paper however asked if there are any resulting changes to the NRC budget, J.Carter assured that there would be no change to the NRC budget as the number of Executive members stays the same.

**MOTION**

That the National Rover Council:

- It is requested that the NRC adopt the position description for the Treasurer role.
- It is requested that the NRC adopt the position description for the Training & Development Project Officer.
- It is requested that the roles be elected at the 2022 NRC Conference.
- Amend By-Law 2.1 to remove the Training & Development Officer and add the Treasurer.  
The By-Law would thus state: The NRC membership shall consist of: 2.1 The National Rover Council Executive comprising of the following elected or appointed members:
  - a) Chairperson
  - b) Vice Chairperson
  - c) Treasurer
  - d) Secretary
  - e) Adviser
- Amend By-Law 4.3 part e) to remove Training & Development Officer and add Treasurer, thus state: The NRC elects the Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and other standing Project Officers outlined in the Terms of Reference, Section 2 of the NRC By-Laws for a term of 12 months.

**Moved: NRC Executive**

**Seconded: ACT**

**YES: All Parties**  
**NO: NIL**  
**Abstain: NIL**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**9.3 Position Descriptions #2**

E.Hewitt spoke to the paper in the OneDrive and highlighted the major changes to the Vice Chair.

K.Younger expressed support of the paper however asked if there are any resulting changes to the NRC budget, E.Hewitt assured that there would be no change to the NRC budget as these changes are purely for duties and responsibilities.

**MOTION**

That the National Rover Council:

- Amend the NRC By-Laws Part I: National Rover Council –Standing Orders, Article 4: Voting and Elections of the NRC Executive, item 4.3 (c) to add (in bold):

**Nominees must be registered as a Rover Scout with a Branch of Scouts Australia, and have the endorsement of their Branch at the time that nominations close.**

-Accept the changes in the paper below (in red) to the Duty Statements for the NRC Executive and Officers (NRC By-Laws Part II: National Rover Council –Terms of Reference, Section 1: Duty Statements of the NRC Executive and Officers)

**Moved: NRC Executive**

**Seconded: NSW**

**YES: All Parties**

**NO: NIL**

**Abstain: NIL**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9.4 Project Officer Report Template**

J.Carter spoke to the report in the OneDrive.

S.DeRota asked if the report template will include a reference to a strategic objective, and noted that the wider NRC Team (including standing project officers) currently report with the NRC Executive in one overall report against the strategic objectives. J.Carter explained that they did not have much to do with the paper however it was something that could be included. More discussion was held around this same topic before it went to a vote.

#### **MOTION**

That the National Rover Council:

- Adopt the Project Officer report template as the reporting standard moving forward for fixed projects.
- Make the template available in the OneDrive for all members of the NRC.
- Review template structure after 12 months of use for any improvements and adjustments.

**Moved: NRC Executive**

**Seconded: NSW**

**YES: QLD (2), VIC (2), NSW (2), WA (2), TAS (2)**

**NO: ACT (2)**

**Abstain: NIL**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9.5 Rules of Debate**

E.Hewitt spoke about the trialling of the rules of debate and that it has been successful. The Exec has decided to hold off on a formal motion to add it to the By-Laws so it goes into the right spot and ensure the wording is correct.

#### **MOTION**

That the National Rover Council:

- Agree to extend the Rules of Debate trial until the end of the 2022 Conference.

**Moved: NRC Executive**

**Seconded: ACT**

**YES: All Parties**

**NO: NIL**

**Abstain: NIL**

## MOTION CARRIED

### 9.6 World Moot Plaque

K.Younger spoke to the paper in the OneDrive regarding the creation of the world moot plaque in Gilwell park.

S.McClymont echoed comments previously provided on the paper that this wasn't proposed to the NRC prior to the plaque being bought. They asked what kind of benefit this proposal gives to Rovers. K.Younger explained that the plaque was created and then presented to the VBRC for payment. To recognise the people who put in the effort for the WSM, bringing World Scout Moots back to the world events circuit, and the event surplus created the current Rover Development Fund (RDF) for the NRC. B.Caitlin is concerned that taking money away from RDF could disadvantage the Rovers and they could be disappointed the money going to the plaque rather than them. M.Gallagher expressed that currently no precedent is set on this so how does the NRC move forward with this. E.Hewitt explained that due to Scouts Australia's Financial Delegation Policy, the NRC Chair has authority to approve any non-budgeted expenditure up to \$1,000, however she thought it should be brought to the NRC for a vote on how to proceed. D.Boyd expressed that they don't see how it supports the full national youth program.

### AMENDMENT

That the National Rover Council:

-Amend the paper to read:

Approve the funding of **\$540.00** for a plaque to be installed at Gilwell Park commemorating the 8th World Rover Moot and the role Australian Rovers played in re-establishing World Moots on the International Scouting Calendar.

**Moved: NRC Executive**

**Seconded: NSW**

**YES: VIC (2)**

**NO: NSW (2), QLD (2), WA (2), ACT (2)**

**Abstain: TAS, SA**

**AMENDMENT FAILED**

### MOTION

That the National Rover Council:

-Note the contents of this paper.

-Approve the funding of \$985.00 for a plaque to be installed at Gilwell Park commemorating the 8th World Rover Moot and the role Australian Rovers played in re-establishing World Moots on the International Scouting Calendar.

**Moved: NRC Executive**

**Seconded: TAS**

**YES: VIC (2)**

**NO: NSW (2), QLD(2), ACT (2), WA (2)**

**Abstain: TAS, SA**

**MOTION FAILED**

## 10. Information & Late Papers

### 10.1 NRC Adviser Reappointment

E.Hewitt announces that Patrick McCormick has been reappointed to the NRC Adviser, they have discussed the opportunity to appoint a Deputy NRC Adviser to support P.McCormick in their role as well as to provide another view on topics.

## **10.2 NRC Levy**

NRC Exec is doing a review into the NRC levy and a survey will be coming out to the NRC to ensure what the council wants in terms of the financials and invoices.

**10.3 NRC Elections Voting** The NRC Elections paper is available to look at how the Conference voting will occur with election buddy. Be sure to take a look on the procedure and operating of election buddy to ensure a quick voting time.

## **10.4 Blood challenge Stats**

- 598 Donations during the period, 12% increase from last year
- Most active branches in the period were in lockdown
- 73% donations were plasma

### Greatest number of new doners by region

Bays Region Rovers VIC

### Greatest number of donations by region

Melbourne (VIC) 103

Mt Dandenong (VIC) 57

Sydney North (NSW) 55

### Greatest number of donations by Branch

299 VIC

121 NSW

79 ACT

### Greatest number of donations by unit per capita

Lake Gin (ACT) – 124% of registered Rovers donated blood.

## **12. General Business**

J.Goodall reminded the NRC that papers and reports for Conference are due 30 December. 2021

## **13. Procedural Items**

### **13.1 Next Meeting**

**ACTION:** J.Goodall to send out Conference info packs once ready including registration form

### **13.2 Meeting Close**

Meeting closed 9.20pm AEST



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<b>Item Title</b>	Paper Timeline By-Law Change
<b>Information</b>	
<b>X Decision</b>	
<b>Document Author</b>	Jake Goodall – National Rover Council Secretary
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Governance
<b>Consultation</b>	National Rover Council Executive
<b>Implementation period</b>	Approval at meeting Followed by By-Law ratification

## KEY POINTS

- To create enough time for BRCs to consult with their Branches, we need to put a set timeframe on the submissions of papers for National Rover Council (NRC) Remote meetings.
- This will ensure BRCs have enough time to speak to their Branches and Rovers to create an aligned position on proposals.
- In previous meetings, late papers have been accepted for discussion and voting, however this has not formally been noted in the NRC By-Laws

## BACKGROUND

- Late papers have been submitted at the NRC for a number of years now. However, there is nothing outlining the process in the NRC By-Laws.
- Often, late papers are submitted under 48 hours before NRC Remote meeting, which does not allow for adequate time to consult with BRCs or Rovers.
- Many other councils in Scouts Australia do accept late papers. It is in the best interest of Branches for them to submit papers on time, so other BRC members can ask questions prior to the Remote meeting.

## ACTION REQUESTED

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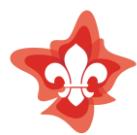
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### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN –

<b>Lead</b>	Jake Goodall – National Rover Council Secretary
<b>Assists</b>	National Rover Council Executive
<b>Cost</b>	Nil
<b>Risks</b>	Not having the By-Laws updated in time for the 2022 National Rover Council Conference.
<b>Milestones</b>	2022 Conference: By-Laws are presented for ratification
<b>Outcomes</b>	By-Laws are updated By-Laws are ratified

### AMENDMENTS



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Item Title		Position Descriptions for adoption
	Information	
X	Decision	
<b>Document Author</b>		Review Implementation Team
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>		Governance
<b>Consultation</b>		<p>Pre-development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BRC submissions of their current position descriptions and relevant process policies.</li> <li>- DNC – Under 30 ATD</li> <li>- Principal of SAIT</li> <li>- NRC Chairperson</li> <li>- NRC Training &amp; Development Officer</li> </ul> <p>Post-development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BRCs for comment</li> <li>- NRC Executive for comment</li> </ul>
<b>Implementation period</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adopt at December Remote Meeting</li> <li>- Distribute when nominations for incoming team are opened</li> <li>- New positions to be elected at January 2022 conference</li> <li>- Positions to be reviewed for effectiveness December 2023</li> </ul>

## KEY POINTS

- Position descriptions developed to meet recommendations 2 & 3 of the NRC External Review report.
  - Recommendation 2: The Training & Development Officer role should be reclassified as a Project Officer and have a greater focus on delivering non-Adult Training & Development training opportunities. The role should continue to advocate on behalf of Rover Scouts with regard to the AT&D curriculum.

- Recommendation 3: A new Treasurer role is introduced to the Executive to handle the NRC's finances and seek new sources of income and is trialled for two years to assess the effectiveness of the role.
- Descriptions were developed based on feedback and provided content from the BRCs.
- Stakeholders were consulted in the development process.
- Position Descriptions distributed to BRCs for comment prior to tabling.
- Please See attached Position Descriptions

## BACKGROUND

- As an outcome of the NRC External Review, the development of a Treasurer role as an NRC executive member was agreed upon unanimously at the Extraordinary Meeting of the council on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- A further outcome of the aforementioned meeting was the reclassification of the Training & Development Officer from Executive member to Project Officer. This reclassification includes a new direction for role responsibilities; with a greater emphasis on non-ATD development opportunities.

## ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

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## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

<b>Lead</b>	Training & Development – Jesse Carter Treasurer – Madeline Ancill
<b>Assists</b>	Review Implementation Team NRC Executive
<b>Cost</b>	Nil
<b>Risks</b>	Nil
<b>Milestones</b>	December 2021 – New position descriptions adopted December 2021 – Nominations for roles open using new descriptions January 2022 – Officers are elected into roles under the new descriptions
<b>Outcomes</b>	Training & Development – New position description now aligns with changes to Program and ATD outcomes. Rover Scouts will be better represented at training and development organising committees. Rover Scouts will have more training and development opportunities available to them.  Treasurer – The financial interest of Rover Scouts Australia are managed by the key stakeholders. Opportunities for financial growth and investment will be investigated. Responsibility for NRC budgeting and expenditure will be managed.

## AMENDMENTS

- N/A

# **Duty Statement for NRC Training and Development Project Officer**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

1. The position of NRC Training and Development Project Officer shall only be open to current invested Rover Scouts.
2. Nominees must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout for the duration of their term of office.
3. Nominees must have obtained a Certificate of Proficiency as either a Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader and be working towards Scouting Leadership. Preference is given for a Wood Badge completion.
4. Nominees must be able to attend other National meetings as the representative of the Rover Scout Section.
5. Nominees for the position must be experienced in Rover Training & Development.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Ensure that the concepts and benefits of Rover training and development are promoted widely across all Branches and represented nationally.
2. Encourage Rover Scouts to take an active interest in the development and running of Adult Training Pathways.
3. Chair the meetings of the Branch Rover Council Officers responsible for the Training & Development portfolio.
4. The NRC Training & Development Project Officer will attend, represent, and make a written report on relevant NRC activities and projects at meetings of the National Training Committee, National Adventurous Activities Committee, and the Scouts Australia Institute of Training Operations Committee.
5. Investigate external training and development opportunities and community partnerships.
6. Ensure that training courses and development opportunities are promoted to the NRC.
7. Coordinate any training related workshops that may be held during meetings of the NRC.
8. Advocate for Adult Training courses that are accessible to Rover Scouts in the content, format, and presentation.
9. Advocate and support pathways into appointed training and development roles across Scouts Australia.
10. Advocate for Rover Scouts in regards to leadership courses that are a part of their Achievement Pathways.
11. Attend NRC and NRC Team meetings, producing agenda items relating to these duties.
12. The Training and Development Project Officer will produce an Annual Report for the NRC Conference detailing the work done which is relevant to these duties.
13. Reports directly to the NRC Vice Chair.

## **Duty Statement for NRC Treasurer**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. The position of NRC Treasurer shall only be open to current invested Rover Scouts.
2. Nominees must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout for the duration of their term of office.
3. Nominees must have obtained a Certificate of Proficiency as either a Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader and be working towards Scouting Leadership.
4. Nominees must be able to attend other National meetings as the representative of the Rover Scout Section.
5. Nominees must be able to attend the next NRC Conference.
6. Nominees for the position must have experience in financial management, bookkeeping, and/or accounting.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Develop and maintain the NRC budget, in conjunction with the NRC Chairperson and incoming Treasurer. Present the proposed budget at the first Remote meeting each year.
2. Ensure all accounts, receipts and records are maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Scout Association of Australia's obligations under the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991* (Cth) and as outlined in Scouts Australia's Policy & Rules.
3. Provide a financial summary of the NRC accounts and transactions at each meeting.
4. Work with the National Support Team to ensure all NRC transactions are made from/to the appropriate account, in a timely manner.
5. Calculate any costs and levies owed to the NRC, and work with the National Support Team to issue invoices to the relevant party.
6. Ensure that all non-budgeted expenditure is proposed to and approved by the NRC or in urgent circumstances, by the NRC Chairperson.
7. Oversee the development and management of NRC project patrol budgets.
8. Update and maintain the NRC's financial procedure documents.
9. Advise the NRC of finances required to maintain its various projects, and of the means available to raise such funds.
10. Plan for the financial security of the NRC Operations Account and Rover Development Fund.
11. Be responsible for a two-month handover to their successor.
12. Prepare and deliver an actuals report for the NRC Conference.
13. Attend NRC and NRC Executive meetings, producing agenda items relating to these duties.
14. Other administrative and general duties appropriate to the position.
15. Reports directly to the NRC Chair.

AGENDA ITEM – **X.X**



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<b>Item Title</b>	Updates to the Duty Statements for the NRC Executive and Officers
<b>Information</b>	
<b>X Decision</b>	
<b>Document Author</b>	Eleanor Hewitt – NRC Chair
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Governance
<b>Consultation</b>	NRC Executive, Tahlia Batters - Deputy National Commissioner Adult Training and Development
<b>Implementation period</b>	Immediately following the meeting to allow for advertisements of the positions.

**KEY POINTS**

- It is important that duty statements for positions are a relevant and accurate reflection of current eligibility requirements and responsibilities.
- The Duty Statement of the NRC Chairperson has been updated to reflect changes in training and clarified areas of responsibilities.
- The Duty Statement of the NRC Vice Chairperson has been updated to reflect changes in training and has given the responsibility of working with all NRC Project Officers – both standing and temporary, to ensure they are able to, and are, performing their roles to the requirements. This is a significant change to the work structure of the NRC. However, given the increasing number of commitments the NRC Chair has due to involvements in working groups, conference delegations, selection panels etc., it is no longer feasible for the NRC Chair to manage both the executive and project officers.
- The Duty Statement of the NRC Secretary has been updated to reflect changes in training and has removed responsibilities for finance as these have been transferred to the new NRC Treasurer position.
- The Duty Statement of the NRC Project Officers and NRC Delegate has been updated to reflect changes in training.

**BACKGROUND**

- The Duty Statements for the NRC Executive and Officers sets out the eligibility and responsibilities for the people who hold the positions.
- It is important that Duty Statements are constantly reviewed and changed to ensure they still reflect the operational realities of the roles.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

## AGENDA ITEM – **X.X**

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

- Amend the *NRC By-Laws Part I: National Rover Council – Standing Orders, Article 4: Voting and Elections of the NRC Executive, item 4.3 (c)* to add (in bold):
  - Nominees must be registered as a Rover Scout with a Branch of Scouts Australia, **and** have the endorsement of their Branch at the time that nominations close.
- Accept the below changes (in red) to the Duty Statements for the NRC Executive and Officers (*NRC By-Laws Part II: National Rover Council – Terms of Reference, Section 1: Duty Statements of the NRC Executive and Officers*)

### **Section 1: Duty Statements of the NRC Executive and Officers**

#### **Duty Statement for NRC Chairperson**

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. The position of NRC Chairperson shall only be open to current invested Rover Scouts.
2. Nominees must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout for the duration of the term of office.
3. Nominees must have obtained a Certificate of Proficiency as either a Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader..
4. Nominees must attain the Wood Badge and completed their Scouting Leadership in the Rover Scout Section, within the first year of their term\*.
5. Nominees must be able to attend all National Rover Council Conferences for the duration of the term of office.
6. Nominees must be able to attend other National meetings as the representative of the Rover Scout Section.
7. Nominees are encouraged to have experience serving on the NRC Executive.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The Chairperson will be responsible for Chairing the NRC Remote meetings, NRC Conference and NRC Executive meetings, ensuring that the NRC functions smoothly and effectively, and should ensure that required actions are followed up.
2. The Chairperson is responsible for working with the NRC Executive to ensure they are able to perform their roles successfully.
3. Ensure that the NRC is represented on other National bodies and councils as appropriate.
4. Carry out the recommendations and policy of the NRC.

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5. The Chairperson may sit on all NRC sub committees in an ex-officio capacity.
6. The Chairperson has the right to make decisions on behalf of the NRC as circumstances dictate, but these decisions should be notified to the NRC and ratified at the first opportunity.
7. The Chairperson will produce an Annual Report for the NRC Conference detailing the work done which is relevant to these duties.
8. The Chairperson will attend and make a written report on NRC activities and projects at meetings of the National Team and National Operations Committee (NOC).
9. The Chairperson may make recommendations to the International Commissioner of Australia on the appointment of the contingent leaders to international Rover Scout activities.
10. The Chairperson will maintain a positive working relationship with the Chief Commissioner of Australia and the National team.
11. The Chairperson will fill the honorary position of Immediate Past Chairperson until the NRC handover meeting.

**Commented [EH2]:** The NRC Chair makes recommendations to the International Commissioner as outlined in P&R

Notes: If the NRC Chairperson is unable to complete Scouting Leadership training within their own Branch due to the absence of suitable scheduled training, the Rover Development Fund will provide the necessary funds to facilitate this.

## AGENDA ITEM – x.x

### Duty Statement for NRC Vice Chairperson

#### ELIGIBILITY

1. The position of NRC Vice Chairperson shall only be open to current invested Rover Scouts.
2. Nominees must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout for the duration of the term of office.
3. Nominees must have obtained a Certificate of Proficiency as either a Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader.
4. Nominees must be able to attend other National meetings as the representative of the Rover Scout Section.
5. Nominees must be able to attend the next NRC Conference.

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Vice Chairperson is responsible for working with the NRC Project Officers to ensure they are able to perform their roles successfully.
2. The Vice Chairperson must assist the NRC Chairperson in the carrying out of their duties.
3. The Vice Chairperson is responsible for fulfilling the role of NRC Chairperson in the absence of the NRC Chairperson.
4. The Vice Chairperson can act as a proxy for the NRC Chairperson as requested or appointed by the NRC.
5. The Vice Chairperson will attend and make a written report on relevant NRC activities and projects at meetings of the National Adults in Scouting Committee.
6. Carry out the recommendations and policy of the NRC.
7. Organise and establish projects and/or working groups in consultation with BRCs and the NRC Executive on projects to support Rover Scouts in Australia.
8. Periodically update the Rover Scouts Australia website.
9. Carry out duties as requested by the NRC Chairperson, or by the NRC Executive.
10. Coordinate the National Moot Buddies Scheme.
11. Attend both NRC meetings and NRC Executive meetings.

**Commented [EH3]:** It is simply not feasible for the NRC Chair to fulfil all their responsibilities whilst also working with project officers to ensure they perform their roles.

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12. Coordinate and maintain Rover Scouts public relations and marketing.
13. The Vice Chairperson will produce an Annual Report for the NRC Conference detailing the work done which is relevant to these duties.
14. Coordinate the facilitation of the NRC Rover Program Meetings with the Program Officers from each Scouting Branch.

## AGENDA ITEM – x.x

### Duty Statement for NRC Training and Development Officer

#### ELIGIBILITY

1. The position of NRC Training and Development Officer shall only be open to current invested Rover Scouts.
2. Nominees must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout for the duration of the term of office.
3. Nominees must have completed their Rover Scouting Leadership and obtained their Rover Wood Badge.
4. Nominees must be able to attend other National meetings as the representative of the Rover Scout Section.
5. Nominees must be able to attend the next NRC Conference.
6. Nominees for the position must be experienced in Rover Training and have been members of their Branch Rover Training Team where possible.

**Commented [EH5]:** No changes to this duty statement in this paper as all changes are outlined in the implementation team paper

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Ensure that the concepts and benefits of Rover training are promoted widely across all Branches and represented nationally.
2. Encourage Rover Scouts to take an active interest in the development and running of Rover Training Courses.
3. Chair the meetings of the Branch Rover Council Officers responsible for the Training portfolio.
4. With the Rover Trainers Team ensure sufficient Rover Training courses are run each year.
5. The NRC Training & Development Officer will attend and make a written report on relevant NRC activities and projects at meetings of the National Training Committee and National Adventurous Activities Committee.
6. Ensure that additional Training Courses or opportunities are promoted to the NRC.
7. Chair any training related workshops that may be held during meetings of the NRC
8. Ensure that the content, format, and presentation of Training Courses available to Rover Scouts are periodically developed or reviewed.
9. Promote the BPSA to Branch Rover Councils BPSA Support Team officers.
10. Be a National point of contact for queries relating to the BPSA.

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11. Attend NRC and NRC Executive meetings, producing agenda items relating to these duties.
12. Obtain reports and feedback from all Rover Training Courses.
13. Ensure the Rover Scout section is represented at the National Training Committee and National Adventurous Activities Committee meetings.
14. The Training and Development Officer will produce an Annual Report for the NRC Conference detailing the work done which is relevant to these duties.

**AGENDA ITEM – x.x**

**Duty Statement for NRC Secretary**

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. The position of NRC Secretary shall only be open to current invested Rover Scouts.
2. Nominees must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout for the duration of the term of office.
3. Nominees are encouraged to have obtained a Certificate of Proficiency as either a Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader.
4. Nominees must have suitable IT skills.
5. Nominees must be able to attend the next NRC Conference.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Make all necessary arrangements so business of the NRC functions smoothly and effectively including, but not limited to, taking the minutes, producing the agenda and maintaining all reports/paper filing
2. Carry out the NRC Secretary responsibilities as outlined in Section 2 of the NRC Terms of Reference in the organising of the annual NRC Conference.
3. Set up NRC Executive and NRC Remote meetings and take the minutes and produce the agenda.
4. Maintain a high level of communication between the NRC Executive and BRC Executives as a whole.
5. Assist the NRC Treasurer with their duties as requested.
6. Update the NRC By-Laws following the NRC Conference or Remote meetings. and present for ratification at the next NRC meeting.
7. Assist with the administration of the NRC including the NRC mailing list, BRC Executive contact list, file storage and letters.
8. Obtain reports and papers for the NRC Conference and NRC Remote meetings in a timely manner as set by the NRC By-Laws
9. Obtain copies of Branch Rover Council minutes for historical records.
10. The Secretary will produce an Annual Report for the NRC Conference detailing the work done which is relevant to these duties.
11. Post agendas, reports, discussion papers, and minutes from NRC meetings online as well as distributed amongst the NRC

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**Duty Statement for NRC Adviser**

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Knowledge of the Rover Scout section, its aims and objectives, and the methods by which it sets out to achieve them.
2. Hold a relevant Wood Badge (or a willingness to obtain one within two years of appointment).
3. Be able to relate to and communicate with young people of Rover Scouts age, fellow National Team members, Rover Commissioners and Advisers, and the Chief Commissioner of Australia.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Responsible to the Chief Commissioner of Australia and the National Rover Council for:

1. Advise the NRC on the development of the Rover Scout section throughout Australia
2. The maintenance and/or improvement of the standard of the Rover Scout section throughout the Country.
3. The provision of sound advice to the NRC and the Rover Scout Section generally.
4. Be the principal adviser to the NRC Chairperson and NRC Executive.
5. Attend and be the principal adviser to the NRC Executive meetings, NRC Remote meetings and NRC Conference.
6. Liaise with Branch Rover Commissioners and Advisers.
7. To stimulate and foster new initiatives through the existing structures of the Rover Scout section.
8. Other duties as requested or directed by the Chief Commissioner of Australia or the NRC

**AGENDA ITEM – x.x**

**Duty Statement for NRC Marketing and Public Relations Officer**

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. The position of NRC Marketing and Public Relations Officer shall only be open to current invested Rover Scouts.
2. Nominees must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout for the duration of the term.
3. Nominees must demonstrate relevant marketing knowledge or experience.
4. Nominees are encouraged to have obtained a Certificate of Proficiency as either a Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The NRC Marketing and Public Relations Officer is responsible for the co-ordination and maintenance of Rover marketing within and outside the Section to both promote the image and raise the numbers of Rover Scouts in the country.

Specifically, the NRC Marketing and Public Relations Officer should:

1. Responsible for creating, implementing and evaluating marketing and public relations initiatives to support the strategic objectives of the NRC.
2. Manage all NRC internal and external, marketing and public relations activities, including social media, website and newsletters.
3. Contribute to the national strategic marketing direction of the Rover Scout section by liaising with the National Support Team.
4. Identify and build productive relationships with key internal and external NRC stakeholders to support marketing and public relations projects.
5. Promote awareness of the NRC and its work and encourage Rover Scouts to engage with and contribute to the NRC.
6. Conduct research to evaluate and understand Rover Scout awareness and perceptions of the NRC and use this information to design and implement communications strategies.
7. Organise and lead the NRC Marketing Working Group to establish and maintain communication channels between NRC and Branch officers, and to align NRC and Branch marketing and public relations objectives.

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8. Liaise with the NRC Vice Chairperson for assistance on establishing any projects or activities with a promotional purpose.
9. Attend NRC Remote Meetings and attend meetings with the NRC Executive and other Project Officers where requested.
10. Produce an annual report for the NRC Conference detailing the work undertaken during the term of office as relevant to the fulfilment of the above duties.

NOTES: The position of Marketing and Public Relations Officer is a standing Project Officer role and a non-Executive role of the National Rover Council.

**AGENDA ITEM – x.x**

**Duty Statement for NRC Diversity and Inclusion Officer**

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. The position of NRC Diversity and Inclusion Officer shall only be open to current invested Rover Scouts.
2. Nominees must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout for the duration of the term.
3. Nominees must demonstrate relevant knowledge on diversity and inclusion issues facing Rover Scout aged youth.

Nominees are encouraged to have obtained a Certificate of Proficiency as either a Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The NRC Diversity and Inclusion Officer is responsible for the coordination of Rovers Australia vision of an inclusive section that actively seeks to encourage and support diversity within Scouts Australia.

Specifically, the NRC Diversity and Inclusion Officer should:

1. Lead the strategic direction of the Rover Scout Section in Australia in relation to its diversity and inclusion efforts.
2. Organise and lead the NRC diversity and inclusion subcommittee consisting of members from each Branch and establish a clear communication channel between NRC D & I objectives and Branch D & I objectives.
3. Liaise with Scouts Australia in relation to the wider organisations aims and objectives in relation to diversity and inclusion, making recommendations on behalf of the Rover Scout section.
4. Develop policies and recommendations for the NRC in relation to increasing diversity and representation at a national level.
5. Coordinate – with Branches – workshops and other developmental opportunities to increase Rover Scouts' awareness of Australia's diverse society.
6. Seek to form partnerships with reputable third-party organisations active in the diversity and inclusion space.

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7. Liaise with the NRC Vice Chairperson for assistance on establishing any projects or activities with a D & I purpose.
8. Attend NRC Remote meetings and NRC Team Remote meetings.
9. Produce an Annual Report for the NRC Conference detailing the work done which is relevant to these duties.

NOTES: The position of NRC Diversity and Inclusion Officer is a standing Project Officer role and a non-Executive role of the National Rover Council.

**AGENDA ITEM – xx**

**Duty Statement for NRC Environment and Sustainability Officer**

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. The position of Environment and Sustainability Officer shall only be open to currently invested Rover Scouts.
2. Nominees must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout for the duration of the term.
3. Nominees would ideally have relevant knowledge and/or interest in the environmental issues facing Australia and the world, and an understanding of the role that Scouts Australia plays as a leading youth development organisation in the education of its members in these issues and promoting the concepts of sustainable development. Qualifications or experience in relevant areas, such as Environmental Science or Organisational Sustainability, will be looked upon favourably, but are not required.
4. Nominees are encouraged to have obtained a Certificate of Proficiency as either a Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Organise and lead a Project Patrol consisting of members from each Branch.
2. Research and present appropriate initiatives and/or policies for the NRC to implement to offset the carbon emissions of the Council and its operations. Particular attention should be given to offsetting the carbon emissions of NRC Conference.
3. Work towards the implementation of carbon offsetting initiatives and/or policies endorsed by the NRC with the assistance of other parties of the NRC, such as the NRC Conference organisers, as needed.
4. Develop and collate Rover appropriate resources to be made available to BRCs for both awareness and education on environmental issues.
5. Advocate and promote Rover action on environmental issues at all levels.
6. Investigate and promote ways in which the Rover section can support Scouts Australia's Sustainability Strategy & Action Plan.
7. Raise Rover awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals and promote action on them within the Rover section.
8. Attend and contribute to meetings of the National Environment Team
9. Liaise with the NRC Vice Chairperson for assistance
10. Attend NRC Remote meetings and report on work done in the role.

**AGENDA ITEM – x.x**

NOTES: The position of NRC Environment and Sustainability Officer is a standing Project Officer role and a non-Executive role of the National Rover Council.

## **Duty Statement for Roverscope Coordinator**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicants must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout with the Host Branch of the upcoming Australian Venture for the duration of the term (24 months).
2. Be able to relate to and communicate with young people of Venturer and Rover age, and fellow members of the Venture Organising Committee.
3. Applicants are encouraged to have obtained a Certificate of Proficiency as either a Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Formulate the Roverscope activity and prepare onsite activity budgets.
2. Develop and foster a team-based environment for all Roverscope staff.
3. Work with, and be under the control of the Activities Directorate for the activity to be fully integrated into the Venture Program
4. Coordinate the site location, size of site, cost of onsite activities, equipment, including printed material, such as the Roverscope booklet, to be arranged through the Activities Directorate, the same as any other Venture activity. However, staffing of the activity is the direct responsibility of the Rover Scout Section, through the NRC and BRCs.
5. Allocate overall numbers of Rover Scouts required from each Branch, normally on a percentage basis.
6. Be responsible for organising an appropriate 'uniform' to be worn by Roverscope staff.
7. At the conclusion of the event all financial affairs are wound up with the balance (surplus or deficit) being a part of the Venture finances.
8. Establish and maintain a line of communication with all Venture and Contingent Leaders.
9. The Roverscope Coordinator looks after the welfare of the team.
10. Attend to any disciplinary action required, in consultation with the Activities Director and the respective member's BRC Chairperson.
11. Ensure that the standard of uniform is maintained on and off site.
12. Compose duty rosters allocating duties and free time.

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13. Be responsible to the NRC Vice Chairperson as a Project Officer of the NRC.
14. Report to the NRC and the Venture Activities Directorate prior to and following the Venture.

NOTES: The position of Roverscope Coordinator is a standing project officer's role and a non-executive role of the National Rover Council.

**AGENDA ITEM – x.x**

**Duty Statement for NRC Delegate (BRC Representative Position)**

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. The position of NRC Delegate shall only be open to current invested Rover Scouts.
2. Nominees must be eligible to remain a current invested Rover Scout for the duration of the term.
3. NRC Delegate must not be automatically selected on the basis of holding another position.
4. Nominees must be able to attend the next NRC Conference.
5. Nominees are encouraged to have obtained a Certificate of Proficiency as either a Youth Program Leader or Program Support Leader.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The NRC Delegate will be responsible for keeping their BRC up-to-date with relevant changes and decisions that may influence the decisions of their respective BRCs
2. The NRC Delegate will assist their BRC Chairperson (Delegation Leader) to represent their Branch at NRC meetings throughout the year.
3. NRC Delegates can expect work as a collaborative team under the direction of the NRC Vice Chairperson on various projects of the NRC.
4. The NRC Delegate will assist the running of the NRC by taking on a project or area to manage for the duration of their time in office.
5. The NRC Delegate will lead the process of consulting for and drafting of papers from their Branch to be presented at NRC.
6. NRC Delegates will be expected to conduct a comprehensive handover with their successor at the completion of their term, therefore good communication skills will be essential.
7. Attend NRC Conferences and any NRC Remote meetings as requested.
8. The NRC Delegates will produce reports as requested detailing the work done, which is relevant to these duties.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN –**

**AGENDA ITEM – x.x**

<b>Lead</b>	NRC Secretary
<b>Assists</b>	The entire NRC in sharing the new duty statements and holding position holders to account
<b>Cost</b>	N/A
<b>Risks</b>	Duty statements are intentionally broad, however this risks misinterpretation of responsibilities. This will be mitigated through proper management by both the NRC Chair and NRC Vice Chair
<b>Milestones</b>	2022 NRC Conference – All positions bar NRC Chair are elected with these duty statements being applicable  2022/2023 - NRC Chair Elections – The position of NRC Chair is elected with this clarified duty statement
<b>Outcomes</b>	Clear duty statements result in all members of the NRC understanding their role and responsibilities

**AMENDMENTS**



**Rover Scouts**  
National Rover Council

**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA**  
**NATIONAL ROVER COUNCIL**  
NRC Remote Meeting  
December 16<sup>th</sup> 2021

<b>Item Title</b>	Project Officer Report Template
<b>Information</b>	
<b>X Decision</b>	
<b>Document Author</b>	Review Implementation Team
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Governance
<b>Consultation</b>	NRC Chairperson NRC Adviser
<b>Implementation period</b>	December 2021 – Adopt report template. January 2022 – All Project Officers submit reports using template going forward. December 2022 – Review success of implementation.

## KEY POINTS

- As a result of the NRC External review, two recommendations (6 & 19) highlighted a need for greater project transparency.
  - Recommendation 6: The NRC should increase the frequency of regular public reporting on project progress and outcomes, decisions made, and opportunities to contribute to the NRC.
  - Recommendation 19: The NRC should establish regular reporting for all ongoing projects at each Remote Meeting and Conference.
- A reporting template already exists for both the Executive and Branch reports, but Project Officers were overlooked.
- This template has been developed with key areas of interest in mind, including progress, obstacles, goals, and wishlist.
- The template also has listed areas to define required BRC engagement to clarify what points they are expected to have input on and take back to their respective councils for comment.
- The template also provides some strategic direction for Project Officers to structure their project management around.

## BACKGROUND

- It has been ascertained through the external review that low reporting standards have disrupted the flow of information directly relating to ongoing projects of the NRC.
- Low quantities of available information have caused a disconnect between grassroots Rovers and the project available, which in turn, has caused less engagement in projects and positions remaining vacant for the duration of a term.

## ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

- Adopt the Project Officer report template as the reporting standard moving forward.
- Make the template available in the OneDrive for all members of the NRC.
- Review template structure after 12 months of use for any improvements and adjustments.

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – delete table if this is for information or a progress report

<b>Lead</b>	Paul Byrnes
<b>Assists</b>	Review Implementation Team
<b>Cost</b>	Nil
<b>Risks</b>	Nil
<b>Milestones</b>	December 2021 – Template adopted January 2022 – Use of reporting template commenced December 2022 – Template reviewed and adjusted accordingly
<b>Outcomes</b>	Greater project transparency and engagement.

## AMENDMENTS

- N/A



**SCOUTS VICTORIA**  
 Victorian Rover Council  
 November 2021

**Rover  
Scouts**  
 VICTORIA

<b>Item Title</b>	<i>8th World Moot Commemoration</i>
<b>Information</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>X Decision</b>	
<b>Document Author</b>	<i>Jody Freeman, VRC Treasurer &amp; VRC Delegation</i>
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	<i>Communication, reputation and perception of Rovers within all sections of Scouting and the wider community</i>
<b>Consultation</b>	<i>Discussion on this topic over a number of years, culminating in the present 30th anniversary of the event being celebrated by those that were involved. Opportunity to further celebrate the achievement of Rovers in Australia and in particular the reestablishment of World Moots on the World event calendar.</i>
<b>Implementation Period</b>	<i>Second half of 2021</i>

### KEY POINTS

- *January 2021 marked the 30th anniversary of the 8th World Moot, held at Gilwell Park Victoria.*
- *The 8th World Moot has not been formally commemorated at Gilwell Park.*
- *The significance of the initiative of Australian Rovers to put World Rover Moots back on the international calendar after a 30 year absence has also not been formally acknowledged.*
- *A plaque has been prepared with the dual purpose of commemorating both significant milestones from the history of Rovering in Australia.*
- *Victorian Rovers ask NRC for funding due to the significance of the undertaking of Australian Rovers in the 80's to re-establish the World Moots, which are activities enjoyed by many Rovers today.*
- *The National Rover Development fund was established from the 8th World Moot Surplus.*

### BACKGROUND

7th World Rover Moot was held at Clifford Park Victoria 1961-62

8th World Moot held at Gilwell Park, 1990-91.

#### **Very basic history of the 8th World Moot...**

*In the early 80s, Australian Rovers were travelling to Canadian moots, NZ Moots and even to events in Europe. Many conversations were held at these events commenting about the lack of World Rover Moots. Eventually, a group of Vic Rovers decided to find out what was actually going on and if it was possible to get World moots re-established?*

*With the guidance from Dr Norman Johnson (Victorian - who was also rising through the ranks at Australian Scouting/Asia Pacific/World Bureau) and other old Rovers, they identified that it would be possible to ask the World Scout Conference for reinstatement. At the Munich World Scout Conference*

in 1985, back room discussions were held and the concept of a World Moot reinstatement was positively received.

Victorian Rovers then voted to form a World Moot Bid Committee looking into the possibility of getting Moots re-established and putting forward that Australia would hold the next one. The Bid Committee then approached the NRC for their support and endorsement of the Victorian proposal. NRC endorsed the paper that the World Moot Bid Committee put forward and appointed Vic Rovers to lead the action. Simply, it was that Australian Rovers wanted to reinstate World Rover Moots via a motion at the World Scout Conference to be held in Melbourne in 1988 and that we wanted to hold the next World Moot. NRC took the paper to the Executive of Scouts Australia and received their full support. The motion would be tabled by Scouts Australia at the Melbourne Conference in 1988.

So, many many hours/days/weeks/months were put in, and a full bid document and plans were created. The plan was to have World Rover Moots reinstated and that the next one would be held in Melbourne at Gilwell Park. If successful, the Australian Contingent Leader to the Moot would be from another state (not a Victorian).

The bid was presented at the World Conference in Melbourne in 1988. (there is an entire back story to the significant involvement of Vic Rovers at this World Conference)

After very intense lobbying by the World Moot Bid Committee, Victorian/Australian Rovers and the invaluable support of Dr Norman Johnson and Scouts Australia - the World Scout Conference approved the motion to reinstate World Moots. However, they needed to be called World Moots, not World Rover Moots, as Rover sections had been disbanded in many countries, so the event was a 'Scout' event for 'Scouts' aged 18-25. This change allowed leaders within this age group to also attend.

At the World Conference in Melbourne, the location of the next Moot also needed to be decided. Both Australia and Switzerland had placed official bids for the next event. In a negotiated outcome - Australia was awarded the 8th Moot in 1990/91 and Switzerland in 1992 would hold the 9th.

Victorian Rovers (on behalf of Scouts Australia) then ran the 8th World Moot at Gilwell Park, Gembrook in 1990/91.

Australia has had an official contingent to every World Moot since they have been reinstated.

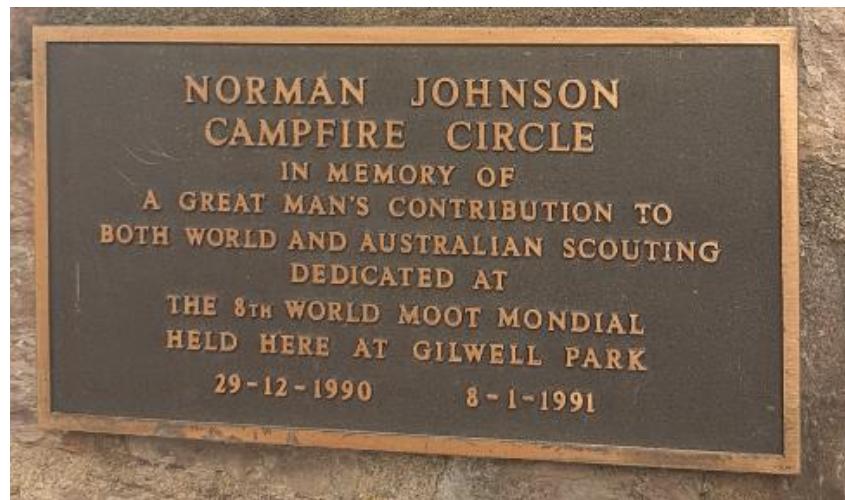
These words in no way convey the true amount of work that Victorian Rovers did. At our recent get together we remembered some of our challenges and even then we undersold what we achieved.

It would not have been possible to achieve what was achieved without the support from NRC.

The 8th World Moot was a very successful event, with a number of benefits, not least was the establishment of the National Rover Development fund from the surplus from the event.

*This effort, by Rovers of Australia and the significance of putting world Moots back on the international calendar has not been recognised, and given enthusiasm for the celebration of the 8th World Moot 30th Anniversary it is proposed that a plaque be unveiled to commemorate both the Moot and significance of getting them back on the schedule.*

Norman Johnson Campfire Circle at Gilwell Park, was named after the Moot as Dr. Norman Johnson died in the year prior to the Moot, but as a former Chief Commissioner of Victoria and Chairman of the World Scout Committee he had a very significant role to play in the staging of the event. This is presently the only commemoration of the 8th World Moot at Gilwell.



A plaque has been produced to be installed at the gateway to the camp fire circle, nearby to the plaque commemorating Dr. Norman Johnson to commemorate specifically the 8th World Moot and the role of Australian Rovers in reestablishing Moots on the world calendar.



The wording of the plaque has the dual purpose of commemorating the 8th World Moot, as well as the role Australian Rovers played in reestablishing Rover Moots on the International calendar.

#### ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

- Note the contents of this paper.
- Approve the funding of \$985.00 for a plaque to be installed at Gilwell Park commemorating the 8th World Rover Moot and the role Australian Rovers played in re-establishing World Moots on the International Scouting Calendar.

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VICTORIAN ROVERS COUNCIL

Total Due : \$1,083.50

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

<b>Lead</b>	<i>Sue Tanck (8th World Moot Admin team) and Rover Historian.</i>
<b>Assists</b>	<i>Jody Freeman VRC Treasurer</i>
<b>Cost</b>	<i>\$1,083.50</i>
<b>Risks</b>	<i>“Funding” if National not willing to provide some funds to this project.</i>
<b>Milestones</b>	<i>Funding request to be submitted to National Rover Council. Presentation and unveiling of plaque at Gilwell Park to be confirmed.</i>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<i>Perpetual awareness of the significant role Australian Rovers played in re-establishing World Moots on the International Scouting Calender.</i>

## AMENDMENTS

- NA



SCOUTS AUSTRALIA  
NATIONAL ROVER COUNCIL  
PROJECT OFFICER REPORT

**Rover Scouts**  
National Rover Council

MEETING:

Project			
Officer			
Project Status	Ongoing/Defined	Deliverable Date	
Meeting Papers			

**Achievements since the last meeting:**

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Stakeholders engaged with:

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**Current obstacles/Pertinent issues:**

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Input required from BRCs:

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**Issues Expected to Arise:**

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Input required from BRCs:

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**Short term goals (between now and next meeting)**

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**Medium Term Goals (for the next 6 months)**

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**Wishlist**

If I had more time or resources I would...