



Rover Scouts
National Rover Council

Scouts Australia - National Rover Council

2022 NRC Conference

Online, 21-23 January 2021

Administration

Attendance

Eleanor Hewitt (NRC Chairperson)	Isaac Beswick (TAS Branch Delegate)
Nicolas Gardiner (NRC Vice Chairperson)	Bradley Thompson (TAS Branch Observer)
Jake Goodall (NRC Secretary)	Kieron Younger (VIC Delegation Leader)
Hugh Crawford (NRC Training and Development)	Peter Wotherspoon (VIC RA)
Patrick McCormick (NRC Adviser)	Gemma Park (VIC Branch Delegate)
Liam Gallagher (NRC M&PR)	Elizabeth Honeybone (VIC Branch Observer)
Emma Johnston (NRC Environment)	Andrew Strachan (VIC Branch Observer)
Shaylah McClymont (ACT Delegation Leader)	Jordan Phillips (WA Delegation Leader)
Sam De Rota (ACT Delegate)	Meghann Gallagher (WA Branch Delegate)
Emily Ogden (ACT Observer)	Toby Blyth (WA Branch Observer)
Sonder Peters (ACT Observer)	Gregory Chapman (WA RA)
Evan Long (ACT RA)	Justine McKeown (AIM Chair)
Calista Beck (ACT RA)	
Grace Mitchell (NSW Delegation Leader)	Madeline Ancill (Review Implementation Team)
Ryan Kemp (NSW Branch Observer)	Jesse Carter (Review Implementation Team)
Bryn Catlin (NSW Branch Delegate)	Paul Byrnes (Review Implementation Team)
Mackenzie Pearce (NSW Branch Observer)	
Alison Maynard (NSW RA)	Phil Harrison (Chief Commissioner)
Elizabeth Fogarty (NT Delegation Leader)	Ezgi Bridger (Deputy Chief Commissioner)
Lachlan Casburn (NT Delegate)	Elston Hynd (Deputy Chief Commissioner)
Sean Bond (NT Branch Observer)	Aaron Wardle (National International Commissioner)
Jadzia Clifford-Pugh (QLD Delegation Leader)	Nigel Reece (National Youth Program Commissioner)
Tobias Kennett (QLD Delegate)	Julia Miller (Deputy National Youth Program Commissioner)
Daniel Boyd (QLD Branch Observer)	Dougal Mayor (National Training Commissioner)
Jessica Hernandez (QLD Branch Observer)	
Caesar Paul Lappin (QLD RA)	
Adam Simpson (SA Delegation Leader)	
Benjamin Brice (SA Delegate)	
Thomas Milham (SA Observer)	
Lauren Vilanova (SA RA)	
Narelle Ball (TAS Delegation Leader)	

Apologies

Nil

Plenary Session 1

Session Open

Session opened at 10.31 am on the 21st January 2022

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.

1.1 Past Minutes and Matters Arising

1.1.1 Minutes of December NRC Remote Meeting

J.Goodall presented the minutes from the December Remote Meeting, previously circulated 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 December NRC Remote Meeting

Moved: NRC Executive Seconded: ACT

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1.2 Minutes of the 2021 NRC Conference

J.Goodall presented the minutes from the previous NRC Conference, held on the 29th –31st January 2021

MOTION

That the National Rover Council confirms the minutes as a true and accurate record of the NRC Conference held on the 29th – 31st January 2021

Moved: NRC Executive Seconded: ACT

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.1.3 Closing of nominations for 2022 NRC Executive and Standing POs

Nominations were closed at 9am on the 21st January 2022.

1.1.4 Action Items List

The NRC Executive and Standing Project Officers presented the action items list of tasks that they had been working on over the past few months.

1.2 NRC Team Report

The NRC Executive and Standing Project Officers presented their combined report, providing an update against the NRC Strategic Objectives.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved: NRC Executive Second: QLD

MOTION CARRIED

1.3 22nd Australian Rover Moot

J. McKeown provided a verbal report to the NRC. As of the 20th of January, 250 participants are registered and they estimate a full campsite of 600 people. Contingents are starting to reach their goals which is fantastic to see, the site is ready, and a few service days have been planned. Participants' deposits are due on the 1st of February and they are hoping to allocate everyone to an expedition during February. The Contingent Leader meeting was unfortunately cancelled however are hoping to hold one in the future.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved: NRC Executive Second: VIC

MOTION CARRIED

1.4 Review Implementation Team Update

The Review Implementation Team provided a report for the work they have completed since the last meeting. Currently in implementation are Recommendation: 2, 3, 6 & 13; in development are Recommendation: 9, 18, 15, 16, 5, 10, 11 & 12; currently pending are Recommendation 1, 17, 7 & 8.

If anyone has any questions to contact the team lead Jesse at jesse.carter@scouts.com.au

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved: NRC Executive Second: VIC

MOTION CARRIED

1.5 National Team Updates

Deputy Chief Commissioner of Australia

In the national space it has been extremely busy over the Christmas break as we embed the final components of the Youth Program, in addition to the generous donation by Dick Smith the criteria and information pack are starting to be processed. Currently Asia Pacific Region (APR) Youth Forum and the Course for Leader Trainers are in full swing (with the APR Conference soon to kick off). Finally, we are thrilled that Toby Phillips has been appointed as the NEC Chair for the next three years; we are excited to see where he goes with the role and the association!

National Executive Committee Chair

After only being in the role for about six weeks, it is great to be back at an NRC meeting after chairing the NRC many years ago. Scouts Australia is in a real moment of strength and I am extremely excited to be coming into the role. From an organisational perspective our health is really positive and it is great to see so many real work opportunities for Rovers to grow and learn. For the people making appointments on a national level, taking me into the role was a big risk but it's wonderful to see young people at high-level decision making roles in the organisation. Toby is excited to bring his own spin to the role!

National Commissioner International

Similar to the other Commissioners, the past 12 months have been extremely busy for the international space. Along with the workshop later this afternoon covering a range of different opportunities the World Framework and APR Conference has been keeping the international team on their toes! As part of the APR and WOSM Strategic Process we encourage Rovers to take on organisation roles within the international space. Coming up in the space we have KISC100, IST to WSJ and NZ Venture. There are also numerous contingent leader roles available for Rovers: NZ Moot 2023, Africa Moot as well as the Deputy National International Commissioner role.

1.6 Branch Rover Council Reports

All Branches that submitted formal written reports can be found in the OneDrive

ACT

Star: ROAST Trip was super fun and has already been rebooked

Star: The Restructure of the ACT Exec is working very well

Star: The BRC Chair and BEC Rep have had their membership fees waived to be in line with other reps, which is fantastic to see that the service our Rovers provide have positive repercussions

Star: Continued support from the ACT Branch for the BRC Chair to attend decision making meetings

Wish: That everyone would come to Spy Moot

Wish: Really wish that we have a Marketing & PR Officer

NSW

Star: 15% of our Rovers are trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid

Star: NSW has come in line with National policy for the fellowship age of entry to be 18

Star: Papers are being sent and recognised at the CCC and Branch level, and are working on incident reporting

Star: In light of COVID, the NSW program team came together and ran the Great Scoutdoors; a Rover team came in third

Wish: Really wish we can have a state ball

Wish: To have no incidents that result in activities being suspended

QLD

Star: Great events over the past 12 mths: QMoot, and Urban Challenge

Star: Currently acquiring and old den for storage and meetings

Star: Social media has had fantastic engagement and smashing goals nationally

Star: Excited to see the new BRA Paul 'Caeser' step into the role

Wish: Love to see more enthusiasm for Rover governance

SA

Star: rebooted major events

Star: Lots of Units are taking on and planning larger events

Star: Lots of BP Scout Awards have been granted

Wish: A bit more communication with the Branch

Wish: Some governance challenges over the past year however there is great support from the BRA

VIC

Star: fully rolled the new curriculum into Training and three courses have been run

Star: M&PR has been boosted over the past 12 months including communication so regional members can attend our meetings

Star: Victorian membership grew during the pandemic by 2.69%

Wish: Work with the Branch to get a better financial structure sorted

Wish: Hopefully more major events this year

TAS

Star: Rovers have completed training in the AA space

Star: One Rover has been appointed Assistant Chief Commissioner for AA

Star: Over the past two years, ten BP Scout Awards have been given out, three of them in the last three months

Star: Service Moot coming up and the Scouts/Guide Regatta back after being postponed

Wish: Minimum support towards governance in Tasmania, there's an age gap in the middle

Wish: Rover numbers have decreased however looking positive now with Venturers turning 18 and being keen to move up to Rovers.

WA

Star: 20 Rovers have Gilwell Woggles, four have Wood Badge and two have completed their Axe and Logs

Star: Every single event planned went ahead last year and planning has already started for this year

Star: Handover of the Exec has just occurred and the NRC Delegate as a PO has been formalised in the Branch

Star: Exhibition at the Adventure Expo along with seven BP Scout Awards

Wish: Always have masks on hand for an event

Session Close

Session closed at 10.37am AEDT.

Plenary Session 2

Session Open

Session opened at 11.50am AEDT.

Chief Commissioner of Australia

There is enormous possibility for Rover Scouts to engage in the Dick Smith Donation to look at ways adventures can be completed and planned. The intent is really broad so it can be granted to many members over the past 5 yrs. Thanks to E.Hewitt for the input and the role she played in getting this to fruition.

Acknowledged the work of the Victorian Branch and support from Rovers for VIC Jam; it was a hugely successful event. Not only did it help from a mental health aspect but it was a multi-sectional event and to see Rovers involved in all aspects of the event from Sites/Services, delivery and supporting members was wonderful. It was also one of the first Jamboree where the full new youth program was embedded directly into the event.

The process of making senior appointments in Scouting to make a generational partnership is becoming more prevalent. More young adults are stepping up and influencing the decision making of Scouts Australia. Many of the people in the under 30 roles are contributing in many different ways. The NRC is a part of this partnership and it is very exciting.

2.1 Elections of the 2022 NRC Executive and Standing Project Officers

As per NRC By-Laws (Part I: National Rover Council – Standing Orders, Article 4: Voting and Election of The NRC Executive), the NRC Adviser is the Returning Officer for the NRC. The NRC Chair handed over to NRC Adviser to chair this session.

2.1.1 Close of nominations and confirmation of candidates

NRC Adviser confirmed that nominations for NRC Executive and Standing Project Officer (NRC Team) roles were formally opened a month before the opening of Conference, and promoted widely to Rover Scouts across Australia through BRCs and social media. Nominations were received via an online form, and they closed at 9am on Friday 21 January 2022.

Branch Rover Council Chairs were informed of nominees so they could confirm their endorsement. The endorsed candidates have now provided confirmation of their training status and their pre-recorded candidate statement, so we are good to commence. In order of the roles and then who submitted, below are the endorsed nominees:

Jake Goodall from Queensland nominated for Vice Chair
Bryn Catlin from New South Wales nominated for Vice Chair
Toby Blyth from Western Australia nominated for Vice Chair
Meghann Gallagher from Western Australia nominated for Secretary
Liam Brown from New South Wales nominated for Treasurer
Meghann Gallagher from Western Australia nominated for Diversity & Inclusion Officer*
Dylan Hannan from Victoria nominated for Diversity & Inclusion Officer
Jake Goodall from Queensland nominated for Marketing & PR Officer*
Samantha Wells from Queensland nominated for Marketing & PR Officer
Thomas Milham from South Australia nominated for Training & Development Officer

NRC Adviser noted that as there was only one nomination for the Secretary, Treasurer and Training & Development Officer positions, a vote of confirmation would be held for those positions. No endorsed nominations were received for the position of Environment & Sustainability Officer; the position should be filled as a casual vacancy at the first Remote meeting of the year.

NRC Adviser recommended that as Jake Goodall and Meghann Gallagher had nominated for two roles, should they be elected for their nominated Exec position, they should consider if they still wanted to stand for the other role as well (on the basis of being already elected to another position within the NRC Team). They confirmed that they would withdraw their nomination for the Project Officer role if they were elected to the other role first.

2.1.2 Elections of NRC Team

NRC Adviser noted that elections would follow the order set out in By-Laws (with all roles open for election, except for the NRC Chair who is halfway through their 24 month term). Candidates in attendance were placed in a waiting room in MS Teams (and asked to physically leave the room if they were face-to-face with other NRC attendees). Each Candidates' pre-recorded statements (provided with their nomination) were played in order of nomination received, with the NRC then invited to ask questions of each candidate (including those calling in to speak to their nomination).

Elections were held for each of National Rover Council Team positions where two or more nominations were received (Vice Chair); a vote of confidence was held where only one person applied for the role (Secretary, Treasurer and Training & Development Officer). The following candidates were declared elected:

NRC Team 2022	
NRC Chair (<i>elected in 2021</i>)	Eleanor Hewitt (ACT)
NRC Vice Chair	Toby Blyth (WA)
NRC Secretary	Meghann Gallagher (WA)
NRC Treasurer	Liam Brown (NSW)
NRC Diversity & Inclusion Officer	Dylan Hannan (VIC)
NRC Environment & Sustainability Officer	<i>Vacant</i>
NRC Marketing & Public Relations Officer	Samantha Wells (QLD)
NRC Training & Development Officer	Thomas Milham (SA)

Note that all roles were elected for a 12-month term, while the NRC Chair was elected for their 24 month term at the 2021 Conference; all will be in their roles till the end of NRC Conference 2023. With no applications for the NRC Environment & Sustainability Officer role, it will again be advertised for by the new NRC Team in the coming weeks.

The NRC Adviser congratulated the incoming NRC Team members on behalf of the Council and handed back the chair to the NRC Chair.

Session Close

Session opened at 1.35pm AEDT.

Plenary Session 3

Session Open

Session opened at 2.30pm AEDT.

3.1 Rules of Debate

E.Hewitt spoke to the Paper in the OneDrive, no questions were raised.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council add section 5: NRC Rules of Debate to the By-Laws Part I: National Rover Council – Standing Orders between Section 4: Remote Meeting Etiquette and Section 5: Publications and Merchandise. Additional wording can be found in the paper

Moved: NRC Executive

Second: NSW

NO: Nil

ABSTAIN: Nil

YES: QLD (2), NSW (2), ACT (2), VIC (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2), NT (2)

3.2 Virtual Attendance

E.Hewitt spoke to the Paper in the OneDrive.

S.De Rota questioned if it would be more appropriate to change 'AGM' to 'Conference' as AGM's are normally talking about reports and elections. E.Hewitt clarified that the AGM means Conference and as it is being put into an Article rather than a Term of Reference it was more formal. Discussions around whether it should be called AGM or Conference can occur at a later date.

No other questions or comments were raised.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council amend Article 3.1 to say (Changes in red):

It is expected the National Rover Council will hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) normally in January around the time of the national major event (Jamboree, Venture or Moot) with other Remote meetings being held on a bimonthly to quarterly basis. **If the AGM is held in person, options for virtual participation must be made available.**

Moved: NRC Executive

Second: QLD

NO: Nil

ABSTAIN: NIL

YES: QLD (2), NSW (2), ACT (2), VIC (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2), NT (2)

Session Close

Session Closed 2:36pm AEDT.

3.3 Meeting Timetable

E.Hewitt spoke to the Paper in the OneDrive.

MOTION

That the paper be discussed

Moved: NRC Executive

Second: QLD

VIC believes that having a set date for NRC meetings so that information can be passed down is important. A. Strachan questioned how far in advance the poll for the meeting would be distributed; E.Hewitt clarified that it would be a minimum of two weeks.

AMENDMENT

That the below section be added onto the paper:

The final meeting date shall be determined by a poll of the members of the NRC with responses recorded and meeting date confirmed at least four weeks prior to the earliest proposed meeting date.

Moved: VIC

Second: NSW

AMENDMENT CARRIED

S. De Rota asked that VIC change 'earlier' to 'proposed,' VIC agreed, however S. De Rota disagrees with the statement on the whole. B. Catlin expressed support and that specificity is always good; QLD also agrees and that the time frame is especially good for people who scheduled far in advance.

No other questions or comments were raised.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council:

Amend the NRC By-Laws, Part II: National Rover Council –Terms of Reference, Section 4 - Remote Meeting Etiquette, to say:

The NRC Executive shall produce a Remote meeting timetable specifying what months NRC Remote Meetings will be held in. This timetable will be proposed at the first NRC Remote Meeting following the AGM. The final meeting date shall be determined by a poll of the members of the NRC with responses recorded and meeting date confirmed at least four weeks prior to the earliest proposed meeting date.

Moved: VIC

Second: NSW

AGAINST: ACT (2), WA (2)

ABSTAIN: Nil

FOR: QLD (2), NSW (2), VIC (2), TAS (2), SA (2), NT (2)

3.4 VIC Levy Paper

K.Younger and P.Wotherspoon spoke to the paper in the OneDrive

Moved: VIC

Second: NIL

The paper did not receive a second so it was not discussed.

A open forum was created by the Chair to discuss the implications of not seconding papers and the Council discussed reasoning and outcomes. E.Hewitt thanked VIC for their work on the paper and asked the Council to discuss the events of the day internally as part of a self-reflection and review.

Session Closed

Session Closed 5.57pm AEDT.

Plenary Session 4

Session Open

Session open 2.31pm AEDT.

Late Reports

E.Bridger gave a verbal report echoing P.Harrison's report, she also advised there is an opportunity for an under 30 member to join the Investment Sub Committee. Please email E.Bridger at ezgi.bridger@scouts.om.au if you are interested.

4.1 RDF Income Streams

J.Goodall spoke to the paper in the OneDrive.

S. De Rota supports the paper and agrees that it will assist future members. VIC understands the motive behind the paper and fully support it.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council add the below to NRC By-Laws Part I: National Rover Council – Standing Orders, Article 5 Finances

The funds of the Rover Development Fund can only be spent as part of an approved NRC budget or following a specific vote of the National Rover Council. Expenditure should be approved prior to the project commencing.

Moved: NRC Executive

Second: QLD

NO: Nil

ABSTAIN: Nil

YES: QLD (2), NSW (2), VIC (2), ACT (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2), NT(2)

4.2 NRC Levy Changes

E.Hewitt spoke to the paper in the OneDrive.

NSW asked that each BRC - if comfortable - share and comment on their financial status so NRC members can better understand if the paper is beneficial. E. Fogarty had no questions however they don't wish to comment about NT Branch finance. QLD is concerned that smaller Branches won't be able to afford to send a second Delegate. E.Hewitt clarified that if Branches are unable to fund a second Delegate they can move online, however the second Delegate will be covered by the Flight Rationalisation Policy. Tas asked that if Branches were only to send one Delegate in person, but the other attends virtually, will they be exempt from Flight Rationalisation. E.Hewitt confirmed that yes that is correct. VIC supports the paper.

QLD still has concerned if Branches may default to the second Delegate being online. E.Hewitt responds that if this paper fails it will stay with the approach set out in By-Laws with two Delegates being funded. SA questioned if the rationalisation is across the delegates attending or just those involved. P.McCormick clarified that it only applies to the second Delegate, no other members of delegations.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council:

Amend section 5.3.1.d of the NRC By-Laws to say (change in red): The NRC Levy will increase by 2.5% each year according to the equation: Levy = ~~\$5.30~~ x (1.025)ⁿ per Rover Scout, where n is the number of years since 2022 (i.e. n=[current year]-2022).

Amend "Conference Representation and Costs" under "Section 2: NRC Conference Organising and Financing" to say (change in red):

Attendance and travel costs for ~~one~~ Delegate from each Branch Rover Council will be met by the National Rover Council. Attendance costs include the usual per head fee charged by the National Rover Council to cover the Conference costs (e.g. meals, accommodation, local transport and related items). Travel costs include flights between major airports of the Delegate's Branch and the Conference

location, or travel from the Delegate's home to the Conference location via public transport or vehicle (where this cost is less than an equivalent flight). Vehicle costs will be reimbursed based on the 'cents per kilometre method' published by the Australian Tax Office for the current financial year.

Travel costs for the second Delegate will be rationalised under the following policy:

Travel Rationalisation is where the total travel costs for each Branch's second Delegate is divided equally between the participating Branches. The Branches who exceed the average receive a refund, while Branches whose Delegate travel costs are less than the average (including the host Branch) contribute the difference. Travel Rationalisation is managed by the NRC Exec and included in Conference invoices to BRCs. Branches who participate in Travel Rationalisation agree to the following points:

- a) All Branch Delegation members will submit their travel booking requests as part of Conference registration by the deadline set by the NRC Executive. Airfares or other suitable travel mode will be booked by the National Support Team.
- b) If a Delegate's travel and attendance registrations is submitted after the deadline, their Branch is liable for the full cost of their travel as well as their contribution to Travel Rationalisation (but no refund).
- c) For flights, Travel Rationalisation applies only to flights to/from the nearest capital city of the Delegate to the nearest capital city where the NRC meeting is being held (or a closer and cheaper airport if available).

Moved: NRC Executive

Second: VIC

AGAINST: QLD (2)

ABSTAIN: NSW (2)

FOR: VIC (2), ACT (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2), NT (2)

4.3 Out of Session Votes

E.Hewitt spoke to the paper in the OneDrive

QLD confirmed they would prefer to have a rigid time frame so as to assist those in shiftwork. J.Goodall & E.Hewitt advised that the reason the flexibility was included in the previous two papers was due to the rigidity. VIC & NT support the paper. S. De Rota & SA then proposed an amendment.

AMENDMENT

That the paper be amended to the below (in red):

Any members that do not reply with a vote will have been deemed an abstention. **A minimum of 24 hours must be given to members to provide their vote.**

Moved: ACT

Second: NSW

VIC prefers the original wording. The NRC Exec advised that if the amendment passes they will withdraw the paper. NSW is not supportive of the amendment and agree with NT on the original statement.

VOTE

That the amendment be accepted

AGAINST: NSW (2), NT (2), VIC (2), WA (2), TAS (2), ACT (2), QLD (2)

ABSTAIN: NIL

FOR: SA (2)

AMENDMENT FAILED

QLD proposed an amendment

AMENDMENT

That the paper be amended to the below (in red):

Any members that do not reply with a vote will have been deemed an abstention. **A minimum of 72 hours must be given to members to provide their vote.**

Moved: QLD

Second: NSW

No discussion was held on this amendment

VOTE

That the amendment be accepted

AGAINST: ACT (2), TAS (2), SA (2), NT (2), WA (2), VIC (2)

ABSTAIN: NIL

FOR: QLD (2), NSW (2)

AMENDMENT FAILED

QLD proposed an amendment

AMENDMENT

That the paper include the additional point in red:

This procedure is to be reviewed after the second out of session vote or after six months (whichever comes first from adoption)

Moved: QLD

Second: NSW

No discussion was held on this amendment

VOTE

That the amendment be accepted

AGAINST: NIL

ABSTAIN: NT (2)

FOR: QLD (2), NSW (2), VIC (2), ACT (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2)

AMENDMENT PASSED

MOTION

That the National Rover Council Add the section below to the NRC By-Laws, Part I: National Rover Council –Standing Orders, Article 4 Voting and Election of The NRC Executive:
4.3 Out of Session Voting

▪ Any votes of the National Rover Council that occur outside of a Remote meeting or Conference can only be approved by the NRC Chair.

▪ The process is as follows

- Any member of the NRC that wishes to create an out of session vote must send the paper to the NRC Chair and advise why an out of session vote needs to occur

- If the NRC Chair deems the vote necessary and time critical the Chair will disseminate the paper to the NRC with a voting due date. All members of the NRC must reply with their vote by the deadline. Once the votes have been collected the NRC Chair will advise the outcome.

Any members that do not reply with a vote will have been deemed an abstention. Ideally, a minimum of 72 hours is given to members to provide their vote however the amount of time given is ultimately up to the discretion of the NRC Chair.

If this proposal is adopted, then the items in Article 4 will be renumbered, so this becomes item 4.3, and the previous item 4.3 becomes 4.4 (and so on).

AGAINST: NSW (2)

ABSTAIN: NT (2)

FOR: QLD (2), VIC (2), ACT (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2)

MOTION PASSED

4.4 Moot Buddies

T.Kennett spoke to the paper in the One Drive.

ACT thanked QLD for make changes from comments left and for writing this paper; they request that disclosure statements for applicants to ensure they know about changes and how their data is being used. NSW & E. Fogarty support the disclosure statements. TAS has no other comments. VIC supports the paper. M. Gallagher commented that having data surrounding Moot Buddies is important however it is important to maintain anonymity for smaller contingents. P.McCormick gave comments on the paper as they have experience in managing and assessing Moot Buddies applicants in the past. Recognising that this paper comes from a good place, Patrick advised the NRC to be cautious with personal data, and only asking what we need, otherwise people might be hesitant to apply for grants. QLD confirms the paper is only asking for the data already available and not any additional data.

The paper was then taken off the table, so that an altered version (negotiated between members of the NRC) could be presented later.

4.5 Paper Template Revision

B.Catlin spoke to the paper in the OneDrive.

S. De Rota wanted clarification on how this template makes reporting easier, B.Catlin confirmed that because papers are written in this format, they can go straight to NOC/NEC. NT & QLD had no comments. SA questioned how often NRC papers go on to NOC/NEC; E.Hewitt confirmed that there aren't many but there are some. TAS had no questions. VIC found the template intimidating and not relevant, everything that is already needed is in the original template and is easier for Rovers to read. T. Blyth commented that WA have no questions however dislike the formatting. S. De Rota sought

clarification on the writing of the paper confirming there is no implementation plan. B. Catlin confirmed it was more of a discussion. Nothing further from Branches.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council:

Revise and rewrite the current NRC Paper template to align with the NOC template.

Moved: NSW

Second: QLD

AGAINST: ACT (2), SA (2), NT (2), VIC (2), WA (2), TAS (2)

ABSTAIN: Nil

FOR: QLD (2), NSW (2)

Session Close

Session closed at 4.30pm AEDT.

Plenary Session 4

Session Open

Session opened at 1.30pm AEDT.

5.1 NRC Financial Report 2021-2022

J.Goodall spoke to the National Rover Council Financial Report available in the OneDrive

No questions or comments were raised

5.2 NRC 2022-23 Budget

J.Goodall spoke to the draft National Rover Council 2022-23 Budget, available in the OneDrive. The finalised version will be tabled for voting at the first Remote Meeting of the year.

No questions or comments were raised.

5.3 NRC Conference

K.Younger spoke to the paper in the OneDrive.

No questions or comments were raised.

5.4 Moot Buddies

T.Kennet spoke to the paper in the OneDrive

No comments or questions were raised from the paper changes

MOTION

That the National Rover Council amend the By Laws:

After Part II, Section 3, Heading 'Application Timeline,' paragraph 5, add:

DISCLOSURE OF DATA

Moot Buddies applicants must be made aware when applying that certain data in their application will be published in an anonymised format. A copy of the "MOOT BUDDIES REPORTING" section below must be attached to the application form.

MOOT BUDDIES REPORTING

Within three months after each National Moot the following must be tabled at an NRC meeting and circulated to each BRC:

- (a) a report on the Moot Buddies program; and
- (b) a spreadsheet containing the data in table "Moot Buddies Data".

The NRC Executive is responsible for preparing and tabling the above.

No personal identifiable information may be published.

Moot Buddies Data	
National Breakdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of applicants• The number of successful applicants• The total monetary value awarded• The median monetary value awarded• The age distribution of applicants
Branch-by-Branch breakdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of applicants• The number of successful applicants• The total monetary value awarded• The median monetary value awarded

Moved: QLD

Second: NSW

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAIN: Nil

FOR: VIC (2), ACT (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2), NT (2), QLD (2), NSW (2)

5.5 Seconding NRC Paper

B.Caitlin spoke to the paper in the OneDrive.

S. De Rota said that they believe the rules of debate have been working extremely well for the past 12 months; they asked if this was a reaction paper to the discussion held regarding VIC Levy Paper. B. Catlin confirmed that they discussed this, and this is a step forward in ensuring these discussions occur. E. Fogarty had no comments or questions. QLD, B. Catlin and G. Mitchell discussed the idea of seconding and how/if papers make it to NRC, they should have already gone through a comment and clarification time in the comments folder on the OneDrive. SA, TAS, VIC & WA had no questions or comments.

A discussion was then held between Branches, E. Hewitt and Elston (Deputy NCC) regarding proper governance structure.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council:

Moves Step 2 of the Rules of the Debate (regarding the seconding of discussion) is to be moved to after the current Step 6 to reflect that seconding is a requirement for the paper to be voted upon.

Moved: NSW

Second: VIC

AGAINST: QLD (2), ACT (2), NT (2), WA (2), SA (2)

ABSTAIN: NIL

FOR: TAS (2), NSW (2), VIC (2)

5.6 NRC Conference

J. Carter spoke to the paper in the OneDrive.

WA & VIC had no questions or comments. TAS questioned if the Moot is being held in TAS, why is it more feasible to hold the Conference outside of TAS. J. Carter answered that the 2017 Conference (held straight after a Moot) did not give time for rest after the Moot. SA, NT & NSW had no questions. QLD supported the Jan/Feb dates due to the university holidays. ACT thanks the RIT for writing this paper and questioned if this paper makes any accommodations for abnormal events coming from Sydney or Melbourne as it may be cheaper, should there be a preference as the most economical. J. Carter confirmed that the most economical for travel should be selected, however there could be an amendment made due to circumstances.

AMENDMENT

That Action 3 be amended to:

Conference to be held in cities that are economical to travel to. **Possibly**, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, or Adelaide. This may be held in a cyclical fashion if Option B of Action 2 is decided upon. Otherwise, in linking to a major event where possible or convenient, then there is potential for conference to be held in the same city consecutively.

Moved: ACT

Second: NSW

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAIN: Nil

FOR: VIC (2), ACT (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2), NT (2), QLD (2), NSW (2)

MOTION

That the National Rover Council Adopt Action 1:

The NRC Executive appoints a Project Officer, whether a pre-existing member of the Executive or an additional position, to organise the Conference. This should begin for the 2023 Conference and the Project Officer should be appointed at the same time the next Conference's timing is confirmed.

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAIN: Nil

FOR: VIC (2), ACT (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2), NT (2), QLD (2), NSW (2)

MOTION

That the National Rover Council adopt either Option A or Option B.

The NRC to decide on which of the two options best serves their purposes:

A) To limit costs to the absolute minimum, maintain Conference being run in January or February and link to a major event where possible. Where no useful Major Event (i.e. Major Event held in an expensive state for travel) then event to be pushed back to February for a more productive lead in period.

B) Hold Conference in May or October to allow for more non-holiday-period lead in time prior to the event but also limit the costs.

Option B: Nil

Option A: VIC (2), ACT (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2), NT (2), QLD (2), NSW (2)

MOTION

That the National Rover Council Adopt Action 3:

Conference to be held in cities that are economical to travel to. Possibly, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, or Adelaide. This may be held in a cyclical fashion if Option B of Action 2 is decided upon. Otherwise, in linking to a major event where possible or convenient, then there is potential for conference to be held in the same city consecutively.

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAIN: Nil

FOR: VIC (2), ACT (2), TAS (2), SA (2), WA (2), NT (2), QLD (2), NSW (2)

Session Close

Session and Conference closed at 2.06pm AEDT on the 23rd of January 2022