



Rover Scouts

AUSTRALIA

National Rover Council

Remote Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 3 October 2023

1. Procedural Items

1.1 Meeting Open

Meeting opened 8.02pm 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 and present.

We are 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

Shaylah McClymont (Nat)
Sam De Rota (Nat)
Meghann Gallagher (Nat)
Luke Brydon (Nat)
Patrick McCormick (Nat)
Dylan Shaw (Nat)
Damon Love (Nat)
Hamish McNeice (ACT)
Jonno Thornton (ACT)
Bryn Catlin (ACT)
Sara Taylor (ACT)
Calista Beck (ACT)
Leigh Jonassen (NSW)
Lachie Page (NSW)

Isabella Mairou (NT)
Jake Goodall (Qld)
Max Manson (Qld)
Jessica Hernandez (Qld)
Thomas Brazier (SA)
Karen McNamara (SA)
Phillippa McMurtrie (SA)
Ben Brice (SA)
Brad Thompson (Tas)
Emily Ezzy (Tas)
Narelle Ball (Tas)
Zac Geddes (Vic)
Izaak Kitching (Vic)
Stephen Carter (Vic)

2. Minutes and past business

2.1 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the July 2022 Remote Meeting were ratified.

MOTION

That the minutes of the April 2023 Remote Meeting be ratified

Moved by: NRC Executive Seconded: Tasmania

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Standing items

3.1 Child Safe Issues

NIL

3.2 WHS Issues

NIL

3.3 Conflicts of Interest

NIL

4. Ratification of Appointments

S. McClymont raised a new item, being the proposal of two appointments to the NRC Executive and team. While the NRC Chair has the ability to appoint positions, in the interests of good governance the NRC was asked to ratify the appointment of Luke Brydon as NRC Treasurer and Zac Geddes as NRC Training & Development Officer for the remainder of 2023.

MOTION

That the Luke Brydon be appointed as NRC Treasurer, and Zac Geddes be appointed as NRC Training & Development Officer for the remainder of the 2023 term, until 2024 Conference.

Moved by: NRC Executive Seconded: Queensland

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NRC Team Report

The NRC Team spoke to the tabled report. Key points included the new appointments to the team, the progress of the recently commenced BPSA Name and Retention project patrols, levy invoices, program and training updates, and nominations for the 2024 NRC Executive.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through the Chairperson.

CARRIED

6. Apple Isle Moot: 22nd Australian Rover Moot Report**6.1 Apple Isle Moot: 22nd Australian Rover Moot Report.**

N. Ball gave an update with the final report, which includes recommendations for the running of the Moot

MOTION

That the Apple Isle Moot: 22nd Australian Rover Moot report be noted

Moved by: Tasmania Seconded: Queensland

J. Goodall requested that given the report had been provided so soon before the meeting, that voting on this report be moved to next meeting in order to give Branches an opportunity to read and discuss the report. ACT agreed with this. S. McClymont noted that this motion will be moved to the November Remote Meeting.

7. Branch reports

Branch reports were received and are available in the OneDrive.

Branches were asked to share one Woohoo and one Boohoo, as well as a shoutout

ACT

- Shoutout: Maddy as BRC secretary has stepped up where a previous member could not complete the role, and has also recently completed her BPSA.
- Woohoo: A few more BPSAs are being awarded, including some on the new youth program
- Boohoo: The moot that was planning on being run has had to be postponed, and the AGM is upcoming for the BRC

NSW

- Woohoo: Moot season has started back up, so lots of events will be happening
- Boohoo: The BRC Executive is struggling, with not all positions filled
- Shoutout: Flat Rock Rover Unit who ran the Bush Dance in September

NT

- Woohoo: Progress on running a NT Moot is going well

- Boohoo: There have been some struggles with Executive changes with people acting in the interim to fill roles
- Shoutout: everyone who helped answer NT's questions at Program Conference

Qld

- Woohoo: Massive surge in training numbers, and St George's Ball was a great event with representation from all BRCs
- Boohoo: Currently working on a strategic plan after their Conference in July to align with the new Queensland Branch strategic plan
- Shoutout: Kelly Martin, who is a VSL who has supported Rover events and BRC events, and has been instrumental in making sure events are viable

SA

- Woohoo: Lots of really good engagement at events, recently the Branch Moot had Rovers from 4 states attend
- Boohoo: Issues with finances, with the BRC who have voted not to pay levies
- Shoutout: The team that will help them manoeuvre the levy discussions

Tas

- Woohoo: Held the Centenary Ball recently
- Boohoo: Having some issues with Terrain so are working to fix those issues
- Shoutout: The team who attended the Youth Program Conference

Vic

- Woohoo: Assets have done well with growth this season despite the lack of snow, with lots of Alpine OAS progressions
- Boohoo: The Rover Ball didn't get the numbers they wanted but the team did a great job reviewing afterward to reflect why this happened and what could be done in the future to change this
- Shoutout: Maria Armstrong (Dandenong Region Rover Advisor) who ran a great session at Conference

WA

Not in attendance

8. APR Regional Youth Representative

8.1 APR Regional Youth Representative Report

The report was tabled. If BRCs are interested in attending Branch Friendship tours, please reach out to Damon

8.2 1st Global Youth Summit Report

M. Manson spoke to the tabled report regarding their experiences at the 1st Global Youth Summit earlier this year.

9. Voting Items

9.1 By-Laws Ratification

As a formality, the updates to the By-Laws (v3.0) made at the 2023 Conference were ratified. These had been previously approved at the April 2023 Remote Meeting.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council ratify v3.0 of the By-Laws

Moved by: NRC Executive Seconded: Queensland

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Information and Late Papers

10.1 – BPSA Name Working Group Update

J. Goodall spoke to the progress of the working group. The group has met twice since its inception and has created and published a survey on multiple channels. As of the meeting, 370 responses had been recorded. J. Goodall encouraged all BRCs to continue to share the survey widely as we want the review to reflect all Rovers' opinions, not just a certain demographic. Once the data is all collected, further plans will be made regarding the final reporting

If anyone has questions about the working group or the project, please contact Jake.

J. Goodall also noted in response to questions that he could put together some resources to help with sharing the survey, however would like for these to be used widely if requested.

10.2 – Retention Working Group Update

D. Shaw spoke to the progress of the working group. Applications are currently open to join the working group, once the team is selected, the plan is to get together and survey Branches for data, as well as older Venturers and Rovers who have left the movement.

10.3 – Rover Citizen Science Service Project

B. Brice spoke to the progress of the project and the tabled report. The project is up and running, and everyone is encouraged to get involved, the webinar that was held has been recorded and is available online.

Currently, the project has 7 participants and 185 observations, most of which are from WA.

11. General Business

S. McClymont noted that information surrounding the 2024 Conference will be released soon.

12. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 8pm AEDT/5pm AWST.

13.2 Meeting Close

Meeting closed 9.04pm AEST