



Rover Scouts National Rover Council

National Rover Council March Remote Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 19th March 2024

Chair: Shaylah McClymont

1. Procedural Items

1.1 Meeting Open

Meeting opened 8:01 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

Shaylah McClymont	NRC	Isabella Mairou	NT	Steven Carter	VIC
Max Manson	NRC	Samantha Loh	NT	Delshard Mozhdehinia	WA
Luke Brydon	NRC	Ayden Dawson	NT	Nicholas Kammin	WSM
Brad Thompson	NRC	Jayden Whait	NT	Steven Sheppard	WSM
Patrick McCormick	NRC	Jake Goodall	QLD		
Zach Geddes	NRC/VIC	Jessica Hernadez	QLD		
Ben Brice	NRC	Paul Lappin	QLD		
James Warren	NRC	Philippa McMurtrie	SA		
Emma Groeneweg	NRC	Abby Wilkinson	SA		
Dylan Shaw	NRC PO	Sherie Ball	TAS		
Emma Rahman	ACT	Luke Bosworth	TAS		
Leigh Jonassen	NSW	Evan Eastman-Peck	TAS		
Lachie Page	NSW	Ben Deer	TAS		
Alison Maynard	NSW	Issac Kitching	VIC		

1.3 Apologies

Bryn Catlin ACT

2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 2024 Conference Minutes

S. McClymont presented the minutes from the 2024 NRC Conference which was held between January 19th & 21st. These minutes are for information only & will be voted on at the next NRC conference in late Jan/Early Feb 2025.

3. Standing Items

3.1 Child Safe Issues

NIL

3.2 WHS Issues

NIL

3.3 Conflicts of Interest

NIL

4. NRC Team Report

4.1 NRC Team Report.

The NRC Team spoke to the tabled report. Key points included Parliament house visit, NOC meeting updates, Years of Service & Aboriginal name tape updates, international opportunities & Executive team weekend.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved by: NRC Exec

Seconded by: NSW

CARRIED

5. Branch Reports

5.1 Australian Capital Territory

5.1.1 - Woohoo – ACT have started a new rover unit named Old Parliament House Rover Unit.

5.1.2 - Boohoo – ACT had planned to have a camp but due to low attendance was cancelled.

11.2 New South Wales

Woohoo – Had their moot season come to a close, All went well

New State Scarfs are coming out soon!

Boohoo – Come March 31st the mandatory training could create problems for numbers.

11.3 Northern Territory

Woohoo – Just finished the design & production for NT badges & maybe a new Branch RA!

Boohoo – Had to close a unit which only had 1 member.

11.4 Queensland

Woohoo – Scouting on the green event from all sections

Boohoo – Jake is stepping away from the NRC and taking a much-needed break.

11.5 South Australia

Woohoo – All new BRC exec team, so far everything is going well.

Boohoo – Recently had to cancel a state moot due to heatwave.

11.6 Tasmania

Whoohoo – We've recently had some great new rovers joining up

Attended our branch statewide event "Regatta" which also included our BRC AGM.

Boohoo – A shark sighting at our regatta delayed half a day of our events.

S. McClymont reminded everyone shark fighting is not an OAS progression.

NSW noted it could be a SIA.

S. McClymont reluctantly agreed provided the correct Risk Assessment is completed.

5.7 Victoria

Woohoo - Surf Moot was really good with great attendance.

BRC is engaging better with our state exec team.

Boohoo – We couldn't run our unit management course, which was disappointing.

5.8 Western Australia

Not in attendance

6. APR Regional Youth Rep

- D. Love spoke to his tabled report. Key points include World Moot CMT positions, Asia Pacific Regional Youth Leadership Training course, Scout Youth Forum in Hong Kong & World Scout Conference
- P. McCormick asked a question regarding the World Scout Conference, if it was still in person and why there is mention of Perth.
- S. McClymont answered the question – It's being held in Egypt but DFAT has the country listed as "Reconsider Travel" which Scouts Australia has done.

7. Voting Items

7.1 NRC Budget

- L. Brydon spoke to the budget & explained how the budget works.
- E. Rahman asked about how many people will be attending AJ from NRC.
- L. Brydon answered that AJ will be discussed in the next paper but answer is 3.
- L. Page mentioned that we might need to look at changing our bylaws to take in to account inflation.
- L. Brydon agreed and mentioned he also had the same thought but will need to consult further with the branches.

MOTION

That the 2024 NRC budget be adopted.

Moved by: Luke Brydon

Seconded by: Victoria

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 AJ 2025 Attendance Funding Budget Amendment

- L. Brydon spoke to his paper.
- E. Rahman asked does the \$2,500 just cover travel or does it include other costs.
- L. Brydon answered that it covers the AJ attendance Fee & Travel but note the national fee for AJ attendance has not been set yet. Just looking to book flights earlier rather than later to get the best value for money.
- L. Jonassen asked how the EOI will work.
- S. McClymont replied that James & herself will attend as they are running the project patrol and are looking to open up the EOI for any rover in Australia to apply for. The applications will be judged by the NRC executive. S. McClymont also made it clear that the position is for manning the "Rover Tent" not for participating as a line leader.
- L. Page asked has the Rover Tent been done at any AJ Previously.
- S. McClymont replied that these normally happen at Ventures but they have been removed from the program so our next best is participating at AJ. Noting that a lot of older Venturers attend in service roles.
- J Goodall requested an amendment to the paper.

AMENDMENT

The NRC approve in principle the 2024/25 budget amendment to include expenditure for the Rover Tent (similar to rover scope), including equipment, travel and attendance fee etc with the exact expenditure and details to be provided to the NRC for approval in due course.

Moved by: Queensland

Seconded by: South Australia

AMENDMENT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION

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Moved by: Luke Brydon

Seconded by: Victoria

**FOR: ACT, VIC, NT, SA, TAS
AGAINST: QLD
ABSTAIN: NSW**

MOTION CARRIED

8. Late Papers & Informational Papers

8.1 National Commitments to Scouts Australia Strategic Plan

- S.McClymont spoke to the paper.

MOTION

That NRC commit to completing the NRC goals to the Scouts Australia Strategic Plan

Moved by: Shaylah McClymont

Seconded by: NSW

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Ratification of D&I role

- S. McClymont Spoke to the paper.

MOTION

That the NRC ratify the Chair's decision to appoint Emma Groeneweg to the position of NRC Diversity & Inclusion officer.

Moved by: Shaylah McClymont

Seconded by: VIC

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Draft NRC Refresh

- S. McClymont gave an overview of each position's roles & responsibilities

- L.Page asked if we should be asking for Leader of Adults where formal training is required.
- S.McClymont replied that NRC don't want to "pigeon hole" the positions & don't want to disadvantage someone who might have completed Leader of Youth as part of their leader training.

MOTION

That the report be noted & Branch Feedback be provided to Shaylah by May 1st.

Moved by: Shaylah McClymont

Seconded by: NSW

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- **Northern Territory left the meeting at this point due to internet issues at their hub & won't be returning.**

8.4 NRC Meeting dates

- B. Thompson spoke to the paper
- L.Page asked why we didn't just choose a reoccurring day/week (Example: Second Tuesday of every second month).
- B. Thompson replied that NRC don't want to disadvantage a rover who might meet on say a Tuesday night have to miss their own rover night 10 times at minimum across the year. The NRC have worked hard to ensure that we spread it out across the days of the week.

MOTION

That the report be noted & Dates passed on to National Office for inclusion on the national calendar.

Moved by: Brad Thompson

Seconded by: NSW

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Citizen Science Service Project

- B. Brice spoke to his paper.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved by: Ben Brice

Seconded by: ACT

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 NRC Conference 2024 Carbon Offset

- B. Brice spoke to his paper

- E. Rahman asked what the difference from 2023 Conference was to this year's.
- B. Brice answered that it was a 2 tone increase
- E. Rahman also asked if anything recommendations came from last year's paper.
- B. Brice answered that there we're no recommendations from last year.
- L. Page asked if we retrospectively used the new sustainable event guidelines past at the 2024 NRC conference.
- S. McClymont answered that no we haven't but it's something we can look at.
- P. McMurtire asked a question if it was the location that increased the carbon offset & would NRC look at picking more carbon efficient locations in the future.
- B. Brice replied that flights are unavoidable and just needs to be taken into account.
- S. McClymont also answered further by noting that it changes from year to year (Exec locations, How many come, Online attendance)
- Z. Geddes – Have we looked at Exec weekend carbon offset
- B. Brice replied that No we haven't, But we can.
- S. McClymont noted that other branches can also undertake this for there events, Speak to ben for more info.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved by: Ben Brice

Seconded by: SA

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 NRC Financial Report 2022-23

- L. Brydon spoke to paper

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved by: Luke Brydon

Seconded by: NSW

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 Rover Retention Report

- D. Shaw spoke to his paper

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved by: Dylan Shaw

Seconded by: VIC

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. General Business

9.1 L. Page mentioned that the new NSW exec comes in from early April.
NRC take a moment to thank the outgoing exec them for their work.

9.2 - World Scout Moot Presentation

- N. Kammin & S. Shephard provided the NRC with an update on the preparations for WSM 2025 in Portugal.
- Information that was provided included who can apply, Timelines, Rough costs, What CMT positions are available & a sneak preview at some contingent logo designs (Drafts only).

10. Procedural Items

10.1 Next Meeting: Thursday 29th May

10.2 Meeting Close: 9:51 PM AEST