



## **Rover Scouts** National Rover Council

### **National Rover Council March Remote Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 17th July 2024  
Chair: Shaylah McClymont

#### **1. Procedural Items**

##### **1.1 Meeting Open**

Meeting opened 8:02 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 McCymont	NRC	Isabella Mairou	NT
Brad Thompson	NRC	Samantha Loh	NT
Luke Brydon	NRC	Ayden Dawson	NT
Patrick McCormick	NRC	Jayden Whait	NT
Zach Geddes	NRC/VIC	Seth Graham	QLD
Ben Brice	NRC	Tomas Schmied	SA
Emma Groeneweg	NRC	Sherie Ball	TAS
Dylan Shaw	NRC	Luke Bosworth	TAS
Damon Love	NRC	Ben Deer	TAS
Nicholas Kammin		Evan Eastman-Peck	TAS
Bryn Catlin	ACT	Jessica Kaplan	VIC
Emma Rahman	ACT	Thomas Whitehead	VIC
Mackenzie Pearce	NSW	Stephen Carter	VIC
Emmie Ertanin	NSW	Cameron Fellon	WA
Alison Maynard	NSW	Delshard Mozhdehinia	WA

##### **1.3 Apologies**

Max Manson	NRC
Danica Zekulich	WA
Patrick Dunstan	NSW
Phillippa McMurtrie	SA

## 2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

### 2.1 May Remote Minutes

The minutes of the May 2024 Remote Meeting were ratified.

WA – Minor amendment to the previous minutes

8.1 – WA Casted two votes for charity 2

#### MOTION

That the minutes of the May 2024 Remote Meeting were ratified with the minor amendments listed above to be included.

Moved by: NRC Exec

Seconded by: WA

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 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. Copy can be found in the NRC SharePoint.

#### MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved by: NRC Exec

Seconded by: QLD

**REPORT CARRIED**

## 5. Branch Reports

### 5.1 Australian Capital Territory

5.1.1 - Woohoo – We have successfully merged two Rover & Venturer units, which should improve our membership & retention in the area moving forward.

5.1.2 - Boohoo – Rovers are starting to ask questions on the affordability after the branch fees we're recently sent out.

### 5.2 New South Wales

Woohoo – BRC have been working hard on finalising the Good Quality revering awards. They have received quite a few nominations which is pleasing to see!

Boohoo – Generally fighting with the Branch IT Team about general IT issues. Hasn't been made easy by receiving a new team member every time they email this has lead to a very hard line of communication.

### **5.3 Northern Territory**

Combo Woohoo & Boohoo – NT Mini moot was run while it was a great experience and feedback was positive, the moot team found out how hard it was to run a large-scale event.

### **5.4 Queensland**

Woohoo – Sending 22 rovers from SE QLD to Far North Queensland's moot. Was a great success and great opportunity to catch with some old friends.

Boohoo – Working out a new date for our “kick off Conference” with our new exec, the majority of the Exec will be at Roverway.

### **5.5 South Australia**

Woohoo – SA are currently working towards moving towards a new financial program which is used across all groups in SA. This will improve our financial communications with their branch office.

Boohoo – Trying to get our outstanding levy payments out of some of our smaller units who still have around 5 members and can still contribute to our financial success.

### **5.6 Tasmania**

Whoohoo – Recently approved our first BP on the new award scheme.

Boohoo – Following on from our Whoohoo, We found gaps in what was required to be completed when getting signed off. We have working with our branch to fix some of these issues

### **5.7 Victoria**

Woohoo – Mudbash, Was great to see the increase in numbers from previous years 800 on site for the event & 970 for the open day.

Boohoo – We have had some regional RA turn over, They are actively looking for replacements but has become bigger than first thought.

### **5.8 Western Australia**

Woohoo – WA have been lucky to have quite a few units receive funding through the LTAF, Some activities within WA, One unit off to Victoria for a Ski trip & one completing some adventure in Denmark!!

Boohoo – State events are starting to struggle & working with units to get the best possible outcome.

## **6. APR Regional Youth Rep**

6.1 – About 50 people attended Asia Pacific Youth Leadership Training in Bangladesh, unfortunately no Australian Rovers attended but would love to see some go next year.

Looking forward to the upcoming International Team meeting coming up in a few weeks.

## 7. Voting Items

### 7.1 Levy Reform

L. Brydon Spoke to his paper.

#### MOTION

That the NRC move to a Non-Structured Debate for the duration of Item 7.1

**Moved by: ACT**

**Seconded by: NSW**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

B. Catlin provided some feedback on the paper on behalf of ACT and their views on increasing fees.

B. Catlin mentioned that CPI might not be the best figure to use & suggested to use both Consumer Price Index (CPI) & Wage Price Index (WPI) . Bryn also provided some data to back his suggestion.

L. Brydon used his right of reply to first thank Bryn for his comments but also noted that using the CPI & WPI option would only change the price of levies by only few cents (roughly \$200 across the whole budget). L. Brydon also noted that using this option means more admin for the treasurer for not much benefit.

T. Schmied Asked when this might come in to affect.

L. Brydon replied that it would come from the next round of Levies (August 2024)

#### MOTION

The recommendation would be that the National Rover Council:

- Remove Clause 3.3.1(d) as per paper.
- Add Clause 3.3.1(d) and subclauses (i), (ii) and (iii) as per paper.

**Moved by: Luke Brydon**

**Seconded by: ACT**

**FOR: NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA**

**AGAINST: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: ACT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 7.2 Ratification of By-Law changes

S. McClymont spoke to the Paper

#### MOTION

Approve the changes to the NRC By-Laws and adopt By-Laws v3.1 as the correct and up-to-date version of the NRC By-Laws.

**Moved by: Shaylah McClymont**

**Seconded by: TAS**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.3 NRC Jamboree Attendance Funding

L. Brydon & S. McClymont spoke to the paper

E. Rahman asked where the left over money from the under budget component will go.

S. McClymont noted that NRC had already agreed they we're happy to spend the full amount budgeted so it's being moved from flights budget line to Attendance budget line.

#### **MOTION**

Amend the 2024/25 Budget to add additional attendance expenditure to fund members to attend AJ2025 for the purpose of promoting and increasing the visibility of the Rover section.

- a. This expenditure is to be budgeted at \$2,000 (\$500 per attendee)
- b. This fee will cover the bare attendance fee cost, not any additional contingent attendance fees.

**Moved by: Luke Brydon**

**Seconded by: SA**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8. Late Papers & Informational Papers

### 8.1 2023-24 Financial Statements

L. Brydon Spoke to his paper.

#### **MOTION**

That NRC note the financial report for the year ending 31 March 2024

**Moved by: Luke Brydon**

**Seconded by: QLD**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.2 Conference Update

B. Thompson spoke to the paper.

#### **MOTION**

That the NRC note the update report.

**Moved by: Brad Thompson**

**Seconded by: SA**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.3 Rover Retention Project Patrol – Final Report

D. Shaw spoke to his report

Z. Geddes request clarification that if we are accepting are we voting to implement.

S. McClymont agreed that yes we need to vote but only to accept the report not to implement.

#### **MOTION**

- 1) Note the report and accept the recommendations outline above.
- 2) NRC Chair to share findings with the National Youth Program Team
- 3) Formally thank all who contributed their time.

**Moved by: Dylan Shaw**

**Seconded by: Victoria**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 9. General Business

P. McCormick discussed the upcoming elections in November Remote Meeting, Nominations will open before the September meeting.

### 10. Procedural Items

**10.1 Next Meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**10.2 Meeting Close:** 9:25 PM AEST