



Rover Scouts

National Rover Council

National Rover Council **Remote Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held 4th June 2025

1. Procedural Items

1.1 Meeting Open – 8:02pm

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

Name	Role	Name	Role
Bradley Thompson	NRC	Emma Rogers	NSW
Isabella Mairou	NRC	Alison Maynard	NSW
Luke Brydon	NRC	Leigh Jonassen	NSW
Sophie Warner	NRC	Lexie Brake	NT
Lily Canalese	NRC	Samantha Loh	NT
Shaun Sandilands	NRC	Azura Moore	NT
Damon Love	AP Regional Youth Rep	Charlie Fairbairn	QLD
Calista Beck	ACT	Max Manson	QLD
Emma Rahman	ACT	Amanda Brown	QLD
Casey Magnussen	ACT	Paul Lappin	QLD
Maddi Nash Slattery	ACT	Nicholas Kammin	QLD
Zac Geddes	VIC	Tomas Schmied	SA
Kira Miles	VIC	Philippa McMurtrie	SA
Jessica Kaplan	VIC	Delshard Mozhdehinia	WA
Thomas Whitehead	VIC	Alexander Nichols	WA
Stephen Carter	VIC		
Emma Pilgrim	TAS		
Ben Deer	TAS		
Sherie Ball	TAS		

1.3 Apologies

Name	Role	Name	Role
Claire Henthorn	WA	Jacinta Tarlinton	ACT
Parker Simmonds	WA	Jake Goodall	NRC
Matthew Vella	NRC		

2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 April Remote Minutes

The minutes of the April 2025 Remote Meeting were ratified.

MOTION

That the minutes of the April 2025 Remote Meeting were ratified.

Moved: NRC EXEC

Seconded: NSW

**Passed Unanimously
CARRIED**

2.2 Statement from the NRC Chair on Late Papers

I'd like to begin by offering a sincere apology to the entire NRC for the confusion and delay regarding the voting papers for tonight's meeting.

Due to a miscommunication within our team, the papers were mistakenly uploaded to the incorrect section of the agenda and stored in the wrong folder. Unfortunately, this meant they were not identified until earlier today. It was always our intention for these papers to be presented for voting at tonight's meeting, and I'm very sorry that this has likely caused inconvenience for some delegations in preparing.

After consulting with the team, we've decided to proceed with the papers this evening. However, we fully recognise the late notice, and so we will give delegations the option to vote on each item only if they are comfortable doing so. I'm also happy to provide additional branch time for discussion if needed.

Once again, on behalf of the entire team, I apologise for the oversight and appreciate your understanding and flexibility.

Regards
Brad Thompson
Chairperson – National Rover Council

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 SharePoint

Key Points
Chairperson

- Anzac Day
- Social media
- Terrain 2.0
- Stand-alone venturer event
- Personal Development Courses

Deputy Chairperson

- NRRRP

- Rover Challenge Changes
- Roverscope blood drive

Treasurer

- Waiting on a report from the 31st of March
- We are looking at a surplus
- Looking at some exciting initiatives

Events and Initiatives

- Update to rover challenge
- Timeline for Rover Blood Drive
- Looking at international opportunities

Advocacy Officer

- Updates to the Australian Youth National Events Guidelines
- Jake will be stepping down in late September

Advisor

- Happy to help anywhere he can

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved: NRC Exec

Seconded: NT

**Passed Unanimously
CARRIED**

5. Branch Reports

5.1. Australian Capital Territory

- 5.1.1. Woohoo – Lot of rovers attend the ACT Branch AGM
- 5.1.2. Boohoo – Lot of Rovers doing Gang Show are stressed and needing a new production crew for 2026.

5.2. New South Wales

- 5.2.1. Woohoo – 123 rovers at Bushdance a regional event, 3 cars going to Mudbash.
- 5.2.2. Boohoo – Few issues with training, re trekking and fee mess ups.

5.3. Northern Territory

- 5.3.1. Woohoo – Good OAS training, NT Shirts have arrived.
- 5.3.2. Boohoo – Recruitment and retention.

5.4. Queensland

- 5.4.1. Woohoo – Successfully ran a save, test and track moot, testing motorsport event for the year with new safety requirements. We have a Rover Olave liaison that has started.
- 5.4.2. Boohoo – Tried to run a statewide first aid course unfortunately it did not run.

5.5. South Australia

- 5.5.1. Woohoo – Lots of rovers on training including running the training.
- 5.5.2. Boohoo – mostly will be shutting down as the BRC are going to World Moot.

5.6. Tasmania

- 5.6.1. Woohoo – Great Rover representation at AgFest, held an upskilling event at putting up marquees.
- 5.6.2. Boohoo – lower numbers than were hoped for at the upskilling event for marquees.

5.7. Victoria

- 5.7.1. Woohoo – New BRC Chair elected with a mostly full team, looking forward to Mudbash, strategic plan is done.
- 5.7.2. Boohoo – State Commissioner Rover Support has resigned.

5.8. Western Australia

- 5.8.1. Woohoo – Mission Impossible event for Venturers and Rovers.
- 5.8.2. Boohoo – Lower numbers at the State War Memorial this year.

6. Way Out West Moot

- 6.1. A. Nichols gave a verbal update – the site has been announced at Woodman's Point.

7. AP Regional Youth Rep

- 7.1. D. Love gave a verbal update - APR has gone silent.

8. Voting Papers

- 8.1. Changes to the Rover Challenge – Trial Proposal

L. Canalese spoke to the paper

ACT – Where is the money coming from with the increase from \$2000 to \$4000?

L. Brydon – We currently have a surplus so there won't be any budget reallocation.

ACT – What is the sustainability beyond the trial if the isn't a surplus guaranteed in the future.

L. Brydon – every line item is assessed annually for the sustainability.

MOTION

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

- Approve a trial change to the Rover Challenge for six months, in which rounds are opened quarterly with applications being accepted for a period of two months.
- Note that a future paper proposing changes to the NRC By-Laws will be produced for the 2026 NRC Conference, and changes will be dependent on the outcome of the six-month trial.

Moved: Isabella Mairou

Seconded: QLD

**Passed Unanimously
CARRIED**

- 8.2. Vacant Positions – By-Law Waiver

B. Thompson – talked to the paper

QLD – Do you have anyone in mind for these roles?

B. Thompson – Will be talking to Emma for the advocacy role who ran for the role previously

QLD – Is there a reason that this couldn't be taken to an out of session vote

B. Thompson – Just to speed up that process and the number of rovers that are going to be overseas.

MOTION

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

- Waive the requirements in the NRC By-laws of Article 4.2 Subsection, g until September 30 2025.*
- Empower the NRC Chair in consultation with the NRC executive to make direct appointments to the NRC for the roles of Marketing & Engagement Officer & Advocacy Officer.*
- Any appointments made must be officially ratified by the council at the next remote meeting*

Moved: Bradley Thompson

Seconded: ACT

**Against – QLD, NT
Passed – ACT, NSW, VIC, SA, WA
CARRIED**

9. Late Papers & Informational Papers

10. Financial Planning Workshop

B. Thompson gave verbal instructions on the workshop and split them into breakout rooms.
ACT – the initiatives that are already out there need to be distributed more.
NSW – specific funding for interstate events, international events.
NT – customised approach to the different branches as not all things are relevant to all branches.
QLD – increasing visibility of initiatives, international moot buddies for NZ moot, supporting a Teir 2 event run by a branch, new website/update, partial funding for APR conferences and forums.
SA – Event management course.
TAS – training and upskilling.
VIC – National Adventurous Activities School, marketing campaign for venturers.
WA – Travel to interstate events, rural rovers getting to events.
B. Thompson – NRC exec ideas, the event management course and possible scholarship program, Way Out West NRC Activity.

11. General Business

11.1. Open Contingent Leader Roles – 24th NZ Jamboree 2026/2027 and 2026 NZ Moot.

11.2. Reminder for Bids for National Rover Moot

QLD – Could a member of the WOW Team come to answer questions at future meetings?
B. Thompson – Definitely
VIC – Is there an update on the paper bought to conference about the Australian Rover Census?
L. Brydon – No movement currently.
B. Thompson – Branches are being asked to submit their census.

11. Procedural Items

11.1 Next Meeting: 26th August 2025 at 8pm AEST

11.2 Meeting Close: 9:33pm