



## **Rover Scouts**

National Rover Council

### **National Rover Council** **August Remote Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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

##### **1.1 Meeting Open – 8:00pm**

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**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Bradley Thompson	NRC	Emma Rogers	NSW
Isabella Mairou	NRC	Leigh Jonassen	NSW
Luke Brydon	NRC	Samantha Loh	NT
Sophie Warner	NRC	Azura Moore	NT
Lily Canalese	NRC	Charlie Fairbairn	QLD
Erica Dalton	NRC	Max Manson	QLD
Shaun Sandilands	NRC	Nicholas Kammin	QLD
Maddi Nash Slattery	NRC	Caeser Lappin	QLD
Casey Magnussen	NRC	Tomas Schmied	SA
Jacinta Tarlinton	NRC	Philippa McMurtrie	SA
Kira Miles	VIC	Parker Simmonds-Lacey	WA
Thomas Whitehead	VIC	Claire Henthorn	WA
Regi Caesar	VIC	Delshard Mozhdehinia	WA
Sherie Ball	TAS	Aleander Nichols	WA
Luke Bosworth	TAS	Isaac Wetherley	WOW

##### **1.3 Apologies**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Matthew Vella	NRC	Alison Maynard	NSW
Calista Beck	ACT	Emma Rahman	ACT
Tobias Kennet	QLD	Christian Miller Grinzi	VIC
Grace Wingate	VIC		

## 2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

### 2.1 Previous Minutes

#### MOTION

That the Minutes of the June 2025 Remote Meeting were ratified.

Moved: NRC EXEC

Seconded: NSW

Passed 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 SharePoint

#### Chairperson

- National Operations Committee face to face meeting was held in QLD, there was some QLD rovers in attendance, and a gang show performance.
  - o Removed requirement to hold a wood badge for the adult service awards.
  - o NYPT terms of reference approved.
  - o Updates made to the international contingent leader handbook.
  - o Victoria officially offered to host the 2028 Jamboree.
  - o Update on key move 3.
  - o Looked at what a new volunteer model might look like.
  - o Supported looking into a national membership database system.
  - o NYPT to start development of terrain 2.0.
- National Moot Biding
  - o Will be voted on at the next NOC meeting
  - o South Australia and Victoria will be the bids that are presented to NOC
- Acknowledge the Rovers that got world scout day awards
- NZ Moot contingent leader was selected – Sherie Ball.
- B. Thompson will be out of the country 29 September to late October, I. will also be out of the country L. Brydon has accepted to step up as Chair during this time

#### Deputy Chairperson

- Trial for Rover Challenge is underway and round one applications are currently open.
- NRC Merch.
- Rover Scouts Australia Website.

#### Treasurer

- Unable to get a copy of Scouts Australia financial statements. Hoping to have it before the next meeting.
- Census figures are underway however not yet available, invoices for national levies will be a little late coming out.
- Calculations are looking like \$5.95 per registered rover increase of 2.1% from last year. Plus \$1 for moot buddies totalling \$6.95.

#### Secretary

- Updating the email list and making sure the SharePoint is correct

#### Training and Development

- Event Management Course is currently postponed.
- Still looking into a National Adventurous Activity School for Rovers

#### Marketing & Engagement Officer

- Rover Challenge posts will be going up

- Spotlighting Rover units across Australia

Events

- Rover Challenge round one finishes at the end of September
- Currently working on getting the blood drive ready to launch

## MOTION

That the report be noted.

**Moved: NRC EXEC**

**Seconded: NSW**

**Passed Unanimously  
CARRIED**

## 5. WOW Update

5.1. Registration open date has been pushed back to align with expeditions  
**VIC** – What is the reasoning for pushing back the registrations, is it so they can do registration and expeditions at the same time?  
**WOW Team** – Yes, so there are less times that they need to login to do registrations  
**B. Thompson** – starting to look at moot buddies towards the end of the year.

## 6. Branch Reports

### 6.1. Australian Capital Territory

- 6.1.1. Woohoo – Lot of Rovers go to World Moot, high attendance at Gang Show
- 6.1.2. Boohoo – Nothing happened at BRC level while everyone was away

### 6.2. New South Wales

- 6.2.1. Woohoo – Lots of Rovers go to World Moot, Changed the elections time to better suit NRC processes,
- 6.2.2. Boohoo – Events are struggling and have hit a speed bump due to World Moot.

### 6.3. Northern Territory

- 6.3.1. Woohoo – Branch canoe trip coming up, Alice Springs unit has doubled in size.
- 6.3.2. Boohoo – BRC shut down for World Moot.

### 6.4. Queensland

- 6.4.1. Woohoo – 30+ Rovers got World Scout Day Awards, successful progress in motor sport modules and in preparation for these events.
- 6.4.2. Boohoo – Pressure from Branch council to improve policies and procedures not just in event but in the running of BRC.

### 6.5. South Australia

- 6.5.1. Woohoo – Advertised for BC Rovers positions.
- 6.5.2. Boohoo – A lot of units having issues with management and internal conflicts and has caught the attention of the Chief Commissioner.

### 6.6. Tasmania

- 6.6.1. Woohoo – A Unit that was close to closing has significantly increased in numbers. Next moot is coming up in a couple weeks.
- 6.6.2. Boohoo – Event Management course had low numbers.

### 6.7. Victoria

- 6.7.1. Woohoo – New State Commissioner Rover Support.
- 6.7.2. Boohoo – Rover Ball is struggling, and new committee has been established, and ticket sales are good.

### 6.8. Western Australia

- 6.8.1. Woohoo – Large numbers attended World Moot, increased numbers of Rovers in the state. Launched a project patrol on retention, requirement and event attendance.
- 6.8.2. Boohoo – BRC was at a stand still due to World Moot.

## 7. Voting Papers

7.1 Ratification of Marketing and Engagement Officer

QLD – What is this paper doing?

B. Thompson – As part of the paper from last meeting it was agreed that a paper be brought back to NRC to ratify the appointment.

### MOTION

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

Ratify the NRC Chairperson's decision to appoint Erica Dalton from Northern Territory to the role of Marketing & Engagement Officer.

**Moved: NRC Chair**

**Seconded: ACT**

**Abstain - NT  
Passed - ACT, NSW, QLD, WA, SA, TAS, VIC  
CARRIED**

## 8. Late Papers & Informational Papers

8.1. Formal thank you to the WSM Australian CMT

### MOTION

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

Recognise the Australian Contingent Management Team's work in helping bring the event together.

**Moved: NRC Chair**

**Seconded: QLD**

8.2. Draft By-Law Changes

QLD – Point C what merch includes for example it currently says use in events which would add a lot of administrative burden.

B. Thompson – I can provide more detail in the next meeting.

VIC – Will Branches be given priority if they already do it?

B. Thompson – They will be contacted before the expiry date.

VIC – Things that are already being made or on the list will it be 2 years from the start date?

B. Thompson – The list needs to be updated, and items will need to be approved and added to the list to have the expiry date.

QLD – Can the burden be on the NRC Marketing and Engagement to make contact and that the 2 years extends if no contact is made?

B. Thompson – Will explore for the next meeting.

### MOTION

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

Provide feedback on the proposed changes the NRC Executive by 19th October 2025.

**Moved: NRC Chair**

**Seconded: VIC**

## 9. General Business

S. Sandilands - NRC Elections will be coming out in the coming months. S. Sandilands will send out a form on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, nominations will close the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. Between the 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> B.

Thompson & S. Sandilands will get branch endorsements and elections will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the next remote meeting.

Conference 2026 – finalising venue and date early to mid-February

B. Thompson – an email was sent by Nick Molanar can you please go and complete the surveys to help develop our program.

## **10. Procedural Items**

10.1 Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025

10.2 Meeting Close: 8:49pm