



Rover Scouts

AUSTRALIA

National Rover Council 2025 Conference

SA Adventurous Activities Centre, Adelaide, South Australia

14th – 16th February, 2025

Administration

Attendance

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| Shaylah McClymont | NRC – Chair & DCC AUS | Charlie Fairbairn | QLD – Delegate |
| Max Manson | NRC – Vice Chair | Nicholas Kammin | QLD – Observer |
| Brad Thompson | NRC – Secretary | Seth Graham | QLD – Observer |
| Luke Brydon | NRC – Treasurer | Caesar Lappin | QLD - BRA |
| Patrick McCormick | NRC – Advisor | Philippa McMurtrie | SA – Lead Delegate |
| Ben Brice | NRC – E&S PO | Tomas Schmied | SA – Delegate |
| Sophie Warner | NRC – Secretary (Elect) | Elijah Rieger | SA – Observer |
| Micheal Thomas | NAT – NC NYPT | Maxwell Brown | SA – Observer |
| Nick Molnar | NAT – DNC NYPT | Sherie Ball | TAS – Lead Delegate |
| Thomas Millham | NAT – DNC SAIT | Luke Bosworth | TAS – Delegate |
| Liam Brown | NAT – DNC AT&D | Ben Deer | TAS – Observer |
| Rosie Connor | NAT – Key Move 2 Mgr | Evan Eastman-Peck | TAS – Observer |
| Emma Rahman | ACT – Lead Delegate | Zach Geddes | VIC – Lead Delegate |
| Casey Magnussen | ACT – Delegate | Thomas Whitehead | VIC – Delegate |
| Maddison Nash-Slattery | ACT – Observer | Jessica Kaplan | VIC – Observer |
| Jacinta Tarlinton | ACT – Observer | Mars Byrne | VIC – Observer |
| Calista Beck | ACT – BRA | Stephen Carter | VIC – BRA |
| Patrick Dunstan | NSW – Lead Delegate | Claire Henthorn | WA – Lead Delegate |
| Nick Bassett | NSW – Delegate | Parker Simmonds-Lacey | WA – Delegate |
| Emma Rogers | NSW – Observer | Delshard Mozhdhehinia | WA – BRA |
| Isabella Mairou | NT – Lead Delegate | John Clarke | SA Chief |
| Samantha Loh | NT – Delegate | | Commissioner |
| Alexandra Brake | NT – Observer | | |
| Jayden Whit | NT – Observer | | |
| Amanda Brown | QLD – Lead Delegate | | |

Apologies

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| Emma Groeneweg | NRC – Diversity & Inclusion Officer |
| Mackenzie Pearce | NSW – BRC Chair |
| Alison Maynard | NSW – Branch Rover Advisor |
| Brendan Watson | Chief Commissioner of Australia |
| David Jacobs | National Key Move 3 Manager |

Session One

Session Open

Session opened at 9.00am on 14th February 2025.

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. Acceptance of Previous Minutes

1.1. Minutes of the November NRC Remote Meeting

S. McClymont presented the minutes from the November Remote meeting for approval.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council confirms the minutes as a true and accurate record of the November Remote Meeting

Moved: NRC Executive **Seconded:** SA

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.2. Minutes of the January Special Remote Meeting

S. McClymont presented the minutes from the January Special Remote meeting for approval.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council confirms the minutes as a true and accurate record of the January Special Remote Meeting

Moved: NRC Executive **Seconded:** Vic

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.3.

S. McClymont presented the minutes from the past NRC Conference, held on the 19th – 21st January 2024, noting that these had been confirmed in principle at the April 2024 Remote Meeting.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council confirms the minutes as a true and accurate record of the NRC Conference, held on the 19th-21st January 2024.

Moved: NRC Executive **Seconded:** NSW

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.4. Action Item List

No actions were discussed/outstanding.

2. NRC Team Report

The NRC Executive and Standing Project Officers presented their combined report, outlining projects undertaken and achievements made throughout the year.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council Team Report be noted

Moved: NRC Executive **Seconded:** SA

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. National Team Updates

1.3.1 Deputy Chief Commissioner of Australia

S. McClymont gave a verbal report, Key points included the recently approved Nextgen Roadmap which included some Deputy Commissioner role changes, Youth Town Halls & Nextgen National Coordinator.

1.3.2 National Youth Program Team

N. Molnar provided a verbal report. Key points included Key Move 1, Outside in 25, New Adventurous Journey badge, Jamboree year change, Character courses & NRC representation on the NYPT.

1.3.3 Adult Training and Development

L. Brown provided a verbal report. Key points included new online code of conduct module, Scouting Essentials youth pathway, National adult training standards, New woodbadge framework, Online training journey, NAAC updates & spoke to future updates in the WHS & Child Safety modules.

L. Brown also acknowledged that some Rovers had concerns that they could not be appointed a Guide under the NAAF. L. Brown confirmed 100% you can and will be working on changes to wording this year to make it clearer.

2. Branch Rover Council Reports

Written Branch Rover Council Reports that were submitted can be found in the NRC Sharepoint. Verbal reports were also provided, with key points being summarised below.

ACT

- 80 members across 6 units.
- Held joint nights with ACT Venturers including Trivia Nights, Boulding nights & a Waterpark night.
- Opened Old Parliament House Rover Unit who also gained LTAF funding to go hiking in Iceland.
- Governor Generals Camp was held on the lawns of government house.
- International events including NZ Moot, Roverway, World Scout Conference.
- Achievements included Gang show & Rover Service awards.
- Struggled to recruit & retain for positions on the BRC
- Looking at how the BRC & Section communicate (Moving from Facebook to Discord)
- Unfortunately looking at closing a Rover unit due to low numbers
- High fees are putting a financial Burdon on our members.

NSW

- Ran 6 moots across the years with approximately 100 in attendance.
- Working hard on our 18-month strategic plan
- Abolished our constitution and rolled out a set of standard operating procedures
- Conducted our own 8-month independent review based off the NRC review.
- Working closely with the NSW branch with streamlining the Alcohol approval form

NT

- Increase in AA training & Leadership opportunities
- Having a lot of members starting to reach the higher stages of OAS
- NT sent 2 rovers from Alice Springs Rover Unit to AJ2025
- The marketing of the section has been great with a 30% increase in numbers (13 Rovers)
- Looking at rolling out some branch merch

S. McClymont noted how excited she was to see NT with a full delegation at NRC despite being the smallest Branch. The NRC are very proud of the NT representation.

Qld

- Big uptake on wood badge training for Rovers
- Working on changes for the program officer to better relate to the current program
- Big shout out to all the rovers (From both QLD & around Aus) that attended AJ. Your assistance was greatly appreciated
- Undertaking a full review into the safety of QLD Rover Motorsport
- QLD are looking at ways to boost recruitment & retention with a recent drop in numbers.
- The QLD branch are trialing some program initiatives independently to other branches. This has recently been approved by National.

SA

- have made some changes to the BRC standing resolutions which included moving our BRC elections.
- Had some growth in 2024 with a increase of 10 rovers on last year.
- Looking at improving our training opportunities statewide
- Had some great branch events an in 2024 with great numbers across all events.
- The SA Branch have given the BRC a directive to change the structure of rover units to be aligned with a group rather than being independent.
- Increase in fee's which like ACT is creating a financial burden

Tas

- Tasmania currently has 58 registered Rovers across the 6 units around the state. While not all these rovers are active, we have quite a few who are either interstate for study or work.
- Held 3 state moot's throughout the year with terrific attendance at all.

- The BRC has undertaken a restructuring decreasing the number of positions down to 5 executive positions.
- Tasmania has had a great year of Marquee hires which has given the BRC & Units some much needed fundraising money. Unfortunately, there have been some burn out of Rovers who do these marquees and have had to turn some bookings down.
- The Rovers are having issues with the state training team in getting training down and not cancelled at the last minute.
- The branch recently appointed two rovers to the role of Youth Empowerment.

Vic

- Had some great events across the year with fantastic attendance at each event.
- Approx. 1300 members across the state.
- Starting to formalise the rules of debate in there BRC meetings.
- Big push on marketing in 2024 with a marketing committee formed.
- Trailed the NRC Sustainable Event Guidelines on the big Vic rover events.
- Ran their first Unit Management course which went well.

WA

- WA passed their new set of By-Laws
- Had some great engagement with local venturer units
- Launched the new (& improved) Rover mugs
- Approx. 180 Rovers & 27 Venturers currently linking.
- Had 3 Rovers appointed to branch roles.
- Looking to trial the Character Development course in 2025
- 20 rovers attended the Jamboree.
- A lot of WA rovers are heading to World Moot.
- Lots of work is going on in WA in preparation for Way Out West Moot.

S. McClymont made note that Moot Mace was officially handed over to WA at the conclusion of AJ2025. As the next moot had not yet been confirmed at the end of AIM the mace was placed in the safe ownership of Shaylah until such time it could be handed over to WA.

Session Close

Session closed at 10:30 am.

Session Two (Workshop Session One)

1. Unit Management/Personal Development/Character Courses

Reflections from Victoria regarding the rollout of Victoria's unit management courses

Run by: Zach Geddes – NRC Training & Development Officer

2. Service within the Rover Section

Brainstorm/Discussion activity on service activities within the Rover Section

Run by: Amanda Brown - QLD Delegation

3. Making Scouting more financially accessible

Brainstorm Ideas to make Scouting cheaper and more financially accessible.

Run by: Emma Rahman - ACT delegation

Session Three (Workshop Session Two)

1. Completion of OAS Stages in remote & regional areas

Run by: Samantha Loh – Northern Territory Delegation

2. National Rover Retention & Recruitment

Rover Scout culture and its impacts on National Rover Retention

Run by: Max Manson – NRC Vice Chair

3. Supporting Rovers in Adventure Pathways

How we support Rovers through the stages of adventure appointments, into a guide.

Run by: Thomas Whitehead – Victorian Delegation

Session Four (Key Move Workshop One)

Key Move 3: Reshaping our contemporary volunteer model

Run by: Rosie Connor – Key Move 3 Manager

Key Move 2: recruitment and retention in our movement

Run by: Shaylah McClymont – NRC Chair

Session Five (Key Move Workshop Two)

Key Move 1: Make our youth program easier and more impactful

Run by: Nick Molnar – Key Move 1 Manager

Review of NRC commitments to the Scouts Australia Strategic Plan – All in Session.

Rover Scout Program Implementation Workshops

Run by: Shaylah McClymont – NRC Chair

Session 6 (Plenary Session One)

Session Open

Session opened at 3:43pm on 15th February 2025.

1.6 Way Out West Report

C. Henthorn on behalf of I. Weatherley (Event Director) gave an update on the progress of WOW27. Key points are summarised below.

- Working with BRC's to confirm contingent leaders. Due date is March 1st.
- In early Jan the event launched its website (www.wow27.au)
- Follow the social media for more sneak peaks at activities that might be on offer.
- Dates are 31st December 2026 – 10th January 2027
- Site is almost confirmed, Just waiting on some final details.

6.1 – 2024 NRC Annual Report

B. Thompson gave an overview of the report, It comprises of all BRC's & NRC position holders conference reports. The aim is in the future to open it up wider to international & state events to really showcase what the section is doing through out the year.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council note the 2024 Annual Report

Moved: B. Thompson **Seconded:** Northern Territory

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 - 2024 Financial Report

L. Brydon presented the 2024 Financial Report. L. Brydon provided some in-depth explanation of the reports line items.

E. Rahman Thanked L. Brydon for his work on this report. Though E. Rahman asked for an explanation into some inconsistencies between the 2023 & 2024 Financial report.

L. Brydon explained that when preparing last year's report there was a minor issue between exporting the report from excel to the report in which some cells we're missed, so the totals at the end of each column we're incorrect but each line total was correct.

E. Rahman asked for it to be officially noted that the 2023 report was incorrect but has been corrected in the 2024 report.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council accept the Treasurer's report and financial statements

Moved: L. Brydon

Seconded: Queensland

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 2025 NRC Budget

L. Brydon provided an explanation as to how to read the spreadsheet correctly and subsequently provided an overview of the proposed finances.

E. Rahman asked that if the NRC makes any changes to the budget examples include reallocation of lines, Extra in person meetings with surplus from other meetings that they come to the NRC executive for approval prior to those funds being spent.

S. McClymont provided an explanation that the NRC chair through the By-Laws (3.6 Financial Delegation) has the authority to approve discretionary funding & reallocation up to a certain threshold. S. McClymont noted that if ACT were looking to change that, they would need to put forward a By-law change.

P. McCormick also noted that with the Exec meeting line it's budgeted that there will be at least one meeting each year with the possibility of hold a second meeting if the budget allows. P. McCormick provided an example that in 2019 due to an event that all members same place at the same time they we're able to provide a second cheaper meeting.

P. McCormick explained the Chairs financial delegation.

- \$3,000 Budget Allocation
- \$1,500/FY Chairs Discretionary Funding

MOTION

That the National Rover Council approve the 2025 NRC Budget

Moved: L. Brydon

Seconded: Tasmania

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 NRC Meetings 2025

B. Thompson provided an overview of the proposed 2025 meeting dates including a preliminary date for conference 2026.

T. Whitehead noted that meetings 4 & 5 which are scheduled after daylight savings starts are listed as AEST and requested clarification on time.

B. Thompson clarified that all dates are Hobart/Sydney/Melbourne/Canberra time (AEST or AEDT).

MOTION

That the National Rover Council note the 2025 meeting dates

Moved: NRC Executive

Seconded: Northern Territory

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 National Moot Timeline

S. McClymont provided an overview of the paper & the decisions that have required us to make this decision. S. McClymont made it very clear that any decision that we make will not affect the timing of Way Out West and would be effective after their event.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council move to a non-structured debate on item 6.5, National Moot Timeline.

Moved: ACT

Seconded: South Australia

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

T. Schmied asked that if we remain on the 4 year cycle will/when there be an overlap of the Jamboree & Moot.

S. McClymont answered yes, the events will overlap in 2031.

Further to that question S. McClymont went on to explain that in line with the major events guidelines we need to start taking bids 5 years from the event (i.e either this year or next year depending on the decision)

E. Rahman expressed her concern that shortening it from 4 years to 3 years would create more pressure on the organising committee, particularly small branches.

E. Rahman used CBR & AIM as examples of burnout after running these events.

E. Rahman asked S. Ball from Tasmania to comment on their perspective on being a recent small branch to run the event & their view on the smaller timeline.

S. Ball welcomed B. Thompson & L. Brydon from the NRC exec to also comment as Tasmanians who were on the AIM executive, but S. Ball started by saying that while the committee were yes burnt out from running the event, but the circumstances were much different. The main issue was interference and lack of support from the branch rather than burn out from planning. S. Ball doesn't believe that our reflections are the same from other national events.

S. McClymont made the point that regardless of the moot cycle being 3 years or 4 years the planning time remains the same as the bidding process starts 5 years before the event. Which makes the planning time the same.

B. Thompson & L. Brydon agreed with S. Ball and elaborated that the circumstances in Tasmania were much different & shouldn't be used in this case.

Z. Geddes agreed with an earlier comment that the 3 year cycle would work best to ensure we don't overlap with the Jamboree.

I. Mairou also agreed with the previous comment and asked that if there was to be an overlap can both happen or would have to be cancelled/Postponed.

S. McClymont noted that one event would have cancelled/Postponed & she couldn't see a world where the Jamboree would be the event made to move, it would be the Moot.

B. Thompson followed up explaining that the Jamboree struggled to find enough volunteers to run the event & if they lost the Rovers they would be stuffed. It goes both ways though. We need assistance to run our event & so does the Jamboree, there just won't be enough manpower to do so.

T. Millham noted that the GG camp which was held 10 months earlier struggled to get enough manpower due to the Jamboree, an event at the same time would be extremely worse.

P. McMurtrie also agreed on the above points and favoured the 3 year cycle

N. Bassett provided a preamble & question something regarding insurance unfortunately the recording was unable to pick it up due to chatter in the room

S. McClymont followed up the question by saying she wasn't sure on the answer to that question.

A Brown noted that the Jamboree would not have been able to run without the support of the Rover section.

C. Henthorn agreed with other comments made and agrees that we need to move to the 3 year cycle, it also allows Rovers to attend 2 moots rather than 1.

S. McClymont noted the other issue which was international events. Both World Moot & World Jamboree run on a 4 year cycle. There would be a clash of world moot & Aus Moot in 2033 if we are to move to the proposed 3 year cycle.

S. McClymont also mentioned that while the above might be a clash it gives Australia the opportunity to bid for a world moot rather than running a national moot.

T. Schmeid believes that the bigger issue is clashing of Australian events rather than international events.

A Brown asked if it would happen again, Answer was yes every 12 years.

A wider discussion was had regarding bidding for the world moot in the year that it clashes.

S. McClymont noted that yes that is an opportunity but also noted that isn't something we can agree too, those that would need to make the decision are still Cubs & were a while away from that.

P. Dunstan suggested that we remain on the 4 year cycle but make the change when required to ensure that we don't clash with the Australian Jamboree.

This started a very loud debate, and the recording could not pick up an actual answer.

T. Whitehead raised the point that if the Moot clashed with Jamboree they would be made to cancel the event but if it clashed with a world moot, they (Being the NRC if it occurred) would make the decision if they either 1. Cancel, 2. Adjust the dates or 3. Run both.

A. Brown mentioned that if it was to be moved back to a 3 Year Cycle a Rover would in most cases get three opportunities to attend a moot rather than the 2 on the 4 year cycle.

E. Rahman raised that if we choose ever to change the cycle again, a paper can be put forward to the NRC.

S. McClymont agreed but noted that the decision today will confirm the 24th Rover Moot a 2030 event.

S. McClymont asked for any further statements.

None provided,

S. McClymont proposed based on the discussion in the room that the consensus in the room was that the National Moots be reverted back to 3 Years in line with Jamboree, Making the 24th National Rover Moot be held in 2030.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council propose a paper to the NOC to revert the National Moot Cycle back to 3 Years.

Moved: NRC Executive **Seconded:** Western Australia

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 - Proposed update to the National Adventurous Activities Framework

P. Dunstan on behalf of NSW Spoke to the reason of the paper

E. Rahman agreed with the paper but noted that some branches, including ACT already recognise Rovers as Adult Members & Suggested that it might be better running this through your Branch first to advocate for Rovers being properly recognized.

S. McClymont clarified that the Appointment is a national appointment rather than branch. S. McClymont also noted that ACT has interpreted it that way, but NSW haven't & the next ACT commissioner might interpret a completely different way again. Making changes to wording is more appropriate to ensure consistency across all branches.

S. Ball asked a question regarding the CoAA but due to muffled audio was unable to record the full question.

P. Dunstan provided an answer on some reasons why a guide appointment might require a CoAA especially regarding working with Youth Members but also provided reasons where the rover training crosses over.

T. Whitehead noted that they have also been told by their commissioners clear as day that rovers CAN NOT become guides. T. Whitehead agrees with P. Dunstan that the issue isn't just a NSW thing but a wider issue across the branches. Victoria are very supportive of this paper.

C. Henthorn agrees with the safeguarding that has been mentioned in this paper's discussions. C. Henthorn went on to ask if someone could clarify if the CoAA states if it's issued to Rovers or not.

S. McClymont noted that it's a separate beast and not entirely relevant to this paper, the paper is more about you are a rover, so they already hold an appointment.

C. Fairbairn quoted a section of the Paper "The NAAF is changed to specify that it is a AT&D requirement for qualified Guides to "Hold a Certificate of Adult Appointment or a Rover Scout membership" & noted that in QLD on completion of the Scouting Adventure Course you are awarded a CoAA. C. Fairbairn is worried as a member of the training team that Rovers can be appointed as a guide without undertaking the scouting adventure course which contains the fundamentals to Adventurous Activities.

NSW referred to the diagram on the paper which shows that a Guide must attend the Scouting Adventure Course or gain RPL through the AA space.

C. Fairbairn followed up questioning if it's more that your branch (& Others) are not recognising your training as CoAA.

P. Dunstan noted that (In NSW) even if you complete everything on the list (Diagram in the paper) you still wont be issued with a CoAA unless you become a section leader or Unit Leader within Rovers

C. Fairbairn noted that perhaps we should be looking at the bigger issue & going down the path getting all Rovers issued with a CoAA through program training rather than changing the NAAF to suit. As a new Rover could join the movement and become a guide through the AA space without even learning the program which C. Fairbairn holds grave concerns about.

S. McClymont wanted to ask our NRC & National Team members for their thoughts

Z. Geddes (NRC T&D Officer) Reached out to Parish Hall (Outgoing National AA Commissioner) that all requirements are a NAISC (National Adults In Scouting Committee) Requirement which was incorporated into the NAAF and the NASIC requirement is that they must hold a formal appointment to be issued a guide appointment.

P. McCormick wanted to raise the point on branch differences & while branches have been working on becoming more consistent but still have differences which in this case involve the appointment of CoAA where some Rovers are issued one on completion of training while others, only the Unit Leader holds that appointment.

A Brown proposed some wording changes to the recommendation to ensure it is clear that it refers to Dot point 3 of the ATD section of the diagram as QLD had interpreted the recommendation differently before today.

S. McClymont noted that this won't be the paper taken to NTD but the concept would so NRC can ensure that it's noted and included when taken to the NTD through the Leadership & Development Officer.

MOTION

Empower the NRC Leadership and Development Officer to take this issue to the National Training Committee and request that:

1. The NAAF is changed to specify that it is a AT&D requirement for qualified Guides to “Hold a Certificate of Adult Appointment or a Rover Scout membership.”
2. The NTC to promote this within Scouts Australia (through both NTC Branch representatives and other National communication methods) to ensure Branches are aware.

Moved: NSW

Seconded: Victoria

FOR: NSW, ACT, TAS, VIC, SA

AGAINST: NIL

ABSTAINED: QLD, NT, WA

MOTION CARRIED

6.6 – National Rover Retention Project Patrol, Terms of Reference

M. Manson spoke to the paper & Terms of Reference

E. Rahman like the ToR but noted that as the PP has received money in the NRC Budget approved earlier in this meeting (Item 6.3, Page 9) it would be great to amend this ToR to note how they plan to spend this money.

S. McClymont noted that the Project Patrol hasn't started as they don't have a ToR approved yet and suggested though up to B. Thompson as the incoming chair once the Patrol is up and going can request a plan be put forward to the NRC for information.

B. Thompson also noted that this document that we are approving is more the wider scope of what the patrol will do and how they will operate, Who leads it, when it runs rather than an operational plan of how they are going to fix the issues & also as Shaylah noted the team haven't met yet.

S. McClymont also noted putting budget items in the ToR is not the best idea as in the next budget it might receive none.

E. Rahman has requested that the Project Patrol report back to the NRC on how they plan to spend the money once they are formed.

M. Manson noted that he's not really willing to lock the patrol into something right now. It's best to let the patrol form. M. Manson also pointed out that there is a 12 month review clause in this ToR which is a great time to bring up any miss use of funds especially as we go into budget planning next year.

A Brown are excited to see this patrol form and prosper.

C. Henthorn is very excited and through a rock on hand sign up.

MOTION

Approve the adoption of the National Rover Retention and Recruitment Project Patrol Terms of Reference below.

Moved: Max Manson **Seconded:** Queensland

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Session Close

Session closed at 4.45pm.

Session 7 (Workshop Session Three)

1. Unit Resources

consolidation exercise to share resources around, and work on some national general version plus a Wishlist of resources for units.

Run by: Zac Geddes – NRC Training & Development Officer

2. Vertical communication: Two-way engagement between Rovers and NRC

The External Review called for direct communication between the NRC and Rover units...but how should this be done? What other ways can we think about the challenge of improving engagement between Rovers and the NRC?

Run by: Patrick Dunstan – NSW Delegation

3. New Rover Recruitment Strategies

Finding a new path forward: A rethinking of Rover recruitment strategies

Run by: Max Manson - NRC Vice Chair

Session 8 (Plenary Session Two)

8.1 – NRC By-Laws 4.0 (Ratification)

B. Thompson spoke to the item

No Questions or Comments

MOTION

The National Rover Council Ratify the NRC By-Laws & Guidelines V 4.0

Moved: NRC Secretary **Seconded:** Queensland

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 – NRC By-Laws – V 4.1 (Draft Changes)

B. Thompson & S. McClymont spoke to the draft changes

T. Whitehead spoke to the removal of the service component of National Rover Moots & His concern of doing so.

S. McClymont mentioned that the idea of revising that wording was to remove the mandate of set timeframes of service and agrees that perhaps we can reword that to ensure it remains without watering it down.

B. Thompson noted that at AIM most expeditions had a service component but still wouldn't of reached the required threshold the By-Laws require.

A. Brown asked for further on how AIM did the service

S. Ball (Expeditions Manager @ AIM) explained how the service was conducted.

S. McClymont noted that perhaps the wording of Embed rather than Mandate should be used.

P. Simmonds-Lacey asked what the reason was to remove the "1st Australian Rover Unit" was.

S. McClymont noted that it was more around reviewing name tapes in general to align with the program and being part of the “My identity”. This also allows us to investigate other options like pins.

S. Ball also noted her confusion as to what it was due to it’s location on the “My Identity” Sleeve.

MOTION

The National Rover Council further reviews the draft changes in consultation with Branches

Moved: NRC Exec

Seconded: Queensland

INFORMATION ONLY

S. McClymont took a moment to introduce the new National Rover Council Advisor – Shaun Sandilands from Queensland

8.3 - Victoria’s Trial of Event Sustainability Guidelines

Z. Geddes Spoke to the paper

No Questions or Comments

MOTION

It is recommended that the Advocacy Officer, along with the environmental advocacy patrol, review our feedback and decide to accept or reject our feedback before the rest of the implementation plan into the by-laws.

Moved: Victoria

Seconded: Northern Territory

INFORMATION ONLY

6.8 - Australian Rover Census (ARC) Consultation and Discussion Paper

L. Brydon spoke to the paper

MOTION

Note the paper & NRC to investigate the idea further with the incoming Exec.

Moved: NRC Treasurer **Seconded:** Victoria

INFORMATION ONLY

Session Closed 11:13 am

Session 9

Review of the National Rover Council Conference

Run by: Shaylah McClymont – NRC Chair

1. Presentation of National Scarfs & Certificates for incoming Executive
 - a. Brad Thompson – NRC Chairperson
 - b. Isabella Mairou – Deputy Chairperson
 - c. Luke Brydon – NRC Treasurer
2. Appreciation speech from S. McClymont, NRC Chair to the Outgoing Executive
3. Appreciation speech from Patrick McCormick, Outgoing NRC Advisor
4. Appreciation speech & Gifts from Brad Thompson to Shaylah McClymont & Patrick McCormick.
5. Appreciation speech from Shaylah McClymont, Outgoing NRC Chair
6. Official Handover to the New NRC Chairperson & Closing of the meeting

Conference Close

Session closed at 1:36pm



Brad Thompson
National Rover Council – Secretary, 2024