



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA  
MINUTES FOR THE 472<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE  
VICTORIAN ROVER COUNCIL  
HELD AT VICTORIAN ROVER CENTRE  
WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020, AT 7:30pm**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Flag Break</b>	<b>Michelle Saffin</b>
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b> <b>Apologies</b> – Rachael Osborne (Bays Chair), Regi Caesar (RC), Tash Lema (Membership)	<b>Maddy Packer</b>
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> Scouts Victoria respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the country throughout Victoria where our activities take place. We pay our respects to Elders, both past, present and emerging and continue to recognise and embrace the important continuous history and connection to land & community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.	

<b>2</b>	<b>Congratulations, Guest Speakers, Presentations and Formal Thanks</b>	
	<p>Good on Ya Mate – Council acknowledges and thanks the exceptional contributions to Rovering over the past month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Good on Ya mate to Maddy for doing a great job at secretary, it is a huge job</li> <li>◆ Good on Ya mate to all the Rovers that helped with the big clean-up at Bermingham Park prior to closure - lots of messy cleaning and tip trips!</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Guest Speaker</b> – Diana Swift: New Program, SIA &amp; OAS</p> <p><b>YouTube Resources</b></p> <p>Our Program Webinar  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycHveG5WqgE&amp;ab_channel=ScoutsVictoria">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycHveG5WqgE&amp;ab_channel=ScoutsVictoria</a></p> <p>Our Program Overview  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9PdltfC-bc&amp;ab_channel=ScoutsVictoria">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9PdltfC-bc&amp;ab_channel=ScoutsVictoria</a></p> <p>Scouts   Terrain – Introduction  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B83tkeHkr5Y&amp;ab_channel=ScoutsVictoria">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B83tkeHkr5Y&amp;ab_channel=ScoutsVictoria</a></p> <p><b>Online Resources</b></p> <p><a href="https://pr.scouts.com.au/">https://pr.scouts.com.au/</a></p> <p>Scouts Victoria Website  <a href="https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/member-resources/our-program/resources/">https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/member-resources/our-program/resources/</a></p> <p>VicRovers Website  <a href="https://www.vicrovers.com.au/resources/program-transition-resources">https://www.vicrovers.com.au/resources/program-transition-resources</a></p>	

<b>3</b>	<b>Items for Consent</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous VRC Meeting</b>	<b>Michelle Saffin</b>
	<p><b>Motioned:</b> Lerderderg  <b>Seconded:</b> Plenty Valley  <b>Passed.</b></p>	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Maddy Packer</b>
	<p>Nil.</p>	
<b>3.3</b>	<b>VRC Financial Report</b>	<b>Jody Freeman</b>

Thank you to everyone who came to the training session held for subcommittees	
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Decisions of the VRC Chairman to be ratified</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Michelle Saffin</b></span>
<p><b>W F Waters Lodge Chair</b> That Todd Henderson will be ratified as the Chair for the W F Waters Lodge Committee <b>Passed.</b></p> <p><b>Bogon Chalet Chair</b> That Jesse Lange will be ratified as the Chair for the Bogon Chalet Committee <b>Passed.</b></p>	
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Nominations for the Baden-Powell Scout Award</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Regions</b></span>

<b>4</b>	<b>Office Bearers Reports</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Chairman</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Michelle Saffin</b></span>
<p>Some Rovers have noticed I am leaning towards the use of 'State Commissioner -Rovers' rather than Chair or Chairperson. The 'Chair' role in Rovers is the equivalent of the State Commissioner role. Each Rover who holds the role has historically chosen to continue the use of 'Chair'. I prefer not to use the title of Chair, but I am happy to be referred to as any of the titles!</p> <p>This month has been extremely busy, but full of really robust discussions about lots of aspects of Rovering, as well as attending the national 'Big Think In' program conference, which was really engaging. We have applied for a fya grant, which if received will assist Rovers to attend Mental Health training. We hope to hear back from fya soon.</p> <p>The finance training on the weekend was fantastic, thanks again to those who contributed to this content, and to everyone who attended.</p> <p>For those who attended CBR Moot, please reach out to the CBR team if you have not received an email about applying for a refund.</p> <p>I have also worked on some basic draft papers for the NRC conference, which you can read in this agenda. It is also extremely exciting to have Terrain ready for use, but I will let Jacinta speak to that.</p> <p>Email at: <a href="mailto:chairman@vicrovers.com.au">chairman@vicrovers.com.au</a></p>	
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Deputy Chairman</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Kieron Younger</b></span>
<p>October has come and gone, firstly I would like to congratulate any newly elected unit leaders over the last month and send my best of luck to there year ahead.</p> <p>To report, a lot of administration stuff has been happening behind the scenes.</p> <p>Two weeks ago, the region teams and subcommittee joined together over zoom and debated the active rover policy. To personally add in my own words the zoom meeting achieved nothing, however, I believe all participants had their say and we all respected one another. "And I never said we shouldn't have a shit Rover scout policy just I ain't going to write it."</p> <p>Last Monday night the region chairs had a quick extranet training session. I would personally like to thank Nick Pike for his presentation.</p> <p>Looking forward to seeing everyone face to face soon.</p> <p>Email at: <a href="mailto:deputy.chair@vicrovers.com.au">deputy.chair@vicrovers.com.au</a></p>	
<b>4.3</b>	<b>Assistant Chairman</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Matthew Barnes</b></span>

It has been another busy month for the Subcommittees. Both Chalets have had their AGMs. Congratulations to Todd Henderson on being elected as Chairperson for Baw Baw and Jesse Lang for being elected as chair for the Bogong Chalet Management Group with a special mention going to Travis Nisbet on successfully being elected for a second term as Chair for the Alpine Rover Unit.

It has been great to see how active all the Subcommittees are remaining to be, every team is working hard to ensure an exciting and successful return to face to face scouting. Thank you to the Finance team that ran a first and very successful session on the weekend for the Subcommittees

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[assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.4 Membership Development

Tash Lema

Over the last month there was the program conference. With this conference there was a session on growing scouting. I have attached (page 3 of Attachments) the note from the session below. I think it would be great for regions and units.

Tash has sadly stepped down from the Membership Development role. This means we are now looking for someone to fill her shoes. If you believe you or someone you know is the right person for the role, contact Michelle. The role description and responsibilities can be found on page 6 of the attachment file

Email at:

[membership.development@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:membership.development@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.5 Program

Zac Geddes

I do not have a lot to say this month, but there a few things I want to touch on.

Firstly, The Big Think In Program conference was two weekends ago, and to the sessions I went to, they were very informative. This has given me heaps to think about and watch this space for upcoming projects.

Secondly, on Monday I attended the SAAC (State Adventurous Activity Council) and got some really good insights. I am there to represent the Rover section, so if any Rovers have concerns, or questions, I am happy to pass them on. We did have a great discussion on needing guides to do adventurous activities, and how Rovers fit into it because many Units will do activities on their own. I am seeking some calcifications. And if anyone is interested in becoming an activity guide, this will be super important when OAS is properly implemented, and with the Jamboree coming up.

Lastly, Scout Quest is still on with the challenges, right now, it is the Community challenge, and it is based around Acts of Kindness, in Nursing Homes, and Retirement villages etc... You can also watch past events that have happened.

Email at:

[program@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:program@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.6 Our Program

Jacinta Swift

Terrain is here! In the next week, all Rovers and Rover Advisors will receive an email with instructions on how to log on and get started with our new digital system.

If you are super keen and wanting to log on now there are user guides available at <https://pr.scouts.com.au/terrain/> but please be aware that until the setup is completed by the Group Leader and Rover Advisor there won't be a great deal of functionality available to Rovers, the details of this set up will be included in the emails that should be received shortly, as well as the State wide emails that Rover Advisors should have received about two weeks ago.

We also now have an example of one Rover's journey through the entire peak award, which will be available at <https://www.vicrovers.com.au/resources/program-transition-resources>. This can be shared with Rovers and can be

utilised at Region presentations if desired, but please remember it is only ONE Rover's journey, the achievement pathways are based upon an individuals' abilities and challenge, therefore every journey will look different.

Email at:

[program.transition@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:program.transition@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.7 Training

Hamish Beshara

Thank you for all of those who come to the Finance Training session on the 24th of October. This was the first time this session has been run, so if there is any feedback from the session that you haven't had the opportunity to share, please email it to me.

A reminder for participants enrolled or interested in Rovember training to make sure you have completed your online eLearning modules. There are a few new modules, so make sure your progress bars in the training platform are all at 100%. If you require Inservice to be signed off, I am happy to review any Rover forms so you can be awarded that competency. Please note that although there have been no Basic Outdoors courses this year, it is still a prerequisite to attending Advanced Training. I strongly encourage all Rovers to consider completing the Recognition of Proficiency paperwork instead of waiting for an Outdoors course to open up next year. Get in contact with me if you would like to choose this option.

As discussed last month, all content for Rovember will be presented online and our course leaders are currently arranging the schedules for the courses. See below for the schedules for Basic and Advanced training courses. Participants will attend 60-120-minute sessions and complete small exercises in between sessions.

##### Basic Training

*Friday 27th of November*

7:30 – 9:00 PM

*Saturday 28th of November*

9:00 – 11:30 AM

1:00 – 2:30 PM

3:30 – 4:30 PM

7:00 – 8:30 PM

*Sunday 29th of November*

9:00 – 11:30 AM

1:00 -3:00 PM

##### Advanced Training

Tue 24 November 1x session 60-90 mins

Fri 27 November 1 x session 60-90 mins

Sat 28 November 3 x sessions at 60-90 mins each

Sun 29 November 2 x sessions at 60-90 mins each

Wed 02 December 1 session at 60-90 mins

Sat 05 December 2 x sessions at 60-90 mins each

Email at:

[training@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:training@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.8 BPSA

Hamish Beshara

Thank you to the Rovers who attended the BPSA Support Team training this month, I hope you all got a lot out of it and are confident to run your own interviews and review badge proposals. Please communicate to your Regions who your BPSA Support Team is so Rovers know who to approach if they have any questions regarding the award scheme.

Email at:

[bpsa@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:bpsa@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.9 NRC

Andrew Strachan

The final NRC remote meeting for the year happened recently, on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

The major parts of this meeting were the many tabled papers.

All papers that were voted on were passed, though two had amendments.

There was no dissent on any of these from Victoria (i.e. we approved of all of them)

Firstly, the paper we submitted to have a set date for NRC remote meetings was amended so that a week would be specified at the start of the year, rather than an exact day. This change was made so that changing schedules and position holders could more easily be allowed for, while still providing clarity we can use to better plan ahead.

Secondly, the paper “Adjustment to NRC Executive Eligibility” that proposed to remove the usual basic training prerequisite on NRC chair, deputy, secretary, and standing project officer roles was amended, after changes suggested by Victoria.

After consulting with some regions that gave feedback on this paper, I drafted an amendment that asked for basic eLearning to be added as a prerequisite, rather than having no training required at all.

After discussions with the VRC chair I also included an amendment that had the NRC be exempt from the paper, and that the time to achieve basic training after assuming the executive position be reduced from 6 to 3 months.

During these discussions I also removed another part of the drafted amendment that would have asked NRC to run an extra training course for the new NRC exec, as I was informed the other branches have changed over to using the new training system that has a common core, rather than rover specific course, so this would likely be impossible.

The NRC rejected the amendment to have the chair exempt from the lesser restrictions but accepted the suggestion to add basic eLearning completion as a prerequisite.

Two papers were also withdrawn from this meeting. The “Enviro to Standing Role” paper was withdrawn to be voted on remotely as the meeting had gone over time. The “Young Adult Leader Appointments”, which was a contentious paper from the region feedback I received, was withdrawn prior to the meeting due to feedback they had received. I believe this paper is being reworked as a result of this feedback and may be tabled to the 2021 conference.

At this meeting details of the 2021 NRC conference were confirmed. The conference will be held at Camp Cottermouth, ACT, on January 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>. If borders are still closed at this time NRC assured us that the conference would be made available, or entirely, online. Though hopefully with the recent progress made on COVID cases that should not be an issue.

For more information about this meeting, the minutes should soon be up on the VRC website, and NRC minutes are now also published on the NRC website (<https://rovers.scouts.com.au/nrc-documents/>)

It has also been great to see the response to NRC conference observer nominations opening. With 6 candidates this will be the first time I see preferential voting used at a VRC. I look forward to working with whoever is elected!

Email at:

[nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.10 Finance

Cameron Phillips

Hey,

So, it's been a busy month for the finance team, last Saturday we ran a finance training session for subcommittees, thank you to everyone who attended and gave feedback so we can continue to improve the session for the future.

Currently we are looking to the future and so the finance team would like to ask the subcommittees to come up with a 5-year plan, the focus of this is on any foreseeable capital expenditure apart from regular operational expenses. If subcommittees would be able to have those ready by the end of this year that would be greatly appreciated.

Email at:

[finance@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:finance@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.11 Secretary

**Maddy Packer**

I just want to start by apologising. When sending out the last month minutes I attached the unamended version of the "Appointment of Subcommittee RA". I will include the amended version when sending out this month's minutes.

In reference to the minutes, there are a few updates that will be implemented this month. As you have already seen, the nominations for BPSA awardees have been moved towards the start of the meeting. In regard to voting, moving forward the agenda will include "voting blocks" which will provide those voting with an idea of when they will be voting for certain items. I am also always open to any suggestions on improving the distribution of information to Rovers around the state.

As we continue to meet in an online format, it is imperative that your reports are submitted prior to the meeting commencing. Please also ensure that all voting parties are included in report emails.

All reports **not** provided will not be typed up in their entirety; only key points will be listed. If you have a general business item to present, please ensure you send through a short summary to me.

Email at:

[secretary@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:secretary@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.12 Resources

**Emily Kinross-Smith**

We have steam cleaning booked in for November 5th which means we will be needing a small number of volunteers on Tuesday or Wednesday to help clear out VRC. The weekend of the 7th and 8th will be a working bee to reset the rover centre. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out.

Expression of interest form:

<https://forms.gle/bskqdKBiwtv7Kn2F7>

Emily

Email at:

[resources@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:resources@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.13 Strategic Planning

**Lily Twyford**

Hello !! Not much to report, just following up on the region chairs about the previous email listing universities.

Please email me back with the closest unit/s to the listed universities and maybe a one sentence description about what that unit is like. Otherwise, as usual I am always excited to see how the rovers are implementing the strat plan in creative ways.

Email at:

[strategicplan@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:strategicplan@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.14 PR and Marketing

**Grace Archer**

Staying on top of the latest COVID-19 news and information has been a main priority for Marketing and Comms, and making sure information provided by Scouts Victoria is distributed to Rovers via the newsletter and shared on our social media platforms.

As always, if you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, we would love to hear from you! Please email [communications@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:communications@vicrovers.com.au) with your article, a title and an image, and we'll be sure to include it! Also feel free to contact that email if you would like something included but need some help writing an article/creating an image/formatting etc.

If you have anything you'd like shared on our social media (the Rovers Victoria Facebook Page or @vicrovers on Instagram), please email or direct message the pages, otherwise feel free to contact Grace via Facebook messenger too! We are also always on the lookout for new content so let us know if you have an awesome idea and we would love to have a chat!

Thank-you everyone!

Email at:

[communications@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:communications@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.15 Visual Communications

Catherine Marley

This month I have put together a stylesheet (page 6 of Attachments) to help people with using the Rover branding. This branding can be used for any formal documentation and promotional material for regions/subcommittees and units. It is good for constitutions, MOUs and formal events. If you have your own branding style feel free to stick to that. Reminder, there is a form to fill out before using the Rover or Scout logo on merchandise, I have provided the link to this page on the stylesheet.

As always, if you need anything made, just let me know.

Email at:

[visual.communications@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:visual.communications@vicrovers.com.au).

#### 4.16 IT

Michael Watts

All outstanding online orders have been shipped and should be delivered shortly if not already, many thanks to Matty for helping us out with that.

As all of you will have received there is a Google Form to be filled out with the voting parties for each month, this will continue to be used for each VRC meeting to ensure that we have the voting party information before each meeting to avoid any issues.

We have seen an increase in Scam and Phishing attacks targeting Rover Scouts Victoria.

These emails typically use the 'From' name of the chair of the relevant region or subcommittee, however the address itself is different.

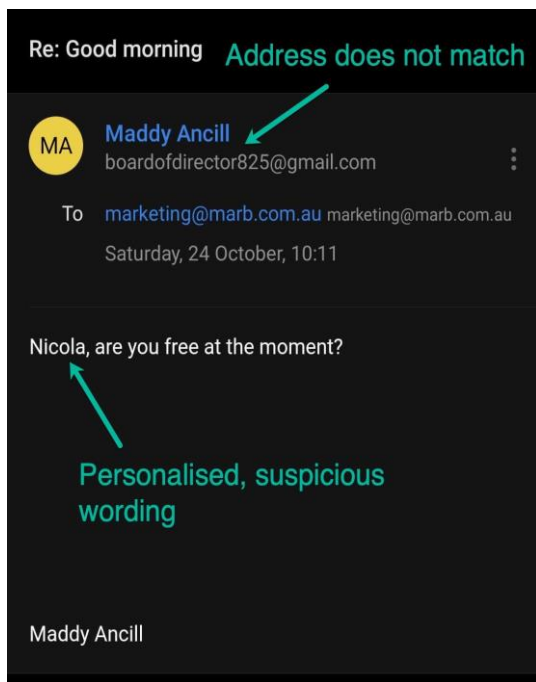
These emails are typically personalised, asking if you are free to chat. An example is included below. On response the sender normally asks for you to purchase gift cards.

Please be vigilant and check the from address of any email you receive and be especially vigilant for any emails that do not 'feel' right.

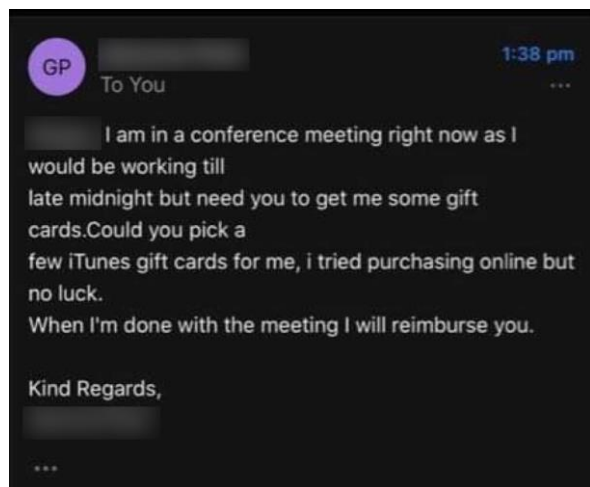
If you do receive one of these emails, please delete it and email [it@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:it@vicrovers.com.au) to let us know so that we can block the address.



Example of initial email:



Examples of further responses:



**Standing Reminders:**

WWCC/e-learning reminder emails are being sent once a month. Please let me know if you would like this information to go directly to unit leaders in your region, or if you would like an ad-hoc report.

You can contact the IT Team at [it@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:it@vicrovers.com.au), and the online store team at [store@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:store@vicrovers.com.au). Please reach out if there is anything we can assist with.

**4.17 Commissioner Group**

**Peter Wotherspoon, Regi Caesar, Stephen Carter**

**Baden-Powell Lodge Unit Service Award**

For many years, the Baden-Powell Freemasons lodge has presented an award to the Rover Unit which has aggregated the most hours providing service with a majority of Unit members involved. Full details of the Award and the provisions are on the VicRovers website. Whilst the opportunities for undertaking service have been severely limited in the past months due to COVID-19 restrictions, nevertheless I am sure that there has been some



activity. Nominations close at the November VRC meeting and should be forwarded to me.

### Grants

The State Government announced an extension of grants in cases where accommodation bookings were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. Applications have been submitted and we are currently awaiting the outcome.

An application for a grant under aspects of COVID-19 relating to mental health and associated matters has also been lodged. Should we be successful, the grant will be used to fund participants to attend mental health training.

### CBR Moot

A number of issues relating to CBR Moot are currently being finalised. The CBR Moot team has also advised all participants that, as a result of negotiations with the event insurers, that there will be refund of up to 75% of the Moot fee. All participants have been contacted individually with details. This is a significant outcome, and the Moot organisers are to be congratulated.

### World Moot

A small team has been developing a proposal to hold a World Moot in Australia in 2029. This proposal has been forwarded to the National Operations Committee for endorsement for a bid to be developed and submitted. Should the bid be successful, this will be a major achievement for Rovers in Australia.

### State ARAP

The Deputy Chief Commissioner has advised that the State ARAP this year will not contain Section reports due to COVID-19 issues, etc. and provided the following information.

“As it's a virtual night, it's even harder to work with lots of different people.

Instead, we are making with young people from across the State and across the Sections sharing a Scouting highlight. The video instructions are attached, and I would LOVE it if you could pass these far and wide in your networks. The more videos and photos we receive the better!

I know this is an unusual decision and there may be some disappointment. I apologise if that is the case, it is not the intention to cause distress.

There are other videos involved as well, including a highlight reel from Scout Quest and a Leader thank you video”.

Could you please circulate to Units for interest. The attachment (page 7 of attachments) has more information.

### COVID SAFE

Current information as of 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, always check with local restrictions when planning any activity.

#### From October 28 in Regional Victoria:

- ◆ Halls in Regional Victoria remain closed
- ◆ Groups in Regional Victoria can undertake face-to-face outdoor Scouting as a whole section but must be split into Patrols or small groups limited to 10 participants.
- ◆ Overnight camping is permitted in groups of up to 10 with adults in single-person tents and youth members sharing no more than 2 to a tent
- ◆ Any members who live in Regional Victoria cannot attend any face-to-face Scouting in Metropolitan Melbourne and vice versa

**From October 28 in Metropolitan Melbourne:**

- ♦ Groups in Metropolitan Melbourne can undertake face-to-face outdoor Scouting as a whole section but must be split into Patrols or small groups limited to 10 participants.
- ♦ Overnight camping is permitted in groups of up to 10 with adults in single-person tents and youth members sharing no more than 2 to a tent but communal facilities, such as toilets and showers, cannot be used
- ♦ Any members who live in Metropolitan Melbourne cannot attend any face-to-face Scouting in Regional Victoria and vice versa
- ♦ Halls and other indoor property in Metropolitan Melbourne remain closed for Scouting activities but can be accessed to undertake necessary maintenance, etc.
- ♦ Worker Permits are no longer required unless you need to travel between Regional Victoria and Metropolitan Melbourne

**From November 8 in Metropolitan Melbourne:**

- ♦ Campsites in Metropolitan Melbourne can open for household group bookings in indoor accommodation and using communal facilities

**NRC REVIEW**

NRC review team have published a response and are asking for feedback and responses.

Emails:

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Regi: [regi.caesar@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:regi.caesar@vicrovers.com.au)

Stephen: [stephen.carter@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:stephen.carter@vicrovers.com.au)

**5 Items for action by OB's, Region and Subcommittee Teams****5.1 Action Items from July**

Nil.

**6 Sub-Committee Reporting****6.1 Mafeking Rover Park****Ben Barraclough**

We have started taking booking again and are working on getting the park back into shape. All bookings are still tentative at the moment.

**6.2 Surfmoort****Megan Rogers**

This month has been busy for the committee with much anticipation and joyful delight with how the case numbers and how everyone in Victoria has played their part to get us to this point our members have been pushing through and striving with all the obstacles in their way. With that being said, we still have to be vigilant and careful about how we go on to continue on this positive trend.

According to the state guidelines and projected timelines Surfmoort should be able to go ahead like normal and as hoped! However, in the unfortunate circumstances that it can't occur the committee has run the idea past the region chairs as to whether they would participate in a region based Surfmoort; meaning that you'll have a camp with your own regions.

In the case that it occurs it will be from the 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> of Jan.

**6.3 Mudbash****Lucy Hubbard**

This month we have locked in heaps of our activities for 2021. We have a heap for new fun fresh activities. If you

are a part of a service team or you have an idea for a stall you would like to have please let me know.

We have also contacted the new program team who will hopefully be creating an info booth to assist with the transition and making it easier for units to access information.

This year we also have a brand-new look for our open day please keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates on this.

This week we will be releasing our tenders for the canteen, pub tour and general tender. If you have any questions regarding tender please let me know.

#### 6.4 Rover Scout Motorsport (RSM)

Simon Nuccio

Nothing to report.

#### 6.5 Bogong Rover Chalet

Jesse Lang

We had our elections 2 weeks ago and welcome our new and continuing committee members:

- ◆ Elected Rovers:
  - Jesse Lang (BCMG Chair)
  - Emily Kinross-Smith (Secretary)
  - Jasmin Pratt (Marketing)
  - Zoe Herrera (Marketing)
  - Lucas Conte
  - Jack Waterhouse
- ◆ Elected 26-30yr old's:
  - David Nicholls
  - Chris Park
- ◆ Elected 30+yr old's
  - Peter Rossborough
  - Bryce Gibson
- ◆ Alpine Rover Unit:
  - Chair - Travis Nisbet
  - Secretary - Melissa Nisbet
- ◆ Honorary Positions:
  - Historian - Jack Waterhouse
  - Treasurer - Peter Linnell
  - Secretary - Jill Rossborough

We have no major proposals at this point in time.

Our current cash balance is \$205,434.37.

#### 6.6 W.F. Waters Lodge

Todd Henderson

I would like to thank everyone's commitment to Rovering over this year with particular thanks to Ann and the rest of the outgoing Baw Baw committee for their tireless work through what is arguably one of the toughest years we have seen.

This month we had our AGM, which was a little different. We were not up at the lodge but in the comfort of our homes and the park for some of us for our zoom meeting. We have had a crazy year and we are very lucky that due to an awesome season last year, limited expenses, and access to a grant we actually made a profit for the 2019/2020 Financial year of just under \$6000. That being said as we have had no income since March this year and as such it is not looking as great for the coming Financial year, but we will just have to wait and see what comes our way.

With that we would like to present to the best of our ability all things being somewhat normal in 2021 our budget to be voted on next month. All questions must be sent to [chair@bawbawrovers.com](mailto:chair@bawbawrovers.com) by the **18th of November** or they are to be considered null and void, giving us time to give answers from our treasurer and executive team.

Obviously, like the vast majority, due to the uncertainty that lies ahead, we have done this to the best of our knowledge and may have to adjust accordingly moving forward depending on restrictions and other external factors that are well out of our control. At this stage, the lodge remains closed a proper COVID safe plan can be

introduced and when restrictions ease to allow for implementation of that plan to hopefully happen with greater ease.

## 6.7 MARB

Madeline Ancill

MARB has been off to a great start. We are in the process of getting the ball rolling for the 2021 event. We are still after feedback, so please feel free to pass the following link on.

<https://forms.gle/DzjUZjuoqb9iHj137>

*MARB 2021 online event :*

Wishing you could still go MARB this year?

Well on the 12/12/2020 MARB 2020 becoming live from your home.

What is happen is that you will be registered for a party pack, print off and from 7pm on the 12/12/2020 join your friends by hosting your MARB from your home or scout hall (make sure to be COVID safe). We will be running a photo contest, on the night. So, make sure to summit your photos to Instagram and Facebook page.

You will receive a party pack via email (make your register on the link below). This will contain a party play list, photo props to print, different photo contest prompts and how to run your COVID safe MARB.

More information will be released on the fakebook event.

You will have to register for this event here:

<https://forms.gle/UwyMxrhuaeSxQ4C7>

The party pack will be sent out a week before the event.

## 6.8 Rover Dinner

Melbourne Region

Rover dinner is coming up next month so we cannot wait to see you there. Invitation is below with details.



**Rover Scouts**  
VICTORIA

Invites you to the  
**Victorian Rover Council**  
**ARAP**

To celebrate the previous year of Roving.

November 21st 2020  
7:30pm on Zoom  
Full Uniform

Meeting Number	Passcode
98810255868	821720

## 6.9 Yearbook

Catherine Marley

I'm waiting for reports, if you want us to find your report from last year or want tips on what needs to be written, email [yearbook@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:yearbook@vicrovers.com.au).

## 7 Region Reporting

### 7.1 Bays

Rachael Osborne

This month in Bays has been pretty quiet, with not too much going on. It has been really good to see out rovers

continuing to try new things in their online programs and sharing them on social media.

A few more units have been doing joint nights, taking advantage of the last bit of online roving. Hopefully with the announcements we have received in the last couple days, some smaller units will be able to take full advantage of meeting outdoors!

It has also been great to see a lot of Bays participation in the Rover blood challenge. Special shout out to Kyal from Split Rock for his insane amount of plasma donations the last few months.

Stay safe everyone and have a great month!

## **7.2 Gippsland**

**Justin Porter**

The Gippsland rovers are loving the face to face interaction again as restrictions ease in Regional Victoria. There have been cooking nights (COVID safe), an outdoor trivia night and a working bee at Birmingham park for its closure. We have been discussing the “What is an active Rover Policy” with units and getting a fair bit of feedback from them. We also now have 2 new members of our BPSA team.

## **7.3 Lerderderg**

**Hamish Beshara**

It was great to see so many representatives from different Units at our Region meeting this month, and we had a really productive conversation with lots of input regarding policies currently on the VRC table. The consensus reached regarding the Active Rover Policy was that considering it was complicated, affected everyone, and had divided opinions, Units would prefer an extended consultation period to talk about the policy with their Rovers.

We are all looking forward to Roving in person in the next few weeks, and Units split between regional and metro areas are keen to get together again.

## **7.4 Melbourne**

**Tiffanie Thomas**

We have had a steady month; we are looking at starting our visits next month. Also, while working on rover dinner. As I said last month we are still looking into running a region activity. Hopefully when restrictions ease we can do our annual Christmas beach party.

Fun fact : In Switzerland it is illegal to own just one guinea pig. You need to own at least two.

## **7.5 Mount Dandenong**

**Gemma Park**

Mt Dandenong is business as usual (or at least COVID-normal), nothing special.

## **7.6 Murray Midlands**

**Bella Condello**

No report submitted.

Had region meeting – discussed rover policy – not popular

A lot of units have been doing more face to face nights – including a unit doing a 4wd trip

## **7.7 Plenty Valley**

**Catherine Marley**

We have been busy as always. This month we updated our constitution and position descriptions to be in line with the new terminology, and we also had some very productive discussions about NRC and the Active Rover Policy. We have also voted in Will Weber as Development Officer and Nathan Box as BPSA Officer, we are excited to have them on the team. We are slowly getting in touch with all of the units in the region, everyone seems excited to get back to in-person Roving, and they have all been managing pretty well overall.

## **7.8 South West**

**Lily Twyford**

Hello !! Things are going steady; the units have been incorporating some outdoor activities alongside their virtual programs. We had a couple of our rovers join in with the One Foot Forward challenge raising money or mental health and a couple of blood and plasma donations, which is exciting! We are excited to start running some region events again potentially some cute lil hikes PLUS I am personally super excited for the 25km radius to lift so I can see some friends again! Otherwise, we passed our updated constitution and are looking into unit potential region badges and maybe even a Christmas break up!

## **8 Other Reports**

### **8.1 MPAC Report**

**Mafeking**

At the last meeting, a proposal was put forward in regard to MPAC continuation. Branch has let us know that we will

need to reapply to be able to receive funding from them. We had asked for feedback, although none was received in a written fashion. If anyone has any feedback, please send it to Pete by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. A vote will be made tonight about whether VRC continues to pursue this project.

Feedback:

- ◆ Can evidence please be provided that this project will actually be completed
- ◆ A timeline will be provided – dependant on financial arrangements from Branch.

**Vote:** That the VRC should pursue the creation of an adventure centre at Mafeking Rover park  
**Passed.**

## 9 Interstate, National and International Events and Contingents

### 9.1 Ireland 2022

WOSM officially announced the postponement of the 16<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot until July 2022. The most current and reliable information can be found here: <https://www.worldscoutmoot.ie/covid-19-faqs/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Dates for the 16<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot are 18<sup>th</sup> July – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- ◆ The age range of participants has been extended to include those born between 19<sup>th</sup> July 1995 to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2004 (both inclusive)

## 10 Tabled Items

### 10.1 Respectful Consultation Period

Gippsland

Paper has been attached to agenda. (page 8 of Attachments)

#### KEY POINTS

- ◆ Provide a mechanism to ensure Units are more directly involved in decision being made at the VRC.
- ◆ To ensure Units that meet fortnightly have adequate time and opportunity to participate in the decision-making process.
- ◆ The GRRC has moved from bi-monthly meetings to monthly meeting in order facilitate more effective consultation for VRC items.
- ◆ This will clear the backlog of items that have been discussed for several years.
- ◆ To enable a process which allows for adequate time for deliberation prior to a decision being made.
- ◆ Restores the integrity of Rover Units in the decision-making processes by allowing them to have an adequate timeframe in which to discuss items for discussion and resolution by the VRC.
- ◆ Ensures that voting rights holders from the Regions on the VRC can provide a vote which has authenticity as it will now reflect a considered position by their Regions and Units.

This item will be decided upon at the January 2021 VRC meeting.

Send any questions and comments to Justin

[gippsland.chair@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:gippsland.chair@vicrovers.com.au)

### 10.2 BCMG Aims, Objectives, and Operating Guidelines Update

Bogong Rover Chalet

Presentation and proposed guidelines have been attached to agenda (page 11 of Attachments)

Send any questions and comments to Jesse

[bogong@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:bogong@vicrovers.com.au)

This item will not be voted upon

### 10.3 W F Waters Ski Lodge 2021-2022 Budes

W F Waters Ski Lodge

Budget has been attached to agenda (page 46 of Attachments)	
Send any questions and comments to Todd <a href="mailto:chair@bawbawrovers.com">chair@bawbawrovers.com</a>	
<b>10.4</b>	<b>Victorian papers for the 2021 NRC conference</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Andrew Strachan</b></span>
Paper has been attached to agenda. (page 47 of Attachments)	
<b>KEY POINTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ If papers are going to be tabled to the 2021 NRC conference by Victoria, they should be approved by VRC by the November meeting, in order to follow VRC standing orders</li> <li>◆ Two papers have been suggested by Michelle (VRC Chair)</li> <li>◆ If these papers, or any amendments to them, are supported by the VRC they will be tabled for the conference</li> </ul>	
Send any questions and comments to Andrew <a href="mailto:nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au">nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au</a>	
<b>10.4.1</b>	<b>Frequency of NRC Meetings</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Andrew Strachan</b></span>
Paper has been attached to agenda. (page 49 of Attachments)	
<b>KEY POINTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There is a lack of time for Branches to discuss papers that are presented at the NRC meetings</li> <li>◆ The remote meetings only occur three times per year, and therefore have lately been conducted for around 3 hours</li> <li>◆ As a result of the amount of content in the meetings, there often is not time for robust discussions during the meetings</li> </ul>	
<b>10.4.2</b>	<b>Training prerequisites for NRC roles</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Andrew Strachan</b></span>
Paper has been attached to agenda. (page 52 of Attachments)	
<b>KEY POINTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The training requirements for the NRC roles were adjusted for COVID-19, to allow for the lack of training that has occurred in 2020</li> <li>◆ Beyond 2021, the training requirements need to be reviewed</li> </ul>	
<b>10.5</b>	<b>Advancement in MARB finances</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MARB</b></span>
MARB is requesting a \$1200 advance in order to secure a venue for 2021. Due to COVI19, the changing of signatures has been difficult. We are requesting \$1200 to assist with this.	
Send any questions and comments to Maddy <a href="mailto:chairman@marb.com.au">chairman@marb.com.au</a>	

## 11 Items for the Information of the Victorian Rover Council

### 11.1 Requirements for Child Safety and WHS Modules for All Adults in Scouting

Please periodically remind the Rovers in your Regions, Subcommittees and Units that these modules may have expired without their knowledge, and that they need to re-complete them when this occurs.

## 12 Voting Items

### 12.1 Active Rover Policy Amendments

**Mt Dandenong**

Paper has been attached to agenda (page 55 of Attachments)

**Motioned:** Mt Dandenong

**Seconded:** Plenty Valley

**Passed.**



<b>12.2 Active Rover Policy Discussion Extension</b>	<b>Lerderderg</b>
<p>To move voting on the Active Rover Policy to November, extending the time to discuss. The Active Rover Policy is to be voted upon in November</p> <p><b>Motioned:</b> Lerderderg  <b>Seconded:</b> Melbourne  <b>Passed.</b></p>	
<b>12.3 Active Rover Policy</b>	
<p>To be voted on only if Voting Item 12.2 is rejected</p> <p><b>Motioned:</b>  <b>Seconded:</b>  <b>NOT VOTED UPON</b></p>	
<b>12.4 Number of Vic observers to NRC Conference</b>	<b>Andrew Strachan</b>
<p>Paper has been attached to agenda (page 58 of Attachments)  Feedback provided – gives more say from state and more people have an opportunity to go</p> <p><b>Motioned:</b> Mt Dandenong  <b>Seconded:</b> Melbourne  <b>Passed.</b></p>	
<b>12.5 Victorian Observers to NRC Conference</b>	
<p>This vote will determine who will observe the NRC Conference.</p> <p><i>Nominations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nikaiya Marr Stout</li> <li>2. Lucy Hubbard</li> <li>3. Catherine Marley</li> <li>4. Cameron Phillips</li> <li>5. Filipe Freyr</li> <li>6. Cohen Rose</li> </ol> <p><b>Result:</b>  Lucy Hubbard</p>	

## 13 Standing Items

### 13.1 Unit Names and Scarves

**Regions**

### 13.2 Workplace Health & Safety Items

The Victorian Rover Centre remains closed to all members until further notice. Access cards for all members are disabled. If you have secure access (e.g. if you are a contact for the alarm company), you will continue to have access. In the unlikely circumstance that you need access to the building, please get in contact with both the IT Officer and the Resource Officer.

## 14 General Business

### 14.1 Other business

#### ROVER CONCERNS REGARDING NEW PROGRAM

As a follow up to Diana's program discussion there is concern about the lack of training in reasonable adjustments within the new award scheme, particularly the OAS areas.

Jacinta and the VRC will continue to push out resources regarding this and put together a presentation, specifically on this matter.

In the meantime, all questions and comments to Fi: ([filipe.bm.freyr@gmail.com](mailto:filipe.bm.freyr@gmail.com)) and/or Wombat ([sc.diversity@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:sc.diversity@scoutsvictoria.com.au))

#### ROVER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS (SCOTTY)

- ◆ Think about Christmas party options
- ◆ Picnic on a weekend
- ◆ Things are in the works currently on a substitute to the Mafeking Christmas party

**Closing Parade: Flag Down & Rover Prayer**

**Meeting Closed at: 10:25pm**