



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
MINUTES FOR THE 475TH MEETING OF THE
VICTORIAN ROVER COUNCIL
HELD AT VICTORIAN ROVER CENTRE
WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 2021, AT 7:30pm**

1 Welcome	
1.1 Flag Break	Michelle Saffin
1.2 Attendance & Apologies Apologies – Grace Archer, Maddy Ancill, Emily Kinross-Smith, Drew L., Matty Barnes, Zac Geddes	Maddy Packer
1.3 Acknowledgement of Country 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.	
1.4 Conflict of Interest Any conflicts of interest that become apparent in the meeting are to be raised.	
2 Congratulations, Guest Speakers, Presentations and Formal Thanks	
Good on Ya Mate – Council acknowledges and thanks the exceptional contributions to Rovering over the past month.	
Guest Speakers – Chris Young, <i>NRC Review Team</i>	
3 Items for Consent	
3.1 Minutes of the previous VRC Meeting	Michelle Saffin
Motioned: Plenty Valley Seconded: South West Passed.	
3.2 Correspondence	Maddy Packer
There is a new TV Quiz Show starting up and they would love Rovers to check it out. Quizical is casting now and the flyer has been attached to page 4 of the minute attachments. Be sure to pass on the flyer to your regions and units.	
3.3 VRC Financial Report	Jody Freeman
Nothing to report.	
3.4 Decisions of the VRC Chair to be ratified	Michelle Saffin
Bogong Chalet Management Group Constitution Update The BCMG constitution has been updated and is to be ratified by VRC Chair. Motioned: Plenty Valley Seconded: Lerderderg Passed.	
3.5 Nominations for the Baden-Powell Scout Award	Regions
Abbey Tiernan – <i>Hanging Rock Rover Unit</i>	

4 Office Bearers Reports

4.1 Chairman

Michelle Saffin

I hope everyone is doing okay after our snap lock down this month, I'm glad that everyone can go back to face to face Roving.

This month the exec has been preparing for census with emails to Rovers going out in the next few weeks with a 'census checklist' as discussed last month. We are waiting for Branch to conduct their detail audit, hence the delay.

In the last week it has come to my attention that people have felt hurt by me as a result of my chairing. If this is you I am sincerely sorry, this is never my intention and I hope you can forgive my miscommunication.

A reminder that I'm always contactable via chair@vicrovers.com.au, on Facebook (Michelle Saffin) or on 0437 822 536.

Email at:

chairman@vicrovers.com.au

4.2 Deputy Chairman

Kieron Younger

I have been very busy these last few weeks .

I will be working with the OBs team to create two google polls to allow us to find the missing units that still have not updated their unit email address stay turned for that coming in March.

Sword Audits

Sword audits, to maintain our obligation under the Control of Weapons Act 1990, we the Victorian rover council must maintain a valid log of swords within our Unit's that carry/ hold a sword, into 2021 we will be holding a sword census to gather information and to update our data base.

In Victoria, swords are classed as a 'prohibited' weapon under the *Control of Weapons Act 1990* (Vic). Possession or use of swords in contravention of the Act in Victoria could result in a \$12,000 fine or six months in jail.

The Scouts Association of Australia was granted an exemption by the Governor in Council to bring into Victoria, display, advertise, purchase, sell, possess, use or carry a sword for the purposes of keeping and displaying a sword or participating in ceremonial activities. This exemption applies to any active member of the Scouts Association of Australia who is 18 years or older. An active member is a member who has been a member for at least 6 months. There are strict storage requirements imposed upon the exemption, requiring the sword to be 'stored safely and securely'. This means that the sword is stored in a way that ensures it is not readily accessible to persons other than those covered by the exemption.

When being transported between its usual place of storage and places it is being used for legitimate purposes under the exemption, it must still be stored in a way that ensures it is not readily accessible to persons other than those covered by the exemption and is concealed from plain sight during any such transportation.

The exemption also requires a record of possession, which is held by the Victorian Rover Council as well as the Unit in direct possession of the sword.

What this means for Units is that when possessing and using a sword for Unit ceremonies, there are important regulations and responsibilities to be adhered to. When looking to acquire a sword the Unit should consider the following:

The sword will need to be stored in a safe manner, in a locked storage box that is secure in your den or hall. It also needs to have a means to be transported to where you will be using the sword and remain safe and secured.

Who will have access?

With the sword locked away, there should be a key that can provide access to only those that should have access.

This means that no one under 18 should have access. It is also a good rule to have that Squires are not to handle the sword. This falls in line with the 'active member' rule, which requires a 6-month period within the movement

before being covered by the exemption, which is the length that it should ordinarily take someone to complete their Squire training after joining the Unit.

When will it be used?

We have a sword we don't want anymore, what do we do?

When a Unit becomes defunct or doesn't want to hold onto a sword anymore, someone still needs to be responsible for the sword. If this happens, please get in contact with the Deputy Chairman and organise for the sword to be handed over. The VRC can hold the sword on trust for future incarnations of your Unit or if you don't want the responsibility anymore, we can find a Unit to adopt your sword and keep it within the movement.

If you don't hand the sword off to the VRC to accept responsibility for the sword, it needs to be disposed of in a responsible manner. This generally means surrendering the sword to the police.

Spam emails

There was recently an email sent out that looked like spam. This was not spam, and the senders have been asked to rethink how they send out these sorts of emails.

If you receive any emails that you think may be spam, forward that email to IT it@vicrovers.com.au immediately.

Email at:

deputy.chair@vicrovers.com.au

4.3 Assistant Chairman

Matthew Barnes

No report submitted.

Email at:

assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au

4.4 Membership Development

Adam Kaplan

Unfortunately, with AG cancelled, we have missed out on a fantastic opportunity to get to know many of our venturers to aid the linking process. That's why I am looking into running a virtual rover expo in the form of a livestreamed Q & A with presentations from various subcommittees and expert panellists.

If you know anyone who would be a great panellist (or you are yourself), get in touch with me.

Subcommittees watch your emails.

Email at:

membership.development@vicrovers.com.au

4.5 Program

Zac Geddes

No report submitted.

Email at:

program@vicrovers.com.au

4.6 Our Program

Jacinta Swift

No report submitted.

Email at:

program.transition@vicrovers.com.au

4.7 Training

Hamish Beshara

Many of you may have noticed Facebook events published recently for all training courses being held for Rovers in 2021. You can find details about each course on the event pages, including how to register. A full training calendar has also been published for 2021 on the Facebook page.

Rovers who are working towards completing their Basic Training, please note that the Basic Outdoors course has been replaced by Scouting Adventure to align with the new curriculum rollout. It is still a weekend residential course, however, is more outdoors focussed and encourages learning by doing. If you have been in Scouting before being a Rover, you might qualify for a Recognition of Proficiency, which can be completed as an alternative to attending the course. More to come on new training in the future.

Email at:

training@vicrovers.com.au

4.8 BPSA

Hamish Beshara

All dates for BPSA Support Team training have been published on the Rover Training Facebook page. Region Chairmen, please encourage Rovers to attend a session if you would like more people on your Region BPSA Support Teams. The next session is on Wednesday the 19th of May at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Registration is via the link on the Facebook event.

Email at:

bpsa@vicrovers.com.au

4.9 NRC

Andrew Strachan

Recently the 2021 NRC Conference was held, on the weekend of 29-31st of January. Currently the minutes for this have not yet been published, so I am unable to report on everything that occurred but can still discuss some main points. The minutes are expected to be out within two weeks so I can distribute those once I get them, and report on conference in full next meeting.

Victoria submitted three papers ahead of conference, and we wrote and submitted an additional late paper during the conference itself. The initial three papers were regarding training prerequisites for NRC roles, the frequency of NRC remote meetings, and the nomination process for Rovers obtaining adult recognition awards (ARAs).

The training paper was discussed at the end of Saturday, the discussions with other branches did not make any progress by the time we were due to finish for the day, so we decided to withdraw that paper, with the possibility of re-tabling it at a later meeting.

The frequency of meeting paper was also withdrawn, after other branches and the in-coming exec brought up the point that changes may be made to meeting structure by the new exec, so they wanted the paper to be left until next meeting to give them more time to decide how they wanted to approach meetings.

The ARA paper was discussed but failed, as no other branch seconded our motion to vote on the paper. We are not sure why this failed as no criticism of or issues with the paper were raised.

The late paper that we submitted was written after the national RA reminded us that the traditional schedule of conferences aligning with major events (i.e., AJ2022) would mean that Vic was due to host the next conference, and a paper was required for us to request that happened. We decided to take a slightly different approach and worked with Tasmania on a proposal that Tas would host 2022 in a Victorian location (to save on travel cost) and Vic would host 2023 in a Tasmanian location (as Tas have a moot in 2023 they would traditionally host conference there, but due to the small size of their branch would not be able to organise both). This paper was met with some confusion and criticism from other branches, including suggestions that Vic host 2022 and 2023 was worked out later. We discussed with Tas on this, and because we were not comfortable with leaving Tas to host 2023 as they did not feel they would have the resources, nor did we feel comfortable committing Victoria to host 2 conferences in a row, we withdrew the paper.

Currently none of these papers have been reworked or resubmitted to the next remote meeting. This meeting falls on the same week as March VRC, so there is not time to follow the process of approving papers set in standing orders if these papers are to be retabled to that meeting.

The NRC external review team did not submit their final recommendations at conference as originally scheduled, instead taking the opportunity to run some final workshops to gain more rover input on a few major topics such as the overall purpose of the NRC. These workshops and the discussions around them seemed to be quite productive and will hopefully be reflected in the final recommendations, which should be presented at the March 2021 remote

meeting.

Finally, the world moot 2029 bid team has been announced, including five Victorian members; Chris Young, Peter Wotherspoon, Kieren Martin, Lucy Hubbard, and Cairo Levett (who is leading the team). I would like to congratulate all of them and am excited to see the work they do to hopefully bring the world moot back to Australia.

Submitting papers for NRC

1. Table paper at VRC
2. Normal VRC process
3. If successful, paper will be tabled at NRC.

- ♦ *Papers to be tabled at the May/June NRC need to be tabled at VRC no later than March.*

Email at:

nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au

4.10 Finance

Cameron Phillips

Hey everyone, so as mentioned last month this month I am tabling a new financial management policy book (see Item 10.1, also page 7 and 9 of minute attachment). This is going to sit on the table for two months and should it pass there will be a one-month grace period so that the new policies take effect on the 1st of June.

I am happy to answer any and all questions, take suggestions of wording and all in all take any help to improve this document! To assist with this, I will be holding an open zoom meeting where people can come and voice their concerns or questions, this meeting is to be held on the 23rd of March at 7pm, I'm aware this is the day before VRC however I want to give as much time for everyone to read through the document, if people feel it would be helpful or needed, I am happy to organize more meetings or do my best to attend region meetings so everyone can have their voice heard. Should there be the need to have an amended version of the document that will be tabled next month.

Email at:

finance@vicrovers.com.au

4.11 Secretary

Maddy Packer

Thank you all for understanding my absence last month. As such, I am still trying to find my feet again in regard to my role. If you notice anything is incorrect, please email me so I am able to amend this ASAP.

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

4.12 Resources

Emily Kinross-Smith

Nothing much has happened in the past month. I am beginning to look into window tinting for the main room.

Email at:

resources@vicrovers.com.au

4.13 Strategic Planning

Lily Twyford

Hello !! Nothing new to present, just in the process of collating some responsible drinking resources and finishing some of the 'moving region' resources that were given to me (sorry for the delay, hopefully will have these finished soon!).

Email at:

strategicplan@vicrovers.com.au

4.14 PR and Marketing**Grace Archer**

A priority this month for Marketing and Comms moving forward is really boosting our Instagram page, as it is a great way to engage with Rovers across the state and promote Rovering to a broader audience. I would really love to feature Units more regularly on the @vicrovers page, so if you have anything exciting coming up/any content you'd like shared, please don't hesitate to message the account! Many Units already have awesome Instagram pages themselves, and they can be a great way to encourage new members as well as communicate what your Unit has been up to! If anybody has an interest in Instagram marketing I'd also really love to hear from you.

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 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're also always on the lookout for new content so let us know if you have an awesome idea and we'd love to have a chat!

Email at:

communications@vicrovers.com.au

4.15 Visual Communications**Catherine Marley**

Over the last few months, I have been working on an Acknowledgement of Country business card (attached on page 5 of the minute attachments). I would like to print off 250 for \$17.99 (before postage) through Vistaprint next month. Please send through any feedback before the next VRC meeting regarding the design or the pricing.

As usual if you would like any logos, flyers or graphics made, let me know.

Acknowledgement of Country Business Card Feedback

- ◆ To make the card more specific, consider making a region version.
- ◆ The current borders are difficult to see.
- ◆ The new promise and law card size is bigger than normal business cards – test out that size and check pricing.
- ◆ Bring mock-ups and quotes to the next VRC meeting.
- ◆ Purpose – to aid in opening camps, meetings, etc when including a welcome to country.

Email at:

visual.communications@vicrovers.com.au.

4.16 IT**Michael Watts**

This month the IT team has been working on creating some Google Forms to help with the Sword Audit and Crew Census. Instructions for using the Rover Centre PC for Meetings and Presenting are being created and these will be posted on the wall in the near future.

A new event registration form has been created to ensure an easier registration process for participants. If you experience any issues with this form please use the feedback button on it. We have also been discussing purchasing a Raspberry Pi for the front gate system to ensure we have a dedicated device.

The website update is still underway with the Surfmoort, Mudbash, and MARB skeletons set up. We will be in contact with those committees shortly to get those set up. I will also be providing a timeline for the website update in the near future.

We have also had a request from branch to see if there is an effective way to keep email addresses stored in Extranet up to date, possible solutions are being investigated. We are also working on possibilities to match Extranet data with event registration data.

Due to branch requirements, we are no longer able to store health forms on Dropbox, as such we are moving to Operoo for event health profiles. The details are still being worked out with branch, and we will be in touch with upcoming events with more information including what to do for interstate/non-scouting members.

Zoom meetings are still available, please email conferencing@vicrovers.com.au. If you are no longer needing your scheduled meeting please also email to let us know so we can free up those slots for others.

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, and the online store team at 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

BPSA and ARA Presentations

Unfortunately, the above presentations, which were scheduled to take place at Gilwell (having been re-located from Government House), were cancelled at the last minute due to the COVID lockdown. A new date is currently under consideration and awardees will be advised in due course. The likely date will be sometime next month.

Unit Service Award

Presentation of this award to Everest Le Page Rover Unit was also postponed for the reasons outlined above.

W F Waters (Rover Service Award) and Adult Recognition Awards

The closing date for nominations for these awards was originally advised as 21 February. This has just been extended to 28 February. Please forward any nominations to me by the revised date.

World Scout Moot 2029 Bid

Following a call for applications, the National Rover Council has announced membership of the team who will develop the bid to hold the 2029 World Scout Moot in Australia. Victoria will be represented by Cairo Levett (who will lead the team), Chris Young, Lucy Hubbard, Kieren Martin and Peter Wotherspoon.

The first meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday 23 February.

Region Chairs meeting

A productive meeting of Region Chairs and members of the Executive was held on Sunday to discuss a number of matters of concern. A paper outlining the discussions and goals for the future will be developed in the coming days for presentation to the team.

Voting Arrangements

Attached to the agenda is a paper for consideration which is designed to provide clarity on voting, in particular how "abstain" votes will be treated (see Item 10.2, also page 21 on the minute attachment).

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Pete: sc.rovers@vicrovers.com.au

Regi: regi.caesar@vicrovers.com.au

Stephen: 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Opened back up for bookings. ◆ Have already received a few bookings
6.2	Surfmoot Megan Rogers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The forum and AGM will be on the same date – 17th March, more details to come. ◆ Thank you to those who have submitted feedback. ◆ Access to the photos have been released
6.3	Mudbash Lucy Hubbard
	<p>It has been a quite month unfortunately our committee weekend was cancelled due to lockdown. Hope we will be able to schedule another in. As always our tenders are open links are below.</p> <p>General Tender https://1drv.ms/b/s!AvyIB2Yg2R9LgfJCC5w0tL5AMgCj_w</p> <p>Canteen Tender https://1drv.ms/b/s!AvyIB2Yg2R9LgfJByt55x2DXpV9Vtg</p> <p>Pub Tour Tender https://1drv.ms/b/s!AvyIB2Yg2R9LgfJDvUGBXJRgB1ZR-A</p> <p>Bar Tender https://1drv.ms/b/s!AvyIB2Yg2R9LgfJA6ti63pgUd0VFWA</p> <p><u>Working bee dates for 2021</u></p> <p>Pre-Mudbash working bees: 26th to 28th March 2021 16th to 18th April 2021 21st to 23rd May 2021</p> <p>Post-Mudbash working bees: 2nd to 4th July 2021 30th July to 1st August 2021</p> <p>We are also look for people with the following trades. Electrician Plumber Carpenters Boilermakers/welding qualification</p> <p>We do have so specific jobs that we will be needing these trades for at our working bees. Also, if you are able to drive or have access to a bobcat to assist with track maintenance.</p> <p>Contact Lucy at chair@mudbash.com or message the Mudbash Facebook page if you are able to assist.</p>

If you are able to assist trade hours will be awards for your time for those racing units.

Tickets are now released at \$75. Check out Facebook page for details.

6.4 Rover Scout Motorsport (RSM)

Simon Nuccio

It's been a tough month for us with the cancelation/postponement of two events being our Scruit day and Round 3.

We had worked with all COVID restrictions placed on us by Motorsport Australia, Scouting and the Government.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for information regarding future events. Turnaround times for being able to run events seems to be very short and this is the best way to keep up to date.

Our budget is on the table for voting tonight. We received no feedback on it.

6.5 Bogong Rover Chalet

Jesse Lang

It was set to be another busy month of renovation working bees, but the 5-day snap lockdown threw a wrench in the works. The woodfire stove was successfully removed for refurbishment in late January, however the second bathroom working bee set to begin on the 12th of Feb was cancelled due to the lockdown, and the works planned for that weekend have been rescheduled for our Labour Day weekend working bee.

We also opened our bookings for the 2021 ski season on 1st Feb. 7 of our 13 weeks were booked out within the first 4 days of opening with the other weeks all gaining plenty of interest as well, so it's looking like it'll be a busy season this year if the COVID-19 restrictions allow.

6.6 W.F. Waters Lodge

Todd Henderson

- ◆ Bookings are running as normal.
- ◆ Bookings open up at Surfmoort and have a good response.
- ◆ Spaces are still available.
- ◆ 2 working bees coming up: 19-21 March & 16-18 April

6.7 MARB

Madeline Ancill

MARB 2021 is off to a flying start with the theme of Game On! Please put the 18th of September in your unit calendars now and start thinking about your costumes. To ensure that you are kept up to date with the latest for MARB, please follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/marbvic> and Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/vicrovers_marb/?hl=en

Unfortunately, Nicola our PR and Marketing Officer has had to step down, so we have an opening on the committee. If you are interested in the role, please do not hesitate to contact the committee at chair@marb.com.au. We would like to thank Nicola for all her hard work and dedication to the committee and wish her all the best.

We look forward to seeing our event coming along.

If at any stage anyone has any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at chair@marb.com.au

Tickets are on sale now \$65

6.8 Rover Dinner

Lerderberg

- ◆ Last month we said we would start thinking about it.
- ◆ We have thought about it.
- ◆ Nothing to report.

6.9 Yearbook

Catherine Marley

The yearbook is now in production! Thank you to everyone who sent in reports and photos.

7	Region Reporting	
7.1	Bays	Rachael Osborne
<p>This month in bays has been quite good, despite the short lockdown we had in the middle. a few units have been able to get out and enjoy the water while the weather is still warm, which is great to see. we had our first face to face region meeting since March at Split Rock's hall, big thanks to them for hosting! hopefully as we move forward we will be able to see more and more faces back at our region meetings.</p> <p>As a region we report on our membership numbers by unit at each monthly meeting, so we are looking pretty good for rover census. a few of our units have had some good venturer interest, which is always good. Hopefully, we can continue to encourage the growth of rovers in bays.</p> <p>I'd also like to give a big congratulations to our deputy chair Kieren Martin for his role on the 2029 world moot bid team.</p> <p>Hopefully, we can move forward avoiding more lockdowns and continue to enjoy our roving face to face.</p>		
7.2	Gippsland	Justin Porter
<p>We had our first Region meeting with a good turnout even though it was online which is great. The whole region enjoyed Surfmoat.</p>		
7.3	Lerderderg	Hamish Beshara
<p>This month Lerderderg sprung into the new year at BOUNCEinc at our first event of the year. The Region is pleased to report that Arundel Rover Unit is starting up again after years of dormancy. The Region team will be working with them closely to support their start-up and return to Rovering.</p> <p>The Region Committee helped out at the Lerderderg Region Grey Wolf Award ceremony in early February, which was great for our visibility and reputation as a section, and even generated a bit of cash flow. We are looking forward to interacting with other sections soon.</p>		
7.4	Melbourne	Tiffanie Thomas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Held a face-to-face meeting followed by a BBQ. ◆ 2 new positions have been introduced. ◆ Fun fact: Before rebranded as a kid's toy play doh was originally a wallpaper cleaner 		
7.5	Mount Dandenong	Gemma Park
<p>Mt Dandenong is trailing some new ideas after the transition back to face-to-face region has not gone as smoothly as hoped. We had a very small turn out (8 members) to our face-to-face only Feb region meeting which is a less members than even our exec team :(In contrast our online only meeting later in Feb had approx. 50 attendees and reports state better advertising than the early Feb one. From this our plan next month is to run our meeting both online and f-t-f, with encouragement that if you want to actively discuss be there in person, if you want to observe be there online - with some flexibility. We'll be supplying snacks to the meeting to see if we can lure rovers to attend and we're going to update the way we advertise our meetings - rovers want to see more posts on our Facebook group and reminders to check their unit email accounts. At the moment there is no expectations or culture as to who attends our Region Gatherings which may contribute to our low attendance, so a transition to 'at least one rep from every unit' would be ideal. If any other regions have ideas please spill your secrets to me!</p> <p>On a positive note, we've recently had 2 new units start up under pre-existing Rover Unit names. A large number are ex-venturers who have turned 18 over the last 12months are belonged to Venturer units together. We're excited to see some fresh faces.</p> <p>We tried workshops before region meetings as an initiative this year to build life skills and give rovers motivation to attend gatherings. These were only on zoom and had an average turn out of about 10 people per month; more members joined afterwards for region meeting only. We deemed the turn out too low to be worth it and discontinued our remaining planned sessions. We're unsure if this was due to Zoom fatigue or lack of interest - mixed feedback.</p>		

We're super excited for MoistMoot coming up - tickets are still available and it is open to all regions; we'll see ya there!

7.6 Murray Midlands

Bella Condello

- ◆ We had a face-to-face for the first time since i have been unit chair – only half region turned up.
- ◆ Went through the new program.
- ◆ Issues with rover unit coming up on Vic scouts “find a group”

7.7 Plenty Valley

Catherine Marley

This month has been yet another of getting used to how things are now. We have events being run/cancelled or postponed on short notice. Hybrid in-person and zoom meetings are serving as a way of allowing members in hot spots to still attend region meetings. Units were able to run zoom nights with a few days' notice of a lockdown. At this point I think people are managing the unexpected pretty well.

7.8 South West

Lily Twyford

Hello !! Nothing new to present, we are just adjusting after the mini lockdown and hopefully looking to have some more venturer joint nights across the region considering school starting back and with all the new 18 years old's who finished school last year.

8 Other Reports

8.1 MPAC Report

There have not been any expressions of interest for the project patrol that would look into this project. Without a project patrol this will not be possible.

If anyone is interest in joining the patrol, please use the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WG9B69J>

9 Interstate, National and International Events and Contingents

9.1 Ireland 2022

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

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

10 Tabled Items

10.1 Financial Management Document

Cameron Phillips

Paper can be found on page 7 of the minute attachments.
Financial Management document can be found on page 9.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ Bank Accounts and Signatories
- ◆ Budgets and Cover Letters
- ◆ Presenting Budgets to the VRC Table
- ◆ Presenting Major Changes to the Budget
- ◆ Income
- ◆ Ticket Sales
- ◆ Merchandise
- ◆ Expenditure
- ◆ Quoting

- ◆ Ledger
- ◆ Invoicing
- ◆ Reporting
- ◆ Capital Expenditure
- ◆ Rovers Commerce Operation
- ◆ Grants
- ◆ Appendix A – Role of an Event Subcommittee Treasurer
- ◆ Appendix B – Tax Invoices

Send any questions and comments to Cameron.

finance@vicrovers.com.au

10.2 Voting Arrangements

Peter Wotherspoon

Paper can be found on page 21 of the minute attachments.

KEY POINTS

- ◆ Voting processes at Victorian Rover Council require clarification.
- ◆ At recent Victorian Rover Council meetings there has been some confusion regarding the voting processes in place.
- ◆ This has particular relevance when delegates vote to abstain and for a majority to be determine.
- ◆ Research would Indicate that there are two primary methods of vote counting operating across various organisations, details of which are listed as Options 1 and 2 below.

Send any questions and comments to Peter.

sc.rovers@vicrovers.com.au

10.3 Consultation Timeline

South West

Paper can be found on page 23 of the minute attachments.

KEY POINTS

- ◆ Provides a more case by case basis for all proposed items to be adequately discussed as deemed appropriate.
- ◆ Provide a mechanism to ensure Units are more directly involved in decision being made at the VRC, but also ensure Units that meet fortnightly have adequate time and opportunity to participate in the decision-making process.
- ◆ To enable a process which allows for adequate time for deliberation prior to a decision being made, by the author providing an appropriate timeline (and being accepted by 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.

Send any questions and comments to Lily.

southwest.chair@vicrovers.com.au

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 RSM Budget

RSM

Budget cover letter can be found on page 25 of the minute attachment.

Budget can be found on page 26 of the minute attachment.

Send any questions and comments to Simon.

chair@rsm.vicrovers.com

Motioned: Bays

Seconded: Mt Dandenong

Passed.

13 Standing Items

13.1 Unit Names and Scarves

Regions

Mordy Rover Unit – Scarf update



- ◆ Current scarf is the group scarf.
- ◆ The design comes with group logo and we like purple.
- ◆ Inspired by Regi.
- ◆ Photos above is the new design

13.2 Workplace Health & Safety Items

If you are using the VRC please ensure you check-in using the QR code on the front door, use sanitiser frequently and wash down all frequently touched surfaces before departure.

14 General Business

14.1 Knighting Ceremony Clarification

There has been some confusion about the current structure of the knighting ceremony within the new program. Can this be clarified in order to have the correct information passed down to Units.

- ◆ A paper was previously written about this topic and has is on page 27 in the minute attachments.
- ◆ In summary:
 - Two-tiered system is gone.
 - A single ceremony – investiture ceremony
 - Symbols and parts from the old knighting ceremonies can be brought to investiture ceremonies – i.e., swords.
- ◆ The new ceremony book is available [here](#) from the scout website

14.2 Other Business

14.2.1 Vic Rover Website

- ◆ Paper template is not currently on the website – to be fixed.

14.2.2 Presentations for unit service award

- ◆ 28th of march
- ◆ More details to come.

14.2.3 Tassie moot

- ◆ Suggestion that Vic Rovers to assist – e.g., hold premoot, tours, etc.
- ◆ Anyone interesting in being “TasVic cheerleader”, let us know.

14.2.4 Gippsland for flashy sign

- ◆ Approved
- ◆ Branch owned asset.
- ◆ Available for use at events
- ◆ To be used, bookings need to be made. How bookings are being made is being worked out
- ◆ Has been booked for Mudbash already.
- ◆ Contact TBC

Closing Parade: Flag Down & Rover Prayer

Meeting Closed at: 09:45pm