



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
MINUTES FOR THE 476TH MEETING OF THE
VICTORIAN ROVER COUNCIL
HELD AT VICTORIAN ROVER CENTRE
WEDNESDAY, 24TH MARCH 2021, AT 7:30pm**

1	Welcome	
1.1	Flag Break	Michelle Saffin
1.2	Attendance & Apologies Apologies – Cameron Phillips, Todd Henderson, Scott Manning, Matt Barnes	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. Catherine - Yearbook Discussion	

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 – N/A

3	Items for Consent
3.1	Minutes of the previous VRC Meeting Michelle Saffin
	Motioned: Bays Seconded: South West Passed.
3.2	Correspondence Maddy Packer
	Nil.
3.3	VRC Financial Report Jody Freeman
	VRC Profit and Loss report has been attached on page 4 of the minute attachment.
3.4	Decisions of the VRC Chair to be ratified Michelle Saffin
	Nil.
3.5	Nominations for the Baden-Powell Scout Award Regions
	Kelly Elliot – Murray Midlands

4	Office Bearers Reports
4.1	Chairman Michelle Saffin
	I would like to let the table know a few things that have been happening in the NRC space over the last month, through the Chairs meetings (hence I'm reporting on them, not Andrew). As you know the review team did not table their report at the NRC conference, and instead opted to run some workshop sessions for the Rover community, with the report due at the first remote meeting. Disappointingly there

will not be a review paper tabled at the meeting (tomorrow night).

At this stage, the Chairs have been told there is an NRC purpose paper being tabled tomorrow night, and then a draft review paper will be released in the coming months.

At the time of writing the purpose paper and a timeline for the review process have not been released, but when they are released they will be distributed to the region chairs directly, and in the VRC minutes email if the timing allows.

Along with Andrew I have had discussions not only with the other branch chairs, but also the NRC Chair, about what we can do to ensure there are not further delays, and that the process has a clear timeline that we can all access. I hope you understand we are doing all we can to advocate for Victoria's needs in this process.

This month my focus has been on census- we are less than a week out from census, and I am grateful for all who have contributed to the big push for Rovers to prepare for census.

Please keep up the enthusiasm for this last week- we still haven't seen much change in the Rover space, so we need to make sure there aren't mass deregistrations in the next few days- the BEST way to ensure this is for every group leader to hear from the Rovers registered with them!

Additionally, the OB team has been reviewing their position descriptions so that these are accurate reflections of the roles for the 2021/2022 team to utilise.

Please view the current draft in the attachments- if you have any feedback about the role descriptions please email them to myself & Maddy.

Region Chairs I would particularly like your feedback on the Chair role description, as to what you feel is missing or not accurate.

Lastly, time flies and tonight we are opening nominations for the next OBs team, as well as most regions heading towards their elections and AGMs. Please consider what you're planning to do for the next 12 months, and who would be a bright light to support to apply for roles in Rovers. I look forward to receiving the applications for the OB team over the next couple of months, including Chair nominations for election next month.

Email at:

chairman@vicrovers.com.au

4.2 Deputy Chairman

Kieron Younger

Census, Census, Census. You have heard from Michelle and Pete.

I will echo their word that it is very important to get in Contact with all Rovers before the March 31st deadline. Our Vis Com Officer has made a Poster which can find in many of the region Facebook Pages.

Last Monday I spoke with all the Region chairs at our monthly Region chairs meeting via Zoom. On Zoom we spoke about updating the Unit starter guide and the VRC Rep handbook later in April.

Sword Audit

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8yIP28wEbpfi80ceFNgsJwnJmblrjd0IbD7uateeQ9bn22A/viewform>

All Units must complete this document, this is very important especially for Sword information and keeping our Units Email up to date. If units don't fill out this document, myself and a few helpful Rovers will be calling around to see that all Units do complete the Document.

Please keep reminding your Units about scOUT & ABOUT and keeping Your Operoo up-to-date.

Hope you all have a great Easter Break, I'll be going to the Bogong Rover chalet with my Unit to help get the Chalet ready for Winter.

Email at:

deputy.chair@vicrovers.com.au

4.3 Assistant Chairman

Matthew Barnes

Over the last month I've been assisting several subcommittees with various items that have needed assistance with. It's been great to hear how busy the chalets are going to be over winter. I strongly encourage every Rover who hasn't been to either of the Chalets to really try and get to at least one of them this year. The big thing that I've been looking at this month is really pushing out Operoo within Rovers. Every activity we do we must be registering it with scOUT and ABOUT as well as someone at that activity having access to the participants Operoo profiles for the duration of that activity. I'm currently working with State in how we can streamline this out and that its achievable for Units right through to Subcommittees. Stay tuned for more information

Link for scOUT and ABOUT:

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/member-resources/safety/scout-about/>

Email at:

assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au

4.4 Membership Development

Adam Kaplan

No report submitted.

Email at:

membership.development@vicrovers.com.au

4.5 Program

Michelle Saffin

Zac has stepped down from the program role due to personal reasons. We thank him for the incredible work he has done throughout a tough year for programming.

Anyone interested in the program space is highly encouraged to apply for the role as part of the nominations which are opening this month.

Email at:

program@vicrovers.com.au

4.6 Our Program

Jacinta Swift

We have been working on planning webinar information/Q&A sessions for the Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS). These will be run in conjunction with Narelle Lowdell (State Commissioner OAS), and will be for any member of Scouting wishing to attend. As the OAS are across all sections these sessions will be relevant for all sections, including Rovers.

Webinars will be in the evening on 29th April & 5th May.

Information re. registration and further details will be circulated through Be Informed, Rover Weekly Update and Social Media platforms.

In regard to the OAS implementation, Rovers should be completing a self-assessment to determine where they are currently at, and where they were when they started Rovers for each of the OAS streams. After this self-assessment Rovers then need to discuss their stages with the unit council to determine if this is the appropriate stage or not.

Resources for OAS:

State OAS webpage (qualifications required to supervise, FAQ, helpful resources etc.)

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/activities-events/outdoor-adventure-skills/>

National resources (see Outdoor Adventure Skills Factsheet)

<https://pr.scouts.com.au/achievement-pathways/>

On Demand Training (Achievement Pathways module)

<https://training.scouts.com.au/curriculum/page-for-leader-of-youth-training>

Scout Shop (OAS Progression Book, New Program Handbook, Rover Youth Member Guide & Record Book)

<https://scoutshop.com.au/t/ypr/books>

Email at:

program.transition@vicrovers.com.au

4.7 Training

Hamish Beshara

There are a lot of changes happening in the Rover Training space in the next few months which are going to affect how Rover Training is delivered moving forward from now. To comply with our National training curriculum, training courses are no longer section exclusive, meaning that there are no 'Cub Scout Leader' courses, for example. All adults In Scouting who require training can attend any number of course throughout the year, which are presented to be relevant to every audience. This means that May Madness 2021 will be the last Rover only training course. Rovers are still encouraged to attend the new courses, but the format will be different, and there will be adults from every section in attendance. I encourage every Rover who would like to attend the final Rover-only training course to register for May Madness this year. Registrations close on April 16th.

As a result of the new curriculum rollout, it has been identified that there are several gaps in the content that is being delivered and what Rovers need to be trained. Recently, a Project Patrol has been working together to workshop and develop Rover Training Modules that will be presented in addition to the Woodbadge curriculum. The format for these modules will be short, concise training sessions of no more than 2 hours that cover a range of topics useful for Rovers and the positions they hold. The number and titles of these modules are still being worked on and are not ready for release, but they will be similar in style to the Finance Training Module developed and delivered last year. These modules will also be facilitated by the existing Rover Training Support Team and not the State Training Team.

Please see attached (*Page 5*) "Your Training Pathway." This will be summarised at VRC.

If there are any Rovers who would like to get a Recognition of Proficiency (RoP) for Scouting Adventure, the Rover Training Support Team will be running a course at 7:30 PM on the 8th of April at VRC. Successful completion of this RoP will remove the requirement to attend a Scouting Adventure training weekend. This is the perfect opportunity for those looking to attend Rover Advanced at May Madness this year who haven't completed their Scouting Adventure component of Basic Training. Please indicate your attendance on the Facebook event.

If anyone has any feedback or questions about these changes, please let me know. The Rover Training Support Team is available to assist Rovers looking to register for courses, just get in contact with the email below.

Registrations at: <http://www.vicscouts.asn.au/Training//Registration/default.php>

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

Deadlines:

4 April: The External Review Team (ERT) will have sent a draft copy of the final report to the NRC Exec for proofreading and fact-checking.

11 April: The NRC Exec will have reviewed the report and sent feedback to the ERT.

Note: The NRC Exec will not be making any comments on the content itself.

19 April: The ERT will have finalised any changes to the report. It is expected that the NRC Exec and ERT will be communicating beforehand to make any last-minute edits etc.

20 April: The NRC Secretary will distribute the final report to the NRC.

20 April- May NRC Meeting: BRC's will review the report, ask questions, propose amendments, and distribute it to the appropriate Rover Scouts for comment.

May NRC Meeting: The ERT will table the report. The NRC will then vote to accept or reject the report.

The NRC Exec will also propose a structure for an implementation team at this meeting. The structure and makeup of the implementation team will be discussed at the April BRC Chairs meeting.

If the report is accepted, the NRC will then vote to accept each individual recommendation.

There are two options for when we vote on the recommendations:

1. Recommendations are voted on at the May meeting after the report is voted on and accepted.

As the report will be distributed at least 3 weeks before the meeting, this option would follow the procedures outlined in the By-Laws on voting papers.

2. Recommendations are voted on in June at an extraordinary NRC meeting.

This meeting would be dedicated solely to voting on the recommendations. There would be no other reports or papers presented at this meeting.

July NRC Meeting: The NRC Exec will announce the members of the implementation team and the next timeline.

Email at:

nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au

4.10 Finance

Cameron Phillips

I have received a lot of feedback over the last 3 days for the finance policy book which is fantastic, and I am doing my best to get through all of it as fast as I can, I will be sending round an amended version as fast as I can, hopefully Wednesday at the latest. Looking forward to continuing to hear back from everyone.

Email at:

finance@vicrovers.com.au

4.11 Secretary

Maddy Packer

The VRC Paper Template has finally been added to the VicRovers website and can be found under resources.

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.

When including quotes in any report, be sure to include all quotes found and all information needed.

Nominations:

Nominations for all VRC Office Bearer position open tonight. The training requirements are any candidate for the

position of:

- ◆ VRC Chair
- ◆ VRC Deputy Chair
- ◆ VRC Assistant Chair, and
- ◆ VRC Training Officer

must have completed an Advanced Training/Scouting Leadership course (or accepted equivalent). Candidates for all other Office Bearer positions require a Basic Training/Scouting Essentials course (or accepted equivalent) to have been completed. Rovers who do not meet training requirements for a position will not be eligible to be nominated for election.

Position descriptions for the positions can be found attached to the Agenda/Minute email.

The application deadline for VRC Chairman is midday on Tuesday 27th of April, to be voted on at the April VRC meeting. The application deadline for all other positions is midday on Tuesday 25th of May, to be voted on at the May VRC meeting.

All applications should be submitted through the Google form using the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15x-7xztyTCChzJVfiiZkvnmFDW9ENNKJEHe7fTEdVQ0/edit?ts=605acb87&gxids=7628>

Email at:

secretary@vicrovers.com.au.

4.12 Resources

Emily Kinross-Smith

This month I've gotten a quote for window tinting on the west windows (above the kitchen) for \$540. If ok to proceed these will block out a lot of the glare for the evening sun and also protect the displays against UV damage.

To be voted on:

That VRC will spend a max \$540 from the maintenance budget for the tinting on the west windows. Three quotes will be found and the lowest quote that is under \$540 will be used.

Moved: Melbourne

Second: Lerderderg

Passed.

Email at:

resources@vicrovers.com.au

4.13 Strategic Planning

Lily Twyford

Hello !! as promised, I have drafted a moving regions resource thanks to the information plenty valley sent - it has been attached to the agenda (*page 22*). This is open for workshop, but hopefully me doing this encourages other regions to send in their information so we can get a whole bunch of these going and finalised for next year.

Otherwise, still in the process of collating some responsible drinking resources and working on finishing up some projects that I had hoped to complete by the end of this term and will release over the next few months.

Email at:

strategicplan@vicrovers.com.au

4.14 PR and Marketing

Grace Archer

Ensuring our newsletter is up to date and any important information is distributed via our mailing list and social media remains a priority for Marketing and Comms this month. In addition, throughout April we would really love to feature more units on our Instagram page! Please message @vicrovers if you have anything you would like shared.

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

In regard to the Acknowledgment of Country cards discussed last month (*attached on page 25 of the minute attachment*), I have found a quote for a larger size that will still fit in a scout uniform pocket. I would like to order 250 cards through Vistaprint. The cards will be \$44.25 + delivery or \$0.18 per card. This will be on 130 gsm matte paper at a7 (74 x 105mm) size. This allows the text to be larger than the original design and significantly more readable. I have attached the redesigned cards, although there are minimal differences. I haven't received any feedback since the last meeting, but I welcome any feedback before I print these.

To be voted on:

Approval to print 500 cards with a max budget of \$70, inc. postage in a7, to be distributed through VRC

Motioned: Melbourne

Seconded: Bays

Passed.

As always, Subcommittees, Regions and Units – if you need any flyers/logos/graphics made, do not hesitate to contact me.

Email at:

visual.communications@vicrovers.com.au.

4.16 IT

Michael Watts

The instructions for the use of the PC system at the Rover Centre have now been posted on the wall, please let me know if you have any feedback on these. We are also looking at upgrading the camera in the room to ensure better quality for meetings held here.

There has been an update to how recordings are handled for Zoom meetings when using the VicRovers account. Where a meeting is recorded the host will receive a link with instructions to download it. Recordings are deleted after 7 days, please download it if you need to retain it for longer.

The event management has also been updated. The checks on the front gate system will now check if a member has completed the mandatory training on top of checking their registration. Anyone who has these outstanding will receive reminders in the weekly email reminders leading up to the event. Completion of this training is required for entry to events.

There has been a new wireless access point placed in the Rover centre hallway for better internet connectivity.

There are some orders needing pick up. Could the region chairs please check the whiteboard in the hallway and take any for people you know in your region.

The Mudbash website is set up and has been passed to the Mudbash team for updates and customisations.

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****VRC Building**

This is a scout building on a city reserve – owned by Monash council. City of Monash have been reviewing all scout sites within the council. They have indicated a 5-year lease will be signed for the VRC location.

Voting Arrangements

Some confusion has become apparent regarding the treatment of “Abstain” votes during VRC meetings. The attached paper seeks to clarify the position.

World Scout Moot Bid

The Team formed to prepare a bid for Australia to host the World Scout Moot in 2029 has met and sub-groups formed to prepare various aspects of the Bid have also met separately.

Contingent Leader – Tassie Moot

Expressions of Interest are now being sought for the Contingent Leader to Tassie Moot. A position Description is currently being developed and will be available when relevant material is received from NRC which is proposing a uniform list of requirements.

Census 2021

At the time of preparing this report there were 1413 Rovers registered. This is an increase of approximately 21% from those registered at 30 June 2019 (the last census date). Whilst there is still a week to go until numbers are finalised and it is possible that numbers will reduce further in this time, nevertheless, it is most likely that there will be an overall increase since 2019. This is a fantastic outcome given the limitations imposed on all of us due to COVID and clearly demonstrates the resilience of the Section to continue to operate in a variety of ways over the past twelve months in particular.

Every Rover has been contacted by email and/or letter informing them of the upcoming census and requesting them to ensure through their Adviser and/or Group Leader that their details are up to date. Each Rover Adviser has also been contacted regarding the census and again requesting their assistance to ensure that all Rovers are registered. Thank you to all involved in the census process, especially those who folded and enveloped the letters to individuals.

Emails:

Pete: sc.rovers@vicrovers.com.au

Regi: regi.caesar@vicrovers.com.au

Stephen: stephen.carter@vicrovers.com.au

5 Sub-Committee Reporting**5.1 Mafeking Rover Park****Ben Barraclough**

Over the past month at Mafeking, we have seen booking start to return to normal and hopefully this is a sign of

what's ahead.

The main thing we have been working on is our main arena project which we are now ready to present and ask for VRC endorsement to spend around \$13,000 on it. This is a time sensitive matter as the earth works need to be completed by mid-April and therefore need to be started ASAP. The plan is outlined in the document provided on *page 27 of the minute attachment*. This attached plan won't be implemented until further in the year.

Any questions and comments, email ben.

chairman@mafekingroverpark.com

Also, we have Mafeking promotion T-shirts now available through the VicRovers store. Orders will be open until 2nd April.

5.2 Surfmoort

Megan Rogers

The Surfmoort AGM was postponed and is now being held Wednesday, April 21st at the Victorian Rover Centre and via Zoom.

5.3 Mudbash

Lucy Hubbard

This weekend is our first working bee. It would be great to see the region teams and the OBs attend one of our working bees to show support to your park and events.

General Tender

https://1drv.ms/b/s!AvyIB2Yg2R9LgfJCC5w0tL5AMgCj_w

Canteen Tender

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AvyIB2Yg2R9LgfJByt55x2DXpV9Vtg>

Pub Tour Tender

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AvyIB2Yg2R9LgfJDvUGBXJRgB1ZR-A>

Bar Tender

<https://1drv.ms/b/s!AvyIB2Yg2R9LgfJA6ti63pgUd0VFWA>

Tender applications until 7th April

Working bee dates for 2021

Pre-Mudbash working bees

26th to 28th March 2021

16th to 18th April 2021

21st to 23rd May 2021

Post-Mudbash working bees

2nd to 4th July 2021

30th July to 1st August 2021

We are also look for people with the following trades.

Electrician

Plumber

Carpenters

Boilermakers/welding qualification

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

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

We also released our Sub regs for 2021.

Working bee hours have changed. Racing Units are now required to complete 36 pre-Mudbash hours and 8 post.

Our Merch will also be release in the coming week.

Empty positions

Activity Head

Works and Services Head

If anyone is interested, contact Lucy.

chair@mudbash.com

5.4 Rover Scout Motorsport (RSM)

Simon Nuccio

Nothing to report.

5.5 Bogong Rover Chalet

Jesse Lang

- ◆ Have held a few working bees with a few more to go
- ◆ Not much else is happening
- ◆ This year is looking to be one of the biggest years we have had with bookings
- ◆ Normally ~250, this year there are ~350 bookings

5.6 W.F. Waters Lodge

Todd Henderson

No report submitted.

5.7 MARB

Madeline Ancill

Not much to report this month. Please ensure that you have the 18th of September in your unit calendar. We are at the Coburg Town Hall and we have exciting sold our first ticket to the event so get on it!

5.8 Rover Dinner

Lerderderg

A small working group for arranging Rover Dinner has been assembled in the past month. A shortlist of locations is currently being prepared with the intention of announcing a location and dates at the April VRC. Regarding a deposit for a venue, the committee would like to clarify if a loan from VRC is possible, with the intention of paying it back from ticket sales. This deposit would be a budgeted cost and not paid until the VRC approval.

VRC finances and manages the finances for the Rover Dinner. All money goes through the VRC bank accounts.

5.9 Yearbook

Catherine Marley

Yearbook is in progress, so now is a good time to have the discussion of if we want to continue producing these in the future. I've tabled this as a discussion paper, so you have time to bring it to your regions.

6 Region Reporting

6.1 Bays

Rachael Osborne

- ◆ Nothing really to note
- ◆ Organising census and making sure people are prepared
- ◆ Getting people ready for May Madness

6.2 Gippsland

Justin Porter

Hut

- ◆ Have had the hut for about 50 years
- ◆ At eagle point
- ◆ Council has agreed that it can be continued to use it
- ◆ If anyone is interested in using this hut, flick us an email at gippsland.chair@vicrovers.com.au
- ◆ Currently working on security measures

6.3 Lerderderg

Hamish Beshara

Last month, Lerderderg met at our home hall at 1st Essendon for the first time in a year. It was great to get back, and the team is anticipating better attendance in the coming months as Rovers get used to face-to-face Region meetings again.

Our main focus for this month is planning for Rover Dinner. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone to Lerderderg this year and we hope to put on a great event.

6.4 Melbourne

Tiffanie Thomas

We would like to welcome to our team Sam Lions as our program officer. Pretty quiet this month. We have a unit organising a camp that they have invited the whole region to which is exciting. We also had one of our unit have a successful trivia night on the weekend just gone. This month the region team will be working on updating the constitution

Fun fact

The first person convicted of speeding was going 8 mph.

You lose 30 percent of your taste buds when you fly.

6.5 Mount Dandenong

Gemma Park

It's been a rewarding month for Mt Dandenong Region. Moistmoot was a great success with about 100 attendees, awesome weather, and no incidents. We had a fully booked pub tour on the Saturday, a small bus load go to the water park, and many enjoyed the on-site water activities and social atmosphere. Sunday saw most of the camp hang out on the water with floaties, paddleboards, canoes, and rafts constructed of a range of materials. We had a large number of attendees from other regions - thanks for joining us!

Hot jam donuts made our March region gathering a success with about 20 attendees from a range of units. The meeting was a good length (just under 1 hr) - thanks to VRC for not burdening with a billion policies to debate/discuss last month. We also had a few attend online, and a whole unit tuned in from their unit night for the important bits.

We're updating our constitution to facilitate electing our next region team in June and will be opening our Region Chair nominations first week in April.

6.6 Murray Midlands

Bella Condello

We had a meeting that was very quick, and we just touched base with a few units. Something that has been asked about is if our region could have a BP board for all rovers in the region as most attend 2 or more units. If I could get any information on how do to this, or even if it's possible that would be great. We still don't have contact with Mildura. I've been forwarded another couple of emails, so I'll try them, but this isn't unusual as they have tended to keep to themselves in the past. We are trying our best to get onto them though, as units want to do more region camps and joint nights.

6.7 Plenty Valley

Catherine Marley

Over the last month we have been contacting individual units in preparation for census, and so we can have an idea of how each of them is going, what they would like region to support with and how we can improve. We've had a few bring up the idea of a region event so people can get to know each other outside of meetings and service activities, so that may be something that comes up in the future. We also had some very productive discussions at our last meeting regarding abstain votes and it may change how we think about this on a unit and region level as well as a VRC level as originally intended.

6.8 South West

Lily Twyford

Hello !! Nothing especially new to report. Some of the units within the regions have been having successful venturer joint nights, and we have had some interest for new rovers who have moved into the region for Deakin uni. Over the next couple of months, most units and the region will be having their elections so it will be nice to have new and old faces in leadership across the board.

7 Other Reports

7.1 MPAC Report

Emily, Hamish and Peter met recently to discuss the formation of a Project Patrol to become involved in the MPAC project. A brief outline of those discussions is attached (*page 34*) to the agenda and includes the proposed Patrol membership, suggested position descriptions and suggested timelines.

Peter has also had discussions with Branch representatives in regard to determining a current estimate of the original design. The plans have also been referred to a quantity surveyor for another opinion. These outcomes should be available soon.

8 Interstate, National and International Events and Contingents

8.1 Ireland 2022

World Scout Moot registrations open Monday 29th March 8.30pm. The dates of the 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)

There are 3 Participant options:

1. **Moot Only**
\$600 deposit
\$2640 total
2. **Moot + Flights**
\$1000 deposit
\$5990 total
3. **Moot + Flights + Pre-Tour**
\$1300 deposit
\$9140 total

The most current and reliable information can be found here: <https://www.worldscoutmoot.ie/covid-19-faqs/>.

9 Tabled Items

9.1 Financial Management Document

Cameron Phillips

Paper can be found on page 37 of the agenda attachments.
Financial Management document can be found on page 39.

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

To be voted on in April.

Comments (things in brackets are answers provided)

- ◆ Sub Coms and Assets only having a certain amount of money in account and then the rest going to VRC – Will this be the case for units as well?
 - The holding of cash is centralised. The cash is still the Subcommittees, just sitting in a different account
- ◆ Only having preorder Merchandise available
 - Another option is having a preorder option and then an addition 10% ordered to be sold at the event
- ◆ All transactions need to go through Zero
 - Can training be provided and is this paid for by VRC
- ◆ Make sure all parties are included thoroughly in document, e.g., some committees weren't included, and others misnamed.

Send any questions and comments to Cameron.

finance@vicrovers.com.au

9.2 Yearbook Discussion

Catherine Marley

Paper can be found on page 51 of the agenda attachments.

This is a discussion paper and WILL NOT be voted on.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ To discuss whether or not the yearbook should continue to be produced and in what format.
- ◆ Yearbooks are produced to celebrate the achievements of Rovers in Victoria and document the highlights of the year.
- ◆ Main concerns surrounding the yearbook are financial, environmental and severe lack of interest from contributors. These need to be addressed if the yearbook is going to continue being made.

Send any questions and comments to Catherine

yearbook@vicrovers.com.au

9.3 Suggested Timeline for Region and VRC Elections

Gemma Park – Mt Dandenong

Paper can be found on page 53 of the agenda attachments.

This is a discussion paper and WILL NOT be voted on.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ VRC would be a more welcoming and productive team if Region Chairs all started their terms at the same time as it would allow for training and social opportunities to be delivered by VRC.
- ◆ During the first VRC meeting with the new Region Chairs an introduction to the building, how VRC runs, and expectations could be discussed. This would set-up the team for efficient meetings and a greater understanding of the responsibilities of each role.
- ◆ This would not be a policy, only heavily supported recommendation for Regions.
- ◆ Clear change of team can be used as a positive contributor to - and enabling factor in - culture change.
- ◆ The overall timeline would be:
 - April: Elect VRC Chair
 - May: Elect OBs
 - June: Elect Region Chair/Region Team
 - July: VRC meeting with new team

Send any questions and comments to Gemma

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9.4 Victorian Rover Council Quorum Catherine Marley – Plenty Valley

Paper can be found on page 55 of the agenda attachments.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ VRC does not currently have a quorum in the standing orders.
- ◆ Current voting procedures are on page 4 of the standing orders (2020 edition)
- ◆ A quorum by definition is “the smallest number of people who must be at a meeting for official decisions to be made by voting”
- ◆ Most quorums are typically 66% of voting parties or 50%+1 voting parties.
- ◆ In the case of VRC, 66% is the equivalent of 11/16 votes, and 50%+1 is the equivalent to 9/16 votes.
- ◆ It is suggested that a vote should not be taken if we do not have a quorum, with all items being kept on the table or withdrawn at the discretion of the authors.
- ◆ It is also suggested that should abstain votes bring the vote count below the quorum, the voting item should be kept on the table or withdrawn at the discretion of the authors. This is due to abstain votes not being included in the final vote count.

Send any questions and comments to Catherine
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9.5 Pronoun Badge Proposal Fi Freyr

Paper can be found on page 57 of the agenda attachments.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ A pronoun badge that is able to be sewn onto the scouting uniform.
- ◆ Initially have he/she/they badges and then progress to customisable pronoun badges.
- ◆ Having this badge will help encourage everyone to ask a person’s pronouns before immediately assigning them.

Comments:

- ◆ For this to be allowed on the uniform the Chief Commissioner needs to confirm
- ◆ Specify what type of badge to allowed full time on the uniform
- ◆ Sizing can be around Australia badge size
- ◆ Location is still up for discussion

Send any questions and comments to Fi
filipe.bm.freyr@gmail.com

10 Items for the Information of the Victorian Rover Council

10.1 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.

11 Voting Items

11.1 Voting Arrangements Peter Wotherspoon

Paper can be found on page 60 of the agenda 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 determined.
- ◆ 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.

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Motioned: Gippsland

Seconded: Lerderderg

Passed.

11.2 Consultation Timeline

South West

Paper can be found on page 62 of the agenda 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.

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Motioned: Bays

Seconded: Mt Dandenong

Passed.

12 Standing Items

12.1 Unit Names and Scarves

Regions

12.2 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.

13 General Business

13.1 Other Business

- ◆ Marias (& Catherine but she is online) and there is cake and we sung Happy Birthday

Closing Parade: Flag Down & Rover Prayer

Meeting Closed at: 09:40pm