



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA  
MINUTES FOR THE 477<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
VICTORIAN ROVER COUNCIL  
HELD AT VICTORIAN ROVER CENTRE  
WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021, 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 – Pete Wotherspoon, Drew Lazenby, Tiffanie Thomas</b>	<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>1.4</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest</b> Any conflicts of interest that become apparent in the meeting are to be raised.	

<b>2</b>	<b>Congratulations, Guest Speakers, Presentations and Formal Thanks</b>	
	<b>Good on Ya Mate</b> – Council acknowledges and thanks the exceptional contributions to Rovering over the past month.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Rovers who assisted and participated at ANZAC day around the state</li> <li>◆ Rovers who attended and stepped up to join the committee at the Surfmoor AGM</li> <li>◆ Rovers in Nepal and India going through these tough times</li> <li>◆ Rovers who assisted at the various Stradbroke Cups running around the state</li> <li>◆ Rovers who helped out at Cuboree10, it was very much appreciated, fantastic job</li> </ul>	
	<b>Guest Speakers</b> – N/A	

<b>3</b>	<b>Items for Consent</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous VRC Meeting</b>	<b>Michelle Saffin</b>
	<b>Motioned:</b> Bays <b>Seconded:</b> Gippsland	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Maddy Packer</b>
	Nil.	
<b>3.3</b>	<b>VRC Financial Report</b>	<b>Jody Freeman</b>
	Nothing to report.	
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Decisions of the VRC Chair to be ratified</b>	<b>Michelle Saffin</b>
	<b>Zoom Licenses</b> The Zoom licenses are to be renewed for a further 12 months and is to be ratified by VRC Chair. Reasonings for this decision can be found page 4 of the minute attachments. <b>Motioned:</b> Bays <b>Seconded:</b> Lerderderg	
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Nominations for the Baden-Powell Scout Award</b>	<b>Regions</b>
	Ryan Leggett – Manderson Rover Unit, <i>Mount Dandenong</i>	

**4 Office Bearers Reports****4.1 Chairman****Michelle Saffin**

Peter W has had an accident on the farm and as such is out of action for the foreseeable future. Please contact any members of the exec or other commissioners if you require anything, but please do not email or call/message Pete as requested by his family he needs to focus on recovery.

GL guide to Rovers is being reviewed to be up to date and will then be loaded back onto the VicRovers site and re-distributed to all Victorian GLs.

I am working my way through the NRC review paper, so will finish reading this in the next couple of weeks.

As always please reach out if you want to chat!

Email at:

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

**4.2 Deputy Chairman****Kieron Younger**

I am very proud to see Rovers and Rover units out paying their respects on ANZAC day, in particular the 10 or so Rovers supporting the city dawn service and shrine march.

On a bad note, so far I have only had 30 out of 100 rover units fill in the unit information and sword census google forms. This is not good enough and I need all units to fill these forms out ASAP.

Here is a link to the sword and unit details doc for those who need it.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8yIP28wEbpFI80ceFNgsJwnJmblrjd0IbD7uateeQ9bn22A/viewform>

Region chairs had a great meeting on Monday night down at the centre, we spoke about:

- ◆ Region chairs get to gather.
- ◆ Next terms O-day
- ◆ Promoting VRC to grass root Rovers
- ◆ and a whole lot more
- ◆ Sword Audit and unit details

P.S. Go buy your Mudbash tickets.

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

**4.3 Assistant Chairman****Matthew Barnes**

- ◆ Surfmoort Held their AGM last Wednesday
  - Thank you to the outgoing team for running a great event, especially being the first big event post-COVID restrictions
  - There are still a number of positions to fill, including the chair, so if you know anyone send them my way
- ◆ Still having ongoing discussions with Branch about the use of Operoo for Rovers
- ◆ There is a risk management meeting being held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May

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

**4.4 Membership Development****Adam Kaplan**

I'm looking at creating a rover recruitment and retention workshop. Units do these aspects with varying degrees of success, and it's imperative that these are done well, or we lose our strength as a section. I anticipate running these at a region level, so say for unit leaders at region meetings.

This is still in the idea phase, so any suggestions or support will be warmly welcomed.

As always, I am available to support units in anything on the topics of linking or recruitment.

Email at:

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

#### 4.5 Program

**Michelle Saffin**

No report submitted.

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

#### 4.6 Our Program

**Jacinta Swift**

No report submitted.

Email at:

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

#### 4.7 Training

**Hamish Beshara**

May Madness is fast approaching this weekend and I am pleased to report we have good attendance for both our courses. As previously mentioned, this weekend will be the last training weekend under the old curriculum. After May Madness, Rovers will be completing Scouting Essentials instead of Rover Basic Training. These courses are open to all Scouting sections, so the new courses won't be as Rover-centric as they used to be.

May Madness, the July Non-Residential, and Roverember will still be running in the future, but they will be running the new curriculum with all sections in attendance. The Rover Training Support Team recommends Rovers interested in attending a training weekend still attend these courses, as they will be facilitated by trainers who have Rover experience (i.e., the current ALTs and LT).

Work on the Rover training modules, which will supplement the new curriculum to fill in the gaps in regard to information Rovers need to know for their roles, is progressing well. The project patrol working on these modules is happy to announce the titles of these modules, which will be first presented at a future induction day for Region Chairs, OBs and Subcommittee members. The modules are as follows:

- ◆ Finances
- ◆ Constitutions (Unit Guides)
- ◆ Conflict Management
- ◆ Governance
- ◆ Marketing and Social Issues
- ◆ Meeting Management
- ◆ Strategic and Operational Plans
- ◆ Assets and Activities
- ◆ Running Events
- ◆ Mental Health
- ◆ Peak Awards and BPSA

We aim to have the bones of these modules complete by the end of May.

Email at:

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

#### 4.9 NRC

**Andrew Strachan**

The NRC review team's final report and recommendations have now been released. I have already sent this out to region chairs, and it will be sent out with the minutes of this meeting too. I encourage anyone interested in the NRC, especially any VRC voting members, to read at least the executive summary and recommendations that are listed at the start of the paper. I understand that the full 86-page report is too much for most people to go through, but this is an incredibly important report, so please at least go through these few summary pages, and let me or Michelle know if you have any questions or feedback about it.

Both myself and Michelle will be reading the full report, so if you would like further info on any points mentioned in the summary or recommendations, feel free to reach out to one of us.

In other matters, the NRC are in the process of designing new merchandise using the new national rover slogan of "beyond the horizon". (see paper on page 5 of the minute attachment). We have a physical sample to show at VRC so any feedback on the night will be appreciated. The paper including the mock-ups of the merch will be included in the minutes. These shirts will sell for \$39.95 via the scout shop, \$4 of which will go directly to the Rover Development Fund (RDF). The scout shop has also advertised that branches (i.e., VRC) can make large orders of 20+ shirts. These large orders would be discounted to \$32 a piece, with \$4 still going to the RDF, allowing for \$7.95 per shirt profit for branch fundraising.

The next NRC meeting is next Thursday (6th May), at which the NRC review final report will be voted on to be accepted. If it is accepted a special NRC meeting will be held in June to vote on each recommendation individually. There were no other papers that were tabled before the agenda for the May meeting was released, but there may be late papers still to be submitted. If any late papers are tabled I will send them out to region chairs as soon as I see them

As always, feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the NRC

##### Feedback on "beyond the horizon" merch:

- ◆ Designs should be swapped, rover logo on the front, big picture on the back
- ◆ Price too high for a shirt, with current quality
- ◆ Should the funds go to RDF? Alternate option is moot buddies

**VOTE:** *Rejection on the shirt design*

**Motioned:** Plenty Valley

**Seconded:** Bays

**Passed.**

**VOTE:** *Funds to go to Moot Buddies*

**Motioned:** Bays

**Seconded:** Mt Dandenong

**Passed.**

Email at:

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

#### 4.10 Finance

**Cameron Phillips**

Over the last two months the finance team has received a lot of feedback, I believe it is in everyone's best interest that I respond to that feedback publicly so that everyone can see why we have done things and what we have done.

Firstly, we have shorted section 14 after a conversation with Jeff about the commerce section of the policy book.

Based on the joint feedback from RSM and Mudbash we have removed a section of the definitions, mainly point 7 and 8.

We also changed the wording of the introduction to better include and represent the subcommittees.

There were a lot of word changes which we took on board; there were others which we discussed and decided changing the wording in these areas would not be in the best interest of the policy book.

Further discussion has led to the inclusion of 2.4, 2.6, 2.9.5 and 7.1.1.

We received questions from southwest. Firstly, on the issue of the autonomy of the subcommittees regarding 1.6, this sentiment was also held by Mudbash and RSM. To clarify I would first like to remind everyone that sub-committees use VRC money to run their events. Further The money that would be recentralized to VRC would be credited to the subcommittee should they need access to it, but between events, from when the event finishes and all debts are paid until the budget is passed there will be a cap on the amount held in the account. Once the budget is passed and tickets are sold the account is being used operationally and no cap is on the account, the funds within the bank account of a subcommittee is not part of their budget and we believe that the fund allocated should be sufficient for the commencement of an event.

Secondly there was the question of Merchandise being pre-order only. We thank Southwest for bringing this to our attention and as such we have changed it so that there is an allowance of up to 10% on pro-ordered merchandise, 7.1.1.

Finally, there was a question around Xero, and its use, Xero is already in use as our ledger system and training is provided by Jody.

All changes to the finance policy document are in red.

I will be going through this more and answering more questions tomorrow night.

Due to the lateness of the changes to this paper going out and I apologies for this, it will be held on the table for another month to give time to go back to regions and have needed discussions.

Email at:

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

#### 4.11 Secretary

Maddy Packer

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.

##### **Nominations:**

Nominations for VRC Chair closed yesterday and will be voted on tonight. All other VRC Office Bearer positions remain open for another month. 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 all other positions is midday on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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-7xztyTCChzJVfiiZkvnFDW9ENNKjEHe7fTEdVQ0/edit?ts=605acb87&gxids=7628>

Email at:

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

#### 4.12 Resources

Emily Kinross-Smith

Please use the following link to book the Victorian Rover Centre

<https://forms.gle/bTYbqPaZmJQ42dkm8>

Window tinting will be done this month as well as looking in the roof above the office for animals and getting a paper towel dispenser.

Email at:

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

#### 4.13 Strategic Planning

Lily Twyford

Currently collating responsible drinking resources - will have something ready very soon!

Email at:

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

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

#### 4.15 Visual Communications

Catherine Marley

The Acknowledgement of Country cards have been printed and are now available to be picked up from VRC. Please grab a stack and share them around with your regions. Final cost was \$60.19 for 500 A7 cards from Vistaprint, staying under the \$70 budget. If we get a second run, I'd consider a thicker paper but I'm very happy with the print quality and size.

Email at:

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

#### 4.16 IT

Michael Watts

- ◆ Merchandise for events is now available in bundles on the VicRovers online store
- ◆ When using the Victorian Rover Centre, ensure you turn the PC off correctly, and leave the microphone in the middle of the room
- ◆ The Zoom flicker has now been fixed and when you turn the PC on Zoom should be ready to go
- ◆ Looking to update the camera and microphone

- ◆ There are a number of orders that still need to be collected, if you know anyone who is still needing to collect an order, get them to contact me

#### 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**

Last week Peter Wotherspoon had an accident that has caused some serious injury, an altercation with a bovine has put him out of action for a while. We wish Pete all the very best for a speedy recovery and return to full health.

In this interim period whilst Pete is away, emails for the State Commissioner will be forwarded to myself and Stephen and I will be splitting duties as required to cover the rather large gap that is created without Pete in his role.

#### **Cuboree X**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Rovers who assisted, participated and led at Cuboree, it was a fabulous event, and your efforts are, as always, appreciated.

#### **Surfmoot**

Well done to the outgoing Surfmoot Committee, who have finally had their AGM and finalised the very first event that was run for the state post covid. Congratulations to the incoming Committee.

#### **NRC External Review Paper**

Feedback is required on this asap on the External Review paper so that any proposed amendments and questions can be asked before it is tabled and voted on in May and an implementation team is assigned.

#### **OB Positions**

Please don't forget to ask the current role holders about their position if you are interested in taking on a role for the next term, they know the most about their role and can give you an accurate account of what it takes to fulfill that role.

#### **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 Sub-Committee Reporting**

### **5.1 Mafeking Rover Park**

At our April Meeting we had 6 committee members resign and Ben Barraclough is no longer chair, Matty Barnes is now Chairing the meetings.

We were able to fill a few positions from our current general committee, but we are currently looking to fill the position of Vice Chair of Admin, Secretary, Motorsports Liaison Officer, Grants Officer and Quartermaster.

Mudbash has now taken on the Main Arena Project and is supported by the Mafeking Committee and in return we are discounting them \$6,400 on their final bill.

Top Gear have requested a quote from Mafeking to host their offsite activity for Vic Jam 2022 which is currently being worked on within the committee.

The Mafeking Committee are working on ways to get more bookings at the park, we had Top Gear Venturer Cancel due to covid and John Patterson Rally Cars cancel due to being unable to get the correct permit to use the tracks. All other bookings have gone ahead.

As a committee we are currently discussing revamping the structure of the committee and we have 3 options that we are investigating. Feedback would be greatly appreciated to help in the decision making. We hope to present this to VRC in June for approval in July.

Any questions and/or comments can be emailed to the committee at: [chairman@mafekingroverpark.com](mailto:chairman@mafekingroverpark.com)

## 5.2 Surfmoort

- ◆ Surfmoort held their AGM last week, as well as running their elections
- ◆ Congratulations to those who were voted into positions
- ◆ There are still a few positions empty
  - Chair
  - Secretary
  - Entertainment Head
  - All department assistants
- ◆ If you are interested in being a part of the Surfmoort 2022 committee, contact Matt [assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au)

## 5.3 Mudbash

Lucy Hubbard

It has been a Huge Month for Mudbash. Work has broken ground on the Main Arena Project. We will be having a grand opening event on the Sunday of Mudbash.

Open day is back this is super exciting please share the event with your regions scout groups and family and friends.

Thank you to those regions who have provided their gate duty roster, Lerderderg we are still waiting on you.

We have some fantastic new merchandise packs these packs have some huge saving these will only be available for pre-order only. We will have a small amount of merch available on site.

We are super excited to announce the Stabby's Snack Shack is back they will have some fantastic catering options for everyone. We will be able to order them via the store.

They are also looking for some staff to help out you can find a link to their application:

<https://www.facebook.com/109533357242554/posts/314730076722880/?d=n>

There has been some chatter regarding drivers needing their own helmets. Unfortunately, this is not something we can do about this Motorsport Aus rule that we cannot help with. We totally understand that this is an expensive cost but everyone's safety must come first.

There are heaps of units who have not completed their service hours. Please come down to Michelle will be catering.

## 5.4 Rover Scout Motorsport (RSM)

Simon Nuccio

Scruit day is coming up. If your unit's car hasn't been checked over by our team please bring it down on the 8th at AG Automotive in Lilydale. To book in please message the RSM Facebook page.

<https://fb.me/e/25ABoZ3YN>

## 5.5 Bogong Rover Chalet

Jesse Lang



We've had a busy month at the chalet preparing it for winter, with our Easter Working Bee where we got all the wood for the season into the chalet, and our Food Weekend last weekend where we stocked the pantries for the season. We also had the Mountain Bike Weekend Venturer camp go ahead, which was great to see. So far, we have 9 of our 13 weeks fully booked, so if you haven't booked in yet and are thinking about going, Week 1 is available for Rovers and Weeks 7 and 11 for anyone to attend.

### 5.6 W.F. Waters Lodge

Todd Henderson

There is one final working bee to come before the commencement of the ski season and it would be great to see plenty of new/old faces along to help restock the pantry and help with other odds and ends around the lodge. Details are as follows.

Dates: 28th to 30th May

Cost for food/accommodation: \$0 (that's right, nothing!)

Chance of snow: Very possible!

Come up and take advantage of a free weekend on the mountain with plenty of time to explore that fresh white powder (fingers crossed!)

Look forward to seeing plenty of rovers up there for the working bee and throughout the ski season.

### 5.7 MARB

Madeline Ancill

Our Facebook event has been launched so make sure to click interested to ensure that you are up to date with the latest information. Remember to invite your unit along and start to plan those costume ideas. The committee has had a walk through at the Town Hall and is exciting to see everything starting to come together.

Our pre-sale tickets are now available for \$65. These will be available until the 31st of July when our standard tickets available will be \$70.

If you ever have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at [marb@chair.com](mailto:marb@chair.com).

Look forward to seeing you at the Coburg Town Hall on the 18th of September.

### 5.8 Rover Dinner

Lerderderg

Tentative dates for Rover Dinner this year are 6th and 13th of November. We will update you on a confirmed time once a venue is secured. The organising committee aims to have a budget on the table at the May VRC meeting, which will include an adaptable cost based on the number of ticket sales.

### 5.9 Yearbook

Catherine Marley

Yearbook is in progress. I haven't received much feedback regarding the yearbook discussion paper. Let me know if you have any thoughts.

## 6 Region Reporting

### 6.1 Bays

Rachael Osborne

Bays has had a good month with us beginning to take nominations for our 2021/22 exec. We've currently received nominations for our 4 necessary-to-run positions and have another month to get more for those as well as our smaller roles. I am really excited to see who our next exec ends up being as we have a few younger rovers getting involved. We also have a fair few of us heading up to May Madness this coming weekend, for both basic and advanced training, which is brilliant to see.

Also wanted to give a big shoutout to all of our rovers who helped out with local marches on ANZAC day, was really good to see that Rover presence in bays post covid.

### 6.2 Gippsland

Justin Porter

We have had rover representation in local ANZAC parades thanks to those rovers who participated and our rovers seem pretty keen for Mudbash.

### 6.3 Lerderderg

Hamish Beshara

This month Lerderderg began to discuss moving our AGM and elections to our July meeting. At our May meeting, we will be voting on this change, which will require a constitution amendment.

Lerderderg Rover numbers reduced from 147 to 136 at census, which isn't a terrible outcome after COVID and the large gap between this census and the last.

Regarding the fate of the VicRovers Yearbook, Lerderderg is of the position that it should still be published each year, but in a digital format to reduce costs and save trees. Paper copies should be available for attendees of Rover Dinner each year.

#### 6.4 Melbourne

Tiffanie Thomas

- ◆ The region is going well
- ◆ The constitution and policy manual are being updated and voted on in the coming months
- ◆ Rafiki are hosting their High Tea soon
- ◆ A region camp is in the midst of being planned
- ◆ Fun fact: Australia is wider than the moon. Australia's diameter is ~4000km, the moon's is ~3400km

#### 6.5 Mount Dandenong

Gemma Park

- ◆ Business as usual, nothing to report

#### 6.6 Murray Midlands

Bella Condello

- ◆ Officially have contact with every unit in the region
- ◆ All of them are actively roving, which is good
- ◆ Looking forward to Mudbash, where we will hold our AGM

#### 6.7 Plenty Valley

Catherine Marley

We've had a lot of discussion over the last two months about the NRC conference, and as a result of that we have tabled a paper tonight suggesting we propose to NRC that the conference be run online in the future. We haven't received any feedback regarding the quorum paper we tabled last month so we haven't made any adjustments. Our region executive positions will be open for nominations in two weeks, so we are encouraging people to take on new opportunities and a unit and region level.

#### 6.8 South West

Lily Twyford

Nothing major to report - we will be opening region exec nominations this coming month, to be voted on at our AGM at Mudbash. We also had some people elected to the Surfmoort committee.

### 7 Other Reports

#### 7.1 MPAC Report

Expressions of Interest for the project patrol should be submitted before June 29<sup>th</sup> via the google form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JGhQv-uq4rnBnFBjgh9HSOkyb2Lq98nrEZ11uNo9Hf0/edit?ts=60891efb>

### 8 Interstate, National and International Events and Contingents

#### 8.1 Ireland 2022

World Scout Moot registrations are now closed. The dates of the Moot are 18<sup>th</sup> July – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

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

### 9 Tabled Items

#### 9.1 Yearbook Discussion

Catherine Marley

Paper can be found on page 8 of the minute 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](mailto:yearbook@vicrovers.com.au)

**9.2 Suggested Timeline for Region and VRC Elections****Gemma Park – Mt Dandenong**

Paper can be found on page 10 of the minute 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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**9.3 Victorian Rover Council Quorum****Catherine Marley – Plenty Valley**

Paper can be found on page 12 of the minute 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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**9.4 2022 NRC Conference Proposal****Plenty Valley**

Paper can be found on page 14 of the minute attachments.

**KEY POINTS:**

- ◆ The NRC Conference typically is held in person with travel, food and accommodation costs

covered by the NRC, therefore by Branches.

- ◆ The NRC conference was held online in January 2021 to avoid COVID-19 risks and border closures.
- ◆ The cost of this conference is not typically disclosed, however a copy of the 2020/21 budget was published in June. (attached)

Send any questions and comments to Catherine.

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

## 9.5 Meeting Room camera options

Michael Watts

Paper can be found on page 16 of minute attachment.

### KEY POINTS

- ◆ The Rover Centre Is used as a meeting room by all Rovers meeting in 'Hybrid' mode.
- ◆ Improving the meeting room set up would benefit all Rovers and encourage meeting attendance.
- ◆ The meeting room set up will be used for many years before becoming obsolete.
- ◆ Country Regions may continue to dial into meetings.
- ◆ Turn the VRC into the premiere video conferencing centre for Scouts Victoria.

Any questions and comments, contact Michael (Jeff).

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## 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 Financial Management Document

Cameron Phillips

Paper can be found on page 20 of the minute attachments.  
Financial Management document can be found on page 22.

To vote on this item at the VRC May meeting.

Motioned: Mt Dandenong

Seconded: Bays

### 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 via email or phone on 0449904276.

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

## 11.2 Pronoun Badge Proposal

Fi Freyr

Paper can be found on page 34 of the minute attachments.

For paper to stay on the table for another month

Motioned: Bays

Seconded: Plenty Valley

### 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.

Send any questions and comments to Fi

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## 12 Standing Items

### 12.1 Unit Names and Scarves

Regions

Warragul Rover Unit to Razorback Rover Unit (Gippsland)

- ◆ Have moved hall
- ◆ Wanted to bring back history

### 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 VRC Office Bearers 2021/2022 Nominations and Elections

### 13.1 Nominations

Submitted through the Google form (as 12pm, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021):

All these nominations will be moved, seconded, accepted and any relevant exemptions sought prior to elections at May's VRC.

- ◆ Matthew Barnes – Assistant Chair
- ◆ Lily Twyford – Strategic Planning Officer
- ◆ Michael Watts – IT Officer
- ◆ Adam Kaplan – Membership Development Officer
- ◆ Maddy Packer – Secretary
- ◆ Rachael Osborne – PR and Marketing Officer
- ◆ Hugh Anderson – Environmental Patrol Leader

### 13.2 Elections

Elections of Chair for the 2021/22 term:

#### Applicants:

- ◆ Keiron Younger

All applicants have had their active rover status confirmed prior to tonight's elections.

Applicants will have a strict maximum of 5 minutes to speak and answer any questions, before voting takes place.

**Election Result:** Kieron Younger – Chair of VRC 2021/22

### 13 General Business

#### 13.1 Tasmania Moot Contingent leader

Expressions of Interest for the role of Tasmanian Moot Contingent Leader should be submitted via google form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mmX1b4NgyPdg\\_daeuOvcS0aSkuDUG7XAH6GalZxtReg/edit?ts=60891ecc](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mmX1b4NgyPdg_daeuOvcS0aSkuDUG7XAH6GalZxtReg/edit?ts=60891ecc)

A position description is coming soon.

Find information about the moot on the website and Facebook page

<https://appleislemoot.com.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AIM2023>

#### 13.2 Blood Challenge

Badges for blood challenge have been given out tonight.

#### 13.2 Other Business

Vicrovers website does not have a booting template

- ◆ Reason being that booting's are a personal experience that changes from unit to unit and person to person
- ◆ A fact sheet can be added to the website to assist with ideas

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

**Meeting Closed at: 09:22pm**