



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
MINUTES FOR THE 479TH MEETING OF THE
VICTORIAN ROVER COUNCIL
HELD AT VICTORIAN ROVER CENTRE
WEDNESDAY, 23RD JUNE 2021, AT 7:30pm**

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| 1 Welcome | |
| 1.1 Flag Break | Michelle Saffin |
| 1.2 Attendance & Apologies Apologies – Grace Archer, Zoe Cooper, Stephen Carter, Drew Lazenby, Tiff Thomas, Michael Watts | Maddy Packer |
| 1.3 Acknowledgement of Country Scouts Victoria acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this land. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which this event takes place. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present. We are committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society. | |
| 1.4 Conflict of Interest 11.5 Potential VRC No Confidence Motion Report – <i>Michelle Saffin</i> | |

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| 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Good on ya mate to our LRRRC region team who have been working the phones and emails to get a Rover Dinner budget ready for submission tonight. Thank you. U R awesome. | |
| Guest Speakers – Leah Gibson, <i>SC - International</i> | |

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| 3 Items for Consent | |
| 3.1 Minutes of the previous VRC Meeting | Michelle Saffin |
| Motioned: Bays Seconded: Lerderderg Passed. | |
| 3.2 Correspondence | Maddy Packer |
| Nil. | |
| 3.3 VRC Financial Report | Jody Freeman |
| Nil. | |
| 3.4 Decisions of the VRC Chair to be ratified | Michelle Saffin |
| Finance Officer 2021/21 That Cameron Phillips will be ratified to continue his finance role for the next 12 months, as per the position descriptions outline of a 2-year term. Motioned: Mt Dandenong Seconded: Lerderderg Passed. | |
| Blood Challenge Patrol Leader That Georgie W will be ratified as the Blood Challenge Patrol Leader. | |

Motioned: Bays
Seconded: Gippsland
Passed.

3.5 Nominations for the Baden-Powell Scout Award

Regions

Gemma Park, *Manderson* - Mount Dandenong Rover Region
 Anna Mullens, *Manderson* - Mount Dandenong Rover Region

4 Office Bearers Reports

4.1 Chair

Michelle Saffin

Firstly, a big thank you & good on you mate to Andrew for being actively engaged and ensuring Victoria's opinion was understood in the NRC Review meeting. It was nearly 4 hours into the night for all discussion and voting to occur, but the recommendations put NRC in a good place to grow and change going forward. Having Andrew continue in this role for another 12 months is a significant advantage for Victorian Rovers, I look forward to seeing Andrew continue his advocacy and communication over the next year.

Another good on you mate must go to Kathryn Crisp for her work over the last 12 months to ensure mental health is a focus for VRC, and that mental health support is provided to Rovers at major events. Her work and support of Rovers has been invaluable and much appreciated. At this time, the concept of a Mental Health Working Group is inactive - specialists in the mental health field are very busy and hard to get together for meetings and project tasks, however I have passed on what has occurred in the last year to the new team, and I hope mental health support (in whatever model works best) continues within the VRC.

Alongside this, the addition of two patrol leaders - Environment and D&I have ensured important discussions and projects occur at the VRC level. The first 12 months of a role will always see lots of shaping and learning occur, and I thank Hugh and Fi for being part of this storming & norming. I am excited that these roles will continue to be a part of the VRC going forward.

While I won't be going through thank you's for everyone I have worked with in this position, I need to thank Matt, who has been as much a closer personal friend as a Rover colleague. I look forward to lots more Ginger Beers to come, hopefully with a lot less tears!

As this table is aware, the 12 months I have held in this role have had a lot of negative times. From this I have learnt a lot about myself and my expectations, but also some things about Rovers which were not positive. I do not want to dwell on the negatives, but instead would like to pass on what I hope can be taken into the next 12 months by each and every Rover:

- Put into your role what you hope to get back: we learn by doing and lead by example
- The word 'Transparency' has become a catch all: Instead of falling back on this think through what the concern truly is, and what you want shifted to address this concern
- Don't downplay what is happening in your world: the ban on "it's been a quiet month" in VRC reports might be something worth bringing back!!
- Set the boundaries you require, and negotiate them as needed: your health is the utmost priority, but so ensuring that the people around you can support you in an appropriate way, and keep Rover projects moving
- Trust your gut: if you have something niggling at you, talk it out, your instincts are powerful

Lastly, all the best to the new team who I am sure will work hard over the next 12 months to improve Roving, I truly hope it will also be a year with a lot more time face to face and in the outdoors than we have had in the last year. See you at MARB!

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4.2 Deputy Chair

Kieron Younger

After sixteen gatherings of regions chair meetings, heaps of exec meetings, nine Ob's meetings, countless Region meetings, and eleven VRC meetings it's time to hand over WOW what a ride that was.

Congratulations to our incoming team and newly elected Unit leaders.

Rover units with Indigenous names, you will be contacted soon to ensure that permission was granted from Traditional Elders.

My report as read.

Let me start off with thanking my Region chairs; Bella, Hamish, Gemma, Tiff, Justin, Lily, Rachel and Catherine who have really been great to work with. When we kept going into lockdowns I looked forward to seeing my region chairs chat away and kept Rover Scouts Victoria moving.

I believe our region teams have definitely grown stronger and more transparent over the last 12 months, we have seen both southwest and Gippsland Region's hold monthly meeting instead of quarterly meetings, giving our grass root rovers more opportunity to have their voice heard at the Victorian rover council. Gippsland region provided a great Proposal to allow for non-urgent policy matters to be tabled over 3 months. This has shown to be a great success. We cut down on unnecessary travel to attend meetings, "Zoom" and the lockdowns have shown how much time it takes from our busy week to attend a face-to-face meeting when, in reality, a quick catch up online would have done the trick.

While in lockdown, our region teams kept busy with administration tasks, for example, but not limited to changing/updating constitutions, changing banks & signatures, updating and in lining our Region chair Job depictions to better image a current Region chairs responsibilities.

We put together an updated list of our Rover units and there contact details all in the one live document with a Stop light system to activate when Rover Units require further support.

I launched Operation Rover Recovery as an initiative so our Rover units would be encouraged to put the "out" back in Scouting,

Op Rover Recovery was the response to recover our section leading out of the Covid 19 pandemic. The response plan was set to retain and recruit as many Rover Scouts as possible into the section leading up to census for 2021.

To summarise the plan:

Our membership stands were at 1,613 as of the 22/11/20. The likelihood of our membership decreasing rapidly was very high due to census fees that were due on the 31/03/2021 leaving only around 80-90 days for Unit Leaders to try and get our Units back to operating an existing and meaningful program face to face.

Resources: the Victorian Rover Council office bearers released Unit packs for formations to start from scratch these packs were called R.O.V.E.R.S

1. **Recover** - 1 of 1 on technique – information, Covid-safety, getting back out there, having fun and emotional reactions support.
2. **Outdoor activities** - Activities such as: hiking, bushcraft, camping, canoeing, bike riding and many outdoor adventure skills can be very easy achieved with covid-safe measures. These types of activities have been missing in lockdown and will take serious encouragement to get members back out where they belong, in the outdoors.
3. **Venturer recruitment & retention** - Engaging in small outdoor based activities and support the venturer section as they will be the hardest section hit with membership loss. Breaking the ice to Venturer units and leaders' tips and tricks, this however did not come into fruition at the end.
4. **Equipment and Logistics** – Fundraising, big picture ideas, goal planning, tips and tricks.
5. **Re-train new program** - Provide the information we already have and just keep promoting and a basic step-by-step video on how to start your training in Rovers, a fresh start for when they return back to face to face.

6. **Service/ Community** - When steps 1-5 are complete, have a large discussion with the Unit about what the Unit or Project Patrol could do to provide service in the community.

The Outcome, not including Rovers who are also leaders we had 1,188 Rovers, we grew to 1,220 and now currently sitting at 1,296 members, so we must have done something right.

I conducted a Sword audit and at this current moment 37 Rover Units own a Sword. I have started preparing to itemise each Unit to have their own registration number to be placed on their sword this allows for future audits to be taken much easier than previous years.

I worked with Emily, our resources officer, to secure the memorial from the decommissioned Warburton Rover memorial chalet. We are still yet to find a proper home for the memorial, but I am grateful to see the memorial back in our hands.

Now back to the thank You's

Matthew Barnes is my Kath to my Kim, without your patience and guidance for many park adventures, Covid working bees at the rover centre, the small mishaps and my outright forgetfulness, I couldn't do it without you.

To Peter, Regi, Stephen and the rest of the Support commissioners. Thank you for all your help and support over the last year. Youth leading adult supporting is very much a highlight of the rover section, but no one should ever underestimate the knowledge and experience you all bring to the table, I look forward to many years of friendship and advise to come.

To our OB's, thank you for all your work this year was a tough one and I Look forward watching your Scouting journeys Grow, shout out to Lily, Hamish, Jeff, Catherine, and Lily who I worked with the most over the year.

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4.3 Assistant Chair

Matthew Barnes

Over the last month I've have been using the handover period to do a review of myself, prioritising the projects I am currently working on and the projects I would have wanted to do. I have been working with the ACS to write out a timeline of what I would like to achieve over the next 12 months. Risk meetings are back on the table and will be being held every second month. The next meeting will be on the 22nd of July for 7:30pm.

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4.4 Membership Development

Adam Kaplan

No report submitted.

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4.5 Program

Michelle Saffin

No report submitted.

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4.6 Our Program

Jacinta Swift

This year has been a much bigger year in regard to 'Our Program' (the new program) than the previous years as we have been actually able to begin 'doing' the program.

Program Essentials were implemented in the second half of 2020.

Units should all be:

- ◆ Programming using the Challenge Areas (Community, Outdoors, Creative and Personal Growth)
- ◆ Assigning a unit member to lead and assist each activity
- ◆ Recording participates for unit members

Unit members should also be recording their own participates, assists and leads, through Terrain or otherwise, in order to track their own progress through the Milestones. This is particularly important for Rovers who are working towards their Baden Powell Award.

Terrain was released for all members of Scouting in November 2020.

All Rovers are strongly encouraged to log on to Terrain, complete their import and explore the resource. It can be used for Unit programming as well as tracking personal progression through the program.

Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS) were implemented in February 2021.

Rovers should have:

- ◆ Read through the OAS and completed a self-assessment to determine where they are up to for each of the OAS streams now, and where they were at when they began Rovers.
- ◆ Talked to their Unit Council to check they approve of their self-assessment.
- ◆ Begun to explore opportunities to progress through the OAS.

In the next month, the Special Interest Areas will be implemented, starting in July, which will complete 'Our Program'.

There are numerous resources available to Rovers, including [National Resources](#), [Victorian Resources](#), [Terrain Resources](#) and [Rover Resources](#) (focused around the program essentials, as all other components of the program are common to all sections).

All the resources are available, presentations and webinars are occurring and there are a multitude of opportunities to learn about Our Program. It is now up to Rovers, Regions and Group Leaders to ensure that sections, including Rovers, are working with the program. This doesn't mean that all Rovers need to be working towards their Baden Powell Award, but it does mean that Units should be incorporating the Program Essentials into the workings of their Units and providing support for those Rovers who do want to work through other areas of the program or towards their Baden Powell Award.

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program.transition@vicrovers.com.au

4.7 Training

Hamish Beshara

This year has been a busy one in the Training space. We ran the first online Rover training course in November last year, which was a great success and allowed the Rover Training Support Team to come up with several new ideas for digital session facilitation.

The new curriculum was introduced this year, which signalled the conclusion of Rover only training as we know it and made out training consistent with the standardised national curriculum. This also allowed us the opportunity to begin to explore the development of additional Rover training modules, which, once completed, will ultimately give us more freedom to present what Rovers need most when they need it. This is very exciting territory, and you will all hear more about this in the near future.

It has been a pleasure to be in this role over the past year, and I'm honoured to have attended and help facilitate the last May Madness course. I encourage everyone to continue with their Rover training and achieve their Woodbadges; there's a lot we can all get out of training, and it makes us all better Rovers.

The next training weekend is the July non-residential, which will be held at the Victorian Rover Centre on July 24 and 25. Although this course will be open to all adult members in Victoria and will be covering a new curriculum, it is encouraged that Rovers still register for this course as it will be run by Regi, who will be able to give you more of a Rover flavour opposed to a course run by another Trainer.

The Course Code is 106529 and applications are open until July 2nd. You can register using this link and entering the Course Code: <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 18th of August at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Registration is via the link on the Facebook event.

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bpsa@vicrovers.com.au

4.9 NRC

Andrew Strachan

Last week the special meeting to vote on the recommendations from the NRC Review Report

- ◆ 16 passed
- ◆ 1 was amended
 - Recommendation 7: The NRC should establish a mechanism for it to communicate directly with Rover Units
- ◆ 3 were rejected
 - Recommendation 4: The NRC should abolish the Delegate role. The NRC and BRCs' Chairs will become responsible for Rover Scouts engagement and awareness, and appointed and elected Project Officers will be responsible for undertaking NRC projects
 - Recommendation 13: NRC voting procedures should be amended to give each Delegation a single vote
 - Recommendation 14: The NRC should extend voting rights to the elected members of the NRC. The NRC Executive and the NRC Team should form a Delegation alongside the eight BRC Delegations and be granted a single delegation vote. The NRC Adviser, as an adult member of the NRC, should not be involved in voting by the NRC delegation

The next NRC meeting is in July

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4.10 Finance

Cameron Phillips

No report submitted.

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4.11 Secretary

Maddy Packer

The last 12 months have been fairly consistent for me in my role. I have used the last year to streamline a processes in regard to collating reports and sending out agendas and minutes to all parties. I am excited to use the experience I have gained to continue to do so in the next 12 months, further bettering this process. As always, I am open to suggestions, so please send any ideas and feedback my way via my email.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience with the fluctuating method of meetings, both online and in-person, as well as understanding and tolerating all the emails I have been sending out! Fingers crossed this will become more consistent as well.

As we go into AGM/ARAP/Election season, please keep me updated on incoming Chairs for regions and subcommittees so they are able to be included in the agenda and minutes.

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.

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4.12 Resources

Emily Kinross-Smith

It has been a bit of a tough year for resources as with many other roles. Multiple lockdowns and travel limitations have made the week-to-week upkeep side of things pretty difficult so apologies for my absence in that respect. That being said we have made some great progress in the VRC major(ish) works with steam cleaning of the floors, updating the library room and display cases, CAS van moved in, we got a skip load of rubbish taken away as well as some additional hard rubbish. Recently the west facing windows were tinted, our projector screen was installed, and the disco ball and paper towel dispenser appeared.

In more recent news the pest control has been handed over to Matt since I can't be at the hall at late notice to meet with the guy. After the preliminary – external - inspection he told me that before any baiting or removal programs begin we have to get the roof fixed, the tree next to the building cut back and the hole underneath the external stairs covered over (with a one-way pet door to allow animals out). I have requested a pruning of the tree from the council. Since I don't yet have a replacement I have not completed any handover, but I would definitely encourage anyone living near VRC with an interest in resources to give the job a go.

Thanks for having me on VRC and good luck to the incoming OB's.

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4.13 Strategic Planning

Lily Twyford

Over the last 12 months, I have given presentations across all the regions about the strategic plan aiming to raise awareness and knowledge of our goals and ways to get there. We have also achieved some of the goals! Including but not limited to; financial training modules, welcome to country acknowledgements, moving region resource (work in progress) and a responsible drinking resource (page 4 of minute attachment) which is being officially presented tonight and added to the VicRovers website for access for all.

Good luck to the next VRC team - I know you'll do an amazing job at continuing to implement!

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4.14 PR and Marketing

Grace Archer

I hope you have enjoyed the content and communication provided from the VRC Marketing and Communications team this year.

Communications was a really important part of 2020 and 2021, especially keeping up with constant changes in restrictions in Scouting and changes in events. Ensuring both the newsletter and our social media had updates from ScoutsVic about the COVID-19 restrictions and keeping multiple stakeholders informed about changes in events that affected Victorian Rovers were a top priority throughout the year.

Both our public Rover Scouts Victoria and our members page have remained strong, with consistent growth in page likes and regular posts across both groups with relevant, engaging and exciting information and content provided to people involved with VicRovers.

2020 also saw the creation of an official @vicrovers Instagram account, where in the past twelve months we have grown to 466 followers!

Thank you to everybody who contributed something to be shared on our social media throughout the year. I would really encourage your continued support and contributions to our social media accounts as it is an excellent way to communicate with each other and our supporters, to reach a broader audience, and to encourage others to get involved in Rovering themselves.

I would also like to thank everybody for their newsletter contributions across the year, VicRovers provided a weekly newsletter with content and information about events and exciting opportunities for Rovers and the Victorian Rovering Community. The newsletter remains an important source of information and files and is a good way to make sure nothing gets lost on social media, or to ensure everybody can keep up to date with VicRovers if they do not use social media.

Congratulations to Rachael our incoming Marketing and Communications Officer I really look forward to seeing all the awesome things you do within this position!

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4.15 Visual Communications

Catherine Marley

This year I have worked with the Office Bearers on a few projects, namely Operation Rover Recovery and Acknowledgement of Country cards. Normally, I would be involved in more events but not many have been able to run over the last 12 months.

The outcome of the Region Badges will be decided over handover.

If you need any graphics/posts/logos designed for your unit/event/subcommittee, let me know.

Email at:

visual.communications@vicrovers.com.au.

4.16 IT

Michael Watts

The audio-visual equipment from the paper that was approved has been purchased.

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

Thank you

As we look back on the trials, tribulations, turmoil and tragedies of the last twelve months, it is appropriate to reflect on all that the Rover Section collectively has achieved in poignant circumstances and to congratulate ourselves on our resilience, teamwork and support of each other.

This year started off as last year finished, with meetings at all levels conducted remotely for close to half the year. Zoom was the preferred meeting forum and will be again for the final meeting of the year. Many are almost 'zoomed out' but the one big advantage of this meeting style has been the ability to ensure that all members can participate, irrespective of distance, timeliness, etc. There is no doubt that we have been able to facilitate greater participation in all activities.

Thank you to the Executive team, Chair Michelle, who has also represented the Section at the State Leadership level and at Program Team meetings, Deputy Chair Kieron and Assistant Chair Matty, for all that you have done during the year to keep the Section functioning effectively. There have been challenges and successes such as the formation of the Finance Team and the Mental Health Working Group who could perhaps adopt as a theme

song “*Help is on its way*” by the Little River Band. These new teams are making a valuable contribution to our operations.

Members of the Office Bearers team have achieved much in their portfolios during the course of the year, again under difficult circumstances. Inevitably when one person is singled out, others may feel disappointed, but this should not be the case. Everyone has made a significant contribution, but I must thank Maddy for her work as Secretary and including last minute reports in agendas.

Region Chairs and members of Region teams have been instrumental in providing support for all Units. Again, running Unit programs remotely is an example of how adaptable we as a Section continue to be.

At Census, which this year was on 31 March, we had an increase in Rover numbers. Thank you to everyone involved with emails, mail outs, personal contact, etc. to maintain our numbers.

Our Sub-Committees have also continued to operate under incredibly difficult circumstances. Nearly all events were postponed and/or cancelled and the two ski lodges were closed for the snow season. The amount of effort put in by all in particularly uncertain times is greatly appreciated. That Mudbash this year was postponed at the 11th hour is a reflection of the uncertainties faced.

A big thank you to all Rovers who have continued to conduct and deliver programs to their Units using various modes.

Thank you to the Commissioner team, Regi and Stephen for their support, particularly when I was unavailable, and all the Region Support Commissioners who continue to work closely with their teams.

Congratulations

To Kieron and members of the new Office Bearers Team and Region Chairs who have been recently elected. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

State Commissioner’s Award

Nominations for the State Commissioner’s Award close with me on 30 June. Please refer to the website for further details on this award.

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5 Sub-Committee Reporting

5.1 Mafeking Rover Park

Matthew Barnes

The last month saw us in another lockdown which meant that the two bookings we had were cancelled/postponed. Mudbash now have a new date and working bees booked in.

Coming out of lockdown we had the committee at the park for a working bee over the weekend where we got a lot of the larger trees from the burn pile cut into rounds to be used as firewood.

Mafeking are putting forward to be voted this month:

- ◆ The new committee structure
- ◆ The budget

The committee approved the placement of the compost bins behind the activities shed at our June Meeting.

There will a working bee at the park held 23rd-25th July.

Any questions and/or comments can be emailed to the committee at: chairman@mafekingroverpark.com

5.2 Surfmoor

Danny Wallace

- ◆ Things are happening now
- ◆ Budget not quite ready for this month, hopefully will be ready for next month
- ◆ The dates have been decided: 27th-30th January

5.3 Mudbash

Lucy Hubbard

Well, this is not this is not the report I thought I was going to be writing last month.

I just want to say huge thank you to all those who have reach out over the last few weeks regarding Mudbash and the postponement it was super hard time for the committee and myself. But these are the things we need to do to make sure we are all safe and healthy. So, as you all would have heard my now this means we have a new date Sep 23rd to 26th (Grand Final Weekend). We also have a new list of important dates.

We have reopened everything !!!!!

Merch Closing Date:

15th of Aug

Racing Closing date Before Late fee is applied:

9th of Sep

Tickets:

\$70 Pre-Sale 17th of Sep

\$90 Gate (sold at gate only)

Working bee Dates:

Aug 8th to 10th

Oct 15th to 17th

Mudbash 2022 Committee Elections/ Tender application meeting:

11th of Aug @ VRC 7.30 pm

Position description can be found here: [Position Description](#)

Mudbash 2021 AGM/Financial Report:

Nov 10th @ VRC 7.30 pm

If yourself of members for your region have order Merch already you would have got an email with the details regarding the collection day this is the 10th of July @ VRC from 10am to 4 pm. Please try to attend this day as we can post the items, but this is a cost for Mudbash, we have not budget for, and we believe that is unfair on Rovers to wait any long to get their merch. We also will have some merch of sale on the day and card will be accepted.

Hoodies - \$50

Long Sleeve Shirts - \$35.00

Beanies - \$15

Stubby Holders - \$10

Closer to the date we will resend the gate duty roster for regions to redo. As some regions will have a change in team, please ensure that information is passed on.

With the Change of Date, we also have some super exciting thing planned to make sure you keep up today with our Facebook page as this will have all the important information. We are also needing so help if you would like to help

with the New and improved 2021 please reach out we are looking for Activities team members and Works and Services

This is a lot of new information, and things are a bit different please reach out if you have any question

5.4 Rover Scout Motorsport (RSM)

Simon Nuccio

We have some upcoming events!! Which we are really excited to get back out on track.

Round 3 Take 4 July 30th - August 1st at Mafeking Rover Park tickets are \$55 please see the Yeah the Boys Racing page and ours for more details ENTIRES ARE NOW LIVE.

Top Gear Scout 17th-19th of September at Mafeking Rover Park Please see the Vic Scouts Top Gear Page for details. Please put the call out to your units to help support this event as they need as many helpers as possible.

Mudbash 23rd-26th. You don't need me to talk about this ha-ha

Our 21/22 championship will begin with Just Send it Challenge 12th - 14th of November at Mafeking Rover Park tickets will be \$55 keep an eye on both YTBR and RSM Facebook for more details to come.

Racing Boot 8th - 10th of April. A group of RSM members are getting booted and as a part of that are running a championship round for it. Details to come.

We have also made a change that will affects units competing in our championship.

7.1.3 Crews will be awarded 1.5 point for each meeting they attend for a max of 15 points. The AGM excluded. Crews who acknowledge meetings via an apology will be awarded 0.5 of a point for a max of 2 points.

5.5 Bogong Rover Chalet

Jesse Lang

This last month for Bogong has been quite busy with trying to work out whether we can proceed with our ski weeks with the new COVID-19 restrictions. At this stage, we will be proceeding albeit with a few adjustments to sleeping arrangements so that we do not breach the current density quotas. We have put together a COVID sub-group within our committee so that we can make decisions about how to function with the restrictions as close to each new announcement as possible. Information on the exact restrictions for each ski week will be sent out to attendees of those winter parties beforehand. Other than that, it's looking like it's going to be a great year at the Chalet, and we look forward to welcoming all of you that are booked in to attend this year. Other items of importance this month were the cancelling/postponing of our annual Ski Expo, and our budget was tabled last month to be voted on this month as well.

5.6 W.F. Waters Lodge

Todd Henderson

No report submitted.

5.7 MARB

Madeline Ancill

It's been a slow month for MARB. Firstly, I would like to express my disappointment at the lack of communication regarding Mudbash being postponed. It was unfortunate that I had to find out at my region meeting of the date they are looking at going with even though at that stage it was still a rumour. It wasn't until I contacted a person on the VRC exec, until I received communication regarding the subject. I was very lucky to be made aware of the move when it was confirmed however my committee weren't so lucky. I was told not tell anyone, which I respected, so when the new date was announced, my committee were very disappointed to find out when everyone else did. As my committee are very new to how subcommittees function, I believe it would have been beneficial for someone to call a meeting and explain the situation, as it has left my committee feeling flat. In the future if something of this nature happens, I recommended that all stakeholders the decision affects should be made aware prior to it being made public.

In terms of MARB for 2021, the last 32 hours have been a whirlwind.

I am super excited to announce that MARB 2021 will now be taken place on the 16th of October 2021 at the Coburg Town Hall!!!! This means you now have an extra 28 days to save and get those costumes together to be at the party

of the year.

I have started contacting all stakeholders that have been booked in for our previous date to get the ball rolling. I would personally like to thank Mudbash for moving their Post Mudbash working bee to accommodate the new date.

I would like to thank my amazing committee and the VRC executive who has been nothing but supportive throughout the last 32 hours, with the constant changes occurring, considering I did have my phone and laptop glued to me at all times.

I cannot stress the importance of following MARB on Facebook and Instagram along with clicking interested to the event, to make sure you are up to date with the latest information as this very fresh. Participants that already have tickets will receive an email in the next coming days with some more information.

We can't wait for MARB to happen and look forward to seeing you there.

As always if you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at chair@marb.com.au.

5.8 Rover Dinner

Lerderderg

We are pleased to announce that Rover Dinner 2021 will be held at the Williamstown Town Hall on Saturday the 13th of November. Our proposed budget is tabled tonight to be voted on at the July VRC meeting. We propose tickets be sold for \$65, which is cheaper than previous years to encourage greater attendance. If there are any questions about our budget, please contact me to discuss or email me feedback.

5.9 Yearbook

Catherine Marley

Due to lockdown the yearbook hasn't been able to be finalised this month. The yearbook session has been rescheduled.

6 Region Reporting

6.1 Bays

Rachael Osborne

This past month Bays held our elections! Our 2021-22 exec will be

Chair & Training Officer - Rachael Osborne (Mordy RU)
 Deputy Chair - Molly Hastings (Kull's Own RU)
 Secretary - Lizzie Honeybone (Mordy RU)
 Treasurer - Michael Watts/Jeff (Lordy Casey RU)
 Development Officer - Breanne Simmons (Bunerong RU)

A massive congratulations to our incoming exec, and a huge thank you to our outgoing exec members - Kieren, Em and Tom.

Over the snap lockdown this month some units were able to switch up some less than thrilling nights on Zoom to be joint nights with each other, which is always nice to see! We hope to be back in person in the next couple weeks and beyond.

I am looking into a new program session for the region as well to assist with our transition.

6.2 Gippsland

Justin Porter

- ◆ Elections held last meeting
- ◆ Would like to thank outgoing exec for all their hard work and dedication

6.3 Lerderderg

Hamish Beshara

Lerderderg will be holding our AGM and elections on the 13th of July at the 1st Essendon Scout Hall, all are invited to attend. Light refreshments and supper will be provided, so please RSVP to our [Facebook event](#) if you plan to come.

This will be my last report as Region Chairman for Lerderderg. I have been in this role for the past two years and

have enjoyed sitting around the table representing my Region and watching our Rovers become more involved in wider opportunities around the State. We've had Woodbadges and BPSAs awarded, presence on a variety of communities and councils, and an excellent Rover participation rate throughout the COVID-19 lockdowns. There is a lot of talent in Lerderderg, I look forward to seeing what we accomplish in the next year under new leadership.

6.4 Melbourne**Tiffanie Thomas**

- ◆ Held elections and would like to welcome the new team, Megan, Sam, Lily, Steven
- ◆ Constitution and policy manual have been updated
- ◆ Looking forward to meeting together in the near future

Fun fact – The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick. We challenge you to say it 5 times!

6.5 Mount Dandenong**Gemma Park**

It's been a busy month at Mt Dandenong, with good vibes throughout the region. It kicked off with our region exec team elections; y'all are stuck with me for another term, and I'd like to congratulate my team Izaak Kitching, Nick Breeuwisma, Patrick McCaffrey, Maddy Ancill, Sally Henderson, Cairo Levett, Megan Rogers, Laura Ryan. We had an excellent turn out to our last gathering with representation from 11 units. We've managed to make contact with all 23 active units in the region (and 21 have completed the census survey - finally). We're hyping Rover Training at the moment and will hopefully have some members attend the upcoming Basic/Essentials. We're also trying to get our region program more active, to complement the state and unit calendars. Our AGM/ARAP is coming up, you're all invited: 7th July, 8pm-9:30pm, Heathmont Scout Centre, Uniform Shirt and Scarf, Zoom option available (ID: 91923760254, Password: 785665).

6.6 Murray Midlands**Bella Condello**

- ◆ Quiet month
- ◆ We have our AGM coming up online

6.7 Plenty Valley**Catherine Marley**

Our AGM and elections are happening in two weeks, so this will be my last VRC report as region chair. It's been a kinda uneventful month, with everyone being pretty used to snap lockdowns at this point. People have been able to bring out old favourite online nights to stay in touch. Exciting news, our bank account for RoVenture has been opened so we can start organising ticketing, so look forward to that in the coming months.

6.8 South West**Lily Twyford**

We had region elections effective July - congrats to David (assets), Juliana (treasurer), Bonni (deputy) and Kendra (development) plus myself for being re-elected as chair. I'm so excited for the next 12 months, I'm sure it's going to be amazing and thank you to Fi and Lucas for their commitment and effort over the last 12 months! We have also been contacting venturer units across the region and have some combined nights planned and have begun to plan a venturer combined camp later on in the year/ early next year! Otherwise, we have had an excellent last 12 months with online covering, regional outdoor activities, fundraising, donating blood and overall managing to exist and still stay in rovers during truly one of the most hectic times. Also on a different note, this will be discussed later in GB but wanted to make a note that there probably should be more communication with other activities/events when rescheduling occurs, obviously covid is tricky and sometimes things happen but for future reference we could probably be more considerate.

7 Other Reports**7.1 MPAC Report**

Expressions of Interest for the project patrol should be submitted before June 29th 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 18th July – 28th July 2022.

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

8.2 Apple Island Moot - Tasmania

Expressions of Interest for the role of Tasmanian Moot Contingent Leader should be submitted via google form. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mmX1b4NgyPdgdauOvcS0aSkuDUG7XAH6GalZxtReg/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>

8.3 Scout Moot

Jesse Lang

The Scout Moot event being run by Southwest Rover Region for Victorian Rovers has been booked for 23-26 September for over a year, however Mudbash was rescheduled to this date. As a result of this, we've had to move our event to a month afterwards and shorten it by a day due to it no longer being run on a long weekend. As our event is an activity-based camp, this replanning has had to be quite extensive as we have had to cull certain activities from our program. We made sure to email Mudbash to inform them of our date, but they did not respond and proceeded to choose the date anyway. We understand that nothing can be done about this at this stage, however we ask that in future, it would be good for committees to be aware of other events in the year being run for the same target group and try their best not to clash with them.

9 Tabled Items

9.1 VRC Donation

VRC

The survey for this item can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/2WuaRNMT5FgDws7V6>

KEY POINTS:

The VRC has \$957.78 allocated as funds to be donated outside of the Scouting movement, as a result of sales from the soft drinks at the centre. An additional \$42.22 taken from the VRC reserves could make the donatable amount \$1000.

Please complete this survey regarding the donation of these funds.

Please send any comments or questions to chair@vicrovers.com.au

9.2 Mafeking Rover Park Committee Restructure

Matthew Barnes

This document can be found on page 25 of the minute attachments

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ This document provides a proposal for a structure change of the Committee of Management for Mafeking Rover Park.
- ◆ The current structure has been in place since 2015, where it saw the "flat" committee structure changed into two groups. Operations and Administration.
- ◆ Rename committee to *Mafeking Rover Park Management Group*
- ◆ Executive
 - Chairman
 - Vice-Chairman (combining Vice-Chairman Admin and Vice-Chairman Operations)
 - Secretary
 - Honorary Treasurer (changed from Treasurer)
 - Rover Adviser – Operations
 - Rover Adviser – Strategic Development and Planning
- ◆ Patrols
 - Admin
 - Logistics

- Operations
- Planning

Vote: Vote on this paper tonight:

Motioned: Mt Dandenong

Seconded: Lerderderg

Passed.

Vote: Approval of this paper

Motioned: Bays

Seconded: Plenty Valley

Passed.

Send any comments or questions to Matthew.

chairman@mafekingroverpark.com

9.3 Rover Dinner Budget

Hamish Beshara - Lerderderg

The cover letter can be found on page 89 of the minute attachment.

The budget can be found on page 91 of the attachment.

Send any comments or questions to Hamish.

lerderderg.chair@vicrovers.com.au

9.4 8th World Moot Commemoration

Jodi Freeman

This paper can be found on page 92 of the minute attachment.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ January 2021 marked the 30th anniversary of the 8th World Moot, held at Gilwell Park Victoria.
- ◆ The 8th World Moot has not been formally commemorated at Gilwell Park.
- ◆ The significance of the initiative of Australian Rovers to put World Rover Moots back on the international calendar after a 30-year absence has also not been formally acknowledged.
- ◆ A plaque has been prepared with the dual purpose of commemorating both significant milestones from the history of Roving in Australia.
- ◆ This paper seeks funding for the plaque from Victorian Rover reserves.
- ◆ Secondly, Victorian Rovers to ask NRC for a contribution due to the significance of the undertaking of Australian Rovers in the 80's to re-establish the World Moots, which are activities enjoyed by many Rovers today. In the submission to NRC, it should be noted that the National Rover Development fund was established from the 8th World Moot Surplus.

Send any comments or questions to Jodi.

treasurer@vicrovers.com.au

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 2022 NRC Conference Proposal

Plenty Valley

Paper can be found on page 95 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)

Motioned: Bays

Seconded: Mt Dandenong

Passed.

Send any questions and comments to Catherine.

plentyvalley.chair@vicrovers.com.au

11.2 Mafeking Budget

Mafeking Committee

The budget cover letter can be found on page 97 of the minute attachment.

The budget for Mafeking can be found on page 98 of the attachment

Motioned: Lerderderg

Seconded: Plenty Valley

Passed.

Send any questions or comments to Matthew

chairman@mafekingroverpark.com

11.3 VRC Budget

Jodi Freeman

The budget cover letter can be found on page 99 of the minute attachment.

The budget for VRC can be found on page 100 of the attachment

Motioned: Gippsland

Seconded: Plenty Valley

Passed.

Send any questions or comments to Jody

treasurer@vicrovers.com.au

11.4 BCMG Budget

BCMG

The budget cover letter and budget can be found on page 101 of the minute attachment.

Motioned: Bays

Seconded: Plenty Valley

Passed.

Send any questions or comments to Peter

treasurer@bogongroverchalet.org.au

11.5 Potential VRC No Confidence Motion Report

VRC

This report can be found on page 107 of the minute attachment.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ This report was commissioned by the Victorian Rover Council (VRC) to address the series of events from 2020 to 2021 that lead to a potential no-confidence motion in the Chair of the VRC.
- ◆ The report consists of a number of recommendations regarding the following:
 - Scope of the Chair
 - Motion of No Confidence
 - Chair Autonomy
 - Bias and Conflict of Interest

- NRC
- Appropriate Region Engagement
- Office Bearer Loyalty
- Chair to Chair contact
- ◆ Regions are able to send comments on the paper by the 7th July to Peter Wotherspoon, which will be considered in the implementation of the recommendations
- ◆ Following the 7th July, the 2021/2022 team is charged with implementation of the paper's recommendations

Motioned: Kieron Younger

Seconded: Gippsland

Passed.

Any comments and questions can be sent to sc.rovers@vicrovers.com.au

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 VRC Office Bearers 2021/2022 Nominations and Elections

13.1 Nominations

Submitted through the Google form (as 12pm, Tuesday 22nd June 2021):

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

- ◆ Andrew Strachan, BPSA Officer

13.2 Elections

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 of BPSA Officer:

Nomination: Andrew Strachan

Exemption Required: Nil

Result: Appointed

The positions listed below remain empty as of the May VRC Meeting:

Election of Resources Officer:

Nomination: N/A

Exemption Required: Nil

Result: Remains empty

Election of Strategic Planning Officer:

Nomination: N/A

Exemption Required: Nil

Result: Remains empty

Election of Program Officer:

Nomination: N/A

Exemption Required: Nil

Result: Remains empty

Election of New Program Officer:

Nomination: N/A

Exemption Required: Nil

Result: Remains empty

Election of Diversity & Inclusion Patrol Leader:

Nomination: N/A

Exemption Required: Nil

Result: Remains empty

Congratulations to the incoming Office Bearers team for 2021-2022!

13 General Business

13.1 Other Business

Closing Parade: Flag Down & Rover Prayer
Meeting Closed at: 09:37pm