



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
MINUTES FOR THE 480TH MEETING OF THE
VICTORIAN ROVER COUNCIL
HELD AT VICTORIAN ROVER CENTRE
WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY 2021, AT 7:30pm**

1 Welcome	
1.1 Flag Break	Kieron Younger
1.2 Attendance & Apologies Apologies – Jody Freeman	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	
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"> ◆ RSM for being able to get an event up and running with less than a weeks' notice due to COVID restrictions easing 	
Guest Speakers – N/A	
3 Items for Consent	
3.1 Minutes of the previous VRC Meeting	Kieron Younger
Motioned: Plenty Valley Seconded: Bays 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	Kieron Younger
Program Implementation Officer: That the removal of the Program Implementation Officer position be ratified. Result: This ratification has been removed Victorian Paper at NRC: That the decision to table a paper at NRC regarding the World Scout Moot be ratified. Paper can be found on page 4 of the minute attachments Motioned: Gippsland Seconded: Plenty Valley Passed.	

3.5 Nominations for the Baden-Powell Scout Award**Regions**

N/A

4 Office Bearers Reports**4.1 Chair****Kieron Younger**

One month down, 11 to go. Oh, that's most.

First, I'd like to congratulate any newly elected Unit leaders and wish them the best of luck for the coming term. I hope everyone is jealous about the Region chairs weekend away that happened a few days before the 5th lockdown.

Sorry, not sorry for the long report, however there is a few items I wish to address tonight.

The independent report into "Vote of No Confidence" that was completed by SC Paul Byrnes, Personnel Support. I would like to take this moment to thank him for his work on this subject and helping us with the recommendations provided in his report. No one volunteers to be in Scouting to do reviews, lets be thankful for Paul's work. However, after reading the report there are a number of facts that are either miscommunicated or are just completely false and misleading. If I was given more than 15 minutes over the phone, I would have been able to address a lot of questions with evidence in hand. Overall, I condemn this report. As much as I would like to defend myself about how I am addressed in this report, I would like to leave one comment. I asked for HELP, I am allowed to do that, and at no point in my 17 years of Scouting have I ever had to deal with something as big as a Vote of No Confidence.

I am happy to hear that the region chairs have been working with my deputy about the recommendations and will report shortly on the way forward with us all soon.

Over the last 6 months, if not longer, participation levels at both Mt Dandenong, Melbourne, and Murry Midlands regions have been appalling. I have travelled to several AGMs over the last few weeks with large gatherings of rovers with most, if not all, Rover units represented and Scout halls at capacity limits. However, our biggest Region only had 4 out of 25 Rover units represented. This is not good enough; these numbers must change, and I have sent out letters to address this.

A few weeks ago, the Chief Commissioner and Deputy Chief Commissioner sat down with me to just talk about Rovers. We had a great time talking about how the VRC can be supported by Scouts Vic to help grow the section. However, times have changed and the Chair of the VRC will no longer be a member of the State leadership team. This leaves the Rover section without a direct link to the key decision-making body of Scouts Victoria. The Rover section will now be represented by the DCC Youth and ACC Programme in line with all other Youth sections.

Sadly, as most of you are aware, the Scouts [Ireland](#) regrets to announce that they have decided to cancel the [16th World Scout Moot](#). We appreciate the enthusiasm and dedication our Contingent management team has put in over the last few years and we understand that this will be very disappointing news for Rovers Scouts. We now need to focus on the Australian Rover Moot to be held in Tasmania in 2022/2023! I am working on interviewing a potential contingent leader who will take us to Tasmania shortly.

On a brighter note, whether this is your first time on a committee, or you are a veteran of the Rover Section in multiple portfolios, I am Inviting you to attend YOU Day, "Your Opportunities Unlimited".

YOU Day is a special induction and training day for all parts of the Rover Scout Section operations, regardless of your position there is a lot to gain from attending this day. The details are below:

When: Sunday 19th September, subject to change (Covid pending)

Time: 9am-4pm

Where: Victorian Rover Centre

If you need to chat to me, just send me a txt with the code word "instructions unclear, stuck in toaster" and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Email at:

chairman@vicrovers.com.au

4.2 Deputy Chair

Hamish Beshara

This month Region Chairs met for a retreat at Camp Niall. It was a very successful weekend, and it was great to relax and socialise with everyone. Thank you to Kieron, Gemma and Rachael for arranging the weekend for us. As this weekend was so successful, my intention for the current Region Chairs is to arrange another retreat midway through their terms, which I hope will continue to facilitate comradery and fellowship.

The Region Chairs are currently working through the 'Potential VRC No Confidence Motion Report' tabled last month and will be providing a response at the August VRC Meeting. They have discussed the recommendations provided in the report and intend on adopting some of them once the wording has been reviewed.

It has been observed that all Regions are struggling with Program implementation in varying degrees. The OBs would like to support all Regions with the Program rollout, as it has now been adopted by all Sections except for Rovers. If anyone has feedback on what exactly Regions and Units require to better deliver the Program, please email me. Whatever needs to be provided, we can arrange, whether that be workshops hosted at Region meetings, training in the use of Terrain at VRC or developing or making available resources for reference. Let us know what you need, and we can assist you.

Email at:

deputy.chair@vicrovers.com.au

4.3 Assistant Chair

Matthew Barnes

As we are approaching AGM and election times for a few of the subcommittees please consider the 'active rover' policy that we now have in place. The following is relevant to subcommittee elections, which can be found in the VRC Sub-committee Policy book:

“Following receipt of nominations, the nominated Rover shall notify their Unit Council of the nomination. The Unit Council will advise the Rover Adviser of the relevant sub-committee that the nominee meets all the requirements to be a member of the Unit and that their nomination is endorsed. This confirmation should occur no later than two weeks after the nominee’s appointment. Should a person who was previously endorsed not satisfy this endorsement at a later stage, the Unit Council should notify the relevant Rover Adviser accordingly.”

As we start to come out of another lock down please try and keep up to date with the current rules of what we are allowed to do. This applies from a Unit level all the way through to major events. It is a requirement that every asset has its own plan, alongside that, every event is also required to submit a plan to the state COVID team prior to their event. Further information can be found by contacting the state covid team.

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/about-us/news/covid-19-update/>

Email at:

assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au

4.4 Membership Development

Adam Kaplan

Due to the lockdown, the venturer event Winter Gathering was postponed to September 17 - 19. They’ve had over 500 registrations and are expecting even more. This event will be the first major Venturer event for over 18 months so it’s imperative that rovers have a strong presence. We’ll be doing a marketing display, but there’s also all the standard event jobs that need doing. If you are able to support our section in any way over the weekend, please get in touch with me.

The recruiting and retention workshop is almost at a phase where a trial run can be conducted with units local to me. After taking on the feedback, it will hopefully be ready to present around the beginning of September.

Email at:

membership.development@vicrovers.com.au

4.5 Program

VACANT

No report submitted.

Email at:

program@vicrovers.com.au

4.6 Our Program

VACANT

No report submitted.

Email at:

program.transition@vicrovers.com.au

4.7 Training

Catherine Marley

We ran our July Scouting Essentials course online with 11 participants (including 4 Rovers, 1 RA). Our training team was led by the wonderful Regi and was entirely made of current Rovers and previous Rovers under 30. Thanks to Regi, Jesse, Ian, Tim and Rachael for their hard work running sessions and Nick for his help facilitating the whole weekend. This was our first course under the new training system, so we created new content and had more of an intersectional focus. This course covered a variety of content including Youth Empowerment, Programming, Risk Assessments, Achievement Pathways and Terrain. Our next courses will be in November with Scouting Essentials and Scouting Leadership. As usual, check out the Rovers Victoria Training Facebook page for information about these courses.

My plan for the year is to continue developing these new courses with the team, as well as finding the gaps in the content that we need to fill for Rovers. We were able to fill a lot of these gaps in our course, but we can't guarantee that all Rovers are receiving the same level of training. We will be working on modules to teach specific skills that are lost in the transition between training systems. I am also planning on growing the Rover support training team over the next year, adding more rovers to the team. This will help keep the knowledge in the team current as well as emphasise the Rover focus of the team.

Email at:

training@vicrovers.com.au

4.8 BPSA

Andrew Strachan

The next BPSA support team training session will be in three weeks, at 7pm on Wednesday 18th August, held over zoom. Please encourage anyone interested to attend, as having more support team members is always going to be useful.

Information for this training can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/886194262137863/>

In the coming month I aim to contact all regions to get an understanding of where the BPSA support teams around the state are at and offer any help that may be needed.

Email at:

bpsa@vicrovers.com.au

4.9 NRC

Andrew Strachan

The July NRC meeting happened last Thursday. It was a pretty quick meeting with only two papers discussed. One of these papers was tabled by myself and written by Kieron, it was a discussion paper about the refund system for WSM2022. As the moot has sadly been cancelled that discussion is no longer relevant. The other paper was to approve the selling of the beyond the horizon merchandise shirts, a physical sample of which was brought to a previous VRC. Here a number of branches, including Vic, raised issues with the quality & overall design of the shirt.

The proposal to produce and sell them was rejected.

Email at:

nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au

4.10 Finance

Cameron Phillips

No report submitted.

Email at:

finance@vicrovers.com.au

4.11 Secretary

Maddy Packer

Thank you to everyone who sent me their reports one time. Around half of the reports in this agenda were submitted to me after the deadline. This makes it very difficult to send out the agenda with enough time for people to become aware of important information prior to the meeting, namely newly tabled items. If you are expecting to have to send your report to me after the deadline, can you please send me an email, giving me a heads up, especially if you are planning on tabling an item.

I would also like to remind chairs to use the google form that is sent out in the VRC Meeting Reminder email. In case you missed this, it can be found at the end of the email. This form provides Michael (IT Officer) with the emails to send out voting forms for meetings that are held online, and for those who are unable to attend in person.

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

Email at:

secretary@vicrovers.com.au.

4.12 Resources

VACANT

No report submitted.

Email at:

resources@vicrovers.com.au

4.13 Strategic Planning

VACANT

No report submitted.

Email at:

strategicplan@vicrovers.com.au

4.14 Marketing & Communications

Rachael Osborne

Over the past month I've been getting used to the Rover newsletter system, so I apologise for anything that I may have missed in my first couple of them! I'm also looking into highlighting more stuff on our Instagram from Units, so if you have any good photos you put up on there, please tag the VicRovers account, so I definitely see it.

If subcommittees want anything in particular shared as well, let me know. I'm trying to share any major posts I see come up, but if there's anything extra anyone would like please shoot me an email, or a Facebook message is fine too.

Email at:

communications@vicrovers.com.au

4.15 Visual Communications

Rachael Osborne

I've finished all my handover with Catherine and have been making graphics for people as they've been requested, as well as working on a couple of things currently for people. I'll be taking over work on the region badges too, so I've been looking at those.

If anybody needs something made, send me an email and I'll try to get back to you ASAP.

Email at:

visual.communications@vicrovers.com.au.

4.16 IT

Michael Watts

VRC hardware:

The camera is now set up in the main room for meetings. There will be a one-page guide on how to use it.

The meetings that have already been held with the camera have been successful and identified some minor changes to its use to make it more streamlined. It will take some time to fine tune the camera. Please let me know if you have any feedback or suggestions from your meetings held there.

The boardroom is now ready to hold small meetings using a camera mounted above the projector screen.

File management:

This month I have begun working on overhauling the OneDrive access to ensure the correct people have access to the correct folders. If your team uses the OneDrive folders please email me the names and emails of those who need access to it.

Online store:

The Mudbash orders have been packed and shipped out. These should now all be delivered.

Calendar:

I will be working on a plan to manage the calendar on the Vic Rovers webpage. For the time being if you'd like to add something to the calendar please submit it on this Google Form <https://forms.gle/oH7i5W1MeqjKzo7j7>. The calendar is a Google calendar that is embedded on the website.

Zoom meetings:

Many of the recurring zoom meetings are coming to the end date we put on them (this date was set well in the future with the idea we wouldn't need them again). Please approach me if you or your team had a meeting that has stopped, or if you need to change details about that meeting.

The Zoom meetings will be here to stay as it is clear we will be operating in an online/hybrid mode for the foreseeable future.

Websites:

The website update is coming along, however is a little slow due to the other work that is being done.

Updates will be made to the current website to ensure information is kept up to date.

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

Welcome

The new Rover year has started well with an Office Bearers meeting on Sunday and a Region Chairs meeting on Monday. It is great to see a mix of previous members of the teams and new members who are already working well together to achieve much in their roles.

With the various sub-committee AGMs due over the next month, or so, the team will be augmented by another group of Committee Chairs.

Respect

There is no doubt that the COVID pandemic has much to answer for. Over the past 18 months, the majority of our VRC, committee and Unit meetings have been held remotely. For a Section used to face-to-face meetings with the accompanying social contact, these arrangements have been less than ideal. However, we have, in the main, overcome these challenges and demonstrated our resilience. Recent observations would show that the strains of lockdowns and other restrictions on our daily lives are having an effect within the broader community and, occasionally, within our own community. Could I ask that we all continue to rise above the challenges and treat each other with the appropriate level of respect that we would expect to receive ourselves.

16th World Scout Moot – Ireland

By now all members of the Contingent to the World Scout Moot will have been advised that the Moot, following a joint decision of the Moot organisers and WOSM, has been cancelled. This is disappointing but, in the current uncertain circumstances, perfectly understandable. In total, there were 123 applicants from Victoria.

Prior to the last meeting of the National Rover Council on 22 July, concerns were raised regarding the refund policy promulgated with the application form. Essentially this policy provided for a full refund if the Moot was cancelled, if Scouts Australia (on Government advice) banned international travel, or if the application was withdrawn prior to 31 August 2021. If the application was withdrawn after 31 August then there would have only been a partial refund. Given the uncertainties regarding travel, vaccination levels (those of Rover age were almost last in line) it was thought appropriate to seek an extension on the period of refund.

Whilst this is now academic, a copy of the paper which was sent to the NRC meeting the other night, is attached for information (page 4 of the minute attachment).

National Rover Council Review Implementation Team

This item is covered in our NRC Delegate report but I would like to congratulate Paul Byrnes, Maddy Ancill and Jesse Carter from Victoria who will work with Matt Prants from NSW on implementing the endorsed recommendations from the review Team's report. There may be contact with individuals by the team, please give them any support necessary.

Adviser – Risk & Safety

Given the continuing emphasis placed on running assets and events safely, particularly in the current COVID climate, it has been decided that we should create a position dedicated to overseeing all aspects of risk and safety as they apply to the Section. The occupant of this position will work closely with all sub-committees to develop, review and implement risk management plans for all activities, conduct regular meetings for the purpose and participate in the Branch Risk Management Committee. A position description is attached to the agenda (page 6 of the minute attachment) and the position will be advertised widely. Applications and queries can be addressed to Peter.

Vote of No Confidence Report

Kieron has referred to this report in his report. There was a discussion with Region Chairs on Monday night, out of which a number of recommendations will be brought to the table for consideration. My thanks to Hamish for chairing the meeting and to all the Region Chairs who were available to participate. It was a productive night. Could I also take the opportunity to thank Paul Byrnes for preparing the report.

As Kieron has mentioned, there are some aspects of the report which are factually inaccurate and will be corrected. There are some actions which have been attributed to Kieron but were requests that I had made. Kieron wanted to take a neutral stance which, in the circumstances, was understandable and hence referred some matters to me. This should in no way be regarded as an abrogation of responsibility.

Journey Forum

Some years ago, the then ACC Program convened a group of youth members and various Program Commissioners to review the transition from one Section to another. (It is of interest to note that just over half of eligible Venturers do not progress to Rovers). Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, this review was not completed.

I am pleased to advise that the team has been re-convened (albeit with different members) and is due to meet next week.

Representatives from Rovers will be Kieron, Lily and Peter.

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

Matthew Barnes

Over the last month Mafeking and the state has yet again seen another lockdown, causing cancellations in bookings and events at Mafeking. We saw our July working bee cancelled and now patiently await news that we are out of lockdown and can get back to the park!!

Mafeking is working in conjunction with the Venturer Environment Camp to see how we can incorporate their event and run it at Mafeking as well as speaking with the Adventurous Activities Team about how Mafeking can adapt to suit these activities and continue to get scout group and patrol activities bookings for Mafeking.

We have a heap of new ideas to work through with the new committee to promote Mafeking, the activities and benefits that we have to offer!

Mafeking AGM is being held on Monday 2nd of August Via Zoom, and if covid allows in person at the rover centre. All the details are on our Facebook page, so please jump on and have a read through our new committee structure and roles for the upcoming term 2021/2022. Please share this with your wider Rover Regions to continue to keep the park up and running for many years to come!

Any questions or comments may be emailed to: chairman@mafekingroverpark.com

5.2 Surfmoort

Danny Wallace

This month has been fairly quiet as we've been building the budget which we are putting forward to be tabled this month. But in all of that we have managed to fill our secretary roll, which is amazing as Jade and I won't have to be doing agendas and minutes on our own anymore 😊

If any feedback from the budget could be sent to chair@surfmoort.com as soon as possible that would be amazing, so we can explain further/ update the budget, so it can hopefully be voted on at next month's VRC.

5.3 Mudbash

Lucy Hubbard

After last few months of asking rovers to be mindful of how they speak to people regard changing circumstances with COVID, I'm sad to say that Mudbash is still being treated extremely poorly. This is something I did not want to write in technically my final report as a sub committee chair. I have sat on this table for 8 years and for me to have to say this is pretty disappointing. Please treat everyone with respect. Yes, you may not be happy with the decision

that one subcommittee makes, but you need to ensure the way you approach your concerns in the correct way. And via the appropriate channels. We are all one team, we all have the same reason if we all keep doing this, it will start to affect not only people, but people's mental health.

We will be holding our committee elections for the oncoming team, so come along and join the Mudbash Committee for 2022. It will be held on the 11th of August @ 7:30 PM. It will be at the Victorian Rover Centre (pending lockdown) and via Zoom. This will be a little bit different this year, as we haven't run the 2021 event yet. However, to ensure the 2022 committee does not miss out on any planning time, we will still be holding our elections in August, and our AGM will be in November.

Position descriptions can be found here:

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!AvyIB2Yg2R9LgeQr-Dz01EegGTk6bQ?e=F2S9dM>

If you would like to nominate yourself for any positions on the 2022 committee, please fill out the following google form:

<https://forms.gle/B5p7sDt2GPLmHeq3A>

Tickets are still on sale along with all merchandise packs.

5.4 Rover Scout Motorsport (RSM)

Simon Nuccio

This month we had 3 members undertake their Motorsport Aus Scrutiny training which is good to see more people stepping up to be key officials.

We also applied for a grant through the government Motorsport grants for some radios.

Our AGM is coming up and a new team will be elected. So please come along and join our team if you are interested in Motorsport. And a reminder that all of our meetings are open, if you'd like to find out more about Motorsport in rovers this is the best place to do so.

As said last month we have upcoming events. Can these please be shared with regions? From what I can see none of these event where mentioned, yet every other event had been shared at regions meetings.

At the time of writing this we are still hoping to run, refunds will be completed in the result of cancelation
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 haha

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 pages for more details to come.

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

We have also made a change that will affect 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
<p>It's been a busy month for the Chalet. Weeks 1-3 successfully went ahead through the use of various COVID management strategies. The lockdown coming in recently threw a bit of a wrench in the works as Weeks 4 and 5 have had to be cancelled. Hopefully, the weeks following those will be able to run, but that depends on yet to come future announcements.</p> <p>At this stage, our Ski Fun Day on 14th August is still planning to go ahead, so if you weren't able to get into the Chalet this year but wanted to give cross-country skiing a go, it would be great to see you there.</p>	
5.6 W.F. Waters Lodge	Todd Henderson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lockdown has meant that everything has been closed ◆ Due to this, we have had to cancel multiple weekends of Rover bookings ◆ With the restrictions easing, we have been able to open up bookings to individual rooms, which can be found on Airbnb ◆ Just keeping an eye on restrictions 	
5.7 MARB	Madeline Ancill
<p>We are exactly 80 days away from the event!!! MARB 2021 will be taking place on the new date of the 16th of October at the Coburg Town Hall. Over the last month, we have been in contact with all stakeholders, and am happy to report that we have been able to secure all parties.</p> <p>In terms of ticket sales, we have hit double digits. Our pre-sale tickets for \$65 will now close on the 31st of August with our standard tickets for \$70 to close on the 3rd of October so you now have an extra month to save and get your tickets.</p> <p>We can't wait for MARB to happen and look forward to seeing you there!</p> <p>As always if you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at chair@marb.com.au.</p>	
5.8 Rover Dinner	Lerderberg
<p>The Rover Dinner Budget is on the table for voting this month. Thanks to all who gave feedback; comments and responses can be found at the back of the budget. The budget has been altered slightly to remove the VRC appropriation as an expense, which has changed the breakeven number to 141 ticket sales. All other items remain unchanged.</p>	
5.9 Yearbook	Catherine Marley
<p>Lockdown has yet again delayed the production of the yearbook; we have another session booked in this weekend to hopefully finish off the last couple pages. I'll update you next month and hopefully have a yearbook to hand out.</p>	

6 Region Reporting	
6.1 Bays	Rachael Osborne
<p>At the beginning of June, Bays held our AGM at Pancake Parlour with about 30 in attendance. Kieron came down and said a few words to our Rovers and introduced himself as the new chair which we really appreciated! We're currently also collating reports covering the past year from each of our units to keep track of everything that happened. Our new exec team came into effect on the 1st, and we've been working on finding time to run an exec meeting to go over our plans for the region over the next 12 months, hopefully outside of lockdown, mostly for Drew's sake.</p> <p>There's been some progress figuring out a new program session for Bays as well, which will hopefully be done as a session outside of our regular meeting for Bays over the next month.</p> <p>I've also been working on getting in contact with some of my less active units with a decent amount of success which is super good, and I'm hoping to try and encourage better region level participation from them moving forward.</p> <p>In exciting news, we have had a new Rover unit begin meeting in Bays this month! 1st Ballam Park Rover Unit have begun meeting in Frankston with several foundation Rovers and an RA with a huge amount of group and region support. They will be the only unit in the region so far exclusively working on the new program, which will be</p>	

super handy to have as we don't have any Rover program champions or ground breaker Rover units in Bays. Hopefully in a few months they will be able to be fully registered as an official unit.

We've also added Grace Hood to our region team as a second development officer, and we're very excited to have her.

The region chairs from 20/21 also finally managed to go away together, beating out lockdown by less than a week. It was super good, hopefully we can do similar with the new region chair team sometime over the next year too.

6.2 Gippsland

Justin Porter

- ◆ Gippsland has just been remote due to COVID
- ◆ The last region exec meeting had a chance to speak about the report submitted by Paul and hand in our feedback

6.3 Lerderderg

Wil Sumbler

Following our elections this last month, Lerderderg is happy to have a full roster in filling each role. With myself stepping into the region chair role I am very excited to work with these guys over the next 12 months. One of my goals I'd like to focus on through the next 12 months is improving the bond and collaboration between the units within our region.

During our AGM we took the chance to scarf up a few of Region Section SC.

One event that we've got coming up is that our region will be helping out at a collective grey wolf presentation. Unfortunately, much like many other events, this has been postponed due to the Rona

6.4 Melbourne

Tiffanie Thomas

This month we've been busy getting to know our unit leaders old and new. We've also started putting a project patrol together for a region camp we hope to run in the future. We're striving to get our numbers up at our meetings by getting our dates sorted early and well into next year. We're excited about the year ahead.

Fun fact from our fantastic secretary Sam:

Sound travels faster through heat rather than cold air.

Challenge:

We challenge you to do 3 kind things this month

6.5 Mt Dandenong

Gemma Park

I'd first like to acknowledge what an absolute mint weekend our Region Chairs getaway was; special shout out to Kieron's Mum for driving the minibus! The real question is, will the Mt Dandenong Exec getaway live up to the standards set by VRC?!

We've had a big focus on building connections within the region to facilitate a more active program through inter-unit interaction. Near the end of June Unit Leaders enjoyed a networking night at Pancake Parlour, with many units we don't see at Region Gatherings attending. We discovered that we all share struggles with New Program, fundraising/cost of Rovering and keeping our program diverse. It was a productive evening with really insightful conversation had, and some quality banter.

In response to this Mt Dande/Bill Waters will be hosting a New Program for Rovers session delivered by Cairo. 19th August, 7:30pm, 43a Springvale Rd Nunawading. RSVP to me (mtdandenong.chair@vicrovers.com.au) with an email address for each attendee - if we have to move the event online we will email you a zoom code. Check out the Vicrovers Facebook and Mt D Facebook page for the FB event with all the up-to-date deets.

We're also very happy to announce the date for Moistmoot: 4th-6th March 2022! Campsite location still to come (south-eastern suburbs - possibly Bay Park): but keep the date free. Moistmoot aims to be a fully catered, low effort, and affordable social camp for Victorian Rovers/RAs.

6.6 Murray Midlands	Bella Condello
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Crews keeping to themselves, doing nights as they can as state-wide lockdown allows ◆ Throughout Crews have been sprinkling online meetings ranging from games, to guided drawings ◆ Have published a list of dates for our Region Meetings, Aug 2nd. on Zoom, September at Mudbash or over zoom if that doesn't go ahead. 	
6.7 Plenty Valley	Nathan Box
<p>Hi all, I'm Nathan, the new Region Chair for Plenty Valley. I'd like to congratulate our new executive committee on their positions:</p> <p>Deputy Chair: Cam Cerda Secretary: Tori Lawson Treasurer: James Warren Development: William Weber VRC Representative: Catherine Marley BPSA Support: Sunny Aguilar</p> <p>We're planning on having an exec meeting this Saturday to go over our roles and set some goals for what we want to achieve as a region this year. Overall, I believe our Region has shown tremendous growth over the last year, so I hope we can keep that momentum going into 2022.</p>	
6.8 South West	Lily Twyford
<p>Not too much to report - we've had a pretty chill month with the lockdowns. We are chugging along with a few region projects including changing bank accounts, our venturer camp planning, a new region planner and region badges!</p> <p>Both myself and David (assets manager) have joined the Eumeralla committee as well so hopefully this will help us progress work with the villa but also help the camp to have a youth perspective (when and if needed)</p> <p>A few months back VRC advertise Quizzical. One of our Rovers in South West got onto the show, which happened to be Weakest Link.</p>	

7 Other Reports
7.1 MPAC Report
N/A
7.2 World Moot Bid 2029
<p>A joint decision has been made between Cairo (bid team leader) and the NRC Chair (Eleanor Hewitt) to withdraw from bidding for the 2029 World Scout Moot and to bid for the 2033 World Scout Moot instead.</p> <p>There are two key reasons behind this decision:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With the continuing uncertainty of the impact of COVID – 19, budgeting and costings of key expenditures for both the bid and the event remain uncertain. We are optimistic that in a few years the situation will settle down and will provide greater clarity on expenses. 2. Last night, it was confirmed that Brisbane will host the Summer Olympics in 2032. With the infrastructure that will be built, and the resources created to host such large numbers at this event, it seems wise to hold off our event until 2033 as to best utilise these resources. Additionally, we believe the Olympics taking place a year prior will allow for some fantastic promotional opportunities. <p>Additionally, we believe that having an additional four years to plan will allow us to deliver the best event we can that will truly highlight all that Australia and Scouts Australia has to offer.</p> <p>Over the next few months watch this space.</p>

8 Interstate, National and International Events and Contingents

8.1 Ireland 2022

The World Scout Committee has decided to regretfully cancel the 16th World Scout Moot in 2022. We thank Scouting Ireland for all of their time, hard work and preparation over the last several years.

All participants will be receiving a refund for the amount they have paid, and the National office is already working hard to process the refunds. However, we have a large contingent and appreciate your patience as the committee work through them.

8.2 Apple Island Moot - Tasmania

Expressions of Interest for the role of Tasmanian Moot Contingent Leader should be submitted via google form. This form closes on the 11th August. Interviews will begin after this date, followed by the ratification of Contingent Leader at the August VRC meeting.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mmX1b4NgyPdg_daeuOvcS0aSkuDUG7XAH6GalZxtReg/edit?ts=60891ecc

Find information about the moot on the website and Facebook page

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

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

9 Tabled Items

9.1 Surfmoort 2022 Budget

Surfmoort Committee – Danny Wallace

The Surfmoort 2022 Budget can be found on page 8 of the minute attachment.

Send any comments and questions to Danny Wallace.

chair@surfmoort.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 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.

DUE TO NOT HAVING ACCESS TO THE RESULT OF THE SURVEY THIS WILL BE DELAYED TO THE AUGUST VRC MEETING

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

11.2 Rover Dinner Budget	Lerderberg
<p>The Cover Letter and Budget can be found on page 12 of the minute attachment.</p> <p>Motioned: Gippsland Seconded: Bays Passed.</p> <p>Send any comments or questions to Hamish. lerderberg.chair@vicrovers.com.au</p>	
11.3 8th World Moot Commemoration	Jodi Freeman
<p>This paper can be found on page 17 of the minute attachment.</p> <p>KEY POINTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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. <p>Motioned: Bays Seconded: Plenty Valley Passed.</p> <p>Send any comments or questions to Jodi treasurer@vicrovers.com.au</p>	

12 Standing Items	
12.1 Unit Names and Scarves	Regions
N/A	
12.2 Workplace Health & Safety Items	
<p>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.</p>	

13 VRC Office Bearers 2021/2022 Nominations and Elections
13.1 Nominations
<p><i>Submitted through the Google form (as 12pm, Tuesday 28th July 2021):</i></p> <p>All these nominations will be moved, seconded, accepted and any relevant exemptions sought prior to elections at July's VRC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Harrison Feldman, <i>Program Officer</i> ◆ William Weber, <i>Program Officer</i> ◆ Dylan Hannan, <i>Diversity & Inclusion PL</i> <p>Nominations for positions still vacant can be submitted using the following Google Form. https://forms.gle/iYx4qim4RwaW8JRUa</p>
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 Program Officer:

Nomination: Harrison Feldman, *withdrawn*

Exemption Required: Nil

Nomination: William Weber

Exemption Required: Nil

Result: William Weber has been appointed.

Election of New Program Officer:

Nomination: Harrison Feldman

Exemption Required: Nil

Result: Harrison Feldman has been appointed.

Election of Diversity & Inclusion Patrol Leader:

Nomination: Dylan Hannan

Exemption Required: Nil

Result: Dylan Hannan has been 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

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

13 General Business

13.1 Other Business

- ◆ Scout Moot tickets have opened

Closing Parade: Flag Down & Rover Prayer
Meeting Closed at: 09:10pm