



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA  
MINUTES FOR THE 485<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
VICTORIAN ROVER COUNCIL  
HELD AT ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
WEDNESDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022, AT 7:30PM**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Flag Break</b>	<b>Kieron Younger</b>
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b> <b>Apologies</b> – Gemma Park, William Weber, Lily Twyford, Sunny Aguilar, Megan Rogers, Nicola Dangerfield, Andrew Strachan, Stephen Carter, Greg Davies	<b>Maddy Packer</b>
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> 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.	
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest</b> – N/A	
<b>2</b>	<b>Congratulations, Guest Speakers, Presentations and Formal Thanks</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	Good on Ya Mate – Council acknowledges and thanks the exceptional contributions to Roving over the past month.	
<b>2.2</b>	Guest Speakers –	
<b>3</b>	<b>Items for Consent</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous VRC Meeting</b>	<b>Kieron Younger</b>
	<b>Motioned:</b> Gippsland <b>Seconded:</b> Bays	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Maddy Packer</b>
	Feedback from VicJam – can be found on page 4 of the minute attachment. – Narelle Lowdell, <i>State Commissioner OAS</i>	
<b>3.3</b>	<b>VRC Financial Report</b>	<b>Jody Freeman</b>
	Marquee has been paid for.	
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Decisions of the VRC Chair to be ratified</b>	<b>Kieron Younger</b>
	<p>a) <b>Acquirement of marquee</b> That \$2500 be spent for the acquirement of the marquee – see Peter’s report for details. <b>Motioned:</b> Mt Dandenong <b>Seconded:</b> Melbourne</p> <p>b) <b>Acquirement of RAT</b> That \$1000 be spent for the acquirement of RAT for VRC, should VRC have the opportunity to find any <b>Motioned:</b> Gippsland <b>Seconded:</b> Mt Dandenong</p> <p>c) <b>Mudbash 2022</b> That Nicola Dangerfield is ratified as the chair for Mudbash 2022.</p>	

<b>Motioned:</b> Bays <b>Seconded:</b> Plenty Valley	
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Regions</b>
Tom O'Brien, <i>Mordy Rover</i> – Bays Region	

<b>4 Office Bearers Reports</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Kieron Younger</b>
<p>Welcome to the new year, the year of many opportunities for us at Rover Scouts Victoria. A couple of Thank You's and some sad news.</p> <p>Thank you, Matthew Barnes and Michelle Saffin for leading the End of year party last December. The night was a smash if I do say so myself.</p> <p>Thank you to Sunny and Callan for your quick response to Bay park Bash and promoting Rover Scouts towards venturers. We need to continue this at all the Major Venturer events and show.</p> <p>Vicjam with over 160 registered rovers supporting the event, not the mention the many rovers helping behind the scenes as well. Phil Harrison chief Commissioner Scouts Australia congratulated us Rover Scouts on a job well done.</p> <p>From the Chief Director Jon Willis.  <i>"Overall, support from the Rover section has been both strong and incredibly valuable. I really think we found a few gems for major events and the Rover section going forward – that's in some ways to be expected but gratifying nevertheless".</i></p> <p>Thank you one and all.</p> <p>The Marquee, HOLY S&amp;^T we did it. I'll let Peter speak more about the marquee as Peter did a lot of the work behind the scenes. I just want to add how excited and proud I am of the rovers who helped out as such short notice as we have created a great investment to the park and overall Scouting for years to come.</p> <p>Personally like to thank the following.          Jarryd Sheehan, Douglas Ahearn, Matt Barnes, Alex Andrews, Lachlan Ahearn ,Shannah Delmo (Alex's friend), Kent Cochran, Rob Colgrave, Will Ashburner, Luke Burnes, Kyle Nash Paul &amp; Dee smith, Gemma Nash, Elizabeth Nash (child), Zoe Taylor , Sarah Thom.</p> <p><u>Gone home</u>          RA - Michelle Wallace.          Unfortunately, Michelle passed away suddenly two weekends ago we are saddened by this news and on behalf of the Victorian Rover Council I send our deepest sympathies to her family, friends and of Couse to her beloved Scout group at 1st Beaumaris. a letter will be sent to her next of Kin shortly on behalf of the Victorian Rover Council.</p> <p><u>NRC</u>          A big thank you to Peter, Gemma, Lizzie, Andrew, and Jeff for coming down to the Rover centre. For some of us we spent three working days attending the National Rover Council Conference.</p> <p>Honestly, I enjoyed it. we definitely can say we were able to lower the cost of the conference with new changes coming with flight, rationalisation of numbers of delegates attending under the scheme. A new suggestions was made for future conferences should ideally be held in VIC, NSW, and Queensland.</p>	

I will let Gemma Report on the conference further, overall, we have shown the conference can be held online with success.

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#### 4.2 Deputy Chair

**Hamish Beshara**

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas and New Year's break. As we enter 2022, the COVID landscape has changed again, and I encourage everyone to stay informed about the current directions published by Branch. These were last updated on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January and can be accessed [here](#). These directions include what to do if your Unit has a positive case, vaccination requirements, and guidance on COVID safe Scouting indoors, outdoors, and at camps.

Recently the OBs team has been discussing reorganising the structure of the team, collating the various roles into three portfolios reporting into the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Assistant Chairman. I am finalising a draft of the proposed organisation chart and will discuss internally with the team once completed.

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#### 4.3 Assistant Chair

**Matthew Barnes**

- Risk management – keep up with COVID updates. With major events, DHS needs to be alerted. This is done through Branch
- ScOUT & ABOUT – Only 5 activities were logged between December and January. There were more events happening, these need to be logged.

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#### 4.5 Program

**William Weber**

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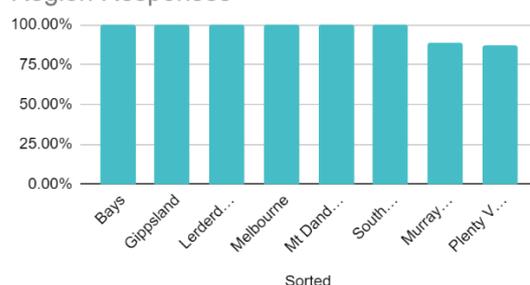
#### 4.6 Program Transition Officer

**Harrison Feldman**

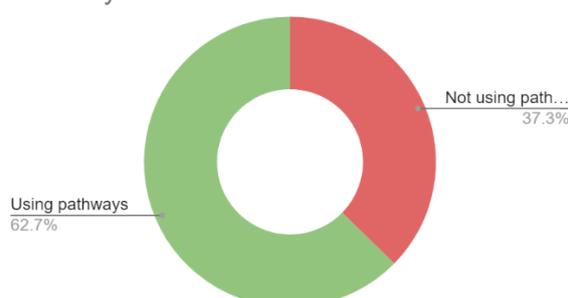
##### Responses

Over the holiday period there has been no new activity for Rovers regarding the usual data. However, for the new year we now have a base on which all numbers should improve upon. As such, I won't harp on describing the changes in data. Instead, here is all the data as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, in one quick go.

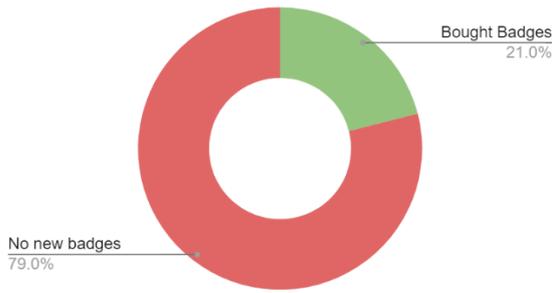
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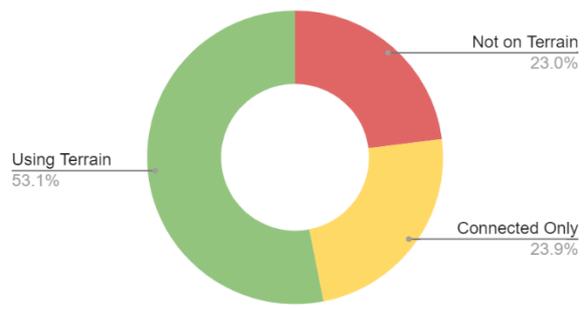
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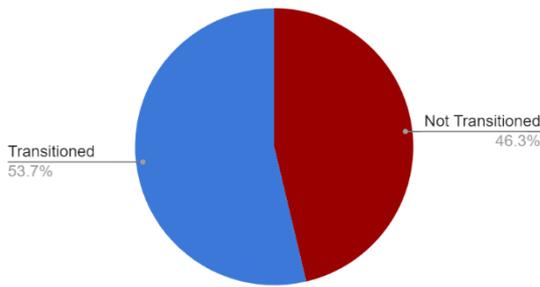
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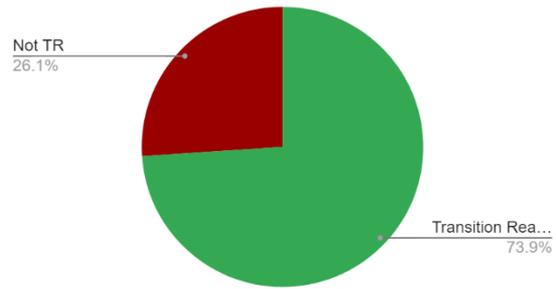
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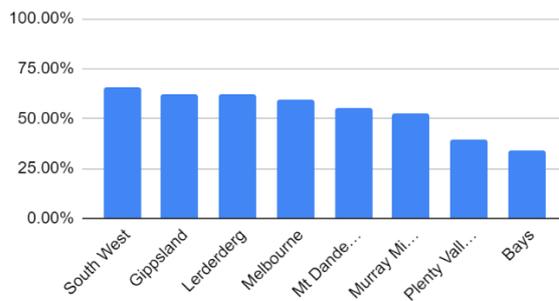
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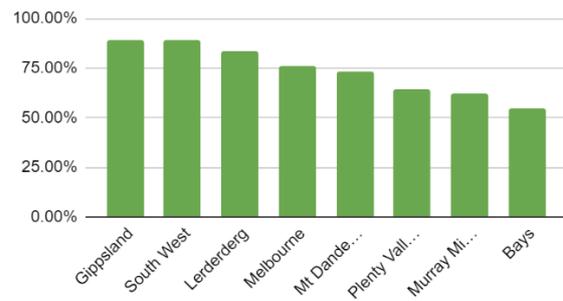
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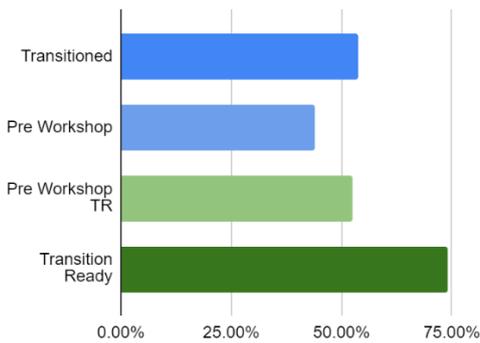
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Transition Ready



Finally, as to not let last year’s efforts go unacknowledged, here’s a quick bar graph of our progress so far with the fainter-coloured data showing the initial progress of the state, and the stronger coloured data showing our current progress.



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**4.7 Training**

**Catherine Marley**

The training team has exciting plans for the year, starting with the launch of our new training modules. We are now offering specialised sessions that can be scheduled to suit you, and the content can be adapted to unit, region or subcommittee audiences. Each session is run by a subject matter expert from the Rover Training Support Team, so the content is focused on what YOU need to know. Just message the Rover Training Victoria page and let us know what session/s you’re interested in!

Conflict Resolution

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#### 4.9 NRC

Gemma Park

Thanks all for supporting me to help out in this role for the remainder of the term. I'll be honest – I've only taken on this role as I can see that decisions this year could actually impact the way Victorian Roving looks in the future; I'm not here for political experience or to add this to my scouting resume.

##### October 2021 meeting:

Region Chairs all attended a meeting with NRC exec (Eleanor and 2x NRC exec members). We prepared a list of evidence highlighting how Victorian Rovers do not receive value for money with the current Victorian bill at approx. \$10000. We asked questions of how we could improve this. NRC could not provide any ways to improve "value" and neither could any of the region's chairs (who had consulted with the grassroot members of their regions) as Victoria already hosts a wide range of opportunities and resources for Rovers. Consequently, we tried to approach the "money" side of things; we we're advised by the NRC exec that they could not help us in any way (aside from providing general advice on papers) and we should table some papers to change the way the budget/billing works at NRC.

##### December 2021 meeting:

In the December meeting Victoria proposed a paper to fund the plaque to acknowledge the contributions of Australian Rovers in restarting the World Moot. The plaque had already been physically produced and permission granted/place selected for this to be displayed at Gilwell Park; this project is a guaranteed success with a clear completion date as the hard yards has already been completed. The plan to propose this paper was initially to ask for \$1000 in funding from NRC, and if they felt that was excessive given it is mounted in Victoria NRC pay \$500 and Vic pay \$500.

To table this paper for discussion we required a branch to second. During the meeting there was a long silence when we asked for a branch to "second," and the NRC chair had to remind branches that we needed a second to even just discuss the paper. A branch did second our paper and we could open for discussion. The majority of feedback we received was that because this didn't directly benefit each individual rover in the other states (i.e.. "the average QLD rover will never visit Gilwell or see the plaque") NRC should not contribute \$1000 funding, despite that this plaque acknowledges Australian Rovers on an International level and heavily advertises Roving to the general public and other sections of Scouting. We attempted to amend the paper to asking for only \$500, *however no branch would second this amendment and therefore we were prevented from even discussing this*. No branch also voted in favour of our paper and therefore it was not passed. The Victorian bill for NRC this year is \$10000 and we could not achieve \$500 funding for this plaque.

##### January conference:

###### Conference overview:

NRC conference was held entirely online this year. We were reimbursed \$30 per attendee for food (5 attendees = \$150). Once we have completed our payment plan we would have contributed approx. \$4000-\$5000 for this online conference.

The conference consisted of reports (branches, NRC, other relevant national teams), papers and workshops.

*Victorian Papers:*

Vic proposed 2 papers at the conference. The first paper was the product of pre-existing conversations at NRC, in which Victoria agreed to organize the 2023 NRC conference in Tasmania, as the Tasmanian Rovers will be very busy organizing AIM2023. As “information only” this was not a vote. After this was tabled, a different paper was tabled to move Conference to “cheaper” cities - which may mean 2023 to be in Victoria.

The second paper proposes a change to the way we calculate the NRC Levy/Bill. Currently it is (\$amount per rover)x(number of rovers)x(2.5% to account for inflation). The paper acknowledges that as branches should be

growing their number of rovers each year, this should cover the inflation costs (the budget doesn't change depending on number of rovers as the majority of budget is a conference with only a set number of attendees). Therefore, we should remove the additional charge for inflation. Feedback received highlighted that QLD/WA/NSW/SA all had a decline in membership numbers, lower fees does not mean more members (I have to disagree with this feedback), if there is a decreasing rover population we will need a higher % levy to compensate (rather than reducing the NRC budget), and “Whilst increasing membership is one of the goals of the NRC, keeping fees low/affordable to grassroots members is not. (ACT).”

On Friday afternoon we attempted to table this discussion, however no branch would second the paper and therefore, it could not be discussed.

*Other papers:*

No other branches wrote papers for conference and submitted them in advance.

The majority of papers from NRC Exec were general admin:

- How should meeting dates be selected
- How to discuss papers (rules of debate)
- Conference should facilitate virtual attendance (as the last 2 years have been)
- How to ask for money from Rover Development Fund
- Process for ‘out-of-session’ votes
- Travel Rationalization for 1 delegate and funding for 1 delegate, rather than funding for 2 delegates (this does decrease the total bill for Victoria if we are only sending 1 delegate but doesn't address increasing the “value” of the content of NRC conference).
- Conference location selection should take into account the cheapest cities to travel to (Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide) and be in Jan/Feb and linked to a major event if appropriate.

Branch papers written during the conference:

- Change the NRC paper template (admin type paper)(NSW)(Failed)
- Order of seconding when tabling a paper (admin type paper)(NSW)(Failed)
- Moot buddies de-identified data should be made public (admin type paper)(Passed)

*Workshops:*

Reflecting on the topic of “value for money” workshops make up about half of the conference. These are the workshops that were available to all Australian Rovers, however we did not have many guests which may be a reflection of poor advertising (as the workshops were of good quality). However, Victorians do already have access to most of this information through pre-existing pathways.

Workshop topic:	Where you already have access to this in Victoria:
Internal and External Marketing.	VRC induction/ “YOU” day. Scouting Essentials/Adventure/Management/Leadership training.
International opportunities.	All information can be accessed from <a href="http://www.scout.org">www.scout.org</a> or <a href="https://scouts.com.au/what-">https://scouts.com.au/what-</a>

	<a href="#">we-do/international/</a> Also, the International Guide booklet (sent to every Rover Unit via Region) and as a pdf online.
Scouts Terrain.	The Victorian Scout website for Terrain. The national Terrain info hub: <a href="https://pr.scouts.com.au/">https://pr.scouts.com.au/</a> Vicrovers website. Region Exec Teams.
Budgeting.	VRC induction/ “YOU” day. Scouting Essentials/Adventure/Management/Leadership training.
Programming with the Sustainable Development Goals.	<a href="https://scouts.com.au/what-we-do/youth-program/sustainability/">https://scouts.com.au/what-we-do/youth-program/sustainability/</a>
New Training Curriculum.	<a href="https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/training/">https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/training/</a>
Improving National and Branch Partnerships.	This workshop discussed how each branch organizes and inducts their incoming executive, and how culture is developed within BRC/VRC. VRC have an established election/induction process, and feedback on the process can be sent to VRC exec team at any time.
Supplemental Training.	VRC induction/ “YOU” day. Scouting Essentials/Adventure/Management/Leadership training. Victorian Rovers Training Team. E-learning modules.
SAIT.	<a href="https://scouts.com.au/members/sait/">https://scouts.com.au/members/sait/</a> Your Scouting Essentials/Adventure/Management/Leadership Course Leader.
Future of Australian Events.	All Australian Events are promoted through VRC.
Role of RAs.	E-learning modules. Scouting Essentials/ACT/ Leadership training.

*Attendees:*

We had 2 delegates + 2 observers + 1 RA (all online). The conference was live streamed on YouTube. Late Sunday when an additional observer (no ability to comment or vote) enter the physical room; they were advised to watch via livestream only and not participate in branch discussions. The culture of restricting NRC discussions to only elected branch delegation members and actively preventing further discussion from occurring within a branch decreases the accessibility for Rovers to engage with NRC content.

*Closing thoughts from conference:*

This year's conference ran well online utilizing Microsoft Teams and OneDrive, with very minimal technical difficulties. Live documents facilitated discussion through the “comments” feature which resulted in shorter verbal discussion periods. The continually updated live conference agenda ensured everybody knew where they had to be at what time and all session started promptly. The conference was chaired well with ‘clear communication’ and ‘cycling back to key points’ excellent strategies at keeping all participants on the same page. It was disappointing that some participants were inexperienced at using professional behaviors and some lacked the procedural knowledge of discussing topics in an NRC context, and I hope conference has been a learning

opportunity for them. The content of the NRC conference was also disheartening as all papers and discussion focused on NRC procedures (referred to above as “admin type papers”), and not one paper discussed a product (such as proposing funding for project, or a report about a successful project, or information about upcoming opportunities). Nor did any of the team reports include happy/inspiring stories of Rovers achieving goals in the “non-political” space, or what practical projects the Project Officers had delivered this year.

Coming back to the topic of “value for money;” it was encouraging to see the paper put forward by the NRC Review Team (hold conference in a cheaper to access city) which is a start at addressing our concerns and some support from NRC exec (paper about allowing 1 delegate to attend virtually). However, there is still a long road ahead to: change NRC/Branch representatives’ culture, see NRC deliver on projects, see measurable benefits to grassroots rovers, and ensure NRC operates at low/affordable cost to rovers. I believe Victorian Rovers will not be at a loss if we were to become non-financial members of NRC and removing that bill from the VRC budget has a significant benefit that will be felt by the grassroots rover.

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#### 4.11 Secretary

Maddy Packer

Nothing much to report this month. As always, please aim to have your reports in on time to make my life a little easier.

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

Sunny Aguilar

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!

Hope you’ve had a good one so far and are pumped to get back to a full year of roving :D

During the break, I got plumber to come and have a look at the missing downpipes and missing leaf catcher box  
The plan is to:

Replace the leaf catcher box and pipes connecting for the back left hand corner pipes

And connect the down pipe on the right-hand side of the shed, across the face of the shed joining it into the down pipe on the left side of the shed.

A trench will be dug out and another pipe will be laid, to connect the left-hand side down pipe. Which will connect under the ground and into the storm water pipe that runs from the water tank.





Both to be worked on in the coming month.

I have also been in contact with The Diversity and Inclusion Patrol Leader Dylan, about having an Acknowledge of Country plaque at VRC from:

<https://antarvictoria.org.au/acknowledgement-plaques/wurundjeri-woi-wurrung-acknowledgement-plaques-special-offer>

For max \$44

Or one's form:

<https://kinyalerrk.com.au/collections/acknowledgement-plaques>

From \$199



Yet to be decided.

I have also started to clean up and paint the "ROVERS" letters, all ready to be taken to Anything Goes in Feb :D



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**4.13 Strategic Planning**

**VACANT**

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**4.14 Marketing & Communications**

**Rachael Osborne**

- Not much happening right now
- This are picking up now with the new year, including on a national level with the new NRC team elected in
- Soups are still being hidden in the newsletter so be sure to keep an eye out
- If you have anything for the email, shoot me an email

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**4.15 Visual Communications****Rachael Osborne**

- Thank you Catherine for assisting Kieron with some VisCom tasks at the end of last year.

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- Following VicJam, we have received a number of new computers
- New computers will have windows installed
- If using any computers and something goes wrong, let me know
- Bulb in projector has died – if anyone knows anything that could assist with replacing the projector, please contact me
- Zoom is still available, if you are no longer needing your recurring meeting, let me know so I can free up the space
- Looking to build the IT team up, if you know anyone who would be interested, tell them to email me

You can contact the IT Team at [it@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:it@vicrovers.com.au), and the online store team at [store@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:store@vicrovers.com.au). Please reach out if there is anything we can assist with.

**4.17 Commissioner Group****Peter Wotherspoon, Regi Caesar, Stephen Carter****Welcome Back!**

Happy New Year to everyone. The start of 2022 has seen the beginning of what I hope will be a fantastic year filled with all the activities, friendships and socialisation that we expect to be a major part of Roving. As we move out of restrictions and lockdowns that we have experienced over the past two years, we can look forward to a calendar of events that reflects our expectations. I know that our various event and asset sub-committees have been working to provide a variety of events, which will begin with Surfmoort this coming weekend.

**VicJam**

What a wonderful event. It was so good to see members from most Sections enjoying the opportunity to get together and do what Scouts do well. Elsewhere there are details of various thanks for those Rovers (159) who assisted at VicJam in one capacity or another. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making the event successful. Without your support this may not have been the case. Well done.

**Surfmoot**

As mentioned above, Surfmoort occurs this coming weekend and is the traditional beginning of the Rover year. I know that ticket sales have gone well and hope that all participants have a great, and safe, time.

**National Rover Council**

As most would be aware, the NRC annual conference was held last Friday through to Sunday. Our representatives led by Kieron, Gemma as NRC Delegate, and Lizzie and Andrew as Observers participated fully. Thank you to all. The conference, like most activities of this nature, had highlights and the odd lowlight. Gemma has, elsewhere in the agenda, provided a valuable synopsis of the weekend's content and comment on each segment.

**Marquee**

In his report, Kieron has alluded to the purchase of a marquee. Last Tuesday, I became aware that a 10X15 metre marquee with satin linings and timber and carpet floor may be available for purchase. Full details of the marquee did not become available until Friday with a catch that the marquee had to be removed by the end of the weekend. My sincere thanks to Kieron, and Matty Barnes in particular, and the team of Rovers who went to

Healesville to dismantle the marquee and relocate to Mafeking. A fantastic effort and a great example of what Roving is all about.

### W F Waters (Rover Service) Award

Nominations for the W F Waters award are now open. Details of the eligibility criteria and the nomination form are on the website. Nominations close with Peter on 28 February.

### Baden-Powell Lodge Unit Service Award

Congratulations to Kurll's own Rover Unit on being the successful nominees for this award. The award will be presented next month at the Founders Day Lodge meeting.

### Gone Home

Michelle Wallace

I am sad to report that Michelle Wallace, Rover Adviser, Everest LePage Rover Unit, passed away suddenly the weekend before last. Although only taking the Adviser role recently, Michelle was well known within the 1st Beaumaris Group having previously been a Cub Scout Leader and Group Leader. The Rover community's sympathies are with her family, members of the Everest Le Page Rover Unit and other Rover friends. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.



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## 5 Sub-Committee Reporting

### 5.1 Mafeking Rover Park

Charmaine Beggs

- Fire trailer onsite was to be de-commissioned, so a new one was purchased in a quick decision - \$5500~

### 5.2 Surfmoor

Megan Rogers

Apologies that I'm not there with you, but the committee and I are putting the final touches for the event tomorrow. Thank you for all your support and pushing the event. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!! Please if you can bring a RA Test, and a face mask with you that would be amazing.

A gentle reminder that if you're sick or feeling unwell, please don't come. As much as we'd love for you to join us, we would much rather you stay home and recover than get worse and potentially spread what you have and get everyone else sick too.

Gates open at 4pm, and unit/region info meeting is at 9pm in front of HQ building we'll be going doing a very brief overview of our covid safe plan that specific to you and your units and other info you'll need.

Can't wait to see you all and kick off a new year in rovers the right way!

P.S. it's never too early to start thinking about which role you want to take on for the 2023 Surfmoor committee.

<b>5.3</b>	<b>Mudbash</b>	<b>Nicola Dangerfield</b>
<p>G'day all, this past month or even couple of months has been pretty busy. Our budget is being voted on tonight but also were locking in plans, setting working bee dates and filling holes as they pop up. Our marketing team are working fabulously to keep everyone informed about all things Mudbash.</p> <p>We're still looking to fill a few roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Vice chair,</li> <li>◆ Assistant treasures</li> <li>◆ Works and services head</li> <li>◆ Works and services assistants</li> </ul> <p>Being on a committee can be such a challenging, rewarding experience. Joining the Mudbash committee opens up doors and networking opportunities that you can take with you all through rovers!</p> <p>If you're interested, please contact <a href="mailto:chair@mudbash.com">chair@mudbash.com</a></p>		
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Rover Scout Motorsport (RSM)</b>	<b>Mitchell Hanger</b>
No report submitted.		
<b>5.5</b>	<b>Bogong Rover Chalet</b>	<b>Jesse Lang</b>
<p>The last couple of months have been a bit quieter than usual over the Christmas period, but we have a lot of repairs and major works planned for the next few months including the bathroom and the Warden's Flat, so if you would like to help out with any of those working bees, let us know through our Facebook page. We also have registrations opening next week on 1st February, so if you would like to book in for a winter party at the chalet, keep that date in mind as the Rover weeks especially do book out fairly quickly.</p>		
<b>5.6</b>	<b>W.F. Waters Lodge</b>	<b>Todd Henderson</b>
No report submitted.		
<b>5.7</b>	<b>MARB</b>	<b>Madeline Ancill/Breanne Simmons</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maddy – Don't have much to report, not a lot has happened. Keep an eye out on social media for updates in the next coming days</li> <li>• Breanne – found a venue, hoping to have budget in next month</li> </ul>		
<b>5.8</b>	<b>Yearbook</b>	
No report submitted.		

<b>6</b>	<b>Region Reporting</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Bays</b>	<b>Rachael Osborne</b>
No report submitted.		
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Gippsland</b>	<b>Justin Porter</b>
<p>Hey everyone. This month Gippsland held its first region event in about 4 years which was its toga party where they had a picnic lunch and played games. We have created an activity patrol known as G.R.E.E.K which organised it and it turned out better than expected. There were a couple of the Gippsland rovers that managed to make it to Vic Jam and had an absolute blast. Gippsland rovers are really thrilled to be back and Roving again.</p>		
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Lerderderg</b>	<b>Wil Sumbler</b>
<p>With the year ending on a high and our first in person meeting in months we had our breakup at Port Phillips' hall with good attendance.</p> <p>Starting back this year we'd like to focus on revitalising our units. Near the end of the year, we've had a substantial drop in attendance at both region and unit level. So, we're looking at having some brainstorming with the units and promoting inter unit activities to both boost numbers and ease the pressure of organising full programs for execs.</p>		
<b>6.4</b>	<b>Melbourne</b>	<b>Tiffanie Thomas</b>

Christmas party's we had around over 40 people attend which was great and a good time was had by all. Some of our rovers went to the Christmas party and said it was great they didn't like the drinks but had a really good time!

We also had a few units helping at VIC jam which was really good to see We had our goal setting exec meeting last night which went well we've got some new ideas to help support our region.

We should have a couple more people joining our team at our meeting on Friday so we will hopefully have a full team if all goes well. We'll also be doing a walk around at Surfmoort to catch up with all our units.

As Kieron and Pete mentioned, unfortunately Michelle ELP RA has passed away We have a plan to release a calendar each month that the units can put their own events on and such as well as region stuff. If any other region wants us to put their event on please send them through.

We've got our region camp coming up on the 25th of March

Fun fact: Type writer is the longest word that can be made using the letters only in one row on your keyboard.

## 6.5 Mt Dandenong

Gemma Park

Apologies for not being here tonight. It's been nice to have a break from Rover Region admin tasks over Christmas/New Years. It was awesome to see units getting out and about, and a special shout-out to Waggataan-Rutherford Rovers who managed to plan and execute a unit trip to tassie with 18 (I think) members all while navigating the high and lows of a world with COVID.

We have an exciting year planned with our next region gathering in Feb involving cheese tasting. Our region hopes to focus on increasing our number through targeting Venturer retention and promotion and support for Rover Training. Watch this space for reports on our initiatives.

## 6.6 Murray Midlands

Travis Elliot

- Attempted to have a December meeting, but did not have enough numbers, so will try again
- Was hoping to have a meeting at Surfmoort but not enough people are attending, so next meeting will be in February

## 6.7 Plenty Valley

Nathan Box

- Celebrated the end of the year with a BBQ
- Quite a few rovers helping at VicJam
- Have postponed mini RoVenture due to COVID
- Look forward to catching up with people at Surfmoort

## 6.8 South West

Lily Twyford

We had a lovely Christmas break up!! were even able to have some linking rovers attend.

We have had a very nice break over the holiday period and will be having our welcome back meeting at Surfmoort where we will discuss our goals and plans for the year ahead.

## 7 Other Reports

### 7.1 MPAC Report

Nothing to report.

## 8 Interstate, National and International Events and Contingents

### 8.1 Apple Isle Moot - Tasmania

Lily Twyford

Registrations are open, make sure to register and pay to get your expedition preferences in!

We have been working hard on our budget the last month, and we are tabling our contingent fee. Please have a look at the cover letter and let me know via email if you have any questions.

The fee is mandatory for all Victorian members and covers aspects including contingent welfare, merchandise, marketing and emergency back-up options.

The travel fee will be separate and optional this year, and this will be proposed at a later date due to travel vagueness and prices unavailable.

## 9 Voting Items

### 9.1 Mudbash Budget Mudbash

The budget and cover letter can be found on page 5 of the minute attachments.

**Motioned:** Gippsland

**Seconded:** Bays

**Passed.**

Please send any comments or questions to the Mudbash Chair

[chair@mudbash.com](mailto:chair@mudbash.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 Tabled Items

### 11.1 AIM Victorian Contingent Budget AIM Vic Con Team

The budget and cover letter can be found on page 7 of the minute attachments.

Please send any comments or questions to the Contingent Leader, Lily.

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

### 11.2 VRC to become non-financial members of the National Rover Council (NRC). Mt Dandenong

This paper can be found on page 10 of the minute attachments

**KEY POINTS:**

- Victorian Rovers currently do not receive “value for money” from their financial membership to NRC.
- VRC should become non-financial members of NRC.

Please send any comments or questions to the Mt Dandenong Chair.

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

## 12 Standing Items

### 12.1 Unit Names and Scarves Regions

- Manningham Tende Beck name change to Meeko Rover Unit.  
*From Meeko Rovers:* “Meeko was the leader who was extremely instrumental in the creation of Tende Beck Scout Group back in the beginning when it was still 6th Camberwell North, auspiced by Yooralla. I have made contact with her surviving family (thanks to Carlton Rover Unit) and have their blessing to use Meeko's name. The Rovers would like to keep their Group scarf, as the tartan we wear was gifted to the Group for use, so is already significant.”

### 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.

### 12.3 WWCC/e-Learning Reminders

Details of members with outstanding membership requirements are sent to Unit Leaders and Region Teams every month. Please ensure these are actioned in a timely manner.  
If you'd like an ad-hoc report please contact Jeff

#### **12.4 Operoo**

Any event you run should be registered with Operoo. Contact the State Operoo team @ [Operoo@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:Operoo@vicscouts.asn.au) to inform them of your event, they will help you with the process around that

#### **12.5 ScOUT & ABOUT**

Register you event through the link here. Anything from Working Bees to weekend camps.  
<https://myrecord.scoutsvictoria.com.au/memberportal/scouting-activity/vic>

#### **12.6 Terrain**

More to come.

#### **12.7 Active Rover Policy**

You can find a summary sheet and optional approval form for this policy at  
<https://www.vicrovers.com.au/resources/policies>

### **13 General Business**

#### **13.1 Other Business**

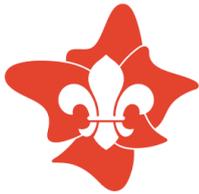
##### **Reprint of Acknowledgement of Country Cards:**

- ◆ Has been funded already
- ◆ Will be on better quality with updated information
- ◆ Let Catherine know if interested so enough is printed
- ◆ Planning to have them handed out at training events

**Closing Parade: Flag Down & Rover Prayer**  
**Meeting Closed at: 09:15 pm**

**VRC MINUTE APPENDIX  
JANUARY MEETING  
26.01.22**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
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**Rover  
Scouts**

**VRC ATTENDANCE  
485<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE VRC  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
WEDNESDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022, AT 7:30pm**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present (✓)</b>	<b>Apology (✗)</b>
<b>Office Bearers</b>	Chair	Kieron Younger	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Hamish Beshara	✓	
	Assistant Chair	Matthew Barnes		✗
	Membership Development	Adam Kaplan		✗
	Program	William Weber		
	Our Program	Harrison Feldman	✓	
	Training	Catherine Marley	✓	
	BPSA	Andrew Strachan		✗
	NRC Delegate	Gemma Park	✓	
	Secretary	Maddy Packer	✓	
	Resources	Sunny Aguilar		✗
	Strategic Planning	N/A		
	PR and Marketing	Rachael Osborne	✓	
	Visual Communications	Rachael Osborne	✓	
	IT	Michael Watts	✓	
	Finance	Cameron Phillips		✗
	SC Rover Support	Peter Wotherspoon	✓	
	ASC Rover Support	Regi Caesar	✓	
ASC Rover Support	Stephen Carter		✗	
Honorary Treasurer	Jody Freeman	✓		
<b>Bays</b>	Chair	Rachael Osborne	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Molly Hastings	✓	
	VRC Rep			
	Region RC	Drew Lazenby		
<b>Gippsland</b>	Chair	Justin Porter	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Zoe Cooper		✗
	VRC Rep			
	Region RC	John Ernst	✓	
<b>Lerderberg</b>	Chair	Wil Sumbler	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Maddy Packer	✓	
	VRC Rep	Cohen Rose/ Tess Williamson	✓	

Committee	Role	Name	Present (✓)	Apology (✗)
	Region RC	Scotty Harrison		✗
<b>Melbourne</b>	Chair	Tiffanie Thomas	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Megan Heaney		✗
	VRC Rep	Lily Stephens	✓	
	Region RC	Greg Davies		✗
<b>Mt Dandenong</b>	Chair	Gemma Park	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Izaak Kitching		✗
	VRC Rep	Cairo Levett	✓	
	Region RC	Maria Armstrong		✗
<b>Murray Midlands</b>	Chair	Travis Elliot	✓	
	Deputy Chair			
	VRC Rep			
	Region RC	Mark "Barney" Thornton	✓	
<b>Plenty Valley</b>	Chair	Nathan Box	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Cam Cerda		✗
	VRC Rep	Catherine Marley	✓	
	Region RC	Jeff McIlvain		✗
<b>South West</b>	Chair	Lily Twyford		✗
	Deputy Chair	Bonni McLaren	✓	
	VRC Rep			
	Region RC	Lillian Miller (Asst.)		✗
<b>Mafeking</b>	Chair	Charmaine Beggs		✗
<b>Surfmoot</b>	Chair	Megan Rogers		✗
<b>Mudbash</b>	Chair	Nicola Dangerfield		✗
<b>RSM</b>	Chair	Mitchell Hanger		✗
<b>Bogong</b>	Chair	Jesse Lang	✓	
<b>W.F. Waters</b>	Chair	Todd Henderson		✗
<b>MARB</b>	Chair	Maddy Ancill/Breanne Simmons	✓	
<b>Rover Dinner</b>	Chair			
<b>Apple Isle – Vic Con</b>	Treasurer	Maddy Ancill	✓	
<b>Yearbook</b>	Chair			
<b>Guests</b>	MARB	Kieren Martin	✓	

Hi Peter and Rod

I hope you are doing well and settled back into post-jamboree life.

I wanted to take a few minutes to share with you how amazing the Rovers leading my expeditions were and how proud I am of them. This is in no way me looking for thanks but rather celebrating the amazing Rovers we have.

In my portfolio I had two day activities and two overnight expeditions, the day activities saw most of the Scouts and participant Venturers through them and the overnight expeditions included all sorts of innovations and unique challenges in planning. Each of these were led by Rovers.

**Amazing Race** - Emile Siam & the Zodiac Rovers

**Climate Captains** - Laurence Williams & a team of Rovers and Venturers

**Echuca Explorer** - James Warren & Ben Gunthorpe

**Funfields** - Steph Free & Cleve Cole Rovers

As I'm sure you can imagine there were many changes and challenges faced in the planning stages of each of these activities but the team were always happy to continue and find a way forward. During the event these Rovers adapted to many changes and situations, some big and some small. Situations that were well and truly out of our control (from COVID to Mental Health support and everything in between), these Rovers asked for support when needed and always found a way forward. No matter what came up they ensured that the Scouts had an awesome time and often didn't know about the things were going on around them/in the background. They were incredible at keeping sensitive information under wraps and ensuring everything looked under control.

I couldn't be prouder of my team and I would happily work with them again!

Thank you for reading and letting me share this with you.

# MUDBASH 2021 BUDGET

## Budget Breakdown

### **Income**

Mudbash ticket price is set at \$70 presold (inclusive of square processing fee) and \$90 at the gate. Service tickets are included at the reduced cost of \$30, this acknowledges the committee's voluntary nature and provides incentive to participate. Or 'work' for your dinner.

There is also income included to be received from merchandise before and at the event, this has been left broad to give the merchandising team to cater to the needs of the event based on forthcoming data, as the event has not run 2 years in a row the committee would like to retain flexibility as required.

Sponsorship income has remained in the budget, if this is not received the event will still be able to run as this income stream is only 1.75% of total income. And more of a bonus rather than a necessity.

Driver fees are as per previous years, continuing the existing strategy of late fees to promote a more organised event and gaining early commitment from Rover units.

### **Expenditure**

Mudbash will need to purchase a few items this year that will be used over successive years including toilet paper, wristbands and admin supplies.

Due to COVID impacts, entertainment budget has increased due to the expected price surge from suppliers and entertainment acts.

## Closing Statement

With in-person Mudbash being cancelled in 2020 and 2021, the actuals for the presented budget are taken from the 2019 event. Limited changes have been made to the budget that was tabled for the 2020 event.

Since 2021 event was cancelled due to lockdowns not being lifted in time this event was also unable to run, as not much as changed since, the 2021 approved budget and 2022 budget should be near identical. Minor tweaks to be noted are the introduction of a Canva fee for marketing purposes, and a slight change to the event permit fee. We have also increased the activities budget as we would like to have more activities for everyone to enjoy of 50<sup>th</sup> Mudbash.

If you have any feedback please email [chair@mudbash.com.au](mailto:chair@mudbash.com.au)



# Apple Isle Moot Victorian Continent 2023

## Introduction

December 31st 2022 to January 8th 2023

Tasmania, Australia

A Moot is a gathering of Rovers from all across Australia and the World who participate in a multi-day program filled with fun, challenging and adventurous activities. The next Australian Moot will be hosted in Tasmania during December, the end of December 2022 and the start of January 2023.

We (the committee) are looking forward to supporting Victorian Rovers as they undertake this unforgettable event. During this event, rovers are provided with the opportunity to try something new, develop yourself, and make many new friends from all over!

## Budget Breakdown

### Income:

#### Contingent fee

- We are budgeting with the fee being \$85. As a committee, we have tried to keep costs as low as possible to ensure Rovers are getting the best value for money
- By keeping this price down, it will allow Rovers to save more for their transportation to the Tasmania.

### Expenditure

#### Admin and Marketing

- We have budgeted \$100 for any admin to cover any unexpected costs.
- We have budgeted \$7.50 for marketing to include advertising items, to be handed out and created.

#### Merchandise

- The committee has worked out to ensure rovers are getting a mixture of merchandise while attending the moot.

#### Welfare

- We have added this for the contingent this year. Through the welfare team, Rovers will be provided with support throughout the whole trip.

- Any leftover money will cover any emergency costs.

## Closing Statement

The Victorian Contingent team have worked to ensure that every member is getting the best value for money

If you would like a member of our team to speak to this budget at your Region meeting, please don't hesitate to contact the team at [appleislemoot@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:appleislemoot@vicrovers.com.au).

Please send all feedback to [appleislemoot@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:appleislemoot@vicrovers.com.au) by Sunday the 13th of February 2022; this provides us with enough time to make any necessary adjustments before this budget comes up for voting at the February VRC meeting.

## Scaled Summary

As seen in the attached scaled summary report, as our attendance increases, our profit margin also increases. The intention for this is to be reinvested back into the contingent,

Apple Isle Moot Victorian Contingent 2023				Scaled Summary																	
Budget 2021				Budget for Apple Isle Moot 2023																	
Income																					
Tickets	\$	Qty	Total	Income	\$	Qty	Total	Qty	Total	Qty	Total	Qty	Total	Qty	Total						
Contingent Fee	\$	85.00	100	\$	85.00	140	\$	11,900.00	120	\$	10,200.00	100	\$	8,500.00	80	\$	6,800.00	60	\$	5,100.00	
		0	\$	-		0	\$	-	0	\$	-	0	\$	-	0	\$	-	0	\$	-	
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>11,900.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,200.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,800.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,100.00</b>	
Expenses																					
Admin and Marketing	\$	Qty	Total	Admin and marketing	\$	Qty	Total	Admin and marketing	\$	Qty	Total	Admin and marketing	\$	Qty	Total	Admin and marketing	\$	Qty	Total		
Admin	\$	1.00	100	\$	8.50	140	\$	1,190.00	120	\$	1,020.00	100	\$	850.00	80	\$	680.00	60	\$	510.00	
Marketing	\$	7.50	100	\$	63.14	140	\$	8,839.60	120	\$	7,576.80	100	\$	6,314.00	80	\$	5,051.20	60	\$	3,788.40	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>11,459.60</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,826.80</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,194.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,561.20</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,928.40</b>		
							\$440.40				\$373.20					\$306.00				\$238.80	
																					\$171.60
Merchandise	\$	Qty	Total	Merchandise	\$	Qty	Total	Merchandise	\$	Qty	Total	Merchandise	\$	Qty	Total	Merchandise	\$	Qty	Total		
Shirts	\$	17.30	100	\$	17.30	100	\$	1,730.00	120	\$	2,076.00	100	\$	1,730.00	80	\$	1,384.00	60	\$	1,038.00	
Sunnies	\$	12.57	100	\$	12.57	100	\$	1,257.00	120	\$	1,508.40	100	\$	1,257.00	80	\$	1,005.60	60	\$	754.20	
Stubby Holders	\$	4.40	100	\$	4.40	100	\$	440.00	120	\$	528.00	100	\$	440.00	80	\$	352.00	60	\$	264.00	
Badges	\$	3.68	100	\$	3.68	100	\$	368.00	120	\$	441.60	100	\$	368.00	80	\$	294.40	60	\$	220.80	
Tote bag	\$	4.70	100	\$	4.70	100	\$	470.00	120	\$	564.00	100	\$	470.00	80	\$	376.00	60	\$	282.00	
Drink Bottle	\$	4.99	100	\$	4.99	100	\$	499.00	120	\$	598.80	100	\$	499.00	80	\$	399.20	60	\$	299.40	
Beanies	\$	15.50	100	\$	15.50	100	\$	1,550.00	120	\$	1,860.00	100	\$	1,550.00	80	\$	1,240.00	60	\$	930.00	
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Welfare	\$	Qty	Total	Welfare	\$	Qty	Total	Welfare	\$	Qty	Total	Welfare	\$	Qty	Total	Welfare	\$	Qty	Total		
Contingent Welfare	\$	10.00	100	\$	10.00	100	\$	1,000.00	120	\$	1,200.00	100	\$	1,000.00	80	\$	800.00	60	\$	600.00	
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Others	\$	Qty	Total	Others	\$	Qty	Total	Others	\$	Qty	Total	Others	\$	Qty	Total	Others	\$	Qty	Total		
Audit Fee	\$	30.00	1	\$	30.00	1	\$	30.00	120	\$	3,600.00	100	\$	3,000.00	80	\$	2,400.00	60	\$	1,800.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>30.00</b>	
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<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	
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<b>Final Net Result</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>306.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>306.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>306.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>306.00</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>306.00</b>	

Introduction to the paper (written due to Gemma's absence):

Mt Dandenong would like to table a paper.

This paper came about because of informal and formal discussions at a Region, Region Chair and VRC level, and was produced at the conclusion of the 2022 NRC conference. The heart of the paper is that Victoria currently does not receive perceived "value for money" out of their financial membership of NRC, and therefore should take a break. This break would allow for Victoria to reassess how it funds the NRC budget and allow for the NRC Review (and projects that result from that/implementation team) to change the "value" and "money" aspects of NRC. Victoria has a lot of resources to offer to other branches, however we do not currently appear to receive any benefits from being financial members. As non-financial members we would still attend NRC meetings, be able to provide feedback on projects and papers and attend NRC conference (we would have to pay for our own conference ticket).

The facts in the NRC delegate report mentioned in this paper has been verified by Peter Wotherspoon who has been present though out all the mentioned meetings. Kieron Younger could act as a second witness if anyone holds concerns.

My suggestion – under the advice of members who have been engaging with NRC for many more years than me – is for Victoria to become non-financial for a period of time until change has occurred and "value for money" is undeniably evident. We would informally anticipate this to take a minimum of 3 years, however would like to see a yearly review.

I welcome any amendments to the paper that stay true to the original intention. Please have empathy for any phrasing/grammatical errors - this paper was written the Sunday night after conference had finished in an attempt to squash Rovering together with shift work and an impending VRC agenda deadline. Please send feedback to [mtdandenong.chair@vicrovers.com](mailto:mtdandenong.chair@vicrovers.com) and I will reply, and collate a list that I will present at Feb VRC.



<b>Item Title</b>	VRC to become non-financial members of the National Rover Council (NRC).
<b>Information</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>X Decision</b>	
<b>Document Author</b>	Gemma Park (Mt Dandenong Region Chair, NRC delegate)
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	<p>Logistics: This paper aims to increase the benefit each rover receives from their fees.</p> <p>Governance: This paper aims to hold NRC accountable for where they are spending the budget and ensuring they are delivering a budget that is in the best interest of Victorian Rovers, and therefore promoting a culture of delivering on responsibilities and being responsive to the needs of current rovers.</p>
<b>Consultation</b>	<p>Discussion topic raised informally (due to incorrect use of templates and procedure) to Mt Dandenong Region and VRC in 2020.</p> <p>Informal consultation over the past 12 months at all levels of Rovers (through different papers/discussions proposed by different rovers).</p> <p>Formal consultation with NRC exec Oct 2021.</p> <p>Formal consultation with Region Chairs Sept-Oct 2021.</p> <p>Victorian delegation to NRC conference 2022 debrief.</p>
<b>Implementation Period</b>	<p>Jan VRC meeting: Paper tabled.</p> <p>Feb region meetings: Discuss with your region.</p> <p>Feb VRC meeting: Further discussion which should include the Chief Commissioner given the potential ramifications.</p> <p>March region meetings: Vote.</p> <p>March VRC meeting: Vote.</p> <p>March: Victorian 'NRC Levy Payment Plan' due date (31<sup>st</sup> March 2022).</p>

## KEY POINTS

- Victorian Rovers currently do not receive “value for money” from their financial membership to NRC.
- VRC should become non-financial members of NRC.

## BACKGROUND

- Informal discussion has been occurring for the last 3 years (minimum) about “value for money” of NRC given the expensive bill Victoria receives.
- Victoria was supportive of an external review to NRC being conducted and was hopeful the outcomes would rectify the “value for money” concerns. The conversations around this topic were postponed until the review was published.
- A formal external review team was formed, and after a couple of years they delivered a report. That report didn’t discuss “money” in detail.

- Victoria’s Levy bill has significantly increased over the last few years. The current bill is \$10,323 of which we have paid 2 instalments (\$5161).
- VRC are currently funding this bill through major events (ie. it’s reflected ticket prices). A previous attempt to change the way we fund the VRC budget was unsuccessful, but if this paper is successful this would stimulate this discussion being re-visited.
- Region Chairs had a meeting with NRC exec expressing the concerns of grassroots rovers and NRC membership “value for money”. They were told NRC exec could not directly assist them, and informed VRC should table papers at NRC.
- Victoria attempted to table papers and encountered difficulties, as outlined in ‘NRC Delegate Report January VRC 2022’.
- While small changes have occurred at NRC conference it is not significant at addressing both aspects of “value for money”, as outlined in ‘NRC Delegate Report January VRC 2022’.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Victorian Rover Council:

- Do not pay the remaining instalments of this years NRC levy payment plan (next payment due March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022).
- Continue to remain non-financial members of NRC until a VRC paper is passed to change our NRC relationship to “financial members”.
- Notify the NRC Executive and other BRCs of the decision and the reasoning behind it.
- Continue to actively engage with NRC as non-financial members.
- VRC Financial team to conduct a review of the budget (due to changes in expenditure) and facilitate discussion with VRC about what to do about the difference (for example: decrease the amount we bill major events (therefore ticket prices) or reinvest into a VRC project like MPAC).
- Review the “value for money” of NRC financial membership at the conclusion of each NRC conference. Discussion should be facilitated by NRC delegate and VRC Chair.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

<b>Lead</b>	Victorian Representatives at NRC: NRC Delegate and VRC Chair
<b>Assists</b>	VRC financial team
<b>Cost</b>	Nil cost in implementing this paper.
<b>Risks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Victoria doesn’t have voting rights at NRC and therefore might be unable to have input on a major decision. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mitigation: Speak with other branches about the change and have them vote in a way that benefits all branches (including Victoria).</li> <li>b. Mitigation: After speaking with Peter Wotherspoon and Andrew (immediate past NRC delegate) there are no examples of decisions at NRC that could have serious ramifications for Victorian Rovers. This was reflected at NRC conference 2022 where only “procedure” papers were discussed – no “product” papers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii) When it is time to become financial members of NRC again, NRC may ask for all previous years bills to be paid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mitigation: a negotiation would occur a few years in the future, and we cannot confirm what will occur, however current VRC delegates feel positive that it would be unreasonable for NRC to ask for a full repayment when they have in excess of \$100,000 surplus in their</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Operational Account (excludes Rover Development Fund). For example, in 3 years time the Victorian bill may be approx. \$30,000; to ask for all of that back when they currently have \$108,000 in the account wouldn't align with the goals of Rovering.</p> <p>iii) Victorians no longer have access to Moot Buddies or Rover Development Fund Grants.</p> <p>a. Last Australian Moot had \$0 given to Victorian Rovers for Moot Buddies. It is unclear if there were any applicants as that data has previously been kept confidential.</p> <p>b. There is space in the VRC budget to run our own Development Grant/Moot buddies.</p> <p>c. Victorian Rovers have access to EML/NEAR funding.</p>
<b>Milestones</b>	<p>March VRC: Paper passes.</p> <p>Before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022: NRC/BRCs notified via formal letter.</p> <p>At a time deemed appropriate by the VRC financial team: budget is reviewed.</p> <p>Post NRC conference 2023: VRC's type of NRC membership is formally reviewed by VRC.</p>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria is still engaging with and providing feedback to NRC/other branches.</li> <li>• A decrease in expenditure of the VRC budget. The amount of savings would start at \$5161 this year, and be between \$7000-\$12,000 per subsequent year.</li> <li>• VRC wouldn't be paying fees while NRC undergoes development to provide more benefit to Victorians.</li> <li>• It is anticipated that once NRC has completed its development the operating budget would be significantly lower, and consequently the VRC bill would be much lower.</li> </ul>

**AMENDMENTS**

- N/A