



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA**  
**MINUTES FOR THE 493<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE**  
**VICTORIAN ROVER COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT SCOUTS VICTORIA BRANCH**  
**WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022, AT 7:30PM**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Flag Break</b>	<b>Catherine Marley</b>
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b> <b>Apologies</b> – Harrison Feldman, Aodren Knight, Maddy Packer, Nathan Box, Scotty Harrison, Maddy McArthur	<b>Rachael Osborne</b>
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> Rover Scouts Victoria acknowledges 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>	

<b>2</b>	<b>Congratulations, Guest Speakers, Presentations and Formal Thanks</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Good on Ya Mate</b> – Council acknowledges and thanks the exceptional contributions to Rovering over the past month. Breanne - awesome work with MARB, congrats to the whole committee! To everyone who's been helping with everything at the Rover Centre - floods, the break in, etc	
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Guest Speakers &amp; Presentations:</b>	

<b>3</b>	<b>Items for Consent</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous VRC Meeting</b>	<b>Catherine Marley</b>
	<b>Motioned:</b> Melbourne <b>Seconded:</b> Bays	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Rachael Osborne</b>
	<p><b>Are you a Rover passionate about advocacy on Peace, Human Rights or Sustainability?</b></p> <p>KISC has always inspired young people to create a better world and Rovers are key to this. Kandersteg will welcome 31 Rovers from all the 6 regions to celebrate our special Centenary's International Rover Week - Youth Advocacy training and the main topic will be reflecting on two areas: 1) Peace Education &amp; Human Rights. 2) Sustainability.</p> <p>Registrations will close on Wed 5 October, so get your registration in now at <a href="https://kandersteg.typeform.com/to/ZTisF3CP">https://kandersteg.typeform.com/to/ZTisF3CP</a></p> <p>Rovers will have the opportunity to experience what it means to be Rovers in today's world and address issues that concern us all, grow up as a person and as a Scout and make friends from around the world.</p>	

The event is open for Scouts and Guides from all over the world -Rovers between 18 and 26 years old, members of a National Scout Organisation recognised by WOSM or WAGGGS. The Centenary's International Rover Week will showcase the power and magic of our Movement and the Rovers will spread it within their local Scouts, families and communities.

Find out more and apply at <https://2023.kisc.ch/events/international-rover-week/>

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Throughout this year, the Australian International Team have advertised numerous vacancies for National Appointments, Contingent Leaders, and Contingent Management Team roles.

Whilst a number of roles have now been filled, several key positions remain vacant – and some have done so for a considerable time.

Importantly, without recruiting volunteers for these roles, it is not possible for Scouts Australia to participate in any of these events. And given the current appetite for overseas travel, and the huge volume of members applying as participants, it is absolutely essential that we find suitable candidates to lead these Contingents for them to proceed.

I therefore appeal to all of our Branch representatives to promote these opportunities within your networks. Interested members are invited to contact me directly if they would like to discuss the roles. Otherwise, all of the application links remain open and accepting of extended applications (ignore all previous closing dates).

#### **Deputy National Commissioner International**

<https://scouts.com.au/blog/2022/03/04/deputy-national-commissioner-international-applications-extended/>

#### **National Coordinator Scouts International Student Exchange Program**

<https://scouts.com.au/blog/2022/08/03/applications-open-national-coordinator-sisep/>

#### **Contingent Leader Vacancies**

81st New Zealand Rover Moot

<https://scouts.com.au/blog/2022/01/30/contingent-leader-vacancies/>

7th Roverway, Pacific Jamboree, Essex International Jamboree and Canadian Venture

<https://scouts.com.au/blog/2022/08/04/contingent-leader-vacancies-2024/>

Also for reference, I would like to advise that there will be at least three more Contingent Leader roles opening soon specifically for the Rover Scout section – including Service Projects in Fiji and Solomon Islands, and also for the 17th World Scout Moot in Portugal in July 2025. All members are invited to record their interest directly with myself for these positions as well – ahead of applications opening later this year.

Aaron Wardle - [int.comm@scouts.com.au](mailto:int.comm@scouts.com.au)

### **3.3 VRC Financial Report**

**Jody Freeman**

Nil.



<b>3.4</b>	<b>Decisions of the VRC Chair to be ratified</b>	<b>Catherine Marley</b>
<p>a) To pay the NRC invoice for 2022-2023 and become financial members of the NRC.</p> <p><b>Motioned:</b> Mt Dandenong <b>Seconded:</b> Bays</p>		
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Nominations for the Baden-Powell Scout Award</b>	<b>Regions</b>
Nil.		

<b>4</b>	<b>Office Bearers Reports</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Catherine Marley</b>
<p>This month there has been a lot going on.</p> <p>I attended the Scouts Victoria Conference on the 27th of August. This was a great opportunity to see what's happening at a state level and find out how it applies to Rovers. I have included some of the information gained from that day to General Business.</p> <p>O Day was held on the 3rd of September. This event was well attended by Gippsland Rovers and we were able to personalise the content to their specific needs. I'd like to thank the Rover Support Training Team for all their help with this and being able to pivot so quickly and easily. Unfortunately none of the Office Bearers, Region Chairs or Subcommittee Chairs were in attendance. I am looking to cover some of the more important sessions in meetings, but it's a shame that we missed out on the opportunity to learn and network as a team.</p> <p>Rover Dinner planning and the Yearbook have kept me pretty busy this month, so I'm hoping that I will have more time to dedicate to this role after Rover Dinner.</p> <p>Email at: <a href="mailto:chairman@vicrovers.com.au">chairman@vicrovers.com.au</a></p>		
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Deputy Chair</b>	<b>Maddy Packer</b>
<p>Hello! Another month done and dusted. The regions have been keeping busy, it has been great to hear that your units have been attending MARB and the Spring Race meet, as well as going up to the Baw Baw chalet and even cleaning up your Region hall. Make sure your units are registering with ScOUT &amp; ABOUT whenever they are doing activities outside of their usual meeting place (<a href="https://myrecord.scoutsvictoria.com.au/memberportal/scouting-activity/vic">https://myrecord.scoutsvictoria.com.au/memberportal/scouting-activity/vic</a>).</p> <p>I want to say a huge thank you to my Region Chairs for your help following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. The social media blackout was very sudden and you guys not only ensured your region and units were appropriate, you were great at catching out when stray posts that happened to occur.</p> <p>I am looking forward to hearing how Rover Dinner goes this month.</p> <p>Email at: <a href="mailto:deputy.chair@vicrovers.com.au">deputy.chair@vicrovers.com.au</a></p>		
<b>4.3</b>	<b>Assistant Chair</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<p>No report submitted.</p> <p>Email at: <a href="mailto:assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au">assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au</a></p>		
<b>4.4</b>	<b>Membership Development</b>	<b>Tori Lawson</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Poll for membership workshop sent out to regions for crews to complete</li> <li>- The general consensus is that most units are open to having a workshop available to help new Rovers, older</li> </ul>		

Venturers, etc about Rovers and how it works

- Some questions/feedback regarding this potential workshop have been raised and will be addressed here:

#### QUESTIONS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1. Needs to be youth led. Our crew is in a strange situation as it is so remote from other crews and the Venturer Units are all distanced and small. Need to see full proposal at Region to be voted on.
2. How would this directly affect my crew? Would we need to change our current program to accommodate these things?
3. One of the most major factors for membership atm is financials, which with raising costs even I will be leaving by next census.
4. If there is a hand book/tools/resources to effectively implement this program
5. To be honest, the above question confused us.

#### ANSWERS:

1. This would be a completely youth led program, designed to be run at a unit level for others (e.g. as a joint night with Venturers, a Rover night, or in the community to promote Scouting). This would be proposed to all Regions for a go ahead when the finer details are straightened. I would be writing up the template and potentially running a prototype within my own Unit to test it.
2. This would not affect your current program, this would be a bit of a workshop, which can be adjusted to suit the needs of each unit (e.g. you can shift the focus onto gaining venturers, educating new Rovers, etc)
3. Financials is a discussion that would likely need to be discussed in your unit to see if a solution can be found.
4. A template will be designed and tested by all units who said in the survey they would like to test this out. Whilst the results would need to be seen long term, feedback from all participants involved will help with refining this program.
5. The idea being proposed is to introduce a workshop designed to help Units with understanding how Rovers works, especially for linking/older Venturers and new Rovers, and hopefully to improve membership retention as a result.

- I am in the process of designing an example program for how this would look like and I am willing to test it with my own Unit, as well as the Units who have stated that they also wish to participate.

- The benefits to this would include better inter-sectional bonds (especially between Venturers & Rovers), better membership retention (through activities designed to get to know one another better & work together), and an understanding of how Rovers works (each Unit would provide information about themselves, how they function, etc)

Email at:

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

#### 4.5 Program

**Aodren Knight**

Hello all,

I've mainly been learning the role this month, but I did have a conversation with the leader of the state alpine team, who wants to work with us to create an inaugural rover snow camp, focusing on snow hiking and snow camping skills, to help create a clear learning pathway for those skills, and foundation for rovers who want to go further.

Likely in August next year, on Mt Stirling, the week before or after iglute, coming in around \$70 - \$100 per person.

Naming is open to suggestions, at this point we're looking for expressions of interest, feel free to email me or talk to me if you have any questions.

On a similar note, the alpine council would like to have more rovers on it, if you have experience in alpine skills, email me or the state alpine team.



Email at:

[program@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:program@vicrovers.com.au)**4.6 Program Transition Officer****Harrison Feldman**

Work is still underway for the production of the Achievement Pathways video. The workload has been somewhat halted this past month due to personal commitment ability, hence another reminder that if you are interested in helping create animated videos for the new program please feel free to get in touch.

Email at:

[program.transition@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:program.transition@vicrovers.com.au)**4.7 Strategic Plan****Harrison Feldman**

Hopefully all regions have taken photos of their executive team and unit leaders. I will be contacting region execs this coming month to obtain these photos and get them framed. More news to come.

Email at:

[strategicplan@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:strategicplan@vicrovers.com.au)**4.8 Training****Breanne Simmons, Zac Geddes**

November is coming up fast and applications close on the 28th of October. The course is on the 19th-20th of November and is great for those who need to get their essentials done. Please send this information to your regions and crews as this is a rover team run event and the more rovers we have the more we can make it about rovers. For any questions on this please ask the training team.

We have also started to look at making a unit management course which is designed to complete the new badgework system. We are waiting to hear from other states to see how their one ran but still have not heard back from them yet.

Email at:

[training@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:training@vicrovers.com.au)**4.9 BPSA****Kieren Martin**

I have only received names of people on the old system from Bays, Melbourne, and Gippsland regions so if you're not in any of these regions and know someone who is doing the old system please contact me ASAP so I know who to poke. I want to start reaching out to each region and seeing who has a BPSA related role so when the time comes I'm not inundated with hundreds of BPSA proposals and completions at the same time.

Email at:

[bpsa@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:bpsa@vicrovers.com.au)**4.10 NRC****Izaak Kitching**

Not a lot from me, but I caught up with Catherine a couple of weeks ago, where I was able to get up to speed with what has been happening with NRC, Thursday night there is a remote NRC meeting which I will be attending, next month I will have a lot more to report back next month with what is happening.

Email at:

[nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au)**4.11 Finance****VACANT**

No report submitted.

Email at:

[finance@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:finance@vicrovers.com.au)**4.12 Secretary****Rachael Osborne**

Thank you so much to all of the OBs and region chairs for your reports! I really appreciate so many of you getting them in on time. The next couple months the Monday deadline will have to be really really strict because of work schedule changes for me, so please try to make sure you send them by then!

I also forgot to mention last month that I've updated our minutes, attachments, and attendance templates to be the current Rovers Victoria branding rather than the old. Just some alterations with fonts and logos, but we're now fully up to date.

The nomination form for any empty OB positions remains open. Use the link below, position descriptions have been provided on the form.

<https://forms.gle/C8x9re5eF8Ye63Hg6>

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

#### 4.13 Resources

Callan Brouwer

I wouldn't say it's been a quiet month, but my progress has been slow due to a series of unfortunate events. To start, the Rover Centre flooded itself, with all the carpet needing replacement. To remedy this the heaters were set full bore, overloading the power supply. So now electrical works are in progress. All while we found that there is free access beneath the Centre through a hole in the wall. If you thought it couldn't get worse there is an investigation on a potential break-in to the shed. Finally there are a few pest animal problems currently which I will work on.

I am still updating the motivation signs on hygiene. I ordered new soft drink flavours you can now buy for \$2, or you can keep drinking the best-before cans for free.

There are also a few building tasks fitted more for a working bee, including that hole in the wall. Look out for a form to come in the weekly update to express your availability and skill sets.

Email at:

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

#### 4.14 Marketing & Communications

Molly Hastings

Due to the Queen's morning period we were unable to post on the socials for 10 business days therefore there was a lack of posts to support members in mourning. We are now back to our normal posting schedule so I really encourage regions and sub committees to contact me regarding re-sharing posts/making posts to support their units and events so we can get more active on that.

I've also been made an admin to the Rover scouts members page now so I'll be actively accepting people requesting to join (as long as they're current rovers of course). Can I also please remind everyone that the newsletter is a great source of marking and communications for their events and news so please email me anything you would like to include!

I have started a "Meet the Unit Monday" on the VRC Facebook and Instagram so please pass on to your regions to message me if they would like to be included. I've got the next 5/6 ready to go but would love more!

Email at:

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

#### 4.15 Visual Communications

Maddy McArthur

For viscom this month, it's been a little busy but also quiet, some of the things I have assisted in creating a template for the 2021-2022 Rover Scouts Victoria Yearbook alongside Catherine and Rachael.

In the coming months I hope to create some eye-catching promotional materials to use at upcoming Venturer and Scouting events.

This month in particular has taken a bit of a toll on me due to unrelated events, so I may be a little slower to respond but I am available to help out with your photoshop/graphic design needs.

Feel free to reach out to me, let me know what you're looking for and when you would like it done so I'd be able to get it done in time while looking as great as possible.

Email at:

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

#### 4.16 IT

Michael Watts

Test & tag to be done soon.

Reminder that the zoom accounts are still active, and bookings are available.

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

##### Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Much has been written about the extraordinary life of Queen Elizabeth since her death. It is not unfair to say that Her Majesty touched the lives of many in her country, the Commonwealth, and the wider world. Scouts Australia is deeply saddened at the news of her passing.

As the Royal Patron of Scouts Australia, the Queen showed an active interest in our Movement. Many of us have achieved the Queen's Scout Award and proudly wear the badge on our uniform.

The Queen dedicated her life to service for her country, and the broader Commonwealth. Interestingly, "Service" was, until recently, the motto of the Rover Section). Her dedication to service is exemplified in the famous words of John F. Kennedy in his inaugural speech – "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country".

##### Scout Promise

There are two versions of the Scout Promise. One remains unchanged but, following the Queen's death and the ascension of King Charles III, the traditional version is now altered to reflect this change:

*On my honour  
I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to my God, and  
To the **King** of Australia  
To help other people,  
And to live by the Scout Law*

##### Rover Centre

Where do I start! What an amazing few weeks! First, we had a water leak, discovered by our MARB Chair at the Committee meeting. The main hall, passageway and toilets were soaked. Initially, the problem was thought to be a leaking roof but subsequent investigation revealed it was a blocked sewer.

As a consequence, the roof has been checked (and is OK), the gutters cleaned and debris in the inlet to the water tank



removed. The blocked sewer has also been cleared. The carpets have been vacuumed to remove excess water and the heaters turned on to assist with drying. As of Sunday, whilst the carpet tiles were dry on top, there was still water underneath. This may mean that the tiles have to be removed and replaced. I have contacted Branch to ascertain the next moves, but at the time of writing this report (Monday) I am still awaiting confirmation of how we move forward.

The attempts to dry the carpet caused the second problem, a loss of some electrical capacity. We have found that both aircon units cannot operate at the same time for any extended period. It has now been necessary to replace a junction box where the power enters the building, upgrade the power supply to three phase (because the building is listed as commercial this is currently the best option) and, because of its age, but more importantly to ensure the safety of all users of the Centre, the switchboard will be upgraded to meet current standards. Further, the meter will be relocated outside the building for easy access by the power supplier and retailer. This work is yet to be completed.

Just to add to the excitement, our neighbours reported to the Police that the main door to the shed was open. On inspection, it appeared to be a forced entry. Just to confirm this to be the case, RSM members were contacted to ascertain if they had used the shed prior to the weekend's event at Mafeking. It was confirmed that RSM members had not been on site. Although some items had been disturbed, on an initial inspection, it appears that nothing is missing. This will be confirmed when other parties who store items in the shed (CAS Terras) have checked their supplies.

I thanked the neighbours personally on Sunday night and have given them a small gift and a letter of thanks (attached) as well.

Whilst there have been a few people involved, I must pay particular thanks to Drew who has been to the Centre countless times over the past few weeks to check on various aspects of the problems. Given my geographical location, I have appreciated Drew's help.

Michael (Jeff) has also helped with arranging access to the Centre for the plumber and electrician. Thank you.

Given all of the above, the Rover Centre will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

### **MARB**

A big note of thanks to Breanne and her committee, and to all who participated, for a successful MARB 2022.

### **National Rover Council Election of Chair**

Nominations for the next NRC Chair are now open. Details as follows:

Nominations close at 11:59PM AEDT on Sunday 13 November 2022, with the Chair elections at the NRC Remote meeting (date TBC). All nominations must be submitted here: <https://forms.office.com/r/qvA2mnUf9A>

Following changes at the recent NRC Remote meeting, the Chair is elected at the last Remote meeting of the year, allowing them to shadow the current Chair.; all other NRC Team roles will be elected at the 2023 NRC Conference. NRC Team position descriptions are outlined in [the NRC By-Laws](#), though we have also created a PDF of the latest position description for the NRC Chair that is available on our website : <https://rovers.scouts.com.au/rovering/nrc-elections-2023/>

Nominations are open to invested Rovers currently registered with a Branch of Scouts Australia, and are subject to endorsement from their BRC Chair. It is recommended that NRC Chair nominees have prior experience on the National Rover Council.



To allow all candidates an equal opportunity, we ask them to provide a pre-recorded 'candidate statement' (voice recording) of no more than 5 min outlining their reasons for candidacy. Candidate statements must be submitted to the Returning Officer (NRC Adviser) by the close of nominations (please contact the Returning Officer if you have any concerns/questions). Only the Returning Officer will have a copy of the file; it will be played for the purpose of the election, and then deleted. [More information is in the Nomination Form.](#)

Could I encourage any member of the Section who may be interested in the role to consider nominating.

### **Baden-Powell Lodge Unit Service Award**

The Baden-Powell Lodge has, for many years, provided support to the Section through the above Award. Nominations for the award are now open. Details of criteria and nomination process are contained on the website. Nominations close with Peter on 30 November.

#### **Emails:**

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Regi: [regi.caesar@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:regi.caesar@vicrovers.com.au)

Stephen: [stephen.carter@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:stephen.carter@vicrovers.com.au)

<b>5 Sub-Committee Reporting</b>	
<b>5.1 Mafeking Rover Park</b>	<b>Charmaine Beggs</b>
No report submitted.	
<b>5.2 Surfmoot</b>	<b>Jojo Mitchell</b>
<p>Things are slowly being put into place with the Surfmoot activities shed clean up this month which now lets us walk inside the shed.</p> <p>The theme (Wiggles!) was announced at MARB this month with advertisements present as well.</p> <p>The tender documents have been released and I'm working to get them advertised to the public.</p>	
<b>5.3 Mudbash</b>	<b>Ben Courtney</b>
No report submitted.	
<b>5.4 Rover Scout Motorsport (RSM)</b>	<b>Mitchell Hanger</b>
<p>We have just had an awesome racing event over the grand final long weekend with about 140 people on site over the weekend!</p> <p>Thank you to the 4x4 team for putting on a great event and also Kurll's Own Rovers for hosting their grand final party on the Saturday!!</p> <p>The next race event will be November 4-6th.</p> <p>Details and tickets will be out shortly on our Facebook page.</p> <p>And don't forget our meetings are the first Thursday of every month.</p> <p>Next one: October 6th</p>	
<b>5.5 Bogong Rover Chalet</b>	<b>Jesse Lang</b>
<p>The ski season is just about at an end for 2022 with Week 14 currently at the Chalet, so it'll be a busy time over the next few months as we move forward into summer. Next month we'll be having our ARAP and elections, so I'd like to thank everyone on the BCMG team for their time over the last year and the effort that they have put into helping the Bogong Rover Chalet continue to provide its unique experience.</p> <p>Our ARAP will be on 12th October at 7:30pm. The people that were planning it have disappeared so apologies for all the information being last minute. We're hoping to run it in person, details to come, but whether we do or don't,</p>	

there will also be a Zoom meeting running as well.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/422191093334210>. If you're interested in joining us, either send us a message or fill out the nomination form that will be coming out soon.

## 5.6 W.F. Waters Lodge

Todd Henderson

No report submitted.

## 5.7 MARB

Breanne Simmons

MARB 2022 was a great success even with the lack of participants. The event ran smoothly with no dramas at all. Overall we have 108 people including committee and service teams, with 54 late sale and 33 presale, and 3 door tickets, making 91 participants. It was a bit disappointing to not see many people come to the event, especially the lack of office bearers, region chairs and no RAs at the event except Regi. I understand we had a MARB this year but this was a milestone year and I think the committee as a whole expected a lot more people. Other than that the band and photographer had a great night even with such a small crowd. We did anticipate making a huge loss with the lack of participants but with my amazing budgeting skills and thank you Costco and Dans buy back guarantee we saved heaps of money on food and drinks we didn't use and have not made a big loss so far. We also hope to make some profit off the glasses we are selling.

We are selling glasses on the vic rover store if anyone would like one and sale for these close on the 1st of October.

## 5.8 Yearbook

Rachael Osborne

The yearbook is complete and sent off for printing! Thank you so much to Maddy, Catherine, Regi, and Pete for helping create/beautify/proofread over the past couple months. Extra big thank you to Catherine for smashing through adding photos in and finalising the formatting the last couple days. We're all really happy with the way it's turned out and we hope you all like it too!!

## 5.9 Rover Dinner

Plenty Valley

Ticket sales are closed, we look forward to seeing you there!

# 6 Region Reporting

## 6.1 Bays

Molly Hastings

This month for Bays has been a pretty decent one. We had our meeting in Ballam Park this month so it was great to see where our newest unit meet. They have also informed us that they've changed their name to Mavis Rover Unit after a past group leader of their scout group. I've been chasing up my Unit Leaders for their photos over the last week for Harrison! We've also got our next Meeting coming up next week being hosted by AB Balcome where we will be having it around the campfire which is great. All of our units really seem to be thriving at the moment and I look forward to seeing everything they achieve in the coming month.

## 6.2 Gippsland

Zoe Cooper

We are working hard on our uncrewed rover list and seem to be making some good headway. Newborough had their vintage console night, I was unable to attend but I believe it went well! We have our trivia night coming up on the 29th of October so keep an eye out for that if you are interested. Other than working on our scout/life balance it has been a quiet month due to the queens passing.

## 6.3 Lerderderg

Wil Sumblar

Howdy y'all, been a pretty cruisy month for Lerderderg, at our last meeting we had ourselves a delightful potato Olympics where we put our spuds against each other. Carrying on from my last update we're still working closely with CRC and looking forward to our next meeting where we'll be hosting a number of their Venturers for a bowling night. Since our last meeting we had a fair few of our region band together and clean/renovate our regular hall of 1 st Essendon, very excited to have a shiny new place more equipped for our needs. Currently promoting and encouraging Rovers to attend and support the running of Gilweroo.

## 6.4 Melbourne

Lily Stephens

It has been a relatively standard month for Melbourne Region. We did however have a record-breaking short

region meeting at 26 minutes!

We have a region caving trip, cycling trip and sailing day all coming up before the end of the year. We are really getting into our adventurous activities! We also have the region camp coming up early next year.

In the past month we have had many many crews having joint nights which is great to see.

Our region secretary/treasurer has resigned, we are looking to fill the role.

Fun fact: One of Jupiter's moons, Europa, is believed to have more water on its surface than is contained in all the oceans on Earth.

Secondary fun fact: The infamous "where do we go now" in the song 'sweet child of mine' was actually because they didn't know how to end the song.

## 6.5 Mt Dandenong

Izaak Kitching

This month our units have been up to Baw Baw, we also had a unit run a trivia night which I think was successful, also had a few people from the region attend MARB as well, I am also trying to get on top of admin work which has been difficult during School holidays as I've been working every day but will hopefully be able to get it sorted next week.

## 6.6 Murray Midlands

Michael Hardwicke

Unit updates and Scarf changes are ongoing.

Upcoming we have Carb2022! Final details are literally being finalised tonight! Please go follow us on facebook. Tickets will be available before the week is out.

We had a successful week at Barcom, helping Venturers paddle down the Murray river – even with a little bit of rain.

## 6.7 Plenty Valley

Nathan Box

Great month for our region. Our monthly gathering was hosted by Kingsford Smith Rovers in Brunswick, where our meeting was followed by some classic games of dodgeball. We had a productive exec meeting beforehand, where we each came up with small projects to work on throughout the month relevant to our roles.

## 6.8 South West

David Pattinson

For the past month not a whole lot has really happened for South West but we had members attend both MARB and Spring Race Meet, both of which were good from what I am told by those who went.

As well as this we also had two units organise and run two separate BBQ gatherings and fundraisers within and outside of scouting, both of which also went well.

As with last month we are working on our new region scarves (not completed at the time of writing but could be by VRC), the exec are planning a few region get togethers before the end of the year including a christmas breakup, the changing of our region constitution is still happening and the potential changing RA's in some of S.W. units.

## 7 Other Reports

### 7.1 MPAC Report

Nothing to report.

### 7.2 Diversity & Inclusion

Tori Lawson

- Planning for the 2023 Midsumma Pride march has started, congratulations to Christine Almaraz on becoming the new D&I commissioner and taking charge of that with the new committee.

- Wear it Purple Day was on 26 August, hopefully everyone remembered their splash of purple!

- The ScOUT & Proud Badge Competition finished on 31st August, thank you to those who submitted a design. The winner will be announced shortly, once Wombat has had a look. The winner of this badge design competition will have their design made into a badge which will be available to put on your blankies.
- Capstaff Rovers hosted the Great Book Swap, which was raising money to support the Indigenous Literacy Fund. Donations are still available to make at <https://go.greatbookswap.org.au/capstaffbookswap>
- Do It In A Dress is up and running! Get your Unit involved and pick an activity to do wearing a school dress. DIIAD is designed to raise funds to support equal access to education for girls, particularly in Sierra Leone and Uganda. The link to sign up is <https://www.onegirl.org.au/register/do-it-in-a-dress-2022/default>
- I think it would be really cool if we can potentially promote sign language courses, mental health courses, and autism awareness courses (+similar courses) as training for our Rovers to branch out with acceptance and learn things which can definitely help us and our fellow Rovers, as well as in other sections.

## 8 Interstate, National and International Events and Contingents

### 8.1 Apple Isle Moot - Tasmania

Lily Twyford

We will be hosting an info/get to know you BBQ on Sunday October 16 from 11am at the flagstaff gardens BBQ area. We pushed it back a week so we would have a bit more leeway time to advertise. It will be absolutely free, and we will make sure to cater to all the dietary requirements!

Registrations close November 1st and all contingent fees are due November 2nd - that is not far away at all!

The contingent fee is up on the vicrovers store and available to purchase! Reminder that this is mandatory. Travel fee is optional and is up on the vicrovers store and available to purchase! Full terms and conditions will be available when purchasing from the store.

As always, you can check out their website - <https://www.appleislemoot.com.au/home> and don't forget to check out on Facebook and Instagram the victorian contingent info - 'Victorian Contingent to AIM 2023' <https://www.facebook.com/VicconAIM2023> & @vicconaim2023 <https://www.instagram.com/vicconaim2023/?hl=en>

## 9 Voting Items

### 9.1 Rover Unit Management Course

This document can be found on page 2 of the minute attachments.

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Send any feedback to Zac Geddes.  
[training@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:training@vicrovers.com.au)



**Motioned:** Plenty Valley

**Seconded:** Bays

**Passed.**

## 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 Mudbash 2023 Budget

Both the cover letter and budget can be found on page 4 of the minute attachments.

Feedback can be sent to Ben Courtney.

[chair@mudbash.com](mailto:chair@mudbash.com)

## 12 Standing Items

### 12.1 Unit Names and Scarves

#### Regions

Ballam Park Rover Unit are changing their name to Mavis Rover Unit after a past group leader to their group. They have received a letter of approval for this from the relevant parties.

### 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@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:Operoo@scoutsvictoria.com.au) to inform them of your event, they will help you with the process around that

### 12.5 ScOUT & ABOUT

Register your event through the link here. Anything from Working Bees to weekend camps.

<https://myrecord.scoutsvictoria.com.au/memberportal/scouting-activity/vic>

### 12.6 Terrain

Harrison's videos 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

#### GILWEROO

Gilweroo are looking for Rovers to assist at the event in Elmore the weekend of November 18-20. Email Peter

Macdonald at [admin@gilweroo.com.au](mailto:admin@gilweroo.com.au) if you'd like to help out! We're also looking for a Rover to manage communications between the event team and the Rover volunteers.

### **Mental Health First Aid Course**

Expressions of interest are now being accepted for a Mental Health First Aid course. We will publicise a date and applications when they're available. <https://forms.gle/gL825Qwf8PabfPNaA>

### **Victorian Moot Buddies**

Applications are closing on Friday, make sure all applications are in by this deadline.

### **Rover Challenge Grant**

Applications for the Rover Challenge Grant are now open, and are closing on the 31st of December.

The purpose of the Rover Challenge Fund is to encourage Rover Units to further develop their program by challenging themselves and pushing their boundaries. Examples include; Wilderness First Aid Courses, Adventurous Activity Instructor Courses; and Community projects.

The grant is not designed to fund entire projects, but is there to provide the initial funding for start-up costs.

For more information visit: <https://rovers.scouts.com.au/resources/rover-challenge/>

### **Risk Assessments and Incident Reporting**

Scouts Victoria have launched new safety tools to help make event planning easier.

There is a new risk assessment tool where you can check off common activities and it creates a base template for you to work from. This will make it significantly faster to create risk assessments and make the process more consistent.

There is also a new incident reporting tool where you can fill out a mock incident report to familiarise yourself with the process.

Both of these tools are available here: <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/leader-resources/safety/>

### **ANYTHING GOES**

Regi would love your help!! Reach out if you'd like to help out next February.

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

**Meeting Closed at: 09:25 pm**

**VRC MINUTE  
APPENDIX  
SEPTEMBER MEETING  
22.09.28**

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**VRC ATTENDANCE**  
**493<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE VRC**  
**HELD AT SCOUTS VICTORIA BRANCH**  
**WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022, AT 7:30pm**

Committee	Role	Name	Present (✓)	Apology (X)
<b>Office Bearers</b>	Chair	Catherine Marley	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Maddy Packer		X
	Assistant Chair	N/A		
	Membership Development	Tori Lawson	✓	
	Program	Aodren Knight		X
	Program Transition	Harrison Feldman		X
	Training	Breanne Simmons	✓	
		Zac Geddes	✓	
	BPSA	Kieren Martin	✓	
	NRC Delegate	Izaak Kitching	✓	
	Secretary	Rachael Osborne	✓	
	Resources	Callan Brouwer	✓	
	Strategic Planning	Harrison Feldman		X
	PR and Marketing	Molly Hastings	✓	
	Visual Communications	Maddy McArthur		X
	IT	Michael Watts	✓	
	Finance	N/A		
	SC Rover Support	Peter Wotherspoon	✓	
	ASC Rover Support	Regi Caesar	✓	
	ASC Rover Support	Stephen Carter	✓	
	Honorary Treasurer	Jody Freeman		X
<b>Bays</b>	Chair	Molly Hastings	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Anthony Lamb	✓	
	VRC Rep			
	Region RC	Drew Lazenby	✓	

Committee	Role	Name	Present (✓)	Apology (X)
<b>Gippsland</b>	Chair	Zoe Cooper	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Jack Ballantyne		X
	VRC Rep	Hamish McMillan	✓	
	Region RC	John Ernst	✓	
<b>Lerderderg</b>	Chair	Wil Sumbler	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Katelynn Rose		X
	VRC Rep	Tess Williamson	✓	
	VRC Rep	Ben Di Quinzio	✓	
	Region RC	Scotty Harrison		X
<b>Melbourne</b>	Chair	Lily Stephens	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Lilith Stewart		X
	VRC Rep			
	Region RC	Greg Davies	✓	
<b>Mt Dandenong</b>	Chair	Izaak Kitching	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Brit Oakley		X
	VRC Rep			
	Secretary	Gillian O'Connor		X
	Region RC	Maria Armstrong		X
<b>Murray Midlands</b>	Chair	Michael Hardwicke	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Charmaine Beggs		X
	VRC Rep			
	Region RC	Mark "Barney" Thornton	✓	
<b>Plenty Valley</b>	Chair	Nathan Box	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Cam Cerda	✓	
	VRC Rep	Tori Lawson	✓	
	Region RC	Jeff McIlvain		X
<b>South West</b>	Chair	David Pattinson	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Matthew Pannan	✓	
	VRC Rep			
	Region RC	Lillian Miller (Asst.)		X
<b>Mafeking</b>	Chair	Charmaine Beggs		X
<b>Surfmoot</b>	Chair	Jojo Mitchell		X
<b>Mudbash</b>	Chair	Ben Courtney		X

Committee	Role	Name	Present (✓)	Apology (X)
RSM	Chair	Mitchell Hanger		X
Bogong	Chair	Jesse Lang	✓	
W.F. Waters	Chair	Todd Henderson		X
MARB	Chair	Breanne Simmons	✓	
Rover Dinner	Chair	Plenty Valley	✓	
Apple Isle – Vic Con	Chair	Lily Twyford	✓	
Yearbook	Chair	Rachael Osborne	✓	
Guests	Rover - Mullumbimba Rover Unit	Lucy Sammartino	✓	
	RSM Rover Advisor	Lachlan McDonald	✓	



**SCOUTS VICTORIA**  
Victorian Rover Council  
[22/08/22]

<b>Item Title</b>	Rover Unit Management Course	
<b>Information</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>		
<b>x Decision</b>		
<b>Document Author</b>	Zac Geddes, Co-VRC Training Officer, in consultation with the Rover Training Support Team.	
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Logistics - A wider range of training, for a larger number of rovers	
<b>Consultation</b>	Voting Members of the VRC	
<b>Implementation Period</b>	Tabled for one month and voted for commission by September VRC meeting.	

#### KEY POINTS

- For the peak award, a Leadership or Personal Development Course is needed to be earned, which has specific requirements. Currently, if a Rover wanted to do this within the movement, they could complete their Youth Program training (comprising of a Scouting Essentials course, Scouting Adventure, and subsequent On the Job Milestones). This is not section specific.
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#### BACKGROUND

- There has always been value in Rovers teaching Rovers. The team have also noted a brief history of Rover training for discussion. Since the transition of training pathways, from section specific training, to non-section specific training, a gap has been created in some of the training needs for Rovers.

#### ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Victorian Rover Council:

- Endorse the Rover Training Support Team develop and implement a Unit Management course that satisfies the requirements of Peak Award requirement of doing a Leadership Course.

#### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

<b>Lead</b>	Rover Training Support Team
<b>Assists</b>	Branch/National Training and Program Teams,
<b>Cost</b>	Nil, any costs the course will have, will be acquired by course fees from participants

<b>Risks</b>	
<b>Milestones</b>	
<b>Outcomes</b>	<i>The Rover Training Support Team would have developed a Unit Management Course, and the plans to run It, designed for the Rover Section. This course will meet the outcomes for the <a href="#">'Leadership Course'</a> needed for the Peak Award.</i>

**AMENDMENTS**

MAFEKING  
ROVER PARK

# MUDBASH 2023

**BUDGET REPORT**

9-11<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE 2023

# Introduction

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Mudbash is an event operated by the Rover Section of The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch. Rovers are 18-26 years of age. The Mudbash Committee as the organizing body, runs the event and is made up primarily of Rovers. There are several Advisors and Commissioners assisting the Committee with running the event.

The weekend entails low speed motorsport events run under the Confederation of Australian Motorsport. Each "Rover Unit" enters a vehicle to compete in and each crew member is a driver, passenger or both for events. The Rover Units camp on site for the weekend.

Expectations of up to 700 people will camp on site for the weekend, although over recent years this number has been around the 600-800 mark. The Sunday of the event weekend is "Open Day", which is designed for members of the public and other scouts to be on site.

The property is 319 acres in size and is in Caveat. The site is a rural/recreational property with several buildings, open grass areas and thick scrub in areas.

## Budget Breakdown

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### Income

Mudbash ticket price is set at \$75 presold (inclusive of square processing fee) and \$95 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.

Sponsorship income has remained in the budget, This is more of a bonus rather than a necessity, why it has remained in the budget.

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 is going to pump some more into our beloved activities and entertainment teams to get some more activities running for those who aren't driving and also to get some more bands and variety of entertainment. After the previous event The works team have also gotten a bump to allow for inflation and an additional pump out mid event. We have cut Power and Comm's PA and Radios down due to RSM getting some of their own equipment for next year.

## Closing Statement

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With last year's event feedback from the participants, we are trying to better the event for those who aren't spending the whole time racing during the day. I like to think our budget reflects this well as we



try to grow and use the money our participants contribute to add to the event. Our capital works are planned and getting ran past the Mafeking committee, We are also adding into our works budget to hopefully keep the facilities in better condition through out the event.

Mudbash 2023										
	Budget 2023				Variance	Budget 2022			2019 Actuals	
Income										
Tickets	\$	Qty	Total	%	\$	Qty	Total	\$	Qty	Total
Presold	\$ 75.00	580	\$ 43,500.00	7%	\$ 70.00	580	\$ 40,600.00			\$ 40,728.81
Gate	\$ 95.00	100	\$ 9,500.00	5%	\$ 90.00	100	\$ 9,000.00			\$ 9,292.56
New Rover	\$ 40.00	0	\$ -	0%			\$ -			
Service	\$ 30.00	25	\$ 750.00	0%	\$ 30.00	25	\$ 750.00			\$ 836.19
Short Stay Tickets	\$ 50.00	20	\$ 1,000.00	100%			\$ -			\$ -
Committee Tickets			\$ -	0%			\$ -			
Total		725	\$ 54,750.00	8%		705	\$ 50,350.00	0		\$ 50,857.56
Merchandise	\$	Qty	Total	%	\$	Qty	Total	\$	Qty	Total
Jumpers	\$ 60.50	150	\$ 9,075.00	9%	\$ 55.00	150	\$ 8,250.00			\$ 8,484.39
Small Assorted Items	\$ 13.50	250	\$ 3,375.00	11%	\$ 12.00	250	\$ 3,000.00			\$ 1,725.00
Total		400	\$ 12,450.00	10%		400	\$ 11,250.00	0		\$ 10,209.39
Committee payments	\$	Qty	Total	%	\$	Qty	Total	\$	Qty	Total
Committee Merchandise	\$ 20.00	40	\$ 800.00	-225%	\$ 65.00	40	\$ 2,600.00			\$ 3,838.15
Committee Catering	\$ 70.00	40	\$ 2,800.00	7%	\$ 65.00	40	\$ 2,600.00			\$ 2,351.69
Total		80	\$ 3,600.00	-44%		80	\$ 5,200.00	0		\$ 6,189.84
Driver Fees	\$	Qty	Total	%	\$	Qty	Total	\$	Qty	Total
Timley team Entry Fees	\$ 50.00	35	\$ 1,750.00	0%	\$ 50.00	35	\$ 1,750.00		*	\$ 2,150.00
Class 3 per head	\$ 10.00	10	\$ 100.00	0%	\$ 10.00	10	\$ 100.00			
Team Entry Fee + Late Fee	\$ 100.00	0	\$ -	0%	\$ 100.00	0	\$ -			
Total		45	\$ 1,850.00	0%		45	\$ 1,850.00	0		\$ 2,150.00
Sponsorships	\$	Qty	Total	%	\$	Qty	Total	\$	Qty	Total
Platinum	\$ 500.00	0	\$ -	0%	\$ 500.00	0	\$ -		*	\$ 1,531.82
Gold	\$ 350.00	1	\$ 350.00	0%	\$ 350.00	1	\$ 350.00			
Silver	\$ 200.00	1	\$ 200.00	0%	\$ 200.00	1	\$ 200.00			
Bronze	\$ 150.00	3	\$ 450.00	0%	\$ 150.00	3	\$ 450.00			
Supporter	\$ 50.00	5	\$ 250.00	0%	\$ 50.00	5	\$ 250.00			
Classifieds	\$ 20.00	0	\$ -	0%	\$ 20.00	0	\$ -			

Scaled Summary							
Budget for 2023			Budget 2022		Actual 2019		
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Driver Fees		45	\$ 1,850.00	45	\$ 1,850.00		\$ 2,150.00
Sponsorships		10	\$ 1,250.00	10	\$ 1,250.00		\$ 1,531.82
Loans & Misc.		2	\$ 1,700.00	2	\$ 1,700.00		\$ 3,064.12
Total Tickets Sales		1262	\$ 75,600.00	1242	\$ 71,600.00	0	\$ 74,002.73
Expenses	\$	Qty	Total	Qty	Total	Qty	Total
Administration			\$ 600.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 150.00
Chairperson			\$ 1,810.00		\$ 1,510.00		\$ 1,625.46
Entertainment			\$ 13,500.00		\$ 11,250.00		\$ 10,971.19
Treasurer			\$ 3,156.00		\$ 3,016.00		\$ 1,668.49
Activities			\$ 5,250.00		\$ 2,140.00		\$ 2,649.03
Works and Services			\$ 4,715.00		\$ 3,756.00		\$ 2,384.32
Events			\$ 1,450.00		\$ 1,415.00		\$ 1,960.09
Power and Comms			\$ 3,600.00		\$ 4,450.00		\$ 3,913.00
Program & PR			\$ 1,200.00		\$ 615.00		\$ 438.92
Miscellaneous			\$ 20,550.00		\$ 20,100.00		\$ 14,747.78
		Total	\$ 55,831.00	Total	\$ 48,452.00	Total	\$ 40,508.28
Adjustment		Total	\$ 14,700.00	Total	\$ 19,060.00	Total	\$ 18,485.00
NET RESULT			\$5,069.00		\$4,088.00		\$15,009.45