

**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA**  
**NSW SOUTH COAST AND TABLELANDS**  
**REGIONAL ROVER COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT KEIRAVILLE SCOUT HALL**  
**ON 19TH MARCH 2013**

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**RRC AGM AGENDA**

Meeting opened: 7.40pm

1. Present: Bob Nightingale, Greg Pearce, Ryan Manton (Shoalhaven), Simone Haider (Albion Park), Ben Nichols (Figtree), Sarah Manning (Albion Park), Jarratt Hogarth (Albion Park), Jarrod Dellopina (Albion Park), Lewis Taylor (Albion Park), Lisa Goodall (Albion Park), Matthew Kusi (Austinmer), Rhiannon Hughes (Austinmer), Alex Munday (Albion Park), Tristan Haider, Charlotte Baker (Austinmer), Mitch Rath, Amy Campbell (Korra Hill), Wal Waerner, Marshall Roderick (Austinmer), Craig Davis (4<sup>th</sup> Gong), Alison Maynard, Catherine Bowie (Figtree), Adam Butler

2. Welcome guests and the State Commissioner for Rovers:

3. Apologies: Dan from, Maxine McEntee (Albion Park), Peter Zuiderwick (Austinmer), Andrew Clarke, Anne Kelly (4<sup>th</sup> Gong), Kristal Jolie (Austinmer), Derek Peters, Rob Chinchilla, Steph , Gavin Cottrell

4. Conformation of the previous minutes:

Motion made that the minutes are a true and accurate representation of the previous Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Lisa Goodall (Albion Park)

Seconded: Rhiannon Hughes (Austinmer)

5. Role Descriptions document:

Motion: *The Council accepts the updated version of the Role Descriptions document and that the document within the constitution will also be amended.*

Moved: Ryan Manton (Shoalhaven)

Seconded: Simone Haider (Albion Park)

1 Abstention- Amy Campbell (Korra Hill). Motion Passed.

6. Business arising from the previous minutes: None

7. Correspondence: None

8. Executive Reports

8.1. President: Had to reinvent wheel. Experience has seen annual and biannual events. Pleased greatly- improving quality and raising bar. Have improved in this respect, as well as in new website and facebook page, treasury and RCR and ARCR.

8.2. Vice President: Absent

8.2. Treasurer: Excluding wide game figures. Brought in 1200 in event. 600 in other. 630 in outgoing membership, 1000 event expend. 100 on training expend. 376 other. Spent more than income. 435.60 loss. Not much- but ties in with a few other things like fundraisers. Have several commitments. BRC and adult membership. Will be spending approx. 3800. Current balance- 7524.17.

8.3. Secretary: None

8.4. VLO: New Venturers handout- written by Tristan- edited by kusi. New Venturers lists sent to crews about local vennines. Need to be contacted. Had a successful roventure.

8.5. Webmaster: This year has seen many upgrades for the web presence of SCAT Rovers, including our own Facebook page, a fresh new website, and the migration of email groups to an 'in-house' system.

There are currently only 4 of 9 Crew Profiles online, which will be updated in the next week or 2 with the appointments for 2013.

It is my recommendation that each event SCAT Rovers runs, a report is created by an attendee and forwarded to the webmaster to add to the website as well as Kerrie for the SC Scouting Magazine.

8.6. Service: Major activities- ANZAC dawn service, cleaning Wollongong public. Finished for kids. Completed hike for hunger. General comment for region members doing service on own terms.

8.7. Public Relations: Sent few articles into SCS. Had canyoning article published. Have also intentions of improving web presence. Unfortunate that some are missing. Good publicity at gang show and at Franklins. Dan from got good promo stuff and we got many subsequent comments. Hoping to build up Rovering section and promoting what we do.

8.8. Wide Game Report: See attached

9. RC-R: Travel plans dictate many absences. Will rely on Greg. Has been successful in past year. Thanks to greg. Improving numbers. Have had crew fluctuations. Some stable, some struggling. Must rely on rrc program for suffering crews. Crews need to build up the Venturers relations. Experienced a formation at Cobargo. Initially very keen. Knew it would be difficult. Didn't work. Have new at goulburn and Gunderoo, but we will need to assist them where we can. Young inexperienced region- plug for elearning. Costs reduced, and is good system. Region has good RAs whom have enhanced

our Region. Unfortunate with some events- weather held off canyoning, moot venue had to be changed. WWG still successful. Congratulations to Keith Critcher for BP AWARD. Plug for BP. Very beneficial. Service- H4H and Wollongong public. AJ represent. 15% of region number. RRC strat plan- 8 years old. Been reviewed by each exec. Looking at 100 rovers- has been reached. Need to improve quality still. Again tenders resignation. Still believes to have necessary skills for job.

10. ARC-R: 2012 has been another strong year for Rovering in South Coast and Tablelands. Indeed we have nearly reached our long term strategic goal of 100 Rovers, a huge growth from less than 50 six years ago when that goal was set! I look forward to seeing how the incoming 2013 Executive amend their Strategic Plan, and what goals they set for themselves and their successors. This plan is an integral part of the ongoing success of Rovering in the Region.

I'd like to thank the 2012 Executive for their hard work over the last twelve months. You have all been a pleasure to work with, and I have loved seeing you all grow in your roles. This especially goes to a special word of thanks to Ryan Manton, who has done an exemplary job as President.

Sadly 2012 saw both the opening, and closing, of a Crew in Far South District. Being so remote from other Rovers they were always going to struggle, but we had hoped that the experiment would last for longer than it did. Rovers leaving for work and study was always going to be a hard battle to fight. This bad news, however, has been offset by lots of excellent Rovering news coming out of Black Range District, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Queanbeyan Crew having a new lease of life with a new Rover Advisor, and Crews in the process of forming in both Goulburn and 1<sup>st</sup> Gundaroo. These Crews, whilst relatively isolated, will have to rely on each other and our Canberra brethren for much support in their formative years.

The news for the rest of the Crews is a mixed bag. There are several Crews with extremely low numbers, 2013 will hopefully be a turning point (in a positive direction) for Shoalhaven District and 1<sup>st</sup> Warilla Crews; however I fear that their long term prospects, particularly of the later, are not fantastic.

Further north in the Region and Rovering is far stronger, with 1<sup>st</sup> Albion Park, 1<sup>st</sup> Figtree and 1<sup>st</sup> Austinmer Crews all having strong numbers. 4<sup>th</sup> Wollongong remains relatively small, however enthusiastic. I am also concerned about the long term viability of 1<sup>st</sup> Korrahill Crew, however with news that their Cub Pack and Scout Troops are in the process of reforming, hopefully for the Crew the news continues to get better.

I do worry that the Region is a little disjointed at the moment. One of the strengths over many years of Rovering in SCAT has been how close the members of all of the Crew are. Hopefully 2013 can see more interaction between Crews, and greater attendance at Region events. This is especially important for Crews with low numbers that are struggling to run activities and have a floundering programme as a result.

On the training front it has been a slow and laborious process of getting people motivated for, and registered on, eLearning. However it seems to be getting easier. This is great news, as soon all Rovers will need to complete eLearning, not just those holding the office of Crew Leader. The Region plans to run a Rover Basic Section Techniques course over winter. With lots of Rovers and Rover Advisors required to attend numbers will hopefully strong.

In regards to membership and growth I will simply repeat my comments of last year... As the Region approaches a long-term goal of 100 Rovers it is as important as ever to maintain and strengthen our relationships with all Venturer Units. Never assume that a Venturer will come to your Crew, or, for that matter, will go to another Crew. We should all be out there actively promoting Rovering to all Venturers. We are strongly positioned to do this through the events that we run with, and for, the Venturers, including Weekend Wide Games, Caving and Canyoning. It was great to see a Roventure up and running again in 2012. Whilst numbers were small, we can use this as a launching pad to

hopefully in years to come be running an event that is amongst the highlights of the annual Venturer calendar.

I would like to encourage all Crews to go camping more often in 2013. Some Crews seem to have forgotten that Baden Powell considered us a 'brotherhood of the outdoors.' Attend a Moot, go four wheel driving, go hiking. You don't have to do anything absolutely extreme and adventurous! There is so much to do outside of the hall, we need to make sure that we are getting out and experiencing everything that Rovering has to offer. And it is so much easier to recruit members when you have an interesting and active programme.

Congratulations to Keith 'Cagey' Critcher from 1<sup>st</sup> Austinmer on having his Baden-Powell Scout Award approved for presentation next weekend. Cagey's BPSA is of a typically high standard and continues a long standing SCAT tradition of outdoing the larger Metro Regions when it comes to BPSAs. I encourage everyone to at least attempt this Award, if nothing else doing so enhances your Crew's programme. There are large changes coming in at the start of 2014 for the BPSA, this will no doubt be discussed at length throughout the year.

Congratulations also to Matthew 'Doc' Reilly on being presented with a Stan Bales Rover Service Award. Doc has been a long standing support of both Rovering and the RRC in SCAT, and the Award was highly deserved.

I look forward to working for the Rovers of the Region and with the Rover Advisors of the Region to ensure that the Rovering in SCAT is of the highest standard possible. As long as we all have a real go I foresee no issues in making this a reality.

*State Commissioner declares all positions vacant*

12. Election of Officers for the coming year: Congrats for a good year. Have good output.

12.1. President:

Nominated: Ryan

Elected: Ryan Manton

12.2. Vice President:

Nominated: Rhiannon. Accepted.

Elected: Rhiannon Hughes

12.2. Treasurer:

Nominated: Kusi

Elected: Matthew Kusi

12.3. Secretary:

Nominated: Simone

Elected: Simone Haider

12.4. VLO (2):

Nominated: Peter, Marshall, Lewis,

Elected: Marshall Roderick and Lewis Taylor

12.5. Webmaster (2):

Nominated: Ben, Mark

Some discussion occurred about whether we require two- decided that only one Webmaster will be required.

Elected: Ben Nichols

Needs to be discussed at later point if the one person will continue for 12 months or more.

12.6. Service:

Nominated: Peter

Elected: Peter Zuiderwick

12.7. Branch Rover Council Delegates (4)

Nominated: Rhiannon, Ryan, Simone, Marshall

Elected: All

12.8. Public Relations:

Nominated: Lisa

Elected: Lisa Goodall

12.9. State Youth Council Delegate: Has been disbanded. No longer Necessary.

Nominated:

Elected:

13. Vote of confidence in the RC-R: No objections. Accepted.

14. Vote of confidence in the ARC-R: No objections. Accepted.

15. Accounting Advisor for RRC: Steve Thompson

16. Comments by the incoming Regional Rover Council President: No additional comments.

Thanks from RCR- strongest exec for a while.

## General Business meeting

### 16. Crew Reports

16.1. Albion Park: With Albion Park Rover Crew Coming into its 3rd year. We have gained a lot more members this year from people off the streets to linking Ventures. We have had better attendance at regional events due to our increase in numbers. This is where we have been lacking in the past and still having issues currently. We now have 4 knights, 14 Squires, 1 yet to be invested and One of our knights will be booted this year so Aiden Mayberry will be the first to be booted from 1st APRC. Looks like we will have a lot more knighted rovers, especially with the enthusiasm the newly squire rovers are showing in regards to getting knighted. Throughout the year we have done a few combined nights with the Albion park ventures and Figtree Rover Crew with plans to have a competition between the 2 Rover Crews every 2 months, We attended Weekend Wide Game North. Had Aiden and Simone helping the Admin Team for WWG. We will be attending DragonSkin this year as a crew for the first time and will be running a base.

16.2. 1st Austinmer Rover Crew (1ARC): Continued growth 14 K. 2 to be booted. 2 new knights coming. 8s- 3 new coming, Oakflats members have joined in twelve months- new RA. Strong rep at region events. Lots of organising for region events. Helped H4H donation. Moots + service activities. Helped at Cubs due to no leaders. Found new cub leader. Adventurous activities over 12 months. Thanks to Greg for assistance. Cagey BP- to be presented soon. Many young members. Looking to big year- 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

16.3. Figtree: 11 Rovers. 5 k, 6 s, 1 to be invested. Looking at many activities. Past events- skin, wwgn and s, jamboree, crew agm, minute to win it night, squire training, trivia night. Upcoming- Albion Park's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, Dragonskin prep, Roventure 2013, scavenger hunt with Venturers + gokarting. WWG S.

16.4. Queanbeyan: Second Queanbeyan has spent the better part of the year without guidance, support from their Group or a well defined program, however members of the Crew have still managed to participate in Dragon Skin, both Weekend Wide Games, COGS and the Roventure held at Wee Jasper through their involvement in the local Rock Activities Team.

In November the Crew invited Stuart Maclachlan (Super) to be their Rover Advisor.

Stuart's past involvement within Scouts as a youth member and Leader, combined with his Commercial Outdoors experience, has brought about positive changes within the Crew and provided some much needed direction for the years ahead as the Crew goes about rebuilding.

Since November the Crew has participated in Joint Section activities including the Queanbeyan Raft Regatta, Clean Up Australia Day and Rock Activities for Queanbeyan Scouts and Girl Guides.

They have also begun actively fund raising to clear their log of unpaid fees to Branch, and bring their bank balance into surplus for the first time in a few years.

The Crew membership currently stands as, 1 invested Rover, 4 Squires, 1 Prospect, 1 Rover soon to be booted and 1 Rover Advisor. This being made up of people attending on a weekly basis rather than names on a list.

The Crew is both excited and focused on rebuilding, growth and increased activity for the year ahead.

They recognize that given their close proximity to Canberra they have an excellent opportunity to be a conduit between SCAT and ACT and are making efforts to connect with Crews within Canberra and explore options for joint activities in the future.

16.5. Shoalhaven: 8

5 new members, 1 Squire and 2 Knights.

- 2 attended Spectacular Sydney Harbour Rogaining SSS-Minigaine
- Shoalhaven River Head of the Rover Camp – first ‘crew camp’ 5 attended.
- No annual crew calendar set as yet, basing our events around the district’s scout/venturer events and the region’s Rover events.
- Need to organise a Knighting and some squiring’s in the near future.
- Regional Canyoning Day, at least one attending.
- Raft Building competition with the district’s venturer units 25th March.
- 4 attending Dragonskin (assisting with the region’s bases).
- 2, with one from Austinmer attending the Rogaining Autumn 6 / 12 hour Bungonia Event.
- Pigskin, we would like to run a base there (hopefully).
- WWG south in May, we will have attendance there.
- Talks of the Overland Track, Tasmania, next April.

16.6. 4th Wollongong: 11. 3 k, 1 to be soon, 1 from albury- tagging along. Skin, crew camp, coast walk, Venturers from all south come, gang show, moots, looking into methods of keeping off graffiti,

16.7. Korra Hill: gained and lost members. 5 members. Admitted to be struggling, night activities for skin, inter crew, Venturers activities, exciting program. Have approached region rovers for leaders.

16.8. Warilla: No rovers. Prospects currently bad. 1 good RA.

16.9 Gunderoo: first meeting coming soon. Venturers leader to be ra also. Collecting paperwork for members. Have submitted registration for crew. Could have as many as ten.

16.10: Goulburn. Nothing.

17. BPSA: Austinmer- Emily. Have had crew discussion on BPSA. Will be asked for a report soon. Invitation to BPSA Presentation. 6<sup>th</sup> April- presentation and champagne breakfast. Details to be sent out tomorrow.

## 18. General Business

18.1. Bunning BBQs, fund raising for the RRC: Suggestion for Peter to look into. Possible contact with radio advertisers. Bunnings being preference.

18.2. Safe Drinking material for Rovers: passed onto region. Suggested for a no drinking before a certain time rule to be passed for moots. Been passed around- look pretty, don't necessarily do anything to be done. Disgusted at moot activities- too much drinking. Perhaps not needed to promote safe drinking- maybe more of look after your mate. Activities such as dry July would be a good idea. To be further discussed at the next RRC.

18.3. *RRC Location- meeting to be moved to the Port Kembla HQ until the Road at Keira is fixed-*

Moved Ryan, Seconded Kusi, passed

18.4. Membership proposal from previous meeting. Proposed Greg, Seconded Ryan. Passed.

18.5. Changes to the BPSA: Has been approved.

18.6. Moot Proposal- to be tabled at the next RRC. Tenders at next moot to be taken.

18.7- roventure. 19-20 April. Will be advertised at Skin. Dan from to be chased about the information.

18.8. AGM paperwork to go to Kerrie.

18.9. 3-5 May- Pigskin, 4-7 October Jamborette,

18.10. 23<sup>rd</sup> April- St George's Day. ANZAC Day- Dawn Service. 13<sup>th</sup> April- AGM. SNOW Moot- mid July. WAM- expeditions are now out. Branch Ball- April 27<sup>th</sup>. \$85 tickets.

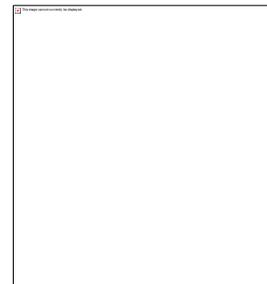
18.11. *Motion that signatories to be changed to current pres. RCR, ARCR, Treasurer- No actual change. To remain as current.*

Proposed. Kusi, seconded Ryan.

Meeting Closed: 9:45

## Weekend Wide Game RRC AGM Report 2013

2012 saw Weekend Wide Game present two events – WWG South IV deemed ‘Scoutwrecked’ and WWG North XII named ‘Disneyfication’.



‘Scoutwrecked’ was held on the 26-27th May with a total of 216 attendees.

### Financial Status

Total Income	\$3,962.77
Total Expenditure	\$3,464.15
Total Capital Expenses	\$637.11
<b>Event Final Balance</b>	<b>-\$138.49</b>

### Attendance

Scouts	110
Venturers	43
Rovers	13 (13%)
Leaders	40
Admin	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>

‘Disneyfication’ was held on 17-18th November with a total of 305 attending.

### Financial Status

Total Income	\$8,606.00
Total Expenditure	\$6,372.77
Total Capital Expenses	\$2,063.35
<b>Event Final Balance</b>	<b>\$169.88</b>

### Attendance

Scouts	201
Venturers	44
Rovers	17 (17%)
Leaders	30

Admin	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>

### **Venturers**

It has become apparent that Venturers have been causing more issues at Wide Game Events, mostly due to the lack of supervision. Without a Regional Commissioner – Venturers attending, Venturers are taking it upon themselves to do as they please, including turn up without leaders even with a strict ‘No leader, don’t attend’ ruling. This is mostly affecting WWG North at this point.

### **Technology**

The committee is looking at the option of purchasing 5-8 tablets with Near Field Communication to replace the forever-outdating scanners towards the end of this year (2013). These tablets retail at approximately \$350.00.

### **Conclusion**

Weekend Wide Game finalized accounts with a profit of \$31.39.