

**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH
SOUTH COAST AND TABLELANDS REGION**

**MEETING OF THE SCAT REGION ROVER COUNCIL
HELD AT STUARTS CROSSING CAMPING AREA
ON SATURDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2013**

RRC MINUTES

Meeting opened: 1110 hrs

1. Present:

1.1. Albion Park: -

1.2. 1st Austinmer Rover Crew (1ARC): Rhiannon Hughes, Daniel Seddon-Powell,
Bradley Saywell, Kristal Jollie

1.3. Figtree: Marshall Roderick

1.4. Korra Hill: -

1.5. Goulburn: Mitchell Reid, Mitchell Gardner, Elizabeth Duncan, Alex Motley,

1.6. Tablelands: Greg Kovacs

1.7. Queanbeyan: Eric Binet, Jack Pigeon, Alex James, Bradley Lasscock

1.8. Shoalhaven: Sophie Heggie

1.9. Warilla: Andrew Kavanagh, Les Green

1.10. 4TH Wollongong: -

1.11. Region: Bob Nightingale, Greg Pearce

There is a quorum for this meeting.

2. Apologies: Charlotte Baker, Ryan Manton, Amy Campbell and other exec members.

3. Conformation of the previous minutes.

Voting to approve the minutes from the previous meeting will be held over until the next meeting.

4. Business arising from the previous minutes.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Gallipoli anniversary camp. Information sent out on the RRC mailing list.

6. Executive Reports

6.1. Chair: -

6.2. Vice Chair: Everything is going well. There have been several intercrew challenges in the past year and we will be promoting more communication between crews next year.

6.3. Treasurer: -

6.4. Secretary: -

6.5. VLO: -

6.6. Webmaster: Google calendars are now available for individual crews. Figtree Rover crew have run a trail. Crews should contact Ben Nichols if they want to participate.

6.7. Service: -

6.8. Public Relations: -

6.9. RC-R: Welcome to all the new faces. Teleconferencing is available at RRC meetings held at Port Kembla. All crews are required to send in a report for each RRC meeting.

6.10. ARC-R: -

6.11. WWG North: report to be attached. Two requests for refunds will be voted on later in the meeting.

7. OH&S issues:

7.1. Region office is following up on the lack of smoke detectors in the building.

8. Crew Reports

8.1. Albion Park:

8.2. 1st Austinmer Rover Crew (1ARC):

8.3. Figtree:

8.4. Queanbeyan:

8.5. Shoalhaven:

8.6. 4th Wollongong:

8.7. Korra Hill:

8.8. Warilla:

8.9. Tablelands:

9. BPSA

9.1. Emily Whitelaw has completed all of her BPSA except for one Scoutcraft camp which will be held on the Australia Day long weekend. The award will be presented for approval at the 1ARC March business meeting.

10. General Business

10.1. Roventure

To be held on the 14th -16th of March 2014 at the Mt Keira Guide Camp. The theme will be “Super Hero Training Camp”. Charlotte Baker and Simone Haider are in charge of organising the camp. Each crew is asked to run an activity.

10.2. SCAT Moot 2014

“Fairy Princess Moot” To be held at Mt Keira Scout Camp. The cost will be \$25 per person. Daniel Seddon-Powell will be catering for dinner on Saturday night. Some activities have been planned and each crew will be allocated an activity to run.

-1ARC: Flying School

-4TH Wollongong: Fairy Shooting

-Goulburn: No particular preference.

10.3. Basic Sectional Techniques Courses

All Crew Leaders and Rover Advisors need to complete a BST course as a part of their leadership training. All sections of the basic elearning will need to be completed before attending the course. There are two Rover BST courses planned for early 2014:

8-9th February at the J.H. Kaye Scout Training Center, Heathcote.

8-9th March in Gosford.

10.4. BPSA

A presentation about the new award scheme was made by Greg Pearce. Some important points from this were:

-Anyone completing the existing award scheme will need to contact Greg and or Bob to discuss how to make the transition to the new scheme.

-Squire training requirements will be standardised. Rover crews will need to change their constitutions to reflect this change. Crews are advised to word this change as: “the crew adopts the current national squire training scheme” or similar, so that their constitutions will not need to be changed if the award scheme is updated.

-Part of the new squire training is a Rover basic training course. These courses will be run by Greg and/or Bob before each RRC meeting and they will visit remote crews as required.

-The reporting and approval process has changed. The Badges of the St George award will be approved only by the crew though Greg and Bob should be invited to any crew business meeting where award scheme proposals or approvals are taking place.

-The remaining two badges of the award scheme will be administered by Greg and Bob.

Further information about the new award scheme can be found at
<http://www.rovers.com.au/award-scheme>

10.5. WWG refund

Motion: The council agrees to pay \$50 (2 x \$25) as refunds for Weekend Wide Game fees paid by scouts who were unable to attend the camp for medical reasons.

Proposed: Rhiannon Hughes

Seconded: Sophie Heggie

Motion Passed

10.6. Rover Vigil

The Rover vigil and Kighting ceremony are important events for a new Rover. When a new Rover joins the crew they should select a sponsor and the crew should select a sponsor for them. It is the sponsors job to help the new Rover complete their squire training.

The Vigil is a series of questions for self-reflection, self-examination and growth. The vigil is the last part of the squire training and it should be given to the Rover several days before the intended time for their investiture to allow them to fully appreciate it.

It is preferred that Knighting ceremonies are conducted by Rover advisors as they are usually better able to run the ceremony properly.

10.7. Open Discussion: Rovers in Our Region

-The updates@scatrovers.com mailing list will be used to distribute information to Rovers. Contact admin@scatrovers.com to be added to the list.

-There will be more intercrew challenges next year and crews will compete for the Golden SCAT. Inter crew challenges should be held in areas other than the Wollongong CBD and should not be run midweek.

-The RRC will run a region camp in the middle of the region and try to get more than 50% of the regions Rovers in attendance.

10.8. SIS10

All adventurous activities run by Scouts will need to be run according to the SIS10 system from the start of 2014. The new activity policies are available on the NSW Scouts website.

There are no prescribed participant ratios except for a minimum party size of 5 for alpine activities. Party sizes and participant ratios for all activities are to be determined by the activity leader using a risk assessment to justify their decision.

A Level 2 is required to lead canoe, kayak and bushwalking trips with novices. These trips can be lead by level 1 if all participants are at level 1.

A Guide level is required to lead rock related activities including abseiling, caving and canyoning.
A Level 2 abseiler can lead an abseiling activity with Level 1 abseilers.

Meeting closed: 1225 hrs