



## SC&T Region Rovers

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Annual General Meeting of the South Coast and Tablelands Region Rover Council

Held at The Lodge Mt Keira Scout Camp, Mount Keira Road, Mount Keira NSW 2500 on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Meeting Opened 1930 hrs

### Attendance

**1<sup>st</sup> Albion Park:** Jarret Hogarth, Lisa Goodall, Rosie O'Meley, Jarrod Dellapina,  
Sarah Manning, Maxine Mcentee

**1<sup>st</sup> Austinmer:** Daniel Seddon-Powell, Rhiannon Hughes, Jai Peagle, Sam Drayton,  
Matthew Kusi-Appauh

**1<sup>st</sup> Figtree:** Simone Haider, Ben Nichols, Marshall Roderick, Peter Zuiderwyk,  
Stephanie Primc, Marshall Roderick, Cat Bowie, Phil Nichols

**1<sup>st</sup> Korra Hill:** Rachael King, Michaela Barnett, David Pitt

**Goulburn:** Mitch van Baardwijk, Elizabeth Sale

**2<sup>nd</sup> Queanbeyan:** No representatives

**Shoalhaven:** Sophie Heggie, Justin Merdith, Brittany Rodgers, Matthew Reily (by  
telecon ference)

**Tablelands:** No representatives

**Warilla:** Ken Powell, Lauren Nealy, Les Green

**4<sup>th</sup> Wollongong:** Craig Davis, Ryan Manton, Nathan Carey

**South Coast and Tablelands Region:** Bob Nightingale, Greg Pearce, Phil Crutchley

**New South Wales Branch:** Wal Waerner, Mitchell Rath

**Other:** Tristan Haider (Weekend Wide Game committee)

*There is a Quorum for this meeting (8/10 crews)*

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**Have a REAL Go...**

**Apologies:** Andrew (Weekend Wide Game committee), Lewis Taylor (1<sup>st</sup> Albion Park), Andrew

### **Acceptance of the minutes from the previous annual general meeting**

*Motion: The Council accepts the minutes of the previous annual general meeting as a true and accurate account of that meeting.*

*Proposed: Lisa Goodall (1<sup>st</sup> Albion Park)*

*Seconded: Catherine Bowie (1<sup>st</sup> Figtree)*

*Motion Passed*

### **Executive and committee reports**

**President:** Ryan Manton

Thanks for the last two years. See you round.

**Vice President:** Rhiannon Hughes

It has been great to see all the crews working together. Thanks to Pete for his work as service coordinator. This has been a great exec.

**Secretary:** Simone Haider

This year has been an excellent year of rovers to be a part of. Our team have worked well together, achieving many things and improving on many more. Event attendance has been particularly successful, owing in much part to the effort put in by Rhiannon Hughes advertising both Roventure 2013 and the end of year Christmas party.

We have been involved in many worthwhile programs this year, including the Hike 4 Hunger campaign, our Service events, as well as Weekend Wide Game north and south.

It has been fantastic to see the involvement that our new inter-crew activities have brought, and I am sure at some point we will see the Golden SCAT awarded to a crew...

I very much look forwards to the changes the new award scheme will bring, and remain hopeful that more people will take up the challenge of the BP Award.

**Treasurer:** Matthew Kusi-Appauh

Claiming GST. State Finance Committee is working on this. Particularly relevant to Weekend Wide Game.

A budget should be allocated for certain items such as promotions and marketing based on expected revenue.

Accounts will need to be audited.

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**Have a REAL Go...**

A treasurer training course should be developed to ensure Crew and Region treasurers are able to do an effective job in their roles.

*Motion: The Council agrees to adopt a financial year that runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March in line with Branch and Region Scouts.*

*Proposed: Ryan Manton (4<sup>th</sup> Wollongong)*

*Seconded: Peter Zuiderwyk (1<sup>st</sup> Figtree)*

*Motion Passed*

**Venturer Liaison Officer:**

Alright year. Not much happened apart from the letters. No feedback received regarding the effectiveness of these letters. Roventure was disappointing.

**Webmaster:** Ben Nichols

2013 saw further enhancements to the web presence for SC&T Rovers.

One of the main feature additions was the interactive Region Calendar, which also provides Crew's with their own individual calendar, which allows Crew Members to subscribe their mobiles to both the Region Calendar as well as their own crew calendar. Figtree have been using this for some time now, with Austinmer jumping on the bandwagon in the last few weeks.

There are still currently only 4 of 10 crew profiles on the website – Crew Leaders: It doesn't take long to send an email – use one of the pre-existing profiles as a template. Those crews with existing profiles will have the details updated in the coming week or two. The contact addresses will be changed to both the Crew Leader & Assistant Crew Leader, unless otherwise informed.

Activity reports are something we should work on for 2014 – These reports should not only go on the website, but also be submitted for addition to South Coast Scouting.

The strategic plan “Web Presence” goals have basically been ticked off already – if you have any further ideas, please let the RRC Exec for 2014 know.

**Service:** Peter Zuiderwyk

Service has been a pleasing job this year. Many activities were supported by all in the Region. It was great to most crews at our region service camp up here at mount Keira. It made a large job of cleaning the tree from the path very easy. This year we formed a partnership with Motocross Australia. We assisted at motocross events in Wollongong and Nowra. With Wet weather and scorching sun we struggled on. Unfortunately this partnership lasted only a year due to outside influences. Rovers also helped out at Pigskin, Jamborette and WWG. I would like to thank you all for your support this year. It has been great to achieve so much in service this year.

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**Have a REAL Go...**

**Public Relations:** Lisa Goodall

**Weekend Wide Game:** Attached

**Region Commissioner - Rovers:** Bob Nightingale

I'm still fit enough to be lucky and able enough to live a rather nomadic lifestyle. It's a very satisfying life but Rovers is still a very important part of that life. Therefore, I will continue to rely heavily on Greg Pearce for his continuing support. From my point of view, our partnership has been a spectacular success and I look forward very much to the prospect it's continuation. Thanks heaps Greg!

The Executive of the RRC have performed excellently this year. They are very young compared to most execs but their enthusiasm and good judgements have led to very good outcomes. I am especially thankful to Ryan for his excellent leadership and also to all the other exec members for their work. It has been a pleasure to have such a good team. In particular, I am very pleased that the Strategic Plan was given such thorough attention. I also want to mention the work of Ben Nicholls – our Webmaster. The facilities that he has provided are excellent and I encourage all crews to take full advantage of them.

Rover numbers across the Region continue to grow steadily. And amazingly, steady growth has actually been the case in all crews this year – a very uncommon thing! Indeed, recent figures from Branch indicate that our growth over the past five years is easily the strongest in the State. We are now solidly above the 100 mark!

There is a relatively strong supply of venturers at the moment so I urge all crews to be active in recruiting these young people. It's always much harder to get new members 'off the street'! Unfortunately, we still don't have an RC-V but I'm sure Kanga is working on it. In the meantime I am certain that our Roventure and WideGames serve us very well in getting a positive image across to both Venturers and to Scouts.

The new Goulburn and Tablelands crews are progressing well. There is also a recovery at both Shoalhaven and Queanbeyan. In each of those instances I have recently secured new Rover Advisors (after lengthy periods without same) and that will be sure to help too! The Region camp at Stewart's Crossing was well attended by the Goulburn, Tablelands and Queanbeyan crews and I am very hopeful that they will continue to share programming and activity opportunities.

We had a very strong effort on the Service front this year. This was in no small way due to the excellent efforts of Peter Zuiderwyk – I'm very pleased that he is giving serious consideration to nominating for the Service Coordinator position again. I also believe that Rovers' standing with Region is in excellent shape following participation in Jamborette and other activities.

We had some success with Training this year with a BST course successfully run in July. We certainly need to keep this improving and I am hoping that we may be able to run another

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BST in about the middle of the year – perhaps in Goulburn or Queanbeyan to provide a venue for Riverina people too.

The region is blessed with a large number of highly capable Rover Advisors. I thank them for their ongoing and valued support. That support will be important as the new Rover Award System is implemented. This scheme is the product of much thought and effort and I strongly encourage all Rovers to “have a real go” at the award. There is plenty of time over your Roving career.

I well understand that time constraints of life are a very real matter for many in the Roving age group. I believe that the challenges are considerably more than in years long passed. However I do want to encourage you all to get out into the outdoors and make the most of the wonderful climate and wilderness that exists at our doorstep. The RRC’s own calendar includes several events that any crew or individual can utilize to advantage. This, however, does not remove the need for each crew to make a real effort to ‘get out and about’ when formulating their own programme.

I am on something of a personal crusade to ensure that the standard Rover Investitures (now often known as Knightings) is raised. This includes ensuring that the opportunities for self examination afforded by the Vigil are properly utilized. I believe that the Rover Advisors can play a very important role for us here – especially since so many of our crews are very young.

As in each of the past eight years, I again offer, but do not tender my resignation this year. While I might not be able to get to every meeting or event I believe that I still have energy and experience sufficient that I have something worthy to contribute in this job.

Thank you all for your support and fellowship in the past year. I look forward to continued challenges and successes in the coming year.

**Assistant Region Commissioner – Rovers: Greg Pearce**

I will start by echoing the sentiments of the report of Nighty. There is very little need to cover the same ground as him in this report. We continue to work well together as a team, we find ourselves in sync when it comes to any issues that arise. This assures continuity in direction when I am unavailable due to work, or he is unavailable due to travel. We have had a fantastic Executive to work for in 2013, and I would like to publically thank them now for their energy and enthusiasm. Thanks especially goes to Ryan, who has done a sterling job as President over the last two years.

I would like to take this moment to congratulate Nighty on being presented with a Stan Bales Rover Service Award in. He has been a long time servant of Roving, and the Award was well deserved. I would also like to congratulate Warren Goodall, a former SCAT Rover and Rover Commissioner, who also received the Award in 2013.

I believe that the relative strength and growth in Rover numbers from a Region perspective is masking an underlying lack of strength in individual Crews. We have several large Crews;

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**Have a REAL Go...**

however there are still a number of Crews in the Region whose existence into the future still remains marginal at best. The problem is exasperated by the gravitational pull of the larger, more active Crews. Whilst from a Region point of view we offer help, it is not always taken. There are certain geographic locations that are key for us in maintaining a Rovering presence, and all measures should be taken to ensure that this remains.

Whilst not wishing to harp on about the negatives, I do feel that the Rovers of the Region are missing a great opportunity in their Rovering. Reading back from the last two AGMs that I have attended whilst in this Role, I have made the same comments each time, with seemingly no result. Region events are generally very well attended, however the number of Crew Camps are at historically low levels, as is participation in Adventurous Activities. I appreciate the time restraints of work, apprenticeships and university study, but I can assure you that these restraints on your time only become harder as life goes on. Make the most of your time and take your Crew out camping. I know that the Adventurous side of Rovering is not for everyone, but going into the bush and camping should be a cornerstone of Rovering, second only to Service.

I thoroughly enjoy the Role that I currently find myself in, and truly believe that it is one of the best available in Scouting. I continue to look forward to working for the Rovers of the Region and with the Rover Advisors of the Region in ensuring 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.

**Region Commissioner – South Coast and Tablelands:** Phil Crutchley

It has been nine months since my return to the region. In that time I have looked critically at the whole region and Rovers will be reasonably untouched. A Development plan will continue to run to improve support, alignment, structure and resources of groups. Rovers are not following the negative trends of other sections within the region. It is good to see eight crews represented tonight. Thank you to Ryan and his team.

**Branch Rover Council President:** Mitchell Rath

Thanks to everyone. I would like to encourage everyone to attend the next national moot. Participation in Hike for Hunger was good. Good to see SCAT rovers at the recent BST course. BRC AGM and conference to be held at Camp Coutts. Formal activities on Saturday. Food and accommodation provided free from Friday night to Sunday morning.

**Branch Commissioner – Rovers:** Wal Waerner

I am glad to come back to South Coast and Tablelands Region. The new BPSA book is available. Squire training has changed. Rovers are encouraged to do BST training to give them the skills etc. to do their job effectively. Crews should have “responsible” crew leaders. SCAT Rovers have grown in numbers and continue to provide good support to the rest of scouting.

**Election of office bearers**

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All Region Rover Council executive positions declared vacant.

The elections were conducted by Wal Waerner using Public voting.

**President:** Simone Haider (1<sup>st</sup> Figtree)

Nominations: Simone Haider, Peter Zuiderwyk, Charlotte Baker (Declined)

**Vice President:** Peter Zuiderwyk (1<sup>st</sup> Figtree)

**Secretary:** Daniel Seddon-Powell (1<sup>st</sup> Austinmer)

**Treasurer:** Charlotte Baker (1<sup>st</sup> Austinmer)

**Venturer Liaison Officer North:** Hugh Powell (1<sup>st</sup> Figtree)

**Venturer Liaison Officer South:** Lisa Goodall (1<sup>st</sup> Albion Park)

**Webmaster:** Ben Nichols (1<sup>st</sup> Figtree), Jarrod Dellapina (1<sup>st</sup> Albion Park)

**Service Coordinator:** Marshall Roderick (1<sup>st</sup> Figtree)

**Public Relations Officer:** Rosie O'Meley (1<sup>st</sup> Albion Park)

Nominations: Rosie O'Meley, Lisa Goodall

**Branch Rover Council Representatives:** Lisa Goodall (1<sup>st</sup> Albion Park), Simone Haider (1<sup>st</sup> Figtree), Rosie O'Meley (1<sup>st</sup> Albion Park), Sophie Heggie (Shoalhaven)

**Training Officer:** Ryan Manton (4<sup>th</sup> Wollongong)

**Moot Chief:** Craig Davis (4<sup>th</sup> Wollongong), Gavin Cotrell (4<sup>th</sup> Wollongong)

**Roventure Coordinator:** Matthew Kusi-Appauh (1<sup>st</sup> Austinmer)

**Annual review of Region Commissioner – Rovers and Assistant Region Commissioner – Rovers.**

The Council has agreed to retain Bob Nightingale and Greg Pearce as Region commissioners. Some concerns were raised by the council that will be addressed by Wal.

### **Account Signatories**

The signatories for the Region Rover Council bank account will be the Simone Haider, Peter Zuiderwyk, Charlotte Baker and Bob Nightingale.

*Motion: The Council appoints: Simone Haider, Peter Zuiderwyk, Charlotte Baker and Bob Nightingale as signatories of its bank account.*

*Proposed: Charlotte Baker (1<sup>st</sup> Austinmer)*

*Seconded: Sam Drayton (1<sup>st</sup> Austinmer)*

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**Have a REAL Go...**

*Motion Passed*

Meeting Closed: 2055 hrs

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# Weekend Wide Game

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## RRC AGM Report – 2014

### What is Weekend Wide Game?

This question doesn't have a specific answer, and probably never will. The best way to explain a WWG is: "An overly large game of hide and seek for Scouts, with goodies and baddies played by Venturers, Rovers & Leaders, with a story line (or two) thrown in." – Peter Gear

### WWG South V – Cluedo

'Cluedo', held on the 25/26th May 2013 saw the crime fighting talents of Scouts & Venturers revealed over 24 hours. The game required Scouts and Venturers to collect clues through bases and interrogation of characters, including Mrs Peacock, Prof Plum, Mr Green, Col Mustard, Ms Scarlet and Mrs White.

#### Financial Status:

Total Income:	\$4,468.00
Total Expenditure:	\$3,700.67
Total Capital Expenses:	\$59.45
<b>Event Final Balance:</b>	<b>\$707.88</b>

Attendance:	2013	2012
Scouts	68	110
Venturers	48	43
Rovers	17	13
Leaders/Helpers	27	40
Admin	12	10
<b>Total Attendees</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>216</b>

While Scout attendance was down on previous years (possibly due to the close proximity of AJ2013 that recently passed), the Venturer ratio in comparison to Scouts was quite high.

### WWG North XIII – A Squire's Tale

'A Squire's Tale', held on the 23/24th November 2013, saw SC&T Rovers turn Cataract Scout Park into a medieval township. 200+ Scouts in 40 Patrols attended the Squire meet, with major activities including a famous 'Castle Siege', a void of random encounters, a village of Slums and Camelot (filled with Medieval Madness).

#### Financial Status:

Total Income:	\$8,331.00
Total Expenditure:	\$7,375.74
Total Capital Expenses:	\$933.67
<b>Event Final Balance:</b>	<b>\$21.59</b>

Attendance:	2013	2012
Scouts	215	201
Venturers	52	44
Rovers	14	17
Leaders/Helpers	46	30
Admin	17	13
<b>Total Attendees</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>305</b>

A newly experimented idea – the Castle Siege, was quite a famous activity over the weekend where Scouts competed against Service Leaders to break the castle walls & doors down.

The final event balance for this event is substantially lower than other events. This is due to rising costs of Cataract Scout Park, as well as a larger operating and capital expense.

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## WWG Technical Upgrades

Towards the end of 2012 and early 2013, extensive amounts of research began to upgrade the mobile computer technology that WWG had borrowed from Scouts NSW. As the mobile computers Scouts NSW own were degrading and becoming highly unsupported, WWG approached the RRC for approval to spend approximately \$3000.00 to upgrade to 8x Google Nexus 7 tablets.

The final price of this project stood at \$3190.26, which included 8x tablets, 8x Otterbox cases, 120 NFC ID cards and plastic holders for these cards. Compared to devices of similar standard to the mobile computers Scouts NSW own, this is still only about 120% of the value of a singular device we were originally quoted for.

## What will WWG bring in 2014?

2014 will see two Weekend Wide Game events, under an overall theme of:

### **STAR WARS!**

WWG South VI – 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – Potato Point

WWG North XIV – 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 – Cataract Scout Park

We look forward to seeing you at WWG events in 2014!

Regards,

Ben Nichols

*WWG Assistant Chairman*

*On behalf of the SC&T Weekend Wide Game Committee*



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