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

Held at the University of Wollongong on Wednesday 14th of October 2015

Meeting opened: 7.35pm

Attendance

1st Albion Park: Rosie O'Meley, Lyndsay Schelle, Paige Riddiford, Matthew Vella, Lewis Taylor

1st Austinmer: Nicola Hubbard, Jonathan Le Mesurier, Mark Critcher, Matthew Kusi, Daniel Seddon-Powell, Jai Paegle, Rhiannon Hughes

1st Figtree: Ben Nicholls, Craig Davis, Andrew Banner, Simone Haider, Marshall Roderick

Tablelands: Alex James, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Erik Binet, Ben, Jess, Jack, Harri, Alex

Warilla: Andrew Kavanagh

Greg Pearce, Bob Knightngale

Apologies: N/A

Part A – Official Business

A2 Accepting the Arrangement of Items

That the Council adopts the draft recommendations for the unstarred Items.

Purposed: Rhiannon Hughes

Seconded: Matthew Kusi

A3 Business Arising from the previous minutes

The signatories from the general bank account have been changed to Rhiannon Hughes, Marshall Roderick, Chris Valts and Greg Pearce.

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A4 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held in August 2015 can be confirmed as a true record.

A5 Reports

All reports are published in the October 2015 RRC Agenda

Part B – General Business

B1 Communication with Crews

Focus is on how are we going to communicate with crews. Email has been very hit and miss with only 1 crew VLO responding. The RRC need to know how to best communicate with crews so RRC delegates and crew leaders discuss with their crews the best mode of communication either email, text, facebook group etc. The main issue is that the Region cant help and support crews if there is no two-way communication.

B2 BPSA Review

Main role in RRC is to assess the question: *Is the rover setting an example of a scouting way of life?*

B2.1 Mark Critcher – 1st Austinmer Rover Crew (Method A)

Service: 6 months at Wollongong Primary School helping out Amy Campbell working in the garden/play area. Over the past 6 months most weekends and a little bit of 2014 have been spent working in the garden. It has been a fun, enjoyable experience even though everything set out to achieve in the beginning did not happen. These tasks were not completed due to time constraints, funding from the school and delays with materials. Graham Noble from Mt Keira Scout camp was involved to help identify plants and a service day was held in which SCAT Rovers attended.

Camp craft: 10 different camps in a variety of places. Camps were located in Thredbo, Warrumbungles, Bungonia, Newnes, Pigeon House, Budawang, Kilty and Mt Wilson. Various activities were organised and undertaken these included caving, canyoning, four-wheeled driving, rock climbing, and hiking.

Ramble: A four and a half day hike through the Snowies from Kiandra down through to Round Mountain. 6 people attended, it was an awesome crew who had an awesome time. The ramble was a big personal challenge in total 83km was completed as well as fully catering for everyone in the team. Meals were fully cooked and dehydrated which was a fun and interesting challenge before

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the ramble begun.

Project: was to rebuild a 1275cc Motor. This was completed under the supervision of Graham Russell from Russell Engineering based in North Rocks, Sydney. In total 18 months was spent rebuilding the engine, which was longer than expected but interesting and great fun.

What Mark learnt overall

Overall learnt how to be organised and that once you get going it gets easier to be organised and plan what will happen and when, also learnt how to juggle work, overtime at work, health, Tafe and BP. Learnt how to communicate with the crew and family, paperwork and keep on top of it. Cooking was a new skill gained the dehydration of meals as well as how to garden and identify different plants. One of the hardest things learnt was asking for help.

The hardest part about Mark's BP was paperwork, juggling everything, keeping motivated and hike preparation lots of phone calls happened in the lead up to hikes.

Question from RRC

How did you enjoy the experience of doing the BP?

It was good, it was challenging but when looking back at everything it was a lot of fun, especially all the camps for camp craft and having the crew there.

What about your personal growth and do you think you have come through the end of it a better adult?

Yes, I have a better understanding of how to look at different situations as well as how to organise different things.

What advice would you give to other Rovers who want to do there BP?

Starting out you should definitely do it and go outside your comfort zone and have a go because you will be rewarded for having a go. Half the fun is challenging yourself but make sure you go outside your comfort zone, get a good team around you and have a go.

Generally with people who have completed there BP hold one aspect higher than the other. Is there anything you hold aloft higher than anything else?

The Ramble, that was a good challenge but good fun.

Overall Mark's BP was a good personal challenge that will/has inspired younger

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members.

*That the Council recommend to the BRC that the BPSA Award be granted
Mark Critcher of 1st Austinmer Rover Crew*

Proposed: Rhiannon Hughes

Seconded: Simone Haider

B2.2 Simone Haider – 1st Figtree Rover Crew (Method B)

Spirituality: Went through all Crew's records since the 90's and wrote a crew a history based around the programs, camps and activities from old members of the crew. As well as developing a crew history and presenting it a crew reunion was also held. This was held at the beginning of 2015 with a lot of attendance from past and present crewmembers.

Intellectual Development: Simone taught herself photography. Different types of photography techniques were learnt and used to produce 3 different categories of images. These categories were flowers and plants, landscapes and photos that Simone enjoyed taking and different fit into a category. During the time of developing and undertaking these photography skills a few local competitions were entered.

Physical Development: the City 2 Surf was completed and compared over a two year period with the times for each year compared against each other. During this time a training program was developed and set by an examiner to improve fitness, stamina and concentration.

Social Development: Completed Rover and Scout advanced training in which one of them Wood Beads were received. This consisted of undertaking different training courses over a period of time to advance from basic training to advanced training. This badge was part one of the main highlights of the BP. It kept going through her head during the BP was that yes, it was only training and it was only one quarter of the BP but not every Leader or Rover get Wood Beads and it's a massive deal to get them.

What Simone Learnt overall

Not the same person who walked into Rovers and most of that is because of what has been achieved through this award. Its been a fantastic journey some areas have been easier to complete than others.

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Questions from RRC

What can you say/recommend to the people who haven't started a BP or not sure how or where to look?

Just go for it, have a go find something you are interested in and you will find that you can develop a project from your interest.

How are you different from when you started the BPSA?

At the beginning of Rovers I tended not to like people as much especially in the first 12 months of rovers, I tended to stick to my crew and not socialize with anyone else. As I started my BP and particularly through my social development badge I put myself in situation outside my comfort zone where I had to deal with a lot more people than I was use to. Working with and communicating with people is a major thing I have learnt throughout this experience, If I hadn't done this award I would not be at the stage I am now being comfortable talking to new people and getting involved. Finding it easier to meet people with similar interest and people that can help because I learnt that I can ask for help as I would not have done this before.

Simone has grown throughout her BP and has overall become a better person because of it.

*That the Council recommend to the BRC that the BPSA Award be granted
Simone Haider of 1st Figtree Rover Crew*

Proposed: Rhiannon Hughes

Seconded: Daniel Seddon-Powell

B3 Stationary Dinner Reimbursement

Stationary Dinner was a successful event held on the 26th of September. A cheque will be sent to the Melanoma Institute from the funds raised. Everyone who needs to be reimbursed will be in the coming weeks.

B4 Hike for Hunger

Instead of participating in Hike for Hunger 2015, SC&T Rovers will make a donation to the Melanoma Institute Australia in the name of Ken Powell with the funds raised from our Stationary Dinner.

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B5 Other Business

First LEGO LEAGUE (FFL) is an international science and robotic competition for kids aged 9-10 on the 28th of November. The SCAT Region currently have four teams and they are in search of volunteers to help run the event. If any Rovers from our region would like to help out this event or find out more information, contact Andrew Clark – Regional Leader (Activities)

B6 Next meeting: 16th December

Meeting closed: 7.58pm

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