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Yearbook 2013



# Victorian Rovers About Us

## Rover Scouts, 18-25 Young Adult Section of Scouting

The aims of the Rover Scout Section are to:

- provide young adults with opportunities to undertake their development through the areas of personal growth, which Scouting recognises physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual growth which leads to character development;
- give young adults the opportunity to discover the challenges of today's world and to develop the motivation and the skills to face them, not only within their community and their country but also at international level;
- help young adults acquire experience and skills in leadership; and
- help young adults develop their own path in life and actively plan their future.

## Scouts Australia, Victorian Branch Vision:

*"All Victorians enjoying Scouting"*

## Chief Scout of Victoria:

His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC

**Chief Commissioner:** Robert Taylor AM

**Assistant Chief Commissioner - Youth Program:** Greg McDougall

**Branch Rover Council Chairman 2012/2013:** Ashley "Ferret" Comer

**Branch Commissioner - Rovers:** Jody Freeman

## Victorian Branch Rover Council

1st July 2012 - 30th June 2013

Victorian Branch Rover Council is the governing body of the Rover Section of Scouts Australia, Victorian Branch and is comprised of three representatives from each Region Rover Community in the branch, elected office bearers, sub-committee chairs and Commissioners for the Rover Section.

Chairman - Ashley Comer

### Branch Rover Council Office Bearers

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Deputy Chairman                 | Hayden Smith                      |
| Assistant Chairman              | Brad Peters                       |
| Minutes Secretary               | Luke Byrnes                       |
| Training Officer & NRC Delegate | Ryan Beeby                        |
| Information Technology Officer  | David King                        |
| Marketing & Journalist          | Nathan Pearson & Caitlin Brideson |
| Communications Officer          | Aidan Ritchie                     |
| Environment Officer             | Vacant                            |
| Adv. Activities Officer         | Vacant                            |
| Resources Officer               | Lisa van Meurs                    |

### Advisors and Appointed Supporters

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Branch Commissioner (Rovers)           | Jody Freeman |
| Assistant Branch Commissioner (Rovers) | Greg Davies  |
| Assistant Branch Commissioner (Rovers) | Dean Castle  |
| Honorary Treasurer                     | Simon Millar |
| Honorary Historian                     | Sue Tanck    |
| Administration Officer                 | Vacant       |

### Assistant Leader Trainers

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Peter Gibson | Stephen Carter |
| Sue Tanck    | Jody Freeman   |

### Region Rover Communities

| Region          | Chairman                   | Assistant Region Commissioner - Rovers | BRC Representative            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Bays            | Ian Lamb                   | Drew Lazenby                           | Jasmine Dickson               |
| Gippsland       | Mitch Kraan                | Peter Gibson                           | Zebe Tierney & Jami Heal      |
| Lerderderg      | Emilie Burrows             | Michael Whyms                          | Annie Phelan & William Flynn  |
| Melbourne       | Michelle Anderson (Acting) | Tony Nathan                            | David King & Aidan Ritchie    |
| Mount Dandenong | Daniel Ingamells           | Stephen Carter                         | Tamara Williams               |
| Murray Midlands | Lachlan Preston            | Mark Thornton                          | Carolyn Smith                 |
| Plenty Valley   | Ross Tuddin                | James Stewart                          | Jarrold Bell                  |
| South West      | Nathan Delaney             | Peter Wotherspoon                      | Nicole Strachan & Alex Pandik |

### Subcommittees of the Branch Rover Council

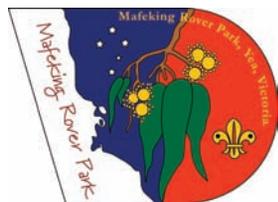
| Subcommittee                                | Chairman                | Rover Advisor                   |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bogong Rover Chalet Management Group        | Bryce Gibson            | Matt Anderson<br>Linda Moore    |
| Baw Baw Rover Crew (WF Waters Ski Lodge)    | Phoebe Brodal-Robertson | Andrew Stuckey                  |
| Mafeking Rover Park Committee of Management | Jackson Helmers         | Travis Barry<br>John Rowlandson |
| Mudbash 2013                                | Louise Pocock           | Steven Rowlandson               |
| Surfmoot 2013                               | Alisha Clarke           | Daniel Vriens                   |
| Rover Scout Motorsport                      | Caitlin Hards           | Peter Gibson                    |
| WAM Contingent                              | Nicole Ryan             | Greg Davies                     |
| Moot 2016 Development                       | Caitlin Brideson        | Greg Davies                     |

### Branch Events

| Event             | Chairman      | Region Host   |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| MARB 2012         | Dale Krummins | Bays          |
| Rover Dinner 2012 | Andrew Clark  | Plenty Valley |



# Branch Rover Council 2013-2014 Incoming Team



## Branch Rover Council 2013-2014

|                  |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| David King       | Chairman                       |
| Lisa Van Meurs   | Deputy Chairman                |
| Aidan Ritchie    | Assistant Chairman             |
| Morris Orchard   | Training Officer               |
| Sami Ferris      | Minutes Secretary              |
| Shaun Smith      | Adventurous Activities Officer |
| Chris Neilsen    | Environment Officer            |
| Daniel Ingamells | Resources Officer              |
| Tamara Williams  | Journalist                     |
| Vacancy          | Marketing Officer              |
| Lachlan Preston  | NRC Delegate                   |

## Sub Committees 2013-2014

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Alisha Clarke         | Surfmoot Chairman                               |
| Lou Pocock            | Mudbash Chairman                                |
| Michelle Anderson     | MARB Chairman 2013                              |
| Sarah Marriott        | Rover Dinner Chairman 2013                      |
| Nicole Ryan           | WAM 2012 Contingent Leader                      |
| Andrew "Cookie" Cooke | Rover Scout Motorsport Chairman                 |
| Jono Warren           | Bogong CMG Chairman                             |
| Jake O'Halloran       | W.F. Waters Lodge / Baw Baw Rover Crew Chairman |
| Andrew "Donuts" Clark | Mafeking Rover Park COM Chairman                |

## Region Rover Communities 2013-2014

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Brady Mitchell     | Bays            |
| Mitch Kraan        | Gippsland       |
| Catherine Paterson | Lerderderg      |
| Chris Tagle        | Melbourne       |
| Dale Sheehan       | Mt Dandenong    |
| Nathan Pearson     | Murray Midlands |
| Andrew Scoular     | Plenty Valley   |
| Nathan Delaney     | South West      |





## Victorian Rovers



# Baden Powell Scout Award

The Baden Powell Scout Award (BPSA) is the highest Scouting award available to Youth in Australia. This Award is designed to challenge and test all who set out to achieve this prestigious Award. It takes into consideration the Aims of Scouting, to encourage the Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, Social and Spiritual Development of young people.

| Name            | Crew          | Group               | District          | Region        |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Rachael Boyd    | Ria Warrah    | Narre Warren        | Casey             | Bays          |
| Travis Grundell | Boss Hurst    | Otway Foresters 1st | Geelong Peninsula | South West    |
| Gregory Dack    | Wiara         | Mentone             | Kingston          | Bays          |
| Erica Halliwell | Wheelers      | Wheelers Hill 1st   | Monash            | Mt Dandenong  |
| Kathleen Pearce | Lasseter      | Maroondah 1st       | Maroondah         | Mt Dandenong  |
| Mark Rashleigh  | John Gardiner | Glen Iris 1st       | Boroondara        | Melbourne     |
| Jessica Watling | Sugarloaf     | Eltham North        | Nillumbik         | Plenty Valley |



# W.F. Waters Rover Service Award

A number of years ago, the National Rover Council introduced a National Rover Service Award that would be awarded within each Branch. The Victorian BRC decided that the most suitable person that the award would named in honour of was W.F. Waters.

W.F. (Bill) Waters was Headquarters Commissioner for Rovers for 35 years. Under his guidance and leadership, Victorian Rovers developed and built the Bogong & Baw Baw Rover Lodges, lead the way in activities (eg: Ski touring, bushwalking, etc.), ran the 7th World Moot and created the backbone of modern Rovering across the Country.

With this award, we acknowledge those who have contributed to Victorian Rovering over a number of years and provided outstanding service to the section.

| Name             | Crew                     | Group                     | District           | Region           |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Jamie Anderson   | Rover Advisor Harrison   | Sandringham 1st           | Bayside            | Melbourne        |
| Kevin Bird       | Fellowship               | ASF - Mafeking Rover Park | Victorian Rovers   | Victorian Branch |
| Rachael Boyd     | Ria Warrah               | Narre Warren              | Casey              | Bays             |
| Alisha Clarke    | Berembong                | Keilor 5th                | Moonee Valley      | Lerderberg       |
| Ashley Comer     | Bulleen                  | Templestowe Lower 1st     | Manningham         | Mt Dandenong     |
| Matthew Conway   | Ogilvy                   | Emerald 1st               | Sherbrooke Forest  | Mt Dandenong     |
| David King       | Old Scotch               | Hawthorn 1st              | Boroondara         | Melbourne        |
| Andrew Millsom   | Martin Walker            | Yinnar 1st                | Strzelecki         | Gippsland        |
| Morris Orchard   | Hatfield                 | Bennettswood 1st          | Whitehorse         | Mt Dandenong     |
| Aidan Ritchie    | John Gardiner            | Glen Iris 1st             | Boroondara         | Melbourne        |
| Robert Sanderson | Rover Advisor Wurundjeri | Sunbury 1st               | Hume               | Plenty Valley    |
| Hayden Smith     | Bevan Trimble            | Bendigo 1st               | Bendigo            | Murray Midlands  |
| Nicole Strachan  | Boss Hurst               | Otway Foresters 1st       | Geelong Peninsular | South West       |
| Desmond Trott    | Rover Advisor            | Corhanwarrabul RC         | City of Knox       | Mt Dandenong     |
| Ross Tuddin      | Warringal                | Reservoir 1st             | Moreland           | Plenty Valley    |
| Daniel Vriens    | Surfmoot Rover Advisor   | Branch Rover Council      | Victorian Rovers   | Victorian Branch |

# Rover Wood Badge



The pinnacle of the successful completion of Advanced Training within Scouts, this certification identifies members who have put in many hours of work to develop their knowledge in the areas relevant to the section that they have recieved their woodbeads within. The use of Woodbeads to signify this certification was based on the necklace Baden Powell was awarded by the Zulu People during his time with the army.

As part of the Rover Scout Section, members are permitted to partake in the Adult Training Program and are eligible to complete their Wood Badge training.

| Name              | Role          | Crew              | District           | Region       |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Jamie Anderson    | Rover Advisor | Harrison          | Bayside            | Melbourne    |
| Anthony Clark     | Rover Advisor | Hatfield          | Whitehorse         | Mt Dandenong |
| Darren Miller     | Rover Advisor | Surrey Thomas     | Bayside            | Melbourne    |
| Aidan Ritchie     | Rover         | John Gardiner     | Boroondara         | Melbourne    |
| Nichole Strachan  | Rover         | Boss Hurst        | Geelong Peninsular | South West   |
| Lisa van Meurs    | Rover         | Boss Hurst        | Geelong Peninsular | South West   |
| Peter Wotherspoon | Commissioner  | South West Region | Geelong Region     | South West   |



## Awards

# Branch Commissioner's & Chairman's Award

### Branch Commissioner's Award:

Leah Gottschalk, Hec Sebire Rover Crew, Mt Dandenong Region

Tim Druce, Gaudion Rover Crew, Lerderderg Region

### Chairman's Award:

The Chairman and the BC were unanimous as to the recipients for their respective awards, and it was agreed to award two Branch Commissioner's award's for the year, and therefore to not award the Chairman's award.

## Baden Powell Lodge Service Award

Presented to a Crew within Victorian Rovers by the Baden Powell Freemason's Lodge. This award is designed to acknowledge the efforts and works of a Rover Crew specifically in the area of service as nominated by the Branch Rover Council.



For the 2012/2013 Year, the recipient was Lasseter Rover Crew, 1st Maroondah Scout Group, Maroondah District, Mt Dandenong.

## Rover Scout Motorsport Championship 2013

- 1st Place - Fort Nepean Rover Crew, Bays Region
- 2nd Place - Harrison Rover Crew, Melbourne Region
- 3rd Place - Amaroo Rover Crew, Lerderderg Region



## Clubman & Official of the Year

### Clubman of the Year:

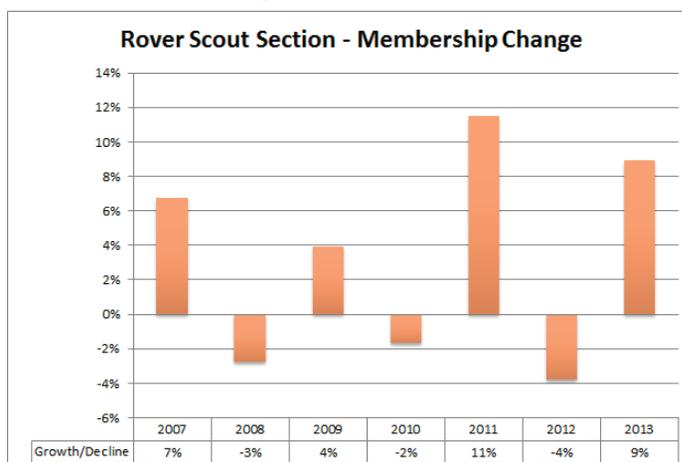
Andrew Sheerin, Surrey Thomas Rover Crew, Melbourne Region

### Official of the Year:

Darren Miller, Surrey Thomas Rover Crew, Melbourne Region

## Membership

# Census - Year Ending June 2013



| Region          | 2007       | 2008       | 2009       | 2010       | 2011        | 2012        | 2013        |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Branch Entities | 37         | 37         | 38         | 33         | 43          | 20          | 33          |
| Bays            | 120        | 127        | 136        | 135        | 144         | 137         | 163         |
| Gippsland       | 33         | 35         | 38         | 36         | 45          | 59          | 60          |
| Lerderderg      | 80         | 87         | 93         | 102        | 99          | 101         | 110         |
| Melbourne       | 148        | 131        | 130        | 130        | 147         | 160         | 157         |
| Mt Dandenong    | 276        | 265        | 285        | 277        | 307         | 274         | 305         |
| Murray Midlands | 58         | 67         | 68         | 64         | 75          | 67          | 83          |
| Plenty Valley   | 129        | 122        | 116        | 118        | 138         | 139         | 130         |
| South West      | 32         | 37         | 41         | 36         | 40          | 46          | 47          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>913</b> | <b>908</b> | <b>945</b> | <b>931</b> | <b>1038</b> | <b>1033</b> | <b>1088</b> |



# Victorian Rovers Chairman

The last twelve months as BRC Chairman have been exactly what I thought they would be – a rewarding challenge. I discovered that my biggest challenges were not faced in the places I expected to face them, but required courage, persistence, and dedication nonetheless. I have had some amazing supporters not just during my time as BRC Chairman but throughout my whole Roving career, those people know who they are and I would like to thank you. With every supporter come those who do not have faith in my leadership, I'd like to thank them also, for not only have they challenged my thoughts and actions, but such a challenge has made me, and my actions, better tuned to service the needs of Victorian Rovers. I hope that during my term I instilled some faith in my abilities.

As an Office Bearers group we have achieved a lot this year. I am incredibly proud of what the Office Bearers team of 2012-2013 has achieved. We have made great progress on our Strategic Plan. Some of our greatest achievements include, but are not limited to: completion of a Rover Code of Conduct, establishing a database of Victorian Rover Assets, updating the quality of Rover Government now and in future by mandating training prerequisites for all Community and Rover Government Chairmen to complete their Basic Training Course.

The weekly newsletter has also continued to improve and will only continue to become an invaluable tool the more the Rover section uses it. Our Scout Mag presence has been fantastic this year. Our journalist doesn't just write articles, she attends events and takes photos so that she has things to write about and represents the entire section. In saying this we still need to see more articles written by different people in the section, tell us about your crew nights, region events, anything at all. We are an amazing section doing amazing things, let's show this off to the rest of the movement, let Venturers and Scouts see what we are doing and make them want to be Rovers and grow this section. The team has worked hard to further our image outside of Roving, especially towards our other Scouting sections. It is always a challenge to demonstrate the greatness of Roving, and showcase our talents to overcome the stereotypes. I feel we have made our point clear to other Scouting sections that Rovers are no longer going to be the butt of jokes.

My main goal during my term was to provide as much support as possible to our Subcommittees, and to our Regions. I hope that everyone at some point has had some benefit of receiving support from not only myself, but the Office Bearers as well. I worked hard to mend broken relationships between committees and members, and hope that everyone either sees or will see the benefits of these efforts.

On this note, I'd also like to be sure that I did manage to "infect" all Rovers around me with a re-ignited passion for Roving. It's raw and vile, but it's pretty powerful, too. Sitting back and watching how well teams work, how much people love working towards a greater Roving Community shows me that the spirit of Roving is indeed an infection.

This past year, we've seen some great Roving successes. MARB 2012 was a highly successful event that managed to show all how important it is, and that it is more than relevant to the Roving program. Surfmoor, with all its challenging incidents across the weekend, was a resounding example of a great event and Rovers responding in times of crisis – congratulations to all involved for the manner in which you all handled several emergency situations, and simultaneously kept the event running for all. Special acknowledgement to the crew who saw the commotion and offered to help the committee continue the event in the meantime. It was an amazing example of what our section is truly about. Congratulations to the RSM committee on another successful motorsport season. And to Mudbash for making my last Mudbash the best and most memorable one yet.

Finally, I'd like to leave you with one thought. Look down at the shirt you are wearing. Now, look at the shirts worn by everyone else in the room. They are all the same. We are one team. We are Rovers Victoria. Not separate subcommittees and regions. We are one team, with one common goal. One common passion. . We are here to work with each other and help each other achieve all the amazing things that make Rovers Victoria what we are today. I hope these words stick with you throughout your Scouting careers.

Ashley Comer  
Chairman 2012-2013  
Branch Rover Council



## Victorian Rovers

# Branch Commissioner

The period under review was as actioned packed as always, with Rovers out and about doing various activities across the branch, nationally and internationally.

Surfmoot 2013th M.A.S.H was an excellent event attended by many of the Rover population. The event also highlighted how our teams come together and work for the benefit of Scouting and Community. Two incidents tested our teams ability to respond, and all of our people performed magnificently under pressure. The fact that apart from some extra attention of emergency services, many of the event participants were none the wiser to what was going on is testament to our event team's ability to keep things on track despite the challenges. Well done to all involved from Scout First Aid, Rover Fire Crew, works and services personnel, Police Scouters, the Surfmoot committee or anyone else that lent a hand. The events did highlight however, that there is more that can be done within our great organisation to support our membership post event. The Section will continue to work with Branch to ensure processes; procedures and support mechanisms are continually revised, reviewed and current.

During the year, our two ski chalets made significant inroads in promoting themselves within the Rover Section. Their respective Facebook presence has lifted communication and promotion of these unique assets. Over the year, Bogong Rover Chalet has actively promoted Ski Moot to the Rover section, and WF Waters Lodge Mt Baw Baw has engaged more broadly with Rover Communities to raise awareness and increase Rover participation both in management and attendance. As we look forward towards a new lease for Bogong, continued and active patronage and involvement from the Rover section is vital. Baw Baw faces different but equally unique challenges and I am pleased that both committees are tackling them head on while continuing to invest in the maintenance and upkeep of these great assets.

Mudbash and Rover Scout Motorsport continued to be a strong force for Rover participation. We have paused to review our operations for Mudbash as it has been a number of years since we did this, and I look forward to strong recommendations for how we take this 'premier' event forward.

This month, we celebrate the 21st anniversary of Mafeking Rover Park. In its short life, the Rover Section has developed an excellent facility for the benefit of all in Scouting and the broader community. The achievements over its first 21 years can be justly celebrated; Mafeking offers many Rovers the opportunity to "learn by doing," managing a large and complex property. It has many challenges, but plenty of opportunity. We are thankful to the Rovers of the past who had the foresight to purchase such a unique piece of real estate. Mafeking is a magnificent location, and I urge those reading this to come and visit and discover it for yourself.

Training has been a significant stand out activity for the section of the last year. Over 60 members were in attendance at our first "May Madness" weekend combined Basic and Advanced Rover courses at the very special Gilwell Park. My thanks to the Rover training team members who made this course a reality, including updating and refreshing our advanced training. Many Rovers and Rover Advisors are now fulfilling their Wood Badge requirements, and partaking in special presentation to celebrate.

During the year, a number of Rovers, and other scout members from Victoria joined the Australian and New Zealand Contingent to 14th World Scout Moot in Quebec Canada. One of our largest contingents for some time. Those that went had an experience of a lifetime and have already commenced planning for the next World Moot. I am sure all participants will agree International Scouting is an unforgettable experience, and will encourage more Rovers to take up the challenge next time round.

A small dedicated team has been actively promoting Western Australian Moot (WAM) at the end of this calendar year. Pleasingly, our contingent numbers are well up on the previous moot. Victoria has also accepted an invitation to host the next Australian National Moot, and a small working group is actioning tasks to prepare us for this event. Look out for the official launch at the end of WAM.

Our membership Grew for the year at around 8%, which is a significant improvement on the year prior. I am pleased with this growth, and ever mindful of the administration hurdles that often prevent us reaching our full potential. Continuing focus on these, linking with Venturers through the Venturer Marketing Tool, and Active and vibrant Region Rover Communities will see us do well in the future.

During the year we had only a couple of team changes. James Stewart stepped down from the ARC-Rovers role in Plenty Valley after a number of years supporting the Community. James is now focussed on the next stage of his life with a young family and we wish him well.

After twelve years as Rover Advisor Mafeking Rover Park, Travis Barry has retired from this position. I would like to thank Travis for his years of service to Mafeking as both Adviser and Rover. His contribution has been significant and I wish him well in the next phase of his life.

Of course, the year had some sad moments too. Harold Gardiner, Branch Commissioner Rovers 1979-2004 passed away in late December 2012. Harold's contribution to Rovering in Victoria was massive. BC for over 25 years he oversaw the development of Rovering as we see it today, the formation of NRC, the purchase and development of Mafeking Rover Park, the 8th World Rover Moot, and Yea Moot. A trusted Adviser, friend, mentor to many, the Rovering community was deeply saddened by his passing.

More recently, Jack Maver, HQ Commissioner for Rovers 1965-70 passed away, and we give thanks for his over 60 years of Service to Scouting, and particular his contribution to our section.

Deputy Chairman, Hayden Smith, Assistant Chairman Brad Peters and all other Branch Office Bearers, Region Executives, Sub Committees and Advisors have all worked hard managing and developing Rovers in Victoria. My personal thanks for your collective efforts over the year.

The leadership of Victorian Rovers rests with the Chairman of Branch Rover Council. Ashley Comer fulfilled this duty for the year under report. I have deep respect for Ashley's ability to deal with complex problems in a fair and methodical manner. She has a lot of fun in Rovers, but has the respect of her peers for her leadership ability and can be justly proud of her achievements as a Rover. On a personal level, our conversations have been fun and fruitful. Congratulations Ferret from J Dog for an outstanding contribution to the Rover section.



Looking forward, we have the final pieces of the Rover review to implement, challenges in training, new leases and development opportunities for our properties, and the significant task of planning the next Australian Rover moot. The young Adult section of Scouting in Victoria is well placed in this our 95th year to deliver on the challenges that lie ahead.

Jody Freeman  
Branch Commissioner – Rover Scouts





## Victorian Rovers Deputy Chairman

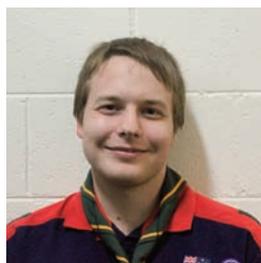
Over the past twelve months in my second term as Deputy Chair, I continued on with the projects that I had started in my first term. These were;



- Continue building the database for the crew swords register to collect all of the information about the ceremonial swords that we use in Rovers.
- I also continued holding informal meetings between members of the Branch Rover Council and the various subcommittee chairman's to strengthen relations between the two groups and to also give the chairman's an opportunity to effectively communicate between the other sub-committees.
- Organising and facilitating the two away meetings with having the first one in Gippsland Region before the Country Area Rover Ball, and the second meeting at the Warburton Memorial Chalet as an insight to newer members of one of our Rover properties.
- Representing the Branch Rover Council along with a couple of other Office Bearers at Mallee Rover Crews annual Mud Kamp near Wentworth.
- I also attended, with some other Office Bearers, the Sunraysia District Gangshow in Mildura.
- During the Region election season, I chaired the elections of South West and Murray Midlands Rover Communities. It was great to see how passionate these Rover Communities are in the continuation and expansion of Rovering in regional Victoria.

I would like to thank all of the Office Bearers from the last twelve months and all that we have achieved. Lastly, congratulations to all of the people receiving awards.

Hayden Smith  
Deputy Chairman 2012-2013  
Branch Rover Council



## Assistant Chairman

My year as Assistant Chairman was an interesting one. I think we can agree that 2012/13 was a good year for Victorian Rovering, despite a few challenges here and there. I took on a lot of the administrative work of the Chairmans Team this year, in addition to continuing the work on reviewing the BRC Policy Book. I would like to thank Matt Conway, Ryan Beeby, Sue Tanck, Nathan Pearson and Aidan Ritchie for the work that they have put into this continuing project. The Policy Book needs to stay in touch with Victorian Rovering so that it is actually useful to the BRC. I look forward to this project completion in the coming year so that the following Assistant Chairmen only need to make sure that we keep things up to date.

I attended the National Rover Council in Brisbane last January, which was quite interesting in itself, and also lead to doing a lot of work with the new Baden Powell Scout Award, including a nationally consistent Squire Training scheme. I think that this was the most promising change from in the Rovering Toward 2020 review.

It was great to see Ryan Beeby and the rest of the Rover Training Team continue to encourage Rover training this year, with help from some of the Rovers who have been through Training in the previous 12 months, especially Lachlan Preston, who treats the scheduled training calendar with casual contempt and just organises courses when people want to do them. We ran our first Advanced course with eLearning, which was the biggest AST ever. What was particularly encouraging was the number of people who showed interest in upcoming courses.

I would like to note my own congratulations to the Surfmoort committee, who were able to run their event almost without a hitch, despite all the challenges that they faced.

After a very stable 2011-13 Office Bearers Group, it's good to see some changes have been made for 2013/14. But I would like to make a special note of the experience that left the table at the end of the 2013 term, beginning with Ross Tuddin, the last Rover left who was a member of BRC when I started in 2008; as well as Nathan Pearson, Caitlin Brideson, Ashley Comer and Hayden Smith, all of whom have also been fixtures 'around the table' for a number of years. It's going to be exciting to see what changes the new blood will bring.

Speaking of personnel changes, at Christmas Harold Gardiner, Branch Commissioner for Rovers between 1979 and 2004, went home. It is appropriate to remember here at the Rover Dinner, where we present the WF Waters Rover Serv-

ice Award, that everything we do in Victorian Rovering, from Mudbash to the fact that we have Rovers presenting Rover Training, to our self-management structures at Branch, Region and Crew level and running our three fantastic assets, all of it is only possible because we stand on the shoulders of giants. While I never had the pleasure of meeting him personally, I know that Harold was one of those giants.

Looking ahead to the challenges that 2014 is going to bring, such as the next biannual conference, the last of the changes from the Rovering Towards 2020 Review and sustaining our membership growth, I wish David King and his team all the best.

Brad Peters  
Assistant Chairman 2012-2013  
Branch Rover Council

## Victorian Rovers

# Training



I'd like to open with an acknowledgement to all those who have interacted with Rover Scout Training in Victoria over this 2012-13 reporting year. More than 175 members attended courses coordinated by the Rover Training Team, who coordinated the 12 various courses to the highest standards, resulting in the best uptake of training by Victorian Rover Scouts and Rover Advisers to date.

This excellent result could not have occurred without the support of the dedicated and passionate Rover Training Team, in conjunction with all those that assisted myself and my team in any amount be it through promotion, administration, catering, presenting, tutoring, mentoring, guest speaking, course leading or otherwise. It has been a pleasure to work with so many people, and in conjunction with the Branch Training Council, provide for the training needs of the section in a modern and contemporary fashion.

In a similar way that last years Rover Training Team, lead by Brad Peters, updated the Basic Sectional Techniques for Rover Scouts course to better take advantage of the newly introduced eLearning platform, the team this year was able to adapt the Advanced Sectional Techniques for Rover Scouts course and adopted an "orientation afternoon plus weekend" format for it. These two modernised courses, in addition to the 2013 Rover Adviser seminar, ran concurrently during a weekend marketed at Gilwell Scout Park as "May Training Madness" and involved 80 members. The "Rover Training Victoria" Facebook page continued to be a great promotional tool for this and other events through the past 12 months.

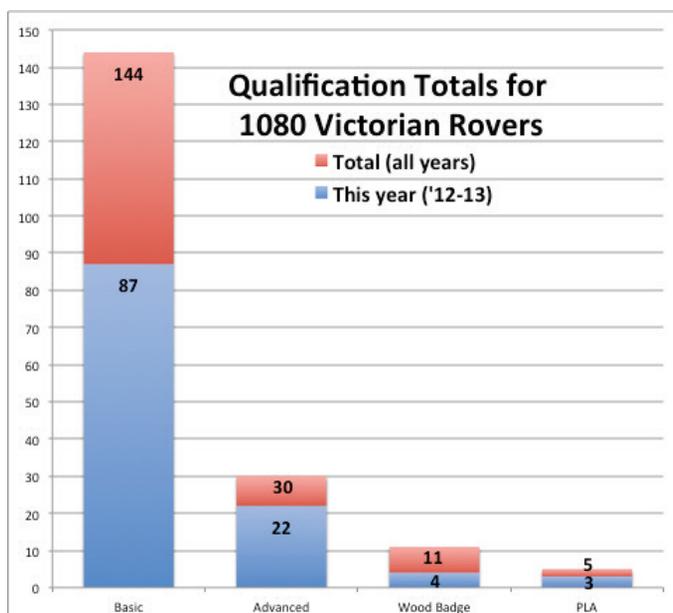
During the year the Branch Rover Council adopted a policy to ensure that candidates for election into senior leadership roles possess adequate training and qualification for their intended positions. This has been a received well by Rovering in other states, as well as Scouting at large and is a positive sign of the ability for Rover Scouts in this Branch to continue it's self-management and react to external expectations.

There are opportunities for the officer in the ensuing year to continue supporting this strong growth and interest in Rover Training by harnessing links between the new Baden Powell Award Scheme and the national Wood Badge syllabus while pursuing better use of the Personal Leader Advisor method for mentoring within the section. The value of the VicRovers Induction and Introduction to Rovering seminar programs have been seen and will continue as important networking and development opportunities for both participants and new presenters alike. I give my best wishes to Morris Orchard who carries onwards this year in the Training Officer role.

While I am sure the attendance numbers elsewhere in this report will give you an insight for participation your local area, I draw your attention to the chart of total qualification numbers for Rover Scouts across the state. Not only does it highlight the significant number of highly qualified members, it also indicates that there is, on average, at least one Basic Qualified Rover per Crew across the state.

The investment that all young adults in the section have made in their own development via training ensures that Victorian Rover Scouts remain in a fantastic position to continue offering a high quality program to our membership.

Ryan Beeby  
Training Officer 2012-2013  
Branch Rover Council





# Victorian Rovers Financial Statement

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - VICTORIAN BRANCH ROVER COUNCIL  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

|                                   | 2013<br>\$       | 2012<br>\$       |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>EQUITY</b>                     |                  |                  |
| Retained Earnings                 | 1,181,152        | 1,149,923        |
| <b>BRANCH CONSOLIDATED EQUITY</b> | <u>1,181,152</u> | <u>1,149,923</u> |
| <b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>            |                  |                  |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                     |                  |                  |
| Cash at Bank                      | 527,507          | 461,462          |
| Debtors                           | 3,105            | 27,676           |
| Prepayments                       | 22,267           | 27,767           |
| Stock at deemed cost              | 9,756            | 6,130            |
| Advances Other                    | (2,787)          | 6,362            |
| Victorian Branch Grant            | 14,505           | 14,060           |
|                                   | <u>574,353</u>   | <u>543,457</u>   |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>               |                  |                  |
| Land at Cost                      | 185,000          | 185,000          |
| Buildings                         | 651,434          | 646,262          |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation    | (206,219)        | (169,722)        |
|                                   | <u>445,215</u>   | <u>476,540</u>   |
| Plant & Equipment                 | 285,422          | 273,120          |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation    | (225,547)        | (216,938)        |
|                                   | 59,875           | 56,182           |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>         | <u>690,090</u>   | <u>717,722</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>               | <u>1,264,443</u> | <u>1,261,179</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                |                  |                  |
| Creditors                         | 1,756            | 26,970           |
| Amounts received in advance       | 81,535           | 84,286           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>          | <u>83,291</u>    | <u>111,256</u>   |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                 | <u>1,181,152</u> | <u>1,149,923</u> |

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - VICTORIAN BRANCH ROVER COUNCIL  
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

|  | 2013<br>\$       | 2012<br>\$       |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                                      |                  |                  |
| Member activities received                         | 486,960          | 494,613          |
| Less in advance                                    | (81,535)         | (84,286)         |
|  | 405,425          | 410,327          |
| Sundry Income                                      | 162              | 3,816            |
| Interest   | 12,819           | 13,715           |
|  | 418,406          | 427,858          |
| <b>LESS OVERHEADS INCLUDING DEPRECIATION</b>       | 401,287          | 380,864          |
| <b>OPERATING PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>               | <u>17,119</u>    | <u>46,994</u>    |
| <b>BRANCH CONSOLIDATED BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b> | 1,149,923        | 1,071,553        |
| <b>UNDERSTATED RETAINED EARNINGS PRIOR YEAR</b>    | 14,110           | 31,376           |
| <b>BRANCH CONSOLIDATED BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <u>1,181,152</u> | <u>1,149,923</u> |

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for the members of Victorian Branch Rover Council, Scouts Australia.

The members of the Victorian Branch Rover Council are of the opinion that the entity is not a reporting entity as defined.

This report has been prepared for the twelve months ended 30 June 2013. Prior period comparative results are for the twelve months ended 30 June 2012.

Consistent accounting policies have been adopted for the current and comparative period. They comply with all appropriate accounting standards using the accruals and going concern basis of accounting, and are in accordance with Group Accounting Policy of The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch.

Historical cost records have been used except where stated otherwise. Under the rules of mutuality, the entity is exempt from income tax under Division 50 on member activities.

In the opinion of the members of the Victorian Branch Rover Council, the financial statements of the consolidated Branch Rover Council are in accordance with applicable accounting standards consistently applied for a special purpose report.

(i) giving a true and fair view of the Branch Rover Council's financial position as at 30th June 2013 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

(ii) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Branch Rover Council will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

# Victorian Rovers

## Treasurer



The financial statements of the Branch Rover Council consist of ten operating entities. Three of these entities are associated with real property managed on behalf of the Branch Rover Council by management subcommittees:

1. Bogong Chalet Management Group operate the ski chalet at Mount Bogong;
2. WF Waters Ski Lodge is situated at Mount Baw Baw and controlled by The Baw Baw Rover Crew, and
3. The Mafeking Rover Park Committee of Management administer campsite operations of Mafeking Rover Park located in Caveat, Victoria.

The Branch Rover Council has reported a turnover of \$418,406 for the year ended 30 June 2013 (2012: \$427,858) and a net surplus of \$17,119. The net surplus is down by \$29,875 from the prior year. As of 30 June 2013, cash assets equate to \$527,507 (last year: \$461,462) and total assets are \$1,264,443.

### Breakdown of assets (at cost) and income between Branch Rover Council sub-committees for the year ended 30 June 2013

| Branch Rover Council Sub-committee | Total Assets<br>(\$ at cost)<br>As at 30 June 2013 | Turnover \$<br>for the year ended<br>30 June 2013 |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Branch Rover Council               | 120,488  | 22,147  |
| Bogong Chalet Management Group     | 395,145  | 83,999  |
| Baw Baw Rover Crew                 | 221,133  | 68,498  |
| Mafeking Rover Park                | 454,599  | 52,966  |
| MARB                               | 15,275   | 27,720  |
| Rover Scout Motorsport             | 10,225   | 24,088  |
| Rover Scout Mudbash                | 60,075   | 81,694  |
| Rover Scout Surfmoor               | 11,864   | 57,294  |
|                                    | <hr/>  | <hr/>   |
|                                    | \$1,288,804  | \$418,406   |

My thanks to the team of Treasurers managing the Rover section in Victoria. Activity committees elect a Rover as Treasurer and Rovers take on the challenge of managing complex and time consuming financial management tasks.

The range of treasurer activities encompasses co-ordination of event gate sales, ticketing, budgeting, insurance, banking, record keeping, accounting and reporting. I commend and thank the Rovers that took on this demanding and challenging role during the year.

Simon R. Millar CA  
Honorary Treasurer  
Victorian Branch Rover Council







The 2012-2013 year has been a good year for Bays region, with both Brady Mitchell and myself being new to the region exec and Caitie Thorne coming back to be Treasurer/Secretary role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Caitie and Brady for all their help this year, as well as Drew for always assisting and guiding us.

I would like to congratulate the Region on such a successful year, good luck to the incoming committee of Brady Mitchell, Jackie Watkins, Jess Berton and Caitie Thorne, I am sure you will do a fantastic job.

### Membership:

Growth has been one of the big achievements this year, we grew 22.79 %. This is adding a new crew down the South-East end of the region, Odonata RC, based out of Koo Wee Rup. Unfortunately the region has had two Crews go into Recession, Ashanti-Kyemma (Devon Meadows) and Bunerong (Springvale).

### Region Gatherings:

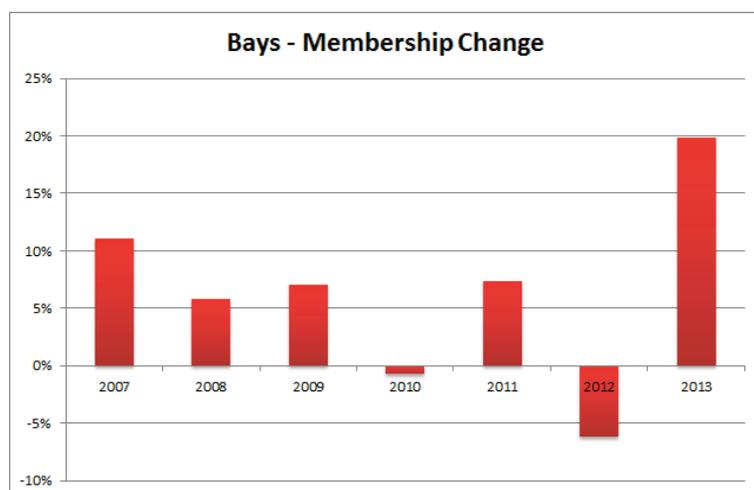
At the start of 2013 the region was no longer able to meet at our 'Home' hall, Mackie Rd in Bentleigh. This enabled the region meetings to move around locations, from Kurll's Own in Endeavour Hills to Odonata in Koo Wee Rup, and even down to visit Fort Nepean in Rye for a Pub meal before the meeting. It was a good way of sharing around the travel costs between crews, as we all know petrol is not cheap!

### Baden Powell Scout Awards:

Bays also had the great opportunity in December 2012 to see two Bays Rovers receive their Baden Powell Awards at Government house, Greg Dack and Tania Atkins, congratulations to them both on this great achievement.

### W.F. Waters Awards:

This year we would like to congratulate Rachael Boyd from Ria Warrarah, on achieving the WF Waters Award for her wonderful contribution to Rovering over the years.



### Region Events:

Bays region were lucky enough to host MARB2012, I would like to take this time to congratulate Dale Krumins, Steph Boemo and their wonderful team on putting on an excellent event, that I am sure everyone who went enjoyed.

### Leadership Team:

Chairman: Ian Lamb

Deputy Chairman: Brady Mitchell

Secretary / Treasurer: Caitie Thorne





## Rover Communities Gippsland



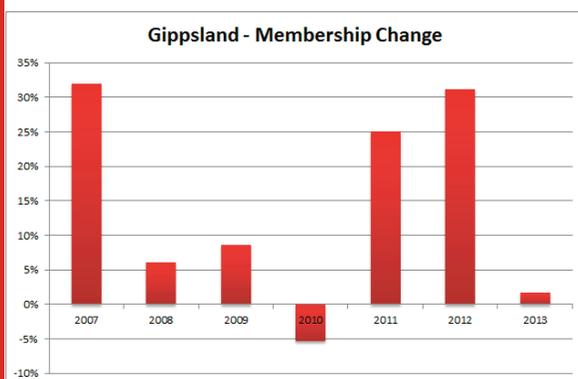
**Region Chairman:** Mitchell Kraan

The 2012-2013 year has been a highly successful one for the newly minted Gippsland Rovers (formerly Eastern Region Rover Community). A series of great events both large and small, a range of service and outdoor pursuits and the growing strength of many of the crews in our Region has made this a year of which to be very proud.

A huge thanks to my wonderful Region team, to Peter Gibson (ARC) for his constant guidance, and for all the Crew leadership teams and Gippsland Rovers that made the past 12 months such a joy.

### **Membership:**

This year we successfully recorded our 3rd consecutive year of membership growth. We've continued to work with our Crews, especially in the area of programming, to assist both with member retention and attracting new members from within and outside of the movement.



### **Region Events:**

A special focus was made this year on Crews running events for the whole Region to attend, with highlights including a vintage console games night, Highland Games, pong tournament, country hoe-down, prohibition-themed Christmas party and a visit to 'Meeniyan on Fire'. As well as being fun stand-alone events, the chance to interact with other Rovers from around the Region has had a number of other benefits, including closer ties between the Crews, and hopefully even more shared programming in the time to come

### **WF Water Awardees:**

Congratulations to Andrew Millsom from Martin Walker Rover Crew on being awarded this year. Andrew has provided valuable service to both our Region, and to greater Roving, especially to RSM. Well done!

### **Service:**

In addition to our usual service commitments, we've had a couple of big-ticket items over the last 12 months. We were approached by the team from perennial Venturer favourite Anything Goes, and the Region team took on the task of coordinating the entire Rover presence on site, from catering to works and services. A special thanks to Kyle Livingstone for taking the lead on this big project. The system developed was so successful, it's now being exported to other Venturer events around Victoria.

4 Gippsland Rovers were also lucky enough to accompany the pre-tour team for the 12th NZ Venture in a number of service roles, including event management, catering and first aid. By all accounts they were fine representatives of the Roving section, and had a lot of fun.

### **CARB - When I Grow Up:**

CARB is a social event, a night of food and live music for Rovers from throughout the state to let their hair down, while showing off the best of what Country Roving has to offer. This was the first time the event had been held in our Region, and the organising committee comprised of Rovers from across our many crews did a stellar job of coming together and making the event a success. The theme of 'When I Grow Up' attracted a wide variety of interpretations, while the delicious meal and lively entertainment made it a night to remember.

### **Leadership Team:**

Chairman: Mitch Kraan  
Deputy Chairman: Kyle Livingstone  
Secretary: Claire Morrissey  
Treasurer: Alison Roberts  
Venturer Liaison: Alex Kovacs  
Venturer Liaison: Anthony Thomas  
BRC Representative: Zebe Tierney  
BRC Representative: Jami Heal  
Property Officer: Kat Gourley

# Rover Communities

## Lerderderg



**Region Chairman:** Emilie Burrows



### Region Highlights:

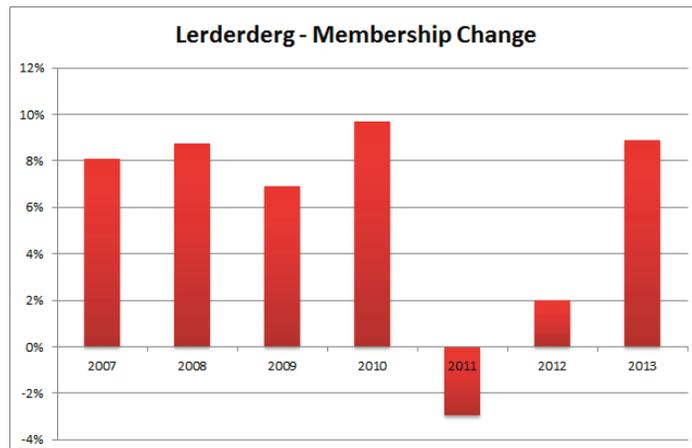
- Wilf Kendall and Kulamunga Rover Crews joined forces and started actively engaging with the Venturers in their district. We hope that this will lead to the successful rejuvenation of both crews
- Bundaleer Rover Crew again showed the way in being one of our strongest crews - regularly meeting with their feed Venturer Units as well as promoting themselves in the community.
- New crew Derrick Foden had further growth in numbers and further developed into a strong Rover crew
- Derrimut Rovers demonstrated fantastic support for their members and showed great personal development dealing with several issues within the crew
- Gaudion Rover Crew took the first steps in promoting themselves to Venturers and the wider community. Like Wilf Kendall and Kulamunga we hope this will lead to the rejuvenation of this crew. The work of Scott Harrison in this area is to be commended.

### Region Gatherings:

This year has been a challenging year for our Community. We struggled to get numbers to our regions meetings and have now looked at a number of ways we can change that for the coming year.

### Membership:

This year, Lerderderg Rover Community increased and returned to similar levels seen prior to 2011. It is pleasing to see the Region has increased in membership.



### Training:

We had a number of members from the region attend the May Madness Training Courses, including 2 RA's as well as a number of Rovers attending other courses throughout the year.

### Leadership Team:

Chairman: Emilie Burrows  
 Treasurer: Lucas Hosking  
 Secretary: Lucy Bradley  
 BRC Representative: Annie Phelan  
 BRC Representative: William Flynn  
 Development Officer: Dan Caddick  
 Development Officer: Daniel Webb  
 Development Officer: Brad Gary Nithsdale

### W.F. Waters Awardees

Congratulations to Alisha Clarke of Berembong Rover Crew who this year has achieved the WF Waters Award.





# Rover Communities Melbourne



**Region Chairman (until June):** Stephen Perichon  
**Region Chairman (June-July):** Michelle Anderson

### MEMBERSHIP:

Numbers in Melbourne Region were up slightly this year. We currently have 166 Rovers in 15 Crews.

This year we re-opened Macleay Rover Crew at 1st North Balwyn Scout Group, we also started a new crew, Harpatkah at 3rd St Kilda Scout Group. We are also currently working on another new Rover Crew in the Malvern area, that will be starting with in the next few months.

### TRAINING:

16 Rover Basic Attendees (2 RAs, 14 Rovers), 5 Rover Advanced Attendees (2 RAs, 3 Rovers)  
2 Rover Advisors, Darren Miller (Surrey Thomas RC) & Jamie Anderson (Harrison RC), and 2 Rovers, Aidan Ritchie (John Gardiner RC) & Rachael Boyd (Ria Warrah RC) have also been awarded their Wood Badges.

### BP AWARDEES:

Melbourne Region would like to congratulate Mark Rashleigh from John Gardiner Rover Crew and Rachael Boyd from Ria Warrah Rover Crew for completing their Baden Powell Scout Awards

### WF WATERS AWARDEES:

Jamie Anderson, Rover Advisor – Harrison Rover Crew  
Rachael Boyd – Ria Warrah Rover Crew  
David King – Old Scotch Rover Crew  
Aidan Ritchie – John Gardiner Rover Crew



### FULL REPORT:

This year has been an eventful one for the Region, with new Crews, lots of Training and lots of Awards. We as a team look forward to seeing all of this continue in the coming years and many more great things from Melbourne Region. Hopefully we can keep our Crews engaged and keep up our active program of Racing, Skiing, the Shows and the general Rover program of fun nights and adventures. I wish all the best to the new Leadership Team and the new Chairman, Chris.

### Leadership Team:

Acting Chairman: Michelle Anderson  
Secretary/Treasurer: David King  
Development Officers: Aidan Ritchie, Tim Astengo and Tyler Redman  
ARC Rovers: Tony Nathan

### Districts and Crews:

|                    |                        |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bayside:           | Glen Eira Stonnington: | Boroondara:            |
| Everest Le Page RC | Ettamogah RC           | Carlton RC             |
| Harrison RC        | Harpatkah RC (New)     | Douttagalla RC         |
| Ria Warrah RC      | Hellsgate RC           | Ivan Stevens RC        |
| Surrey Thomas RC   |                        | John Gardiner RC       |
|                    |                        | Macleay RC (Re-opened) |
|                    |                        | Mullumbimba RC         |
|                    |                        | Old Scotch RC          |
|                    |                        | Raisbeck RC            |

# Rover Communities

## Mt Dandenong



### Membership

**Region Chairman:** Daniel Ingamells

Every Mt Dandenong Region Rover should be proud for their efforts in recruiting and retaining our members this year. We saw massive growth of 10.26%, or 28 more Rovers, in our region since July 2012, which demonstrates the hard work each crew has put in. We have also seen a new crew, Croydon Hills, hit the ground running with more than 10 members and we hope they continue to grow and prosper in future years.

### Training

Didn't training go off with a bang in the past 12 months?! In April 2012, the Region created a policy to subsidise training costs to our members and this has definitely paid off! XXX Mt Dandenong Rovers completed their Basic Training this year and XXX did their Advanced Training. It has been great to see such a large amount of Rovers completing their training and learning how to help their crews and their section continue to develop and grow.

### Gatherings

Thanks to the hard work of immediate past Chairman, Tam, our monthly Region Gatherings have become "the place to be" on the first Wednesday of each month. We had excellent representation from our crews, with most attending at least quarterly and at least half there every month. We ran workshops on the BP award, Hoadley Hide Stunts and on what we would like to see at future events such as Surfmoort and National Moots. We also listened to guest speakers from within and outside of Scouting.

### Region Moot

Running a region camp as good as the inaugural Moist Moot 2012 was always going to be a challenge, but the "Honourable, Fearless, Moist Moot Chair King" (self-titled) Rachel Loft took it on head on and did a fantastic job. We almost doubled our numbers on the previous year and also introduced a host of new activities, but kept the all-round favourite, "stick throwing" competition. Congratulations to Blair Anderson and our chef Ashley Amy for taking out the male and female honours. We are sure your talents will be put to good use later in life.

### Playzone

Development officer Jono Warren ran our annual Region Venturer/Rover fundraiser at PlayZone in November. The night did not disappoint the Venturers or the Rovers, with over 150 people turning up to play on the giant indoor playground.

### Rover Dinner

This year, the time had come for our region to take on the task of hosting Rover Dinner. While still a work in progress, Sarah Marriott and her team has been working tirelessly to make sure the night runs without a hitch. By the time you're reading this, you will know how amazing she is!

### BP and Branch Awards

This year we had 2 Rovers complete their Baden Powell Scout Award; Kathleen Pearce and Erica Halliwell. Ashley "Ferret" Comer, Matt Conway and Morris Orchard have all been awarded the WF Waters award for their outstanding service to the section, as has Corhanwarrabul Rover Advisor Desmond Trott. These Rovers are all very worthy recipients of these awards and we extend our congratulations.

### 2012/2013 Region Executive

Chairman: Daniel Ingamells

Vice Chairman: Dale Sheehan

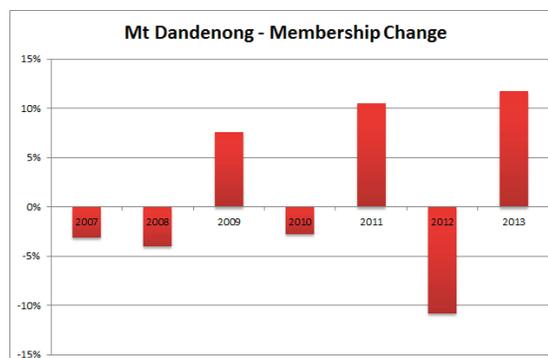
Secretary: Shelley Hafkensheid

Treasurer: Tamalane White

BRC Rep: Tamara Williams

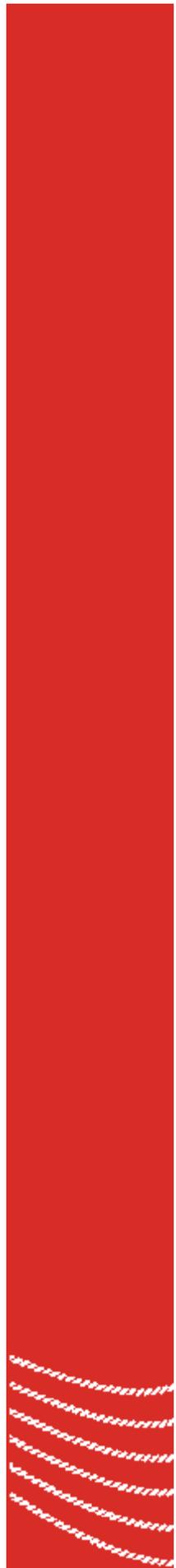
Development Officers: Sarah Marriott, Jono Warren, Nicole Ryan, Rachel Loft and Pippa Wiener.

ARC: Stephen Carter.



I would like to personally thank the Region executive team, who were very dedicated this year and who took on every challenge with enthusiasm. Without them, the region would simply not be in the position it is in today. Also, to every Rover in the Mt Dandenong Region, my thanks go out to you for continuing to build and maintain the highest standard of Roving in Australia. Finally, I implore everyone to get out there and enjoy what Scouting has to offer. Whether it be joining a committee, experiencing some of what our amazing Branch Activity Teams have to offer, or even trying something new with your crew, you won't find better opportunities to grow yourself anywhere in the world. Take advantage of it!







**Region Chairman:** Lachlan Preston

# Rover Communities Murray Midlands

## Membership

Murray Midlands Rover Community had a net membership growth of 20.9%. The most positive aspect of this was that all three Regions within Murray Midlands recorded membership growth, showing that this growth has been spread across all the Crews. This result was the second highest growth for the state this past year and can be put down to the hard work of our Crews and their willingness to take part in training.

## Training

For the second year in a row Murray Midlands hosted a Basic Training Course and once again it was very well supported by local Rovers. This year it was held in Mildura, following on from Ballarat in the previous term. As a result of this good effort the incoming Region Exec have all completed a Basic Course and 70% of our Crew Leaders have completed Basic Training.

## Gatherings

Monthly Gatherings were held on Skype and were reasonably well attended. Highlights included:

- Presentation from Chris Young about Mental Health First Aid Courses
- Speech and Q&A with Ashley 'Ferret' Comer about her time in Rovers
- Activity at Mudbash working on marketing for the Warburton Rover Chalet

## Community Moot Region Success Stories

- Rovers from Marcus Blount RC and Mallee RC helped organise and participated in Sunraysia Gang Show
- Ballentrae RC officially opened their new Rover Den
- Kulin RC won their cluster and came second overall for Best Stunt at Hoadley Hide
- Shepp RC reopened after closing part way through last year
- Rovers from Bundara RC helped organise and participated in Albury Gang Show
- Tom Mitchell were approved by the Region and BRC as a Crew
- Rovers from Marcus Blount RC and Mallee RC organised Mallee Mud Camp
- (insert success story from Bevan Trimble here)



I would personally like to thank all of the Region Executive and the Crew Leaders for their hard work throughout the year. Special thanks to Nathan, Lou and Steve for their assistance in making Mildura Basic Course the success that it was. This year our three focuses were Training, Membership Growth and the BP Award. We had great success with 20.9% membership growth and we more than doubled the number of Rovers with Basic Training in the Region. Less success with the BP Award, but with the new scheme coming in this is something for the Region to push for the coming year. I look forward to seeing the benefits of better trained Rovers in the coming year and hope we are able to establish more social events between the Crews given the large distances between us. The last two years have been a blast and I hope the Region will build from this base into an even stronger future.

## Leadership Team 2012-2013

- Chairman:**  
Lachlan Preston
- Deputy Chairman:**  
Lou Hodgetts
- Training Officer:**  
Nathan Pearson
- Secretary/Treasurer:**  
Junice Clarke
- Events Officer:**  
Carolyn Smith
- A.R.C. Rovers:**  
Mark 'Barney' Thornton

## Murray Midlands comprises the following Regions and Crews:

- Western Region:**  
Kulin RC  
Golden South RC  
Loddon Mallee Region  
Mallee RC  
Marcus Blount RC  
Bevan Trimble RC
- Northern Region:**  
Shepp RC (reopened)  
Ballentrae RC  
Bundara RC  
Tom Mitchell RC (new)

## WF Waters

Congratulations to Hayden Smith on being awarded the WF Waters Award. Thanks for your service to Roving.

## It's an Engagement!

Congratulations to Nathan Pearson and Rebecca Martin of Kulin Rover Crew on their engagement. Both give enormous service to the Region and wish them all the best!

# Rover Communities

## Plenty Valley



**Region Chairman:** Ross Tuddin

### Membership:

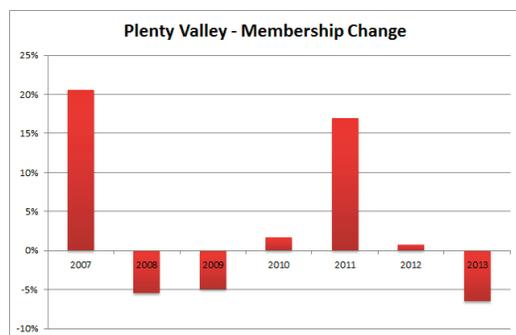
We started the year with 139 rovers and at census we had gone back to 126 (-13). This is a -9.35% in numbers over the year.

### Training:

We have had a greater number of rovers completing rover training this year than any other with 10 Rovers and RAs completing their Rover Basic sectional Techniques and another 5 Rovers and RAs completing their Rover Advanced Sectional Techniques. Basic Rover Sectional Training is subsidised by the region so I hope more rovers will do training next year. Across the region we also had 41 separate people complete Elearning rover modules including the Intro to Rovers Course, and I consider that a great achievement.

### Gatherings:

The monthly meetings have seen a good regular attendance of eight out of eleven crews. It has been good to see more crews attending our monthly meetings than last year and hopefully the trend will continue for the 2013/14 year.



### BP:

I would like to congratulate Jessica Watling on completing her Baden Powell Scout Award, the second rover from Plenty Valley to complete the badge.

### WF Waters:

Robert Anderson, the Rover Advisor of Wurundjeri Rover Crew, has deservedly been awarded the WF Waters Aware, for all his service.

### Goodbye:

This year we said good bye to James Stewart the Plenty Valley Assistant Region Commissioner Rovers. With the birth of his first Baby Emma Anne Stewart on 31st March 2013, James has resigned to spend more time with his new family. James has been the ARC Plenty Valley for 3 years and the ARC Manibobar for 7 years. We would like to wish him well in his future endeavours.

- Our region had a good representation at MARB 2012 The Good, the Bad and the Ugly with Sugarloaf Rover Crew running a region party bus. A great time was had by those present.
- A big thank you goes to Andrew Clarke and Craigieburn Rover Crew for organising Rover Dinner.
- Most crews also attended Surfmoor 2013 MASH MOOT. A great time was had by all and despite some of the more serious accidents that happened at the event.
- At Mudbash this year we had 4 cars participating under crews in our region Bloody Oath (Craigieburn), Shaw Thing (Kooranunda), Drop Bear (Managum) and Pace Car (Jika Jika). Congratulations to Bloody Oath for overall coming 3rd, 1st in the Fillies, 1st in the Motorkhana

Finally I would like to thank my Leadership Team, Andrew Scouler, Jarrod Bell and Anthony Buckley for their support this year. I couldn't have performed my job as Region Chairman without them.

### Leadership Team:

Chairman: Ross Tuddin

Deputy Chairman: Andrew Scouler

Secretary / Treasurer: Jarrod Bell

Development Officer: Anthony Buckley





**Region Chairman: Nathan Delaney**

# Rover Communities South West

## Membership

South West's membership has remained steady over the last 12 months. Our Crews continue to face the challenge of members relocating outside the Community for study, yet we have managed to maintain ties with a number of those who move away. The "Away Division" members, who remain active in their home Crew after relocating for study or work, are an important supplement to the regular attendees at each of our Crews. Both Community and Crew activities are well supported by all members of the Community.

## Training

Interest in Rover training has increased over the last 12 months, however due to a number of reasons, attendance at Rover training courses has not improved.

## Gatherings

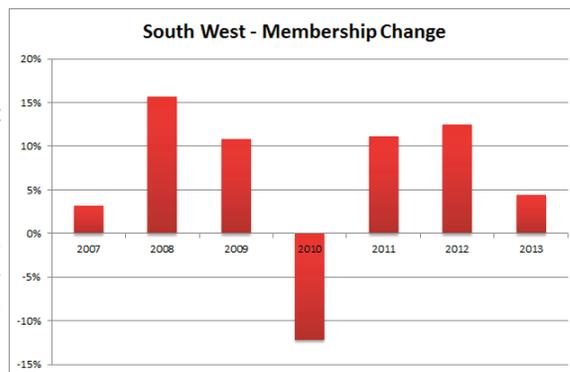
Quarterly Gatherings continued to unite our Crews over the course of the year. Held over full weekends, the business component of the Gatherings took place over a couple of hours with the remainder of our weekends catching up and maintaining the tight knit of our Community. The introduction of workshops to our Gatherings was well received, with a range of topics being covered:

- Quality Crews
- Hoadley Hide
- BPSA – current and proposed
- Messengers for Peace

Special thanks to the Crews who hosted Gatherings throughout the year.

## BP Awardees

South West Rover Community congratulates Tania Atkins of Boss Hurst RC who completed her BPSA during the year. Moving forward, it is great to see a renewed interest in the BPSA, with so many more of our Rovers taking submitting proposals!



With some pretty ambitious goals formulated at the start of the year, the Executive Team, Crews and all Rovers made significant progress across the board, but as is always the case in Rovering, there is a still a great deal of work to be done! I look forward to seeing the continued growth of both the quality and quantity of Rovering in South West over the years to come!

## Leadership Team 2012-13

Chairman: Nathan Delaney  
Vice Chairman/Secretary: Lillian Green  
Treasurer: Nicky Strachan  
Project Officers: Alex Pandik, Jonathan Graham, Ben Cardinal  
ARC Rovers: Peter Wotherspoon

## South West incorporates the following Regions and Crews:

West Coast Region:

- Mahogany RC
- Hampden RD
- Wannon RC

Geelong Region:

- Boss Hurst RC
- Yarrimbak RC
- Patanga RC

## Assets

# W.F. Waters Ski Lodge



### Membership:

The past two and a half years of heavily promoting the crew to gain new Rovers has finally paid off.

We have one young rover to be invested into the crew at this October's AGM, and four extras who've showed continued commitment over numerous months, whom we look forward to investing next year.

We will continue to promote the crew so that we can gain new members and retain an active rover age portion of the committee.



### Working bees:

Working bee attendance has increased, but will need to continue to be promoted so that we sustain numbers and outcomes, which is crucial to keep accommodation costs down.

### Bookings:

As we have a new incoming bookings officer, we will be looking at simplifying this role over the next year. We are considering modernising the role by using an online bookings system, therefore having the bookings officer more of a point of contact for the lodge rather than managing every aspect of the booking.

Summer bookings and winter mid week bookings are down as the regular families we have had for a number of years have all grown up. We are considering new ideas to promote our summer weekends such as hosting an initiative course yearly; mountain biking weekends and mail outs to scout troops.

Late last year we appointed a new rover advisor to the crew/committee.

Andrew Stuckey joins us after years of experience within the crew as well as with 1st lower templestowe scout group in numerous roles.

The crew sincerely thanks Tim Mepstead who held this role prior, for his years of service and dedication to the crew/committee.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my dedicated team for all their work. We've achieved a lot the past couple of years and I appreciate all their efforts.



If you're a rover between the ages of 18 and 25, and looking for a committee to join, please contact us via our Facebook page (W.F Waters Chalet).

Phoebe Brodal-Robertson  
W.F Waters Rover Chalet Chairman  
Branch Rover Council





Assets

# Bogong Rover Chalet



2013 has been a fantastic year for the Bogong Rover Chalet. We saw great attendance and usage over both summer and winter. It was a particularly good year with much high participation by Victorian Rovers, especially at the 2013 Ski Moot.

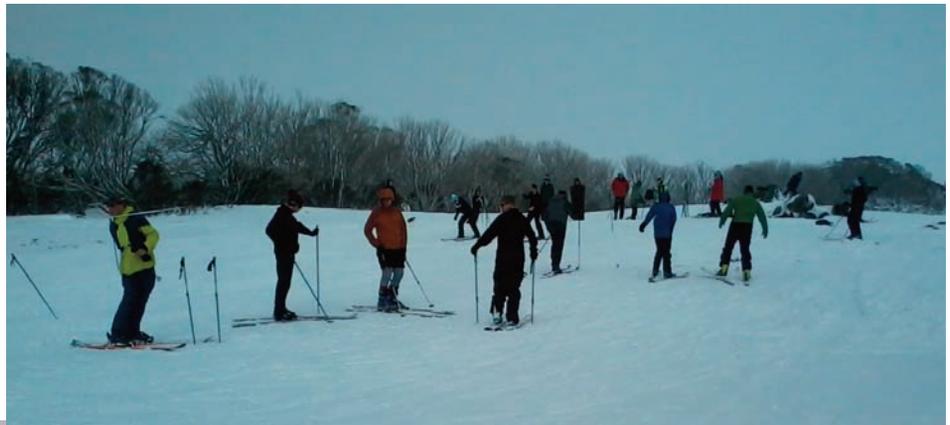
In addition to our standard maintenance activities over the summer, this year we installed a new diesel generator. This is a brand new unit that has a higher power output than our previous generator and should have increased efficiency.

The Bogong Rover Chalet lease is up for renewal in late 2014. A ease sub-committee has been formed and will be ready to engage with Parks Victoria for lease negotiations in the New Year. This is an exciting opportunity.

I want to say a huge thank you to the entire BCMG who do an amazing amount of work each year' as well as thanking everyone who has helped out with working bees throughout 2013.



Bryce Gibson  
Chairman 2012-2013  
Bogong Rover Chalet



## Assets

# Mafeking Rover Park



The past year has seen some rather big challenges overcome as a committee. As a result of these challenges Mafeking has been able to achieve some of our long term goals. It has been a busy and rewarding year, with many ups and downs.

I would like to commend the 2012-2013 committee for all their hard work and commitment. While it can sometimes be a thankless job, the end result and the self satisfaction of seeing The Park grow is something that everyone on the committee can be proud of.

Some significant highlights:

- 2012 Mafeking Masters 'All the wood' run by Andrew 'Donuts' Clark and Caitlin Brideson, was a huge success as an event and as a fundraiser.
- 2012 Rover Christmas Party run by Nicole Ryan, Tash Wallace and Caitlin Brideson, was a night enjoyed by all and another good fundraiser.
- 2013 Mafeking Open Day run by Caitlin Brideson with support from the Committee, had a great turn out from Cubs, Scouts and Families. Open Day is a big day on the Mafeking calendar and something that is growing to be a wonderful event for all Scouting members to enjoy.
- 2013 Mudbash 'Let the mud fly', the 21st Mudbash at Mafeking, was run



extremely well by the Mudbash Committee. The Mafeking Committee also put in a lot of time and effort to make the canteen a huge success once again.

Significant work that was undertaken/finished:

- The new shed was completed after a few years of hard work, thanks to Lachy Gordon for heading this project and all the people who have helped along the way.
- The Training Centre is very close to completion after a number of years of stalling. Thanks must go to Daniel Cook and Kevin Bird for heading this project and to everyone who has helped out. The Training Centre will be a great asset for Mafeking.
- We started to replace some of the fence line that was in dire need of replacement, this project will continue for some time to come. Thanks to Kyle Nash, Michael Quayle, Ash Hoover and many others for their hard work in getting this up and going.
- Our bookings system had a small review which helped increase our bookings for the year.
- The Business Plan is under review, which will allow for the next few years to be as productive as possible.
- Documentation of all buildings and infrastructure work has been put in place, this will make future works a lot easier to undertake.
- A new site vehicle was purchased and rebuilt, which has now been finished.
- The repeater tower has continued to be worked on, but is a bigger job than first thought.

While there was a significant bush fire within 10km of Mafeking over the summer, this has prompted us to take a bigger stand on our fire management plans, with a lot of work to be done in the coming year. While we know this is a real risk, the fire this summer brought home the fact that we need to act on this.

Finally we are in a pretty good spot financially which puts us in great stead for the coming year, with many projects coming to fruition. Once again thanks to my amazing committee and good luck to Andrew 'Donuts' Clark and his committee for the coming year, it is sure to be a big one.

Jackson Helmers  
Chairman  
Mafeking Rover Park Committee of Management





# Ma e in Rover ar Celebratin ears







# Country Area Rover Ball

When one imagines the world of Country Rovers, images may be conjured up of Akubras, farm work, and scariest of all, boring Roving.

In early 2012, Eastern Region's Rovers took on the challenge of dispelling these myths and revitalizing the Country Area Rover Ball (CARB), and turning it once again into Country Roving's premier event. The event is designed similarly to its city cousin MARB - a night of food and live music for Rovers from throughout the state to let their hair down, while showing off the best of what Country Roving has to offer. Rovers from throughout the region were assembled, led by co-conveners Kat Gourley and I, to discuss new ways to attract both Country and City Rovers to the event, and make it a lot of fun.

Various venues were investigated, before the committee decided on Caringal Scout Camp at Tyers Junction, close enough to the city to make travel easy, while still bush enough to represent the spirit of Country Roving. The committee was keen for attendees to be able to stay onsite after the event, and Caringal was ideal for this purpose.

When it came time to choose a theme, we stayed away from country-focused themes from CARBs of old, and choose instead to strike out anew. After much deliberation, we settled on 'When I Grow Up', hopeful of both bright, fun costumes and a unique decorating style (we certainly weren't disappointed).



With this decided, it was time to take our message to the people. Our theme and date were officially released at Mudbash 2012 and through vicrovers.com, supplemented with internet promotion coming up to the event. Tickets sold well, and the final preparations were put in place coming up to the big night.

On the Saturday the 24th of November, 70 Rovers headed up to Caringal saw our vision come to fruition. The main event was set up on the Caringal flats under a huge marquee, with areas both to sit and chat, and of course spots to dance the night away.

Costumes were varied and imaginative, ranging from classic 'I wanna be a...' jobs such as fireman and nurse to colourful characters from our childhood. Tables were covered with butcher's paper and crayons allowing for some very unique tablecloth designs by the end of the night.

Attendees were treated to a delicious 2-course meal prepared fresh onsite including tasty meat fresh from the spit, and a range of scrumptious desserts.

We were entertained throughout the night by the musical stylings of famed local Roving band 'Itchy Nipple', playing all the songs we know and love, and a few Roving staples, including Daryl Braithwaite's 'Horses' much to the crowd's delight.

The event wrapped up in the wee hours of the morning, with Rovers staying overnight onsite, and being treated to a hot breakfast before the ride home.

Kat and I would like to thank our wonderful and hard working committee; all the local businesses and Scouting folk who supported our event; Eastern Region ARC Rovers Peter Gibson for his guidance and encouragement; and of course the Rovers who came along and shared the evening with us – we hope you had a great time.

In 2013, CARB heads to South West Region, and we hope Rovers from throughout the state can get out and support Country Roving's premier event.

Come to CARB!  
Mitch Kraan  
Gippsland Region Chair & CARB Co-Convener



# Metropolitan Area Rover Ball



Last year I had the privilege to lead an extremely talented committee for the 2012 Melbourne annual rover ball. With a long history in the delivery and planning of scouting events, I knew that MARB would be an exciting endeavour for myself to take on.

Having worked on the 2008 'It's not easy being green' MARB, I had a fair idea on what planning an event of this scale entailed and therefore sought permission to form my committee before the completion of the 2011 event. This enabled us to put in the time that I felt that the event deserved.

Immediately after forming my committee, we acknowledged that the event was steadily losing Rover interest and required a kick-start, to optimise the event's potential. The first and foremost issue in which we encountered was the dwindling supply of venues permitting a BYO event. This challenge raised many questions and was a topic of much debate on the committee. Do we raise ticket prices and remove the BYO aspect of the event, or do we continue searching for a venue allowing us to operate in a familiar fashion? After one survey and countless conversations with the Roving Community later, the Committee concluded that restructuring the event and raising prices would be a risk too large for our liking.

Six months into the role, after close on 9 site inspections with different venues around Melbourne, we booked in Springvale Town hall for the 28th of July 2012. Unlike all the other venues we visited, Springvale town hall met our needs to a tee. Featuring both a large stage and a spacious area for dining, it was clear that the venue would allow us to provide a dinner event with a strong production value, for our aim of 550 attendees.



As many had figured out before us, marketing such an event to the Roving Community was inevitably going to be a challenge. Hoping to raise excitement about the event, we followed the theory that less information is more exciting than information overload. The majority of our marketing was communicated by our MARB mascot 'Pugly'. We also introduced a campaign to attract the newer and younger Rovers- 'MARB

Virgins'.

In efforts to increase our budget, we undertook fundraising activities such as raffle tickets and merchandise. This additional income proved to be worthwhile and made a substantial contribution to our profit.

To build upon existing Scouting relationships, the committee looked within the wide network of the Scouting movement to source production, transport and themeing from various companies and organisations such as, Melbourne Gang Show, VG Photography, Stagepass Production Systems, Lazenby Removals, PRG Australia and Utopia Audio Services who all provided considerable discounts for the use of their equipment and services.

MARB 2012 will always be a memorable venture for all who participated on the committee. From spending late nights making table decorations to the many committee meetings and themeing discussions, I deemed the event successful even if only for the friendships secured during the experience.

I would like to make special mention to amazing committee who without, I do not believe that I would have been able to achieve such a magnificent result.

2012 MARB Committee; Stephanie Boemo, Adele Mepstead, Marcus Holmes, Cherie Pickering, Bobbie Gardner, Kate McMillan, Daniel Freeman, Jasmine Dickson, Alan Lamb, Caitie Thorn, Cate-Linne Fraser, Tash Borg, and special mentions to our MARB RA David McKinnon and Region RA Drew Lazenby for all their guidance, assistance and support.

Dale Krumins  
MARB Chairman





# Events Mudbash

Hot pink was the colour of the year at Mudbash 2013, the 41st incarnation of the annual festival on racing, camping and general festivities. Almost 800 Rover participants and spectators as well as around 600 Open Day visitors was an excellent reward for the committee, that had worked tirelessly for the preceding 12 months to pull off the event.

Our rallying cry for the weekend was one that everyone took as their own - Hot Pink: GET ON IT! Craigieburn Rover Crew got so excited by the theme that they created a bright pink incarnation of their buggy, Bloody Oath, as well as running face painting on Open Day and collecting donations to raise more than \$1600 for the Breast Cancer Foundation.



We ran 15 racing tracks across the weekend, with the night time events once proving a great success, whilst the Obstacle Course challenged all those who took it on. After a three year hiatus, the outdoor stage made a return to the delight of many older Rovers. Rover favourites Snack Attack and DJ Yak kept the Rovers dancing late into the night, even with the chilly weather conditions.

As part of the Committee's ongoing efforts to broaden the range of activities available, new initiatives included having bands gracing the stage on Open Day, a gourmet tour of the surrounding townships, a running group and a Scout's Own as well as Open Day favourites such as Abseiling and the Car Smash. Once again Mudbash supported the Highlands-Caveat Brigade of the Country Fire Authority, who annually receives between \$1500 and \$2000 in donations and firewood sales from Mudbash making it a major fundraiser for the Brigade.



Mudbash 2013 also saw a greatly expanded Open Day program with more activities than ever before. The box-car races were a major hit with the kids, whilst the Leaders Tent provided much needed rest for the Leaders visiting for the day. There was so much entertainment and activities available that the committee actually received complaints from parents who hadn't been able to get to all the activities!

The overall winner for Mudbash 2013 was Black Sheep from New Zealand RSM, whilst Swamp Donkey from New South Wales RSM won the non-Rover section. Thanks to everyone involved for their hard work and we look forward to seeing everyone back for Mudbash 2014.



Louise Pocock  
Mudbash Chairman 2013  
Branch Rover Council

## Event Attendance Statistics

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| Vehicle Entries: | 41  |
| Presold Tickets: | 538 |
| Gate Tickets:    | 238 |
| Day Tickets:     | 654 |
| Total Campers:   | 811 |

## Events

# Surfmoot



I can safely say that Surfmoot 2013: MASH, wasn't what anyone expected.

Australia Day weekend 2013 saw 707 Rovers from all over Australia and New Zealand, share a weekend of great weather and good times.



A very successful event both in the running of the event and from a financial point. A brave committee mixed things up and tried new things with great results. Our onsite activities saw new twists, that some loved and some hated, aka the iron gut egg. Our offsite activities, once again, running in and around Anglesea were a hit, but as usual a lazy day by the river or at the beach always wins out. Night time entertainment was outstanding, with a huge turn out on Friday night to kick the event off with a bang. A DJ and a Band kept bring the tunes all weekend long, and Rovers never disappoint when given the chance to dress up. Theme nights were interesting to say the least.



A big thank you to all the committee members, you have been great, and this year you went above and beyond the call. You showed the real meaning of Rovers and Scouting, and accomplished something with such professionalism of paid professionals. I know it's a cliché but an event like this really can't run without you all.



I also want to thank the First Aid team, Police Scouters, and Matty McKernan and his Fire Team, without them our lives would of been much harder. A huge thank you to our bus drivers, bar tenders and Tee Sampson, a well deserving recipient of the Chairmans Award.

Surfmoot just keeps getting bigger and better, so make sure you don't miss out on Surfmoot 2014: Batmoot, as its guaranteed not to disappoint.

Alisha Clarke  
Surfmoot Chairman 2013  
Branch Rover Council



### Event Attendance Statistics

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| Presold Tickets: | 479 |
| Gate Tickets:    | 173 |
| Total Campers:   | 707 |



# International Events

## New Zealand Moot



Well what an adventure RapaMoot was...

This year's contingent consisted of ten Victorian Rovers and one Queensland Rover, headed up by fearless leader Lillian Green and her equally fearless assistant Leah Gottschalk.

New Zealand Moot provided us with many exciting activities and adventures, including pirate sword battles where Barb, Leah and myself were left to be the "West Island's" great hope. Tug-of-War saw our mixed team place second after one of the most epic battles I have ever seen at a Moot. As well as the 'mortal' activities there were service projects, tours and the highlight of the event for many of

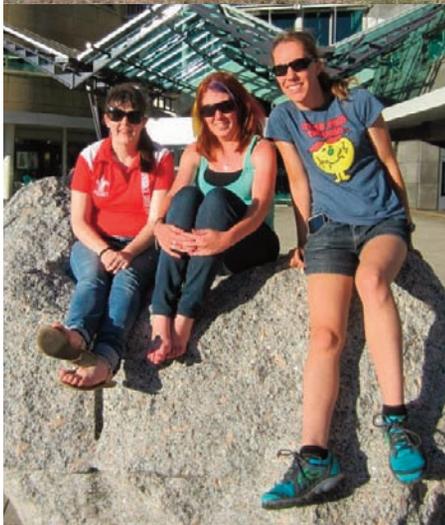
us – the Shooting Trophy.

At the conclusion of the moot, seven of the Victorian's continued on to post-moot tours. Travelling down and around the South Island of New Zealand, along a lot of scary one way bridges plus a few with train lines down the middle, just to change it up.

Highlights were the time spent in Queenstown watching Nathan bungy jumping and jet boating as a contingent.

I would like to thank Lil, Leah and our wonderful adviser Libby Davison for all the hard work they put into making this year's Australian Contingent happen.

Lillian Green  
Contingent Leader  
NZ Moot 2013



# Rover Scout Motorsport



What a wonderful year RSM has had. In the last twelve months, RSM has managed to pull off a number of fantastic events and activities for the Rovering and general Scouting community. While it has been a challenging year, it has been an extremely rewarding one as the committee has, we believe, achieved more in the last twelve months than previous year's committees, enacting change of process and perception. As a very marketable area of Rover Scouts, we've definitely increased our exposure both in and outside of the section and the organisation.

### New Events:

This year we started two new events, Dust Up and Border Bash. Dust Up was held at Mafeking Rover Park and was a great two day event and like all good motorsport events had lots of thrills and spills. Border Bash saw Crews from Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales battle it out for the ultimate title, Tristate Champion. Congratulations to Heathmont Rover Crew in their buggy 'Bout Time' for taking out the inaugural trophy and a huge thank you to the Mallee Rover Crew and their extra helping hands for running a fantastic event.

### Administration:

Our website finally received a much needed update and we have turned to social media to ensure everyone can continually be updated with news and general information relating to RSM. We also created the Rover Scout Motorsport Fellowship which now provides ex rovers with the opportunity to continue racing and experiencing the thrills (and spills) of RSM.

### Fundraising and Officials Programs:

We once again headed to the V8 Supercars Sandown 500, selling programs and radios over three days in September 2012. This was our main fundraiser for the year with the money allowing us to keep running the fantastic racing events we do each year. Our positive relationship with the V8s also spread to the Formula One Grand Prix with a number of Rovers participating in the 'CAMS Young Officials' program. The program allowed participants to get a taste of what it's like to be an official at a world class event, working in groups at various officiating positions supported by senior officials. If you're interested in participating in this program, we highly recommend it!

### Junior Development:

Due to significant changes the CAMS Junior Development Program, this year RSM have assisted CAMS with the development of their new program – JRACE. We are extremely excited to be working with CAMS to implement their new training program in the very near future.

### The Championship:

The Championship was again hotly contested this year with only 24 points separating the top three. Congratulations to Fort Nepean RC for taking out first place, closely followed by Harrison RC and Amaroo RC in second and third places respectively. Congratulations to all crews for participating in The Championship this year. Even if it was for only one or two events, we were pleased to see so many crews racing this year and enjoying themselves immensely while doing it.

### Other Achievements:

Some of the many other achievements by this years RSM committee include:

- Funding and repairing the front gate 'humpy' hut at Mafeking Rover Park
- Successfully running another BP rally
- The Leadfoot Challenge run by RSMs very own subcommittee, Jiggy Jiggy
- Reviewed Standing Regulations
- Successfully transitioning competitors to using SFI roll cage padding despite the to and fro-ing of CAMS
- Groundwork on running our very first Victorian Club Autocross Series round

It has been wonderful to see crews working together once again to build, maintain and race together consistently and also having a tonne of fun whilst doing it. We would like to extend a special congratulations to Craigieburn Rover crew for doing an outstanding job in representing the ideals that RSM and Rover Scouts stand for with their breast cancer awareness fundraising efforts at Mudbash 2012.

Lastly, a special thank you to the 2012/2013 RSM Committee. Without the help and support of the amazing committee, none of this would have been possible. Thank you also to those who volunteered their time working on recovery, scrutineering and marshaling. It has been a great year.

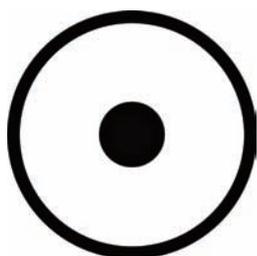
2012/2013 RSM Committee





*Gone Home*

# Harold Gardiner



Harold Gardiner 1934-2012  
Branch Commissioner Rovers 1979-2004  
1982 - WF Waters Award  
1991 – Silver Kangaroo  
2012 – Sixty years of Service to Scouting.  
Member of the Bogong, Baw Baw and Mafeking Rover  
Crews



Harold had a significant and long lasting influence on the ongoing success of the Rover program in Victoria.

Highlights among many from his tenure included the move to full Rover Government with Rovers managing Rovers. The formation of the National Rover Council, the 8th World Rover Moot held in Victoria, the purchase of Mafeking Rover Park at Caveat and the 10th Asia Pacific/14th Australian Rover Moot at Mafeking.

Harold administered the Rover Section at all times in line with the decisions and directions of the Rovers of the day. Never one to shy from an argument if one had to be had for the benefit of Roving. We are indebted to Harold for his untiring commitment, and his legacy will live on for some time.

#### **From Andrew Gallagher, Former NRC Chairman and Bogong Rover:**

Once upon a time a young man walked into an office at 72 Queens Rd Melbourne and it was there he met a group of passionate talented young people and one one grumpy old bugger. The young man, having just a few opinions, wondered what right this old bloke had being in this office telling young people what to do.

Over the years the young bloke got older and spent more and more time with the grumpy one. They had many great debates and quite a few differences of opinion but as he got older the young bloke realised that the grumpy one was a straight shooter. The youngster realised that the grumpy one told him what he thought but he never ever told young people what to do.

Over time the grumpy older one guided and helped the younger one through many things and many achievements. The younger one tried to thank the older one many times but the humility of the old one often got in the way.

Tonight I sit here, no longer a young man, but I once was that young man.

Tonight I'm sitting on my verandah and I am dealing with the news that Harold Gardiner, 'H', the grumpy one has passed away. He guided me through so much. He mentored me through situations that allowed me to meet Presidents of countries, Governors and a host of other dignitaries. He prompted me when I needed it during my term as NRC Chair but most of all he made me remember that every decision was about the individual rover - the ones getting out there and doing it. He kept me focused.

I remember once telling him that my first impression of him was "who is this grumpy old prick telling us what to do" - he laughed and said "if you only thought I was a prick you must have got me on an agreeable day"

Farewell H, may you R.I.P and forever ski the Bogong High Plains - may you rest easy in the knowledge that you made a difference - I can only hope you know how much of a difference it was.

#### **From Gary Bourton, Inaugural Chairman of the Branch Rover Council:**

Harold, you have left a generation empowered, a Rover Section armoured, World Moots restored – what a legacy of noble Service. It was an honour to have known you as a mentor and friend.

*Gone Home*

# Jack Maver



Jack Maver 1921-2013.  
HQ Commissioner for Rover Scouts 1965-1970.  
1974 – Silver Kangaroo  
2008 – WF Waters Rover Service Award  
2013 – Sixty years of Service to Scouting

# W.F. Waters Award Honour Roll



- 1982  
Rob Brain  
Ivan Fox  
Harold Gardiner  
Terry Lambert  
Lindsay de Marchi  
Mick Scarff
- 1983  
Rex Brown  
Hugh Grayson  
Alan Parkin  
Harry Stephenson  
Max Strode
- 1985  
John Ackerly  
Steve Burton  
John Clark  
Rob Motton  
Joy Oldridge  
Bruce Wood
- 1986  
Mark Binks  
David Brace  
Greg Davies  
Ron Griffiths  
Ian Sharpe  
Neil Westaway
- 1987  
Gary Bourton  
Laurie Browell  
Brian Downing  
Pauline Jennings  
Trevor Kinsey
- 1988  
Jeff Gardner  
Rob Johnson  
Richard Kings  
Ian Talbett
- 1989  
Sue Brain  
Chester Irving  
Graham Ryan  
Greg Storer
- 1990  
Syd Bysouth  
Peter Chaplin  
Tony Coleman  
Rodney Francis  
Jeff Graham  
Janet Granger  
Neville Kendall  
Ray Nevill  
Josie Peterson  
Terry Prentice  
Kath Scarff
- 1991  
Stephen Carter  
Michael Crawley  
Bruce Durant  
Brett Lewis  
Bryan O'Reilly  
Gaile Reid  
Sue Tanck  
William Wells
- 1992  
Craig Bacon  
Julie Chaplin  
Jon Franklin  
Ian Grenda
- John Henderson  
Trevor Krohn  
Anthony Paine  
John Parr  
Bruce Paterson  
Vaya Raftopolous  
Peter Runting  
Dianna Simpson  
David Smith  
Deidre Toal  
Greg Wanless  
Trevor Yann
- 1993  
Margaret Bysouth  
Andrew Gallagher  
Brian Harris  
Kathy McGrath  
Geoff Mcleod  
Sue Laughton  
Marie Prentice
- 1994  
Wayne Kleeman  
Roy Paton  
Jodie Patterson  
Pauline Phillips  
Jack Porter  
Peter Rashleigh  
Amber Shears  
Doug Smith  
Daniel Tyrell  
Catherine White
- 1995  
Brad Crabtree  
Chris Epskamp  
Stephen Harry  
Michael Hosemans  
Shane Lockwood  
Duncan McColl  
Michael McGrath  
Richard Neil
- 1996  
Iain Donaldson  
Richard Epskamp  
Carolyn Hand  
Paul Little
- 1997  
Ken Faulks  
Tim Mepstead  
Jason Ward
- 1998  
Craig Bergin  
Doug Cartwright  
Chris Crennan  
Gavin Thomas
- 1999  
Matt Anderson  
Chris Cole  
Jason de Voogd  
Murray Duncan  
Kylie Durant  
Tim Fryer  
Robert Hill  
Travis Newing  
Lachlan Shield
- 2000  
Travis Barry  
Chris Eagle  
Rob Galea  
Caroline Overbeek
- Alston Park  
John Ravenhall  
Paul Robertson  
Colin Sharp  
Ian Stackhouse  
Jason Troy  
Craig Whan
- 2001  
Bruce Day  
Cheryl Edward  
Jody Freeman  
Elizabeth Haines  
Steve Joiner  
James McEwan  
Andrew Nyilas  
Mathew Okely  
Mark Perkins  
Keith Smithers  
Andrew Stuckey
- 2002  
Jeremy Leeson  
Maria Murray  
Andrew Sanderson  
Michael Simpson  
Mark Thornton  
Les Wiebenga
- 2003  
Michael Anton  
Catherine Brumby  
Daniel Crennan  
Luke Francis  
Letitia Okely  
Felicity Pleasants  
Scott Rosicka  
Megan Shields  
Jacki Whan  
Michael Whyms  
Narelle Williams
- 2004  
Donna Anderson  
Michael Connor  
Cameron Cook  
Fiona Dean  
Elizabeth Golec  
Colin Jones  
Kristopher Lawrence  
Lee Prior  
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### Scout Promise

On my honour

I promise that i will do my best  
To do my duty to my God, and  
To the Queen of Australia  
To help other people, and  
To live by the Scout Law

### Rover Prayer

By the spirits of the just  
Made perfect in their suffering  
Teach us in our turn, O Lord,  
To serve Thee as we ought  
To give and not to count the cost  
To fight and not to heed the wounds  
To toil and not to seek for rest  
To labour and not to seek any reward  
Save that knowing that we do Thy will.  
Amen.

### Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy  
A Scout is loyal  
A Scout is helpful  
A Scout is friendly  
A Scout is cheerful  
A Scout is considerate  
A Scout is thrifty  
A Scout is courageous  
A Scout is respectful  
A Scout cares for the environment



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