



Victorian Rover Scouts Yearbook 2014



Rover Scout, n. a male or female Homo sapiens aged between 18 and 25 years, dedicated to fun and adventure, whilst serving the community in the Scouting way.

Rovers are the oldest section offered in the Scouts Australia program, catering for young adults from their 18th to 26th birthdays. By taking part in the many opportunities available, Rovers will experience fun, fellowship and personal growth.

The aims of the Rover Scout Section are to:

- provide young adults with opportunities to undertake their development through the areas of personal growth: physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual growth which lead 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 futures.

The Victorian Rover Council (formally 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 Victoria, elected office bearers, sub-committee chairmen, and Commissioners for the Rover Section.



	<u>Branch Rover Council Office Bearers 2013-2014</u>	<u>Victorian Rover Council Office Bearers 2014-2015</u>	<u>Advisors and Appointed Supporters</u>
Chairman	David King	Lachlan Preston	State Commissioner - Rovers Jody Freeman
Deputy Chairman	Lisa van Meurs	Daniel Ingamells	Assistant State Commissioner - Rovers Chris Eagle
Assistant Chairman	Aidan Ritchie	Luke Critchley	Peter Wotherspoon
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Marketing Officer	N/A	Lachlan Buhagiar	
Journalist	Tamara Williams	Tamara Williams	
Resources Officer	Daniel Ingamells	Luke Plummer	
NRC Delegate	Lachlan Preston	Ezgi Bridger	
	<u>Sub-Committees of the Victorian Rover Council</u>		
	<u>Chairman 2013-2014</u>	<u>Chairman 2014-2015</u>	<u>Rover Advisor</u>
Bogong Rover Chalet Management Group	Jono Warren	Jono Warren	Matt Anderson Linda Moore Andrew Stuckey
Baw Baw Rover Crew (WF Waters Ski Lodge)	Jake O'Halloran	Jake O'Halloran	
Mafeking Rover Park Mudbash	Andrew Clark	Tash Wallace	John Rowlandson Steven Rowlandson
Surfmoot	Louise Pocock	Lucy Bradley	Daniel Vriens Peter Gibson Greg Davies
Rover Scout Motorsport WAM 2014 Contingent	Alisha Clarke	Steph Clark	
	Andrew Cooke	Jackson Helmers	
	Nicole Ryan	N/A	
	<u>Events of the Victorian Rover Council</u>		
	<u>Chairman 2013</u>	<u>Chairman 2014</u>	
MARB	Michelle Anderson	Lucy Bradley	
Rover Dinner	Sarah Marriott	Stephanie Boemo	

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Cover: Rovers Gemma Pavone and Chris Neilsen at the Bogong Rover Chalet



Chairman

David King

The last 12 months have been a busy time – both for Victorian Rovers and for me as Chairman.

At the beginning of my term, I outlined three major goals for the year. These were to:

- continue building relationships between our sub-committees;
- run a successful strategic planning conference; and
- develop office bearers' roles which haven't been active in the past few years.

I am pleased to report that significant progress has been made towards all three of these goals. The Mudbash review has led to strengthened relationships and understanding between Mudbash, Rover Scout Motorsport and Mafeking Rover Park. In June, the BRC was presented with the outcome of our Strategic Planning, and I congratulate Lachlan Preston and his team for their work on this. The position of Environment Officer has developed, successfully running "EnviRoVent" in March – an activity previously known as "Envirover" which hasn't been run for many years.



The 2013/14 year started in July with MARB, held at the St Kilda Town Hall. Despite some challenges faced by the committee, as a result of making some bold changes, and the event posting a significant loss, the event itself was successful and has provided a number of things for us to draw on in making future MARBs successful.

In August, we sent 28 Rovers and five Leaders to the 14th World Scout Moot in Canada – one of the largest contingents to a World event in some time. August also saw the AGMs and elections for our Regions and several sub-committees, with many Rovers taking the step into Rover Governance for the first time.

We had 102 Victorians attend the 19th Australian Rover Moot, "WAM", held in Perth in early January. All who attended reported having a fantastic 12 days with Rovers from all over Australia and the world. Attending a moot is a unique experience in Rovering, and I highly recommend all Rovers make the effort to attend a moot during their time in Rovers.



Late last year we accepted the invitation to host the 20th Australian Rover Moot in Victoria in 2016/17 - a result of many months of work from a number of people in putting together our proposal. Since then we have officially launched "The Moot", and appointed many key positions on the Moot Committee.

Surfmoot once again ran successfully this year, with over 800 attendees and posting a significant profit. In February, 16 Victorians made the trek to NSW to attend Sydney North Region's "90s Kid Moot". Mudbash was held over the Queen's Birthday Weekend, and again proved why it is the Premier Rover Event in Australia.

Late last year, we re-appointed Jody Freeman as Branch Commissioner – Rover Scouts, and appointed Greg Davies to the new position of Assistant State Commissioner – Rover Scouts (Moot). At the same, Dean Castle resigned from his position of Assistant Branch Commissioner – Rover Scouts. I would like to thank Dean for his contribution to this role and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

As a result of changes, we were left with two vacancies for Assistant State Commissioner – Rover Scouts, and in June, Peter Wotherspoon and Chris Eagle were appointed to these positions.

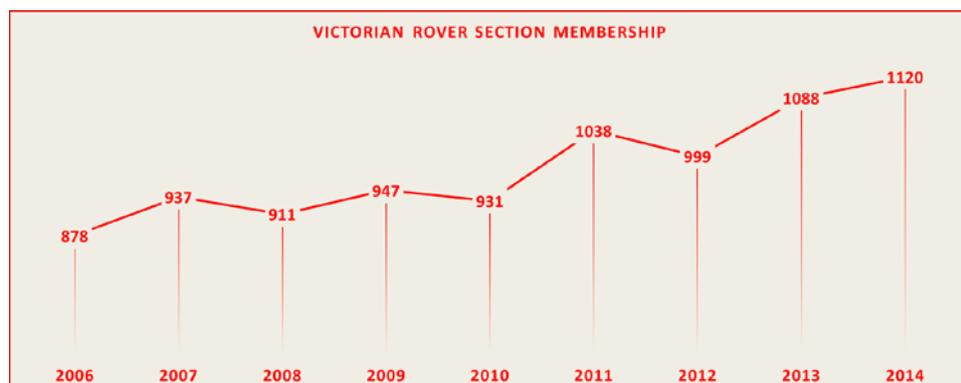
This year has also seen the introduction of the new Baden-Powell Scout Award Scheme. This new award scheme brings the BPSA into the 21st Century, and so far appears to have generated a new enthusiasm for this award.

Training and membership growth have continued the positive trend from previous years, with 80 Rovers participating in training and a 2.9% growth in membership.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me over the past 12 months, in particular my team of Office Bearers and our advisers, as well as every other passionate and committed Rover - be it on a sub-committee, Region or in a Crew - it is people like you that keep Rovers moving forward.

Yours in Rovering,

David King
Chairman 2013-2014
Victorian Branch Rover Council



State Commissioner

Jody Freeman



Rovers in Victoria are out there achieving, planning, delivering and operating significant major events and assets, and participating in a varied and active program of events and activities including attending Local, Regional, State, National, Interstate and International events.

Rovers in Victoria support scouting in many ways with active service, from Section Leaders to team leaders at Scout Shows, Cuboree, Kangaree and Jamboree.

Rovers in Victoria complete many personal challenges including Baden-Powell Scout Awards, leadership responsibilities, formal training and personnel management.

As always the Rovers in Victoria achieve a great many things. The year under review was no different, and the section can be justly proud of their achievements over the last year.

A highlight of our year was the Victorian Contingent to WAM, the Western Australian Rover Moot held in Perth WA. A small dedicated team worked hard to put on an awesome contingent for our Victorians attending. It was a fantastic Moot, the best we have seen for some years, and sets the challenge high for Victoria for the next one.

During WAM, Victoria officially launched "THE MOOT" the 20th Australian Rover Moot to be held at Mafeking Rover Park in December 2016 to January 2017. Over the past few months a small group has been working to plan and put together the teams to run the moot. The event will be led entirely by a Rover team headed up by Britney McIlvain as Moot Chair. The success of "The Moot" will depend on every Victorian Rover, formation and committee getting behind the moot team and actively working together to achieve the objective of hosting a fantastic Rover event. I am excited by this event, but mindful that there is plenty of hard work ahead of us as we prepare to "Discover Victoria".

Our membership grew for the year at around 2.9%; a modest increase, but still a positive step. Since 2010 our membership has grown over 20%! Rovers is a great program that you get out of what you put into it, and it is absolutely fantastic that more Rovers are enjoying our offering. Pleasingly, the Venturer Scout Section achieved growth of over 10%, and our challenge will be to retain a significant number of these Venturers into Rovers.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Dean Castle for his contribution as Assistant Branch Commissioner Rovers. Dean was a valuable member of our team during the short period he served the BRC, and we wish him well for his future endeavours.

In July, Stephen Carter stepped down as an Assistant Leader Trainer, having served the National Training Team from January 2006. Stephen brought fresh ideas and fun to his training, and mentored and supported many Rovers and RA's, both as learners and presenters, to develop their skills and competence. Rover training in Victoria has taken big steps forward in recent years, and we thank Stephen for his training leadership over the last eight and a half years.

In terms of appointments, I welcome to the Commissioner Team Jeff McIlvain as Rover Commissioner, Plenty Valley. Jeff will be an asset to the Plenty Valley team, and has been a strong supporter of Rovers for many years. I am pleased Peter Wotherspoon and Chris Eagle have joined the State team as Assistant State Commissioners, allowing Greg to move onto the role of full time Advisor to The Moot. Both Peter and Chris have been involved in Rovers for quite some time, and bring a great deal of experience to the Rover table and I look forward to their ongoing contribution.

I would like to take time to reflect on the contribution of Gregory John Davies, our Assistant State Commissioner Rovers, and now the full time Moot Advisor. Greg joined our section as ABC Rovers in October 1989, and has contributed much to our success in the 25 years since. His counsel has assisted many generations of Rovers and advisors over the years, and he was duly recognised by the association with our highest recognition, the Silver Kangaroo. Well done and thank you Greg for your continuing and significant contribution.

I offer my personal thanks to all those involved in delivering our section throughout the year. BRC Office Bearers, Region Executives, Sub Committees and Advisers have all worked hard managing and developing Rovers in Victoria. We achieve a phenomenal amount each year, and it's due to your collective efforts.

The leadership of Victorian Rovers rests with the Chairman of Victorian Branch Rover Council; David King fulfilled this duty for the year under report. I would like to acknowledge David's contribution over the year, in addition to his many years as our Internet Officer. David led with a steady but very capable hand, and we made some inroads to many objectives over his term. Well done David and thank you.

Victoria appointed a new Chief Commissioner in 2014, and an exciting program of State wide initiatives is being progressively rolled out which will offer many opportunities over and above what is already offered through our existing Rover Program. Rovers in Victoria, the largest Rover state in the country, have never had more opportunity to be involved, to develop themselves, to grow personally and to provide leadership and support to others than they do right now. It's exciting times to be involved.

Jody Freeman
State Commissioner - Rover Scouts

Deputy Chairman

Lisa van Meurs

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Branch Rover Council of 2013 – 2014 for their support. There have been a number of changes in my life that have led to me changing locations on a number of occasions, and the Branch Rover Council has supported me, even if I could not always turn up to meetings.

For many years, previous Deputy Chairs have sometimes struggled with ensuring that the Crew Sword Database has been as efficient as it can be, and making sure that the information that is in the database is up to date. This year I have been able to ensure that all crew sword database information has been up to date by providing regions with what information there was, and taking it back to the crews to ensure that the information was correct.

It was great to see a numbers of crews submit their applications for the Crew Service Awards. There were a number of deserving crews, however, only one crew could receive the award. Congratulations to Mount Evelyn Rover Crew!

I would also like to extend my congratulations to all the Rovers who attended Hoadley Hide this year. Apart from all the dust, it was another successful year, with Mordy Rover Crew and Ettamogah Rover Crews taking out the Ralph Sims Award for Overall Best Stunt. I look forward to seeing you all again next year, as I have been offered a position on the Hoadly Hide organising committee.

I would like to wish the incoming committee all the best, as I can see that there are a number of things that we can look forward to in the coming years, including The Moot.

Lisa van Meurs
Deputy Chairman 2013-2014
Victorian Branch Rover Council



Assistant Chairman

Aidan Ritchie

The last year has been a very busy one in Victorian Rovers, but then again they always are. This year I was fortunate enough to be working with in a great team and we were able to achieve many of our goals.

I personally had the opportunity, along with Brad Peters, Lachlan Preston, Tamara Williams and Stephen Carter, to go to Adelaide in October to participate in the initial Baden-Powell Scout Award (BPSA) conference and to begin developing the award for Victoria. We successfully launched the Award in January and it has been taken up by many Rovers; we've even had two Rovers complete it so far, congratulations to Sami Ferris and Brad Peters! I hope that with the phasing out of the old award, we will see an increase in the coming years in the number of Rovers who achieve their Baden-Powell Scout Award.

Another task that needed to be continued this year was working on maintaining the Policy Book; while not a fun or exciting job it is necessary to maintain it, and keep it reflecting the views of Rovers and the way in which we operate. While there were only a few policies that made it to the BRC table (you're welcome Drew), a great deal of work was done behind the scenes to update and review almost every policy in the book. This will hopefully enable a quick and easy approval process in the coming year when they get brought to the table.

As well as the BPSA and the Policy book, I was also involved in liaising with the Venturer Section and the Branch Venturer Council. A major update was also made to the Crew Resource Folder and given out to all Crews at their Region Meetings (mailed to country Crews) to reflect many recent changes in the Rover Section. There was also a lot of work involved in maintaining content on the website and keeping Crew details as up to date as possible.

I would like to thank all those that helped throughout the year, especially those in the Office Bearers team and the Branch Advisers. Finally I would like to offer my congratulations to all those who have received awards in Rovers this year.

Aidan Ritchie
Assistant Chairman 2013-2014
Victorian Branch Rover Council





Trained Rovers make better Crews. They gain skills that they can use to deliver the best possible Rover program. They can also use these skills in their workplace and study, and because the qualifications are nationally-accredited they contribute to employability. The Rover training shares common modules with the training required to be a Leader in a Group, a Leader of Adults or an Activity Leader, so it takes less time to train for those roles. Rovers also tell us that training is a lot of fun and gives a great sense of achievement.

If the Rover section is going to continue to be led by the Rovers themselves, it's crucial that Rovers have the capacity to manage risk and deliver quality programs just as other adult leaders do. Undertaking training is an important part of this.

Between July 2013 and June 2014, three Rover Basic Sectional Techniques courses were held and one Rover Advanced Sectional Techniques course. Four face-to-face Introduction to Rovers seminars were held around the state.

The 'May Madness' format, with a Basic and Advanced course running simultaneously at Gilwell Park, is continuing to prove popular. The atmosphere and shared learning on these courses make them particularly special. Given the popularity of the format, the team will now try a similar format in November (or Rovember) held in the west of the state.

While it's important to ensure that scheduled courses are well supported and run, we also provide courses on demand. This year a Rover Basic was held in Mildura which ensured that those living long distances from the more frequent training venues could also have reasonable access to Rover training.

2013-14	# of Rovers	# of Rover Advisor/Other
Rover Basic Sectional Techniques course	54	17
Advanced Sectional Techniques course	15	7
Wood Badge completion	8	1
Personal Leader Adviser course	11	4
Personal Leader Adviser appointment	9	

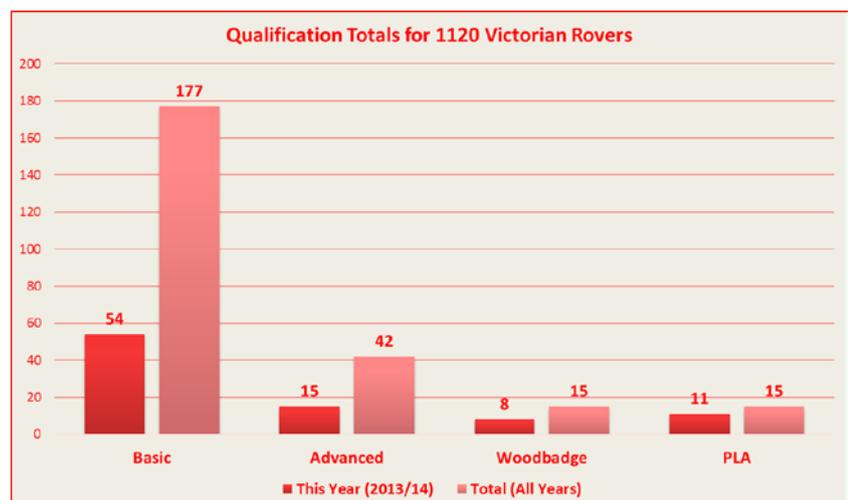
The Rover Training Team is made up of Rovers and Rover Advisers who contribute to the delivery of the training. The section's four 'Assistant Leader Trainers' (Sue Tanck, Jody Freeman, Stephen Carter and Peter Gibson) are responsible for the leadership of courses, and they supervise Rover Advisers and Rovers in delivering content and supporting course participants. This ensures that training, like every other aspect of Rovering, is able to be driven by the Rovers themselves. The team also does a great job promoting all training opportunities and keeping the section up to date with changes in the training world. This year has also seen greater coordination between Rover training teams around the country, in addition to participation in the Victorian Branch Training Council. Considerable changes being proposed to the training content nationally will make this coordination all the more crucial over the coming year.

This year the team has taken on new talent and consolidated, with all members contributing to their skills as deliverers and supporters of training. It brings us closer to achieving the aspiration of having Rover-aged Leader Trainers and Assistant Leader Trainers.

Stephen Carter has recently decided to retire from the team, while continuing in his role as Rover Commissioner - Mt Dandenong. Stephen has delivered upbeat and engaging training courses over many years. We're very grateful for the years of effort that Stephen has contributed.

Over the past year the Rover section has considerably increased the number of Rovers who have completed the Personal Leader Adviser (PLA) course. PLAs and mentors are crucial parts of the training because they help the Rover apply knowledge from eLearning and courses to their actual Crew environment. PLAs are also a knowledgeable friend who can help navigate the training system and guide through the last of the book work after a course. Thanks to all PLAs helping fellow Rovers and RAs.

Morris Orchard
Training Officer 2013-2014
Victorian Branch Rover Council



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 \$360,244 for the year ended 30 June 2014 (2013: \$418,406) and a net deficit of \$6,216. The net surplus in 2013 was \$17,119. As of 30 June 2014, cash assets equate to \$541,781 (last year: \$527,507) and total assets are \$1,286,965.



A breakdown of assets (at cost) and income between Branch Rover Council sub-committees for the year ended 30 June 2014 is represented as follows:

Branch Rover Council Sub-committee	Total Assets \$ (at cost) As at 30 June 2014	Turnover \$ for the year ended 30 June 2014
Branch Rover Council	121,002	21,968
Bogong Chalet Management Group	388,915	73,628
Baw Baw Rover Crew	221,344	61,860
Mafeking Rover Park	443,142	49,322
MARB	298	3,620
Rover Scout Motorsport	8,757	16,142
Rover Scout Mudbash	77,056	67,131
Rover Scout Surfmoat	26,452	66,572
	1,286,966	360,243

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon." with a small flourish at the end.

Simon R. Millar CA
Honorary Treasurer
Victorian Branch Rover Council

Financial Statement

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - VICTORIAN BRANCH ROVER COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	1,174,936	1,181,152
BRANCH CONSOLIDATED EQUITY	<u>1,174,936</u>	<u>1,181,152</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	541,781	527,507
Debtors	4,558	3,105
Prepayments	25,678	22,267
Stock at deemed cost	9,126	9,756
Advances Other	(1,780)	(2,787)
Victorian Branch Grant	14,875	14,505
	<u>594,238</u>	<u>574,353</u>
Fixed Assets		
Land at Cost	185,000	185,000
Buildings	651,734	651,434
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(228,799)	(206,219)
	<u>422,935</u>	<u>445,215</u>
Plant & Equipment	294,146	285,422
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(230,714)	(225,547)
	<u>63,432</u>	<u>59,875</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>671,367</u>	<u>690,090</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,265,605</u>	<u>1,264,443</u>
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	671	1,756
Amounts received in advance	89,998	81,535
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>90,669</u>	<u>83,291</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>1,174,936</u></u>	<u><u>1,181,152</u></u>

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - VICTORIAN BRANCH ROVER COUNCIL
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Member activities received	438,932	486,960
Less in advance	(89,998)	(81,535)
	<u>348,934</u>	<u>405,425</u>
Sundry Income	345	162
Interest	10,965	12,819
	<u>360,244</u>	<u>418,406</u>
LESS OVERHEADS INCLUDING DEPRECIATION	<u>366,460</u>	<u>401,287</u>
OPERATING PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	<u>(6,216)</u>	<u>17,119</u>
BRANCH CONSOLIDATED BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	1,181,152	1,149,923
UNDERSTATED RETAINED EARNINGS PRIOR YEAR		14,110
BRANCH CONSOLIDATED BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,174,936</u></u>	<u><u>1,181,152</u></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 2014. Prior period comparative results are for the twelve months ended 30 June 2013. 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 2014 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.



Baden-Powell Scout Award

At the Start of this year a new Baden-Powell Scout Award was launched. This was the first major change to the award in 35 years, and combines the best part of the old Method A and B.

The new award is split into the St George Award and two project badges.

To commence the Baden-Powell Scout Award, Rovers must first complete the Squire Training Badge; after which the other badges may be undertaken in any order.

The badges that must be completed for the St George Award are: Squire Training, Rover Skills, Service and Physical.

To achieve the Baden-Powell Scout Award, Rovers must also complete the Community Development and Personal Growth project badges as well as a self-reflection interview, all before their 26th Birthday.

Any Rover who commenced Method A or B of the old award in 2013 or earlier (that is, had Region approval to commence a badge) has until the end of 2015 to complete their award, or alternatively they can transition across to the new award. All Rovers who start their award from 2014 onwards must complete the new award.

A new Rover Record Book has been published and there are many resources online. Head to www.vicrovers.com.au/bpsa for more information or email bpsa@vicrovers.com.au for assistance.

2014 Recipients of the Baden-Powell Scout Award

Name	Crew	Group	District	Region
Ashley Comer	Bulleen Rover Crew	1st Templestowe Lower	Manningham	Mt Dandenong
Matthew Conway	Ogilvy Rover Crew	1st Emerald	Sherbrooke Forest	Mt Dandenong
Michael Egan	Lasseter Rover Crew	1st Maroondah	Maroondah	Mt Dandenong
Samantha Ferris	Keith Farquar Rover Crew	17th Essendon	Moonee Valley	Lerderderg
William Jephcott	Surrey Thomas Rover Crew	1st/14th Brighton	Bayside	Melbourne
Esther Lang	Mount Evelyn Rover Crew	1st Mooroolbark	Yarra Ranges	Mt Dandenong
Catherine Paterson	Keith Farquar Rover Crew	17th Essendon	Moonee Valley	Lerderderg
Bradley Peters	Birubi Rover Crew	2nd/3rd Bayswater	City of Knox	Mt Dandenong
Cherie Pickering	Kurll's Own Rover Crew	Eumemmering	Casey	Bays



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 received their woodbeads in. The use of Woodbeads to signify this certification was based on the necklace Baden-Powell was awarded by the Zulu People during his time in South Africa.

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	Group	District	Region
Melissa Berloth	Rover	Craigieburn Rover Crew	1st Craigieburn	Hume	Plenty Valley
Jessica Berton	Rover	Odonata Rover Crew	1st Koo Wee Rup	Cardinia	Bays
Caitlin Brideson	Rover	Berembong Rover Crew	1st Moorabbin Central*	Moonee Vallee	Lerderderg
Lachlan Gordon	Rover Adviser	Sir Dallas Brooks RC	1st Seaford	Frankston	Bays
Louise Gregoire	Rover	Berembong Rover Crew	5th Keilor	Moonee Vallee	Lerderderg
Helen Mortimer	Rover	Mount Evelyn Rover Crew	1st Mount Evelyn	Yarra Ranges	Mt Dandenong
Catherine Paterson	Rover	Keith Farquar Rover Crew	17th Essendon	Moonee Vallee	Lerderderg
Annie Phelan	Rover	Amaroo Rover Crew	Sale*	Moonee Vallee	Lerderderg
Lachlan Preston	Rover	Kulin Rover Crew	7th Ballarat	Ballarat	Murray Midlands
Michael Whyms	Rover Commissioner				Lerderderg

*denotes member is registered with a Scout Group in a different District/Region to their Rover Crew



W.F. Waters Rover Service Award

In the early 1980s, 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 for the award to be 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, led the way in activities (eg ski touring, bushwalking), ran the 7th World Moot and created the backbone of modern Roving across the Country.



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

2014 Recipients of the W.F. Waters Rover Service Award

Name	Crew	Group	District	Region
David Bossen	State Commissioner - International		Victorian Branch	
Andrew Clark	Craigieburn Rover Crew	1st Craigieburn	Hume	Plenty Valley
Andrew Cooke	Berembong Rover Crew	5th Keilor	Moonee Valley	Lerderderg
Nathan Pearson	Kulin Rover Crew	7th Ballarat	Ballarat	Murray Midlands
Bradley Peters	Birubi Rover Crew	2nd/3rd Bayswater	City of Knox	Mt Dandenong
Michael Quayle	Craigieburn Rover Crew	1st Craigieburn	Hume	Plenty Valley
Lisa van Meurs	Boss Hurst Rover Crew	1st Otway Foresters	Geelong Peninsula	South West

State Commissioner's Award

This award recognises those individuals who have done something exceptional to benefit their Crew or Scouting. They can be nominated by Region Commissioners, District Commissioners, Group Leaders, Leaders within the Scout Group or anyone else in Scouting who is not a Rover or Rover Adviser.

For the 2013/14 year, the recipient of the State Commissioner's Award is:

Bryce Gibson, John Gardiner Rover Crew, 1st Glen Iris Scout Group, Boroondara District, Melbourne Region

Branch Rover Council Chairman's Award

This award is for Rovers who have provided outstanding service to Scouting or Roving. This is a peer nominated award, Rovers can only be nominated by other Rovers.

For the 2013/14 year, the recipient of the Branch Rover Council Chairman's Award is:

Erin Slaviero, Hellsgate Rover Crew, 1st Bentleigh Scout Group, Glen Eira Stonnington District, Melbourne Region



Baden-Powell Lodge Crew 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.

The recipient of the 2013 Baden-Powell Lodge Crew Service Award was:

Mount Evelyn Rover Crew, Yarra Ranges District, Mt Dandenong Region



Mudbash



Photo: Barry Adams



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Mudbash 2014: Got a Thirst for Mud welcomed over 770 Rovers to Mafeking Rover Park for four days of fun, racing, camping, and most importantly - MUD!

The 42nd Mudbash lived up to its standing as the Premier Rover Event with a weekend filled with thrills, spills and much more!



Motorsport

It was another strong year from the motorsport front, starting with 37 entries to the event and 33 making it through the weekend. To spice things up, 14 newly named tracks were run throughout the weekend, including the famous Motorkhana, providing excitement for all on Saturday night, and the 'Secret Squirrel Business' track, delivering the last fix of racing to round off the weekend with plenty of Sunday night entertainment. The Obstacle Course continued to be the crowd pleaser.

Rover Activities

Those more inclined to non-racing adventures took part in an ever increasing range of activities on offer as part of the Committee's ongoing efforts to broaden the scope of Mudbash. Highlights included the Iron Man, tyre toss and tug of war challenges.

Rovers again enjoyed a gourmet tour, exploring what the Yarra Ranges had to offer, which proved to be a huge success. The running group continued this year to promote fitness and allow Rovers to appreciate the natural surroundings of the Park.

The return of the outdoor stage was pumping into the night with Tackleberry and DJ Yak providing the tunes, and dancing helping to keep the Rovers toasty warm despite the freezing temperatures.

We look forward to growing the offsite activities over the next 12 months for Rovers to come and join in on!

Open Day

Once again, we welcomed over 500 visitors from Scouting and the local community to join in the fun of the Mudbash Open Day. The day was deemed a great success for visitors and for the promotion of the Rover section, with feedback showing that the youth and leaders alike all had a great day! Participants enjoyed jumping castles, the car smash, zorb balls, motorsport hot laps, face painting, fairy floss, abseiling, archery, canoeing, scavenger hunts and a Scout's Own just to name a few!

Thanks to everyone involved for their hard work and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2015 for an even bigger and better Mudbash.

Louise Pocock
Chairman
Mudbash 2014

Final Placings

Rovers

- 1st Place - The Mistress (Fort Nepean RC)
- 2nd Place - Mater (Harrison RC)
- 3rd Place - Back in Black (Craigieburn RC)

Non-Rovers

- 1st Place - Primal Instinct (Wangataan-Rutherford RC)
- 2nd Place - Pace Car (Sugarloaf RC)
- 3rd Place - Grover (John Gardiner RC)

Background Photo: Barry Adams



Surfmoot 2014: Batmoot was a soaring success. Australia Day Weekend 2014 saw 871 attendees onsite over the weekend, which included over 800 participants, the biggest Surfmoot in years. The event was financially successful and had no major 'hiccups', thank god!

We stuck to our theme and marketing strategy, making our promotion outstanding this year, and this showed in our numbers. Once again the 2014 event saw an ever-changing event mix things up. Our activities team are always challenged with getting people to participate when sometimes they just want to relax, but we always have something on the go. This year saw some Rovers create their own activities which might just become official activities for the enjoyment of all. Our offsite activities are always a hit, with most people taking advantage of the shuttle services into town, the river and the beaches.

Always a highlight for Surfmoot is the evening entertainment down at the stage. This year saw a Friday DJ which is ever becoming a hit with the new generation plus 2 amazing bands which entertained us on Saturday and Sunday. We can't forget the night time activities and competitions which never fail to make everyone laugh.

Surfmoot 2014 saw a great number of International Rovers in attendance as they stuck around after WAM. A huge mention and thank you to Sophie, Max, Chris and Mike from the UK who helped out in the lead up and pack down of Surfmoot and who received the well deserved Chairman's Award.

I thank everyone on the Committee, their Crews, partners and families for their continuing supporting and commitment, as well as the First Aid Team, Police Scouters and of course our advisers Greg and Danny. Your efforts have been more than I could have asked for and I sincerely thank you.

I said this last year, but Surfmoot is only getting bigger and better, it's the one event you never want to miss. See you at Surfmoot 2015: Monopoly Moot!!

Alisha Clarke
Chairman
Surfmoot 2014



Metropolitan Area Rover Ball



Metropolitan Area Rover Ball (MARB) from all reports since the night, was well received. Considering the changes that the committee made to the original concept for MARB there wasn't too much negativity surrounding the event. Unfortunately due to compounding outside factors, the attendance of the event wasn't as expected. From the start of the committee formation we decided that, as a committee, we would like to run the event with a new spin. MARB has been run as a BYO event since the very first MARB was held, and with new venue rules and responsible service of alcohol regulations, we had to re-think the original alcohol idea.

With a good team behind me and a supportive Region we commenced our first meeting in September 2012 where we came up with some initial ideas for themes, venues, BYO, non-BYO, etc. Over the next few months we came up with a basic idea for how we wanted to run the event. Our final decisions for how we ran the event relied heavily on the survey results from MARB 2012.

Unfortunately our first budget was not well received by BRC, with the price jump of \$30 from last years event, without a drivers ticket. After consulting the committee and re-vamping the original budget to include a 0.00BAC ticket, the budget was accepted and passed by the BRC at the March meeting.

We revealed the theme at Surfmoort 2013 with a bang on the main stage on the Saturday night. The whole crowd was captivated by the fabulous video that was compiled by our committee and the banner that we had organised. With the marketing at the event that took place with "pegging" people with pegs that had "MARB2013" stamped on the side, it was bound to be a good reveal.

The month prior to the event was when the magic happened. Decorations were planned, tickets were selling, all the costs were finalised. Two weeks prior to the event, with ticket sales lower than expected, we held an emergency meeting with the BRC Officebearers to discuss the possibility and the cost involved if we didn't run MARB. The conclusion of the meeting was that the event would lose more money if it were cancelled than if it ran.

Thanks to the effort of many people who sacrificed their Saturday to help us put together the town hall, and those who helped us pull together all the caterers and liquor suppliers, we ran a fabulous event. The staff from Liquid Infusion were fabulous, from remembering peoples drinks to sending out staff to re-stock the bar, they made the night easy and were a great company to do business with. By having a company brought in to provide the alcohol, it left the committee with the free hands to supervise the event and run a cloakroom for attendees belongings. It also ensured that the correct RSA laws were followed the entire night.

The band and DJ on the day pulled together amazing sets. The committee owe it to DJ Yak who, after finding out about our monetary troubles, discounted our fee. He has since mentioned that he loves playing for the Rover crowd and had a fabulous night.

I would not have been able to run this event without the support and hard work of my entire committee, everyone managed to pull their weight in their own way, and it turned out to be a good night. The Rovers themselves are to be commended - the behaviour of each and every person at the event was exemplary, and there wasn't a single encounter or issue that needed to be resolved. Due to such success from the Rovers as a party crowd, the St Kilda Town Hall are very happy with the way we treated the venue and has asked us to return next year.

Thanks to the MARB 2013 committee, the Branch Rover Council, Melbourne Region Rover Community and all Victorian Rovers.

Michelle Anderson
Chairman
MARB 2013



20th Australian Rover Moot

In 2013, Victoria bid for and secured the right to hold the 20th Australian Rover Moot in 2017. Three working groups were put together to get the planing underway. These teams were Marketing, Location and Admin. Lots of time was spent on developing an extensive marketing plan, branding of The Moot, location selection, and positions needed for the committee. Thanks to the hard work put in by the teams and their respective chairs; Alex Preston, Alisha Clarke and Cameron Adamson. In addition to this a massive thanks to Caitlin Brideson, for taking on the demanding job of Interim Chair.

20TH AUSTRALIAN ROVER MOOT

THE MOOT

DISCOVER  VICTORIA

At the end of 2013 and the beginning of 2014, Western Australian Rovers hosted WAM - the 19th Australian Rover Moot. After the fantastic experience had at WAM, it was time to launch the 20th Australian Rover Moot, and reveal it's name - "The Moot". Promotional t-shirts, headbands and stickers were handed out and some of our grand plans were revealed, along with an amazingly put-together promotional video to whet the tastebuds of future attendees.

After the brief recovery from WAM, it was off to Surfmoort for the Victorian launch of The Moot. This launch focused on letting Victorian Rovers know that The Moot is coming and it is the biggest Rover event to hit our state in our generation of Rovers. This launch also marked the opening of applications for the key four positions of the executive; Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Finance Director and Executive Assistant. These positions closed two months later and interviews were held to appoint these positions. Shortly after, the next round of applications and interviews were held, for all director positions.

The Moot Committee is as follows:

Chairman	Britney McIlvain
Deputy Chairman	Dale Sheehan
Finance Director	Laura Wood
Executive Assistant	Annie Phelan
Activities Director	Rachael Loft
Administration Director	Samantha Ferris
Expeditions Director	Caitlin Brideson
Human Resources Director	Timothy Druce
Marketing Director	Kelly Mentiplay
Sites and Services Director	Joshua Cashill
Moot Advisor	Greg Davies

We are now at the point of getting our team up to speed, and getting our planning for the 20th Australian Rover Moot underway, so watch this space!

Britney McIlvain
Chairman
20th Australian Rover Moot



Western Australia Branch Chief Commissioner Larry Lucas and National Chief Commissioner Reg Williams wearing their "The Moot" bandanas with pride.



Dates:
27th December 2016 -
6th January 2017

Location:
Mafeking Rover Park

Website:
www.rm2017.com.au
 fb.com/rovermoot2017

19th Australian Rover Moot - Perth, Western Australia

Every three years, Rovers from across Australia and around the world participate in a National Rover Moot organised solely by a State Rover Branch. This year, Western Australian Rovers had their work cut out to produce a Moot full of fun, adventure and new friendships – and boy did they not disappoint!

Many participants travelled great distances to arrive on site, including 44 Victorians who spent 5 days driving across the country in two buses. Travelling from Melbourne to Perth via Esperance and Albany, the Victorian Rovers enjoyed playing golf across the Nullarbor, swimming at pristine beaches, seeing the beautiful sites along the 'Great Ocean Drive' and visiting the Pink Lake in Esperance, which unfortunately wasn't that pink on the day. Each day was appropriately themed so all Rovers enjoyed dressing up in costumes including Hawaiian Beach Party, Golfing Attire, Pricilla Queen of the Desert, Tight and Bright and finally donning our Victorian Contingent merchandise for our rather late, but grand entrance into to WAM2014 site.

WAM was held at Woodman Point Recreational Camp, a beach campsite just south of Fremantle with the opening ceremony held on the evening of the 30th of December. Some 550 Rover participants (102 Victorians) plus staff members from all States and Territories of Australia, as well as almost 100 international Rovers attended the Moot where new friendships were made and many new experiences were had.

The structure of the Moot saw participants' onsite until New Years Day, when we all headed off on our chosen expeditions for 5 days. Rock climbing, four wheel driving, scuba diving, sailing, caving, Rottnest Island, sky diving, V8 Supercar driving, water sports, exploring the northern and southern parts of the state, gourmet tours and relaxing on the beach were just some of the incredible expeditions on offer. I'm sure all participants would agree that the expeditions were an absolute highlight of everyone's WAM experience.

Back onsite on the 5th of January, the whole campsite was a buzz with everyone excited to share their incredible expedition experiences. The next few days saw us all complete a number of offsite activities. Go Karting, exploring Rottnest Island for a day, diving with the sharks, enjoying a delicious gourmet tour, paintballing, visiting the Aquarium, exploring the city of Perth and even ghost tours of the Fremantle Prison, just to name a few. All Rover participants also completed a day of service,

which this year ranged from weeding a heritage listed cemetery to helping build a Scout Hall!

The 10th of January and closing ceremony came around far too quickly, but WAM2014 went out in style with an aeroplane towing a sign past the site thanking us all for attending, as well as live entertainment that night from Melbourne band, British India! The closing ceremony also saw the official handing over of the Moot Mace to Victoria as the hosts of the 20th Australian Rover Moot in 2016/2017. While it was sad to leave the site of WAM2014, everyone left in high spirits and already excited for what Victorian Rovers have planned for the next Moot!

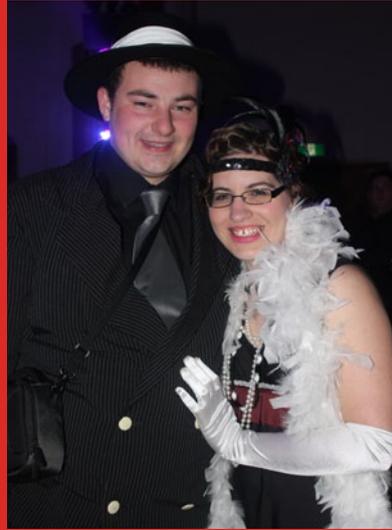
Tamara Williams
Deputy Contingent Leader
Victorian Contingent to WAM2014.



19th Australian Rover Moot - Perth, Western Australia







14th World Scout Moot, Canada

The 14th World Scout Moot, held at Awacamenj Mino Scout Camp in Low, Quebec, Canada between August 8-18, was a highly enjoyable event, creating millions of memories for the 2500 Rover Scouts from 81 countries, including the Australian & New Zealand Contingent of around 140 members.

For 54 Rover Scouts from Australia, our adventure began in New York City on July 29, when we met up to begin our pre-tour, hitting the big sights in New York, Philadelphia, Washington DC and the Amish Community of Intercourse, Pennsylvania, before heading up to Niagara Falls, Toronto and finally Ottawa in Canada, where we met the rest of the Contingent and began the World Moot.

The Opening Ceremony of the Moot was highly impressive with the Governor-General and Chief Scout of Canada officially opening the Moot in front of the Canadian Houses of Parliament on 8 August. After that we met up with our International Patrols and got bussed out to Scout Camp Awacamenj Mino – in the iconic yellow primary school buses! We got to the site and had the rest of the day to set up and get to know each other, as the Patrols had been designed to introduce us all to different nationalities and highlight the diversity of Scouting.

During the Moot, each Patrol comprised of six to eight Rover Scouts, all of whom had selected the same Urban Experience. There were three options for location - Toronto, Montreal and Quebec City - all of which were several hours driving time from the site. We were offered four choices of program:

- the Life Path, which focused on WOSM's Messengers of Peace program;
- the Eco-responsible path, which focused on environmental projects;
- the Cultural path, which exposed us to the First Nations people of Canada; and,
- the Adventure path, which introduced participants to the Shelterbox disaster relief scheme.

Cultural Day was a big highlight of the Moot, and one of the few days that the entire Moot was on site.

The day gave us the opportunity to talk about our different cultures and teach each other different words and phrases in our languages and dialects. I said "grouse" more on this one day than I have in the rest of my life.



Just about every Contingent had arranged for a national dish of some kind - we went with a sausage sizzle (although with much more upmarket sausages than we'd use at home) and the Kiwis brought along Minties and some kind of chocolate-covered pineapple lollie. This was off-budget though, as we'd only found the Barbecue after we'd arrived at the Moot. So to recover the cost, we introduced the rest of the world to the concept of a meat tray raffle. To help them understand what the tickets we were selling were for, we had to call it a "meat lottery" though, which just sounded so wrong.

There were plenty of onsite activities as well, from Scouting favourites like hiking, rock climbing, abseiling and water activities, to geocaching, visits to the Museums of Civilizations and War, the Omega Park open range zoo, couch rally (where you went around Ottawa trying to take photos of your patrol and couch in as many different places as possible), the Global Development Village, where we completed activities that helped us learn about land mines, child labour, road safety and many more.

It was interesting to take part in a World event, as the Scouts du Canada ran the Moot in a very different way than we run our Rover events here in Australia – I'll never complain about Rover Adjusted Time again! My Patrol had a Brazilian, two Mexicans, a Brit, a Dutchman, a Venezuelan and a Fin (who was from the Swedish-speaking minority) meaning we had native speakers of English, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch and Swedish. Luckily for myself, the others had a working knowledge of English, and I didn't have to resort to interpretive dance too often, but language problems did crop up from time to time.

When the Moot ended, many of us unfortunately had to go straight home while 35 Rover Scouts continued on to the post-tour around Cuba, and others used the opportunity for independent travelling.

Thanks again to our Contingent Management Team - Contingent Leaders Peter Favelle (1st Epping RC, NSW) and Sonia Rawlings-Blackmore (NZ), Deputy Contingent Leader & Travel Coordinator Erin Slaverio (Brush Park RC, NSW), Applications & Finance Officer Nicky Strachan (Boss Hurst Rover Crew), Rover Adviser David Cossart (ACC Training & Development and Branch RA, ACT), as well the rest of the Contingent Team, our hosts, Scouts du Canada, the Moot Organising Committee and all the International Service Team members who made our Moot experience possible.

The next World Moot will be held in Iceland during July 2017, and many of us are already making plans to be there. If you think that you might want to join us, as a Rover or as IST, check out the website: www.worldscoutmoot.is

Brad Peters
Birubi Rover Crew

72nd New Zealand Rover Moot

Despite the less-than-enjoyable flight over to New Zealand (which for some of us took several hours longer than it should have), the 35-member Australian Contingent was bursting with excitement as we reached the site of the 72nd New Zealand Rover Moot, "EntertainMoot", just outside of Christchurch.

We spent the next four fun-filled days enjoying a variety of activities, including dancing in rain, "Tug-of-War", jumping in puddles, the "Shooting Trophy", a wide variety of adventurous tours and some pretty wicked theme nights. If you haven't guessed it rained a lot and was unofficially renamed "Moistmoot". This year the West Island Rover Crew (better known as the Australia Contingent) came home tied for first place in the "Shooting Trophy", second place in the "Shooting Trophy" and third place in the female team cross country.

This was all before we spent the next 7 days travelling around the south island of New Zealand on our post-moot tour, where just about anything was possible including bungee jumping and visiting the Cadbury Factory in Dunedin. We were lucky enough to be invited to spend ANZAC day with Avon and Dean's Rover Crews, which we were incredibly grateful to be a part of.

Of course this wouldn't have been possible without the support of my Assistant Contingent Leader Adele Mepstead or my Advisers Libby Davison and Randel Jones who helped me keep my sanity both in the lead up to and during the actual event.

Caitie Thorne
Australian Contingent Leader
72nd New Zealand Rover Moot



Interstate

Victorians have headed across the border to many interstate events over the past twelve months.

In February, 26 Victorian Rovers headed up to Sugee Bag Creek Scout Activity Centre, NSW, for **Sydney North Region's 90s Kid Moot**. Seven weeks later, a number of Victorians made the trip to Queensland to attend **Queensland Rovers' St George's Ball**. And at the end of May, and small Victorian contingent headed to Albury to attend the **NSW Rovers Branch Bushdance**.



EnviRoVent

World Scout Environment Badge

What can you do to help the environment that isn't planting trees? Lots, as the eight Venturers and nine Rovers who attended EnviRoVent discovered! There was water quality testing, vegetation assessments, environmental management plans, bird watching, citizen science, monitoring strategies and fuel load assessments, to mention just a few!

EnviRoVent was the re-imagining of EnviRover, an updated course based around the World Scout Environment Program framework. Participants completed all of the 'Explore and Reflect' activities for the World Scout Environment Badge, and just needed to complete their own project at home in order to complete the badge. The activities were based around the five areas of the program and run with a particular emphasis on what occurs in the 'real' world around conservation, monitoring and environmental management.



The five areas of focus are:

- People and natural systems have clean water and clean air
- Sufficient natural habitat exists to support native species
- The risk of harmful substances to people and the environment are minimised
- The most sustainable environmental practices are used
- People are prepared to respond to environmental hazards and natural disasters

The camp was held at Mafeking Rover Park in March 2014, with many participants surprised to realise how varied the environment and vegetation at the Park is. It also featured a trip to Yea Wetlands, a great opportunity to see a treasure local to the Park that many do not realise exists. The Branch Environment Team provided much assistance and resources, without their contribution the weekend would not have been able to run.

Finally, Rovers of Victoria can rest assured that should Mafeking Rover Park ever be under attack from an invasive species of plastic drink bottles, there's a small army of Venturers and Rovers who know the best strategies for assessing their abundance!

Chris Neilsen
Environment Officer 2013-2014
Branch Rover Council





Mafeking Rover Park

Caveat



Mafeking Rover Park has had a great and very productive year and I am very proud of what the Committee of Management has achieved this year. Apart from completing the normal working bee tasks, the committee focused on projects that had not been finished at the park. We are pleased with the progress we achieved on the new maintenance shed as well as continuing with the training centre.



At Rover Dinner 2013 we celebrated Mafeking's 21st birthday. We had a ball with past chairmen being invited to celebrate with us. We had a presentation with lots of photos from when Mafeking was bought and everything was built. It is amazing to see how big the changes are just over the past 15 years.

With the next Australian Rover Moot being in Victoria, campsites were asked to put together an application to host the moot. The proposal that was written for Mafeking Rover Park to host the next Rover Moot was absolutely fantastic; there was so much work that went into writing it with committee members getting brochures for local activities as well as running working group meetings to make sure it would be the best that it could be. Ultimately, Mafeking was successful and will be the host of the next Australian Rover Moot "The Moot". Thank you to Lachlan Preston, Gemma Pavone, Lisa Van Meurs and Tash Wallace for putting it all together.

Mafeking Masters, the Rover Christmas Party and Mafeking Open Day were all successful events for the Mafeking Committee of Management this year with great numbers coming to all three events. Mafeking Masters brought new people to the Park with the event being run slightly differently to previous years and was a great weekend for all those who attended. The Christmas party this year brought over 200 rovers together to celebrate the year in Rovers. Mafeking Open Day continued to be a great day with weather holding out for us and numbers increasing from previous years to get many new faces to Mafeking.



Mudbash for Mafeking was not as successful as previous years, with the canteen not making as much profit, but we still made a profit which was great. With Mudbash having a review for their event, the Chairman for Mudbash, Mafeking & RSM were going through all the points raised and working on getting Mafeking's tracks looking great. Machinery was organised before Mudbash to clean up tracks and plans are in place to continue with track maintenance and looking at what we can do to make future racing at Mafeking sustainable.

The working bees continued to see a downfall in attendees except for the Mudbash Working Bees. Without regular attendees to the working bees, our committee pushed through to make sure that Mafeking looking amazing. Mafeking is continuing to find ways of bringing new faces to working bees as well as continuing to get the regular attendees to come back.

I would like to thank everyone involved in Mafeking Rover Park who has made my time as Chairman an enjoyable one. With a strong and committed committee behind you it makes the job of Chairman so much easier.

Andrew Clark
Chairman 2013-2014
Mafeking Rover Park



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Bogong Rover Chalet

Bogong High Plains



This year's snow season was one of the best Victoria has seen in years, and it certainly did a lot to encourage people to dust off their skis and head up to the slopes. Bogong had one of its most successful years, with over 250 bookings across our ski weeks. We held our second annual Ski Moot for the Victorian Rovers which once again proved to be a big success, helping to re-grow, promote and continue the traditions that a ski week at the chalet contains. We saw just about all three of our Venturer weeks booked out along with the SA Rover week, which continues to remain most popular.

We held our Ski Fun day again this year after having cancelled it the last few years due to lack of snow at Mt Baw Baw early in the ski season. It was a great day

enjoyed by all. I would like to thank Nikki Ryan and Bradley Cooper for being our guest speakers at our annual Ski Expo held at EMC. We had a small group listen to their stories and experiences of their time at Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland.

Our summer bookings numbers are increasing, and it is great to see Scouts of all sections going up to explore the high country. After our tow motor burnt out last year, I would like to give a special thanks to Nick who helped rebuild it and spent 2 solid weekends getting it back in place up a very steep and slippery home slope just before the roads were closed for the season.

At the end of the year we will see the lease for the chalet renewed. This will lead to a long, exciting future ahead for Bogong Rover Chalet and it's current and future visitors.

I would like to give a big thanks to the Bogong Chalet Management Group who have been amazingly supportive throughout the year and helpful at getting everything organized and done. Also to all the additional members of the Alpine Rover Crew who always show up to the working bees and food weekends to get the chalet ready for each season.

Jono Warren
Chairman 2013-2014
Bogong Rover Chalet

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Website:

www.bogongroverchalet.org.au



facebook.com/BogongRoverChalet



Membership

We have had another wonderful year with membership for the Crew, as we are looking at investing another four members into the crew. We have also recruited another four members as potential investitures into the crew this time next year. As always we are continuing to promote the crew to new members to retain a high proportion of Rover-age members within the committee.

Working Bees

We had another very successful year with working bees, finishing off the renovations of our new revamped drying room. Numbers are on the rise with more hands making light work and making the working bees more enjoyable for all to enjoy.

Bookings

This year's bookings have been outstanding due to the snow conditions this season. We have recently signed a new deal with the mountain which has opened us up to even more potential guests that we can bring through the lodge. In the upcoming year, we are going to start running catered weekends for Rovers during the green season, which is likely to increase the number of Rovers who will be able to enjoy the lodge's facilities.

Chairman's Plug

Seeing out such a wonderful year in this role has made me realise how much of a great asset Rovers have access to so close to Melbourne. In the winter and summer months it is perfect for any section of scouting to go away for a weekend, with the added bonus of our large accommodation size allowing large groups to utilise this asset. I would highly recommend going to the lodge if you have not already been there before, and if you have been before, keep on going. I fell in love with the lodge the first time I went there and recommend it to everyone.

I would lastly like to thank my committee who all work side by side to make this asset so great. The amount of work they all put in is tremendous and admirable and I look forward to working with the committee and new, present and past members of the Baw Baw Rover Crew.

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 for more details. Make sure you like us on Facebook too!

Jake O'Halloran
Chairman 2013-2014
W.F. Waters Ski Lodge



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Rover Scout Motorsport



RSM has had yet another successful year. In the last twelve months, RSM has managed to pull off a number of fantastic events and activities for the Roving and general Scouting communities. While it has been a challenging year, it has been an extremely rewarding one.

RSM has played a vital role in conducting and now beginning to implement the Mudbash Review. We look forward to all the opportunities this will bring for Rover Scout Motorsport at Mafeking Rover Park. As a very marketable area of Rover Scouts, RSM has definitely increased its exposure both in and outside of the section and the organisation.



Events and the Championship

This year we again had 5 events making up the championship - Dust Up, Opposite Lock, Borderbash, Leadfoot Challenge and Mudbash - which were hotly contested. 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.

Fundraising and Officials Programs

We once again headed to the V8 Supercars Sandown 500, selling programs and radios over three days in September 2013. 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!



Photo: Kelly Mentiplay

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. Congratulations to our award winners - Britney McIlvain (Official of the Year) and the Mallee Region Rovers (Clubmen of the Year).

Lastly, a special thank you to the 2013/2014 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 marshalling. It has been a great year.

2013/2014 RSM Committee

RSM Awards

Championship 2013/14

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

Official of the Year

Britney McIlvain, Craigieburn Rover Crew, Plenty Valley Region

Clubmen of the Year

Mallee Region Rovers, Murray Midlands Region



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Background Photo: Kelly Mentiplay

Bays Region

It has been a big and exciting 12 months for Rovers in Bays Region and I am sad it is coming to a close, but there have been a lot of great things happen in that time. Earlier this year I got the opportunity to visit every Rover Crew in the Region to run Rover Strategic Plan workshops. These workshops helped Branch and myself gain an insight into the minds of Rovers to find out what drives our Crews. Around 100 Rovers from Bays participated in these workshops giving Bays one of the biggest voices in the state. Getting the chance to visit many Rover dens that I had never seen before was fantastic and it was great to see so many young adults motivated for what the future can bring.

Membership

The future looks bright for Bays Region Rovers as the section saw an increase of members by 15.95% which is twice as high as any other section in the Region. This follows on from our increase last year which was the highest in the state.

Some Crews have experienced huge growth with examples such as Sir Dallas Brooks Rover Crew which is thriving after a couple of years of low numbers. Also in Frankston District we were able to open up a whole new Rover Crew. Bruce Davies Rover Crew formed from Baden-Powell Scout Group and with the success of the 2 Crews in this District shows really positive signs.

Events

Our Region isn't just about quantity in Rovers though, it's also about quality with our Crews making some achievements. Mordy Rover Crew came out on top at Hoadley Hide, winning the best stunt award which was pretty impressive as they are a relatively new Crew and it was their first time running a stunt. Fort Nepean have again excelled in motorsport taking out the RSM Championship once again.

Baden-Powell Scout Award

I had the pleasure of being a part of a Baden-Powell Scout Award interview for Cherie Pickering of Kurlls Own Rover Crew. Her folders stacked together were much higher than the Harry Potter books stacked together which shows the huge amount of work and effort that has gone into earning the award.

I would like to thank my team for this year. Jackie, Jess and Caitie have been a huge support through the good times and the bad. And of course Drew for his never ending support with extra thanks to Regi for that additional support when needed.

I would like to say good luck to the incoming team which I know will do a fantastic job in ensuring this region remains on top!

Brady Mitchell
Chairman 2013-2014
Bays Region Rover Community

Region Leadership Team

Chairman	Brady Mitchell
Deputy Chairman	Jackie Watkins
Secretary/Treasurer	Caitie Thorne
Development Officer	Jess Berton
Rover Commissioner	Drew Lazenby



Delnigy Rover Crew



Lord Casey Rover Crew



Cumoot Rover Crew



Gippsland Region



The 2013-2014 year has been another strong year for the Gippsland 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.

2013/2014 Highlights

- A massive social calendar, including vintage console games nights, the ever-popular Highland Games, pong tournament, the Christmas party, a Mexican fiesta, and a number of high-profile boots, plus all the big favourites, including big turnouts at Surfmoor and Mudbash, and motorsport events throughout the year.
- A special mention to Country Rovering's premier event, CARB. We had a ball with South West, and are looking forward to being transported to "The Roaring 20s" for 2014.
- Another big service year. We again co-ordinated the 50+ Rovers providing service to Anything Goes, Victoria's biggest (and best) Venturer event – Congrats to Bree, Kyle and all the Rovers involved. A multi-Crew team ran a very popular pirate-themed Hoadley stunt, coming away with the Best Stunt award for their cluster. I can't wait to see what they come up with next year. Plus all the regular service to junior sections, to Rover assets (especially Mafeking), the strategic planning team, and a myriad of jobs around Strzelecki Showtime.
- Kilakari Pinpuna RC were lucky enough to open a new and improved (and huge) den in Dec 2013. It is in fact so big, a certain dignitary was heard to utter the phrase "bigger than some halls". The new den has already played host to some big events, and we look forward to more in the year to come.



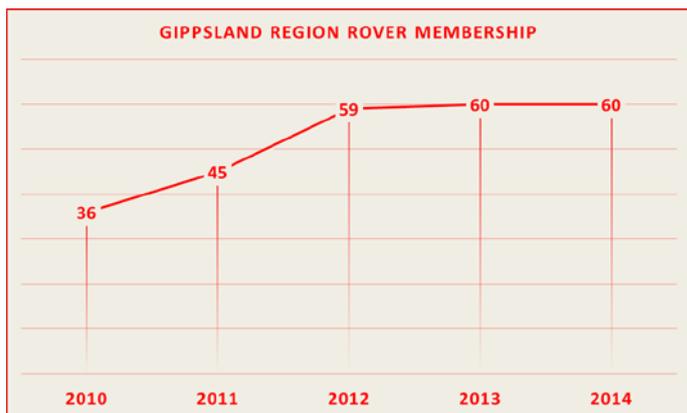
Coming Up Next

- After much anticipation, a new Crew in Far-East Gippsland will be joining us in months to come.
- Preparation is already underway for CARB 2015 – Come to CARB!



Thanks as always to all of our fabulous supporters, my Region team, to our fearless adviser Peter "Petey G" Gibson, and to all the major events and behind-the-scenes teams for another great year.

Mitch Kraan
Chairman 2013-2014
Gippsland Region Rover Community



Region Leadership Team

Chairman	Mitch Kraan
Deputy Chairman	Tom Mackie
Secretary	Kyle Livingstone
Treasurer	Alison Roberts
Venturer Liaison	Alex Kovacs
BRC Representatives	Travis Dubaich & Anthony Thomas
Rover Commissioner	Peter Gibson

Lerderderg Region

Membership

The Region Leadership Team this year has placed a higher focus on the use of the Venturer Marketing Tool. Moving into the 2014-2015 year the region now has a strategy to contact all Venturers of linking age.

Region Gatherings

Region Gatherings have continued to be an area of improvement for the Region and several formats have been tried to help encourage interest. Through the year the Region has met at multiple Crews for the Region Gatherings. This was a great approach to reach some of our Crews that are further away. The Region has also run two social meetings to help improve relationships between Crews. Region gathering formats have tried this year to address topics requested by Crews looking at the Baden-Powell Scout Award, Venturers in Schools, programming as well as adventurous activities. These sessions have been well received by the Rovers in the region. Going forward the committee will be looking to include more social gatherings within the Region as well as more targeted information sessions.

Baden-Powell Scout Award

The region would like to congratulate Catherine Paterson (Keith Farquhar) and Samantha Ferris (Keith Farquhar) on receiving their Baden-Powell Scout Award.

W.F. Waters Rover Service Award

Congratulations to Andrew Cooke (Berembong) on being awarded the W.F. Waters Rover Service Award for his outstanding contribution to Rovering.

Training

The region would like to congratulate the following people on receiving their Wood Beads:

- Caitlen Brideson (Berembong)
- Catherine Paterson (Keith Farquhar)
- Annie Phelan (Amaroo)
- Louise Pocock (Berembong)
- Michael Whyms (Rover Commissioner - Lerderderg Region)

Service

Some of the service activities that have been completed by Crews in the Region:

- Multiple inter-section nights between Rovers and the Venturer, Scout, Cub and Joey sections
- Scouting promotion at Maribyrnong City Council's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony
- Treetops, Rowallan and Mafeking Working Bees
- Members of the region assisting with: Mudbash, Surfmoort, RoVentuer, Branch First Aid Team, Hoadely Hide and Branch Rover Council
- Anzac Day Service and March (both city and local services)
- Blood donations
- Attending the American National Jamboree

On top of this multiple Rovers also volunteer as Leaders in the Joey, Cub, Scout and Venturer sections

Region Leadership Team

Chairman	Catherine Paterson
Deputy Chairman	Katie Privett
Secretary	Lucy Bradley
Treasurer	Jacob Hedger
BRC Representatives	Will Flynn & Aaron Edwards
Development Officer	Lauchlan Buhagiar, Haylee Oates & Corinne Woronka
Rover Commissioner	Mick Whyms



Melbourne Region



Membership

Numbers in Melbourne Region were up by 8.92% this year, bringing us to 171 Rovers in 16 Crews. We welcomed yet another new Crew to the Region - Rafiki Rover Crew based in Malvern East.



Training

We had 13 Rovers complete Basic Training and 3 Rovers & 1 Rover Adviser completed Advanced Training.

Baden-Powell Scout Award

Melbourne Region would like to congratulate Will Jephcott from Surrey Thomas Rover Crew on the completion of his Baden-Powell Scout Award under the old scheme. We are excited to be supporting the crews within the region with converting to the new scheme, with many Rovers already obtaining their St George's Award and closing in on their Baden-Powell Scout Award.



Awardees

We would like to congratulate Bryce Gibson (John Gardiner Rover Crew) for receiving the State Commissioner's Award, and Erin Slaviero (Hellsgate Rover Crew) for receiving the Branch Rover Council Chairman's Award.

Full Report

We've had another busy year! We lost our first chairman, Chris Tagle, to a job opportunity in Brisbane halfway through his term, but our talented and flexible leadership team always made everything work and stepped up to the plate when things got hectic. We have worked really hard on connecting and communicating with our Crews this year, reformatting our monthly Region Gatherings to include fun Scouting activities after

the formal meeting.

I am proud of how involved our Region is with Service to the community and other Scouting Sections, involvement in Roving and Scouting committees and passionate work through the award scheme. We have a lot of new exciting plans for the Region next year based on the feedback of the Rovers we serve, from gatherings to websites to programs to moots and everything in between. Congratulations everyone on a productive year.

Cole Green
Chairman - January-July 2014
Melbourne Region Rover Community



Districts and Crews

Bayside

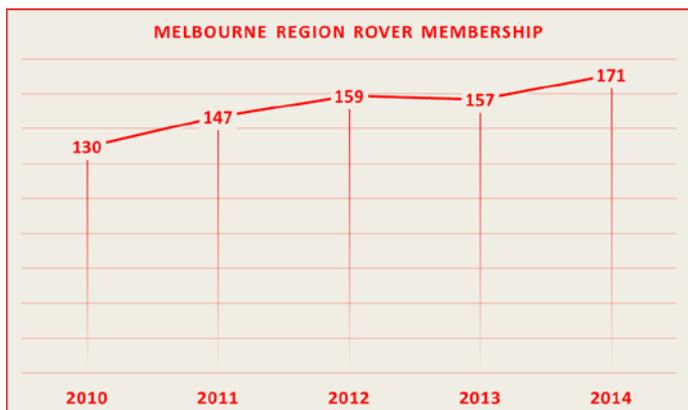
Everest Le Page RC
Harrison RC
Ria Warrah RC
Surrey Thomas RC

Boroondara

Carlton RC
Douttagalla RC
Ivan Stevens RC
John Gardiner RC
Macleay RC
Mullumbimba RC
Old Scotch RC
Raisbeck RC

Glen Eira

Stonnington
Ettamogah RC
Hellsgate RC
Harpatkah RC
Rafiki RC



Region Leadership Team

Chairman (July - December)	Chris Tagle
Chairman (January - July)	Cole Green
Deputy Chairman	Tim Astengo
Secretary/ Treasurer	Ryan Muldoon
Development Officer	Annie Asquith
Rover Commissioner	Tony Nathan

Murray Midlands Region

Training

Training in 2013/14 has been fairly quiet in Murray Midlands. This was mainly because we put a lot of time and energy into training in the past few years and there wasn't the need to make training a major focus. We did have some success with Lachlan Preston completing his Rover Wood Badge and several Rovers and RAs undertaking both Basic and Advanced training. Also exciting, has been the addition of Lachlan and Jenna to the Training Team alongside Nathan, giving us three members on the team.

Highlights from Crew Reports

Bevan Trimble Rover Crew

"With six Rovers working to complete their BP awards we are looking forward to a year full of camps, hikes and lots of service."

Ballentrea Rover Crew

"We will get a well-needed numbers boost and shall have our work cut out for us"

Bundara Rover Crew

"We moved into our brand new hall in July and we now have a shared Den with 1st Wodonga Venturers. It's been a long 2 ½ years but will be great to have a place of our own again."

Golden South Rover Crew

"We have attended most major activities and done a few combined activities with our mates from the Mallee."

Kulin Rover Crew

"Once again this year we worked as a team to put together a stunt for Hoadley, although we didn't come away with the win, new friendships were made and everyone had plenty of fun."

Mallee Rover Crew

"We have had a very busy year. Running Mallee Rover scout activity Kamp and border bash with assistance from Marcus Blount RC and some other great rovers from various crews."

Marcus Blount Rover Crew

"We have started a partnership with the local Sunraysia Dirt Karter's and Timmis speedway and hope to continue it in the coming year as a fundraiser for the crew."

Shepp Rover Crew

"We continue to be completely involved with abseiling with the Region abseiling team and have helped run abseiling events for local Groups, local community events and Mafeking Open Day."

Tom Mitchell

"Some of the events we have attended include Surfmoort, Mafeking Open Day, a 4WD trip and squire training nights."



Region Leadership Team

Chairman	Nathan Pearson
Deputy Chairman	Carolyn Smith
Secretary/ Treasurer	Junice Clark
Training	Lachlan Preston
Assistant Training	Tim Job
Events Officer	Rebecca Martin
Rover Commissioner	Mark "Barney" Thornton

Baden-Powell Scout Award

With the new BP award now in full swing we have seen an increase in participation in the award with at least one person in every Crew participating in the Baden-Powell Scout Award. We are also seeing some amazing projects and activities coming out of our Region from building a mini golf course to hand crafted music stands and medieval bow making.

Awards

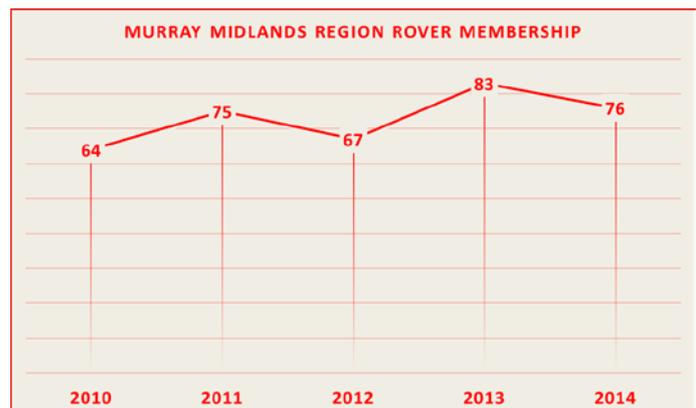
We would like to congratulate the following members and supporters of Murray Midlands on receiving awards this year.

Mark Thornton: Silver Emu Craig Whan: Silver Emu
 Russell Smith: Silver Koala Steve Munro: Silver Wattle
 Shannon Munro: Meritorious Service Award
 Nathan Pearson: W.F. Waters Award & Special Service Award

Congratulations

Congratulations to Barney who on the weekend of the AGM reached his diamond jubilee. To celebrate the Region gave him some locally sourced produce, a stunt car driving experience and a surprise party.

Congratulations also go to Steve & Shannon Munro from Mallee Rover Crew on the arrival of baby Emmerson Rose born on the 27th of May.



Mt Dandenong Region



It's been an exciting twelve months for Mt Dandenong Rovers! We've refocused our Community Gatherings, run a heap of different events, including some brand new ones, and seen plenty of members receive awards. I'd like to thank all Rovers for their participation at gatherings and events, and for their support with new directions in which we have attempted to take the Region. I'd also like to thank the Leadership Team who have done an outstanding job in helping us reach and exceed our goals for the year. There's no way we would have been able to achieve anywhere near as much as we have without all your help.

Membership

Currently, Mt Dandenong Rover Community has 292 registered Rovers. This is a minor drop of 13 Rovers (4.26%) from last year's figure, however I am confident that if we help our Crews to maintain a strong program and engage in a wide range of activities, there's no reason this won't return to growth in the near future.

Gatherings

One of the big changes we've attempted to introduce this year is a complete rethink of how we run our gatherings. We've made significant steps into transitioning from a meeting to a gathering, and have encouraged more involvement from everyone. We've also restructured how information is delivered, so Rovers now receive a sheet with an update of all news to bring back to their Crews so we don't need to talk about all of them in the meeting, and so they can make sure they get all the correct information. I feel that we've made some successful changes, and we continue to get a strong representation from Crews at our gatherings with around 20 of our 27 Crews regularly attending.

Training

This is an area that has been pushed for a number of years, and I'm sure it's paying off if the number of Rovers attending courses is any indication! We've seen 19 Rovers attend a Basic course, and nine attend an Advanced course in the past twelve months, and I'd like to commend them for taking the time to gain new skills to help Rovers grow. Our training subsidy continues to be a useful resource to encourage Rovers to attend courses, and I encourage all of our Rovers who haven't yet completed a Basic course to make full use of it.

Events

Without a doubt I am sure this is one of the best aspects that the Region has been able to offer to its Rovers. Over the course of the year we have run five different events, all of which have been hugely successful. Past favourites including Moist Moot and Playzone were featured, along with the introduction of Sidetracked, Battle of the Bands and Peninsula Moot.



All of these events have been well received by all who attended, and we are keen to see them remain on the calendar for many years to come! A big thank you to everyone who has been involved in the running of these events, especially the Leadership team, who have all pitched in multiple times to do whatever is needed to make these events successful.

Moist Moot - Welcome to Vegas! That's what greeted everyone at our annual Region Moot down at Bay Park! A variety of different casino activities, along with some other favourites were enjoyed by all! Thanks to Tamalane and her team for coordinating this event and making it another huge success.

Playzone - Playzone's been a massive event for our Rover Community for a few years now, and this year was no exception! Over 120 Venturers and Rovers headed to Playzone in Noble Park for a bbq dinner and to act like the kids we know we all are!



Region Leadership Team

Chairman	Dale Sheehan
Deputy Chairman	Sarah Marriott
Secretary	Helen Mortimer
Treasurer	Adele Wallbridge
BRC Representatives	Mark Lewis
Development Officer	Jimmy Paton, Kate Schie, Jarrod Manfre & Oskar Revesz
Moist Moot Chairman	Tamalane White
Rover Commissioner	Stephen Carter

Sidetracked - A new introduction this year, and I'd like to thank last year's team for getting this event in motion. We took over the Sidetracked Entertainment Centre in Oakleigh for a great night of go-karting, bowling, laser tag, dodgems and mini golf!

Peninsula Moot - Not everyone was fortunate enough to make it to WAM at the start of the year, so for those who were left behind, we ran an event down on the Mornington Peninsula to have a bit of fun and relax on the beach. It turned into an adventure camp, and a great time was had by all! We're hoping to make this an annual event now.

Battle of the Bands - An idea discussed at Playzone last year quickly became an exciting new event for Mt Dandenong! We invited performers to take to the stage and put on a great show for Venturers and Rovers. The night was a great success thanks to the hard work of many, and I'd like to congratulate all performers and others involved in the success of the night. A special mention to Gerard for coordinating this event in its inaugural year.

Award Recipients

It's been a huge year for the Baden-Powell Scout Award with Esther Lang, Ashley "Ferret" Comer, Brad Peters, Matt Conway and Michael Egan receiving the award. Congratulations also to Brad Peters who has received the W.F. Waters Rover Service Award.

South West Region

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 Region 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 Region Community and Crew activities are well supported by all members of the Region.

Training

Interest in Rover training has increased over the last 12 months, with two Rovers participating in the Rover Advanced at May Madness and others eager to commence with Basic over the coming year.

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:

- Messengers for Peace
- Hoadley Hide
- New Baden-Powell Scout Award
- Eumeralla Villa Taskforce
- VicRovers Strategic Plan

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

Baden-Powell Scout Award

South West Rover Community congratulates Travis Grundell of Boss Hurst RC who was awarded his BPSA during the year. Moving forward, it is great to see a continued interest in the BPSA, with many of our Rovers submitting proposals!

W.F. Waters Awardees

Congratulations to Nicky Strachan and Hayden Smith on being awarded the W.F. Waters Award in 2013, and Lisa van Meurs for being awarded the W.F. Waters Award in 2014.

CARB 2013 – Bazza's & Shazza's

Thanks to over 60 Rovers and RAs who donned their flannelette and supported CARB 2013 "Bazza's & Shazza's" at Rowallan Scout Camp in November. A great night was had by all beginning with a roast dinner followed by a DJ and some good times! Congratulations to the organising committee for pulling off an excellent event showcasing country Roving.

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 Roving, there is still a great deal of work to be done! I look forward to hearing of the continued growth of both the quality and quantity of Roving in South West over the years to come!

Regions, Districts and Crews

West Coast Region

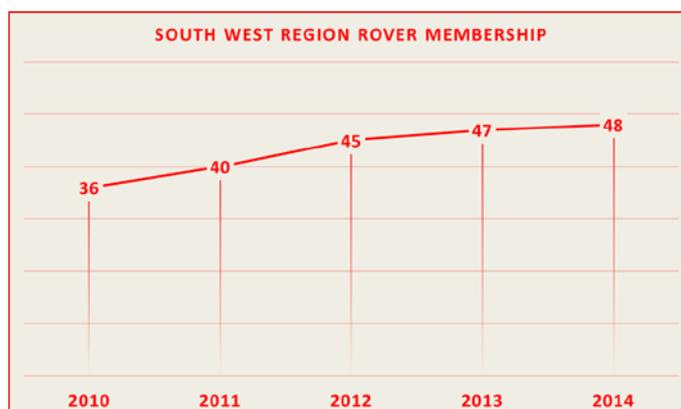
- South West District
 - Mahogany RC
- Emu District
 - Hampden RC
- Glenelg River District
 - Wannon RC

Geelong Region

- Geelong Peninsula District
 - Boss Hurst RC
- Barwon District
 - Yarrimbak RC
- Otway Plains District
 - Patanga RC

Region Leadership Team

Chairman	Nathan Delaney
Deputy Chairman	Travis Grundell
Treasurer	Nicky Strachan
Project Officer	Jimmy Smith
Rover Commissioner	Peter Wotherspoon



Plenty Valley Region

Well 12 months does fly fast - it feels like yesterday that I was elected into this position. And it only feels now that I have found my feet and then the bell goes and time's up. So what has the Region been up to?? First off, we lost our old Region ARC, James, so the challenge was set to find a new one. We cast the net far and wide and managed to catch Jeff, who has taken on the role like a duck to water. Next, we had a few of our members fly off to Canada for World Moot and from all accounts (that I still keep hearing about at leadership team meetings) they had an awesome time.

In late December, a few of us flew over to Perth for WAM and we all enjoyed our time over there getting ideas for the next moot that Victorian is holding in our own Region. I would like to congratulate Britney McIlvian on being appointed Chairman of The Moot 2016-2017, as well as Luke Critchley and Daniel O'Conner on their new positions on the Victorian Rover Council.

Over the past 12 months, Crews in our Region have become stronger and some have some work ahead of them to ensure that they are even stronger. So, I have some challenges for every Crew to work towards over the past 12 months:

1. Ensure that everyone in the Crew is actively enjoying the program to its fullest
2. Get out and represent your Crew at every event possible
3. Help each other to do your e-learning towards your Basic and Advanced training
4. Get out and get to know your local Venturer Units not only from our Region but others as well. These Venturers are a major way of growing our Crews.

Membership

Well done to all Crews in the Region for their continuing support of growth in the region with a 13.08% climb in membership.

Training

This year has been a very slow one when it comes to training but we did have three Rover Advisers complete Basic Training, as well as one Rover and one Rover Adviser complete Advanced Training. Melissa Berloth from Craigieburn Rover Crew also completed her Rover Wood Badge.

I encourage all Rovers to do their training as it does provide helpful skills for later in life.

Awards

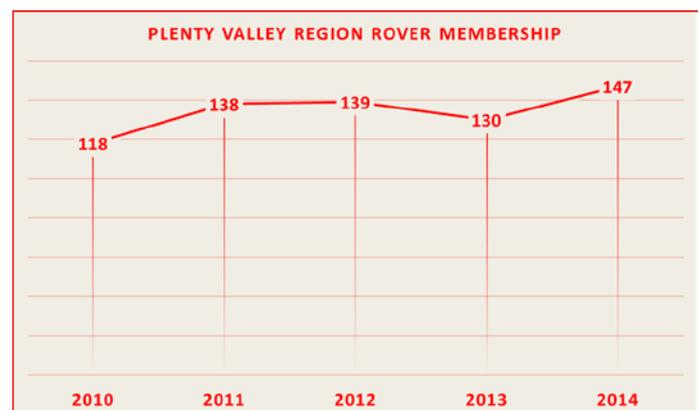
This year we have had two W.F. Waters Service awards awarded to both Andrew Clark and Michael Quayale from Craigieburn Rover Crew. Well done and thank you for your service over the years.

So finally enough rambling from me. I would like to thank the whole team for their support over the past 12 months; from the random phone calls and emails to leadership team meetings. I would like to thank Jeff for all his support he has given me and the team, he has pulled me into line a number of times and for that I thank him. Finally I would like to thank everyone's families and partners for their support, as well as all Rovers within the Region for their support of the Leadership Team.

Andrew Scoular
Chairman 2013-2014
Plenty Valley Region Rover Community

Region Leadership Team

Chairman	Andrew Scoular
Deputy Chairman	Jarrold Bell
Secretary	Jessie-eve Dale
Treasurer	Llewellyn Phillips
Development Officer	Britney McIlvain
Rover Commissioner	Jeff McIlvain



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
 Ros Pruden
 Peter Rossborough
 Michael Spencer

2005
 Rodney Abson
 Christopher Allan
 Benjamin Eriksson
 Joshua Hutton
 Adrian Irving
 Linda Moore
 Lucas Moore
 Adrian Rietwyk
 Raymond White
 Daniel Wilson
 Chris Young

2006
 Daniel Angus
 Mandy Bannon
 Graeme Bryar
 Gary Howard
 Simon Millar
 James Stewart

2007
 William Gielewski
 Giff Hatfield
 Raymond Lubansky
 Patrick McCormick

2008
 Stuart Bailey
 Lillian Beard
 Aaron Guild
 David Lyons
 Jack Maver
 Richard McCoy
 Theresa Prior
 Stephen Rahill
 Sarah Wotherspoon

2009
 Christopher Anderson
 Sarah Austin
 Dean Castle
 Elizabeth Davison
 Peter Gibson
 Elizabeth Hardy
 Belinda Henderson
 Travis Parkes

2010
 Robert Chakir
 Mathew McKernan
 Paul Teys
 Stephen Vines

2011
 Pip Gray
 Glenn Gregoire
 Chris Gunther
 Brod Helmers
 Drew Lazenby
 Shaun McIlvain
 Kyle Nash
 Travis Rigoni
 Steven Rowlandson
 Nathan Simpson
 Bianca Vincent

2012
 Cameron Adamson
 Craig Bevan
 Bradley Castle
 Jason Govan
 Dale Krumins
 Caroline Mann
 Louise Pocock
 John Taylor
 Jessica Watling

2013
 Jamie Anderson
 Kevin Bird
 Rachael Boyd
 Alisha Clarke
 Ashley Comer
 Matthew Conway
 David King
 Andrew Millsom
 Morris Orchard
 Aidan Ritchie
 Robert Sanderson
 Hayden Smith
 Nicole Strachan
 Desmond Trott
 Ross Tuddin
 Daniel Vriens

2014
 David Bossen
 Andrew Clark
 Andrew Cooke
 Nathan Pearson
 Bradley Peters
 Michael Quayle
 Lisa van Meurs



27th December 2016 – 6th January 2017
Mafeking Rover Park

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