



VICTORIAN ROVERS



Yearbook 2011



Victorian Rovers About Us

Rovers aim to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people aged 17-25 so that they take a constructive place in society as a member of their local, national and international community. The Rover section is self-governing, and its motto is 'Service'.

Scouts Australia, Victorian Branch Vision:

"All Victorians enjoying Scouting"

Chief Scout of Victoria:

Prof. David de Kretser AC KStJ (until April 2011)
The Honourable Alex Chernov AO QC (from April 2011)

Chief Commissioner: Robert Taylor

Assistant Chief Commissioner - Youth Program: Greg McDougall

Branch Rover Council Chairman 2010/11: Mathew McKernan

Branch Commissioner - Rovers: Jody Freeman

Victorian Branch Rover Council

1st July 2010 - 30th June 2011

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

Chairman - Mathew McKernan

Branch Rover Council Office Bearers

Deputy Chairman	Kyle Nash
Assistant Chairman	Morris Orchard
Minutes Secretary	Luke Byrnes
Training Officer	Rachael Boyd
Information Technology Officer	David King
Marketing & Journalist	Nicole Strachan & Kathryn Gourley
Adventurous Activities Officer	Evan Anderson
Environment Officer	Ashley Comer
Resources Officer	Luke Robinson

Advisors and Appointed Supporters

Branch Commissioner (Rovers) (until October 2010)	Craig Whan
Branch Commissioner (Rovers) (from October 2010)	Jody Freeman
Assistant Branch Commissioner - Activities	Greg Davies
Assistant Branch Commissioner - Training & Development (until December 2010)	Chris Young
Honorary Treasurer (until March 2011)	Jody Freeman CPA
Honorary Treasurer (from March 2011)	Simon Millar CA
Honorary Historian	Sue Tanck
Administration Officer	Jill Austin

Region Rover Communities

Region	Chairman	Assistant Region Commissioner -BRC Representative Rovers	
Bays	Ryan Beeby Dale Krumins	Drew Lazenby	Anthony Hopkins
Eastern Lerderderg Melbourne Mount Dandenong Murray Midlands Plenty Valley South West	Andrew Millsom Louise Pocock Evan Anderson Ashley Comer Hayden Smith Cameron Adamson Sean Williamson	Peter Gibson Michael Whyms Tony Nathan Stephen Carter Mark Thornton James Stewart Peter Wotherspoon	Kat Gourley Alisha Clarke Coral Hasset Brad Peters Nathan Pearson & Lachlan Preston Ross Tuddin Sean Williamson

Subcommittees of the Branch Rover Council

Subcommittee	Chairman	Rover Advisor
Bogong Rover Chalet Management Group	Kathleen Pearce	Matt Anderson Linda Moore
Baw Baw Rover Crew (WF Waters Ski Lodge)	Phoebe Brodal-Robertson	
Mafeking Rover Park Committee of Management Mudbash 2011 Surfmoot 2011 Rover Scout Motorsport Victorian Contingent OzMoot 2011	Michael Quayle Glenn Gregoire Anthony Hayes Matthew Bloomfield Louise Pocock	Travis Barry John Rowlandson Steven Rowlandson Daniel Vriens Greg Davies Greg Davies

Branch Events

Event	Chairman	Region Host
MARB 2010	Jessica Watling	Manibobar
Rover Dinner 2010	Rachael Boyd	South Metro



Victorian Rovers Awards



W.F. Waters Award

Name	Crew	Group	District	Region
Pip Gray	Amaroo	Milleara	Moonee Valley	Lerderderg
Glenn Gregoire	Craigieburn	Craigieburn	Hume	Plenty Valley
Chris Gunther	Bogong Rover Chalet	ASF - Bogong Rover Chalet	Victorian Rovers	Victorian Branch
Brod Helmers	Amaroo	Milleara	Moonee Valley	Lerderderg
Drew Lazenby	ARC Rovers	Bays Region	Bays Region	Bays
Shaun McIlvain	Craigieburn	Craigieburn	Hume	Plenty Valley
Kyle Nash	Hatfield	Box Hill 11th	Whitehorse	Mt Dandenong
Travis Rigoni	Rover Advisor - Craigieburn	Craigieburn	Hume	Plenty Valley
Steven Rowlandson	Rover Advisor - Mudbash	Victorian Rovers	Victorian Rovers	Victorian Branch
Nathan Simpson	Yarrimbak	Yarrimbak	Barwon	South West
Bianca Vincent	Amaroo	Milleara	Moonee Valley	Lerderderg



Baden Powell Scout Award

Name	Crew	Group	District	Region
David Costanzo	Wiara	Mentone	Kingston	Bays
Rebecca Eliason	Shepparton	Shepparton	Goulburn Murray	Northern
Richard McCoy	Alpha Theta	Waverley Valley	Monash	Mt Dandenong
Mathew McKernan	Berembong	5th Keilor	Moonee Valley	Lerderderg
Lisa Picking	Delnigy	Dingley	Kingston	Bays
Carlie Ryan	E.J. Chittick	1st Heatherdale	Whitehorse	Mt Dandenong
Gordon Young	Ken Tickell	3rd Croydon	Maroondah	Mt Dandenong



Woodbeads

Name	Role	Crew	District	Region
Ryan Beeby	Rover	Wiara	Kingston	Bays
Matthew Conway	Rover	Ogilvy	Sherbrooke Forest	Mt Dandenong
David Costanzo	Rover	Wiara	Kingston	Bays
Andre Duyker	Rover Advisor	John Gardiner	Boroondara	Melbourne
Tony Nathan	Asst Region Commissioner	Melbourne Region	Melbourne	Melbourne
Morris Orchard	Rover	Hatfield	Whitehorse	Mt Dandenong
Brad Peters	Rover	Birubi	City of Knox	Mt Dandenong
Joanne Potts	Rover	Wiara	Kingston	Bays



Branch Commissioner's & Chairman's Award

Chairman's Award:

Anthony Hayes, Boss Hurst Rover Crew, Barwon District, South West (Geelong) Region

Branch Commissioner's Award:

Evan Anderson, Ettamogah Rover Crew, Glen Eira Stonnington District, Melbourne Region



Baden Powell Lodge Service Award

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

For 2010/2011, Baden Powell Lodge awarded the Victorian Branch Rover Council, on behalf of Victorian Rovers for their outstanding effort and work in the Relief and Recovery Operations in the wake of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires.



Rover Scout Motorsport Championship 2011

- 1st Place - Amaroo Rover Crew
- 2nd Place - Fort Nepean Rover Crew
- 3rd Place - Shepp Rover Crew

Clubman & Official of the Year

Clubman of the Year:

Craig Dickson, Sir Dallas Brooks Rover Crew, Frankston District, Bays Region

Official of the Year:

Andrew Scoular, Sugarloaf Rover Crew, Nillumbik District, Plenty Valley Region
 Kaylah Rea, Wurundjeri Rover Crew, Hume District, Plenty Valley Region

Census - Year Ending June 2011



Region	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Branch Entities	37	37	38	33	43
Bays	120	127	136	135	144
Eastern	33	35	38	36	45
Lerderderg	80	87	93	102	99
Melbourne	148	131	130	130	147
Mt Dandenong	276	265	285	277	307
Murray Midlands	58	67	68	64	75
Plenty Valley	129	122	116	118	138
South West	32	37	41	36	40
Total	913	908	945	931	1038

Victorian Rovers Chairman

The 2010/2011 year has been a time of change and excitement for Victorian Rovers, we have seen a re-structure of our regions, implementation of a new community concept for our region councils, development of better communication tools and a strong emphasis on improving retention and membership. At the beginning of my second term, I set a number of clear and measurable goals for the particular year.

These were to:

- Improve information flow & communication
- Implement where possible a strategic plan and fulfil the requirements set forward by Victorian Branch.
- Increase retention and maintain membership strength
- Maintain and improve viable projects for the section.

I am pleased to report that we made significant progress in delivering the above. Especially in consideration of the challenges and time of change we experienced both within and outside the Rover Section.

At the beginning of 2010/2011, we embarked on a major change in the branch whereby the region boundaries were adjusted to suit our growing population and to assist in developing the branch. As a result, the we chose to move with this change. Every metropolitan Rover region had a change in leadership due to the boundary change. As part of this process the regions moved towards a community structure, primarily resulting in a change to their meeting agenda. The significant change being the inclusion of “workshops” – specifically designed to help crews deliver a better program, improve administration and to support them in the expectations of crews. Workshops generally consisted of a guest speaker, brain storming sessions, general discussion and training by the Region Leadership Teams for crews to assist them in development.

With the transition to Rover Communities it was identified we needed a single consolidated method for communication throughout the branch. Information was provided to Rovers via multiple paths from many different sources. As a result, information was sometimes missed and Rovers were left without information. To combat this, the new VicRovers.com Website was established which provided a central repository of news and information. This content is now distributed from this central point to members using multiple channels like the Victorian Rovers Facebook Page, weekly email newsletters, monthly newsletters distributed at Region Community Gatherings. This has greatly improved information flow and through anecdotal evidence this has kept Rovers more informed.

In October 2010, Craig Whan retired from his role as Branch Commissioner (Rovers) after 6 years of dedicated service. In the process of a new appointment of a Branch Commissioner (Rovers) by the Chief Commissioner, the Branch Rover Council conducted interviews of possible candidates to make a recommendation of appointment to the Chief Commissioner. This process resulted in Jody Freeman being appointed as Branch Commissioner (Rovers) for the next three years. Jody was fulfilling the role of Honorary Treasurer of which he vacated when taking on Branch Commissioner. The Branch Rover Council then went through a process of appointing a new Honorary Treasurer and in turn Simon Millar was appointed. Welcome to the team Simon!

I am very pleased to announce that the Rover section recorded the largest percentage growth in membership at the 2011 Census of nearly 12%, this was the largest growth of any section in the Victorian Branch for this Census Year. This is also dramatic and profound improvement compared to previous years. This is through the hard work of Rovers throughout the branch as led by their Region Communities. A number of key processes were put in place by the Victorian Branch Rover Council and Region Communities to ensure that both membership growth and membership loss is appropriately monitored and built on such as deactivation alerting emails and reminders to census renewal.

Victorian Rovers made a significant contribution to the National Rover Review (known as Rovering to 2020), we have provided feedback where required to the review team, along with hosting a Workshop activity ran by the review team for Victorian Rovers to provide their feedback.

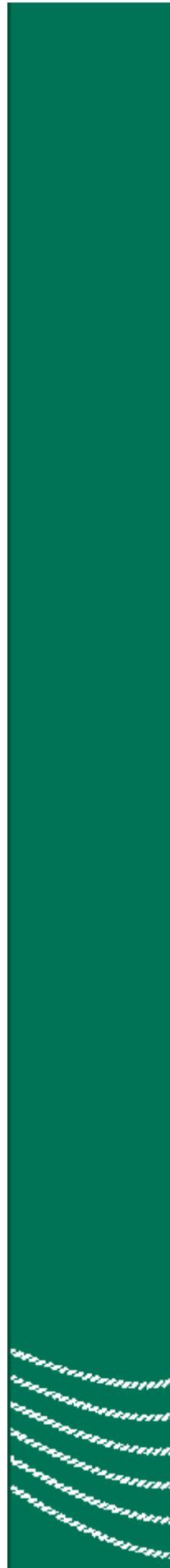
We have achieved a lot in the past twelve months, simply too much to include in this document. I encourage you all to further read on the efforts of Rovers in this great publication for a further explanation of our achievements. I would like to thank Caitlin Brideson on her efforts for this publication and thank you to all those who assisted her.

Lastly, I would like to thank all Rovers for their participation in activities and running a good program. We have made significant headway in development and membership, we need to keep this momentum up and we will continue to grow strongly into the future.

I would like to thank the many Rovers and Advisers who make this section operate so well, specifically those who I have worked with closely over the past twelve months. The works of the Office Bearers, Region Leadership Teams, and the subcommittees is paramount to our success over the past year. The assistance and advice of our Branch Commissioners being Jody Freeman, Craig Whan, Chris Young & Greg Davies has been imperative and greatly appreciated. Throughout the Rover section, our advisers including our Assistant Region Commissioners through to the Crew Rover Adviser are a key requirement to the success of our section. The support and help from Kyle Nash & Morris Orchard in their roles as Deputy Chairman & Assistant Chairman respectively has been invaluable. I could not have done this role without your strong dedication to your roles.

Thank you to the Rover section and the experience I have gained in this role has been invaluable. I hope I have delivered the expectations of my fellow Rovers. I wish every luck to my successor, Morris Orchard and his team. I have great expectations that they will continue to serve our section to a high level into the future.

Yours in Rovering,
Mathew McKernan - Chairman - Victorian Branch Rover Council





Victorian Rovers

Branch Commissioner



Victorian Rovers have had another very busy year, delivering on our key events and programs. Our usual events all ran successfully, without major incident. We continue to build on our success each year, and it is pleasing to report that as a section our activities are all run to a very high standard to the benefit of all in Scouting.

A number of Rovers from Victoria joined the Australian Contingent to 13th World Scout Moot in Nairobi Kenya. Those that went had an experience of a lifetime and have already commenced planning for the next World Moot to be held in Quebec Canada in August 2013. Every Rover should consider attending a World event, they are an unforgettable experience.

A number of Rovers also celebrated the New Year attending OZMoot at Woodhouse, South Australia. The contingent team put in a great deal of effort and should be congratulated for the work they did. While it is pleasing that Rovers attended this event, it was disappointing that the numbers weren't as strong as they should be. Approximately 5% of our Rover members attended. After WAM in WA in 2013/14, Victoria is the next state in rotation. As a state we need to critically assess how we can run a successful event, what we can make work, and what we can forgo, as the present formula is just not effective. While I am confident that Victoria is up for the challenge, the future of these events is dependant on us to come up with a formula that is affordable, attractive and flexible to the needs of current Rovers.

In July 2010 Rovers moved to a new model of interactive workshop based gatherings, supported by key executive, with clear and frequent communication from Branch. While there has been some teething challenges, these Community gatherings are for the most part being well supported and delivering key information in a much more efficient manner.

I am very pleased that the section grew significantly over the year. Efforts to improve our administration and to communicate to Rovers and Group Leaders on the registration process contributed to this growth. The WWC process continues to cause the section some challenges, and needs continued focus to ensure Rovers remain registered and are therefore able to take advantage of the extensive program that Victorian Rovers delivers each year.

The National Rover Review, *Rovering Towards 2020* is an opportunity for the section to critically assess its relevance, the program and delivery. The review is due to wrap up in November, and it will be an exciting time as we discuss, develop and implement the recommendations. To remain relevant and current, it is vitally important that we regularly review our offering. Victoria will consider the outcomes at the biannual Rover Conference in March 2012.

During the year, we made a number of appointment changes to the team that support Roving at the Branch level. In October, we farewelled Craig Whan as Branch Commissioner Rovers. I'd like to personally thank Craig for his sound leadership to Roving, and advice to me over many years.

In early January, Chris Young stepped out of the role of Assistant Branch Commissioner – Rover Development, having advised the BRC for over six years primarily in areas of strategic development, training and marketing. Chris often brought ideas out of the box to the table and challenged the BRC to think differently about issues and obstacles. We wish him every success in his new role as Branch Commissioner - Outreach, and I personally wish to thank him for his significant contribution to Roving, advice, friendship and expertise.

At the end of June, Jill Austin retired as our BRC Administration Officer. An often thankless task, Jill provided essential support to the operations of the BRC for over four years. I'd like to thank Jill for her contribution to Roving.

I am delighted that Simon Millar accepted the appointment as Honorary Treasurer. Simon's professional skills and experience will contribute greatly to the ongoing management of our operations. I would also like to welcome John Rowlandson as Rover Advisor Mafeking, and Steven Rowlandson as Rover Advisor Mudbash. Greg Davies continues in his role as ABC-Rovers. My personal thanks for his ongoing support and contribution.

Deputy Chairman, Kyle Nash, Assistant Chairman Morris Orchard, all other Branch Office Bearers, Region Executives, Sub Committees and Advisors have all put in an exceedingly large amount of time and energy to run and develop Rovers in Victoria. The membership growth and the success of our activities and events over the last year are testament to your efforts. Thank you and well done.

The leadership of Victorian Rovers rests with the Chairman of the Branch Rover Council. Mathew McKernan completed two very effective years in this role. I have previously used the word prolific to describe Matty, as I think this is most apt. His reach and contribution to every aspect of our program has been considerable. Congratulations on two outstanding years as BRC Chair, and all the very best in your new role as District Commissioner Moonee Valley.

Looking forward, highlights for a busy 2012 will be the 40th anniversary of Mudbash, as well as implementing the outcomes of the soon to be completed *Rovering Towards 2020* review. Roving in Victoria has had a most excellent year, and are well placed to grow and prosper in the years ahead.

Jody Freeman
Branch Commissioner - Rovers

Victorian Rovers

Deputy Chairman

This year saw the Branch Rover Council hold two away meetings of which I was a key organiser, the first one was in November and held at the W.F. Waters Ski Lodge at Mount Baw Baw. The weekend and meeting were well attended with some maintenance tasks being undertaken on the Saturday to help tidy up around the chalet. Spending the weekend together and working in groups outside of the normal BRC table enabled bonds and friendships to be formed and reinforced in a more relaxed environment than the monthly BRC meetings.



The second was held up at Mafeking Rover Park on the weekend of their Open Day in March, again attendance was good. Holding the meeting at "The Park" enabled the BRC to see Mafeking in a different light from Mudbash and other racing events.

This year also saw some well needed maintenance and upgrades completed at the Victorian Rover Centre; a new dishwasher was installed as well as two heaters for the smaller meeting rooms. Audio visual presentation will now be easier thanks to the installation of a roof mounted projector and projector screen, with speakers and a computer for easy interfacing. The shed was given a well needed cleanout and the gutters on both the shed and hall roof were cleared.



Above: Branch Rover Council Meeting at W.F. Waters Ski Lodge

All in all it was a good year for the Branch Rover Council with lots of progress made.

Kyle Nash
Deputy Chairman
Victorian Branch Rover Council 2010-2011

Assistant Chairman

The Assistant Chair role has a focus on liaising with the Venturer section, with the capacity to coordinate other projects that arise.



The primary Venturer liaison task was to maintain an appropriate presence at the Branch Venturer Council and to foster positive relationships with Venturer commissioners. I also took an oversight role in ensuring that similar contact was being made at the Region, and to varying extents District, levels of the organisation. Contact between the leadership in the sections continues to be important as a way of sharing approaches to common challenges as well as resolving any issues before they arise.

Liaising with the Venturer section also involved contact with major Venturer events such as Vic Gathering and the 2011 Hoadley Project so that the Rover presence there could be positive and memorable. A separate report on the Hoadley Project is in this year book.

Some of the more substantial projects undertaken included coordinating the archiving of historical and operational documents, co-ordinating the use of our 'Venturer Marketing Tool' and keeping resources for Crews and Rover Communities up to date and accessible.

The archiving project involved moving and sorting two pallets of boxes of records from the previous headquarters. Many thanks to Mathew McKernan for setting up the electronic infrastructure for us to scan and store the decades of Branch Rover Council minutes, which will prove a fantastic resource both operationally and historically. Thanks also to all the others who helped with the task. It is a work in progress, and one where gems continue to be unearthed.

The Venturer Marketing Tool is a system developed by our Rover IT gurus that enables Region teams to contact older Venturers, invite them to a Rover Crew, and note the circumstances of the Venturer so they can be followed up appropriately. Contacting our future Rovers was a labour-intensive effort that was rewarded with a quantifiable contribution to the section's substantial growth for the year. A particularly heroic effort was made by Brad Peters, with Cina Porter, Nathan Pearson and Aidan Ritchie making significant contributions.

Providing appropriate resources was important during a period where the section was transferring from Region Rover Councils to Rover Communities, with an emphasis on responsive and engaging gatherings. Resources provided initially were some basic workshops to introduce the new focus on information-sharing and development. The Quality Crew Guidelines, a list of suitable benchmarks for a Crew drawn from Rovers at the 2009 Extraordinary Rovers Conference, were adapted into an improvement tool so that Crews could self-assess and identify ways of improving. I also provided some ongoing input into the development of our website as a technical novice, endeavouring to make our resources navigable for new users. The Crew Resource Folder has been progressively distributed and now provides a hardcopy option for weekly use in programming and Crew administration.

An annual report can never quite capture the day-to-day humdrum, spotfires and little triumphs of the role. It also doesn't adequately thank the Rovers who did the real work on projects I initiated or coordinated. It has been a pleasure working closely with Mathew McKernan, the Office Bearers and Region Chairs as well as having had the support of Craig Whan, Jody Freeman, Greg Davies and Chris Young. All have heavily contributed to the experiences of current and future Victorian Rovers.

Morris Orchard
Assistant Chairman





Victorian Rovers Training

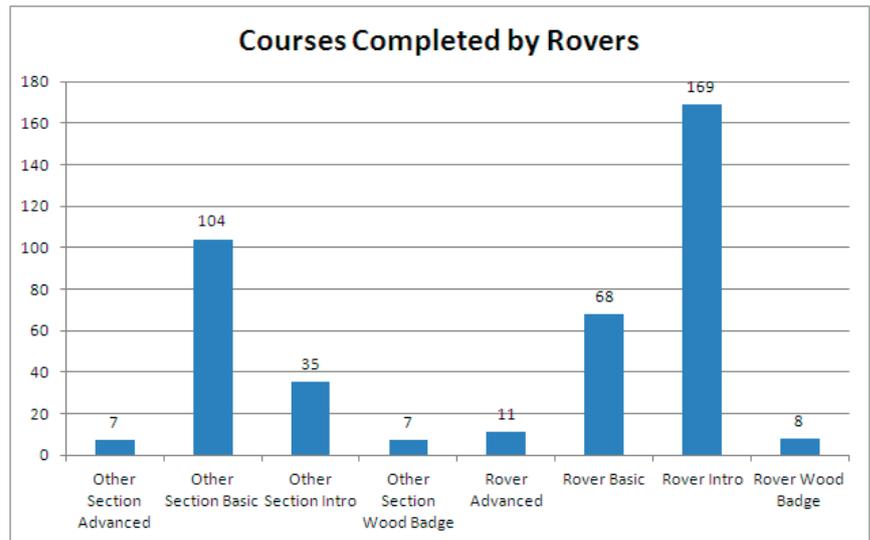
The past year has been one of the most successful to date.

The introduction of e-Learning for courses has opened up Training to a wider market and makes it easier and more flexible for everyone to participate. Word of this new phenomenon took a while to spread through the masses but is now highly successful.

We conducted a Training Survey over a number of months to find out more about the direction Rovers wanted Training to head. The results of these will hopefully be addressed and rolled out during the next year.

Participation in courses was also up from the last year, which is positive for the future of the Rovering section. This is partially due to e-Learning but also due to the increased profile of Training and the changing face of what Training actually is.

There have been a number of members from the Rover section awarded their Woodbeads in the last year as well and I congratulate all of them for their efforts and encourage them to continue their journey within Rover Training.



I'd like to thank everyone that has supported me in the role for the last 12 months. In particular I'd like to mention Peter Gibson, the guru of all things Training, Sarah Austin, for mentoring me and putting up with me, and Chris Young, for his 'outside the box' thinking of the way Training operates. Thank you also to everyone on the Rover Training Team. Those who have attended meetings, those who have helped on projects and those who come to courses and help run sessions.

Your efforts were greatly appreciated! The future looks bright so keep on burning.

Rachael Boyd
Training Officer

Marketing

Marketing over the last twelve months has focused on getting the Rover presence out there showing our assets and events to all sections of Scouting.

The year saw constructive work towards re-launching the 'I want to be a Rover Program' with exciting prospects of engaging a new group of Cubs in the Rovering ways. This included several months of evaluation, ordering new promotional tools and exploring new innovative ways to deliver the program. We are excited to see how the future of this project evolves with our new marketing team.

In keeping with increasing the Rover profile, we took on the task of running the 'frat tent' in addition to our normal marketing presence at the 2010 Venturer's 'Victoria Gathering'. With great support from RSM we saw 5 Mudbash vehicles on display drawing high interest from the Venturers. In addition each of our assets had the opportunity to promote themselves to the next generation of Rovers. It is heard that I must make special thanks to all Rovers who made the extra effort to come to the event simply to get out and engage with the Venturers, it would not have been a success without you.

There has been a variety of vibrant articles within the Australian Scout Magazine illustrating Victorian Rovers across the state getting involved in International events, Mudbash, Mafeking, Service and much more.

Over our term as the Victorian Branch Rover Marketing Officers we have had the chance to promote all the unique and innovating opportunities Victorian Rovers have to offer. We as Rovers are the greatest marketing tool we will ever have, making my job even easier. Thank you to all Victorian Rovers for getting yourselves out there and involved, keep up the good work!

Yours in Rovering,
Nicky Strachan & Kat Gourley
Marketing & Journalist
Victorian Branch Rover Council

Victorian Rovers Treasurer



Scouts Australia, Victorian Branch Rover Council Consolidated	2011 \$	2010 \$
BRANCH CONSOLIDATED EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	1,071,553	1,043,453
Branch Consolidated Equity	1,071,553	1,043,453
REPRESENTED BY:		
ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	362,267	315,738
Debtors	6996	7,373
Prepayments	22,635	26,256
Stock at deemed cost	8271	7,212
Advances Other	3321	9,281
Victorian Branch Grant	13,464	12,851
	416,954	378,711
Fixed Assets		
Land at Cost	185,000	185,000
Buildings	635,870	614,001
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(142,363)	-112,630
	493,507	501,371
Plant & Equipment	260,070	253,427
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(198,901)	(193,044)
	61,169	60,383
Total Fixed Assets	739,676	746,754
TOTAL ASSETS	1,156,630	1,125,465
LIABILITIES		
Sundry Creditors	872	(599)
Amounts received in advance	84,205	82,611
	85,077	82,012
NET ASSETS	1,071,553	1,043,453
INCOME		
Member activities received	346,924	308,055
Less in advance	(84,205)	(82,611)
	262,719	225,444
Sundry Income	4,319	1,201
Interest	13,637	7,846
	280,674	234,491
LESS OVERHEADS INCLUDING DEPRECIATION	252,575	219,016
OPERATING PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	28,100	15,475
BRANCH CONSOLIDATED BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	1,043,453	1,027,978
BRANCH CONSOLIDATED BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	1,071,553	1,043,453

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30 June 2011

Victorian Branch Rover Council controls and manages a diverse set of assets and activities, for which the financial arrangements and management requires a considerable amount of effort and diligence by appointed and elected Treasurers.

The consolidated BRC consists of eight separate operating entities and for 2011 we had a turnover of \$346,000, cash assets of \$362,267 and total assets (at cost) of \$1.15m.

The BRC returned a surplus of \$28,100 for 2011 (2010: \$15,475). Improved internal controls and segregation of duties has had a positive effect on the operating results. Budget planning for events will continue to require diligent management.

BRC assets such as Mafeking Rover Park, Bogong Rover Chalet and the WF Waters Lodge at Mt Baw Baw continue to be well managed, supporting the development of Rovering in the branch.

I was appointed as Honorary Treasurer this year following Jody Freeman's transition from Treasurer to Branch Commissioner. Thank you Jody for the support offered to me in this new role and congratulations on such a long and successful tenure as the Honorary Treasurer for the Victorian Branch Rover Council.

And finally, thank you to the team of Treasurers that manage Rover section accounts.

Yours in Rovering,

Simon R. Millar CA
Honorary Treasurer
Victorian Branch Rover Council

Note 1

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 2011. Prior period comparative results are for the twelve months ended 30 June 2010.

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 2011 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.

Signed on behalf of Victorian Branch Rover Council.

Simon Robert Millar C.A.
Honorary Treasurer, Victorian Branch Rover Council
Melbourne - 16th September 2011



Victorian Rovers - Service Hoadley Project

Over 170, Rovers and Venturers working together in the townships of Murrabit, Rochester and Charlton spent the Easter long weekend assisting in cleaning up after the recent devastating floods.

They moved into their staging areas and overnight base camps in the townships of Charlton, Murrabit and Rochester in the North West of Victoria. After relaxing for a few hours, it was time for sleep ahead of a long weekend of providing service to those in the community who were affected from Victorian Floods in 2011.

Venturers and Rovers together descended on numerous job sites within each area, completing work such as cleaning up of old sandbags, weeds, debris and general garden work in properties affected by the flooding..



These works provided much needed relief to the residents and landowners of the areas giving them an opportunity to enjoy their Easter long weekend. Work was coordinated through local community groups who provided information and tasks to the Hoadley Project.

The three staging areas for these activities were managed by Leaders and Rovers hosted over 150 Venturers, providing meals, job coordination, welfare and support. Many Rovers, parents and leaders provided their assistance on the weekend by completing shuttle runs for transport, acquiring equipment and providing food and refreshments for those working in the field.

Thank you & well done to the following Rovers who managed all staging areas and base camps to a high standard. These members were strongly supported by fellow Rovers and could not do this mammoth task without this assistance. The efforts are something to certainly be proud of.

- Murrabit - Hayden Smith (Murray Midlands Region)
- Charlton - Barry Adams (Plenty Valley Region)
- Rochester - Michael Quayle (Plenty Valley Region)

Speaking with Venturers from Watsonia, they indicated they wanted to complete the Hoadley Project because they wanted to provide back to the community of Victoria and have an opportunity to work closely with their peers on a community project.



Over fifty jobs throughout the areas were completed on the Friday. On Saturday, Scouts continued their efforts by fixing fence lines, cleaning walls in homes, weeding and removal of dead plants in gardens. Teams in Charlton worked extensively to begin preparing the riverside for a new boardwalk being installed by the local community.

Many Venturers and Rovers are working hard this weekend due to their desire to give back to the community. As Hayley from Warragul Venturers explained, she attended the Hoadley Project "...to help out other people affected by the floods". Kelsie from Craigieburn Rovers said "this gives me the satisfaction of helping other people out".

All participants continually expressed their enjoyment of the activity and would take up the opportunity in the future to participate in a similar activity.

On Easter Sunday, Venturers and Rovers ran an Easter Egg hunt in Rochester, Murrabit and Charlton for the local community as part of the Easter Festivities in each town. Some participants then returned home to take part in local ANZAC Day services while others remained at Murrabit and Charlton to participate in local services.



Region Rover Communities

Bays



Region Chairman: Ryan Beeby & Dale Kruminis

Membership:

There are 14 exciting and well attended crews in the Bays Region. Bays Region has recorded a increase in membership in the 2010/2011 year of 6.5%, which is an improvement on the 2009/2010 year.



Region Gatherings:

Our AGM was well attended but the 14 crews in the region with a new and exciting Executive Committee being voted in.

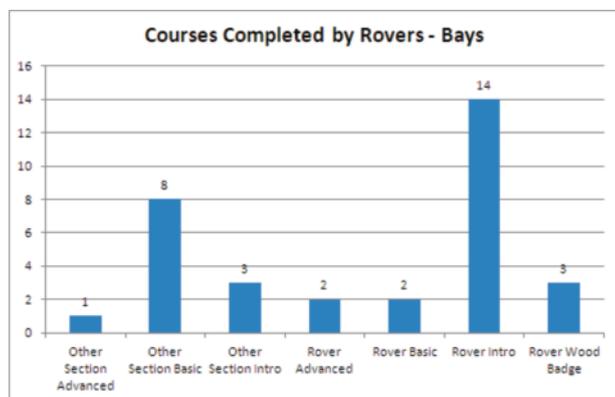
Bays Region Community will be running the Metropolitan Area Rover Ball in 2011/2012, and we have extensively workshopped the event within the region and already appointed a committee. The aim is to present an exciting and revamped event for the coming year.

Baden Powell Scout Awards:

Two Bays Rovers successfully completed all requirements for the highest award in Rovering, The Baden Powell Scout Award; David Costanzo of Wiara and Lisa Picking of Delnigy.

W.F. Waters Awards:

Drew Lazenby received the highest Roving Honour, WF Waters Award, for his many years of Service to the section.



Training:

Three Bays Rovers were presented with the highest level of training in Roving, The Rover Woodbadge; Ryan Beeby, David Costanzo and Joanne Potts all of Wiara Rover Crew.

Region Events & Service:

Rover Dinner in 2010 was run with success with the combined efforts of Bays and Melbourne Regions, with Dale and Ryan serving as the illustrious Masters of Ceremonies for the evening.

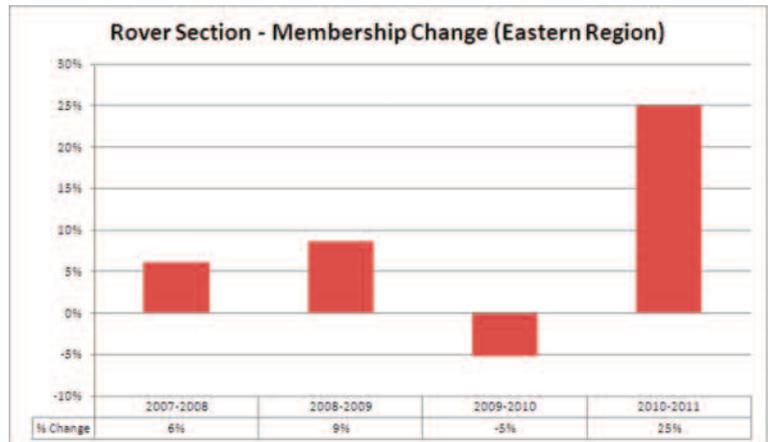
We had many Bays Rovers attend the yearly events of Surfmoort and Mudbash. Bays, in conjunction with Melbourne and South West provided gate duty service which all crews helped out with. Many crews also provided much needed service to the Black Saturday communities at the Hoadley Project during Easter. Bays came well dressed for MARB.



Region Rover Communities Eastern



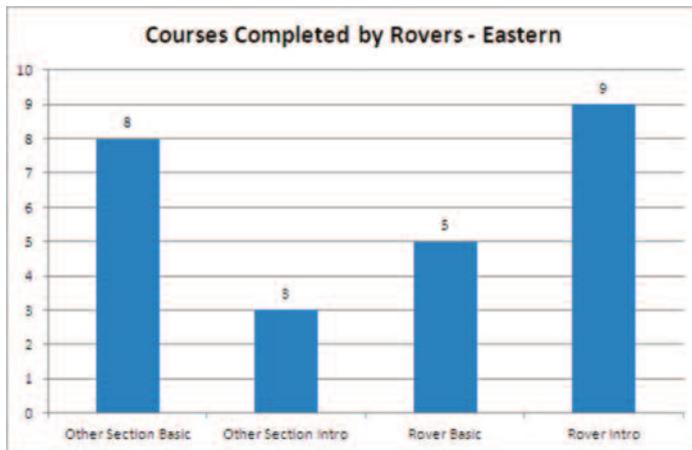
Region Chairman: Andrew Millsom



Membership:

We were off to a shaky start with the region changes, losing two of our larger crews, leaving us with an even smaller region. But from there our crews have developed more.

However, Eastern Region did record an increase in members during Census 2011 which is an excellent result.



Venturer to Rover Linking:

We have spent time trying to better organise the running of the region and focusing on building better relationships between the rovers and venturers in Eastern Region, by using events like Anything Goes (AG) and also Hoadley Hide. There is still further development to be made, and with any luck we will see a successful Venturer/Rover combined activity in the next 12 months.



Region Event Participation:

We have had our crews attend most, if not all the events on the calendar, whether it be Surfmoort, Mudbash or MARB. The amount of Rovers also involved with Strzelecki Showtime, is absolutely amazing, with numbers growing every year, both on and off stage.

Region Development:

This year has been filled with opportunities and challenges for our little community, and we have all learnt a little, made some new friends and enjoyed our Roving to its full potential. We can only hope that next year is just as successful if not more, and we continue to get the most out of our Roving.

Region Leadership Team:

Our Region Leadership Team is the main driving force behind anything that we set out to do. And personally I would really like to thank for their last 12 months of blood, sweat and tears.

Chairman: Andrew Millsom

Asst Chair: Jess Hind

Secretary: Melissa Wolswinkel

Treasury: Kathryn Gourley

Venturer Liason: Tamina Allen & Jacinta Porter

BRC Reps: Thank you for all those who put your hand up to help out!!!!

Region Rover Communities

Lerderderg



Region Chairman: Louise Pocock

Region Workshops:

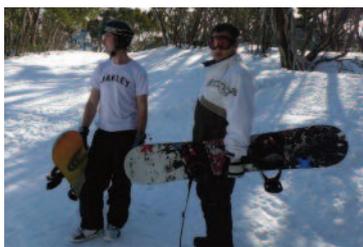
We ran a number of workshops within the Region Community over the past twelve months. These included implementation plans for Quality Crew Guidelines, Australian National Moot Feedback and information on opportunities for Rovers overseas in community volunteer programs.

W.F. Waters Awardees

Pip Gray of Amaroo, Brod Helmers of Amaroo and Bianca Vincent of Amaroo have all been awarded the WF Waters award for their outstanding levels of service to the wider Roving community, congratulations to you all.

B.P. Awardees

Mathew McKernan of Berembong Rover Crew received his Baden Powell Scout Award.



Region Activities:

32 Rover from Lerderderg Region spent a very enjoyable weekend at the W.F. Waters Ski Lodge at Baw Baw for a weekend of snow, and plenty of it, tobogganing and snowball fights.

Venturer Liaison:

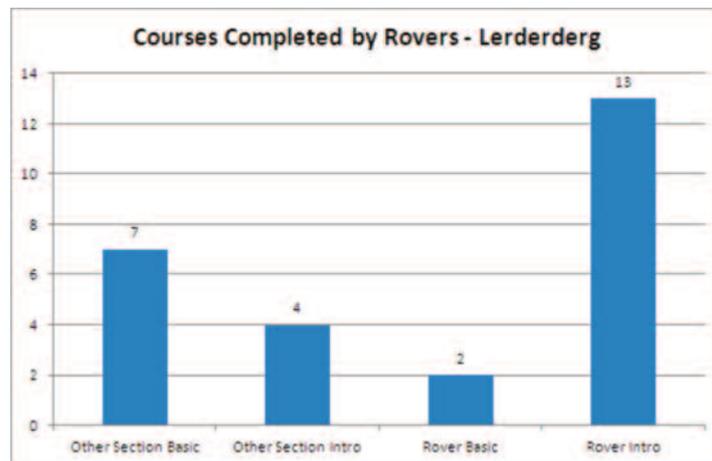
In August 2010, Lerderderg Region Teamed up with Plenty Valley Region to run the annual Venturer Linking weekend known as RoVenture. The event was well attended by about 200 Venturers & Rovers throughout the two regions. An excellent weekend was had by all, despite the cold and wet weather!

Region Gatherings:

All our gatherings were well attended and the change to the meeting structure has meant more Rovers have been interested in coming. We also ran an Ice Skating night that was one of the most attended meetings.

Membership:

Lerderderg Rover Community did record a small loss this year after a few years of strong growth. Our opportunity for growth within Lerderderg Region is good, as we have many Venturers turning 18 in the next 12 months that will be a welcome addition to our Rover Community.



Rover Event Attendance:

Lerderderg Region started 2011 off with a bang, a number of the Regions Rovers attending Oz Moot, the contingent was lead by Lerderderg's own Lou Pocock. All of the Victorian Branch Rover Council Events such as Surfmoat and Mudbash were well attended by the Region.

Motorsport is well and truly alive in the Region with many buggies racing at Mudbash and RSM events, so much so that Amaroo won the RSM Championship.



Region Rover Communities Melbourne



Region Chairman: Evan Anderson

Well here we are one year in. A year ago we had a Region, but not a Region Rover Community. Over the past year, we elected our first Leadership Team, and with their organisation have started to develop the Region's identity.

While we have certainly had a good start to building our Community, it has not been without its challenges.

Another obstacle over the past year has been establishing a consistent Gathering framework, but after some long discussions between the Leadership Team, I believe we have a structure for our Gatherings that suits the Community.

And though there have been tough times, the times of fun and enjoyment have far outnumbered them. Seeing two previously separate areas of Rovers come together and work as one Region has been a highlight of my Roving journey. We also have started the Batman Shield, a Region trophy where crews are awarded points not just for winning events, but also for being active and sociable within the Region. We are established from a financial sense with bank accounts being opened and managed by Rovers.

Melbourne is in a fantastic position to further develop Roving within the inner metropolitan area, specifically area like the CBD and Docklands areas, there are high proportions of students in this area who would be an excellent option for a new Rover Crew.

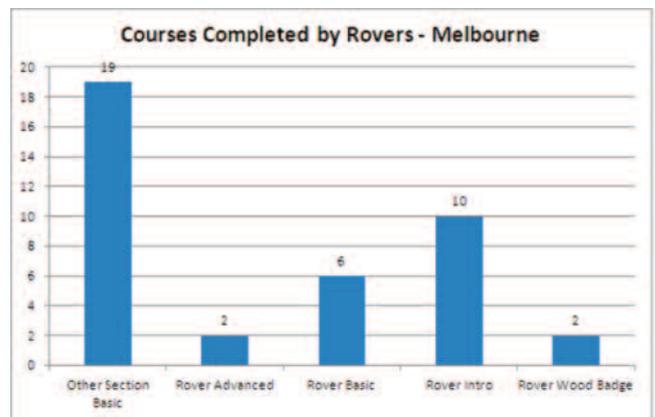
Though perhaps not the most established Region, MRRC has been actively involved in the wider Roving circle, with members regularly attending events both social and service, as well as taking roles in one of the many aspects of Rover government.

I would like to thank the Region Leadership Team for the vast effort they have put into getting this Community started. Without their ideas and input, most of what you've seen through the year would not have happened.

I'd also like to thank Tony Nathan, our ARC Rovers for the constant support he has given to me. I have no idea of the number of phone calls, emails and meetings we've had to discuss this event or that problem, and the knowledge that there was someone I could harass made it that little bit easier to work through everything.

I look forward to seeing MRRC prosper as it grows and shows all Victorians what Rovers can be.

Yours in Roving,



Region Rover Communities Mt Dandenong



Venturer Linking Activity:

While maintaining the usual activities at a crew level with local Venturer Units, the Region Community ran a "PlayZone" night for Venturers within the Region. This proved to be a good night with many Rovers and Venturers participating and further increasing our profile with the Venturer Section. This also had the benefit of being a good fundraiser for the Region!

Region Chairman: Ashley "Ferret" Comer

W.F. Waters Awardees:

Kyle Nash from Hatfield Rover Crew has received the WF Waters Award this year, congratulations.

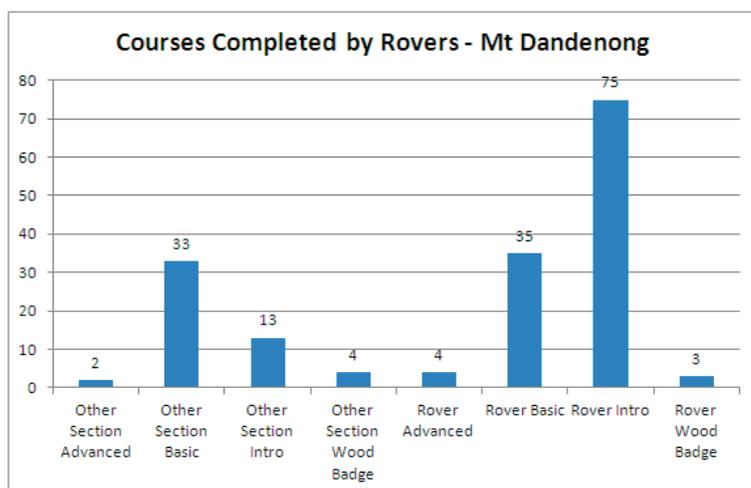
B.P. Awardees:

Congratulations and well done to Richard McCoy, Carlie Ryan and Gordon Young for their effort and work in completing their Baden Powell Scout Award.



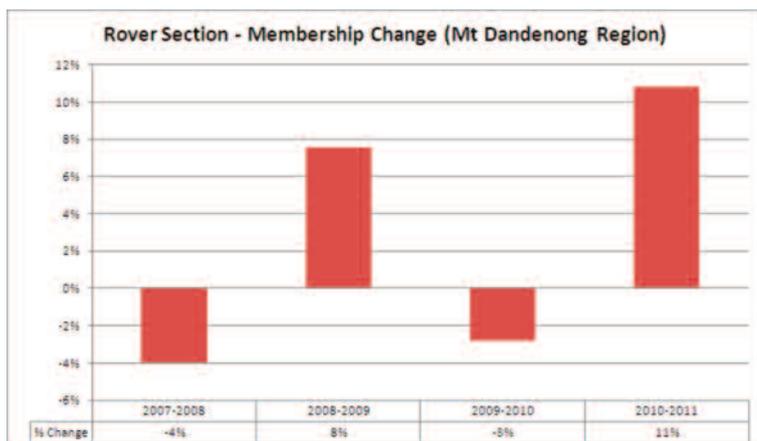
Region Gatherings & Workshops:

Throughout our Gatherings 2010-2011 we set out to have discussion topics each month. Some of these topics related to the poor turnout at Bogong, how Surfmoort can improve and many more. The feedback we got was a positive step forward to making Roving great for everyone. We also ran a very successful workshop on the BP award. Mt Dandenong also provided a large level of feedback through workshops relating to the attendance at Mafeking Rover Park for camps and working bee activities to assist them with their development of a business plan.



Website Development:

With the deployment of the new Victorian Rovers Website, Mt Dandenong has spent a significant time with the efforts of the Region Development Officers, to support and provide feedback as required to the Branch Rover Council Office Bearers to further improve the delivery of information to the Rover Membership.



Membership:

We started up a much needed crew in Mt Evelyn while maintaining our other 28 crews. The 2010/2011 year saw strong growth within the region of just over 10%, this is a fantastic effort on behalf of the region.



Region Rover Communities Murray Midlands



Region Chairman: Hayden Smith

Training:

Two Intro to Roving courses have been run on the region with both well attended. There are a few Rovers working on their Basic and Advanced courses.

BP Awardees:

Murray Midlands would like to congratulate Bec Eliason from Shepparton Rover Crew on achieving the BP Award, this is the first BP award for the Region.

Thanks & the future!

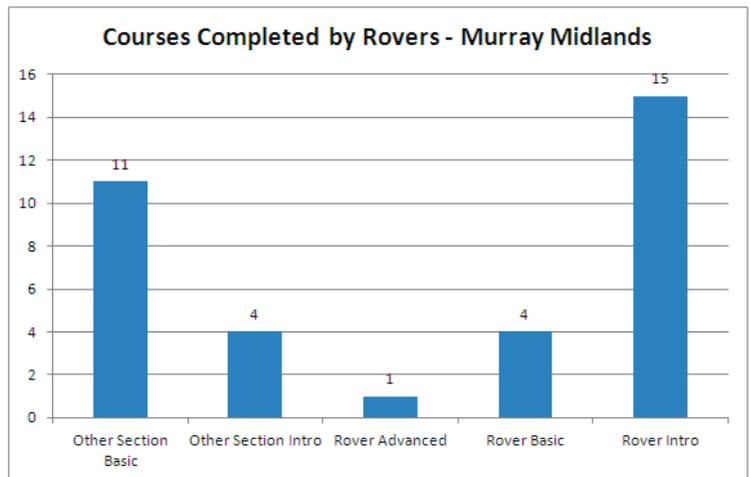
I would like to thank all the people that have supported the region over the last 12 months. We have had a good show of region members active in different sub committees and around the BRC which leaves us in good stead for the coming 12 months.

Membership:

For the year ending 2010/2011 we saw excellent growth in Murray Midlands Region with over 15%. This has been a drastic improvement compared to previous years, this is a great achievement and well done to all the crews & Rovers within Murray Midlands for their efforts on retaining members & recruitment of new members.

Region Gatherings:

Due to the geographical sparse area that Murray Midlands covers, meetings are primarily held online via Internet Chat and "Skype". We do have face to face meetings during the year, one of those being Mudbash. Our AGM is a face-to-face meeting and was well attended and held in Mildura for 2010/2011

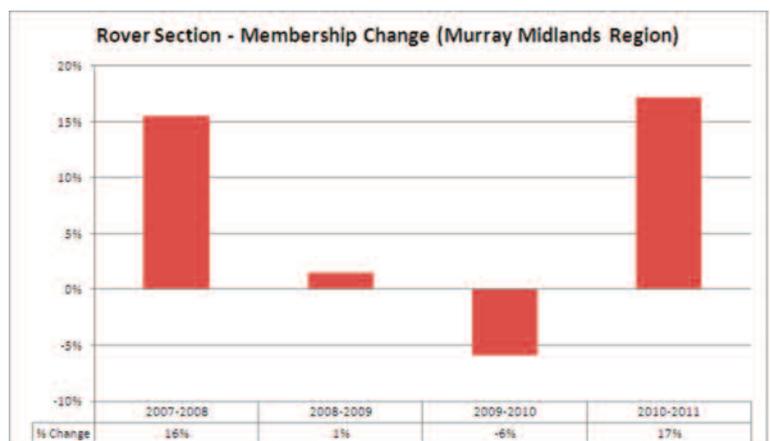


Region Activities & Branch Event Participation:

We had a good turnout to 'Mallee Camp' at Tapio Station near Wentworth, there was about 400 scouts from as far away as Ballarat and Adelaide. The 'Mallee Camp' is organised and run by the Rovers of Mildura and is always an enjoyable event for all.

The region had a good turnout at both Surfmoort and Mudbash, while Shepparton Rover Crew enjoyed racing at Mudbash.

We had also had a few members involved in the Hoadley Project which was good to see, a number of the Region Leadership Team ran the base at Murribit for the Easter Weekend Service



Region Rover Communities

Plenty Valley



W.F. Waters Awardees:

Glenn Gregoire from Cragieburn Rover Crew, Shaun McIlvain from Cragieburn Rover Crew and Travis Rigoni, Cragieburn's RA are all recipients of the WF Water Award.

All of these members have provided outstanding service to the Rover Community through their efforts in roles of Rover Government and Service to some of our assets such as the W.F. Waters Ski Chalet and Mafeking Rover Park. This is something for all Rovers to one day aspire towards.



Region Chairman: Cameron Adamson

Venturer Liaison:

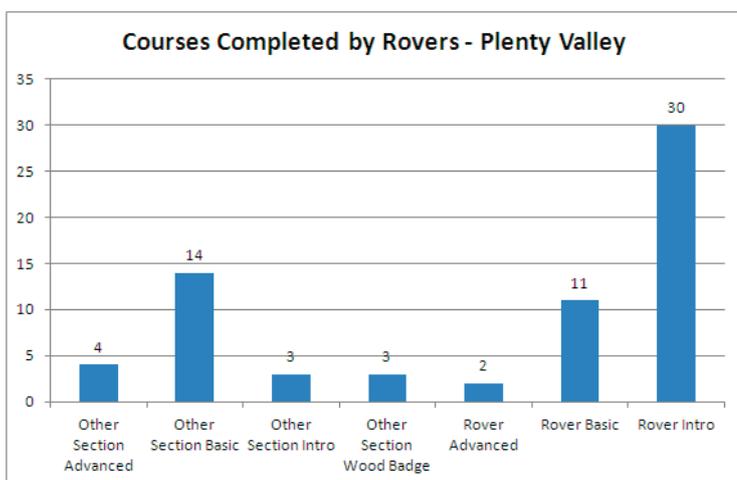
In August 2010, Lerderderg & Plenty Valley Rover Communities ran their yearly Venturer Linking activity known as RoVenture. This was held at Treetops Scout Camp and had an attendance of approximately 200 Rovers & Venturers. The weekend was well run by the dedicated RoVenture Committee. This activity has allowed Venturers and Rovers to get to know each other better and certainly will go far to further retention between the two sections.

Many activities were run such as outdoor wide games, scavenger hunts, movie nights and a Rover Scout Motorsport Junior Development Program Day. This involved Rovers providing driving instruction to Venturers to further develop their skills for use on the road in a safe & controlled environment.

Membership:

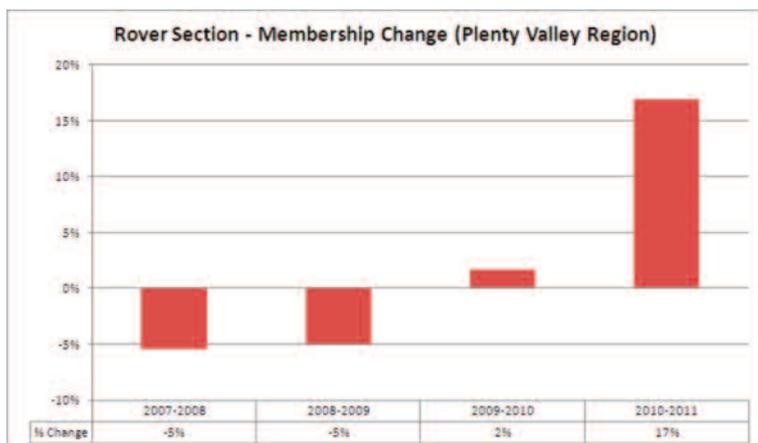
Plenty Valley Rover Community has 12 Rover crews with most continuing to grow. Two Crews are on the verge of closing, so we are trying hard to prevent that from happening. We had a Crew start in the Tiba Tiba District which has a great support so we are expecting big things in the next 12 months from that Crew.

As a Region Leadership Team we are trying to get around the each of the Crews to make sure they are running strong projects and offer help where is needed so that we can continue to grow.

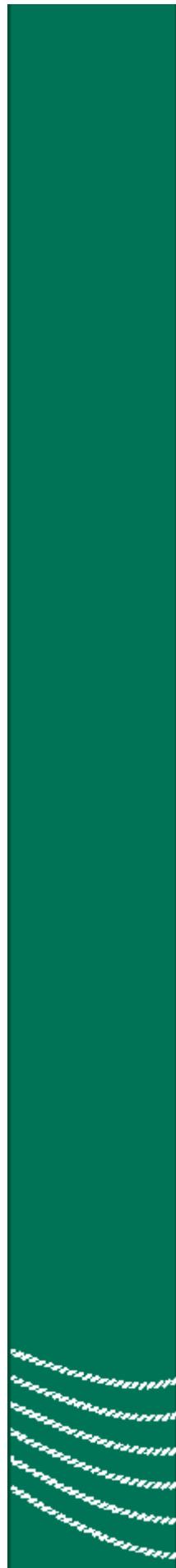
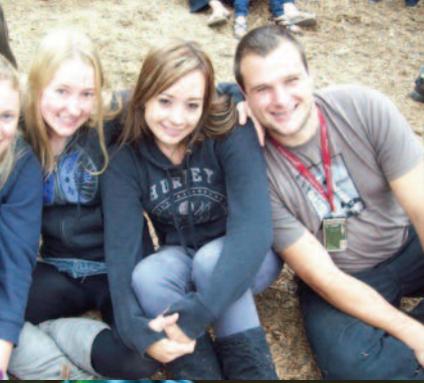


Training:

We ran a very successful Intro to Rovers with 35 in attendance. A number of Rovers within Plenty Valley have put in an effort to further develop themselves within the Rover Training Framework. With an additional 35 Rovers completing their Introduction to Rovers, they can now continue on to their Basic Course in 2012 to assist them in improved execution of the Rover Program.





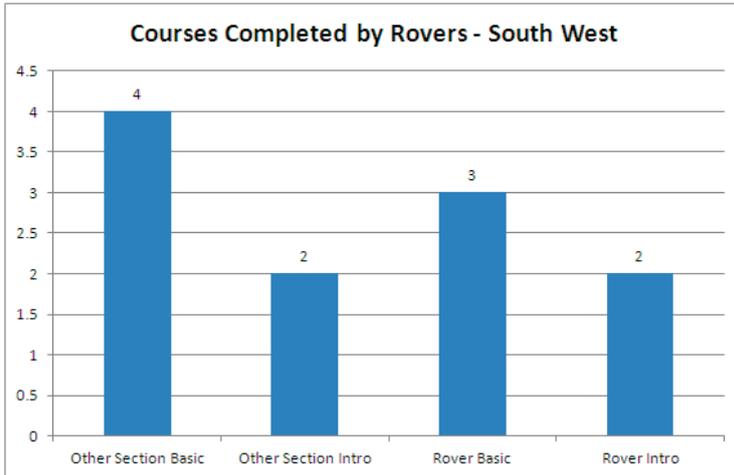




Region Rover Communities South West



Region Chairman: Tania Atkins



Training:

The Leadership Team is currently looking into ways to promote leadership and training as a way of strengthening crew numbers and building a stronger community.

Training numbers were down this year in comparison to the overall branch, it is the aim to improve this in the coming year.

Interesting Region Community Facts:

- The 2011 Surfmoort was chaired by our very own Tony Hayes, and we offer our congratulations to him on running a successful event!
- Tony was booted by Boss Hurst Rover Crew in February and married his sweetheart, Simone (a former BHRC Rover), in March. We congratulate Tony and Simone and wish them all the best for the future.
- Another prominent member of the region was booted in 2011, Sean Williamson. Sean was a past region chair and did a lot to help build our region and bring us together, he was a member of Mahogany Rover Crew.
- Patanga Rover Crew attended a service trip to Fiji with Ventures. They built a children's playground and had a great time in the process.

Membership & Crew Activities:

South West Region is fighting fit with six crews in the region: Mahogany, Patanga, Notlimah, Hampden, Yarrimbak and Boss Hurst. Each crew has been involved in some fantastic activities this year, including various camps, a ghost tour, a morgue tour, Mafeking open day and working bees. We're especially proud of Yarimbak who have been able to save themselves from folding by linking several Ventures, who are now working hard to build their crew to its former glory.

Community Activities & Participation:

We are planning several region camps and encouraging crews to get involved with the Scouts within their districts. We're also looking into repairing the Villa at Eumerella as a region project.

This year, the region had good representation at all Victorian Rover events such as Surfmoort, Mudbash & MARB. These activities are the best time for the region to meet due to the wide area we are distributed across.

Awards:

A big congratulations to Nathan Simpson of Yarrimbak Rover Crew on being awarded his WF Waters Award. Thanks for all your service.

Well done to Anthony Hayes of Boss Hurst Rover Crew for his efforts to receive the BRC Chairman's Award for 2011. Thanks Tony for all of your efforts!



Metropolitan Area Rover Ball



On the 23rd of July 2010 there were just under 500 Rovers that attended Metropolitan Area Rover Ball: 'Out of the Toy Box'. It was held at Melrose Reception Centre in Tullamarine, the venue was transformed into a giant toy shop. There were toys and balloons everywhere!



There were many fantastic costumes from Trolls, Barbie Dolls, and Plastic Army Men to Fairytale Characters and much more. We held competitions for best dressed crew as well as best dressed male and female. There were some amazing entries and rovers had put many hours into designing and making their costumes. Well done to the people that won!



The food was five stars, you can't go past steak or a parma with the Rover crowd! Rovers danced the night away to cover band "Trigger" where everyone got up and danced and had a good time. They were a great band that everyone enjoyed.

Metropolitan Area Rover Ball had average attendance from the Rover Membership with 449 tickets sold, a total of \$943 profit was collected from the event. As part of Victorian Rovers Policy, this profit was redistributed amongst the Region Communities.

I would like to thank the 2010 Metropolitan Area Rover Ball Committee who put countless hours into organising this fantastic event, it wouldn't have been possible without them. There are many things to organise from tickets, entertainment to decorations. Thanks a bunch! I appreciated all your help!

Jessica Watling
Chairman
Metropolitan Rover Ball Chair 2010



Mudbash



Rovers very own Premier Rover Event Mudbash once again did not disappoint with 800 weekend campers and 350 Open Day attendees at Mafeking to see the thrills and spills in all their glory!

2011 saw yet another dimension to Racing with changes to tracks and 10 new entries to come and join in the fun. The weekend started with 43 buggies showing crews are

continuing to get involved with Motorsport.

Open Day is continuing to grow with lots of new activities to entertain and excite! We welcomed the Army back who brought a Blow-Up Slide, ran JDP and lots of other activities for people to participate in besides watch the Motorsport.

This year we decided also trialled committees/groups being able to sponsor tracks. This meant that groups were able to promote their entity, in return having prizes for participants who win tracks (eg. Free event entry etc). We would like to thank groups who participated in this – we hope that it helped you as much as it helped us!

Mudbash and Mafeking have continued to work alongside each other increasing the amount of Capital works and maintenance being completed to improve our Rover Park. I would like to commend everyone who attended this year's Working Bees, and recommend everyone to attend a Working Bee over the next year and see it for yourself.



Mudbash continues to make a profit, proving that it has become a strong viable event. The profit of Mudbash was \$8164.26.



This year we had an exceptional group of people running the event – everyone carried out their role to the best of their ability and brought something different to the group. I would like to especially thank Andrew Cooke picking up the role of Vice Chair half-way through year; he has taken this role and run with it with ease. Additionally, I would like to thank Steve Rowlandson for his input and advice this year. He has picked up his role extremely well and without him my job would have been ten times harder and possibly not as enjoyable.

Planning is now beginning for the next big milestone in 2012 – 40 years of Mudbash. I look forward to helping the Committee put on an even better event! I would like to thank the committee of 2011 and good luck for the committee of 2012.

Yours in Roving,

Glenn Gregoire
Chairman
Mudbash 2011

Event Attendance Statistics

Vehicle Entries:	43
Presold Tickets:	604
Gate Tickets:	260
Day Tickets:	584
Total Campers:	864

Surfmoot



After 12 months of hard working and lots of planning Surfmoot 2011, "Top That Moot" was held at Eumeralla Scout Camp over the Australia Day weekend. This year Surfmoot saw almost 700 Rovers from Victoria (and a few from Interstate and Overseas) attend.

Rovers started pouring on the Friday afternoon. After setting up their sites most made their way down to the stage area where a DJ was there to set the scene. Saturday and Sunday were filled with a lot of relaxing and some onsite and offsite activities. Saturday

night saw a very energetic band take to the stage which got all the rovers partying into the early morning.

The onsite and offsite activities were a big hit. Some of the regular ones like the Water Slide and Jelly Wrestling were a big hit with most of the Rovers down at the stage area to see their fellow rovers fight it out and have some fun in the Jelly Pit. Mudbash ran a 'Billy Cart Race' to promote their event once again a big turn out by the Rovers. By the end of it there were two billy carts left who raced each other a few times to get a winner much to the amusement of the Rovers.

I would personally like to thank my committee and all the other helpers for all their hard work and dedication to the event. I was very proud of the job we all did this year.

Yours in Roving,

Tony Hayes
Chairman
Surfmoot 2011 - "Top That"



Event Attendance Statistics

Presold Tickets:	500
Gate Tickets:	186
Total Campers:	686



Rover Scout Motorsport

Rover Scout Motorsport, better known as RSM, is a committee made up of Rovers and a few ex-Rovers that is the driving force and administration behind the Motorsport events operated by Victorian Rovers.

The 2010-11 season of racing saw a full calendar of events, including Winter Challenge, Opposite Lock, RevFest, Lead-foot Challenge and concluding with Mudbash.

Much fun was had, numerous buggy parts were bent and broken, some had flying laps, while others kicked up a lot of dust and even threw some mud.

Many thanks must go to all those who have competed and all the crews for their hard work, dedication and efforts building, preparing, repairing and rebuilding the buggies to get to the events. Without the competitors, there would be no events and this year has seen a number of new buggies come onto the scene as well as the "Old Faithfuls".



We also had contingents attend interstate RSM events – Bush Baja in WA & Sandblast in SA, both of which were successful campaigns, as well as a lot of fun; and in one case saw a buggy built from scratch after arriving - complete with the BRC Chairman's phone number for feedback!

In addition to the Rover events, RSM oversaw a number of Junior Development Program (JDP) days, which are aimed at the Venturer section. These were successfully held at major events such as the 'Anything Goes' Venturer camp and Region camps, as well as JDP specific weekends.



2010-11 also saw a number of RSM members, especially those of Rover age; undertake Officials training at various levels, from Trainee right up to Gold level. This training is done through the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS), the peak motorsport body in the country. This training is mandatory to run events and I would like to make clear the importance of those who participate in motorsport to continue their training to further develop themselves and the administration of Motorsport

Events within Victorian Rovers.

Finally, we'd like to extend our deepest thanks to those who have volunteered their time and services to the running of the events, without these peoples help, our events simply would not happen. These roles are important to the continued operation of our events due to dedication towards training and running quality and appropriate events for the section.

Yours in Roving,

Matt Bloomfield
Chairman
Rover Scout Motorsport



Kenya World Moot



28th July 2010, after many months of preparation, Rovers from 66 countries helped officially kick off the 13th World Scout Moot at Rowallan Scout Camp, Nairobi. 3000 Rovers converged on Kenya to enjoy an array of fun-filled activities whilst sharing in the culture diversity that is the global phenomenon of scouting.



As one of the 34 Australians that travelled to the event I had the incredible experience of working in a crew with Rovers from Saudi Arabia, Austria, UK, Italy, Portugal and Thailand. Much like a National Moot, there is a on-site component and expeditions. After kicking off the moot in Nairobi our group travelled to Kiyaba, the expedition site at the base of Mt Kenya. We participated in initiative courses, sharing in local cuisine (or lack thereof) and hiking through magnificent waterfalls our group bonded over the simplest activities such a cooking in four languages. I made many friends for life, many of which have already hosted me in their home country.

The campsite, named "Rowallan" is the location of the final resting place for Baden Powell. The site is a fantastic place and a surprisingly well sheltered area with trees which served well in the warmer weather. While we were at the moot we participated in a few international activities, including an Australia vs Great Britian impromptu Rugby match. They had a contingent of 150 vs our contingent of 30, and we only lost by one try. Not a bad effort!

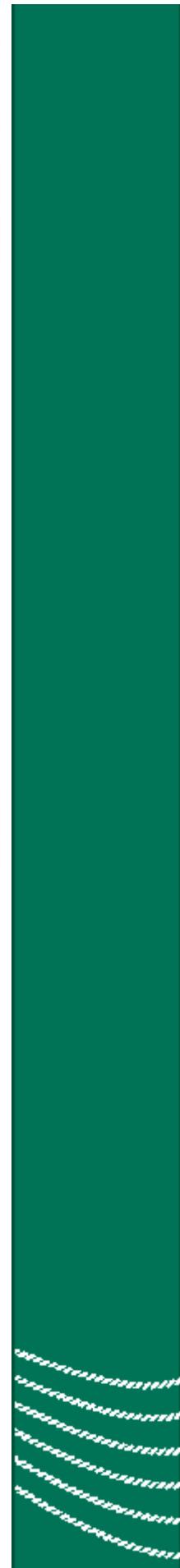


Kenya is one of the most beautiful countries in Africa and was a magnificent back drop for one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life. During my travels I had the chance to see that lions and elephants of the Sarangeete roam free. It is no wonder that this is where Lord Baden-Powell chose to spend his last day. Karibuni Kenya!

World Moot was a unique experience and I would urge all Rovers to partake in the 2013 World Moot in Canada, it will be an event you will never forget.



Nicky Strachan
Member
Australian Contingent to Kenya World Moot





On the 30th December 2010, 56 Victorians set off to embark on what would be one of the greatest experiences a Rover will have – a National Rover Moot. The 18th National Rover Moot was held at Woodhouse Scout Camp in Adelaide and went over 13 days filled with fun, excitement, new experiences and new mates.

The Moot included a wide and varied programme showcasing the theme of “Experience OZ MOOT”. Participants joined in on a 5 day expedition, as well as a choice of onsite and offsite activities, including one day of service.

The Opening Ceremony kicked off with a bang with the event being officially opened by John Derbyshire, Chief Commissioner South Australia which was followed by an ‘Opening Ceremony Party’ that was enjoyed by the 400 partaking in the Moot.

On New Years Eve, all participants were relocated to Glenelg Beach due to the extreme fire risk that the 43 degree day had brought. While there was NO direct risk to the Moot site, the Moot Executive decided a day at the Beach was the way to go. This was an excellent move as it allowed us all to cool off without sitting in the heat at the campsite! Upon return to the campsite, everyone ate dinner at the Adelaide showgrounds and headed back to the Moot site for the numerous celebrations of different countries New Years countdowns!



Next up was Expeditions and everyone set off in all different directions to start a 5 day tour of their choice – these included Scuba Diving, Explore Adelaide, Sharke Diving, House Boating, Caving, Life at the Beach and many more.



After an enjoyable 5 days we were back on site, everyone was raring to go and celebrate the theme nights which included Beach night, Aussie Night and Toga Night, where bands played and Rovers partied the night away.

In addition, there were also two nights especially themed to have the Eastman Shield and Contingent Night. The Eastman Shield is a competition that is played between states and countries vying off for a perpetual trophy. This year the trophy was awarded to Western Australia. As for Contingent Night, each contingent had to perform an act – Victoria belted out the tune to Khe Sahn with ‘our’ words, and enjoyed watching the other Contingents acts!

There were lots of activities to do during the day, including trips into nearby towns or into the city, adventure parks or beaches plus chosen off site activities– or you could participate in the activities onsite – the opportunities were endless!. You could say there was never a dull moment!

Before we knew it, it was time for the Closing Ceremony, time to pack up, and time to say goodbye to all our new friends Overall the OzMoot was an amazing experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by all Victorians – only three more years til the next Moot in WA.

Louise Pocock
Victorian Contingent Leader



Bogong Rover Chalet



The 2011 snow season started early and well after a cold autumn and a massive snow dump in week 1. Week 2 had absolutely amazing snow all week which was skied on until the end of week 5. Due to sunny days and no added snow, it was pretty bare by the end of week 5. The rest of the season consisted of bits and pieces of snow and rain but had decent skiing week 9.



This year our aim was to increase the number of Victorian Rovers who are not on the management committee to attend winter parties. We began by advertising week 5 as a Vic Rover Ski Week, which was promoted on the main stage at Surfmoor and we also donated a price of a free weekend at the chalet for MARB. This actually increased the amount of past Rovers who came to stop the Rovers taking over there week. In total 7 Rovers attend with 2 new youth members.



In total we had 161 bookings for winter parties, which was over the amount from last year. Out of these bookings, 49 were new members and 19 were Victorian Rovers up on 9 from last year. Unfortunately, we did not get numbers to open weeks 8, 10, 11 or 12. All these booking numbers are the number of places filled, some people attend a few weeks so are counted multiple times.

We have been working on a promotional camp where we will endeavour to get Rover crews to spend the 12th march Labour Day long weekend at the chalet. We have currently confirmed the abseiling team and water activities team to attend and the caving team are interested in the publicity. We are still chasing the Scout Mt Biking and the Climbing team. We will organise walking trips, catering and entertainment to make a great long weekend.



Overall we have had a good season of snow and consistent numbers. We will still keep endeavouring to increase numbers of rovers, next year we will run a Ski Moot and particularly advertise to current Vic rovers. But most importantly we need people to promote via word of mouth.

Massive thanks goes to everyone who helped out this year in the running and maintenance of the chalet this year, and particularly to the management crew.

Yours in scouting,

Kathleen Pearce
Chairman
Bogong Chalet Management Group





W.F. Waters Ski Lodge

Having had a bumper season in 2010, there were only 2 ways the 2011 season was going to go and unfortunately it went down rather than up.

Although the weather had control over a number of decisions that we had to make during the year, we still had our usual numbers through the lodge for weekends but were down on weeks taken up. The Mt Baw Baw Management Committee called the season to an early end this year as a result of the weather so in turn we cut short our warden weekends and tried to fill the lodge, as we have in the past.



We have spent some time this year making decisions on capital work projects that we need to complete and commit finances to. This year we have made a few security upgrades around the lodge, with new door handles and locks installed and a new secure cage area in the front foyer for the locking of ski & Board gear.

We have again tried to keep a very good affiliation with the mountain and have made progress in promotion of the lodge and are looking forward having a promotional presence at Kandersteg in Switzerland and in turn we will promote them at our lodge.

The year gone has been a challenge and the year ahead will be much the same as there are always going to be issues that need a resolution.

The 2010/2011 committee would like to thank the ongoing support of the Rover and scouting community and hope to see you all again next year.

	<i>Beds Utilised</i>	<i>Available Beds</i>	<i>Beds Utilisation</i>
Winter - Rover Parties	394	448	87.95%
Winter - Venturer Parties	64	64	100.00%
Winter - Open	106	128	82.81%
Winter - Non-Scouting weekdays	642	2176	45.04%
Winter - Scouting weekdays	338		
Total	1544	2816	54.83%

Phoebe Brodal-Robertson
Chairman
W.F. Waters Ski Lodge / Baw Baw Rover Crew



Mafeking Rover Park



Mafeking Rover Park has had a very successful and enjoyable year. I took of the Chainman position with the park in a good place and I was determined to keep it that way. With a fantastic committee behind me we achieved a lot, which I am proud of.

Through the year the Business Plan was completed and worked on. One of the main projects identified for completion was the Northern Region Training Centre into a Multipurpose facility for the site. Discussions started with the Branch Property Committee for funding and we are pleased to announce that this has been granted, which will be a welcome and long awaited addition to Mafeking's facilities!

The Mafeking Rover Crew opened Deano's Shelter which was built by them and many others in honour of Dean Parkinson. Dean completed Roving a few years ago and was highly committed to the development and general maintenance of Mafeking Rover Park. Sadly, he passed away due to illness, he left a donation to Mafeking Rover Park of which was used to build this shelter in his honour. This shelter was built down by Lake Surfmoort which is a perfect location for such a Shelter and gives user's better access to Lake Surfmoort. This makes the Lake Surfmoort area more inviting with BBQ facilities, shade and protection from the weather in that corner of Mafeking.



The Mafeking Shed project is now moving along thanks to a little bit of motivation from a grant deadline. The project is well underway and with the push of a few key people it will be finished in no time. The aim is for this project to be completed in early 2012, enabling a better location for Mafeking Rover Park to store equipment and have improved conditions for works on site.

Each year Mudbash help us with capital works around the park, this year as we were in the middle of some major capital works it was decided that Mudbash would help us with works in general. A lot of fences were fixed along with general clearing. Mudbash this year was a great event for 'The Park'. Our Wardens did a great job along with the whole committee pitching in to help with a very successful canteen.



The Abseiling Tower restoration was another long running project that got of the ground and was finished within a few working bees. To comply with safety standards we put grip on the front of the containers and reinforced the structure to make it safe for all to use.

The Mafeking and Mudbash working bees were well attending and as a whole got a lot of work done. The place is looking in good shape despite the high level of use and rain over the year. I believe us, as a committee of management have taken some big steps towards the future. I would like to thank the Rover Crew, the Mudbash Committee and of course the Mafeking Committee for all their tireless effort, hard work and support.



Yours in Roving,

Michael Quayle
Chairman
Mafeking Rover Park Committee of Management





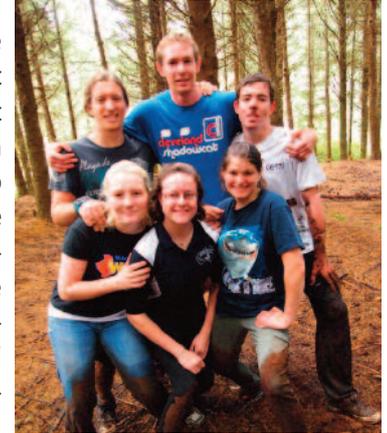
New Zealand Moot



This year's NZ Moot saw 26 Australian Rovers travel to Rotorua in New Zealand's North Island. Out of the 26 contingent members, 12 of them Victorians. The moot was called Sm69thmoot, with theme nights and activities to match.

The Moot started on the evening of Thursday the 21st of April. It was a casual night with a meet and greet. On Good Friday we all set out to do half a day of service. We

went down to a local wetland park where we did some tree planting, compost collecting and built a couple of natural resource structures. Once we got back to site all tired and muddy we cleaned up and had a casual afternoon in the 'local meeting area'. Friday night's theme was 'Smooth As...' everyone put a great amount of effort into their costumes and was a very enjoyable night.



Saturday saw everyone off site attending their day tours. As well as the various day tours, including a indulgence tour, a fishing trip, a rafting trip, a cultural experience and much more a surprise experience was in store. Everyone had the haka taught to them by New Zealand Maori. This was a highlight of the trip for many of the Australians. Saturday night a bunch of smooth criminals hit the dance floor, in typical Victorian style, we went as convicts.



Sunday morning, the moot participated in a nice walk into the forest area above the camping grounds for a Scout's own, which was followed by a team cross country event. The Vic's showed off their amazing ability by taking home the 1st place trophy for the men's and 2nd place for the girls. The rest of the day was set aside for the 'Shooting Trophy' which is a traditional trophy that is played for each year at NZ moot. Teams of 5-6 are formed with a round robin style of healthy competition. The trophy for this year was won by a group that had 4 Aussies in it. Sunday night, the formal night of the Moot, everyone dressed up in their best 'All that Jazz' attire. The contingent made an impressive entrance into the dining hall all together. The Formal dinner is done so that we can all get together for one last meal, give out awards from the Moot and thank all the people for their hard work. It was a lovely way to finish the awesome few days on camp.

Monday morning, ANZAC day, saw the whole moot attended an ANZAC day service, in Rotoura. Both Australian and New Zealand Rovers, as ANZAC's marched as one down the main street in the pouring rain, past the memorial and into the Arts Centre for the memorial service. We were then invited to local RSA (RSL), for a bite to eat. Once back at site we had the closing ceremony, in the rain, and said our good-byes.

Yours in Roving,

Alisha Clarke
Contingent Leader
New Zealand Moot 2011



W.F. Waters Award Honour Roll



1982	Bryan O'Reilly Gaile Reid Sue Tanck William Wells	Chris Crennan Gavin Thomas	Kristopher Lawrence Lee Prior Ros Pruden Peter Rossborough Michael Spencer
	1992	1999	2005
	Craig Bacon Julie Chaplin Jon Franklin Ian Grenda John Henderson Trevor Krohn Anthony Paine John Parr Bruce Paterson Vaya Raftopolous	Matt Anderson Chris Cole Jason de Voogd Murray Duncan Kylie Durant Tim Fryer Robert Hill Travis Newing Lachlan Shield	Rodney Abson Christopher Allan Benjamin Eriksson Joshua Hutton Adrian Irving Linda Moore Lucas Moore Adrian Rietwyk Raymond White Daniel Wilson Chris Young
1983			
Rex Brown Hugh Grayson Alan Parkin Harry Stephenson Max Strode	Peter Runting Dianna Simpson David Smith Deidre Toal Greg Wanless Trevor Yann	2000	2006
		Travis Barry Chris Eagle Rob Galea Caroline Overbeek Alston Park John Ravenhall Paul Robertson Colin Sharp Ian Stackhouse Jason Troy Craig Whan	Daniel Angus Mandy Bannon Graeme Bryar Gary Howard Simon Millar James Stewart
1985	1993	2001	2007
John Ackerly Steve Burton John Clark Rob Motton Joy Oldridge Bruce Wood	Margaret Bysouth Andrew Gallagher Brian Harris Kathy McGrath Geoff Mcleod Sue Laughton Marie Prentice	Bruce Day Cheryl Edward Jody Freeman Elizabeth Haines Steve Joiner James McEwan Andrew Nyilas Mathew Okely Mark Perkins Keith Smithers Andrew Stuckey	William Gielewski Giff Hatfield Raymond Lubansky Patrick McCormick
1986	1994	2002	2008
Mark Binks David Brace Greg Davies Ron Griffiths Ian Sharpe Neil Westaway	Wayne Kleeman Roy Paton Jodie Patterson Pauline Phillips Jack Porter Peter Rashleigh Amber Shears Doug Smith Daniel Tyrell Catherine White	Jeremy Leeson Maria Murray Andrew Sanderson Michael Simpson Mark Thornton Les Wiebenga	Stuart Bailey Lillian Beard Aaron Guild David Lyons Jack Maver Richard McCoy Theresa Prior Stephen Rahill Sarah Wotherspoon
1987	1995	2003	2009
Gary Bourton Laurie Browell Brian Downing Pauline Jennings Trevor Kinsey	Brad Crabtree Chris Epskamp Stephen Harry Michael Hosemans Shane Lockwood Duncan McColl Michael McGrath Richard Neil	Michael Anton Catherine Brumby Daniel Crennan Luke Francis Letitia Okely Felicity Pleasants Scott Rosicka Megan Shields Jacki Whan Michael Whymys Narelle Williams	Christopher Anderson Sarah Austin Dean Castle Elizabeth Davison Peter Gibson Elizabeth Hardy Belinda Henderson Travis Parkes
1988	1996	2004	2010
Jeff Gardner Rob Johnson Richard Kings Ian Talbett	Iain Donaldson Richard Epskamp Carolyn Hand Paul Little	Donna Anderson Michael Connor Cameron Cook Fiona Dean Elizabeth Golec Colin Jones	Robert Chakir Mathew McKernan Paul Teys Stephen Vines
1989	1997		
Sue Brain Chester Irving Graham Ryan Greg Storer	Ken Faulks Tim Mepstead Jason Ward		
1990	1998		
Syd Bysouth Peter Chaplin Tony Coleman Rodney Francis Jeff Graham Janet Granger Neville Kendall Ray Nevill Josie Peterson Terry Prentice Kath Scarff	Craig Bergin Doug Cartwright		
1991			
Stephen Carter Michael Crawley Bruce Durant Brett Lewis			



Scout Promise

On my honour

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



Rover Prayer

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

Scout Law

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



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