



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA**  
**MINUTES FOR THE 506<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE**  
**VICTORIAN ROVER COUNCIL**  
**HELD AT VICTORIAN ROVER CENTER**  
**WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2023, AT 7:30PM**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Flag Break</b>	<b>Zac Geddes</b>
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b> <b>Apologies –</b>	<b>Jessica Kaplan</b>
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> Rover Scouts Victoria acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which this event takes place. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past and present. We are committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.	
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Conflict of Interest –</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Congratulations, Guest Speakers, Presentations and Formal Thanks</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Good on Ya Mate –</b> Council acknowledges and thanks the exceptional contributions to Roving over the past month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rover training team for writing curriculum for Rover training courses</li> <li>- Regi for everything that she has done over her time in the role (it was a lot) and the people who she has supported</li> <li>- Mallee Rovers for putting on a great Mallee Mud Camp</li> <li>- Jess for getting the October minutes out the day after the VRC meeting</li> <li>- Breanne and Zac for the State ARAP speech</li> </ul>	
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Guest Speakers &amp; Presentations:</b> Bob Edwards (State Leader — Rock Climbing)- adventure strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regarding the Adventurous Activity project (and the survey sent out)</li> <li>- Doing a big review into adventure and adventurous activity to identify how they can better support the youth program</li> <li>- People seem to be happy to travel to participate in and run adventurous activities</li> <li>- In the survey, Rovers have rated their understanding of OAS fairly highly, but not the accessibility of the training teams.</li> <li>- Want to know how they can better make themselves accessible to youth.</li> <li>- Leaders are much more engaged in being on the adventure teams than they used to be</li> <li>- There have been some Rover-specific OAS activities run: why the low attendance? (Likely due to advertising — calendar links on the Scouts Vic website are the main way to find activities)</li> <li>- What do Rovers see their needs are in Adventurous Activities?</li> </ul>	

- How do we better engage Rovers in Adventurous Activities?
- Our activity teams love having Rovers along to the activities and simply sending the email is the simplest form of communication to get an answer, but distributed calendars, FaceBook, and *Be Informed* will also be looked into.

For the PowerPoint, see **Appendix A**.

<b>3 Items for Consent</b>	
<b>3.1 Minutes of the previous VRC Meeting — October</b>	<b>Zac Geddes</b>
Motioned: Zac Seconded: Gippsland Accepted	
<b>3.2 Correspondence</b>	<b>Jessica Kaplan</b>
The graphic designer for Scouts Victoria is putting together the Scouts Victoria Program Planner for 2024 and would like to be made aware of any events planned within each section. Email <a href="mailto:christopher.mcquinlan@scoutsvictoria.com.au">christopher.mcquinlan@scoutsvictoria.com.au</a> with any events that you would like noted.  If you are unaware of what the Program Planner is, you can find the planner from this year here: <a href="https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/media/7359/program-planner-2023.docx">https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/media/7359/program-planner-2023.docx</a> .	
<b>3.3 VRC Financial Report</b>	<b>Jody Freeman</b>
Budget to be voted on this meeting	
<b>3.4 Decisions of the VRC Chair to be ratified</b>	<b>Zac Geddes</b>
None	
<b>3.5 Notifications for the Baden-Powell Scout Award</b>	<b>Regions</b>
None	

<b>4 Office Bearers Reports</b>	
<b>4.1 Chair</b>	<b>Zac Geddes</b>
<p>It's been a busy month as I have had many meetings. Thank you to those that have taken the time to do that. It's been helpful to work on some strategies and tackle some problems. Looking at the next few months, we have a bit to work on/going on. We have an NRC remote meeting tomorrow, and the NRC conference in January. We also have some events over the summer including Venture.</p> <p>I would also like to take this opportunity to once again thank Regi for her work as ASC - Rover Support. It's been an honour to work with you since I joined the VRC back in 2020. Looking forward to whoever replaces those very large metaphorical shoes, it will be a good opportunity for a cultural reset with the leadership group, as that would mean everyone would be in their roles starting this year. I trust the commissioners will be able to reallocate their workloads to be able to support where they need to.</p> <p>Lastly, a thank you for the good back half of the year. I'm anticipating next year's first half will go very quickly so be prepared for the ride that will be. But as Scouting generally takes a wind down over these next two months, please enjoy the rest and recuperation. Use the opportunity to reset and work out your plans for 2024.</p>	

See everyone next year!

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#### 4.2 Deputy Chair

VACANT

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#### 4.3 Assistant Chair

Aodren Knight, Cam Cerda

**Cam:**

This month has been very productive for all: various preparations for VG, a budget being readied, Rover Dinner's handover meeting, a race event, an Exec night out, and I even had my Scouting Leadership course this past weekend; so on that note I'm going to quickly take a sec and say if you're after some training or even just want to further your skills and leadership, definitely look into it! I can 100% say that it was genuinely a blast in every aspect, so I highly recommend it!

With this being our final VRC meeting for the year though, I hope everyone enjoys their holiday period however they may, has fun, stays safe, and makes good choices! Thanks for a great year everyone :)

**Aodren:**

November has been a busy month mostly focused on helping Baw Baw with their recruitment effort.

To aid this I made it to the Plenty Valley and Melbourne region meetings to speak, and I spoke with Lerderderg and Gippsland who discussed it at their meetings.

I've plans to attend every region in some capacity, subcommittees are made from us all after all, so if you haven't seen me yet, stay tuned.

Surfmoot is on the homestretch, not much time until the event, buy your tickets now.

MARB meets for the first time with the new committee tomorrow.

I'm seeing some huge external hires on the Mafeking calendar for the coming year, but I'm mainly looking forward to seeing you all at the Mafeking Christmas party.

General reminder, please store your minutes and other documents in the VicRovers OneDrive folder dedicated to you.

Email at:

[assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:assistant.chair@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.4 Membership Development

Nicola Dangerfield

I'm very glad to be here supporting the VRC in this capacity. Other than looking into how to establish a good way to connect with Venturers and keep consistency among Venturer Events, the main focus has

been preparing for VG. I've been working with a few other OBs to make sure we have a good, sustainable area for the Venturers to come and check out.

I'm excited to see how VG goes and make some notes on what went well and what could be better to take over to AG in Feb next year, as well as check in with the Venturer Council to see what they think.

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#### 4.5 Program

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#### 4.6 Strategic Plan

Jess Hay

The past month I have primarily focused on getting my footing and a firm understanding of the current situation of the Strategic Plan. This involved reading through reports from previous Strategic Planning Officers, analysing the existing Strategic Plan and assessing how its implementation can be evaluated including beginning to follow up on some data points from this, establishing what initial thoughts are around for the upcoming strategic plan, and researching other strategic plans such as that of Scouts Victoria, Scouts Australia, NRC, and Rovers NSW (as an equivalent example). Due to the limited time of my term from taking on the role late in the piece, I anticipate that the next few months will be focused on evaluation of the existing Strategic Plan – which is set to end this year – and then as we near the end of the term, establishing a strong foundation for my successors to further develop a strong strategic plan.

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[strategicplan@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:strategicplan@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.7 Training

Cairo Levitt

Training details for next year have been confirmed. There will be two new training courses available to Rovers, designed to be more relevant to Rovers than the leader training pathway. The first to be completed is a Unit Management course and the second is a Personal Development course; each will be approximately 15 hours and combined will earn you your Personal Development badge.

##### Unit Management Courses

- 2–3/March at VRC
- 17–19/May at Clifford Park
- 9–11/August at Rowallan
- 11–13/October at Mafeking

##### Personal Development Courses

- 29–30/June at Heathmont
- 23–24/November at Treetops

Email at:

[training@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:training@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.8 BPSA

Breanne Simmons

Getting BPSA stuff organised

Working on general BP support seminars and training seminars for supporting Rovers planning an adventurous journey

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[bpsa@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:bpsa@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.9 NRC

Izaak Kitching

I would like to thank everyone who has put an expression of interest in to be an observer to the NRC conference up in Queensland. There is another NRC remote meeting on Thursday night. I promise to have a nice long report for you all at the January meeting which will cover both Thursday's meeting as well as conference.

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[nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:nrc.delegate@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.10 Finance

Kieren Martin

Thank you to Mudbash and Baw Baw to sending things before tabling.

If you have any questions on writing budgets, send me an email or message and I will try to help as much as I can.

Email at:

[finance@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:finance@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.11 Secretary

Jessica Kaplan

If you have a general business item to present, please ensure you send through a short summary to me.

Email at:

[secretary@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:secretary@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.12 Resources

Callan Brouwer

Busy keeping the place clean

Working on getting more cleaning supplies and better alternatives

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[resources@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:resources@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.15 Marketing & Communications

Sienna Brown

This month has been pretty busy with promotions for a number of major events! I have been mainly sharing a bunch of content around the upcoming international rover events; Roverway 2024 applications have opened and the next world moot have contingent vacancies. I have also been sharing info around Surfmoort, VG, Venturer24 and Mudbash and sharing rover units' posts on Instagram via stories. I have created new social media templates for use over the socials however have had a great deal of trouble in trying to arrange a meeting with branch marketing regarding the merging of the Email newsletters. My main goal is to have this resolved by the end of the month. I have also been working with a few other teams and committed to organise the Vic Rovers stand for VG in a few weeks time. Please feel free to reach out to me if your unit needs help with marketing as I'm more than happy to help!

Email at:

[communications@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:communications@vicrovers.com.au)

#### 4.16 Visual Communications

Maddy McArthur

I apologise for my absence last month. My University commitments have been pretty hectic but will be finishing up by the time I come around to reading it which will free up time to work on helping design the merchandise based on the feedback form.

With VicGathering 2023 also just around the corner, I will also be assisting Cam, Sienna, and Nicola with helping promote Rover Scouts Victoria to 18yr old Venturers.

Email at:

[visual.communications@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:visual.communications@vicrovers.com.au).

#### 4.17 IT

Alex Costin

Reminder that the zoom accounts are still active, and bookings are available.

You can contact the IT Team at [it@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:it@vicrovers.com.au), and the online store team at [store@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:store@vicrovers.com.au).

Please reach out if there is anything we can assist with.

#### 4.18 Commissioner Group

Regi Caesar, Sarah Austin, Stephen Carter

Just a reminder, BP lodge service award nominations closing at the end of the month. Please send to Stephen's email address

WF Waters award nominations coming up soon, start thinking about it now

Commissioner Dinner next Wednesday

Had interviews for the new ASC — Rover Support last night, the announcement will come out at the next VRC meeting at the latest.

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## 5 Sub-Committee Reporting

### 5.1 Mafeking Rover Park

Caitlin Durant

Mafeking has had a busy month this month getting ready for VG in a week and a half. With the tractor still being down a lot of work has gone into mowing the park, a huge thank you to Kev from the police scouts who has put in a huge effort especially around the golf course to get it ready for Mafeking Masters. We ran Mafeking Masters at the November working bee last weekend and had about 10 people participate so that was good. Thanks to Craigieburn and Dadpa for providing food to those that attended the working bee.

Looking forward we have a few events coming up including our Mafeking Christmas Party at the Red Eye Bar in St Kilda on the 22nd of December and Tube and Tunes at the February Working Bee from the 16th to the 18th of Feb. We also have New Years at Mafeking starting on 29th of December running to 1st of Jan. You must be a registered scout to attend and over 18yrs old, \$5 per head per night. We will also be running our December committee meeting on 18th of December, all are welcome to come along tonight.

We are very excited to announce that Mafeking has been chosen to host an International LARP event over Cup Weekend. The event will have between 400 to 600 people on site and will go for 4 days. This event is estimated to bring in between \$9000 to \$11000. This is huge for the park and will be really great exposure as well as really wonderful income.

**Roles available:**

- PL or APL of Planning
- Secretary

Regarding tractor repair: the Mafeking tractor engine is not in good shape at the moment. We had Phil, our resident diesel mechanic, look at it and he has suggested the best option is to get the engine rebuilt by a professional as there is a lot more that needs to go into it and he doesn't have the time to. As a result the tractor engine has come back to Melbourne and we have been looking around for quotes. The best option is to go through HM Gem Machining Services. The quote is estimated between \$7000 to \$8000. Mafeking is not in the financial position to be able to afford this at the moment for RSM have very kindly agreed to pay for these repairs. We would like approval to go ahead and spend these funds.

**5.2 Surfmoor**

**Kira Miles**

Two months to go until Surfmoor! Things seem to be on track so far, with the departments focusing on finalising things before December.

Our activities program has been finalised and we will have this released to punters this week.

We released service tickets last week, which received a lot of positive feedback. Within 24hrs of posting we already had 3 people send in an expression of interest, some of which were from interstate.

We will be releasing merchandise by this Friday. We are trying to avoid a repeat of this year's merchandise mishap, by providing merchandise to be available for pick up at the event. Cut off for this will be some time mid-December, but we will continue sales up until the end of the event with the option of delivery or pick up from VRC.

Surfmoor are working with VG to give away a free Surfmoor ticket. Any Rovers who do service at VG go into the running to win a free ticket, so it would be great if you encourage your Regions to attend.

Early bird tickets close on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December (\$80 instead of \$90)

Agreed during last week's meeting for Greg to step in as Treasurer

**5.3 Mudbash**

**Sienna Brown**

This month's main focus has been the budget. We have completed a budget to be tabled tonight alongside with the cover letter. Please take this back to your regions and contact me with all your questions or queries!

We have had a very successful logo launch and I hope you have now all had a chance to see our 2024 logo and slogan! We have also put out a Motorsport survey to ask participants what they are keen to see at Mudbash next year, so the more feedback the better!



**5.4 Rover Scout Motorsport (RSM)****Lachlan Setter**

Mafeking Cup ran very well. We had around 70 people onsite with 49 of them racing across 16 cars and 4 participating in the come and try day. It was a good weekend and if you ask the recovery team it was very boring as only 1 car needed to be towed the whole weekend when their battery died. Good Fun nobody died.

We have been in talks with Mafeking in regard to the broken tractor and we have agreed to pay the cost of repairs as it is in both parties best interest to have a working tractor  
We are just notifying everyone of the money being spent.

**5.5 Bogong Rover Chalet****Catherine Kopec**

This month we had our first working bee of the season, Cup Weekend. We smashed through a tonne of jobs, including all stocktakes so we're ready for the Venture expedition which is held at Chalet in early January. This month you'll see a bunch of us at VG promoting the Chalet. We've also had a lot of meetings and discussions to prepare for our upcoming bathroom works which will start in early January and are expecting to be completed in mid March. Throughout this time almost every weekend we will be up at the Chalet and we need your help; Regions, if I could ask you to spread a few things for us. Firstly, please spread the expression of interest for our bathroom works around: [https://forms.gle/udxeUc9Ndqg2ET2CA?fbclid=IwAR0zZvYX4aS9A7W9pGeP3x2lbrPLEPeyxXe\\_oXxWj23\\_RaavzAhQn\\_UOFjXQ](https://forms.gle/udxeUc9Ndqg2ET2CA?fbclid=IwAR0zZvYX4aS9A7W9pGeP3x2lbrPLEPeyxXe_oXxWj23_RaavzAhQn_UOFjXQ) and secondly, in 2024 we are going to have to complete our wood restock of 40 cubic meters of wood on a non-long weekend and likely from a longer distance than usual so we really need rover support for this task! This will take place on the 23rd/24th of March 2024.

**5.6 W.F. Waters Lodge****Paul Taylor****Q. How many rovers attend each regions monthly meetings?**

Are they all active and eager to help or just there "because the unit asked me to be"

Are you aware of any region rovers wanting to help and be more involved but don't know how?

WFWaters ski lodge is run by the Baw Baw rover crew on behalf of Victorian rovers. Victorian rovers own 3 amazing properties, one of which is the WF Waters Ski lodge. We are aging and have aged and we, as a crew, would really like to see a number of enthusiastic young rovers attend the monthly meetings that are held here on the first Wednesday of each month excluding January, for obvious reasons, and October when we hold our AGM, 2nd Saturday, at the Chalet. We try and conduct between 3 & 6 structured weekends at the lodge to ensure that we get the lodge back up to a clean and working order for the new winter season

To keep the BBRC alive and thriving I'd love to see a region rover from each region happily "volunteer" to attend our meeting in Feb and see if they think it is something they could commit, or recommend someone, long term to ensure the smooth ongoing running of the crew and maintain the operation of the lodge

I understand that this could be daunting, however, it only takes a small step to make a big difference. Stepping up could lead to a long term support if a wonderful property and could be the catalyst for us to make thriving changes into the future.

We need the assistance of VRC and also regions to support the continued management of the lodge and with that we need to fulfill a number of positions on the Crew.



We require the following positions to be filled:

- Chairperson
- Admin officer
- A promotions team (min 2 would be good)
- And a number of general crew members to allow for growth and connection to future generations of scouts

### 5.7 MARB

Michael Watts

MARB is already working hard to begin planning a great event.  
Had our first meeting last night, and are working on date and venue  
Theme competition will be going out on our social medias very shortly  
Theme to be announced at Surfmoor  
Looking for a secretary — if you're interested please let me know

### 5.8 Yearbook

### 5.9 Rover Dinner

Mt Dandenong

Our Photos for Rover Dinner are now available via the google drive link:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JwmVYgpSnnqNhfX1ivh5dOYZ2I9kW1kK?usp=sharing>

## 6 Region Reporting

### 6.1 Bays

Anthony Lamb

At the start of this month we had Kieran's BP Presentation which we saw a good turnout for.  
Congratulations again Kieran and well done on all your hard work.

This month feels a bit weird as our regular Bays meeting was pushed back a week due to the Melbourne Cup. We are now planning our end of year breakup in a few weeks.

I also had a meeting with Mt Dandy's Rover Dinner team to do a handover and get some crucial information for Bays to run it next year, so we are getting our team together over the next few weeks and are keen to get started. We have also set a date, October 26<sup>th</sup> 2024.

### 6.2 Gippsland

Zoe Cooper

Gippsland has had a great month as we prepare for the end of year, we are planning our first (in quite a long time) Christmas party! this hasn't been without its challenges, but we are glad that we are trying. We are applying for the position of Venture24 Canteen and have been working hard on getting a menu, budget and risk assessment documents ready for the next step of the application process. if we are successful then this fundraiser will set us up for CARB24!!! We have begun advertising for CARB24 so please make sure that you are following our page for the most recent updates!

As always, hit us up for our fundraiser socks and stickers! Socks are mostly smaller sizes left so perfect for Christmas presents!

### 6.3 Lerderderg

Katelynn Condon

This month we had our last official meeting for 2023. We will be having an unofficial meeting at our Region Camp at Lake Eppalock in December.

This camp has had a lot of hard work put in by the exec members to get it happening. I thank them for their hard work.

At this camp we will be saying a 'see-ya-later' to Scotty Harrison as he has decided to step back from his region role in the new year.

He has been a dedicated and integral role in Lerderderg Region, and wider rovers, for many many years and from Lerdy we say a huge thank you.

Attached is our invite to our Region Camp [see Appendix B]. Anyone is welcome to join us on the Saturday at midday for our meeting and goodbye to Scotty.

Please let myself or Tess know if you would like to attend!

#### 6.4 Melbourne

Harrison Feldman

A quiet month for Melbourne in our leadup to our turn of the year events.

In December we have our region trivia night. Then in Feb we'll be having our Rover Activity Meet (R.A.M) and Region casino night.

The new Melbourne logo is in its very final stages of officialization.

I know I've said that for the past month or so but I really want to make sure it's done right rather than hurried.

Expect Melbourne merchandise soon.

A rare chance to put this in the report but for future readers of these minutes: 'As Read' is as read.

#### 6.5 Mt Dandenong

Benjamin Ceravolo

This month has not been too busy for us.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our exec getaway this month.

I also created our unit chairs chat and so far, it has been successful.

The Moist Moot Budget has passed through our Region and tickets will be available from the 1st of December via the square store for \$70 fully catered.

#### 6.6 Murray Midlands

Ben Okely

Currently still not much to report for Murray Midlands. Still working around the position. Sounds like the Mallee Mud Camp held in Mildura last weekend (10-12/11) was a huge success and all in attendance thoroughly enjoyed their time there. We are currently also in the process of getting all the unit chairs within the region in contact with each other and trying to work out how we wish to have the region run of the next little while.

Moist Moot is 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> of March! \$70 for the weekend!

#### 6.7 Plenty Valley

Nicola Dangerfield

Our last meeting was quite productive; although our attendance is quite low, it has been growing over the past couple of months, and we've started to build a regular attendees list.

A few Units in the region have expressed interest in a badge work crash course, which was in discussion about hosting next year. This will open the door to having more courses in the future.

We wished our farewells to our Development Officer, Nathan, as he has turned 26 and aged out of the section.

## 6.8 South West

Matthew Pannan

Finishing off October we had our Crown Night down in Melbourne (finally!) It was a brilliant night, dressing up fancy for dinner, playing a trio of laser tag games, and great fun touring around Melbourne.

Entering November, the Rovers from Horsham visited the Mildura units to help with the 46<sup>th</sup> Mallee Rover Activity Camp, AKA Mud Kamp. They greatly appreciated having help from so many away Rovers this year. I also visited the Murray Midlands meeting, and had the pleasure of meeting and having a great chat with Ben Okely, their new chair. Good luck to Ben, and I'm super keen to see where he can take their region.

At our November region meeting, we discussed opening a couple of social media pages for South West. For the first time this term we had all units in attendance at once, and each of them thought the idea was great. We're now working on a draft of policies outlining who would run them and how the account(s) will be operated.

We have our region breakup camp approaching in mid-December, which will be run at Brucknell Scout Camp (near Timboone), where we're looking forward to doing some touring of the Great Ocean Road, the Twelve Apostles, as well as a quick tour/tasting of the local ice creamery and distillery.

2023's been awesome, and I can't wait to see what next year brings! Happy holidays everyone, and have a great start to 2024!

## 7 Other Reports

### 7.1 MPAC Report (Pete's Corner)

No report submitted

## 8 Interstate, National and International Events and Contingents

### 8.1 Noodl'oot 2023

KumBaYah Guide Camp, Wollongong, NSW  
24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Australia's first noodle themed Rover moot!

Early bird registrations (open until Oct 31):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnl9NRd3MdC9t9CP4I5SsQ3vRTuDzgeUKo827Rv8Je3Jrpcg/viewform>

There will be a Victorian Contingent going (and transporting people)

### 8.2 VG (Victoria Gathering) 2023

Mafeking Rover Park  
1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

	<a href="https://vicgathering.asn.au/">https://vicgathering.asn.au/</a>	
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Venture24</b>	
	<p>Main camp: 7<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> January 2024          Expeditions: starting between the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024          Lardner Park, Gippsland (and expeditions offsite)          Still looking for lots of leaders          Will take Rovers 21+ for line leaders, and any Rovers for other roles  <a href="https://www.venture24.au/">https://www.venture24.au/</a></p>	
<b>8.4</b>	<b>Easter Moot</b>	
	<p>Tasmania          29<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024  <a href="https://www.tas.rovers.com.au/events">https://www.tas.rovers.com.au/events</a></p>	
<b>8.5</b>	<b>81<sup>st</sup> New Zealand Rover Moot</b>	
	<p>Rotorua, New Zealand          29<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/AusNZMoot/">https://www.facebook.com/AusNZMoot/</a></p>	
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Governor General's Camp</b>	
	<p>Government House, Canberra          14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024  <a href="https://scouts.com.au/event/ggcamp2023/">https://scouts.com.au/event/ggcamp2023/</a>            Registrations close on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November!</p>	
<b>8.6</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Roverway 2024</b>	
	<p>Norway          22 July – 1 August 2024  <a href="https://scouts.com.au/event/roverway2024/">https://scouts.com.au/event/roverway2024/</a>            \$2500 for participants + flights etc (for Rovers 22 and younger)          \$2000 for IST + flights etc            November 21<sup>st</sup> applications open</p>	
<b>8.7</b>	<b>AJ2025</b>	
	<p>Maryborough, Queensland          6 – 15 January 2025          Will need a Queensland Blue Card (their version of the WWC)</p>	
<b>8.8</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot 2025</b>	
	<p>Portugal          25 July – 3 August 2025  <a href="https://scouts.com.au/event/wsm2025/">https://scouts.com.au/event/wsm2025/</a>            Age cut off: be 25 at the start</p>	
<b>8.9</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree 2027</b>	
	Poland	

30 July — 8 August 2027  
<https://www.jamboree2027.org/>

## 9 Voting Items

### 9.1 VRC Budget

#### See Appendix C

Motioned: Jody

Seconded: Plenty Valley

Approved

### 9.2 Policy Book Amendments

Paper tabled with all points in one. Consultation can happen to split proposals as needed.

#### See Appendix D

Motion to vote on each of the 7 points separately

- Motioned: Melbourne
- Seconded: Gippsland
- Approved

#### 1. Page 8, Baden Powell Scout Award, How the Award will be managed (point 2):

- Changing membership requirements from National Squire Training to Intro to Scouting/Intro to Section
- Approved

#### 2. Page 8, Baden Powell Scout Award, How the Award will be managed (points 5 and 6):

##### 2.1. (point 5)

- Removing the requirement for the BPSA nomination to be submitted to Region before a Rover's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday for the award to be considered completed
- Approved

##### 2.2. (point 6)

- Amended from Region communities being notified of BPSAs after completion to being notified prior to the reflection interview
- Motioned: Gippsland
- Seconded: Plenty Valley
- Approved

#### 3. Page 8, Baden Powell Scout Award, How the Award will be managed:

- Add "Region Rover Community shall notify the Victorian Rover Council when a BPSA has been completed" to the subheading.
- Approved

#### 4. Page 17, Training, Rover Training Team – Appointments:

- Removing the requirement for a PLA Course
- Approved

#### 5. Page 31–51, duty statements:

- Add "Responsibilities of office bearers' positions that are vacant shall be assumed by

the VRC executive” to the bottom of the duty statements.

- Approved

#### 6. Amending the term ‘Chairman’ to a gender-neutral title throughout policy

- Approved
- Can still use other terms informally

##### 6.1. Amendment to use the term ‘Chair’ officially in policy

- Motioned: Mt Dandenong
- Second: Plenty Valley
- Amended

#### 7. Event roster

- As put forward in the attached roster, as the last one has expired.
- Minor amendment: Plenty Valley swapping with South West for Mudbash 2024
- Approved

### 9.3 NRC Observer Elections

Elections for the role of Observer to attend the NRC conference on behalf of the VRC.

- 4 valid nominations: Aodren Knight, Nicola Dangerfield, Eleyne Ferguson, and Alex Costin
- Zac is the NRC training development officer, but does not anticipate any conflicts of interest (but if there is then the observer will have to vote)
- Elected: Alex, Nicola

## 10 Discussion Items

### 10.1 Self-Catering on Events

Discussion paper on self-catering during events.

- The purpose of the paper is to help people with extenuating circumstances (where events cannot ensure that they can provide safe food for a person)
- It is less relevant for events that are not fully catered, as then people can feed themselves with little issue.
- Exact details of self-catering and who can access it need to be a mutual decision between the individual and subcommittees, and may be escalated if a decision cannot be reached. Very important to make sure that people are not made to feel unsafe or at risk with catered food.
- Anyone who cannot be catered for automatically becomes a part of the review process of the event.

Please email Zoe with any questions at [gippsland.chair@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:gippsland.chair@vicrovers.com.au).

See Appendix E

## 11 Items for the Information of the Victorian Rover Council

### 11.1 Requirements for Child Safety and WHS Modules for All Adults in Scouting

Please periodically remind the Rovers in your Regions, Subcommittees and Units that these modules may have expired without their knowledge, and that they need to re-complete them when this occurs.

## 12 Tabled Items

### 12.1 MPAC

Discussion paper about the concept of MPAC

- Look at the construction and go to a modular construction instead of purpose-built
- May come out at around the original budget, even if it doesn't look as good

See Appendix F

### 12.2 Mudbash Budget

For the budget and cover letter for Mudbash 2024, see Appendix G

- No itemised numbers from 2022 are in there, because items have been removed between 2022 and 2023. Can ask Sienna if you want to compare them
- Focusing on capital works and track maintenance
- Email Sienna with any questions at [chair@mudbash.com](mailto:chair@mudbash.com).

## 13 Standing Items

### 13.1 Unit Names and Scarves

Regions

- 1<sup>st</sup> City of Camberwell Rover Unit request change to Raisbeck Rover Unit
- No second, not approved

### 13.2 Workplace Health & Safety Items

Seek online access or do not attend meetings if you are sick. If anything in or of the Rover Centre isn't working as it should, please email [resources@vicrovers.com.au](mailto:resources@vicrovers.com.au) immediately with a brief report. Remember to wash your hands often with soap and water.

### 13.3 WWCC/e-Learning Reminders

Details of members with outstanding membership requirements are sent to Unit Leaders and Region Teams every month. Please ensure these are actioned in a timely manner. If you'd like an ad-hoc report please contact Jeff.

### 13.4 Operoo

Any event you run should be registered with Operoo. Contact the State Operoo team @ [Operoo@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:Operoo@scoutsvictoria.com.au) to inform them of your event, they will help you with the process around that.

Please make sure your profiles are up-to-date, especially with going to events.

### 13.5 ScOUT & ABOUT

Register your event through the link here. Anything from Working Bees to weekend camps. <https://myrecord.scoutsvictoria.com.au/memberportal/scouting-activity/vic>

### 13.6 Terrain



If you would like snapshots of your region's data please email

[Harrison.Feldman@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:Harrison.Feldman@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

### 12.3 Active Rover Policy

Cam is working on making a sheet to sign with the requirements

You can find a summary sheet and optional approval form for this policy at

<https://www.vicrovers.com.au/resources/policies>

## 14 General Business

### 14.1 National Chief Commissioner

Brendan Watson become the National Chief Commissioner

Want to write an official letter from VRC to congratulate him as he is a past Victorian Rover with a WF Waters Award

### 14.2 Generator at Mafeking

Generator at Mafeking, owned by VRC

Many issues with it, including two dead batteries

\$460 for both batteries to get it going

Gets put into Mudbash risk assessment incase of power outage

VG use it, but it is not a part of their hiring agreement

There is a budget for maintenance

### 14.3 We love you Regi <3

**Closing Parade: Flag Down**

**Meeting Closed at 10:47 pm**

**VRC AGENDA  
APPENDIX  
NOVEMBER MEETING  
22.11.23**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
VRC Attendance — November.....	2	1.2	Welcome
Adventurous Activities PowerPoint.....	5	2.2	Guest Speaker
Lerderderg Region Camp Invitation.....	14	6.3	Region Event
VRC Budget.....	15	9.1	Voting Item
Policy Book Amendments.....	16	9.2	Voting Item
Self-Catering on Events .....	21	11.1	Tabled Item
MPAC.....	23	11.2	Tabled Item
Mudbash Budget.....	35	11.3	Tabled Item



**VRC ATTENDANCE**  
**505<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE VRC**  
**HELD AT THE VICTORIAN ROVER CENTER**  
**WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023, AT 7:30PM**

Committee	Role	Name	Present (✓)	Apology (X)
Office Bearers	Chair	Zac Geddes	✓	
	Deputy Chair	-		
	Assistant Chair	Cam Cerda	✓	
		Aodren Knight	✓	
	Membership Development	Nicola Dangerfield	✓	
	Program	-		
	Training	Cairo Levitt		
	BPSA	Breanne Simmons	✓	
	NRC Delegate	Izaak Kitching	✓	
	Secretary	Jessica Kaplan	✓	
	Resources	Callan Brouwer	✓	
	Strategic Planning	Jess Hay	✓	
	Marketing & Communications	Sienna Brown	✓	
	Visual Communications	Maddy McArthur		
	IT	Alex Costin	✓	
	Finance	Kieren Martin	✓	
SC Rover Support	Stephen Carter	✓		
ASC Rover Support	Regi Caesar	✓		
	Sarah Austin	✓		
	Honorary Treasurer	Jody Freeman		
Bays	Chair	Anthony Lamb		

Committee	Role	Name	Present (✓)	Apology (X)
	Deputy Chair	Lizzie Honeybone		
	Region RC	Drew Lazenby		
<b>Gippsland</b>	Chair	Zoe Cooper		
	Deputy Chair	Carlin Graham	✓	
	Secretary	Meg McGregor		
	VRC Rep	Thomas Sibley		
<b>Lerderderg</b>	Chair	Katie Condon	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Tess Williamson	✓	
	VRC Rep	Jacob Hobbs		
	VRC Rep	Eleyne Ferguson	✓	
	Region RC	Scotty Harrison		
<b>Melbourne</b>	Chair	Harrison Feldman	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Thomas Whitehead	✓	
	Secretary	Steph Wigg	✓	
	Region RC	Greg Davies	✓	
<b>Mt Dandenong</b>	Chair	Ben Ceravolo	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Brittany Oakley	✓	
	Region RC	Maria Armstrong	✓	
<b>Murray Midlands</b>	Chair	Elijah Alley		
	Deputy Chair	EJ Clayton		
	VRC Rep	Ben Okely		
	Region RC	Mark "Barney" Thornton	✓	
<b>Plenty Valley</b>	Chair	Nicola Dangerfield	✓	
	VRC Rep	Cam Cerda	✓	
	Treasurer	Christian Miller Grinzi	✓	
	Region RC	Jeff McIlvain		
<b>South West</b>	Chair	Matthew Pannan	✓	

Committee	Role	Name	Present (✓)	Apology (X)
	Deputy Chair	David Pattinson		
	Secretary	Ethan Grey		
	Region RC	Craig Miller (Asst.)		
<b>Mafeking</b>	Chair	Caitlin Durant	✓	
<b>Surfmoot</b>	Chair	Kira Miles	✓	
<b>Mudbash</b>	Chair	Sienna Brown	✓	
	Rover Advisor	Ross Armstrong	✓	
	Deputy Chair	Em Potts	✓	
<b>RSM</b>	Chair	Lachie Setter	✓	
	Secretary	Alana Kynoch	✓	
	Treasurer	Mitch Hanger	✓	
	Rover Advisor	Lachlan McDonald	✓	
<b>Bogong</b>	Chair	Catherine Kopec		
<b>W.F. Waters</b>	Caretaker	Paul Taylor		
<b>MARB</b>	Chair	Michael Watts		
	Deputy Chair	Bonnie Jensen	✓	
<b>Rover Dinner</b>	Chair	Mt Dandenong		
<b>Guests</b>	MPAC	Peter Wotherspoon	✓	
	Adventurous Activities	Bob Edwards	✓	



# Adventurous Activities Project

Rover council visit



# What have we been up to?



Initial stakeholder  
Interviews.



Stockholder  
engagement -  
Membership base.



Assessing why and  
how we got here.



Assessing our Activities  
make up.



# Who are our end users?

1. Our Youth

2. Our leaders

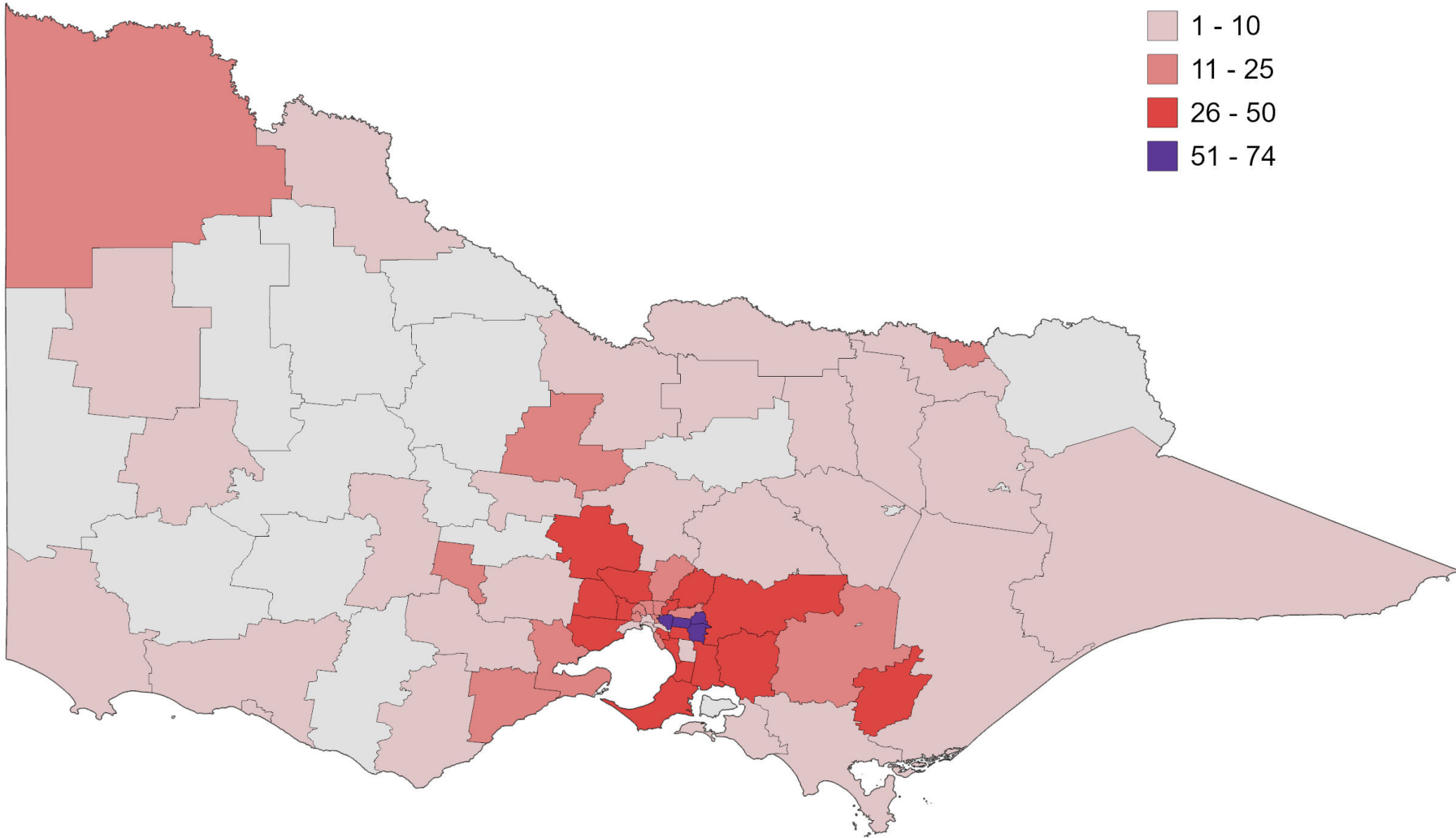
What is needed to support the program to function.

Get mor kids doing adventure!



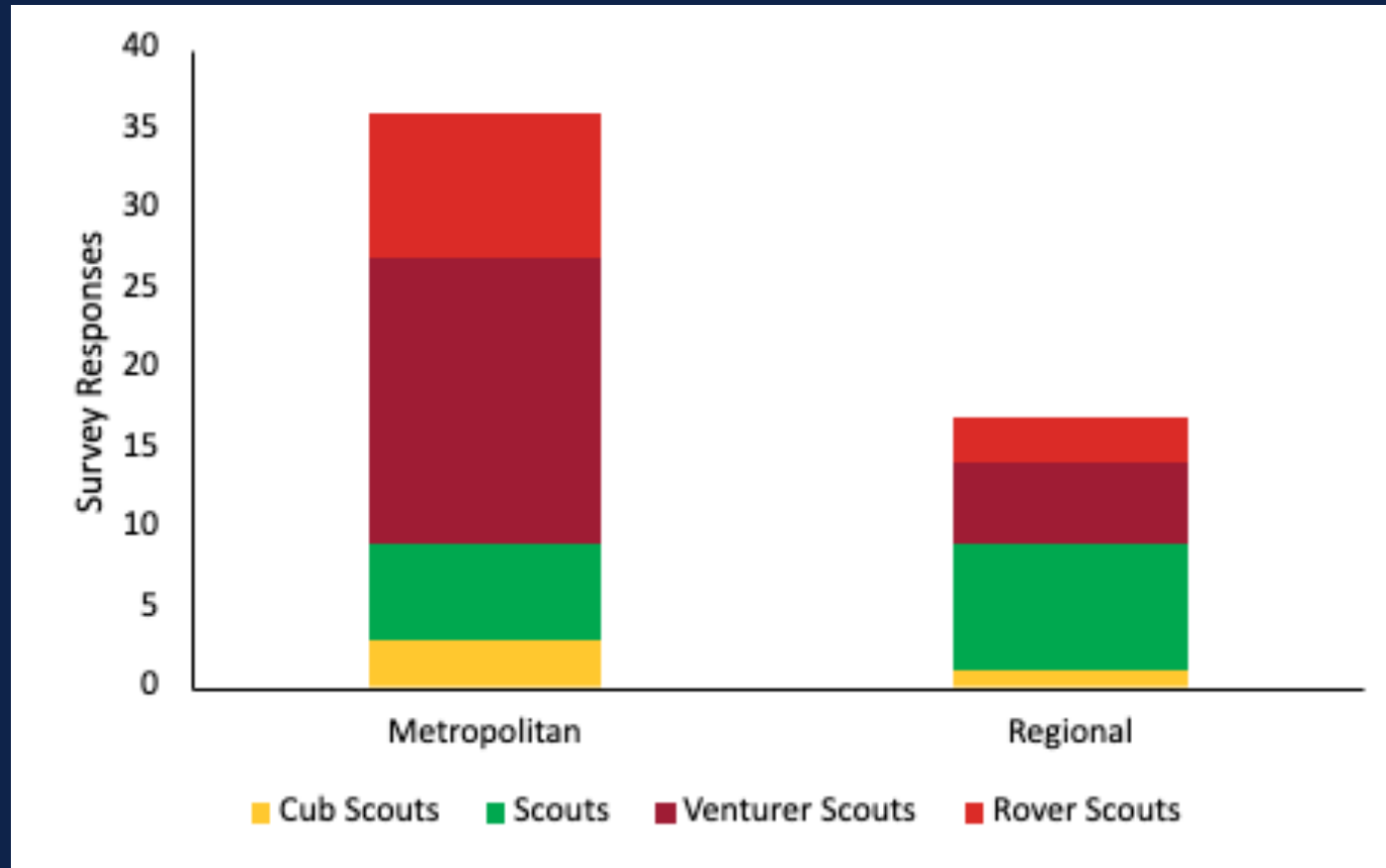
### Rover Scouts

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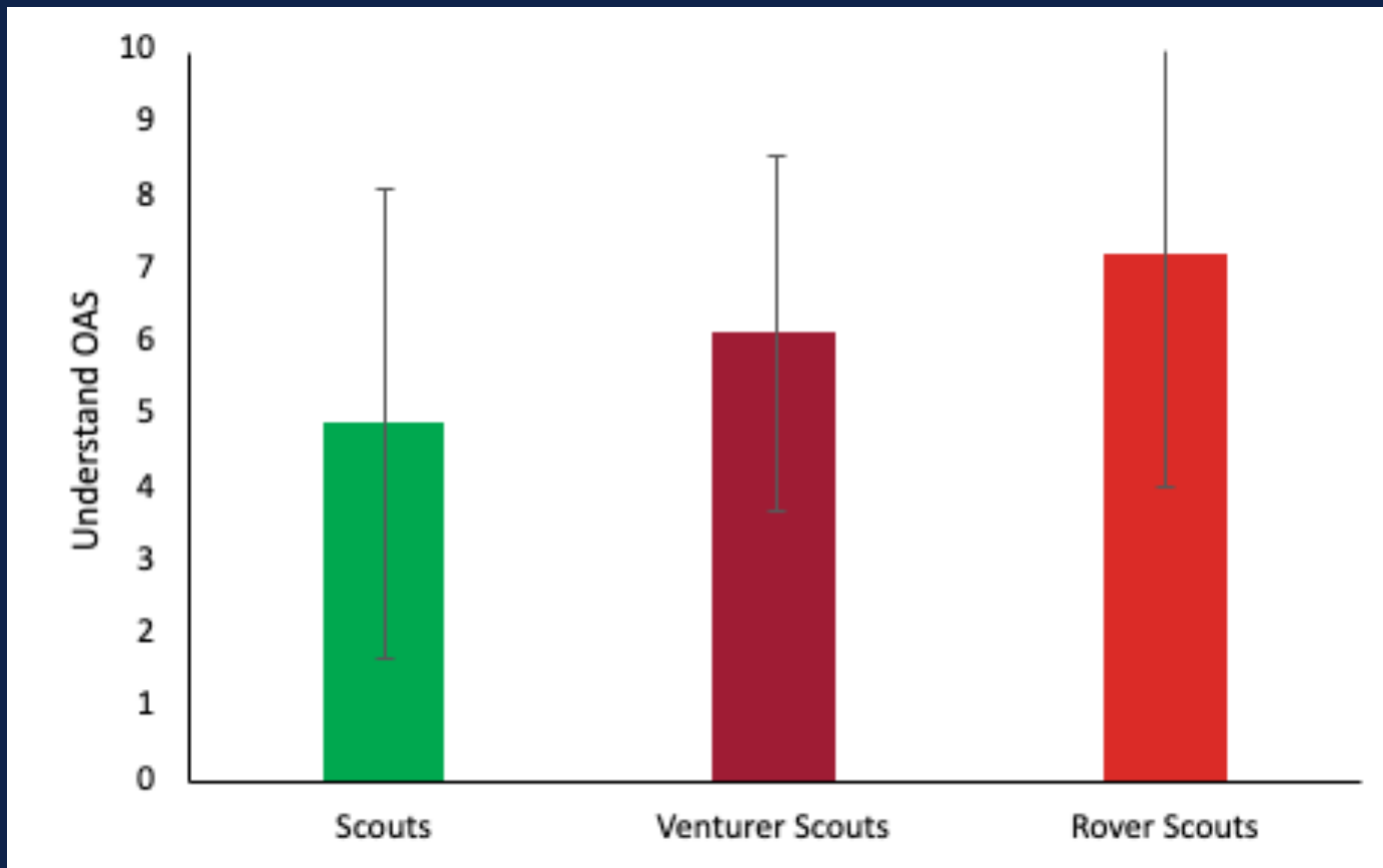
# Survey Snap Shots

- Metropolitan and Regional rovers responded but low n



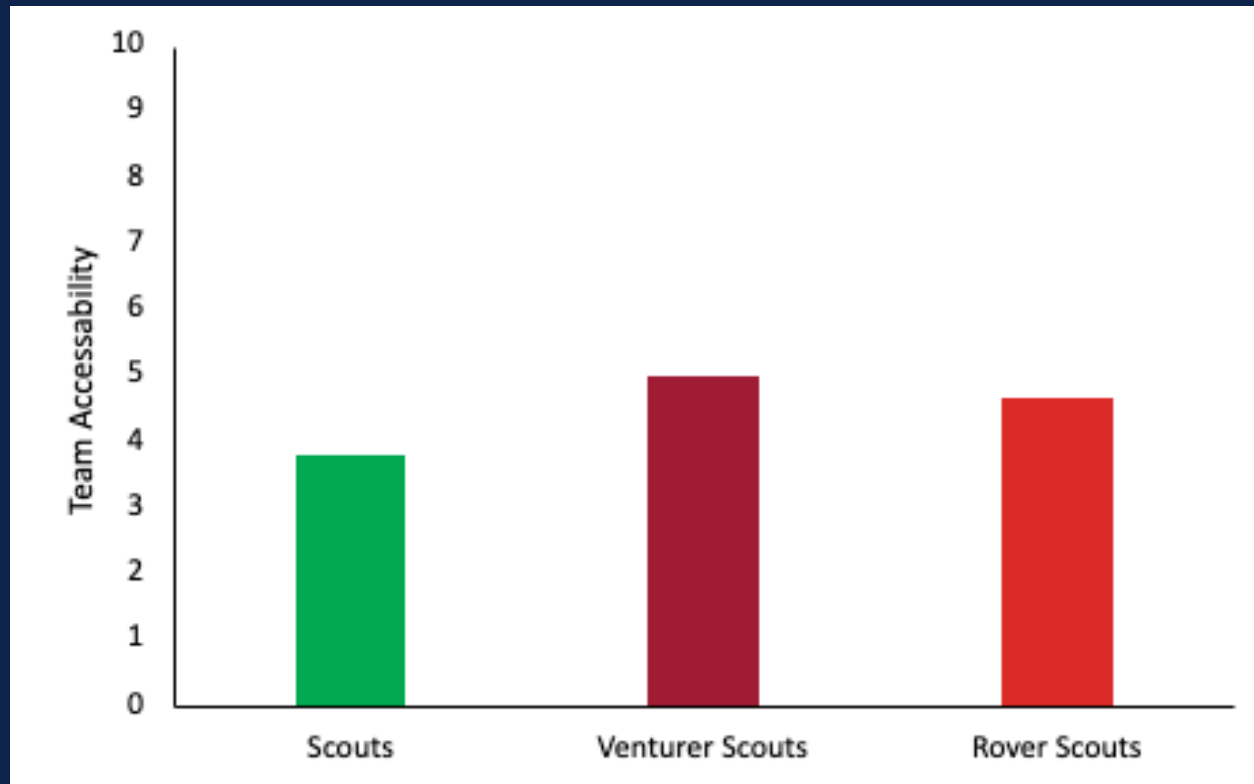
# Survey Snap Shots

- Understanding of Outdoor Adventurous Skills, Rovers rated highest of all youth.



# Survey Snap Shots

- Activity team accessibility rating. How can we increase rover accessibility?

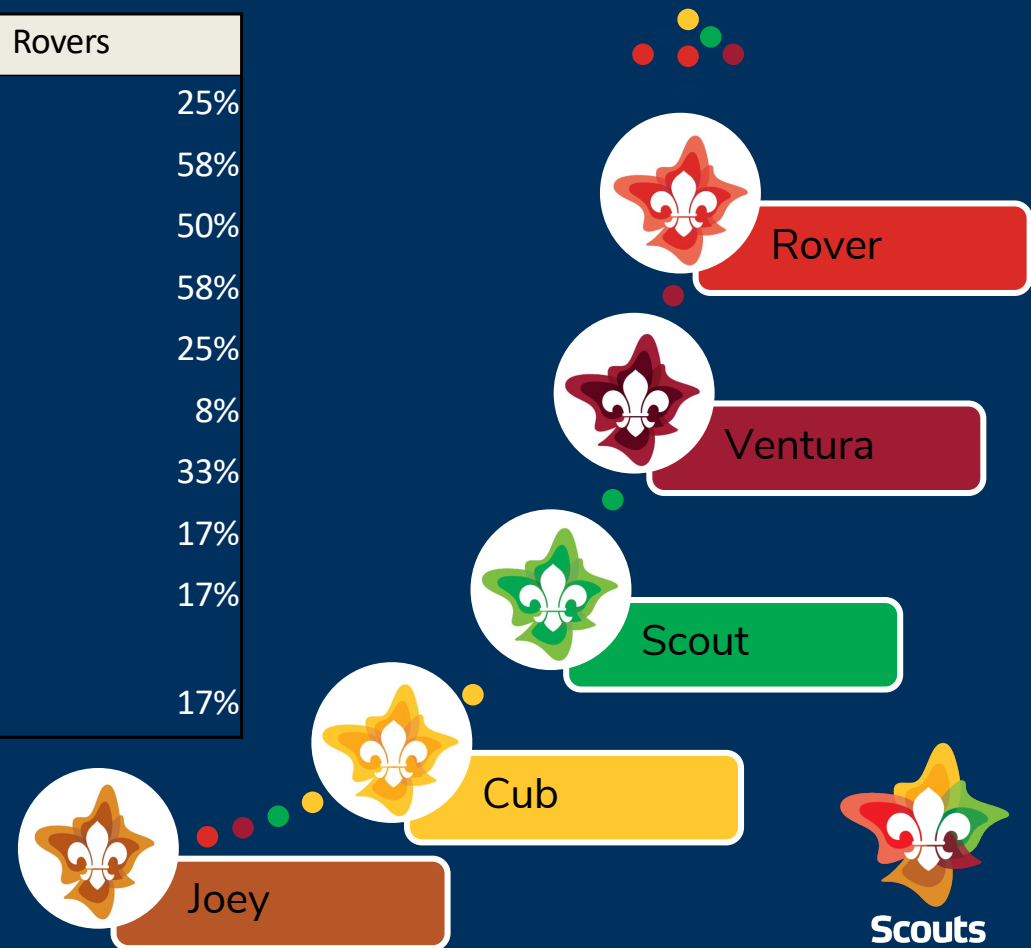


# Rover future interest in activities

## Activities by rank order

- Camping
- Bushcraft
- Pioneering
- Paddling
- Rock Climbing
- Bushwalking
- Alpine
- Canoeing
- Water Safety
- Aquatics
- Sailing
- Life Saving
- Four-wheel Driving
- Survival Skills
- Caving
- Horse Riding
- Scuba
- Kayaking
- Cycling Touring
- Downhill Skiing

OAS group	Rovers
Vertical	25%
Bushcraft	58%
Paddling	50%
Aquatics	58%
Camping	25%
Cycling	8%
Alpine	33%
Bushwalking	17%
Boating	17%
Spechal Intrest	17%



# Questions

1. What do Rovers see their needs are in Adventurous Activities?
2. How do we better engage rovers in adventurous activities?
3. Any other comments...



# LERDERBERG

## Region Rovers

### JOIN US FOR OUR END OF YEAR CAMP



Lake Eppalock  
Campsite  
15th - 17th December  
5pm Friday - 1pm  
Sunday



Standing camp, like  
Mudbash and Surfmoort,  
your unit will need to  
bring their equipment, like  
gazebos, cooking gear and  
vessels to hold water



We will be doing water  
activities, so bring your  
bathers!

Cost \$10

There will be a catered  
meal on Saturday Lunch,  
all other meals are to be  
brought by rovers or unit



Ask your unit leaders for the registration form

The Scout Association of Australia  
Victorian Rover Council

2022/23 ACTUALS to BUDGET & 2023/24 Budget

1133 Rovers 2023 Census numbers  
79 RA 73 RA per extranet, 3 State, 8 Region

	PRIOR YEARS		PREVIOUS YEAR			5.100%	PAX	Per Head	Comments
	2021 Actual 30-Jun-21 \$	2022 Actual 30-Jun-22 \$	12 Months to 30 JUNE 2023 Budget FY23 \$	Actual FY23 \$	Variance \$	2024 Budget 30-Jun-24 \$			
<b>INCOME</b>				<b>Final</b>					
Mudbash	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	No event appropriation for FY24	
Surfmoot	6,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	No event appropriation for FY24	
MARB	-	264	-	-	-	-	-	No event appropriation for FY24	
Rover Scout Motorsport	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	No event appropriation for FY24	
Baw Baw Rover Crew	-	4,000	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	This is a % allocation representing share of external to section revenue and a contribution to VRC.	
Bogong Rover Chalet Mgt Group	-	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	This is a % allocation representing share of external to section revenue and a contribution to VRC.	
Mafeking Rover Park	-	800	1,000	-	(1,000)	1,000	-	This is a % allocation representing share of external to section revenue and a contribution to VRC.	
Rover Levy - Rovers	-	-	17,475	15,750	(1,725)	-	-	No rover levy for FY24	
Rover Levy - RA	-	-	1,260	1,260	-	-	-	No rover levy for FY24	
Sundry	393	1,213	-	-	-	-	-	Not budgeted, Christmas Party 2021	
Merchandise sales	357	466	-	45	45	-	-	Not budgeted, revenue FY23 year for rover shirts and STG badges	
Interest	896	1,090	1,200	6,640	5,440	10,700	-	Higher interest rates 5.10% at 7 June, currently \$224k in SDF deposit.	
	<b>7,646</b>	<b>18,132</b>	<b>22,935</b>	<b>25,695</b>	<b>2,760</b>	<b>13,700</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>11.30</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>									
Marketing & Promotion	55	204	500	103	397	2,000	1,212	1.65	Increased
Environment	-	616	-	-	-	-	1,212	-	Special project spend FY22
Training Subsidies & Courses	289	-	1,000	450	550	750	1,212	0.62	Includes RA Seminar costs, and add on training team cost.
Awards and Presentations	-	455	300	330	(30)	750	1,212	0.62	Most of cost in SC Budget, cost of VRC Tickets to Rover dinner 4x40, Special Gifts
NRC & NRYP Meeting	-	(150)	2,500	660	1,840	-	1,212	-	NRC cost paid by Branch
NRC Levy	-	9,136	6,853	(2,581)	9,434	-	1,133	-	NRC cost paid by Branch
NRC Moot Buddies	1,188	1,188	1,165	1,220	(55)	-	1,133	-	NRC cost paid by Branch
Victorian Moot Buddies	-	-	1,249	1,249	-	1,212	1,212	1.00	\$1 from Rover levy per head allocated to Moot buddies for the next National Moot.
Sundry Expenses - VRC General Operating costs	2,157	42	1,200	559	641	1,200	1,212	0.99	Expenses such as working bees, gifts, cake, cards etc.
Equipment Maintenance	255	438	1,000	1,344	(344)	1,000	1,212	0.83	VRC Trailer and other equipment, R&M Budget allocation required
Equipment - Minor Purchases	-	-	1,000	562	438	1,000	1,212	0.83	Planned VRC maintenance work
Equipment - Major Purchases	-	2,000	-	959	(959)	-	1,212	-	No operating budget - This is for larger investment
Equipment - IT	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,212	-	No operating budget - This is for larger investment
Postage, Stationery & Office Expenses	-	-	-	195	(195)	-	1,212	-	Postage for orders, offset by revenue so nil to budget
Communications & IT	813	731	1,000	668	332	1,000	1,212	0.83	SMS and IT Infrastructure operating costs, including tablets, square, domain renewals, minor asset replenishment
Accounting Fees	420	466	500	476	24	500	1,212	0.41	xero cost for VRC xero account. (includes MARB and Viccon)
Square Service Fees	-	-	-	201	(201)	-	1,212	-	FY23 related to square fees on Rover levy, not required or FY24.
Contingencies	-	-	500	-	500	500	1,212	0.41	Contingency for unforeseen expenses.
Year book	2,160	1,055	1,750	3,580	(1,830)	2,500	1,212	2.06	Year book printing costs, FY23 - 2.5k accrued plus overrun for FY22, required FY24
Merchandise Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Not budgeted
	<b>7,337</b>	<b>16,181</b>	<b>20,517</b>	<b>9,974</b>	<b>10,543</b>	<b>12,412</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>10.24</b>	
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) YTD</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>15,720</b>	<b>13,302</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1.06</b>	
Abnormal items off budget	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>15,720</b>	<b>13,302</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1.06</b>	
			10.54%			9.40%			

Notes to the VRC budget:

This is the operating budget for the VRC itself, and excludes all sub committee operations.  
VRC revenue for FY24 is proposed to be covered by interest on cash investment, currently 5.10%, and a small contribution from Property Assets.  
Expense are in line with previous years costs, with some adjustments as noted in the comments.  
Based on most recent census, a per head Rover cost is included for revenue, expense and budgeted surplus.  
This budget will hold for FY24. Key risk for future budget is movement in interest rates and cash reserves and inflation in operating expenses.  
queries/comments to treasurer@vicrovers.com.au



**SCOUTS VICTORIA**  
Victorian Rover Council  
25.10.23

**Rover  
Scouts**  
VICTORIA

<b>Item Title</b>	<i>VRC Policy Book Amendments</i>
<b>Information</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	
X <b>Decision</b>	
<b>Document Author</b>	<i>Zoe Cooper - Gippsland Region Chairperson, Zac Geddes – VRC Chairman</i>
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	<i>Governance - To review and address the structures of Victorian Rovers, to ensure the section remains relevant and up to date.</i>
<b>Consultation</b>	<i>Gippsland Region Rover Council Executive team, and Current Office Bearers</i>
<b>Implementation Period</b>	<i>To be discussed with Region teams, then decided upon at the next VRC meeting.</i>

#### KEY POINTS

- *The VRC Policy book has not been updated to reflect the new system, and other outdated terms:*

#### BACKGROUND

- *The VRC Policy book has not been updated to reflect the new system.*
- *The outdated policies have created confusion and added extra work for the VRC council and Region Chairs teams.*

#### ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Victorian Rover Council:

Make the following amendments:

1. *Page 8, Baden Powell Scout Award, How the Award will be managed:*
  - *Current:*  
*"2. All Rover Units in Victoria shall use the National Squire Training and Unit Membership requirements. Although the Squire training component will be discontinued as the New Program components are progressively rolled out. Units may not add to, remove from, or otherwise amend these requirements."*
  - *Requested Change:*  
*"2. All Rover Units in Victoria shall use the Intro to Scouting/Intro to Section for membership onboarding. Units shall be ensuring members complete their mandatory membership requirements from Scouts Victoria . Units may not add to, remove from, or otherwise amend these requirements."*
2. *Page 8, Baden Powell Scout Award, How the Award will be managed:*
  - *Current:*  
*"5. The date that the Region notes the nomination for the Baden Powell Scout Award shall be deemed to be the date of completion of the award. The nomination must be received by a member of the Region Executive who is not a member of the Rover's own Unit before the Rover Scout's 26th birthday.*

6. Region Rover Communities shall be notified of nominations for the BP Award at the gathering immediately following their receipt, and forward to the Branch Rover Council without delay."

- Requested Change:  
Remove from the Policy Book as current program does not require Region input.

3. Page 8, Baden Powell Scout Award, How the Award will be managed:

- Request to add the following under this sub heading
  - "Region Rover Community shall notify the Victorian Rover Council when a BPSA has been completed"

4. Page 17, Training, Rover Training Team – Appointments:

- Current:  
"Be willing to complete the PLA Course within 12 months of appointment."
- Requested Change:  
Remove from the VRC Policy Book, PLA Course no longer exists.

Page 31-51

5. Current:

N/A

- Requested Change:  
At the following statement at the bottom of the duty statements.

"Responsibilities of office bearers' positions that are vacant shall be assumed by the VRC executive"

6. Throughout Policy

- Current  
  
The term of Chairman as a position.
- Change the names for these positions to Chairperson to provide gender neutral language. This should be altered in all mentioned of Chairman, including Deputy Chairman, Assistant Chairman, and including but not limited to Policy Book, Standing Orders, Vic Rovers Website, and more.

7. Event Roster

- Current  
  
The Event Roster expired in 2021.
- Requested Change:  
  
Approve the attached updated event roster.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN –**

<b>Lead</b>	Zac Geddes
<b>Assists</b>	Zoe Cooper, Jess Kaplan
<b>Cost</b>	There should be no financial costs to implement these changes

<b>Risks</b>	<i>No risks</i>
<b>Milestones</b>	<i>October: Proposed to VRC Region chairs take these changes back to their regions and discuss at region/unit meetings. November: feedback, Vote and Implement changes. In future, more updates and discussion will need to take place around many aspects.</i>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<i>Improved understanding of the VRC Policies, smoother elections, and nomination periods.</i>

**AMENDMENTS**

- Gate duty:

The gate duty roster, as previously outlined, ended in 2022. A new roster has been created with the following criteria:

- Each region must have equal allocations
- The region rostered for Rover Dinner is not allocated Gate Duty for during the same year
- Regions must be balanced based on event attendance.

Previously this has been a 10-year plan. The new proposal is a 24/25 year plan and follows each of the 3 criteria.

For simplicity and equality, we have grouped the regions into 3. These groups have been created using the statistics of Mudbash and Surfmoort attendance over the last 5 years. Each group makes up exactly 1/3 of the attendees as shown by the numbers next to each region name. These groups are:

- Group 1: Plenty Valley (17%), Melbourne (14%) and Murray Midlands (2%) [event percentage: 33%]
- Group 2: Lerderderg (15%), Bays (18%) [event percentage: 33%]
- Group 3: Mt Dandenong (21%), Gippsland (7%), South West (6%) [event percentage: 34%]

As you will see as you read through it, even with the limitations, there are no regions doing back-to-back duty years. There are occasions where (due to the Rover Dinner cycle) a region group has been moved to later in the roster, however all regions have exactly 8 duties over the course of the cycle.

The roster will need to be reviewed every 5–10 years to ensure that it is running smoothly.



<b>Year</b>	<b>Rover Dinner</b>	<b>Gate Duty (Surfmoot &amp; Mudbash)</b>
2024	Bays	Mt Dandenong & Gippsland & South West
2025	Melbourne	Lerderderg & Bays
2026	Lerderderg	Plenty Valley & Melbourne & Murray Midlands
2027	Plenty Valley	Mt Dandenong & Gippsland & South West
2028	Mt Dandenong	Lerderderg & Bays
2029	Bays	Plenty Valley & Melbourne & Murray Midlands
2030	Melbourne	Mt Dandenong & Gippsland & South West
2031	Lerderderg	Plenty Valley & Melbourne & Murray Midlands
2032	Plenty Valley	Mt Dandenong & Gippsland & South West
2033	Mt Dandenong	Lerderderg & Bays
2034	Bays	Plenty Valley & Melbourne & Murray Midlands
2035	Melbourne	Lerderderg & Bays
2036	Lerderderg	Mt Dandenong & Gippsland & South West
2037	Plenty Valley	Lerderderg & Bays
2038	Mt Dandenong	Plenty Valley & Melbourne & Murray Midlands
2039	Bays	Mt Dandenong & Gippsland & South West
2040	Melbourne	Lerderderg & Bays
2041	Lerderderg	Plenty Valley & Melbourne & Murray Midlands
2042	Plenty Valley	Mt Dandenong & Gippsland & South West

2043	Mt Dandenong	Lerderderg & Bays
2044	Bays	Plenty Valley & Melbourne & Murray Midlands
2045	Melbourne	Mt Dandenong & Gippsland & South West
2046	Lerderderg	Lerderderg & Bays





**SCOUTS VICTORIA**  
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<b>Item Title</b>	Self-catering at Events	
	<b>Information</b>	
<b>X</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	
	<b>Decision</b>	
<b>Document Author</b>	Zoe Cooper – Gippsland Region Chairperson	
<b>Strategic Alignment</b>	Logistics: To increase accessibility of meetings and events with particular concern for financial and geographic limitations of some Rovers.	
<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Region internal discussions, Conversation with the Region Chairs Team</b>	
<b>Implementation Period</b>	Discussed at September meeting	

**KEY POINTS**

- The topic of dietaries and events has been spoken about informally for many years:

**BACKGROUND**

- Whilst most dietary requirements or food intolerances can be accommodated, occasionally there are some that are too complicated to work into an events menu.
- Members have been required to self-cater at their own expense whilst still being required to pay full price for an event ticket.
- At times where the committee has decided to discount the tickets due to catering, there has been no formal process to follow.
- Some members have indicated that they do not attend events due concerns around their dietary requirements.
- Self-catering is always a last resort, it is the expectation that the catering team try and accommodate as many dietary requirements as possible.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Victorian Rover Council:

- Require that any member who has been advised by the events caterers (or committee members) to self-cater, have the catering portion of their event ticket refunded.
- Events look into the idea of creating a non-catered ticket for events, either publicly available or through contact with the Event Organizers.
  - When tickets are released, the member purchases a ticket
  - After ticket is purchased, the member contacts the committee or catering team of the event to enquire about their dietary requirements.
  - Catering Team advise the member and the events committee if they can cater for the requirement or if the member is to self-cater.
    - Before the event: If self-cater, Committee issue a refund of the catering costs of the event and outline any foods the member cannot bring onto the premises (e.g. nuts)

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN –

<b>Lead</b>	Zoe Cooper – Gippsland Region Chair
<b>Assists</b>	Carlin Graham – Gippsland Region Deputy Chair Meagan McGregor – Gippsland Region Secretary
<b>Cost</b>	Reimbursement of assigned catering cost
<b>Risks</b>	Impacted events will see a small impact in profit.
<b>Milestones</b>	Proposed in Octobers VRC meeting Taken back to regions and subcommittees for discussion Feedback provided before/at Novembers VRC meeting - If agreed: Voting paper proposed in Januarys VRC meeting.
<b>Outcomes</b>	Members who have difficult to accommodate dietary requirements are able to attend events with no additional financial burden.

## AMENDMENTS

- N/A

## **MULTI PURPOSE ACTIVITY CENTRE (MPAC)**

### **BRIEFING PAPER FOR VICTORIAN ROVER COUNCIL**

#### **Introduction**

It is now some years since the concept of a Multi Purpose Activity Centre (MPAC) was proposed for construction at Mafeking. Some newer members of the Victorian Rover Council (VRC) may have wondered at the inclusion of this item on the agenda for the monthly VRC meetings. This paper provides an outline for VRC members of the original concept, the rationale for its creation and the processes followed to design, building and planning approval, funding arrangements and a host of other relevant information.

#### **Background**

The concept of a Multi Purpose Activity Centre has been the subject of discussion by the VRC over many years. The Northern Region Training Building was originally envisaged to satisfy the need, but it was never developed, and over the years, fell into disrepair. The building was demolished and has been replaced with a 'picnic shelter' and a toilet and shower block providing much needed additional facilities to cope with periods of high demand (Mudbash etc) and, over time, enable savings from the current cost of hire of additional facilities for those major events.

A Planning Permit was received from the Shire of Murrindindi. After substantial design work, an application for a Building Permit was lodged with the Shire, which was subsequently issued by the Shire following us meeting CFA requirements and gaining a permit to install a septic system.

In early discussions, the BEC endorsed our proposals to construct MPAC and there was support from the then State Leadership Team (SLT).

At the time, the BEC was prepared to contribute to funding the construction of MPAC, but on a 'loan basis' only – there was no grant. This loan of \$400,000 was to be repaid over a period of 20 years. Other funds to cover the anticipated \$600,000 construction costs would come from existing Rover resources and has been the subject of endorsement by previous VRCs.

Since the original concept was endorsed there has been a number of delays in getting the project "off the ground". The funding estimates at the time for the envisaged Centre have now increased significantly to the extent that it is unlikely that the project would be funded. However, it may be possible with some radical design changes, and the use of pre-fabricated construction, that a Centre could be constructed close to original estimates. These options will need to be examined in more detail.

The attached paper provides a history of the MPAC concept, its proposed use and location at Mafeking.

Peter Wotherspoon

#### **Previous Situation**

- Scouts Victoria is looking to increase the amount of adventure offered through the program which is even more relevant today given the emphasis on outdoor adventure
- Mafeking Rover Park is a unique Scouts Victoria Campsite
  - Fast developing
  - Youth led – running & developing the park is a component of the youth program
  - Offers a unique program that can't be delivered elsewhere
- Mafeking Rover Park is looking to increase the program opportunities available to all Sections at the campsite
- A major barrier to developing this further has been identified as the lack of a suitable activity centre and accommodation facilities
- The Rover Scout section is keen to further the development of the campsite to continue to build a legacy for the future. The Section is committed to significantly contribute financially.

## **The Plan**

### Mafeking Adventure Centre

- Builds on the concept of Mafeking as the home of racing'
- Development of activities and programs for all Sections, based around the concepts of speed, racing, adrenalin, mechanics, robotics, engines, movement and motion.
- Enhancement of current activities and the development of new activities for Mafeking
- Activities to be delivered from a purpose-built Activity Centre, that contains catering facilities, accommodation, meeting and activity spaces.
- The Centre will be suitable for use by all Sections, school groups and external hirers, as well as for training and large meetings, in addition to use as an Adventure Centre.

## **Benefits**

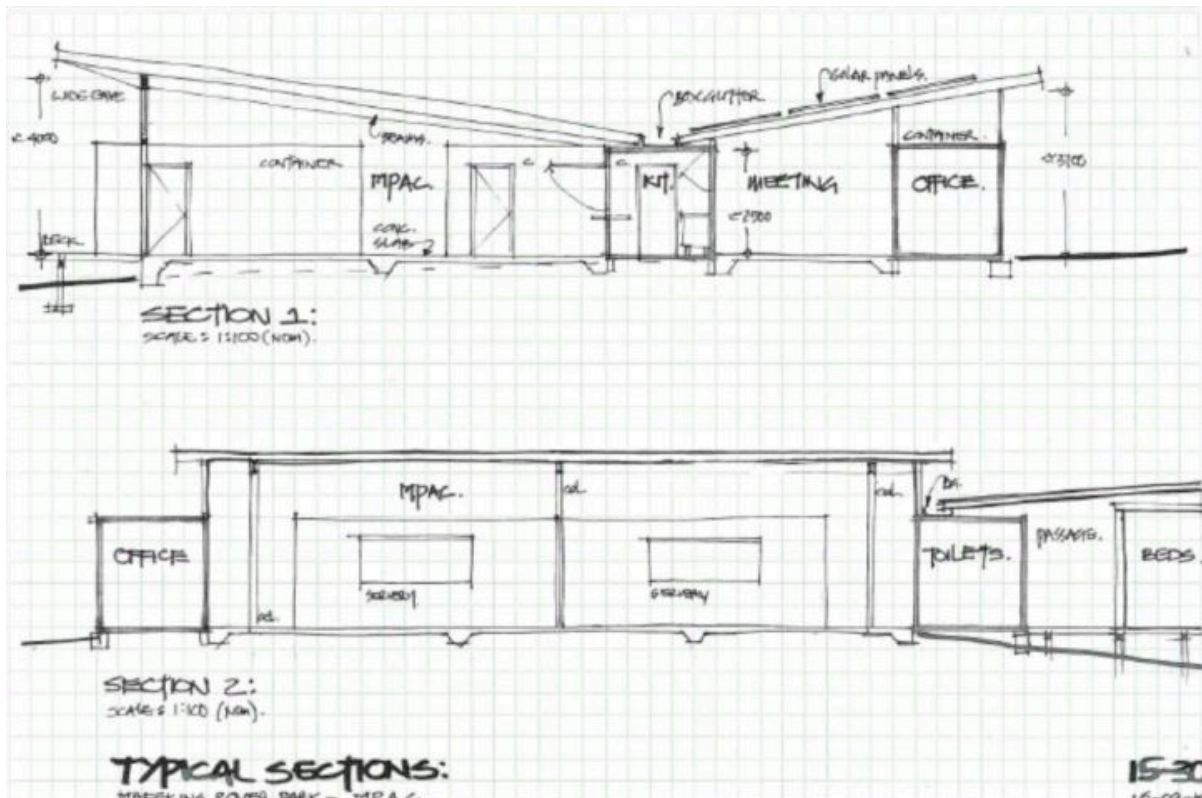
- Mafeking Rover Park is able to offer a unique activity program that no-one else in Scouting is able to deliver. Increased adventurous activities/ program for Scouting youth members in Victoria.
- Provides Mafeking the activities and infrastructure needed for the next development of Mafeking Rover Park. Investment in a campsite that is financially stable, well-utilised and has a unique purpose.
- Additional opportunities for Rovers to expand their skills and knowledge (running Mafeking is youth program) through the construction project, campsite management and ongoing coordination of the Adventure Centre.
- The location of Mafeking is well suited for access from northern new growth suburbs

## Proposal Overview

The Mafeking Adventure Centre will incorporate the construction of a centre from which adventure based programs will be delivered for Scouts of all ages, based around the themes of racing and speed.

Originally, it was envisaged that the proposed Centre would comprise a main conference/training/meeting/dining space of approximately 130 sq. metres surrounded by a variety of separate facilities which would contain a commercial kitchen capable of producing meals for up to 100 personnel, training “break-out” rooms, storage capacity for equipment associated with the delivery of the proposed adventurous activities, toilet facilities (including disabled facilities) and office space to house course management staff.

Additionally, there would be accommodation for 36 people in motel style construction designed to house 6 people with self-contained bathroom facilities for each accommodation module. There will be a separate unit specially equipped to satisfy the needs for disabled patrons. The rooms will be designed in such a manner that they can be easily configured to accommodate only one person to meet the likely requirements for prospective corporate clients.



## Ongoing Management

It was proposed that the facility would be managed by the Mafeking Rover Park Committee, who currently maintain the bookings and all maintenance for facilities at Mafeking Rover Park.

It was envisaged that a specific team would be established to run the delivery of the program. This team would either report through the Mafeking Committee or directly to the Victorian Rover Council and this will be determined at the time of establishment and may change over time.

The Mafeking Rover Park Committee reports to the Victorian Rover Council, and the committee is elected annually by Victorian Rovers. The annual budget and financial report is approved by the VRC.

## Project Risks

Some risks associated with this project were identified early in the process. These included the following:

- Council approval for the project would be delayed
- Construction delays
- Building could have lower risks than anticipated
- Fire danger at the property

These are discussed in more detail later in the document.

## OHS Arrangements

The buildings as designed were to be constructed to comply with all current building regulations and have been designed to meet all construction requirements needed to be registered as an accredited campsite.

All staff assisting to deliver activities from the Adventure Centre will be required to undertake Scoutsafe, Childsafe and WHS & Scouting training, as requirements of being adults on Scouting, as this applies to Rovers as well as adult leaders.

All activities will be developed with risk management procedures and risk assessments which will be a key part of the operating procedures for the Adventure Centre Team.

## **Consultation**

### Mafeking Rover Park

Has been a key stakeholder, was a key player in discussions and had been pushing for almost a decade to have a pack holiday centre style accommodation developed.

### Victorian Rover Council

Significant player in this project and was reported to regularly. Approved the plan to proceed with the project and approved funding to cover architecture and site planning costs.

### Victorian Rovers

The plan to develop (including partially funding) a multi-purpose activity centre was taken to all Rover Region Communities for discussion before being voted upon and approved by the Victorian Rover Council.

### State Leadership Team

There had been regular contact with the SLT which led to refinements in the project plan including the development of the facility as an Activity Centre. A presentation on this final plan was presented to the whole SLT and was endorsed to proceed to the BEC.

### Murrindindi Shire Council

We have been in close contact with the Shire Council prior to receiving a planning permit and a building permit.

## Attachment 1. Adventure Centre Plans.

The Mafeking Adventure Centre was to be based on the themes of speed and motion and will build on Mafeking's branding as the home of racing.

Groups coming to the Adventure Centre will choose from a range of stand-alone activities and programs, build around the concepts of speed, motion, mechanics and engines. These will be developed around the Areas of Personal Growth and will utilise the Scout Method, ensuring the Scouting Education methods are used.

A current list of potential activities includes:

- Mountain Biking
- BMX Bikes
- Drones
- Motorsport
- Wheelchair Obstacle Course
- J -Race
- Hot Laps
- Abseiling
- Paddling
- Archery
- Flying Fox
- Carbon-Neutrality
- Solar Power Vehicles
- Remote Control Vehicles
- Hoverboards
- Off-road Skateboards
- Billy carts
- Robotics/Construction
- Car Maintenance
- Slot cars
- 4x4 Driving
- Rocket Construction
- Segways





## **Attachment 2: Detailed Project Financials**

### Budget

Based on costings developed in consultation with our architect, it was estimated originally that this project would cost \$600,000. This included development of confirmed plans, obtaining relevant permits, and construction (including professional labour) and the development of the Activity Centre including purchase of necessary equipment and activities. Also included in the costings of this project were funds to cover the installation of a septic system and the connection of the facility to the existing power infrastructure at the Park and a 10% contingency.

Based on concerns around resource limitations of Scouts, significant effort has gone into looking at cost-effective production methods and building design, which, hopefully, will reduce the estimated costs to close to the original estimates.

### Key Points

At the time, based on the calculations, it was believed that the Adventure Centre would break even on investment after 20 years of operation. These estimates were made only based on weekend booking fees and did not take into account the potential for future bookings during the week, which would hasten the rate of return on the investment. This could not be factored in at that stage, as Mafeking would need to develop future plans to build this capacity.

The Adventure Centre was budgeted to run on a \$10 profit per individual over a weekend, after costs are removed. This was considered to be the easiest way to budget for this, as different activities will have different prices, depending on what equipment and resources are being used.

It was anticipated that the property would cost \$5,000 per year in yearly operational costs, which have been calculated to increase by 3% each year. On top of this, an expense of \$5,000 every five years was factored in for capital maintenance.

These costs will be covered by the income from the hire of the building and funds will be set aside throughout the five year period, to ensure that the capital maintenance funds are available when needed.

The Multi-Purpose Activity Centre is a project that has been mooted multiple times. A building was moved from Seymour to Mafeking for the purpose of being turned into a training centre around 15 years ago, but funding was not supplied to finalise the project and the building, having been damaged beyond repair, has now been demolished and replaced with a picnic shelter and toilets and showers.

### Funding Rationale & Precedents

The purchase of Mafeking Rover Park was conducted with the support of Scouts Victoria. The 30 years since this purchase has been an extraordinary display of the capabilities of the Rover Section and vindicated the decision of the Rovers and Scouting leadership of the time to invest in Mafeking. The Rover Section borrowed money from Scouts Victoria, which was utilised to purchase Mafeking Rover Park and this funding was repaid in less than the originally envisaged time period, thus demonstrating that the section can handle a "loan" of substantial proportions.

Mafeking Rover Park also has limited cash reserves, particularly given it committed to significant development before The Moot in 2016-2017. This significant development was funded by Rovers (including profits from events such as Mudbash) and is significantly more investment than any other section contributes to Scouts Victoria properties.

### Victorian Rover Council Funding

The Victorian Rover Council (VRC) is committed to the development of Mafeking Rover Park. In consultation with Rovers for the selection process for sites for The Moot, a key reason for selecting Mafeking was to continue the great development at Mafeking that occurred, particularly in the lead-up to Yea Moot in 1999.

Furthermore, the Rover Section has consulted with the Regions and the aims of this proposal were voted on by the VRC. It was agreed that we were to engage with Scouts Victoria and for the Rover section to contribute and/or commit to borrowing significant funding for the construction of these facilities.

The Branch Executive Council previously endorsed the project and confirmed that it would loan the Rover Section \$400,000 which was to be repaid over 20 years, in similar fashion to the arrangement for the purchase of Mafeking. This arrangement will need to be re-negotiated with the BEC.

## **Attachment 3: Detailed Building Proposal**

### The Plan

This multi-purpose facility is designed to accommodate a wide variety of Scout groups and activities. This facility would be of significant benefit to Mafeking Rover Park, ensuring regular bookings in the future..

This facility will include:

- Sleeping facilities – “Motel style” rooms capable of housing up to 4 persons in high standard accommodation and designed in such a manner that they could be easily be reconfigured to individual accommodation to house corporate clients. Each module would have self contained bathroom facilities. A separate module would be constructed to meet requirements for those requiring disabled facilities.
- Kitchen and dining – Kitchen facilities suitable for catering for a large group and a dining space for eating.
- Meeting spaces – In addition to the main room, several break out spaces are for smaller meetings.
- Verandah – Outside sheltered areas around the building providing covered spaces to be outdoors in winter and reducing direct sunlight on the facility during the summer months.
- Toilet facilities – including disabled toilets will also be located adjacent to the main building.
- Activity room in a central hall able to be used as the centre point for activities or as a main room for training and conference style events.
- Storage rooms and offices

This building would have significant long-term benefits to Mafeking Rover Park, the Rover section and the wider Scouting community. It has been designed to accommodate both Cub Pack Holidays and training courses, increasing the variety of bookings at the Park and supporting units and leaders in regional areas who currently have to travel large distances to access this kind of facility. Additionally, as a Centre of Excellence in “wheel and mechanical” activities, the facility would embrace the provision of a wide range of activities associated with this aim.

### Location

The proposed location for construction is above Lake Surfmoort.

This location has many advantages:

Firstly, this location allows groups easy access to other facilities, which include the golf course and archery activities, and the water activities at Lake Surfmoort.

Secondly, we have been advised by the CFA that this site should have a low Bushfire Attack Level as it is in one of the clearest areas of the campsite with significant distance from any heavily wooded sections of the Park.

Finally, it provides a distinct second hireable area of the park away from the HG Hall and bunkhouse area, increasing the ability to host multiple parties onsite concurrently.

## **Attachment 4: Project Risk Management**

### Delayed Construction

Challenges through the construction process could result in delays to the planned completion date.

The multi-purpose facility will be a feature of the Park for many years to come.

Strong management of the development, planning and construction process will be essential to mitigate this risk. Utilising commercial construction will speed up the construction process and guarantee the building meets all safety requirements. This is increasingly important to ensure we meet best practice in this area.

### Less Usage than Forecast

The estimates used for the forecasting above were quite conservative and included a range of mitigating factors. It is quite plausible that usage may exceed these rates, particularly as other aspects of the property develop over the coming years. This would seem likely given that Mafeking is one of the fastest developing Scout properties. If usage is less than predicted, the building will still bring significant additional value to Mafeking for current major events and its ability to tender for and host new events. Existing users of Mafeking Rover Park will also have an enhanced experience and the venue will provide a training hub for the northern part of the state, meaning this building will still be sure to return the value invested in it by Scouts Victoria.

### Location of Mafeking Rover Park

Mafeking is approximately 2 hours north of Melbourne by bus and is perceived by some to be too isolated to be a successful major event site and campsite. This perception, however, has not proved a major issue in Mafeking being a successful major event site and regular Scouting campsite.

The location of Mafeking away from the encroaching suburbia is in many ways a strength, avoiding increasing issues with noise and neighbours encountered by other Scouting sites. Furthermore, as the city continues to grow to the north there are increasing numbers of future Scouts and Scout groups for whom Mafeking will be an exceptional weekend campsite. This is further complimented by the accessibility from the north of the state and the eastern suburbs of Melbourne via Yea. This means Mafeking is well positioned for the future.

### Fire Danger

Like all regional areas of Victoria, the summer period poses bushfire threats to the Highlands Region which includes Mafeking. The Mafeking Rover Park Committee of Management is actively working towards limiting the risk that is presented to the Park on days of high fire danger. The Park has a current fire prevention plan which includes regular fuel reduction activities and the maintenance of fire services & systems to mitigate this risk.

On days of code red fire danger, as determined by the CFA, it is a requirement that all personnel must vacate the site. In the event that evacuation is required there are multiple routes which can be utilised to transport participants offsite. This significantly reduces the risk for participants to be stuck at the park if a route is cut off.

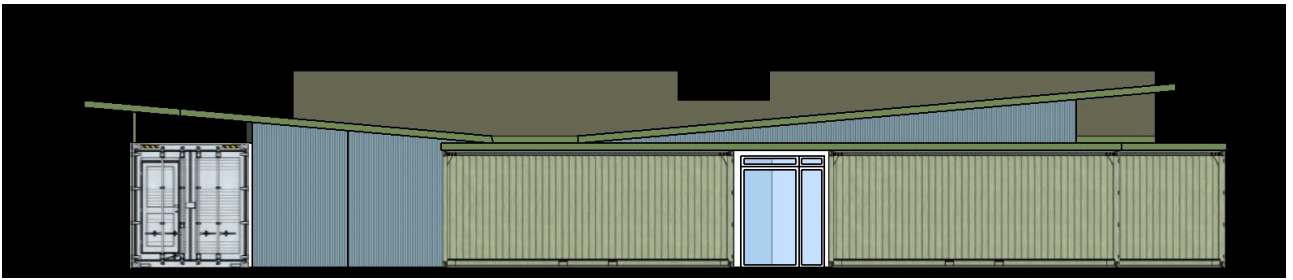
The planned Multi-Purpose Activity Centre construction site is well away from the forested areas of Mafeking in an area likely to have a low fuel load. During the planning phase it is anticipated that the fire risk will be incorporated into decisions on the style and materials used for the building.

Mafeking Rover Park has a detailed Risk Management Plan which incorporates actions to be taken in the event of Fire.

[View of Original Proposal](#)

Below are views of the original concept.

East



West



South



North



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**MUDBASH**

**MAFEKING - THE RACING STATE**

**2024**

**Budget Cover Letter**

**7 – 10 June**

**Mafeking Rover Park**

# Introduction

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Mudbash is an annual motorsport event run by the Rover Scout section of Scouts Australia. Held at Mafeking Rover Park in Caveat on the King's Birthday weekend in June, it is the largest Rover Scout event in Australia with over 1500 participants and visitors annually. Mudbash puts the best aspects of Rover Scouting together. Among the weekend's activities are adventurous expeditions, competitive on-site activities, scouting camp craft, exciting nightlife entertainment, and of course motorsport!

Expectations of up to 700 people will camp on site for the weekend, although over recent years this number has been around the 600-800 mark. The Sunday of the event weekend is "Open Day", which is designed for members of the public and other scouts to be on site.

Mudbash is run annually at Mafeking Rover Park, which is owned and operated by Rover Scouts Victoria. The property is 319 acres in size and is in Caveat. The site is a rural/recreational property with several buildings, open grass areas and thick scrub in areas.

We have tried to keep the cost of the tickets reasonable while also considering the ever-increasing rates of inflation (General CPI Increases approx. 5-6% over the last two years) that affects the expenses of running the event. The ticket prices have risen to reflect and accommodate both the increasing consumer costs and the removal of the Rover Levy that was taken into account the previous year.

We have many capital works projects that we plan to undertake to get the park up to an operational standard to continue the use of Mafeking Rover Park for Mudbash and external hirers. These projects are listed in the budget breakdown below, however, to enable most of them to be completed it will require additional revenue (e.g. Sponsorship) not outlined in this year's budget.



# Budget Breakdown

**\*Please see budget item number for financial explanation**

1.1	We have increased the cost of our presold ticket by 31% due to keeping our ticket price in line with other major events as well as the increased cost of event related expenditures. The 31% increase also accounts for us not being able to increase our ticket price previously due to the rover levy even though in the first budget, we budgeted for \$75 which is the allowable 10% increase. See general note in introduction about cost of inflation that needs to be accounted for. This is inclusive of any store fee charged on card payments (2.2%) made on the Victorian Rover Scout Store which is a total of approx. \$1.90 per transaction.
1.2	We have removed budgeting for Gate tickets as per Financial Management Document requirements - lowest ticket price
1.3	We have budgeted for the same number of tickets as last year however due to some confusion in the marketing last year - we plan to better market the event to 18 yrs olds as we have already changed the name of the ticket and increased PR to the venturer section. We have also increased this ticket by \$5 to help cover some costs we have incurred due to rising costs.
1.4	We have also increased this ticket by \$5 to help keep this in line with the increase to pre-sold ticket.
1.5	This was poorly promoted last year and we plan to push the promotion of this ticket to be more inclusive of those who cannot attend mudbash for the whole weekend - Great for Uni Students or people working over the long weekend. We have also increased this ticket by \$5 to help cover some costs we have occurred due to rising costs.
1.6	We have adjusted the quantity to reflect current committee members and vacant positions.
2.0	Underestimation of merchandise sales.
3.1	We are subsidising committee jackets this year as they usually cost more than a ticket to Mudbash itself. They help participant's locate committee members, keep committee members dry in the harsh winter environment and are a tradition well loved by committee members.
4.1	We believe there will be a decrease in race teams in the next year. Due to the Motorsport Australia permit cost structure changing, we have had to increase racing entries from \$50 to \$75. As a beneficial result of this, this will also increase our ability to run a wider range of Motorsport events.
5.0	We are not budgeting for sponsorship this year as it is an unknown amount of income, as well as in line with the Financial Management Document.
7.1	Printers and printing is covered under admin supplies as we had issues last year with the provided printer, leading to a last minute purchase of extra ink cartridges.
7.2	We are budgeting \$200 to reflect 2023 actuals. We also plan to use corporate logo in the future which allows for reusing for future events.
8.1	Insurance costs and excess have gone up, so we had to self-insure for an item in 2023 (costing less than \$2000). Budgeting for \$2000 allows us to self-insure damages if required, without having to pay excess.
8.2	Due to the increase in committee members, we have adjusted the price to based on the quantity of committee members for a reasonably priced meal along with taking the cost of food into account. We will aim to do this as cost effective as possible.

9.1	Due to feedback received from event attendants, we have increased our budget to cater for two bands as well as two DJ's.
9.2	Increase in generator, transport costs and rising fuel has led a marked increase
9.3	Increase in truck stage hire, transport costs and rising fuel has led a marked increase
9.4	Rider is higher due to having two bands.
9.6	Decreased this to save money as we had more than we needed last year.
9.7	The suppliers have changed their pricing model, we can no longer submit a budget, we now have to submit what we need and receive a 50% discount.
10.1	Miscommunication from previous event meant Insurance was not taken out and was not expended and has only gone 20% to account for inflation
10.2	We make sure we cover any store fee charged on card payments (2.2%) made on the Victorian Rover Scout Store which is a total of approx. \$1.90 per transaction.
11.2	This is to assist with better communication to participants based off poor feedback we received due to the Mafeking PA system not meeting expectations. It is also going to be utilised as another activity's facility, to engage participants who do not engage with the motorsport aspect of Mudbash.
12.2	Due to participant feedback from the 2023 event, a need to include more gender-neutral shower and toilet facilities is required for the safety and inclusion of our participants. This was also not brought to the attention of last years' team until the day of the event; therefore, we are budgeting for this. Overall, there are only 10 showers onsite for 750 participants, so having more unisex/ gender neutral shower locations arounds will benefit all participants.
12.3	Now includes 2 pump outs to ensure cleanliness of toilets throughout the entire weekend - based off quality of toilet facilities and feedback from participants from the previous event.
12.5	Quite a few leftover from last year has allowed us to purchase less
12.7	Was not captured in the last budget or actuals, Invoice came in after the totals were produced
13.1	In the past, trophies have been donated to Mudbash, we have increased this cost to cover for prizes/ event trophies for as we cannot guarantee we will be donated prizes/ motorsport trophies as per previous events.
13.2	Bill didn't arrive prior to actuals being produced was \$450, Service team has increased fee, due to added overheads e.g. fuel
13.6	Due to the Motorsport Australia permit cost structure increasing, we have tried to reflect this change in increasing team entry prices to help cover majority of the cost of the permit. The changes in the motorsport cost structure additionally allow us to also benefit from having more motorsport racing styles which will help differentiate Mudbash from other racing events.
14.1	Managed to get this donated last year, so no actual was spent. This cannot be guaranteed again
14.2	Main arena PA hire has not been budgeted for previously, this has now been added in case in cannot be sourced under entertainment or as a donation
14.3	Volume of radios needed to be increased as last year we didn't cater for enough of the committee and service units
14.4	Connections cabling and accessories for safe connection of cabling etc
15.1	We were undercharged in 2023 due to printing company error - have made budget the same as last years to cover printing of 600 8pp programs for hand out to participants upon entry and open day guests!
15.3	This is to cover all physical printing costs that may include physical marketing material such as flyers, posters, sponsorship booklets, park signage and maps. As Mudbash

	attends all major venturer events, we have also budget for printing costs of any signage and physical promotional material that may be handed out to venturers at these events.
16.0	Merchandise cost differentials are difficult to reconcile as the bundle prices are not well captured, all items are set to a minimum 20% markup to ensure they make a profit for the event
17.1	Committee will preorder their catering at no cost to the event
17.2	<p>We have budgeted to make improvements to Mafeking that will support the future running and use of Mafeking for Mudbash, considering that capital improvements have not been completed annually over the past few years. Income we get from sponsorships and any money we do not spend in other areas are going to feed into capital works as much as possible.</p> <p>PROJECT 1: TOILET SAFETY UPGRADES: This project entails important updates to the toilet blocks to make sure there are cubical locks on either side of the bathroom doors in case of an emergency. This also includes upgrading the disability bathroom as it is in a poorly state and needs major refurbishment. These upgrades also may cover general maintenance required on the toilet blocks to make sure they are up to standard sanitary requirements to meet participant expectations at next year's event.</p> <p>PROJECT 2: NETWORK UPGRADES Replacement of the key parts of the network that's required to run Mudbash, this includes but is not limited to providing internet to hq, the snack shack, open day traders, first aid and the fish bowl, have a separate Wi-Fi network to run the ticketing system at front gate (this will also facilitate having the ticketing server in the server room), allowing internet access to activities at key locations to facilitate things like movies or stem activities.</p> <p>PROJECT 3: COMMANDO COURSE: Another planned capital works project is to reburnish and update the Commando course. Currently, the course is overgrown, out-dated, and rundown making it not safe for use for participants. This project works in conjunction with our track maintenance project to cut in a new Hill Climb track which will also double as a service road to access the Commando Course. As this activity is used annually by Mudbash, this will be beneficial towards the event and any other future events hosted by Mafeking Rover Park by improving the permanent infrastructure.</p> <p>PROJECT 4: KITCHEN AND FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATION Aims to get the kitchen in the main hall complainant with commercially kitchen standards.</p> <p>PROJECT 5: FRONT GATE REBUILD Safety improvements to front steps and for access.</p> <p>PROJECT 6: PERMANENT SPEAKERS Install permanent PA speakers around main arena and into the campsites. Will thus improve main arena entertainment which was the main feedback from both motorsport and general participants from the previous Mudbash and support clear communication to the campsites and participants over the weekend of mudbash and future events held at the park.</p>
17.5	This has been adjusted to reflect a cost per head of committee members rather than an arbitrary value to ensure that all committee members can be provided with an appropriate level of welfare. E.g. Water, snacks etc.
17.6	With concerns this the previous rover led First aid team; we will be looking into hiring the State scout first aid team based on their current quotes of \$2 per head on site.
18.1	The 78% increase can be justified by investing into maintaining the racetracks/ service roads that have had serious corrosion due to the lack of upkeep due to multiple reasons including weather, working bee attendance, the pandemic and more recently the Mafeking Rover Park tractor being unfunctional for almost a year. This budget also includes funds to resurrect a new Hill Climb which was one of Mudbash's major motorsport events which was unable to run last event due to the track being unsafe due to major erosion due to weather. This will now take more than just people power but

heavy machinery to fix. However, will be utilised for future events due to it being a staple motorsport track. We are in discussion with Mafeking Rover Park about the track also doubling as a service road to the commando course.
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**\*Please note that the 2023 budget is not presented as line items have changed therefore breaking the sheet, so we have just included the totals – please see previous 2023 budget for a further breakdown of costs.**

## Closing Statement

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Based on concerns raised by participants via event feedback from the 2023 event, the committee are aiming to improve the event for those who aren't participating in the racing during the day. We believe that our budget reflects this well as we try to utilise the money that our participants contribute to add back into both the event and the wider Victorian roving community at large by way of supporting Mafeking Rover Park.

Due to unforeseen circumstances inclusive of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mudbash has unfortunately been unable to complete numerous capital works projects over the last few years. Due to this, the 2024 budget has included what we believe is a reasonable and justified capital works budget to inject funds back into the park and roving, and to ensure that the facilities of the park are up to safety and legal compliance standards by the time of the 2024 event.

The committee have already liaised with Mafeking Rover Park on what capital works projects are required to effectively host Mudbash for the 2024 event. If these projects cannot be considered into the budget, the Mudbash committee may have to review alternative venues for the 2024 event thus affecting both participant and VRC expectations, and potentially puts the future of Mafeking Rover Park at risk.



