



SYDNEY NORTH REGION ROVERS ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24



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2023/24 Region Rover Council (RRC) Executive Team

Chairperson	Kacie Turner (Forest)
Assistant Chairperson	Nick Bassett (Normanhurst)
Secretary	Tom Bury (Kissing Point)
Treasurer	Lachlan Catto (Forest)
Public Relations	Emily Marsden (Forest)
Merchandise	Robert Sewell (Kissing Point)
Activities Co-ordinator – Region Events	Kellie Chilvers (MCMK)
Activities Co-ordinator – Adventurous	Annabelle Ferguson (Turramurra)
Venturer Liaison	Jonathan Dellagiacoma (Epping)
Youth Liaison	<i>vacant position</i>
Training Co-ordinator	Lily-rose Kraatzwest (Kananga)
Service Co-ordinator	Sittath ‘Patrick’ Kasemrungchaikit (Turramurra)
State Rover Council Delegates	Aaron Kew (Forest) Daniel Hose (Normanhurst) Keeley Turner (Platabeen) Liberty Davis (Platabeen)
Regional Commissioner – Rovers	Nick Buchner
Assistant Regional Commissioner - Rovers	Elyse Versace



BADEN-POWELL SCOUT AWARD RECIPIENT

Daniel Hose – Normanhurst Rover Unit

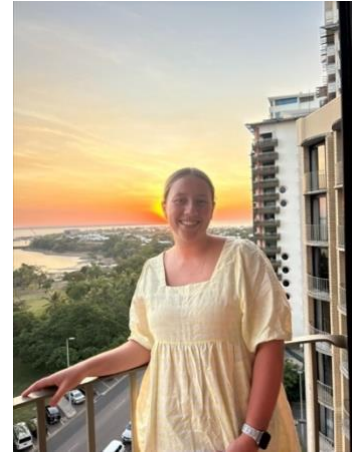
Kacie Turner

Chair

Forest Rovers

Another exciting Rovering year has come to an end, which means another exciting report from me!

2023 was a fantastic year to be the Chair of the Sydney North Region Rover Council, with many exciting and challenging activities taking place both in Australia and beyond!



Two very classic events made a strong return in 2023, Dragon Skin and Scout Hike. Congratulations to Platabeen on winning best activity on Dragon Skin for their incredible base 'Service New South Fails'! Sleep Point 6 at Scout Hike, as always, was crowned best Sleep Point - a huge congratulations to Emily Marsden and me, for organising and pulling this off just weeks after Dragon Skin! Besides just these activities, Sydney North Rovers organised a variety of service and charity-based events, like the annual Forest Rovers 'Claus for A Cause', raising around \$2,000 for the charity 'Yalari', and Platabeen's annual Trivia Night raising \$1,000 for the charity 'Are You Bugged Mate'. These were not the only ones, with Rovers volunteering at an OXFAM Trailwalker checkpoint, participating in the NRC's annual Blood Drive (which we won btw!!!!), and of course our Region Service Project where we collected 51 completed handbags for the charity Share the Dignity 'It's in the Bag'.

2023 really saw the return of International Scouting, with members from Sydney North Rovers attending the 1st Africa Rover Moot, the Kings Coronation in London, KISC100 at Kandersteg International Scout Centre, and of course the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea! Whilst these events were happening abroad, Rovering did not stop at home, with many events making a strong return on the Rover calendar. State events like Bush Dance in Tamworth and Rover Ball in Wollongong ran successfully, as well as Region events like Kalang Kup, CRAP Region Dinner, Summer Moot, and Roventure. Congratulations to Kellie for putting together Kalang Kup and CRAP Region Dinner, as well as to Forest for Star Wars Moot and Platabeen for BarbieVenture - all super-successful events!

The Quality Rovering Awards (QRA) and the Rover Recognition Awards (RRA) were also presented, and congratulations are to Gordon Rovers and Kissing Point Rovers who both received Quality Rovering Awards for a very successful year, and Milly Raffle from Gordon on receiving a Rover Recognition Award!

At our annual CRAP Region Dinner, we handed out our ROSCARS! Congratulations to those who received one!

Most Outstanding Unit - Forest Rovers

Most Improved Unit - Epping Rovers

Most Outstanding Rover - Kacie Turner

Best Activity - Dwayne 'The Moot' Johnson - Turramurra & Kissing Point Rovers

Best Service Activity - 'It's In The Bag' - Region Service Project

2023 also saw Sydney North Rovers enter a new era - with the inaugural awarding of the Warawara Award! A huge congratulations are in order to Emily Marsden and Daniel Atkinson from Forest Rovers who have received this award, allowing them to undertake the 13-day Manaslu Circuit trek in Nepal in October!

To wrap up this report - and also this year - I want to say a special thankyou to my team, as well as all the Unit Leaders for being a huge support and drive for me! This year would not be at all possible without the help of each and every one of you - you're all amazing.

Nick Bassett

Assistant Chair

Normanhurst Rovers



There goes 2023 and another year for the Rovers of Sydney North (and another dreaded reminder of the increasing age of this one as they approach their last year in Rovers). On a personal note, I'd like to thank and congratulate every single one of you for staying on and seeing it through as Rovers in our magnificent Region. Perhaps you stepped up to be on the RRC Executive for the first time to build up your leadership experience and coordinate some kickass events, or maybe you took the lead on running that Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for your Unit could finally replace that gazebo that's seen better days. Maybe you had the guts to do that job that nobody wants and do the training to become Unit Leader and keep your Unit going for another 12 months. You might be burnt out and wished that the AGM couldn't have come sooner, but you still did it and that's always enough to be proud of. Or maybe you're just that Rover that works in the background who doesn't ask for thanks but wants to make sure that those above are always supported in what they do. Remember, we are all volunteers so always be proud of the work that you've done.

Now some highlights for the year. Firstly, I'd like to congratulate Emily Marsden and Daniel Atkinson from Forest Rovers on their successful application and recommendation as the recipients for the 2023 Warawara Award. I'd also like pay tribute to Lachlan Catto (Forest) and Milly Raffle (Gordon) for their highly worthwhile applications. It was very inspiring and interesting to hear about where you all intended to go with your grant and the personal challenges that you would overcome in doing so. My thanks also go to Kellie Chilvers (Unit Leader representative, MCMK), Sarah Berlecky (Rover Adviser representative, Yaralla) and Nick Buchner (Regional Commissioner – Rovers) for their input and support in reviewing the applications and making the decision on who to recommend to the trustees for final approval. All of us on the committee, the RRC Executive and I'm sure every Rover in Sydney North wishes Emily and Daniel the very best in their endeavours to conquer the Manaslu Circuit in Nepal. We can't wait to hear all about it and see the pictures of some stunning landscapes!

Over the last few years, it's felt like Sydney North Rovers has been putting more Units into recess than opening new ones. Well, we've started to turn that ship around. I'm proud to announce the establishment and registration of 1st North Sydney Rovers! I think it's safe to say that over the last few years there's been a bit of a lack of Rovers representation in the southern part of our Region, just north of the bridge. Over the last year, we've made good progress in making sure that a large swathe of ready Venturers have somewhere to go once they turn 18. Opening a new Unit is always a challenge (especially when you're having to do it from a remote location) so I'd like to pay enormous respect and thanks to Lachlan Painter for being our boots on the ground to help get this Unit running, Nick Buchner as the ever present fount of knowledge when it comes to Rovers and Oliver Revis in trying to get his friends and fellow ex-Venturers interested in Rovering. Lachie's years of experience in Rovers (thanks to his years in helping build up Kissing Point) have made in a very valuable partner in helping me achieve this outcome. There are still a couple of administrative bumps to iron out, but I'm glad at the process that we've made as we enter a new program in 2024.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone on the Executive for accommodating that challenges that came with my relocation to Orange and congratulate everyone one of you for doing a fantastic job. When I was nominated for this role, I gave the RRC the heads up that me leaving Sydney was very likely given my degree and potential work opportunities, and I was still voted in with a ringing endorsement! So, when the time came to move in June, I'm glad that with your support I could still make this role a success and still be an active Rover.

As the sun sets over The Golden West as I write this, I wish every single one of you and your Units a successful, adventurous, and most importantly, fun 2024.

See you around,
Nick

Tom Bury

Secretary

Kissing Point Rovers

Fair dinkum I'm pretty sure this is the only time all year where I will write something more than just 'nil to report'. Another year has come to an end for everyone, and it has been a fantastic year of challenges, fun events and much more!

I have really enjoyed my second term on the RRC Executive team. From chasing people for reports, to spending more time than necessary on meeting minutes, the past 12 months have been a really rewarding experience.

The past year was full of exciting events, which included Harbour Cruise run by Turramurra, MMT run by Normanhurst, Kalang Kup run by MCMK, CRAP Region Dinner run by Kellie Chilvers, Summer Moot run by Forest, and Roventure run by Platabeen. All these events, and more, is what made 2023/24 so fun and enjoyable for so many people.

A special congratulations is also in order for Emily Marsden and Daniel Atkinson from Forest for being the inaugural recipients of the newly created Warawara Award! We look forward to seeing photos and other highlights of your trip once you return!

Thank you to everyone on the Executive for keeping me on my toes and making sure I'm doing this job as best I can. A special thanks goes to Kacie for being with me every step of the way and really being there when I needed her most! Thank you as well to our Unit Leaders for all your hard work you put in with your Units over the past 12 months! Your work does not go unnoticed! I hope that I was able to help everyone who needed it.

Until next time. Hooroo

Tom



Lachlan Catto

Treasurer

Forest Rovers

Welcome to my first Treasurer's Annual Report! I have to say this role seems to be easier than I posed it to be. Looking at the previous Treasurer's reports, it looks as though this year has been a lot easier than previous year when it comes to the Treasurer's role. There were some changes such as memberships changing from being paid to Units then up the chain to being paid directly to State via the new registration platform, ScoutHub.



This year the RRC account did suffer a larger deficit of \$2,585.66. A significant contribution to this was the large expense for Scout Hike. I have constructed a simplified income statement which excludes the Development Fund, SRC levies, and merchandise transactions. I have decided to exclude SRC levies and merchandise from this figure similar to Jason (previous Treasurer) as the RRC generally incurs costs almost equal to the income we receive in these categories.

Simplified Income Statement Jan 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023	
Income Calendar Year 2023	
RRC Levies	\$1,067.00
Total Income	\$1,067.00
Expenses	
Misc Expense	-\$408.08
Bank Charges	-\$2.50
Special Activity - ScoutHike	-\$1,882.10
Special Activity - CRAP	-\$45.64
Special Activity - Kalang Kup	-\$188.60
Special Activity - CLBAM	-\$448.50
Special Activity - Training Food	-\$16.25
Leader Costs	-\$191.62
RRC BBQs	-\$469.27
Total Expenses	-\$3,652.56
Net Income	-\$2,585.56

A comprehensive income statement and the budget can be found below. Other significant transactions are as follows: Income received includes \$20,000 for the Warawara Award. As mentioned in previous reports, this is not to be used by the RRC and will be put in the Warawara trust fund once it has been finalised. The remaining Brush Park funds of \$707.62 were transferred to the Development Fund. Miscellaneous income includes \$45.89 of a rejected transfer. This incurred a \$2.50 fee so ensuring that the correct bank details have been provided and entered is vital. The Region bought \$425 worth of new merchandise for our inventory.

The Sydney North Region Rover Council financial statements for 2023 are provided below. These statements provide an overview of the finances of the Rover Council.

Comprehensive Income Statement

Statement of Comprehensive Income Jan 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023 Jan 1, 2022 to Dec 31, 2022		
Income Calendar Year 2023 Calendar Year 2022		
Fundraising - Merch Sales	\$498.66	\$750.00
Warawara Award Funds	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
RRC Levies	\$1,067.00	\$1,612.98
SRC Levies	\$1,661.00	\$2,345.98
Miscellaneous	\$45.89	\$146.00
Development Fund - Unit Closure (Brush Park)	\$707.62	\$916.05
CRAP Dinner	\$1,932.00	\$5.43
Total Income	\$25,912.17	\$5,776.44
Expenses		
Misc Expense	-\$453.97	-\$343.58
Bank Charges	-\$2.50	\$0.00
Special Activity - ScoutHike	-\$1,882.10	-\$128.74
Special Activity - CRAP	-\$1,977.64	\$0.00
Special Activity - Kalang Kup	-\$188.60	\$0.00
Special Activity - CLBAM	-\$448.50	-\$746.52
Special Activity - Training Food	-\$16.25	-\$49.27
Leader Costs	-\$191.62	-\$125.00
RRC BBQs	-\$469.27	-\$127.55
Merch	-\$425.00	\$0.00
SNR Levy	-\$1,661.00	-\$2,345.98
Major Equipment/Buildings	\$0.00	-\$162.40
Subsidies	\$0.00	-\$1,380.00
Total Expenses	-\$7,716.45	-\$5,409.04
Net Income	\$18,195.72	\$367.40

Balance Sheet	Calendar Year 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Cash - General Funds	\$41,176.02	\$23,687.92
Cash - Development Funds	\$27,555.47	\$26,847.85
Merchandise at cost	\$6,717.00	\$6,827.00
Accumulated Impairment of Merchandise	-\$560.00	-\$560.00
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$74,888.49	\$56,802.77
Cash flow statement	Calendar Year 2023	Calendar Year 2022
Starting Balance		
Cash on Hand	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Funds	\$23,687.92	\$24,321.10
Special Funds	\$26,847.85	\$26,049.55
Total Starting Balance	\$50,535.77	\$50,370.65
Gross Cash Inflow	\$25,912.17	\$7,557.66
Gross Cash Outflow	-\$7,716.45	-\$7,392.54
Net Cash Change	\$18,195.72	\$165.12
Ending Balance		
Cash on Hand	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Funds	\$41,176.02	\$23,687.92
Special Funds	\$27,555.47	\$26,847.85
Total Ending Balance	\$68,731.49	\$50,535.77

2024 Budget

Below is the budget for 2024. The main cause for the higher RRC Levies is the budgeted Scout Hike expenses, namely reimbursement to Rovers.

Item	Description	Credit	Debit	Notes
Registration Fees - RRC Levies	RRC Levies \$16.25 per person	\$ 2,356.25		
Fundraising - Merch	Merch Sales	\$ 498.66		Approximately what we got in 2023
RRC Exec Name Bars			\$ (176.00)	Based on last years amount
RRC BBQs			\$ (469.27)	Based on last years amount
Scout Hike Reimbursement			\$ (1,882.10)	Based on last years amount
CLBAM			\$ (448.50)	Based on last years amount
Misc Event Expenses			\$ (200.00)	Things like Kalang Kup
RRC Anual Report			\$ (176.00)	Approx what we spent last year
Provision for misc expenses			\$ (100.00)	
Total		\$ 2,854.91	\$ (3,451.87)	\$ (596.96)

Notes: this budget does not include expenses that are fully covered by participant payments (e.g. CRAP).

Thanks for choosing me as your Treasurer, I am looking forward to doing it all again, this time I will know what I am doing! Hopefully all the Units had no troubles with their audit, and myself as well. Looking forward to working with the new exec team this year (unless someone else is voted for Treasurer).

Emily Marsden

Public Relations Co-ordinator

Forest Rovers



Wow, what a year! As the person behind the camera most of the time, I feel as though I have watched our Rovers do it all this year!

With more of our Units getting involved in state, interstate and even international events we really have had a year for the memory books. Last year saw our Units travelling far and wide to experience all things Scouting has to offer, from the 1st African Rover Moot to World Scout Jamboree and a range of smaller scale adventures as well. All of these wonderful adventures have of course made my job easier by providing fantastic content on both a Region and Unit level.

From the get-go, my goal in this position was to build on what my predecessors had started in terms of the regions own social media accounts, I aimed to keep the content consistent and continue showing off all the great things our Rovers get up to. But I also had a strong focus on helping the units build their social media presence, after all when a potential new Rover is looking to join a Unit they are looking for an individual group to join.

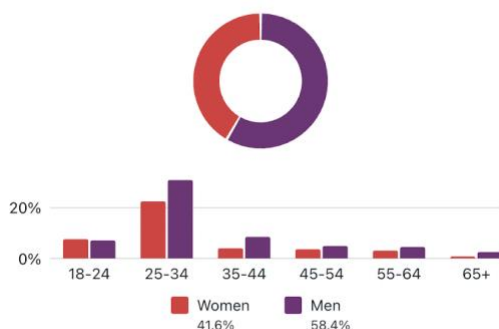
In 2022 Tom Bury, while in this role established a Region funded Meta Advertising campaigns, I was able to assist a few of our units execute their campaigns including Forest and Gordon. While the campaigns had very different focuses for the two Units, Forest's goal was new members and Gordons was outdoor activity awareness, both units were able to get good engagement and for Forest even a few new member enquiries! So, take this as a sign to use this opportunity if you haven't already.

While our Region pages may not have had the growth I would have liked to have seen, I am confident there are still lessons to be learned from this year. It's no surprise but Facebook is not where our target audience is... when we look at our demographics across platforms you can actually see that we have a better following of Rover aged people on Instagram! Unfortunately, Meta does not record data for under 18's so we can only hypothesise for how we apply this to Venturers - I would suggest we can apply the data from the 18-24 years age group and expect to find most Venturers not using Facebook.

Facebook followers ⓘ

820

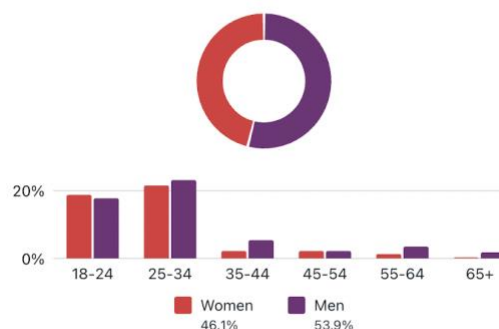
Age & gender ⓘ



Instagram followers ⓘ

540

Age & gender ⓘ



If Units are going to take anything away from my time in this role please let it be this... post more piccys plz and thx!

Anyway, don't forget to follow and engage with the Region page and your fellow SNR Unit's pages - let's support each other!

PR signing off xx

Robert Sewell

Merchandise Co-ordinator

Kissing Point Rovers

Merch once again has had a good year of sales over the 2023-24 period with an increase in out of Region purchases due to increased attendance at inter-Region/ inter-state activities. This year we have introduced more merch with the return of the new and improved “Chicks Dig Scarves” sticker collection, already our inventory has gone

quick with Rovers keen to add yet more stickers to their cars, eskies, laptops etc. New ideas are yet still forming for new releases and ideas to our collection, while this year will be my last as Merchandise Co-ordinator, I look forward to passing everything I have on to the next capable Rover to take my place.

I look forward to seeing what 2024 has in store for our Region and its exec.

YIR

-Rob

Table 1: Sales numbers between 12th Mar 2023 - 25th Feb 2024

Item	Qty sold	Price EA.	Total
Grey SNR shirts	27	\$10.00	\$270.00
Red Polos	4	\$15.00	\$60.00
Rover Bumper Stickers	51	\$3.00	\$153.00
Rover Lanyards	7	\$7.00	\$49.00
CDS Stickers	26	\$7.00	\$182.00
Total sales for period	115		\$714.00

Table 2: Current inventory Numbers

Note: all figures are as of Feb 25th, inventory or sales subject to change between report creation and AGM.



Item	Quantity
Grey SNR T-shirt S	9
Grey SNR T-shirt M	12
Grey SNR T-shirt L	26
Grey SNR T-shirt XL	22
Grey SNR T-shirt 2XL	8
Grey SNR T-shirt 3XL	4
Red Polo Shirts S	9
Red Polo Shirts 3XL	3
Red Polo Shirts 10	4
Red Polo Shirts 12	3
Red Polo Shirts 14	14
Red Polo Shirts 16	14
Rover Lanyards	6
Rover Bumper Stickers	1587
Chicks Dig Scarves Stickers	34
Dudes Dig Scarves Stickers	9
Everyone Digs Scarves Stickers	3
I Dig Scarves Stickers	5
They Dig Scarves Stickers	6

Kellie Chilvers

Activities Co-ordinator – Social

MCMK Rovers

It has been a great year to be a Rover in Sydney North! We have had a jam-packed calendar, both events that we have run, as well as attending events by other Region and State teams.

The year started with an awesome turnout from Sydney North at state events - Dragon Skin in Penrose State Forest and ScoutHike in Belanglo State Forest. At Skin, our Rovers put on some awesome activity bases for the Venturers and really bought the energy to VOC 2 as well as run Sleep Point 6 at ScoutHike.



Throughout the year, SNR Rovers were well represented at an array of interstate events. A group of SNR Rovers joined hundreds of Victorian Rovers at Mudbash - the original Rover motorsport event, at Mafeking Rover Park in Victoria. Mud, crazy vehicles, fires, axe throwing, jam donuts, archery, and lots more... an all-round good time was had by all. A group of Rovers also took themselves down to celebrate this year's Bush dance, run by Flat Gorge Rovers in Australia's country musical capital.

Joel from MCMK joined the Australian contingent that headed to Kandersteg Scout Centre for KISC100 where he fully immersed himself in Swiss culture and spread the love from SNR! Mia from Turrumurra also joined an Australian contingent to the first ever Africa Moot! What incredible experiences these Rovers brought back to share with us.

Some amazing events were run by our Units this year! Normanhurst ran another very successful MMT where teams travelled through the Eras of Taylor Swift! A fan favourite event of the year and was enjoyed by all! Turrumurra's Harbour cruise was back for the thirtieth year which was celebrated with another amazing floating party, with the theme 'Covertly Thirty'. MCMK organised this year's Kalang Kup, which was round-robin games of OzTag, and Units went head-to-head to take home the Kup itself, Forest took out champions of the day and we are keen to see what they bring next year! Forest's Claus for a Cause was heaps of fun once again, this year raising \$2,012 for Yalari, an Indigenous education charity.



To finish up the year, we had our Christmas Rover Annual Party. SNR Rovers had an amazing night and another fun year of ROSCARS. Had an awesome turnout from the Region and it was a great way to celebrate a fabulous year - congratulations to all the winners:

Most Outstanding Unit - Forest Rovers

Most Improved Unit - Epping Rovers

Most Outstanding Rover - Kacie Turner

Best Activity - Dwayne 'The Moot' Johnson - Turramurra & Kissing Point Rovers

Best Service Activity - 'It's In The Bag' - Region Service Project



At the beginning of 2024, we have already had to amazing events run; Forest ran an amazing summer Moot, with the theme 'Star Wars', Units battled it out across a galaxy far, far away, with Kananga taking out the top spot!

Platabeen invited Barbies and Kens from both in out of the Region to enjoy a weekend at their dreamhouse at Berrima Scout Camp, sublime!

It has been a great year of Rovering in SNR with lots of amazing events! I can't wait to see what is thrown at us next year.

xoxo Kellie

Anabelle Ferguson

Activities Co-ordinator – Adventurous

Turramurra Rovers

This year saw the continuation of adventurous activities returning post COVID and many exciting developments for our Region's overall adventuring. We have seen more and more members of our Region gain adventurous qualifications in 4WDing, cross-country skiing, and multiple facets of rockcraft and watersports.

We have also gained at least one Rover with Guide level qualifications, (shoutout Milly for recruiting Ben MacCormick to SNR). We also saw the presentation of our final Balthasar awardee's adventure, Will Wade of 1st Turramurra Rovers cave diving in Mexico, and the inaugural awarding of the Warawara award went to Emily Marsden and Daniel Atkinson of Forest Rovers to hike in Nepal. We did see three incredible applications for the Warawara Award and I encourage people to continue applying for it as it's a wonderful opportunity. We also saw other Rovers within the Region gain funding from Dick and Pip Smith's Leadership Through Adventure Fund to support an upcoming 4WDing trip in the outback.

Alongside all of this we also saw many Rovers undertake adventurous activities all over the globe, with SNR being represented at the world's first Africa Moot and the aforementioned cave diving in Mexico. We also saw interstate adventure with SNR being the most represented Region in NSW at Bogong Rover Chalet and a substantial number of SNR Rovers attending Mudbash. Beyond all of our external adventure we truly strived in our local adventure, with SNR Rovers canyoning, climbing, kayaking, canoeing, white water rafting, sailing, hiking or 4WDing almost every weekend this year. While as can be expected, Gordon Rovers were leading the adventurous charge, we have seen more and more Rovers from other Units in the Region embracing adventure and attending training to allow them to do more independent adventurous activities, on top of all of that we've also seen the genesis of 1st North Sydney Rover Unit who have expressed a lot of enthusiasm for adventurous activities.

Looking towards the new year we will see the aforementioned adventurous awardees embark and more of our Rovers going beyond trained participant level qualifications. I can guarantee that we will continue to see SNR over achieve in the rockcraft side of adventure but I would like to remind SNR that there are other aspects of adventurous activities, alpine and snow sports season is fast approaching and applications for different courses, trips and accommodation are now open, there is now a pathway in place to being qualified to 4WD, there are still a few opportunities to pursue water sports before the season ends (and water sports are not limited to boats, scuba diving counts too), and hiking has no specific season.

In summary, SNR has had a great year for adventurous expeditions and training. There are some big things coming up and don't be afraid to apply for a grant to fund your next adventure. SNR, adventure is out there and easily accessible as long as you're willing to pursue it.



Jonothan Dellagiacoma
Venturer Liaison Officer
Epping Rovers

With activities in full swing again, the appeal of Rovering hasn't been stronger. Despite difficult circumstances, a successful and well run Roventure was had, run by: A great amount of bases as Dragon Skin in 2023, with Rovers putting on a good show for our Venturers.

It's great to see the new 1st North Sydney Rover Unit meeting semi regularly, and I know that Venturers in the area are relying on it to stay in Scouting through to Rovers, so it would be great to see more Units work with the new group and reinforce what Rovers is all about.



While there is some good stuff happening between Rovers and their Venturers, Units need to make sure that they are at least trying to communicate with their Venturer Units. There is always help at hand, and this year I have helped people talk to their Units and get back in contact with them. I'd love to see Rover Units let the Region VLO know what they're doing with Venturers, and how much fun they're having! If it's getting super busy for your Unit to organise stuff with every one of your Venturer Units, try working with another Rover Unit, or just ask for help. Communication is key, and I hope this also serves as a reminder to check your emails!

I know there are Venturers that are missing out on joining Rovers just because they don't know their or any linking Units well enough.

It's also great to see joint activities with Rovers and Venturers working together, in teams. When Venturers get to know their Rovers not just as leader-type people, but also as relatable friendly people, they're much more likely to want to join up and spend time at activities both as Venturers and later as Rovers.

Finally, best of luck to whoever is in this role next year. Hopefully you have more time to do a better job and be more proactive than I was!

Lily-rose Kraatzwest
Training Co-ordinator
Kananga Rovers

This year, I've been grateful to support our current and future Unit Leaders to better understand the requirements and opportunities available within Rovers. Being fresh to the role of Unit Leader myself, I felt somehow comforted in how overwhelming I knew it to be! I appreciated being able to use this to guide how I could support others. This was not without the support of the Region and the Training Team.



Throughout the year, Rovers were provided with summaries of available courses and dates, visual depictions of the requirements and running two 'Unit Leader bridging workshops' throughout the year along with regular social media and email updates. I hope that this fostered a more understanding and empowered group of leaders and Rovers.

Sittath 'Patrick' Kasemrungaichit

Service Co-ordinator

Turramurra Rovers

I'd like to start off by congratulations as we had another great year in service! It was great to see so many individuals from all the Units across the Region who were willing to put their hand up to participate in various service opportunities. There were too many to list all of them but the three that stood out are Oxfam, the NRC's annual Blood Drive, and the annual Region Service Project.

On 26 August 2023, a team consisting of Rovers from several Units manned Checkpoint 5 at Davidson Park for Oxfam Trailwalker. Despite the difficult timeslot of 2am to 9am, many of those who were there pulled through and were still excited to be there. The checkpoint was run smoothly with no major problems arising throughout the shift. Our Rovers made sure that all the walkers were accounted for and well-looked after. Thank you to everyone who was there!



From 15 September to 15 December 2023, our Region partook in the NRC's annual Blood Drive by donating blood and plasma. Thanks to all the efforts of those involved, our Region made a huge total of 76 donations, saving 228 lives! This has placed us in 1st place nationwide once again! This is a great achievement for our Region as this is the second year in a row that we have placed first in the drive.

This year, our Region Service Project was quite different to those of the past. We participated in Share the Dignity's "It's in the bag". Our Region came together and donated over 51 bags to help in their goal! These bags contain many necessities that made Christmas all the more brighter for those in need last year. Fantastic efforts from all our Units!

From the beginning of 2023 to 2024, many Rovers went out and about, doing whatever they can individually or as an entire Unit to contribute to service. These opportunities have helped out many communities and helped to foster a great working relation between them and Rovers as a whole.

I'd like to thank the previous Service Co-ordinator Patrick Dunstan for his invaluable help such as stepping in when I wasn't available. Without him, this year wouldn't have been as great. Thank you!

I wish the best of luck to the next Service Co-ordinator and hope that they will continue the great service that we've been having for the last few years!



It's always pleasing to look back on a busy and active year for Sydney North's Rover section. Units have been out camping, 4WDing, canyoning, caving, skiing and just having an all-round good time. Our Region's Moot and Roventure were well run and supported, as were a number of other RRC-sponsored activities such as the Kalang Kup sports comp and CRAP Rover Dinner.

As the traditional core of Rovering, service activities continued to play their important part. The Region's Rovers gave their support to ANZAC Day, grounds maintenance at both Barra Brui activities hall and Ingleside Scout Camp, and a notable contribution to the National Rover Blood Drive, making the largest number of donations of any Region in Australia for the second year in a row.

Individual Unit service activities included assisting with Oxfam Trailwalker, the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic, maintenance jobs at Scout facilities, and support for a variety of local charities.

We continue to be proud of Sydney North Rovers' engagement in training. With the current schedule of training courses, Rovers are having to think about Unit Leader succession planning much earlier and are taking up the challenge! This year also saw two of our Rovers complete their Advanced Leadership Training and receive their Wood Badge... a massive congratulations to Tom Bury of Kissing Point Rovers and Lily-rose Kraatzwest from Kananga Rovers. We look forward to seeing your newfound knowledge and skills in action.

The past year has seen the establishment of our new Warawara Award, to succeed the Tony Balthasar Achievement Award. After enabling 27 outstanding Rover adventures over 36 years, the Balthasar fund had depleted to almost nil. The Warawara sustains the legacy set by its predecessor, enabling Rovers to undertake an adventure, but now in teams or individually, and within Australia or overseas. Our huge thanks go to former Rover Adviser Malcolm Yates for generously providing the award's funding, and our congratulations to the inaugural awardees, Emily Marsden and Daniel Atkinson, from Forest Rovers.

This was Elyse's first full year as Assistant Regional Commissioner - Rovers and learning the ropes was made more difficult by the fact she was working remotely from sunny Townsville for most of it! We are glad she has been able to move back to Sydney and are looking forward to continuing her handover in this role.

While there is no doubt Sydney North Rovers continue to do amazing things, have incredible adventures, and offer unique opportunities, there is no denying our numbers are continuing to gently decline. Recruitment and retention remain a top priority and we urge Units to take advantage of every opportunity to meet with Venturers, such as the Region's annual Roventure. The more you get out there and show younger people how amazing the Rover section is, the more they'll want to be a part of it themselves!

As we look forward to the 2024/25 year, we would like to thank the Region Rover Council Executive team and all those who put their hands up to be Unit Leaders last year. Your hard work is acknowledged and very much appreciated. We would like to also acknowledge the hard work of Kacie Turner our RRC Chair who has led the team fantastically over the last 12 months. We wish the new Executive team all the best in their new roles and look forward to continuing to support them and the Rovers of Sydney North.

Yours in Rovering,

Nick Buchner
Regional Commissioner - Rovers

Elyse Versace
Assistant Regional Commissioner - Rovers



Epping Rovers

Unit Leader – Caelan Irrgang

As the proud recipients of the “Most Improved Unit” award, 2023 was certainly a year of tremendous growth for 1st Epping Rovers in many regards. This time last year, we set out to spend some time building the Unit without the planning of big events looming over us (for the first time in two years). I think it’s safe to say we achieved this well, with growth in total membership, engagement with Venturer Units, fundraising, and event attendance.



Weekly activity highlights include soap calving, jewellery making, ghost tour night, and our karaoke night with Dulwich Hill. Weekend activity highlights include our joint camp with Venturers in November, our Titanic-themed Dragon Skin base, as well as our gingerbread house decorating fundraiser. We had our members attend virtually every Rover event in NSW this past year including but not limited to Mootendo, MMT, Harbour Cruise, Noodle Moot, Supermootural, Revenge of the Moot, and Seussical the Mootical. Internationally, we also had two members as well as another recently booted member, attend New Zealand’s annual National Moot in April.

In early 2024, we farewelled two of our longstanding members, Amelia and Wun. Many people from all around the state (and some from out of state) attended Amelia’s Booting held at Kariong Scout Camp at the start of the year. The weekend included a trip to the beach and a full Moot-scale dance tent setup. Just recently, we booted Wun at a more lowkey event held at Random Cottage in the Blue Mountains. I’d like to thank both these bootees for the many things they’ve done for the Unit over the years, and wish them the best in future endeavours.

Moving into 2024, there are some key areas of improvement for the Unit that I see. It would be great to see us take on a more diverse, ambitious and adventurous program, as well as dedicate more time to service activities. I’d like to wish my successor, Jono, the best of luck in taking on the new role.

Signing off
Caelan

Forest Rovers

Unit Leader – Ash Williams

2023 – what a year! Our year started out strong in Tasmania at Apple Isle Moot and the Forest Road trip. Most of our Unit spent three weeks in Tasmania living it up and having the best time at the National Moot – we did all sorts of things like 4WD, beach runs, museums, and much much more.



Similar to previous years we attended many events throughout the year, both in and out of state, including Moots, Dragon Skin, Mudbash, Surfmoor, Bushdance and Roventure. This was a year of wins for Forest! In 2023 we won



Roventure for a 2nd time and SNR Summer Moot, we also won Kalang Kup and Most Outstanding Unit – Kacie also won Most Outstanding Rover and Best Service Activity for her contribution to the “It’s in the Bag” Project! Our weekly activities were just as fun as these events with nights like Pole Dancing, Kids Birthday games, Hydro Dipping, and Just Dance on our calendar just to name a few!

We had a strong connection with our Venturers this year. At Roventure, we ended up with 11 Venturers from three different Units with us, and we also doubled the amount of Venturers helping us at ScoutHike. After many different joint nights throughout the year, we look forward to growing this connection even stronger throughout 2024.

Our year continued strong with ScoutHike as another great success, this year with Kacie and Emily representing the Unit as the Sleep Point 6 Co-ordinators and the rest of the Unit supporting them greatly in different roles. In 2024, Emily will be the ScoutHike Sleep Point 6 Co-ordinator and Forest gears up to support her for another great event!



This year we saw some of our members trying out new and exciting things! Like Aidan heading to the Bogong Chalet for the first time and doing some cross-country skiing, Jaime walked the Larapinta Trail in the NT and continued with his love of rock climbing.



Emily and Daniel were the inaugural winners of the new Sydney North Warawara Award and will be completing their trek across Nepal in October 2024. We couldn’t be prouder of them and look forward to seeing them complete this amazing trek and show us all the pictures after.

This year was a year of more fun, adventures and successes for Forest (and I would like to say less car breakdowns, but I think I’m wrong) and I can’t wait to see where 2024 takes us!



This year has been a blast! The January to April period was filled with canyoning across the state, while some of our Rovers headed to the National Moot in Tasmania for scuba diving and sailing! The Unit held a fantastic Easter camp at Bellingen. The camp featured canyoning, rock climbing, surfing, and a massive easter egg hunt. With a massive 22 out of 26 Unit members in attendance, we got some quality Unit bonding in the outdoors. In May, the Unit then headed to ScoutHike at Sleep Points 2, 5 and 6 and out rock-climbing Mount Alexandria. In June we travelled

down to Bungonia for some caving with Hawkesbury. July was snow season! A beginner back-country ski trip, snow trench warfare with Hawkesbury, and a week at the Bogong Rover Chalet were some of our favourite trips this year!

The following months saw the Unit go ice blocking with Turramurra, caving in Bungonia and clue hunting at MMT (Taylor's version). Some of our Unit members then participated in the 111km Hawkesbury Canoe Classic race at the end of October, while others did a multi-pitch abseil at Boars Head. In November, we said farewell to our long-time Rover Adviser Chris Stanley at a well-attended booting. Chris has been our Rover Adviser since he helped reopen the Unit about 15 years ago. Chris has also been the Venturer Leader and Group Leader at 2nd Gordon. The Unit is incredibly grateful to Chris for all his time, advice, and efforts over the last decade!



December was a busy month for the Unit. Our Venturers joined us at Apple Tree Bay for an evening of kayaking and rolling practice. Then the Unit held our end of year camp in Seal Rocks. The camp was a mix of activity and chilling, and we invested our new Rover Adviser, Scott Osborne, in kayaks in the

ocean. Scott was an Epping Rover and has been a key member of the Sydney North Region Rockcraft team for several years. Scott has fitted in seamlessly with the Unit already, and we look forward to many years of adventures together!



While some Unit members were at camp, a group headed to Tasmania to complete the Western Arthurs Traverse. The activity was partly funded by the Dick and Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund. Other than the airline losing a bag, the trip was a roaring success.



January was a very quiet month for the Unit, with many headings overseas seeking adventure. Some of our Rovers kayaked from Port Welshpool, Victoria to Little Musslerow Bay, Tasmania. The trip was 360km and the team completed the crossing in 13 days and aimed to raise mental health awareness and funds for Black Dog Institute. As well as appearing on Sunrise, ABC radio and ABC news, the team have currently raised \$43,315. The Unit is beyond proud of Matt, Tim, Ben, Eddie, and Jono for their efforts. Way to go gents!

Over the January long weekend, a group of our Rovers headed canyoning. The team tackled Kanangra main, Dione Dell and Danae Brook canyons, which are some of the hardest canyons around! At the same time, one of our Rovers headed to the Bogong Rover Chalet to assist with bathroom renovations!

February saw the Unit return in full strength. We headed to the Region 'Star Wars' Moot, out rock-climbing and honed our kayak rolling skills with our Venturers. A highlight this month was the presentation from the 'Strait to Tassie' team about their trip. The team spoke to Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers from 2nd Gordon about their planning, training, and the final crossing. It will undoubtedly inspire our future adventures!

Our Tuesday night activities over the last have been filled with climbing, endless creativity, and even more time outdoors, but the weekend activities have been the highlight. With an action-packed calendar for 2024, Gordon is set to have another cracking year and maintain our position as an adventure powerhouse in the Region and beyond.



Kananga Rovers

Unit Leader – Lily-rose Kraatzwest

This year, we welcomed various new members who quickly became a part of our little community 😊. We went on a range of hikes, Moots, camps and new activities. Our favourite activities included giant monopoly, a Rural Fire Service visit with Venturers, Christmas in July as well as Ikea, 'cursed dress ups' and fort nights.

We had the opportunity to support the community both inside and outside of Scouting, from the Glebe Christmas BBQ to Relay for Life, where we raised \$3,600 for vital cancer treatment research. We introduced a role into our executive committee of Fundraising, we would like to give a special mention to Sam, one of our newer members from Venturers. We thank him for his resilience and professionalism for enabling us to get a lot out of these experiences. We're excited to see what he achieves as he continues in Rovers.

We were lucky to have friends visit from the Northern Territory and Victoria at Smurf Moot and we met plenty more at Mudbash in Victoria.

We are very grateful to all our members, friends and families who supported us throughout 2023. Regardless of roles held, we appreciate each of our members for they presence they bring to Kananga Rovers. We are excited to continue to grow in 2024.

Special shoutout to all the pets that came along to our nights hehe.



Kissing Point Rovers

Unit Leader – Grey Batson

The 2023 Rover year saw a lot of growth and new experiences for Kisso. We had six new faces join the Unit, and got up to fresh new activities, such as visiting Tree Tops, learning how to adult, and broadening our history knowledge. We also hung out with heaps of cool Units, including Epping, MCMK, and the new North Sydney Rover Unit. We also took home a Quality Rovering Award, a great achievement for our Unit.



Some highlights for Kisso included Hornsby Gang Show, with almost half the Unit involved in some capacity, and heaps of exciting joint nights, such as an Auslan night with Gordon, and playing lawn bowls with Blacktown. We went to Queer Formal, Killer Moot, MMT, Harbour cruise, and Mootendo, and ended our year at CLBAM, jointly taking home the ROSCAR for Best Activity with our sister Unit, Turramurra Rovers, for our efforts in running Dwayne 'The Moot' Johnson.



The biggest event for Kisso in the calendar from this year was our end of year road trip. We travelled up the North Coast and back via the central West, having great fun experiencing camel riding, bushwalks, beaches, and the zoo. We braved storms, floods and blazing sun, but had a great week and a half visiting Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Byron Bay, Tamworth, Dubbo, and Bathurst.

We also kept up our service this year. Once again, we made a massive effort with the blood drive, with the most donations in the Region. We gave back to 2nd Turramurra Group by helping at Group events, and served in various ways at ANZAC Day services.

The focus of this year for Kisso was to help each Unit member explore their interests, and through our weekly activities and our weekend adventures, every member has planned and lead an activity. We've had members upskill in various ways, gaining first aid and mental health first aid qualifications, and finishing the year with Tom Bury earning his Wood Badge, a huge achievement.

As we close off the Rovering year, I'm super proud of the efforts of every Unit member and am so excited to see what the next one has in store.



Mount Colah/Mount Kuring-Gai (MCMK) Rovers

Leader – Kellie Chilvers

We began the year with a group of us heading down to Tassie to join the Apple Isle Moot! We enjoyed meeting Rovers from other states, and becoming closer as a Unit!

This year we tried lots of new activities, including pasta art, Rage room and real-life Mario Kart!

Throughout the year we have welcomed Liam and Mattia. We also welcomed back Jeremy and Jenna after time overseas. Sadly, we said goodbye to Stephen and Cam! They have been great members of our Unit and we will miss them!



This year, MCMK ran their first Region event, Kalang Kup! We had a great day of OzTag, with Forest taking home the win in a nail-biting grand final, where we came in runners-up!

One of the big passions within the Unit is Hornsby Gang Show. Some of our Unit members are involved in some aspect of the show – that being as cast members performing on stage, being part of the production team or multiple areas in the backstage department. Through Gang Show we are able to interact and build relations with other sections of the Scouting movement, teach the youth members in many aspects of stagecraft and technical behind the scenes skills.

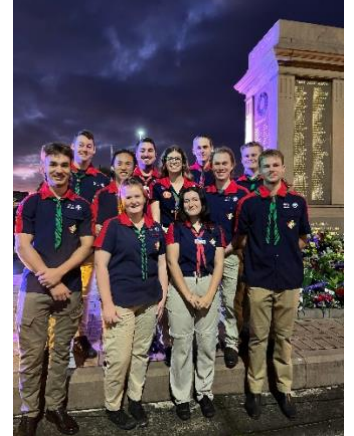
In July, Joel joined the Australian contingent at KISC100 in Switzerland! He spent the event hiking, immersing himself in Swiss culture and sharing all that MCMK has to offer to the world.



We loved being able to participate in some events run by the other Units in our Region this year, Normo's MMT, Turramurra's Harbour Cruise, Epping's gingerbread house making and Forest's Claus for a Cause, where we won best-dressed group for the fourth year.

We have been maintaining our relationships with other Units. We invited Kissing Point to Laser Tag, and hosted Forest for a game of Jeopardy!

We have had a great year of Rovering and can't wait to see what next year throws at us!



Unit Leader – Samuel Kalnins

Around this time last year, I went into my term as Unit Leader with the goal of taking the stability we got to in 2022 post-COVID and taking the pace a notch up, getting our Unit back into a space where we feel comfortable running events and organising things that are the next step up. Looking at where we are now, I feel like I can say we are in a better position now than we were last year. We ran a really good MMT this year, Beach Camp had a real good vibe over at Terrigal, our Zoo Day with the Venturers was a big hit, and we gave a true Rover goodbye to several cherished members who are sadly no longer with us today.



Now not every choice we've made has been a successful one – doing planning online seems to have been a bit of a bust, for example. But the important thing is to learn from these mistakes, and not let them dissuade us from trying to do things in new ways.

The transition over to ScoutHub has gone reasonably smoothly, though we still fall into the same old trap of not being particularly good at paying fees on time – which is something we definitely need to work on.

Looking into the future, I would be remiss to not mention Asquith – you lot have grown a lot over the past year – when you do end up splitting off and leaving the nest, you will be dearly missed, and we should plan on doing plenty of joint nights. On a similar note, Berowra Rovers are interested in restarting their Rover Unit, you may have seen them around recently. We're looking at sponsoring them for the next year and a bit in much the same way as Asquith, so I want to give them a good welcome and hope that over the next year they get a good opportunity to learn the ropes. On the more at-home side, we do have a very keen Venturer section that we need to keep on engaging with across the next year – we had 50 people on the mock Roventure night which was wild and needs to be followed up on.

I won't tread too much on the other Unit Council reports, but what I will say is thanks to each and every one of you for helping run this Unit. There have been good times and stressful times, but in the end I think you all did a pretty good job, so be sure to give yourselves a pat on the back.

What an exciting and adventurous year it has been for Platabeen! Just a few weeks after the AGM, Dragon Skin came right around the corner. Our base 'New South Fails' won the best base at Dragon Skin! It was a great way to start a great year. DJLib made another appearance this year making sure everyone was having a boogie on the dance floor. A few weeks later, ScoutHike came around the other corner. The Unit ran a Finding Nemo-themed base alongside Collaroy Plateau, and Fairlight Manly Venturers, a great opportunity for us to bond with our feeder Units.



On ANZAC Day, we had the privilege to spend the morning helping at the RSL ANZAC Village Dawn Service. Over June long weekend, a few members drove down to Victoria for Mudbash. Lots of fun watching and participating in the rallies and I'm sure Dustine will make an appearance at the next Mudbash. Platabeen hit the slopes for another ski camp in Perisher, whether you were a beginner learning to ski, or an expert on the jumps, everyone had a fabulous, snowtastic time!

After having a break from camps, Platabeen hosted their 2nd annual trivia night. The event was 'Disco' themed, and we had a blast with amazing support at the Dee Why SLSC. Money raised that night was donated to 'Are You Bugged Mate', an organisation that promotes countrymen to talk about mental health and suicide while also spreading awareness about depression in the bush.

2023 was the year for investitures, whether they came from off the street, moved up from Venturers, or have been a member in the Unit for at least a year (whoops). Can't wait for what the new members will bring to the Unit.



September kept us busy with camps on almost every weekend. MMT took us south to Kiama, overlooking the great views of the ocean, and the overhanging trees of the forests. Bush Dance took a few members North to the home of Country, Tamworth. It's great to see Platabeen support regional Units. October Long weekend, we went south to Cooma to do rejuvenation work on one of Collaroy Plateaus Cub Leaders' property. Due to the hot weather, their property is prone to bushfires, so we helped to clear debris and flammable weeds.

"Sun's out, buns out". As the weather got warmer, we took advantage! MCMK ran Kalang Kup, their chosen sport, OzTag. Platabeen showed off their skills (or lack thereof) and placed second last. We said goodbye to Courtney Smith, although she wasn't with us for long, she made a great impact on all of us! She is very much a water girly, so much so that her booting turned into a boating weekend on Pittwater. A few weeks later, Mariah Carey was all over Spotify... Christmas was here, and boy did we

celebrate! Claus for a Cause is always a great way to end the year, as well as our Annual Rover Christmas party at Shelly Beach.

As 2024 approached, it was time to plan for Roventure 2024 'BarbieVenture'. We had a great time organising this event for the Region, but this year we extended the invitation to out-of-Region. Over 100 participants showed up to Berrima and we couldn't have expected a better turn out. Big shoutout to Platabeen, Collaroy Plateau Venturers, Manly/Fairlight Venturers, Seaforth Venturers, Elanora Venturers, and Courtney Turner and Michael Fridolfsson. Without them Roventure wouldn't have succeeded the way it did!

Bring on 2024!!



Unit Leader – Lachlan Buchner

Here we are again, at the end of another Rovering year. This last year for Turramurra Rovers had us getting out into the outdoors again, constantly networking and managing to pull everything off with limited manpower. This coupled with constant recruitment strategies has since paid off in the last few months. We are riding the waves of this ever-changing social landscape. This year we have come out stronger as a team than last year. Here I'm going to list off a few key events and adventures we have been doing.



Starting off the year we had a good turn-out at Dragon Skin. A lot of hard work from everyone involved meant we could still pull off a memorable base. From this, we said goodbye to a key part of our Unit for a long time, Mia. Her booting went off without a hitch (mostly). The organisational skills were good to flex so quickly from our Moot in February.

June brought with it winter and the opportunity for some skiing down at Bogong, with two members having a blast at the Rover Chalet. All the stories shared after the experience were plentiful and memorable. Throughout the winter we still managed to pull off our regular meetings without many Region activities happening.

Come spring and we were all ready to shift into high gear as the events started coming hard and fast. We started with a bit of service with all of us doing shifts at Oxfam TrailWalker. The connection and cheering on strangers were rewarding and we had plenty of coffee. The calendar started to fill up around September with other Regions' Moots. In October, we pulled off another successful Harbor Cruise. With a bipolar theme that resulted in some very interesting costume choices, the feedback we got from people was that of success in giving everyone a good night. Keep your eyes peeled on our socials regarding this year's edition.

Later in the calendar year, we started to focus on member recruitment as a key pillar of our program. We decided we would go on the Region-run canyoning Course and start networking with the local Venturers. This seemed to be a good strategy to meet not just our options from our group but from others. We attended West Pymble's trivia night along with Kissing Point. This was a great way to get to know the Venturers and start promoting Rovers as a bunch of fun to them.

And in the past few months we've seen three new potential members start attending our regular nights that for a trial are now Tuesdays. This is great to see, a turnaround from our downward trend. We want to thank the Region for believing in us to dig ourselves out of our predicament. The future for us is bright, we have a steadfast determination to keep Turramurra here to stay. We are all feeling the effects this current social climate brings to our section, it's up to us to weather it. Thanks for a great year, everyone! Turramurra will see you soon (if you don't hear us first).

Lachlan Buchner
Unit Leader 2023-24



What an eventful year has 2023 been. This has been a year of expansion and adventures for our Unit and all of our members. We have seen the Unit slowly grow in numbers, welcoming new members that are keen to also make this Unit feel like a family. While the Unit did not have any members on the RRC Executive this year, we did have a member hold a position in the SRC Executive and three members holding positions at a state level.

Our year was full of adventures, we had our members prepare for all kinds of events and engage with Scouting from a global perspective. The start of the year was slow, but we managed to keep the Unit running successfully regardless of the challenges. Our members are continuously involved in the preparations for Dragon Skin, attending in the capacity of Admin and Communications. We also continued building relationships and engaging with other Units making part of great adventures.

The Yaralla Rover Unit is still small, so we love joining our local Venturer Units to partake in activities. We also make great efforts to be there for our local Joeys and Cubs with one of our members becoming the new Assistant Joey Leader. At the moment, our local Venturer Unit only has one Venturer so we do what we can to support the leaders and show up for activities as well to keep the spirit while they get out of this rough patch. We also continued to join forces to sell Christmas Trees which is both the Unit's and the Group's biggest fundraising event of the year.



The Unit attended inter-Unit nights with Epping doing Karaoke, Turrumurra's Roundabout Dinner and several other nights with the Yaralla Venturer Unit. They attended Moots, NSW Rover Ball, Bushdance, MMT, Kalang Kup, and Mudbash, and ran nights like paddling, pole dancing, bouldering, Korean BBQ etc.

We have awesome adventures going on, with some of our members engaged in international events like the 25th World Scout Jamboree 2023 in South Korea with our members being part of both IST and CMT, and finally attended the See You in 100 Years ceremony for Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland, celebrating the end of their centenary celebrations.

Service has maintained an important part of the Unit's identity with members attending ANZAC Day services, and even making their own vigil while overseas. They also assisted in the annual maintenance of Ingleside Scout Camp and like every year made multiple donations as part of the Rover Plasma Challenge with the RAs even joining in. They also donated some of their time for service activities like the Oxfam TrailWalker, Clean Up Australia Day and on New Year's Eve. The Unit is also undergoing a renovation of the Rover Den to make our time spent there even more memorable.

Yaralla is excited to see what is coming for 2024 and is already planning for bigger adventures!







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