



Sydney North Region Rover Council February Business Meeting Minutes

For meeting held on the 15th of February, 2026 at 2nd Gordon Scout Hall, 32C Rosedale Road, Gordon.

1 Opening

1.1 Attendance

Asquith Robert Leverton, Luke Leverton	Epping Jonathan Dellagiacoma, Aimee Savva (SNR PR)
Forest Emily Marsden (SNR Assistant Chair), Henry Marsden (SNR Outdoor Activities), Darcey Hawkins, Oliver Cseszko, Lachlan Catto, Iain MacKinnon	Gordon
Kanang Nathan Butler (SNR Treasurer), Sam Marinovich (SNR Training), Aidan Barker, Harley Bryant (SNR SRC Delegate)	Kissing Point Tom Bury (SNR SRC Delegate)
MCMK	Normanhurst Tamara Dudfield (SNR Chair), Nathan Carey, Blade Puckeridge, Lucy Shackley, Liam Hoffmann, Luke Lenane
Platabeen Josephine Butler (SNR Secretary), Hamish Reavie, Jasmine Small, Jaqueline Berthold, Max Arens	Turrumurra Ella Pitman, Victor Da
Yaralla Siobhan Wilde	RC-R Elyse Versace (online)
Special Guests N/A	

1.2 Apologies

Aidan Brisbois (SNR Merchandise), Joel Tjoa (SNR Social Activities)

1.3 Meeting Opened

19:03



2 Previous Minutes

2.1 Acceptance of Previous Minutes

December RRC Meeting Minutes accepted by RRC and found to be true and accurate.

2.2 Business Arising

Nil.

3 Safety Items

3.1 Work Health and Safety

- Cables on the ground
- Food on offer for all

3.2 Child Safety Concerns

Nil.

4 Executive Reports

4.1 Chair - Tamara Dudfield

Best Activity – Tassie Road Trip – Kissing Point

Best Service – Christmas Tree Selling – Kananga

Best Attendance at December RRC – Forest

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday period and has come back to the new year feeling refreshed and are excited to get back into all the events on offer this year!

At the start of January we have a new region commissioner, Richard Hughes-Narborough who we had the pleasure of meeting at Mootamia last weekend. Richard is from Hornsby Heights Scout Group and has been their group leader for numerous years so he has a wealth of experience and I am sure he will be actively involved in all things rovers. He also held a Region Commissioners meeting last Wednesday where we discussed property assets and potential communication issues that may have been arising between our venturers and rovers. On 31st of January, state had deregistered most of the over 18 venturers due to them not completing their mandatory training with minimal warning or assistance with them. If this is something that is going to continue happening, we need to be aware of all venturers who are turning 18 and keep regular contact with them to ensure they don't fall off the face of the earth and then have to re-register. It currently seems to be quite a lengthy process, so it would be something we



may need to take to SRC to see if we are able to make the transition easier for our new rovers.

Unfortunately, I still have no update on alcohol permission, please remember to submit your alcohol permission with a minimum of 2 weeks' notice including your risk assessment and responsible sober people to ensure we have adequate amount of time to get it for you.

I wanted to say a big congratulations to Normanhurst and Asquith for running a fantastic moot, in my very unbiased opinion, it was my favorite moot that I have attended and thought the live music was an absolute hit! Congratulations to Kissing Point and Kananga for winning Moot.

For upcoming events we have Roventure happening next week, if you haven't already been promoting, firstly that is very disappointing because it is next week, but please promote hard to your vennie units as it is important that we continue building these relationships with our future rovers. The general lack of interest across vennies and rovers has been very disappointing and as a roving body we need to work out ways to improve this and work with the vennies to get them more engaged.

Currently in the works, Elyse and I will also be meeting with individuals from Brush Park who are currently interested in re-creating this unit. Most of these members have regularly attended Castle Hill so have some experiences in the roving world.

AGM season has started, so I wanted to say a massive thank you to all the unit leaders and the exec teams that have stepped up and done a fantastic job in running your units for the past year. Please make sure all of your paperwork is completed and updated during the AGM season.

4.2 Assistant – Emily Marsden

Brush Park have started regular meetings.

Returning officers have all paperwork for unit AGMS, please communicate with them.

4.3 Secretary – Josephine Butler

Unit leaders, please look out for an email in the coming weeks regarding unit yearly reports to be completed for AGM.

4.4 Treasurer – Nathan Butler

Please reach out if you require any help with getting books sorted for AGMs

Levies to be paid before your unit AGM

- Have paid



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- Gordon
- Kissing Point
- Yaralla
- Forest
- Platabeen
- Normanhurst
- Haven't paid
 - Kananga
 - Turramurra
 - Asquith
 - MCMK
 - Epping

Cash book in appendix

4.5 PR – Aimee Savva

Not much to report on - Roventure is the main thing being promoted at the moment, make sure you're sharing with your Rover and Venturer units where possible - There has been a few other posts up in our Facebook Group about Scout Hike and the Warawara award as well as a post about the EOI's for the Scouts NSW Board Subcommittees and some other things that got emailed out to Leaders across the state. Pls continue to post everything that your Units are doing and tag us in your posts! Will definitely be keen to repost some Unit's POV's from Roventure next weekend.

4.6 Merch – Aidan Brisebois

Merch sales have been steady. Most sizes of the grey region shirt have now sold out, along with one of the variants of the dig scarves stickers. When budget allows it will be time to get replacements organised for these.

4.7 Social Activities – Joel Tjoa

Nothing to report

4.8 Outdoor Activities – Henry Marsden

Not much to report, I am happily helping all units that approach me. Recently I have heard of Asquith going for guiding qualifications and also have helped questions with a variety of rovers.

4.9 Training – Sam Marinovich

Training is already back for 2026 season :O With registrations closing for the first courses on last Friday. Please check out Scout Event (or the email sent out last rrc) for the dates of those. As always, remember that YLDP exists and as rovers you should



need to pay any money for your Training. Congrats to the Groups that have had AGMs, and good luck for those whose are happening in the next few weeks. I have sent all the 2025 ULs and AULs a Handover guide, with suggestions on what steps that need to take for their handover, so we make sure that everything is covered. All the best for those who have their AGMs soon.

4.10 Service – Siobhan Wilde

Nothing to report

4.11 SRC Delegates

- Alex Quan was voted in as the Secretary for 2026/27.
- Positions still vacant: Treasurer & Public Relations
 - Alison mentioned the State Financial team have offered to look after our books if no one is elected
- Alison also mentioned that there have been a few WHS and CS issues that have arisen since the last meeting. It goes without saying and a reminder to please be mindful of our Scouting Law and Promise, as well as your surroundings, and making sure that if you are going away for the weekend or have a week night activity etc etc that you follow the procedures that are in place to protect us.
- Vote was held to change the SOP in regard to elections and who can/cannot be nominated. These votes did not pass.
- A vote was also held to change the SOP in regards to event tenders, and the RRCs must endorse any tender prior to be given to the SRC. This vote did not pass.
- WOW Moot: NSW Contingent team has been finalised:

Contingent Leader: Tim Minny (South Metropolitan)

Deputy Contingent Leader: Alexander Morson (South Metropolitan)

Deputy Contingent Leader: Alice McQualter (Riverina)

Logistics Manager: Kenneth Lee (South Metropolitan)

Marketing / Comms / Merchandise Manager: Claire Stafford (South Metropolitan)

Health & Wellbeing Manager: Jess Essam (South Metropolitan)

Health & Wellbeing Team Member: Henry Wong (NSW State Headquarters)

Admin & Finance Manager: Harrison Winchester (North Coast)

Contingent Adviser: Steven Shephard (The Golden West)



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- WOW Registrations and Expeds are now open and ready to be viewed. <https://wow27.au/>
- There is an issue with registrations at the moment, especially in relations to referees not receiving the email to write in all the stuff to the participant. The contingent/Moot team are working to rectify this ASAP.

4.12 Regional Commissioner – Rovers – Elyse Versace

I apologise for not being there tonight, I am currently on my way back from my most recent placement in the Snowy Mountains. On the bright side I have a pretty short report for you tonight!

Firstly, as always, it has been fantastic to see so many Rovers taking advantage of the summer months to go on several adventures. I would also like to congratulate Normanhurst and Asquith Rovers on their running of 'Mootamia' last weekend, so far I've heard lots of great feedback and it is great to see that, so far, there have been no major issues raised. It was also lovely to hear that our plaques commemorating 50 and 100 years of Roving, previously placed at the Ingleside Camp gateway have now been placed at their new home at Camp Ku-Ring-Gai. Thanks go to Tamara for organising that.

Roventure/Rover-Venturer Linking

With Roventure next weekend, I hope you all have been doing some great linking activities with your Venturers and getting them excited for the awesome activities Forest Rovers are putting on for you! Remember promotion is only half the battle, please make sure you and your Venturers are registering for the event and that you have both Rovers and Venturers locked in to attend!

- If you don't have Rovers or Venturers attending or not everyone in your Rover/Venturer Units are going, we want to know why! Please please please get this feedback and send it to myself, Tamara and Emily. We can't start to fix a problem we don't know exists.

Updates from the Region

- **New Region Commissioner:** Richard Hughes-Narborough
 - Our new Region Commissioner has now been announced and those who went to Mootamia would have met Richard at the commemorative plaque unveiling.

Opening of Nominations for RRC Executive



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Finally, nominations will open tonight for the 2025/26 RRC Executive. I encourage you to have a serious think about taking up this amazing opportunity. If you are not sure what a role entails or if it is for you, I encourage you to have a look at the role descriptions, speak with the people who currently or have previously held those roles as well as myself or Tamara.

That's all from me for now! I look forward to seeing all of you and your Venturers at Roventure next weekend!

As always, if you have any questions or there is anything you need, I am only an email away!

Yours in Roving,

Elyse Versace.

Regional Commissioner - Rovers

5 General Business

5.1 Reimbursements

5.1.1 BBQ – Kananga

Automatically approved – under \$50

- \$47.97

5.1.2 Chocolates

Automatically approved - under \$20

- \$15

5.2 Dragonskin

- Only a month and a half until dragonskin and the team have been working hard to get everything sorted
- Early bird closes 8th of March
- 7th of March – BBQ fundraiser at Gladesville Bunnings
- Let Emmie know if you are interested in joining pre-week
- Merch
 - Form has been sent out to activity leaders
 - Closes on the 26th of February
 - \$20 tshirts, \$50 hoodies
- Activity bases



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- 18th of February deadline for base name, base blurb, risk assessment items – activity leaders to send information by 16th of February

5.3 Roventure Communication

- Registrations are low for roventure
- Broader roventure discussion to be tabled until a later date
- 12 venturer units, 9 rover units registered – rover and venturer numbers low
- Issues raised
 - Venturers and rovers working
 - Busy time of year – concerns about too many events
 - Weekend sport
 - Founders day on the Sunday
 - Some venturers prefer the weekend camp
 - Lack of understanding of importance – lack of a focus on service
- Working with Aidan to distribute the names of those registered to start making teams this week

5.4 BP Lodge Service Award

Emails sent to unit leaders about the BP Lodge Service Award, region selects two units

- BP Lodge Service Award (focus on community service)
- BP Lodge Encouragement Award (focus on community service)

Unit service

- Epping – blood drives, clean up Australia day, RNS hearts, ANZAC day
- Platabeen – blood drive, ANZAC day, one meal service and hampers
- Asquith – blood drive, relay for life, Asquith carols raffles tickets for women's shelter, rubbish collection at Australia day
- Normanhurst – clean up Australia day, ANZAC day, Hornsby RSL breakfast, relay for life, Berowra night markets and woodshop
- Kananga – ANZAC day, beach clean up, blood drive
- Kissing Point – ANZAC day, relay for life
- Turramurra – Lindfield fun run, ANZAC day
- Yaralla – blood drive, Concord rotary farmers market clean up

Shortlisted units

- Asquith, Normanhurst and Yaralla

Submitted units – as voted on

- Normanhurst and Yaralla – to send blurb to Tamara ASAP



5.5 Warawara Applicant Presentations

- 3 applications for Warawara
 - Lachlan Catto
 - Jacqueline Berthold
 - Aimee Savva and Carina Tucker
- Warawara committee selection
 - RRC Chair, RRC Regional Commissioner Rovers and a RA & UL (not allowed to be from the same unit
 - Harley Brant – UL
 - RA – Tamara to email

5.6 Summer Moot reimbursement + recap

- All expenses are sitting with normanhurst currently
 - Made \$4,875 revenue from moot
 - Normanhurst spent \$2,507.31
 - Surplus \$2,367.69
 - Normanhurst asking for the reimbursement
 - Within budget
- Moot report to be submitted at AGM

Normanhurst asking to be reimbursed \$2,507.31

- 2 units abstaining, all others for

Motion passes

5.7 Bogong Rover Chalet– Henry

- Various weeks available – SNR rovers attending weeks 1,8,9,10
- \$450 for bogong chalet, looking at \$600 including fuel and ski hire
- Recommended that people try to get along
- If not keen on cross country skiing, Mount Baw Baw Rover chalet is a downhill option

5.8 SNR Chair Fees

Proposal for the SNR RRC to pay for the SNR Chair's scouting fees for the year of their role, ongoing reimbursement

To be discussed at AGM

5.9 Nominations for 2026/27 Roles Open

- Chair
 - Nathan Butler for Tom Bury



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- Assistant Chair
 - N/A
- Secretary
 - N/A
- Treasurer
 - N/A
- PR
 - Aimee Savva for Harley Bryant
- Merch
 - Henry Marsden for Aidan Brisebois
 - Siobhan Wilde for Aaron Harmeling
- YLO/VLO
 - Harley Bryant for Aimee Savva
 - Jasmine Small for Jacqueline Berthold
- Social Activities
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- Outdoor Activities
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- Training
 - N/A
- Service
 - Emily Marsden for Aimee Savva
 - Blade Puckeridge for Siobhan Wilde
- SRC Delegates
 - Aimee Savva for Ian Howsam
 - Henry Marsden for Darcey Hawkins
 - Robert Leverton for Luke Leverton
 - Jacqueline Berthold for Max Arens



6 Event Promotion

- 6.1 Prep weekend (Dragon Skin) 28-29th March 2026
- 6.2 Dragon Skin 3-6th April 2026, <https://dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au/>
- 6.3 Scout Hike 1-3rd May 2026,
<https://sydneynorthscouts.com/sections/scouts/scouthike/>
- 6.4 WOW – Way Out West Moot – 31/12/2026 - 10/01/2027, <https://wow27.au/>

7 Closing

7.1 Barra Brui Service

February: Kissing Point

March: MCMK

7.2 BBQ at AGM

Kissing Point for AGM

Yaralla for June RRC

Meeting closed at 21:23

Minutes prepared by	Josephine Butler	25/02/2025
Minutes approved by	Tamara Dudfield	26/02/2025
Minutes distribution date	28/02/2025	

Next meeting SNR RRC AGM 2026, 22nd March

8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix A – SNR Cash Book



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Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2026

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Closing Balance	26847.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	707.62	0.00	27555.47

Summary of Investments

	Month	YTD
Balance B/Fwd	0.00	0.00
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Additional Investment - CB4	0.00	0.00
Interest capitalised	0.00	0.00
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Redeemed - CB3	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	0.00	0.00

Summary of Loans

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Additional Borrowing - CB3	0.00	0.00
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Closing Balance	0.00	0.00

Bank Reconciliation

	Total
Cash Book Balance B/Fwd	27555.47
Add: Receipts for month as per CB3	0.00
Less: Payments for month as per CB4	0.00
Closing Cash Book Balance	27555.47
Add: Unpresented Cheques	
Chq No. Payee	Amount

Less: Outstanding Deposits	0.00	0.00
Date	Amount	
	0.00	0.00
Bank Statement Balance		27555.47

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Treasurer

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8.2 Appendix B – Unit Reports

Unit	Number of current members	Number of new members, off the street	Number of new members, from scouting	Number of booted members	Number of resigned members	Five exciting activities	Service activities	Building relations activities	Two stars (highlights)	One wish (something to improve on)
Asquith	11	0	3	0	0	Canyon course, abseil with vennies, Christmas party, Lego chill, ice blocking	Help vennies	Asquith scout group Christmas party	Christmas trees, moot	More outdoor stuff
Epping	22	0	0	0	0	1. Biking night from carlingford to parramatta and back, 2. a christmas beach night where the unit could catch up in a social setting before the year ended, 3. a kayaking night on parramatta river at dusk, 4. sewing night where we finally made a DIY banner for our unit to use for promotion at events, 5. a visit to cockatoo island where we could explore the buidlings and history	Nil :(Nil	1. Actually using our Epping boatshed for an activity and we have encouragement from our unit to do more paddling activities and interests in being trained to do so. 2. We have had two of the Moocooburra members (Ben and James) participate in more nights and been willing to shadow our members who are running activtieis to be exposed to what is involved.	Really want to focus on increasing service acitivies in the community which would also benefit our relation with other organisations and benefit publicity to Rovers.
Forest	24	3	3	1	0	Christmas Party, Scottish Highland Games, and planning (program,	NA	NA	Lots of productive planning and a great end of year chrissy party	Not enough happened for us to have a wish



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Gordon	22	0	0	2	0	EOY Beach camp, Christmas BBQ party, Kanangra Canyoning, BS Trivia, Barrington Canyoning	Supporting the SNR Rockcraft team at training courses	NA	Lots of engagement from younger crew members, progression for older members regarding AA qualifications	Bring our crew leader Tim Taylor home
Kananga	Idk rn, could be 14, could be less	0	0	0	Could be 3, could be 0	Five is asking too much. End of year chriatmas party, programming night as we had a fire and marshmallows, ice cream and board games night.	Christmas tree sales	Attended a meeting with Harbord vennies and Brookvale/Curl Curl leaders to discuss the future of Harbord vennies	Meeting with Harbord as above. Programming because fire	People doing their mandatories before they expire
Kissing Point	18	0	0	0	0	Tassie road trip (!!), Weekend camp, city night hike (kinda all we did, road trip took up majority of that time frame really).	nil	joint night with venturers	Tassie road trip + inviting our friend from germany along to a couple of our nights & weekend camp away & moot as well	service over chrissy period
MCMK	6	0	0	0	0	We don't have 5 haha, we did a portrait painting night, canoeing night and 2 planning nights	N/A	0	Canoeing was great, and we've planned some really fun activities for the coming months	Attendance
Normanhurst	2	0	2	1	1	Christmas Party, Go-Karting, Moot Planning	Camp K Cleaning for moot	Rover-Venturer camp	Mootamia	Build a good new program for the year
Platabeen	14	1	0	0	0	Christmas Party - angry Santa gift exchange	(We haven't met since then bc of summer break)	Vennies re Roventure	Christmas party , liberty went to kandersteg for international rover week	Nothing



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Turrumurra	9	1	1	1	0	Simon's Booting, Beach nights, supporting a member at his play - bonnie and clyde, christmas party and (re)learning how to light fires.	n/a - donating blood etc were attempted but not successful	Attempted an end of year night with turra vennies, not successful.	Simon's booting - sad but a great weekend away and our christmas party	Improve communications with turra vennies - we've been struggling to get joint nights for the past term
Yaralla	7	0	1	1	0	Kayaking on Parra River, going to cameron's corner, go karting, puzzles & yap, board games	Nil	Nil	We sent a couple of Rovers to Cameron's Corner for new years. Kayaking on parra river	More adventurous activities



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