



# Sydney North Region Rovers

## Annual Report 2025/26





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## 2025/26 Sydney North Region Rover Council Executive Team

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| Chair                                  | Tamara Dudfield (Normanhurst)   |
| Assistant Chair                        | Emily Marsden (Forest)  |
| Secretary                              | Josephine Butler (Platabeen)  |
| Treasurer                              | Nathan Butler (Kananga)   |
| Public Relations                       | Aimee Savva (Epping)  |
| Merchandise                            | Aidan Brisebois (Forest)  |
| Activities Coordinator – Region Events | Joel Tjoa (MCMK)  |
| Activities Co-ordinator – Adventurous  | Henry Marsden (Forest)  |
| Venturer Liaison Officer               | <i>Vacant Position</i>  |
| Youth Liaison Officer                  | <i>Vacant Position</i>  |
| Training Coordinator                   | Sam Marinovich (Kananga)  |
| Service Coordinator                    | Siobhan Wilde (Yaralla)   |
| Sate Rover Council Delegates           | Emma Rogers (Normanhurst)<br>Harley Bryant (Kananga)<br>Max Arens (Platabeen)<br>Tom Bury (Kissing Point) |
| Regional Commissioner – Rovers         | Elyse Versace   |

## Executive Reports



### Chair – Tamara Dudfield

It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding year to be a Sydney North Region Rover. We have remained active, resilient, and highly engaged across events, service, and unit support. We began with strong participation at DragonSkin, where our Rovers delivered eight creative bases on VOC 2 and Normanhurst won Best Activity across DragonSkin. This momentum continued into ScoutHike, where Sleep Point 6—led by Emily—was widely praised. Units also ran major events including MMT, Harbour Cruise,

Claus for a Cause, Mootamia, and Roventure along with all of the other unit activities that were held. These events were all incredibly well run and had great attendance and engagements from both SNR Rovers and Rovers across NSW.

Service remained a core part of our identity. Rovers contributed significantly at Camp Kuring-gai across two weekends of site clearing, and Sydney North won the National Blood Drive, with Epping placing first among all Rover units. We also had a strong presence at ANZAC Day ceremonies across the Region. Units also took initiative completing their own service activities, some of which included creating hearts for the NICU, helping their group complete maintenance around the halls, running joint nights with venturers, and helping out with BBQs and setting up/ running various community events. Normanhurst Rovers and Yaralla Rovers were both nominated for the BP Lodge and received their awards earlier in March.

2025 also saw many of our Rovers being recognised for various awards for their service and commitment to the section and the greater scouting community. Rover Recognition Awards went to Harley, Aaron, Sam, Emily, and Aimee. Epping and Forest received Quality Roving Awards. Harley, Emmie, and Emily received Meritorious Service Awards, and Nick Bassett was awarded the Stan Bales Rover Service Award. At the ROSCARs, Asquith was named Most Improved Unit, Forest Most Outstanding Unit, Sam Most Outstanding Rover, Normanhurst won Best Activity for MMT, and Epping received Best Service for the Royal North Shore Hearts Project.

One of our biggest events this year was World Moot in Portugal with a significant number of SNR members attending this event. It was amazing to look at all the photos and listen to all the stories that everyone came back with. I hope this passion for international events continues and Rovers keep making memories and getting the best out of this incredible movement.



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Operationally, Sydney North Region moved out of Ellis Street Region office and into the Roseville Hub along with relocating our gear to Middle Harbour. We also welcomed our new Region Commissioner, Richard Hughes-Narborough, who has already shown strong engagement with the Rover section.

I have been so incredibly to watch all of the amazing things that SNR has done over the past year and would like to particularly thank my exec team who have all worked tirelessly behind the scenes to continue bettering Rovers for us all. To Emily, Elyse and Josie in particular thank you for the countless phone calls, text messages, emails and time that you have all provided to me over the past year. I am so grateful for everything you guys have done. I wish the upcoming exec team all the best and am looking forward to taking a back seat and watching SNR Rovers continue to thrive.

Yours in Roving

Tamara



Assistant Chair – Emily Marsden

What a year it has been! From start to finish, our Rovers have been busy making the most of everything Roving has to offer. From being involved in running events like DragonSkin and ScoutHike, to enjoying adventurous activities like cross-country skiing, whitewater kayaking and canyoning, and attending social events like Mudbash, MMT, Harbour Cruise, Claus For A Cause and of course a variety of Moots - we truly saw our Rovers do it all.

Of course, we can't reflect on the past year without mentioning World Moot! In July, we saw members from almost every Sydney North Rover Unit attend the 16th World Moot in Portugal. It was incredible to see so many of our Rovers travel halfway across the world to engage in such a fantastic and unforgettable event.

This year has also been a year of new beginnings for some. Late last year we began working towards reforming Brush Park Rovers, welcoming a new wave of young and eager Rovers who have since begun meeting regularly. We have also continued the development of the newly named Moocooburra Unit (previously Lower North Shore Rovers) by linking them with Epping Rovers as a sponsor Unit to support their growth and progression towards being an independent Rover Unit.

Finally, I would like to congratulate to all our outgoing Unit Leaders and Region Executive members - you have all poured so much time, energy and passion into making the 2025/26 scouting year outstanding for those around you. I would also like to thank and congratulate Tamara this year's outgoing Region Chairperson, who has poured countless hours into facilitating and improving Rovers for each and every one of us – you should be incredibly proud of your work this year.

Here's to another Scouting Year done and dusted! I look forward to seeing what 2026/27 brings!

YiR, Emily



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Secretary – Josephine Butler

The 2025/26 season has flown by and it sure was a busy one! I have loved spending the year hearing about all the adventures the Region has embarked on this year whilst also getting to learn more about the Region and how it operates behind the scenes. I will miss my seat up front at RRC with Tamara and Emily!

This was my first year on the executive team and it was great getting to work with a supportive team and others from across the Region. It is my hope that I was able to keep the Region informed throughout the year, hopefully everyone enjoyed my minutes, agendas and formatting! Thank you to all the unit leaders and the executive team for putting up with my emails and helping me by providing information before each and every RRC.

Well done to all on another successful year, I am looking forward to seeing what 2026/27 brings!

YiR,

Josephine



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Treasurer – Nathan Butler

Hi all, what an amazing year it's been!

We kicked the year off strong with both SNR Moot – Mootagascar bringing in a surplus of \$1,956 and Rome-Venture bringing in a surplus of \$1,618, a huge achievement for both events.

Next in the year we paid \$1,000 from our own account into the Warawara Award and received a significant donation of \$20,000 to further increase the fund!

\$1,800 spent was spent on DragonSkin VOC2/ScoutHike SP6 reimbursements for the 30 members who filled in the form and attended both. Note: this does not include the additional fees from payments bouncing from accounts that were sent incorrectly or were unable to accept payments, although we still followed up and made sure to pay into another account where possible.

We covered costs for Nick Buchner's parting gift and booting camp, Gang Show prizes, Kalang Cup, CRAP dinner, all the RRC BBQs and several other smaller miscellaneous expenses through the year.

In total we did have a deficit of \$2,393.08, however this was in part due to a last year's levies being paid this year, making the realistic total deficit only \$770.58. With the additional 25 members the Region has grown by and thus charged for by state in the levies being paid into 2026, I believe this deficit is well within reason, especially considering all the additional causes and events we contributed to this year and was why we kept the RRC levies unchanged from last year.

This year we also introduced the new policy for new Rover units starting up, using the excess funds in the Development Fund. This uses funds that have sat idle for long enough that they could have been transferred to our main account, but the decision was made to use it for the spirit of why it was set aside in the first place, to help a unit get on it's feet and thrive. I look forward to it's use in 2026 with Asquith Rover Unit being the first to receive this grant.

Thank you all for trusting me with the role of SNR Rover Treasurer for this year, it has been an honour and a privilege. I wish everyone all the best and will be happy to see all the new Unit Leaders and Treasurers for my last act as Region Rover Treasurer for the Treasurer's Course next month.

Yours in Rovers,

Nathan Butler

## Formation: Sydney North Rovers

|                                   | CB1 | This Year        | Last Year       |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                     |     |                  |                 |
| Miscellaneous Income              | 4   | 1668.52          | 544.55          |
| Interest Received                 | 5   | 53.28            | 0.00            |
| Special Activities                | 6   | 11706.28         | 1932.00         |
| Registration Fees                 | 7   | 4260.00          | 2728.00         |
| Hall Rent- Regular                | 8   | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Hall Rent- Casual                 | 9   | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Fundraising                       | 10  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| MERCH                             | 11  | 780.20           | 0.00            |
| Joey Scout Mob                    | 14  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Cub Scout Pack                    | 15  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Scout Troop                       | 16  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Venturer Unit                     | 17  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Warawara Award                    | 18  | 20000.00         | 20000           |
| Spare 3                           | 19  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>               |     | <b>38468.28</b>  | <b>25204.55</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                |     |                  |                 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses            | 4   | 1909.26          | 453.97          |
| Bank Charges                      | 5   | 15.90            | 2.50            |
| Special Activities                | 6   | 10414.27         | 4513.09         |
| Registration Fees                 | 7   | 3582.08          | 1661.00         |
| Electricity/Rates/Insurance       | 8   | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Fundraising                       | 9   | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Major Equipment/Building          | 10  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Repairs & Maintenance             | 11  | 3323.28          | 0.00            |
| Leader Costs                      | 18  | 174.60           | 191.62          |
| Joey Scout Mob                    | 14  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Cub Scout Pack                    | 15  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Scout Troop                       | 16  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| Venturer Unit                     | 17  | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| RRC BBQ                           | 19  | 441.97           | 469.27          |
| Warawara Award                    | 20  | 21000.00         | 425.00          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>          |     | <b>40861.36</b>  | <b>7716.45</b>  |
| <b>CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>     |     | <b>(2393.08)</b> | <b>17488.10</b> |
| Interest added to Investments     |     | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| (Interest added to Loans)         |     | 0.00             | 0.00            |
| <b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b> |     | <b>(2393.08)</b> | <b>17488.10</b> |



PR – Aimee Savva

This year, I focused mainly on sharing the amazing opportunities that Rovers have within their reach. Many don't realise just how vast the opportunities span and this can limit development and progression within the Scouting Movement. Through a variety of media, I shared with the Scouting and wider community, just how many things Rovers got up to this year.

Regional Events included things such as Kalang Kup, our inter-unit sports day featuring the sport "chess soccer" this year to challenge our Rovers to play physically and mentally at the same time. Other events included the Region Service Project where Rovers from across the Region performed maintenance tasks on Camp Ku-Ring-Gai, and the Christmas Rover Annual Party/ROSCAR's where we recognised the work of our Region's members through award presentations. Finally, this year saw Sydney North's Summer Moot "Mootamia", A classic annual Rover gathering with games, camping and social activities and Roventure - "Top Gear Special", A more competitive challenge event encouraging Rovers & Venturers to team up.

Rovers supported and performed in the Region's Gangshow, which I used to highlight another side to Scouting in our Social Media's. I worked with those in the cast to create a series of 'trending' videos that were posted across all of our social media and engaged a side of viewers that weren't previously reached by our content. I furthered this more social content by sharing videos and posts about Magical Mystery Tour, Harbour Cruise and Unit outings.

I believe our promotional material still saw a variety of adventure and skills this year including but not limited to abseiling and rock craft, caving, and Independent Adventuring. Many Rovers explored canyoning, climbing, kayaking, 4WDing and more nearly every weekend throughout the year.

General themes that I aimed to present to the public through our content included adventure and outdoor challenges, community and service, social connection and recognition and growth.

I'm proud to say that our content was filled with variety this year and it shows in our engagement.

## TikTok

Performance ⓘ

Reach Engagement Conversions

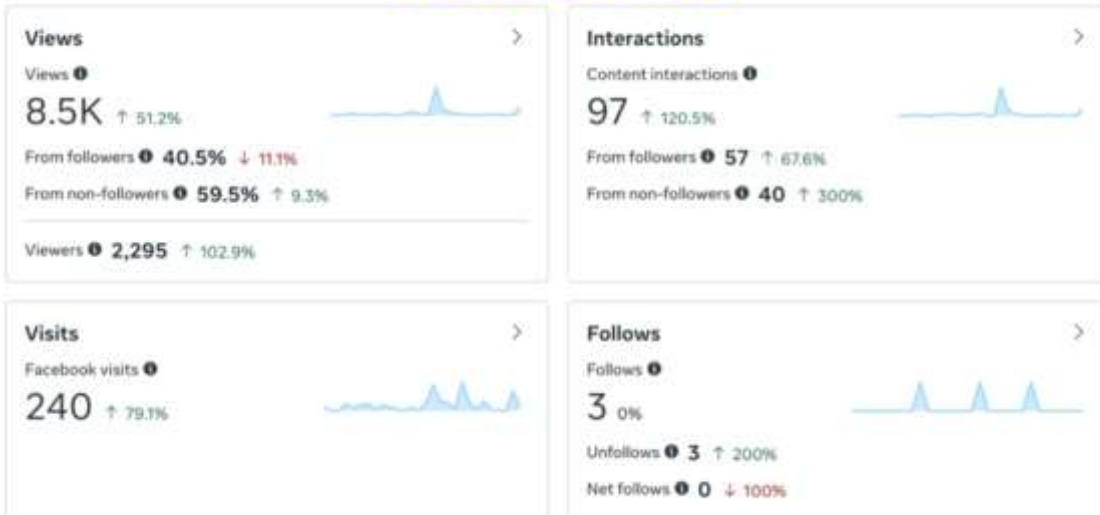
|          |                |
|----------|----------------|
| Likes    | 921<br>+6715%  |
| Comments | 52<br>+173.68% |
| Shares   | 71<br>+787.50% |

Performance ⓘ

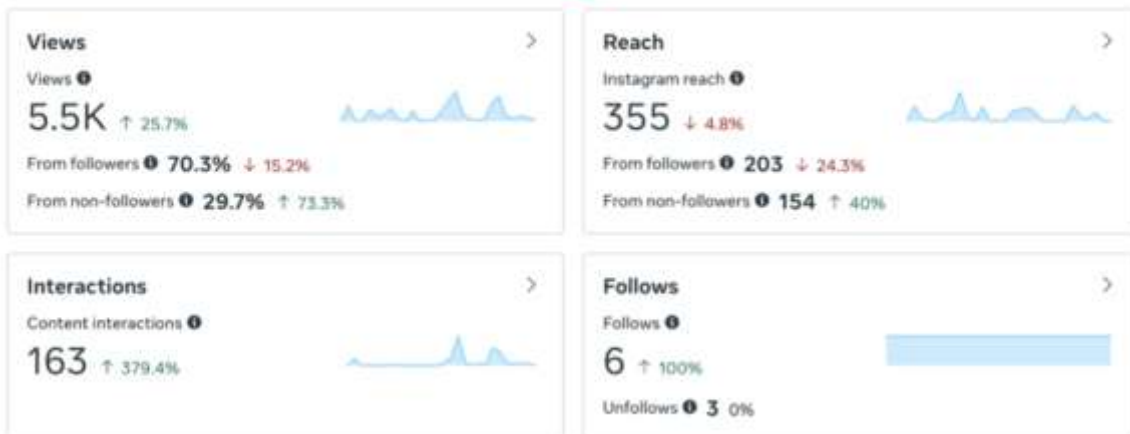
Reach Engagement Conversions

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Video views      | 19,547<br>+30.88% |
| Reached audience | 14,203<br>+12.19% |
| Profile views    | 459<br>+123.90%   |

## Facebook



## Instagram





## Merch – Aidan Brisebois

2025 was an exciting year for merchandise. Lanyards were restocked, the Rover stubby holders and Region hoodies were both newly introduced to stock, and they have been selling well. As the weather cools down now I expect to see sales pick back up a second time for the Region hoodies. On current trajectory these will mostly be sold out in 2-3 years time.

The aforementioned items were my main focus in 2025, and as such sales for our other items have fallen a bit compared to 2024. Additionally, t-shirts and "...dig scarves" stickers are both due for restocking. In terms of sales, 2025 had overall the highest gross income by far in the period I have statistics for (since 2019). Do note that this can majorly be attributed to hoodie sales, our most expensive item.

We now also have a website set up through square where people can browse and purchase merch items, assuming this takes off it should be a very easy and convenient system from both the customer side and the merch co-ordinator side.

I am very keen to see where the SNR merchandise business goes in 2026, and I'm sure it'll continue to be a strong part of the Region.



## Social Activities – Joel Tjoa

2025 was a great year for Sydney North Rovers with almost too many events for one Rover to attend!

As always DragonSkin started off the season with fantastic attendance from all over the state but a special spotlight on Normanhurst who took home the best base award, and to chase that feeling ScoutHike came barreling up next with our Rovers the famous Sleep Point 6 where many scouts were glad to see them (even it was just because it meant they could put their bags down).

This year was also a big year for international events as many Rovers travelled overseas for World Moot in Portugal and now more are gearing up for the upcoming World Jamboree in Poland as helpers.

A big shout out to each unit that worked all so hard to run their individual events such as Turramurra's Harbour Cruise, Normanhurst's MMT, Platabeen's Annual Trivia, and MCMK's Game Show Night.

This year had a big attendance of Rovers at Hornsby Gang Show who all enjoyed themselves (I hope) and whose presence was appreciated greatly by the cast.

Now for some rapid fire: Most recently Normanhurst and Asquith ran their Mootamia at Camp Ku-Ring-Gai which had Kissing Point and Kananga go home with some Moot skins to keep, Kalang Kup had Asquith Rovers take home the massive Kup by playing in the Region's first ever Chess/Soccer tournament, and Top Gear Roventure held by Forest Rovers saw MCMK and Asquith take home 1st place after a great goose chase around Sydney CBD.

To wrap up 2025, CRAP (Christmas Rover Annual Party) was hosted at the Greengate Hotel where many units arrived in their finest wear to step up and receive their ROSCARS. Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Most Outstanding Unit: Forest Rovers
- Most Improved Unit: Asquith Rovers
- Most Outstanding Rover: Sam Marinovich
- Best Service Activity: Epping's NICU Hearts
- Best Activity: Normanhurst's Magical Mystery Tour

The standard for events in this Region has greatly improved and is only getting better! If anything said so far has interested you, make sure you keep an ear out and an eye on the socials for more awesome events to come!



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Thanks to everyone who hosted and participated because its what makes our scouting community go round. Good luck to everyone who hosts in the upcoming year.

Regards,

Joel



## Outdoor Activities – Henry Marsden

Overall, I think that 2025 was a brilliant year for Rovers getting out there and doing activities again that they haven't been able to in recent times! My biggest goal in this position was to increase the amount of adventurous activities that our Region undertakes, and I have seen this in a variety of ways! We have seen a great increase in Rovers at a variety of courses offered by SNR's Rockcraft team from a wide variety of crews. People are getting qualified in a variety of spaces, such as bushwalking, canoeing, and cycling and going on their own adventures within the crew again! Overall, 2025 saw a big increase in people going on adventurous activities this year, and I am quite proud of all of you for getting out there!

I also wanted for every unit to have someone who could answer their questions when they had them, and I believe that I did a good job of answering these questions. Helping units figure out how TP training works, to helping fix risk assessments that have gone awry, I am happy to have been able to help. Even in 2026 and beyond, I am always happy to answer questions within the adventurous activities space. I don't see myself leaving it anytime soon, as I have taken on the SRC Adventurous Activities role for 2026 (and also I love this stuff)

As a reminder, I have made a Rover-based perspective qualifications guide that I distributed to your ULs mid-2025, and I will gladly resend those materials to anyone who asks for them.

I also want to highlight that we are not just doing stuff in the beginner levels, but have a variety of advanced activities that were undertaken this year. Gordon doing Canyoning all over NZ and Australia, and also a variety of Mountaineering as well. Kananga trekking through the tough Walls of Jerusalem hike and Platabeen with Antony's 600km cycle across the Western Front. So many activities that are great examples of what we as Rovers can do when we set our minds to it.

I was so thankful to have the chance to take on this role, and I look forward to seeing what we, as a Region, get up to in 2026! Even with my time in this role almost over, I am so keen to see what happens next in the Adventurous Activities space and would love to help brainstorm or encourage any crazy idea any of you might come up with. As I have said all year round, message me if you have any questions.

YiR,

Henry Marsden, Forest Rovers



## Training – Sam Marinovich

Training continued to be a major success for the Region. This year SNR managed to run 2 Rover Skills Workshop (a workshop designed to help strengthen Rovers on skills they need for the Roving), across 2 different formats, one at Region office, and one at Normanhurst Scout Hall with the support of Normanhurst Rovers. The new format helped bring the workshop to Rovers, allowing for easier access. The success of this workshop will hopefully influence future workshops in their format.

As Training co-ordinator, I was able to join Tamara and Emily as they did their Unit check-ins, to help ensure the current Unit leaders understood the training pathways, both for succession pathways, as well as further training and development opportunities. This helped to ensure that we could make the most of the training system that part of member fees goes towards.

I also this year had the benefit of being EO Training on SRC, and seeing the impact that Sydney North has on the Training space. The new Youth Pathways Scouting Essentials course (which reduces the amount of time spent on the course from 2 days to 4 hours) was trialled this year, and filled by 90% Sydney North Rovers, as well as the last Scouting Management course was mostly Sydney North Rovers (with a few other Group Leaders), showing Sydney North and it's strong face at Training (couldn't be prouder).

Finally, congratulations to all who managed to complete Training this year – whether this was your Certificate of Proficiency, or one of the 3 Woodbadges awarded to SNR Rovers. I wish you all the best with your further training, and will be hopefully seeing you at upcoming courses 😊

Yours in Roving,

Sam



## Service – Siobhan Wilde

We had several community involvement initiatives throughout the 2025-26 year that were particularly successful and demonstrated the Region's strong commitment to the community. One highlight was the Camp Ku-ring-gai Region Service Project, in which members from across the Region came together to help maintain and improve the camp facilities. Participants completed a range of practical tasks that support the ongoing use of the site, while also enjoying the opportunity to work together and connect with Rovers from other units.

The National Blood Drive encouraged eligible members to give back to the wider community. Taking part in the blood drive shows how scouts can contribute to important causes beyond traditional scouting activities and make a meaningful difference through simple acts of service and giving life.

In addition, many individual units carried out their own local service projects throughout the year. These activities supported their communities in various ways and reflected a strong culture of service within scouting. Together, these efforts highlight the positive impact that members across the Region continue to make.

One area that could be improved this year is the number of service opportunities available across the Region. While there were some great initiatives and moments in which members were able to contribute to their communities, there is definitely room to expand the variety and frequency of service opportunities. Service is a core part of the scouting experience, and increasing these opportunities would help members further develop leadership, teamwork, and a strong sense of community responsibility.

Another aspect for improvement is communication and engagement with individual units regarding community involvement projects. In some cases, units were undertaking valuable activities within their own communities, but these were not always communicated to the wider Region for extra support. By reaching out more proactively to units and encouraging them to share their opportunities, the Region could help promote greater collaboration and participation between different groups.

Moving forward, a stronger focus on coordinating community involvement initiatives and maintaining clearer communication channels with units could significantly improve Regional involvement. Encouraging units to report, promote, and invite others to participate in their community projects would not only increase overall participation but also strengthen connections across the scouting community. With a more



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organised approach, the Region could build a culture where service is more visible, accessible, and consistently embedded in the scouting program.

Yours in Roving,

Siobhan Wilde



## Regional Commissioner – Rovers – Elyse Versace

This was my first year in the RC-Rovers role flying solo which was both exciting and terrifying at the same time because I want to make sure I do the best job I can do for you all. I'm not going to lie, even though he wasn't in the ARC - Rovers anymore, Nick Buchner still got a few phone calls from me demonstrating that he is, in fact, not dead and still happy to provide advice and resources when needed!

It always gives me joy to look back on a busy and active year for Sydney North's Rover section. Units have continued to engage in a wide variety of activities from hiking to Everest Base Camp, canyoning and whitewater rafting in New Zealand, caving, camping and everything else in between! It was also fantastic to see such a strong contingent of Sydney North Rovers attend the 16th World Scout Moot in Portugal with the contingent including members from almost every Rover Unit in the Region! Our Rovers continue to not only run amazing activities for themselves but also for others including Turramurra Rovers' Harbour Cruise, Normanhurst Rovers' Magical Mystery Tour, MCMK's Gangshow Trivia Night as well as Kalang Kup and CRAP Region Dinner run by Joel Tjoa from MCMK Rovers.

It was fantastic to see another Rover Unit added to Sydney North Region this year! 1st Asquith Rovers was fully endorsed by the Region Rover Council at last year's Annual General Meeting to form their own Rover Unit after a period of time being sponsored by 2nd Normanhurst Rovers. They have been operating as their own Rover Unit for the last 12 months and have already impressed the Region with their diverse program and by stepping up to co-run the Region Moot! We are excited to see them continue to grow and develop and look forward to hopefully adding more Rover Units in the Region in the future (one in the Lower North Shore would be nice...!)

The Region Moot this year, titled 'Mootamia' was well attended and enjoyed by Rovers across NSW. The traditional Moot structure was shaken up this year, such as by adding live music to the event instead of a DJ, with the changes well received by the attendees. Congratulations to 2nd Normanhurst and the newly formed 1st Asquith for running a successful event! We also saw Roventure return to a one-day scavenger hunt titled 'Roventure - Top Gear Edition' with many Rovers and Venturer teams participating in car-themed activities. Congratulations to Forest Rover Unit for running a fun and exciting event that was much enjoyed by those who attended!

We continue to be proud of Sydney North Rovers' engagement in training. This year has seen more Rovers completing their Program Support Leadership training with 100% of



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our Rover Unit Leaders holding the Responsible appointment for their Units and embodying the 'Youth Led, Adult Supported' ideal of Scouts. Sydney North Rovers are also taking steps to better prepare themselves as Rovers and Unit Leaders by continuing to run their Rover Skills Workshop and Treasurer's Course which are being attended by Rovers and Rover Advisers from other Regions! We have also had several Rovers complete their Scouting Leadership course this year with congratulations going to Sam Marinovich from Kananga Rovers and Patrick Dunstan from Kissing Point Rovers for receiving their Wood Badge! I look forward to more Wood Badges being awarded to SNR Rovers in the coming year.

Service to the Scouting and wider community continued to play an important part in Rovering in Sydney North with our Rovers giving their support to ANZAC Day, DragonSkin, ScoutHike, grounds maintenance at both Barra Brui Activities Hall and Camp Ku-Ring-Gai and a notable contribution to the National Rover Blood Drive, with 1st Epping Rovers having the highest number of members sign up as new donors! Forest Rover Unit also raised \$1000 for The National Centre for Childhood Grief with their annual event, Claus for a Cause. We were proud to have several of our members receive Adult Recognition Awards for their contribution to wider Scouting with Emily Marsden (Forest Rovers) and Harley Bryant (Kananga Rovers) receiving Special Service Awards and two of our Rover Advisers, Colin Turner (Collaroy Plateau/Narrabeen Rovers) and David Bury (Asquith Rovers) receiving the Silver Emu and Silver Wattle respectively.

Sydney North Rovers dominated the Rover Recognition Awards this year with Emily Marsden and Aaron Kew from Forest Rovers, Harley Bryant and Sam Marinovich from Kananga Rovers and Aimee Savva from 1st Epping Rovers receiving Rover Recognition Awards while Kananga and 1st Epping Rover Units receiving Quality Rovering Awards. Congratulations as well to Nick Bassett (formerly 2nd Nomanhurst Rovers) on receiving the Stan Bales Rover Service Award Sophie Carter from 2nd Gordon Rovers on the achievement of the Baden-Powell Scout Award, both are incredible achievements!

This year also saw us formally thank and farewell Nick Buchner, who had previously held the Regional Commissioner - Rovers and then the Assistant Regional Commissioner - Rovers role for a total of 33 years. We celebrated in the classic Rover way, with a 'Booting' and it was lovely to see and hear from many generations of Rovers that Nick had helped and supported over his years in the role.

As we look forward to the 2025/26 year, I 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 appreciated. I would like to also acknowledge the hard work of Tamara Dudfield, our RRC Chair, who has not only led the team fantastically



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over the last 12 months but was also the co-chief of the Region Moot. Tamara was a kind and supportive RRC Chair to work with and I look forward to continuing to work with her in her role as an Under 30s member of the Region Executive Committee. I would also like to wish the new Region Rover Council Executive Team all the best in their new roles!

It continues to be an absolute honour and pleasure supporting the amazing Rovers of Sydney North Region and I look forward to hopefully continuing to support and watch you all as you achieve your goals and get the most out of your time in Rovers.

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

Yours in Roving,

Elyse Versace.

## Rover Unit Reports

### Asquith Rovers

*Unit Leader: Will Bury*

Being the first year for Asquith we faced many excitements, many trails and most importantly many firsts. Our weekly nights encompass a wide range of activities from the adventurous to the creative to deciding what kind of unit we want to be. Starting the year we tagged along to the sea caving day where we were able to invest our first ever Rovers, a massive milestone for us.



Continuing the year we began planning for moot, cleaning up the rubbish by the hall, playing DND and an even wider variety of weird and wonderful activities. Before supporting Max and Georgia as they play and perform in Gangshow. Heading towards the middle of the year we joined Normos ski weekend as a try before we buy before a week long ski trip planned for 2026. This weekend provided an opportunity for some of us to completely learn from scratch and others practice their teaching skills.

Heading into September we had a chance to send a team to MMT, and October presented an opportunity for us to send a team to compete and win Kalang Kup (thanks to a very helpful sporting choice). Our schedule continued to keep us busy with us winning the ROSCAR for most improved Unit and the start of the new year presented opportunities to dive (almost literally thanks to the rain) into canyoning completing Serendipity Canyon as well as sending a car load down to Victoria for Surf Moot ending



our scouting year by co-running Mootamia with normo.

Our 2026 goal is to better connect to both our local vennie units as well as fellow Rovers, as well as get out and explore the wonderful world around us. This year laid a fantastic framework for this and as we become the unit we want to be and while it came with many growing pains it also came with many triumphs and we were excited to see what the rest of 2026 has to bring, with that being said we thank everyone for their faith and support as we continue to grow.



Collaroy Plateau / Narrabeen (Platabeen) Rovers

*Unit Leader: Liberty Davis*

The 2025/2026 term has, in my opinion, been one of the most memorable chapters for Platabeen to date. We had many wins, a few challenges, but countless moments of laughter and camaraderie.

We filled our calendar with a mix of hall nights and local activities, from go-karting at Eastern Creek with the Hasbeens to our annual stingy iron chef competition. Fishing trips, night hikes, a progressive dinner, tennis matches, and joint nights with Forabeen and other sections were a few other highlights throughout the year.



When easter rolled around, some members were hard at work on Base 203 with Kananga for DragonSkin, while the rest of us travelled north for a weekend of hiking through the Tomaree National Park. Both amazing weekends.

Our year also included several annual events, including ScoutHike, MMT (where we came home with best dressed), Roventure and Summer Moot, just to name a few.

But this recap wouldn't be complete without acknowledging the international adventures that made this year truly exceptional. Anto took on a journey cycling more than 600 kilometres over two weeks across the Western Front in France, supported by the Dick and Pip Smith Leadership Through Adventure Fund. His passion for the history of the Great War made the experience deeply meaningful and inspiring to us all.

Meanwhile, ten members of the unit travelled all the way to Portugal for the World Scout Moot. From canyoning to surfing, island hopping to hiking, we all immersed ourselves



in Portuguese culture while forming friendships with Scouts from all over the world. It was a trip none of us will forget - definitely iconic in every sense.

I was also fortunate to spend some time in Switzerland at Kandersteg for the International Rover Week Winter Edition. Alongside Rovers from more than 23 countries, I experienced the Permanent Mini Jamboree, took part in winter activities like sledding and hiking, and of course enjoyed plenty of cheese fondue in the stunning Swiss Alps.

But as with all great years, we experienced change. We said goodbye to three prominent members-Callum, Anto, and Nell lost to the boot. Goodbye! At the same time, we welcomed a few new members, from Vennies and others who joined “off the streets”.

From Christmas tree sales in Avalon to our volunteering with One Meal, the unit has also consistently shown up for our community. We also took part in ANZAC Day parades and the dawn service and continued helping with mowing for RRC as well as other local projects.



Looking back, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities this year has brought, not just through Scouting overall but in the privilege of being Crew Leader of Platabeen. The role has challenged me, inspired me, and allowed me to witness firsthand the personal growth of every member in the unit. I couldn't be

prouder to lead such an enthusiastic, kind, and adventurous group.

Thank you to everyone in the unit, the exec, and to Jacqueline, who have stood by me.

Overall, it has been a remarkable year for Platabeen, filled with achievements and memories that will stay with us for years to come.

Bring on 2026/27 - we're more than ready!!!

## Epping Rovers

*Unit Leader: Ian Howsam*

Epping had a 'chock a block' year, full of activities, social events and fundraising. We're slowly growing up and I think this year is the first we can say that we're no longer a 'relatively young' unit. We've had strong participation within our week to week program, as well as other weekend and joint nights.



We started the year off strong with huge attendance at DragonSkin, with the majority of the unit attending, and a group blood donation with some of our friends in South Met. We also had blast at ScoutHike, with our unit running a base with some of our East Ryde venturers, and others helping out on sleep point.



As always we ran a jam packed, diverse program throughout the year with nights such as stop motion movie making, science night, hydroponics, rock climbing, cooking challenges and our end of year beach night, just to name a few. We also had lots of joint nights with our venturers, including a wide game/scavenger hunt at a cemetery, ice blocking, construction and a water activities night.

We ran and attended many community and service activities like ANZAC day, clean up Australia Day and Region service, as well as making sewn hearts to donate to the NICU at RNSH. We also ran 2 blood drives with lots of first time donors pulling up their sleeves.

Like most of the Region, we had a strong attendance to the world moot in Portugal, with 6 unit members attending. On top of that a few of them also spent time travelling around Europe before the moot itself, immersing themselves in local traditions and customs. Post world moot blues hit me pretty hard, but, no rest for the wicked, as we went straight back into the swing of things, organising multiple fundraisers, gaining the unit over well over \$3000, most of which will go to supporting unit members wanting to attend the next national moot in WA.



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We finished the scouting year strong with 3 patrols attending roventure, something that I am very proud of. Keeping strong relations with feeder venturer units is a tough task, and I think our strong turnout to this event was testament to our VLOs and their tireless efforts over the last year.

It's been an honour to lead this unit over the last year. I'm very proud of everyone's efforts, and look forward to what the next year holds for all of us.



## Forest Rovers

*Unit Leader: Emily Marsden*

Over the past year, Forest truly threw ourselves into everything Roving has to offer.

We started the year strong by throwing the full force of our Unit behind VOC 2's night activities and theming role at DragonSkin. With Henry Marsden's vertical qualifications behind us, we were able to reintroduce rope activities to the VOC, including crate staking and sock wrestling – both of which were very popular amongst the Venturers!



Shortly after DragonSkin, the Unit attended Sleep Point 6 at ScoutHike. Our members took on a variety of roles including Sleep Point Leader, Admin, Sites and Services, Courier, First Aid, Base Leader and Activity Staff. As the Sleep Point leader myself, I am incredibly proud of the work of all Rovers involved. Every year I am incredibly grateful to



Forest who always rally behind this event and help me bring it to life!

Throughout the year we attended quite a selection of NSW run events including: Mootagascar, RomeVenture, Bush Dance, MMT, Harbour Cruise, Grey's Anatamoot and most recently Mootamia! We even had Rovers attending both Mudbash and SurfMoot in Victoria!

At Mudbash, the Forest and Platabeen rally car "Team Unfairlane" took to the track once again, as always, it's fantastic to go along and cheer on our very own team racing!

In July, we saw nine members of our Unit members travelled to Portugal for the 16th World Moot! This was an incredible experience for everyone, getting to explore Portugal with new and old friends while experiencing the best of international Scouting!



2025 was also the year of Forest getting outdoors, trying new activities and

working towards qualifications! We had Henry Marsden head down to Bogong Rover Challet to give cross-country skiing a crack, Lachlan Catto attend the Summer Adventure School getting to experience whitewater kayaking, and we enjoyed a 4WDing Unit Camp exploring the Bridle Track – with many more adventures happening in between!



We wrapped up the year with Forest's Claus for a Claus. We had yet another successful event, both a great end of year celebration and an amazing \$1000 raised for The National Centre for Childhood Grief. I would like to thank Lochie Brisebois, Rhyse



Williams and Henry Marsden for all the hard work you put into making the event come to life! I can't wait to see what we can do this year (save the date - 4th of December!).

Finally, our crew was thrilled to be presented with a Quality Roving Award and have Aaron Kew and I receive Rover Recognition Awards. We are very appreciative for the Crews nomination and incredibly proud of our Rovers who were for their contributions to Scouting!

I am looking forward to seeing what Forest gets up to in 2026 – bring it on!

## Gordon Rovers

*Unit Leader: Tim Taylor*

This year (my year as crew leader, not calendar.. I don't use a calendar) we spent a lot of time outside, 1 out of every 5 weekends spent outside just with Rovers. We covered our usual, Canyoning and canyoning with a side of canyoning. We also tried out mountaineering with Milly's intro to mountaineering course, spent lots of time down at the snow and did a fair bit of climbing.



We had a large investiture ceremony over the Easter long weekend, which brought a few new faces into the crew, unfortunately most of these new members are studying in different states or countries.



We also had some rather non gordon-esk service events, and we actually did a service event sorta. We ran a Christmas in July event as service for the crew in exchange for crew money, couldn't be us if there wasn't devious crew gain. There was a lot of planning for that event to make it run smoothly, so thanks to everyone who helped.

Unfortunately this year, we have seen a decrease in commitment to Rovers and many people (myself included) are not posting or responding to crew posts for Tuesday nights. It's really frustrating for the people planning the nights to have an unknown number of people show up, especially if it relies on certain numbers. We also need to make sure attendance on programming nights has maximum attendance or group application as this last session of events has had poor attendance and I have personally had to run the past 4 events and remind people to post. Tuesday night planning is important to Rovers and the unit enjoyment as it's much harder to make a boring night fun if you don't actually want to do it. We need to up our game on this. We have also been repeating nights a bit over the past months so we need some new inspiration or ideas in the crew. However, the crew continues to maintain high attendance to weekend activities which still makes me feel like the crew is running strong.





Finally on a good but sad note, we have had 2 bootings in the past 3 weeks for Sophie and Ben where we had water activities for both weekends, a weekend where we controlled the action down in Jamberoo and a cheeky Macquarie Pass trip for sophies booting and a casual flat water canoeing weekend. You just had to be there to see the flotilla, just kidding Ben Mac has a photo of it. 2025 was a

successful year overall, still have to oil the cogs to keep it moving; lets get keen for a great 2026.

## Major activities

- Easter Canyoning and climbing
- Mountaineering weekend
- Cross country ski weekend
- Christmas in July fundraiser
- Beginner overnight cross country ski trip
- Dry canyoning weekend
- Victoria white water kayaking trip
- Outdoor climbing
- End of year camp
- New Zealand mountaineering course
- Sophie's booting
- Ben's booting



## Kananga Rovers

*Unit Leader: Harley Bryant*

This year saw Kananga stepping out of their comfort zone. Our year started with three members of Kananga joining the Sydney North Regional Rover Council Executive team. Nathan as Treasurer, Sam as returning Training officer and Harley as a State Rover Council Delegate. Sam also took a position on the State Rover Council as the Executive Officer Training.



We continued on with a successful run at DragonSkin and ScoutHike. Our DragonSkin base won the Venturer Choice award with the theme of Ducks and Dragons. ScoutHike saw us bring seven Venturer Scouts from two different units to assist us in running the base there.



The unit all went to four different barbecues to support our member Emma in her journey to World Moot, the only Kananga Rover to go. Her time away saw her strengthen her international connections and she will now be attending the New Zealand moot to further that.

Sam journeyed to the Bogong Rover Chalet, continuing in our ex-Rover advisers footsteps. He enjoyed learning how to cross country ski and visiting the huts.

We also saw Harley join the ranks of Hornsby Gang Show, performing with them for the 2025 season. This also led to us gaining a new unit member, Hunter, who found a new passion for Roving with Kananga.

A lot of our service efforts were put towards events on a District level. We had members attend three open nights to assist in running games for the younger sections and visitors. A group went to the Garigal District orienteering day.

December had a lot of highlights. The Christmas Rover Annual Party saw Sam win Most Outstanding Rover. Members attended Claus for a Cause and we also participated in our home halls annual Christmas tree sale.

Moving into 2026, members enjoyed sailing with Bayview, one of our biggest Venturer groups, beach nights to make the most of the sun and learning that the size of the container does determine how easy it is to keep a fire alight. Harley attended the National Rover Council Conference as the incoming NRC Delegate. We also won a moot! Winning Normanhurst and Asquith's Mootamia was a great way to start the year off.



Over this past year, we have had some troubles but I am very proud of how Kananga has pushed through. We are stronger than ever and I look forward to seeing what our returning Unit Leader Sam does with his power. I wish him and the incoming executive all the best.

Yours in Roving,

Harley

## Kissing Point Rovers

*Unit Leader: Tom Bury*

2025/26 has been a wild year for Kisso, getting out and looking beyond the horizon at every opportunity possible. We've done it all this year, from getting creative and constructive, to getting our hands dirty and going on more adventurous activities. These activities have been bumpy rides, but we have had each other backs along the journey.

This year, Kissing Point had some incredible achievements and had members up-skill themselves which should be highlighted. We were proud to award two new Wood Badge awardees (even if they only had a few months left with us) in 2025. Congratulations to our now former members Patrick Dunstan and Robert Sewell who were both awarded their Wood Badges! This is a huge achievement, and while these two members were booted from our Unit in 2025, I'm sure they will use their advanced leadership skills to help in their new areas of responsibility in the Scouting Movement. On the topic of these members getting booted, along with Patrick and Robert, I'd also like to personally thank Azaad Sadiq and Matthew 'Grimace' Hosemans for their commitment and service to our Unit. These members were also booted from Kissing Point in 2025, and we wish them all the best for their next adventures. We also had Brianna Morcom complete her Certificate of Proficiency, which is a massive achievement. I congratulate Brianna and look forward to her guiding the Unit in the years to come. We were also proud to receive the Ian Jenkins Encouragement Award at the B-P Lodge Service Awards dinner!



From Moots to MMT, DragonSkin and Harbour Cruise, Kisso had representation to pretty much every event on the Scouting and Rover calendar this year. And of course our members once again participating in Hornsby Gang Show, which as always has many Kisso members involved both on and off stage. DragonSkin is always the highlight of the year, and Kisso once again had high

participation with running an activity base, to helping out on VOC 2 with Sites and Services, Security, and Comms.

World Moot was a huge highlight in 2025 and had 7 members attend the event in Portugal. From the beaches and wilderness in Porto to exploring the city in Lisbon, our members had an incredible time. Another highlight of the year was our Summer Road Trip down to Tasmania. Some members explored



the local streets, while a group went on hike to explore the mountains and bushland that Tasmania has to offer. Another incredible event that brought the Unit together, where members had the chance to connect, challenge themselves, and create lasting memories. Events like these are what make the Rover program so special, providing opportunities for adventure, friendship, and experiences that stay with us long after the event is over.



Kisso has also once again provided members to help out with Anzac Day events, and blood drives. Community Involvement and Service is definitely something we can improve on though, identifying opportunities to go out into the community and do our part.

The dynamic of Kissing Point has changed over the past few years. Just after the Covid lockdowns, we would be lucky to have 6 people registered with us. Now? We have closer to 15-20 members. Kissing Point is growing and evolving and watching the newer and younger members develop in their own personal ways, push themselves in new challenge areas and overcome difficulties is inspiring to watch.

We wish everyone the very best for the coming year and while not knowing what the rest of 2026 has in store for us, we will continue to uphold what Roving means to us and keep on doing what we do best.

Yours In Roving

Tom

Mount Colah / Mount Kuring-gai (MCMK) Rovers

*Unit Leader: Andre Lamb*

We once again kicked off our year with a booting, with our long-time member and crew leader Kellie Chilvers aging out at the lovely Glenrock scout camp. We also saw off 3 more long time members, with one leaving to focus time on their life, and the other two, Georgia Muxlow and Jeremy Herbert, having a joint booting up at a farm.



While our numbers started off low, we continued to have many high quality and exciting nights, with our trend of unusual and creative ideas continuing on from last year. We learned the inner workings of different poetic styles, choreographed 3 intense fight sequences, I, Andre Lamb, took our crew through a number of challenges as the Taskmaster, each created strange games based on dinosaurs, studied how Feng Shui could

improve our rooms and den, and improved our conversational skills whilst learning to knit and crochet, amongst many other exciting things.

We enjoyed several joint nights, such as cake decorating with Kisso and Teppanyaki with Epping, which we also used to say goodbye to Jeremy, and invest Bee. We also held our first fundraiser in a long time, MCMK's Game of Game Shows, a trivia style event which sported many rounds that each followed a different gameshow's format.



The event was very successful, and we plan to upscale it and continue running it annually, so we hope to see you there in 2026!

We attended a few events this year, such as Normo's MMT, where we invaded bases as a Trojan horse, Joel's Kalang Kup, where we lost the glorious kup by a landslide, Turramurra's Harbor Cruise, which was a wonderful time as expected, DragonSkin, where we joined a Pokémon base to help out, and Forest's Roventure, where we surprisingly won by an incredibly wide margin! As usual, our crew was heavily involved in Hornsby Gangshow, with each member playing an important role on or behind the stage.



We ran many joint nights with our Venturers this year on top of Roventure, including mini golf, Blind/Mute/Deaf cooking, bouldering, pumpkin carving and rocket making. We hope to continue seeing our Vennies in 2026 and keep them keen to join us once they are old enough. We also ran a big Minute to Win it night with our Scouts, which was a lot of chaotic fun. Additionally, we donated some blood and attended the ANZAC dawn service, though we plan to include more service in the coming year.

While we are still struggling with numbers, we've started off the year with 3 potential new members and are standing strong. We look forward to what 2026 can bring us!



Normanhurst Rovers

*Unit Leader: Nathan Carey*



*Photo 1: New Unit Council, fresh perspective, Normo is ready to take on 2025!*

We have officially come to the end of the scouting year, and what a year it has been! We started the year with 25 members on the books and have finished with 24.

Considering we've had 4 members booted, and 5 Asquith members leaving to start a new Rover Unit, this is a very good outcome. We invested Lucy, Alyssa, Annaliese, Leo, AJ and Eloise this year and have a few more in the works. I also had the privilege of

investing Will as the first member of the newly formed 1<sup>st</sup> Asquith Rover Unit. We have also been asked to sponsor the up and coming Brush Park Rover Unit, who should be up and running within the next 12 months. I'm looking forward to setting a great example for what Roving is about for our new SNR friends.

We started Our year strong at DragonSkin, with our two bases being the most awarded bases on VOC2, taking best base on VOC, the Cobwebs and blindfolds award, and being awarded the best base overall on Skin. Around the middle of the year, we approved the start-up of our Motorsports project patrol and acquired a car that we hopefully will be taking to Mud Bash this year. The group has been very proactive and has been on the front foot with fundraising for the car.



*Photo 2: The snow was the only thing frigid here, Normo had an amazing time at the snow we also welcomed Leo and AJ*

We had a number of our members participate in Hornsby Gang Show, with Sam performing in his last show as a cast member. For the first time in several years, we had a big Unit trip. Nineteen of us, plus Asquith made the 6-hour drive down to Jindabyne for a weekend of cross-country skiing led by Andrew and Emma. It was so pleasing to see that so many people attended the weekend, given how much planning and organisation went into the weekend. This sort of attendance makes the planning and time before hand worthwhile for everyone – keep it up!

With September came our annual Magical Mystery Tour. This year was “Horrible MMT”. In the face of a couple of challenges, and the usual hiccups along the way, we pulled off



*Photo 3: Normo enjoying the familiar backdrop after another successful MMT*

the largest MMT to date with over 210 attendees. This also made it the largest event run within Rovers NSW this year (as it has been for the past 3 years). The feedback this year was positive, and it was nice to come back to a familiar end point! All this effort resulted in us receiving the best activity award at the SNR Christmas Region Annual Party's ROSCAR awards, another win by Normo Rovers.

Fundraising and service have played a huge roll in our program this year. We saw a record number of fundraising activities this year, thank you to Luke for organising these. We also attended and helped organise the Berowra Christmas Night Markets, and the Berowra Wood Chop. Thank you to Jack, Lucy, Luke and co. for coordinating these events. And a special thank you to Apex Club Berowra for donating close to \$2000 to the unit throughout



*Photo 4: Running the Berowra christmas night markets to raise money for the black dog institute.*

the year. From one service organisation to another seeing the willingness to contribute to society is something special. We also participated in several community and service activities, attending ANZAC dawn service both in Hornsby and in the city, raised over \$1000 for the black dog institute through organising the Berowra Christmas night markets and got a lot of community exposure through the Berowra woodchop. Within the movement we also volunteered our service hours: We finished off the painting of the



*Photo 5: the coveted ANZAC day sea cave tradition welcomed Ahysa to the unit*

scout dens and clearing out the back of the hall for the group, preparing the side wall for painting as part of our crusade against vandalism of the scout hall. On top of this we have also helped out with the SNR Camp Kuring-Gai service project. Overall, our efforts in service have not gone unrecognised, having been nominated for and winning a Rover Service award at the Freemason's BP lodge dinner.



*Photo 6: The winner takes it all! An amazing effort by Normo and Asquith in running MOOTAMIA!*

The end of the scouting year culminated in the running of Sydney North Region's Summer Moot "MOOTAMIA!". Both Normo and Asquith banded together to organise the event, with Tamara and Will as our joint Moot Chiefs. The Moot core team worked hard over the past 9 months, with a lot of workshoping in January to get all the loose ends tied up. The result, we had ~140 people attend the moot, and the feedback was glowing!

The live music was an absolute hit, and it seems that we have set the bar for what can be done for entertainment at these sorts of events. Catering and activities went off with minimal disruptions, and I think we as a unit were able to enjoy the event as much as the participants! All round moot was a huge success, and I congratulate Tamara, Will and their team on the delivery of an excellent moot this year.

Some words of thanks are in order. Firstly, I would like to thank Dean Bassett, Musette Healy, Alan Draper and Suzanne Leverton as well as all the section leaders from Normanhurst Scout Group for their continued support and for their hospitality, providing a great home to 2<sup>nd</sup> Normanhurst Rover Unit. A special thanks to Liz Petts, our fabulous Rover Advisor for her dedication to the unit, helping us get out and have fun, while also being willing to support us as a unit and as individual. To all of our Unit Council members: Emma, Jack, Liam, Luke, Lucy, Selin, Sam and Meg, who have all gone above and beyond in their roles. They should all be proud of their achievements this year, and for allowing Normo to deliver an awesome program! Finally, we appreciate the time and effort of Sydney North Region Rover Council for all the time and energy they have dedicated to supporting good Roving. Tamara, Emily Elyse and the team have gone above and beyond in giving us opportunities and making our Rover experience better and have advocated for Rover Scouts in every aspect. Thanks everyone for an amazing year, and we look forward to seeing what Rovers get up to in the future!

Yours in Roving,

Nathan

*Unit Leader – 2<sup>nd</sup> Normanhurst Rover Unit*

## Turrumurra Rovers

*Unit Leader: Sittath (Patrick) Kasemrungchaikit*

What a year it has been! Once again, Turrumurra Rovers has increased membership from last year from 6 to now 9! We've had many exciting activities such as caving and canyoning. There were many memorable weekly Tuesday nights such as Car-dines, Night hikes, and make-your-own dumplings! In addition, we've had many more weekends away whether it be moots, outdoor activities, or just us camping by ourselves! Our unit also had a presence at two international events with Simon going to NZ Moot and Patrick/Simon going to World Scout Moot in Portugal!



We have continued to foster connection with the new 1st Turrumurra Venturers, and a recent addition, 1st Tambourine Bay. We also have connections with the girl guides at Hornsby as well as the olaves at Baulkham Hills. Many of us are now aiming to be more proficient and gain qualifications in rock craft and other various outdoor activities! Our Den has also been well cleaned and many of our gear is

now accounted for since the flood 4 years ago.

This year, we did have to boot a beloved member of our unit, Simon, whose service to Turrumurra Rovers was greatly appreciated! We also helped to run the ANZAC Service at Turrumurra Memorial park this year once again. Our presence in Region activities has been quite steady with many of us attending Region moot as well as Kalang Kup (Runners up again).

Harbour cruise (Neon theme) was also successfully ran





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this year with it being one of the greatest yet! Many thanks to those who made the event unforgettable!

The future is in our hands!

## Yaralla Rovers

*Unit Leader: Emmie Ertainin / Toby Luck*

### Overview

What a year for Yaralla. Between axe-throwing, international scouting, road trips to the back of beyond, and keeping the weekly meeting calendar alive and kicking, 2024–2025 has been one to remember. We farewelled Emmie during the year, and we welcome Jye and Aaron, who've already hit the ground running. The unit's spirit remains strong, and there's genuine excitement heading into the year ahead.

### Membership Update

Emmie departed the unit this year. On the other side of the ledger, Jye and Aaron joined Yaralla — a brilliant addition to the crew. Emilia has been an anchor throughout the year, leading business meetings and programming nights. Lily led Origami, Climbing, and assisted across a wide range of activities. Cameron fronted Amateur Radio night, and Miia brought creativity to Puzzle n' Yap.



### Year in Review

#### World Moot — Portugal

The standout event of the year was the World Moot in Portugal (21 July – 10 August), with most of the unit making the trip. Held once a decade, World Moot brought together Rover Scouts from across the globe for an unforgettable experience. To fund the trip, the unit ran two fundraising stalls at the Concord Farmers Markets — a genuine team effort.



#### Cameron's Corner — New Year's

Miia and Siobhan rang in the new year at Cameron's Corner — the remote tri-state junction of NSW, Queensland and South Australia. A proper adventure to close out the calendar year.



## Camps & Major Events

ScoutHike 2025 ('Pick Your Playlist') took the crew to the Southern Highlands for a long weekend. Bushdance Camp at Camp Minnamurra was a joint event with Golden West, and Mudbash at Mafeking Rover Park in June was as muddy as advertised.

## Joint Activities & Weekly Meetings

The unit punched well above its weight on the activity front. Joint highlights included Kiss My Axe with Kananga, Ice Skating with Brush Park, Climbing, and Flip Out with the Yaralla Joeys. Weekly meetings ranged from Trivia at The Alcott and Board Games, to Origami, Amateur Radio, and a Programming Night — covering creative, outdoor, and personal growth challenge areas throughout the year.

## Looking Ahead

With new members, strong leadership, and a full calendar in the works, Yaralla is well placed for another big year. Great year — keen for another great one!

