



## Sydney North Region Rover Council Annual General Meeting Minutes

For meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2026 at 2nd Gordon Scout Hall, 32C Rosedale Road, Gordon.

### 1 Opening

#### 1.1 Opening Ceremony

#### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

I'd like to start by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land we meet on today, which is the Darug people and pay my respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.

#### 1.3 Attendance

<b>Asquith</b> Robert Leverton, Luke Leverton	<b>Epping</b> Ben Butcher, Jonathan Dellagiacoma, Aimee Savva (SNR PR), Emma Forbes, Jessie Ye, Jake Hordwick
<b>Forest</b> Daniel Quiggin, Xavier Macdonald, Henry Marsden (SNR Outdoor Activities), Emily Marsden (SNR Assistant Chair), Aidan Brisebois (SNR Merch), Heather Rooney, Toby Ley, Lochie Brisebois, Darcey Hawkins	<b>Gordon</b> Alex Duck
<b>Kananga</b> Nathan Butler (SNR Treasurer), Sam Marinovich (SNR Training), Harley Bryant (SNR SRC Delegate)	<b>Kissing Point</b> Tom Bury (SNR SRC Delegate), Nick Cappetta, Rach Hosemans, EJ Reeve
<b>MCMK</b> Joel Tjoa, Sarah Munro-Kelly	<b>Normanhurst</b> Nathan Carey, Blade Puckeridge, Annaliese Healey, Eloise Smith, Emma Rodgers, Liz Petts
<b>Platabeen</b> Josephine Butler (SNR Secretary), Jacqueline Berthold, Max Arens (SNR SRC Delegate), Hamish Reavie	<b>Turramurra</b> Sittath "Patrick" Kasemrungchaikit, Mitchell Barker
<b>Yaralla</b> Siobhan Wilde (SNR Service), Aaron Harmeling, Lily-Rose Kraatzwest	<b>RC-R</b> Elyse Versace
<b>Special Guests</b>	



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- Alison Maynard – State Commissioner, Rover Support
- Charles Turner - Deputy Region Commissioner
- Leigh Jonassen – State Rover Council Chair (online)
- Liam Painter – Region Commissioner, Venturers
- Malcom Yates – Warawara Trustee
- Mitchell Rath – Regional Commissioner Scouts
- Nathan Shelton – Region Commissioner, Cubs
- Nick Buchner – Regional Commissioner Communications and Marketing, Warawara Trustee
- Own Simpson – Brush Park Rovers
- Pete Dean – 1<sup>st</sup> Bayview
- Phil Donald - Deputy Region Commissioner
- Robert Rodgers – District Commissioner, Benowie
- Tom Miles – District Commissioner, Garigal

## 1.4 Apologies

Faye Bowers - Regional Commissioner Member Support

Lauren Dadd – Warawara Trustee

Lloyd Nurthern – Chief Commissioner Scouts NSW

Phillip Cooper - Chairman Sydney North Region

Richard Hughes- Narborough - Regional Commissioner

Tasman McManis - Region Commissioner - Issues Management

Wayne Finch - Regional Commissioner WHS

## 1.5 Meeting Opened

18:03

## 2 Previous Minutes

### 2.1 Acceptance of Previous Minutes

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

### 2.2 Business Arising

N/A



## 3 Safety Items

### 3.1 Work Health and Safety

Cables on ground

### 3.2 Child Safety Concerns

N/A

## 4 Welcome of Special Guests

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## 5 Yearly Recap Video

## 6 Executive Annual Reports

### 6.1 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



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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.

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



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Tamara

## 6.2 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

## 6.3 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,



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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

## 6.4 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.



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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



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## 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>



## 6.5 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

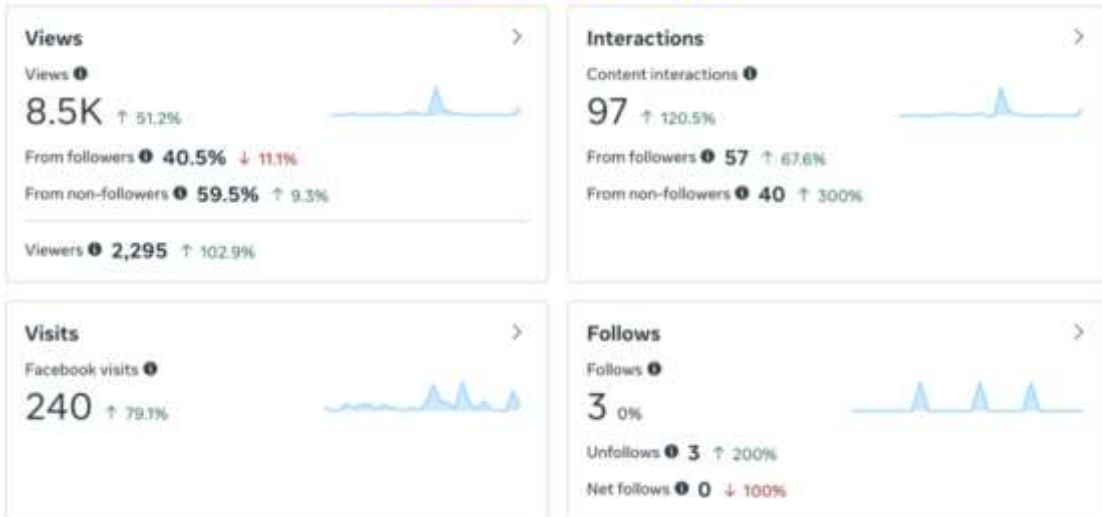
Likes	921 +6715%
Comments	52 +173.68%
Shares	71 +787.50%

Performance ⓘ

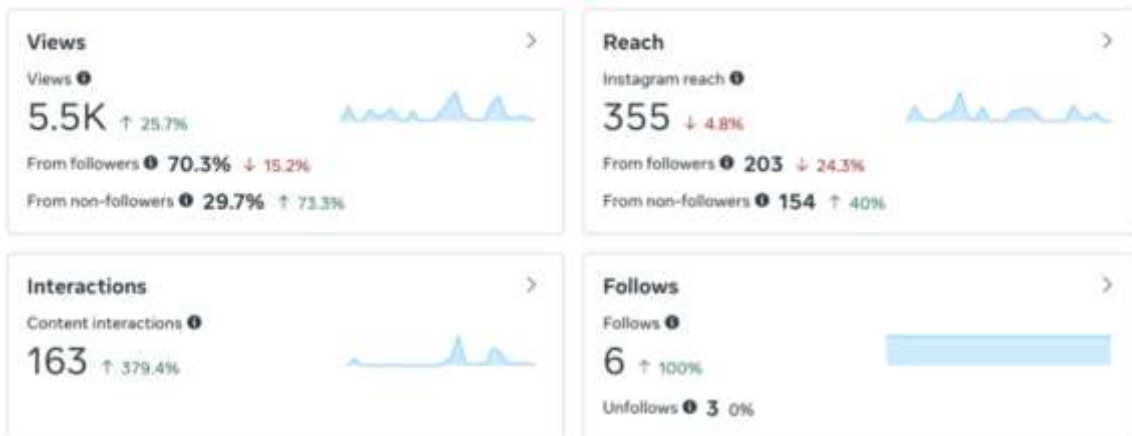
Reach Engagement Conversions

Video views	19,547 +30.88%
Reached audience	14,203 +12.19%
Profile views	459 +123.90%

# Facebook



# Instagram





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## 6.6 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.

## 6.7 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 barrelling 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



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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!

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

Regards,

Joel

## 6.8 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



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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

## 6.9 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



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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

## 6.10 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



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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 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

## 6.11 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...!)



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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 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 Normanhurst 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!



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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 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.

## 7 Special Guests Address to Region (optional)

### 7.1 Mitchell Rath

- Thank you to the Rovers for their contributions to ScoutHike

### 7.2 Tom Miles

- Encouraging all to donate blood
- Look at becoming an adult helper

### 7.3 Charles Turner

- Thank you to Rovers for their help with Camp K to help reopen the site

### 7.4 Robert Rodgers

- Looking to encourage growth in Rovers and Benowie



## 7.5 Alison Maynard

- Thanks for the Rover contributions to the State

## 7.6 Liam Painter

- Thank you for running events with Venturers
- Looking at linking lists and encouraging Venturers to come up this year

## 8 General Business

### 8.1 Reimbursements

#### 8.1.1 BBQ – Kissing Point

Automatically approved – under \$75

- \$72.50

#### 8.1.2 Chocolates

Automatically approved - under \$20

- \$15.00

### 8.2 Region Chair Fees

- Proposed at last RRC

*Proposal to cover Scout Fees for incoming Region Chair for 2026/27.*

- All for, motion passed unanimously

### 8.3 Moot Report

- Recap video shared with Region
- 132 people on site
  - 105 participants
  - Above expected numbers
- Thanks to support received from the Region and individuals
- Surplus of \$2,367.96

Report attached in appendix.

### 8.4 Roventure Report

- TopGear scavenger hunt throughout the city
- 110 attendants, exceeded expected numbers
- Feedback
  - Bases were too far apart



- Activities were wildly enjoyed
- Scavenger hunt format worked well
- Surplus \$33.55
- Struggles with
  - Promoting the event to get more people to sign up
  - Allocating people into teams before the event

Report attached in appendix

## 8.5 SNR Summer Moot 2027 Tender

To be determined at next RRC

## 8.6 SNR Roventure 2027 Tender

To be determined at next RRC

## 8.7 Warawara Donation

- Propose a motion to donate \$1,000 into the Warawara Trust

All for, motion passed unanimously

## 8.8 Warawara 2026 Announcement

- Welcome Malcolm Yates and Nick Buchner to announce the 2026 Warawara Awardee
  - Jacqueline Berthold – Platabeen Rovers

## 8.9 Alcohol Permission

- Update as of 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2026
  - Have been asking for a while for a better process for getting alcohol permission
  - Spoke to Lachie Page, waiting for a form to be approved to streamline the process
  - Still a hold up in the process, Sydney North Region Rovers are pushing this at a State level
- Concerns with events taking place with no alcohol permission, insurance can be lost if alcohol is consumed without permission
- Please submit 2 weeks prior at a minimum, with a risk assessment that includes alcohol risks and activity plan

## 8.10 Treasurer's Course promotion + approval of budget

- Annual Treasurer Course to run on 16<sup>th</sup> of April at 7pm
- Proposal of \$30 budget for snacks at the event



All for, motion passes unanimously

## 8.11 DragonSkin

- Registrations close tonight – payments don't have to be made until 12pm on the 27<sup>th</sup>
- Pre-skin weekend 28-29<sup>th</sup> March, Belanglo State Forest, 10am start on Saturday
- Risk assessments due to Tamara
- Let Emmie know if you are planning on leaving or coming early
- Alcohol only to be consumed during allocated hours
- Induction form sent out shortly
- Looking for people for Sites and Services

## 8.12 Scout Hike

- 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> of May
- Reimbursement of Sleep Point 6 fee if also attending VOC2 DragonSkin
- Looking for base leaders and staff
- Registrations are open now

## 8.13 Ski Moot Proposal

- 10-12<sup>th</sup> of July 2026, Jindabyne NSW
- Mid-year moot to fill a gap in the social calendar, introduce Rovers to an outdoor activity, and cost effective
- Open to different snow activities and different competency groups
- Format; prep night, leave Sydney Friday night and head back on Sunday afternoon
  
- Concerns with clash with Hornsby Gang Show
- Not approved as a RRC event at this stage - Organising team to discuss with Gang Show

## Questions to region

- Do you want this to be a region event open to everyone? If so it will be run from the region bank account
- Is there enough interest to try hold the second dorm room?

## 8.14 Brush Park

- Looking to restart



# Sydney North Region Rover Council



- 8 Rovers looking to start a new unit
- Currently meeting with Normanhurst
- Currently doing training to become more self sufficient
- Within 5 year recess period which makes it easier than starting up a new unit

## 8.15 Reindorsement of RRC Exec Badges

- Propose to spend up to \$300 for executive team name badges

All for, motion passes

## 8.16 AGM Nominations for 2026/27 Roles

### 8.16.1 Chair

- **Tom Bury** nominated by Nathan Butler
- **Sam Marinovich** nominated by Harley Bryant

Elected: **Tom Bury**

### 8.16.2 Assistant Chair

- **Sam Marinovich** nominated by Aimee Sava

Elected: **Sam Marinovich**

### 8.16.3 Secretary

- **Nick Cappetta** nominated by EJ Reeve

Elected: **Nick Cappetta**

### 8.16.4 Treasurer

- **Jonathan Dell** nominated by Aimee Sava

Elected: **Jonathan Dellagiacomma**

### 8.16.5 Public Relations

- **Harley Bryant** nominated by Aimee Sava

Elected: **Harley Bryant**

### 8.16.6 Merchandise

- **Aaron Harmeling** nominated by Siobhan Wilde

Elected: **Aaron Harmeling**

### 8.16.7 VLO/YLO

- **Jacqueline Berthold** nominated by Jasmine Small



Elected: **Jacqueline Berthold**

## 8.16.8 Social Activities

- **Joel Tjoa** nominated by Aimee Savva

Elected: **Joel Tjoa**

## 8.16.9 Outdoor Activities

- **Henry Marsden** nominated by Darcey Hawkins

Elected: **Henry Marsden**

## 8.16.10 Training

Elected: **Role not filled**

## 8.16.11 Service

- **Aimee Savva** nominated by Emily Marsden

Elected: **Aimee Savva**

## 8.16.12 SRC Delegates

- **Darcey Hawkins** nominated by Henry Marsden
- **Luke Leverton** nominated by Robert Leverton
- **Max Arens** nominated by Jacqueline Berthold
- **Blade Puckeridge** nominated by Alexander Morson

Elected: **Darcey Hawkins, Luke Leverton, Max Arens, and Blade Puckeridge**

## 8.16.13 Regional Commissioner – Rovers

- Re-endorsement for **Elyse Versace**

Endorsed: **Elyse Versace**



# Sydney North Region Rover Council



## 9 Event Promotion

- 9.1 Prep weekend (Dragon Skin) 28-29<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- 9.2 Dragon Skin 3-6<sup>th</sup> April 2026, <https://dragonskin.nswscouts.com.au/>
- 9.3 Treasurers Course 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026, <https://fb.me/e/8AVOCXRxX>
- 9.4 Scout Hike 1-3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026,  
<https://sydneynorthscouts.com/sections/scouts/scouthike/>
- 9.5 WOW – Way Out West Moot – 31/12/2026 - 10/01/2027, <https://wow27.au/>

## 10 Closing

### 10.1 Barra Brui Service

March: MCMK

April: Epping

May: Forest

June: Asquith

### 10.2 BBQ at AGM

Yaralla for June RRC



**Meeting closed at 21:04**

Minutes prepared by	Josephine Butler	25/03/2026
Minutes approved by	Tamara Dudfield	25/03/2026
	Tom Bury	26/03/2026
	Elyse Versace	26/03/2026
Minutes distribution date	28/03/2026	

**Next meeting June RRC 2026, 14<sup>th</sup> June**

## 11 Appendices

### 11.1 SNR Summer Moot 2026 Report

# Sydney North Region Summer Moot

## 'Mootamia'



06/02/2026 - 08/02/2026

2nd Normanhurst Rover Unit and 1st Asquith Rover Unit

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## Moot Team

<b>Role</b>	<b>Team Member</b>
Moot Chiefs	Tamara Dudfield Will Bury
Admin	Robert Leverton Nathan Carey Donna Staff
Treasurer	Luke Leverton Nathan Carey Tamara Dudfield
Day Activities	Liam Hoffman (Morning activities) Eloise Smith (Wine tour) Annaliese Healey (Water activities) Alyssa Eden Arjuna Krishnan Leo Dalmaris Luke Lenane Nathan Carey Robert Leverton Tom Judge Evan Whitehead Luke Leverton Anthony Wood Kristine Mason Aoibheann Cleary
Night Activities	Luke Lenane
Catering	Lucy Shackley Jack Street Lauren Webster Liz Petts
Sites and Services	Luke Leverton
First Aid/ Welfare	Naomi Butler Kristine Mason Musette Healey Liz Petts
PR and Marketing	Meg Brown Caleb Eveniss
Prizes	Tamara Dudfield

## Moot Summary

During the weekend of February 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2026, 1<sup>st</sup> Asquith Rover Unit and 2<sup>nd</sup> Normanhurst Rover Unit ran the 2026 Sydney North Region Summer Moot, 'Mootamia' which was based around ABBA and 'Mumma Mia' the movies. It was held at Camp Kur-ing-gai in the Greater Western Sydney Region. The weekend was very hot and humid with a light shower on Sunday morning.

During the weekend, we had a total of 132 people on site which included:

- 105 participants
  - o 8 pre-sale early bird registrations
  - o 59 early bird registrations
  - o 38 regular registrations
- 27 Staff
  - o 20 Asquith and Normanhurst Rovers
  - o 7 other helpers/ guests

With this, we exceeded our prospective budget, which had 100 participants and 20 staff teams, thus enabling us to make a major profit (seen below in the treasurer's report).

The moot team would like to extend their thanks to all participants who attended the event and provided feedback. We were so lucky to have such enthusiastic participants involved throughout the day and made the event so much more enjoyable.

We would also like to thank every one individual who helped support this event, providing guidance and opinions to make this event achievable. Along with this, we would like to extend our gratitude to the Sydney North Region for enabling us to use Camp Kur-ing-gai free of charge and the support provided by Charles Turner, Liam Painter before and during the event while at Camp Kur-ing-gai.

A massive thank you is extended to Naomi, Musette, Liz, Kristine, Tom and Woody who willingly gave up their weekends to provide extra pairs of hands and step-in where needed, particularly ensuring all participants were hydrated, happy and healthy. It greatly appreciated and took a large amount of pressure off the moot chiefs.

Finally, to both units, thank you for making the weekend run smoothly and stepping up when required. Thank you for always offering help and being enthusiastic and passionate throughout the whole weekend. This event would not have been as amazing as it was without all of them supporting this event.

Congratulations to Kissing Point and Kananga for winning the moot! We are excited to see what next year holds!

# Moot Chief Report

Tamara Dudfield and Will Bury

Winning Summer Moot 2025 was an incredible opportunity to introduce Asquith Rovers to the region and equip them with the skills needed to run a large-scale event, supported by the manpower and experience from Normanhurst. We had the drive, the passion, and a foundation of knowledge from our involvement with MMT. As this was the first time either of us had run an event of this size, guidance from Sam Marinovich and Emily Marsden—both former SNR Moot Chiefs—was invaluable and helped us establish a realistic and effective timeline.

We chose to take on a joint Moot Chief role to ensure both units were actively involved. Meeting on different nights proved more challenging than expected, as not everyone could attend sessions outside their usual meeting night. Holding planning meetings with the moot leads before Christmas, followed by dedicating all four Wednesdays in January to preparation, worked well to keep both units engaged. Setting deadlines before Christmas ensured most major tasks were completed early, making the final month far easier to manage. Submitting paperwork, securing alcohol permissions, and coordinating with Camp Ku-ring-gai were all straightforward and caused minimal stress. Leading into the camp, we felt confident.

Early bird registrations exceeded expectations, especially given the usual hesitation from rovers to commit early. The last-minute rush was less surprising, with around ten registrations arriving between Thursday night and Friday night.

Although the event was smaller than last year—largely due to post-World Moot burnout—we still exceeded our target numbers and generated a small profit for the region, which we consider a significant success.

The event itself ran smoothly, with participants thoroughly enjoying all aspects, especially the afternoon activities and evening entertainment. We aimed to create a moot that felt fresh and different, as recent events had begun to feel repetitive. The main challenge during the day was the extreme heat and humidity, but our welfare team was exceptional, keeping everyone hydrated with electrolytes and regular check-ins.

Our advice for future Moot Chiefs:

- Set realistic timelines and stick to them
- Introduce at least one new or unique element to keep the event fresh
- Close registrations earlier to ensure you have adequate resources

We are incredibly proud of the event we created and deeply grateful for the effort and enthusiasm of our team. Their willingness to support us made the event the success it was.

## Admin Report

Robert Leverton

Overall admin seemed to go well. Checking in people at the gate worked great and the in-built system in scout event makes it easy to handle checking people in as well as checking people out when they are going off site. The only issue with the system is that it doesn't show who has dietaries on the check-in screen requiring us to get a separate list to manually check if to see if someone had dietaries.

The position that we had the admin tent at for check-in was not the greatest as we ended up having to have the cars just go in and park and it resulted in confusion where people didn't always come back right away and check in. This could be fixed by picking a spot where multiple cars could be stopped or an area sectioned off for temporary parking would all for handling arrivals better.

Everything else went smoothly with no other issues that I know of.

## Treasurer Report

Nathan Carey and Luke Leverton

Finances

TL;DR - We spent \$2507.31. We got \$4875. That's \$2367.69 surplus!

The details

Expenses

The biggest expense was food. This accounted for over half of the expenses. We had plenty of food, with heaps of extra sausages and snacks. The main option for dinner ran out, so we could have reallocated some of the money used for lunch to buy more chicken for dinner. Possible reasons for the shortfall could have been allowing participants to do portion control, or portions estimated based on uncooked weight of meat (for chicken, 80 g cooked is recommended – or 100 g raw. We had 40 g uncooked per person).

The next biggest expense was the live musician. We paid \$380 for the musician to come for 3 hours. This is on par with what we would pay the entertainment fellowship to set up for the whole night. The live music was an absolute hit, and many people have said they would like to get it at moots they are running. We had a soloist, because we were a bit apprehensive about the budget, and early regos are always slow. In hindsight we could have splurged here, spent double and got a band for a similar amount of time.

We saved some money on prizes by approaching local businesses. Essentially, we would offer free social media advertising, in return for some of their products. We have the advantage that our social media pages are active and have a big following, however for units with smaller followings, you can proposition these retailers by letting them know that your following includes a significant proportion of community groups, that will see the posts and hopefully spread the word. It helps if you know people who work at these retailers, we managed to get some cool merchandise from Harvey Norman and BCF from people we knew who work there.

#### Tickets and prices

Initially we had tickets priced at \$40 and \$45 for early bird and normal admission (respectively). The initial forecast was counting on not having to pay camping fees as a large contributor to a reduced price. However, we later found that this was a very “skin and bones” budget. Because our moot team were wanting the “wow factor” with new features like live music we requested a price increase by \$5. Making it \$45 early bird and \$50 normal admission. This was still a very good price for a fully catered moot and was at least \$10 below most other events.

We found that there were no complaints in the raising of the price, likely because we did it early. An aspect of psychology comes in to setting the price. If you set a low price, people will expect everything to be budget and no frills and start looking for issues. A higher (but still reasonable price) feels more “premium” and people expecting the event to be more high end will mean they look for problems less.

132 people attended moot this year. This included staff who weren't required to pay. This means we had 105 paying participants. 8 of these got the super earlybird price (before the increase) of \$40,

59 participants paid \$45 for earlybird and 38 people paid full price of \$50. Overall, this brought in revenue of \$4875 which was \$25 greater than the budget.

Our budget allowed staff to not pay, however in future if food is getting expensive, having a super reduced rate for staff could bolster up the budget a little bit and allow you to spend more on other things. However use caution with this, as you will need to consider that the staff aren't getting the full "Moot Experience" so you should make sure their ticket costs are only covering food expense per person.

Take aways and considerations for next time

SNR summer moot is one of the more popular moots on the Rovers NSW calendar, we can be somewhat confident that we will have over 100 paying people attending. However it is important to have in mind that one "bad" Moot could spoil the reputation of the event. Therefore it costs less for the region in the long run to spend more on moot each year.

In light of this, we have the opportunity next year to really increase the "wow factor". People really liked that we had planned activities in the afternoon, it meant they could go offsite with everyone and come back for fivesies feeling refreshed and rejuvenated. I would recommend that you have two options, one that is adventurous and requires participant "effort" and another that is low effort for the participants. We had a wine tasting and were planning to run water activities (swimming and canoeing). The wine tasting, being optional, was just \$5 per person, and didn't impact the budget at all – we just had to book and let them know approximately how many people were coming. The water activities would have been good, and several people were keen to do them, however we found that recent rain led to high currents and unsafe conditions. We advised participants of this, and in the case they still wanted to go, we allowed them to check out of the event. Even though they were swimming outside the confines of the event/Scouts we still made sure they had people with the right experience – so the take home here is to be flexible and pragmatic about these sorts of things, we're all adults who can take care of ourselves.

# Day Activities

## Morning Activities

Liam Hoffman

I was responsible for coordinating and running the daytime activity program, ensuring that all participants rotated through each base and remained engaged throughout the Morning.

The activities included:

- Obstacle course
- Crate stacking
- Tower stacking
- “Drop the Egg” challenge
- Paper plane throwing competition
- Song / Costume creation challenge
- Just Dance session
- Bull rush

Each activity base was designed to encourage teamwork, creativity, and physical participation, while also aligning with the upbeat and interactive nature of the camp theme.

### **What Went Well**

Overall, the day activities were highly successful. Campers responded positively to the variety of activities offered, and engagement levels remained high across all groups. The obstacle course was particularly popular, as it provided a new and exciting challenge that many campers had not experienced before.

The diversity of activities: ranging from physical challenges to creative tasks such as songwriting, ensured that different interests and strengths were catered for. Importantly, every activity base was set up with gazebo shelter, which provided protection from the sun and helped manage the hot weather conditions.

There were no complaints from campers regarding any of the activity stations, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The use of a marking sheet proved effective in tracking group rotations and ensuring that all campers participated in every activity base.

### **Areas for Improvement**

While the overall execution was successful, several improvements could enhance future camps. All groups completed their allocated activities ahead of schedule, indicating that an additional activity base would have been beneficial to better utilise available time.

At the beginning of the day, there was some confusion among staff regarding instructions and activity procedures. Although this was resolved quickly, with a walk through all activity bases and correcting any mistakes being made, a clearer pre-moot meeting would reduce uncertainty and create a smoother start. Conducting a dry run prior to the camp day would allow staff to fully understand their roles and the expectations for each activity base.

Additionally, given the very hot weather conditions, more weather-adaptable or lower-intensity activities could have been included to ensure camper comfort and safety.

### **Recommendations for Future Camps**

For future camps, the following actions are recommended:

- Conduct a full dry run of all activity bases prior to camp commencement.
- Introduce an additional activity base to better fill time and maintain pacing.
- Provide clearer written and verbal instructions to staff before the day begins.
- Develop alternative activities that can cater to extreme weather conditions.

## **Afternoon Activities - Wine Tour and Water Activities**

Eloise Smith and Annaliese Healey

Mootamia Afternoon Activities Report The original plan for afternoon activities was canoeing, an offsite wine tasting or choose your own adventure. However, due to weather and water conditions, canoeing was cancelled as it was deemed unsafe to paddle. We would like to thank Normanhurst and Hornsby Heights Scout Groups for allowing us to borrow their canoes for the weekend and those who towed the trailers to camp. Approximately 90 people left site over the afternoon, some to the wine tasting while others went swimming at Windsor or Yarramundi and into the nearby town. For those who remained on site, the Mamma Mia movie was played in the hall. The wine tour saw 34 participants travel 20 minutes from site to Tizzana Winery where they were able to enjoy a wine talk and tasting. By having Normanhurst rovers drive participants we ensured their safety and eliminated the risk of people driving under the influence of alcohol. Thank you to the rovers and other support staff who either drove participants or loaned their cars to others for the afternoon, allowing us to safely transport the rovers to and from this activity. Participants provided positive feedback on this activity and said they enjoyed having this as an option for the afternoon.

## **Night Activities**

Luke Lenane

The recorded and live music performed by Mars was successful, and many of the rovers danced and were engaged with the performance. There was a high level of participation in dancing and being around the music, which was good to see. It was good that the performer sang a few ABBA

songs. There was also a quiet 'chill' area, which attracted a small number of rovers. There were two other options planned for the night that did not come to fruition, as there seemed to be no appetite for them from the rovers, those being 'Just Dance' and watching the Mamma Mia movies. Overall, the night entertainment was quite successful.

## Catering

Lucy Shackley

### **What went well?**

We had an excellent kitchen set up, with a massive walk-in fridge, all utensils supplied, dishwasher, large sink and cooktop, ovens and big island bench. We had a great place to serve the food that allowed for a smooth flowing line of people, and we had a good menu plan as well as preparation beforehand for supplies and ingredients. I purchased a large Coles order to pick up on the day, visited the site to check out the facilities a week before, and started planning the menu in October 2025. I prepared everything so that I was in the kitchen all day and night getting things ready for each meal, such as chopping and making pancake batters. I made recipes and printed them, so I was prepared and familiar with what I needed to do. My team was amazing and so helpful as well as moot staff and rover advisors who always offered help. The kitchen was honestly a vibe at most points with my amazing team and I chatting, cooking and connecting in the horrid heat, I very much enjoyed my role for Moot, even with all the chaos!

### **What didn't go as well?**

Main thing was that we ran out of chicken for Saturday Night Dinner. All rovers got chicken apart from Asquith, Normo and our Welfare team which we substituted with sausages. The big cooktop had only 2 settings- on and off, so that made it hard to cook pancakes, without burning them immediately but the center not being cooked or not cooking them at all. Saturday night was stressful as when people found out we were running low on chicken, suddenly everyone was in the kitchen shouting, so it was not very helpful for the catering staff. Saturday morning, we were behind in cooking bacon but that was as we underestimated how much time we needed in the morning and so 1.5 hours wasn't enough. We needed to do a quick supply stop Saturday to get some extra things. For dinner, I had prepared the salads, with them all being chopped up, the chicken was marinating for 3 hours in preparation, and I had time to make Normo/Asquith a fivesies platter. I was very calm ready for dinner until we realised, we didn't have enough and I hadn't prepped the vegetarian option, so it was a good 15 minutes of pure stress and chaos and fast cooking. That night I made 2 massive pots of pancake batter and stored it in the fridge but had a restless sleep where I dreamed about pancakes and realised, I hadn't prepped an egg free or dairy free option. So that morning I made those, as well as more batter in my fear of running out and realised I didn't have a dairy free and gluten free option, so we substituted that with a bacon

and egg wrap. Our other main problem was that the kitchen had no ventilation whatsoever, so when cooking we had the hottest room in the whole camp, with fans being brought in and frozen towels to keep us cool. It was so extreme that one of us on the catering team got heat stroke! This also meant the fridge and freezer were struggling. The fridge was creeping up temperature throughout the day, with every time someone opened the door, the temp rose to almost 20 degrees. We had Zooper Doopers for everyone in the freezer since Friday afternoon, but they never froze the whole weekend, so they were not used for the camp.

## Sites and Services

Luke Leverton

The role wasn't too stressful prior to the event but during the camp it was far more full on. Role required planning out the site and letting people know where they are able to run their activities. While during the event responding and addressing any issues related to the site that cropped up which there wasn't much in that department. I also had directed people where to camp and park their cars as they arrived onsite. The work prior to the event involved inspecting and planning out the site so that camp and activities had separate areas. I visited the site to get a better bearing of the site as the trees on Google maps makes the field of camp K look much smaller. While also finding any issues that might need to be rectified before the event starts. I then set about creating a site map to layout camping areas and activities while also highlighting where admin, toilets and first aid will be located. On the Friday before participants arrived there was a concern after a tree branch fell and hit a car, luckily it didn't cause much damage, only a dent. This caused me to make a plan on how to do parking to reduce the chance of another tree branch hitting a car. The other main issue was the heat and making sure the water butts were filled with water constantly, we made sure that there was plenty of water available. This required refilling multiple times a day due to the extremely high heat and the fact that people were outside doing activities in the sun. But other than that there are no major issues relating to sites and services. On the whole this was a great experience learning the role and taking on a bigger leadership role.

## First Aid/Welfare Report

Naomi Butler

Overall, the First Aid and Welfare for Mootamia was fairly quiet with minimal incidents.

Friday night:

7:50pm A Moot staff member presented first aid after testing the billy carts out down the campsite driveway and having come to a slightly sudden stop and roll at the end. An abrasion was treated on patients' left elbow where it was cleaned and dressed.

This patient then came back on Saturday morning to redress due to it dressing no longer being stuck on with the heat and sweat.

## Saturday

Approximately 12:00pm a participant came to first aid after having completed the create stacking activity in high heels and when the tower fell the top of their left foot encountered the heel of the right shoe. After cleaning the abrasion, and finding a few other small scratches to clean, it was dressed.

12:20 A participant presented themselves with minor scratches from the obstacle course. Cleaned scratches and patient applied Betadine.

8:30pm Provided water to a participant who had too much alcohol and had thrown up and monitored throughout the night providing water at regular intervals

9pm welfare matter logged on know it live it log it. Then 5 mins later added to their log.

10:30 Checked on a participant who had reportedly passed out near their gazebo. Patient was found awake but lying in the recovery position tired. After checking and finding there was nothing wrong, the patient was reminded to head to bed when they were ready to get it.

## Sunday

12:10am Heard a participant scream in the shower area, after checking it was found they were drunk and a bug had flown at them. One of their unit members gave them water and took them to place in their bed.

12:15pm Found a participant trying to fall asleep in the grass of the parade ground. Got participant up and guided them to their bed where recruitment helped get them into bed.

Also, throughout the weekend we had a participant who came back for regular ice to apply to their preexisting knee issues where they needed to stop their leg from swelling to fit back into their knee brace.

Overall, it was a great effort from everyone to avoid any extra issues. Some changes that occurred did help to stop heat-related injuries/ incidents such as having water in the fridge to be cool and

swapping out the water provided regularly. Having electrolytes next to the water was also great as many participants and staff were then remembering to stay hydrated. Having the misting hose also cooled down people as they came past during lunch. Having some Zooper Doopers in the freezer was also great for Moot Staff to keep them cool so they could focus on running moot. Lastly, having the fan from the warden's hut in the kitchen during the day made a huge difference in not only the temperature but also the smoke from the kitchen being taken out. Having the option for people to leave site in the afternoon helped with having people in great moods ready for the trivia and fun night ahead. Lastly, having moved the water drums to the dance area was helpful as people were more likely to drink the water when drinking alcohol.

### Recommendations for future Moots

- 1) Having electrolytes available if Moot is to be in the hotter times of the year.
- 2) Ensuring that we think through how to make everyone cool off, including moot staff, not just participants.

Big congratulations to all those who ran Mootamia 2026 for all the effort they put in and the fantastic event and having it run relatively smoothly.

## PR and Marketing

Meg Brown and Caleb Eveniss

The promo went well! We did moot Mondays which advised it well and had lots of engagement from Insta and Facebook! We did 22 posts leading up to Mootamia and 3 posts at the end for thank yous, winners and recaps. We also ordered 250 bottle openers with 'Mootamia 6th-8th Feb 2026' on them. Unfortunately, we had delivery issues with that and weren't able to use them leading up to moot. It was a nice extra touch in the moot bags though! I felt like we worked well and learnt a lot about our promo team and how they work together. I would place a roster earlier next time as at the start we were a bit confused about who was posting. But after we sorted that out, it worked really well!

Advise for future PR members and things we learnt:

- Focus on consistency clarity and quality: In terms of consistency, ensuring that the marketing has a set of styles and forms. Something that can be easily identified by someone scrolling. We didn't have consistent quality and style to our posts across the months we were promoting moot.

- Additionally, the clarity of the posts could be better, making sure that the main message of our posts is clear and direct first and adhere to theme secondly
- Consistent posting goes without saying that we can always post more.

## Prizes

Tamara Dudfield

We were incredibly fortunate to secure such a wide range of prizes for our event, all generously donated. Seeking prize donations felt intimidating at first, as it meant approaching businesses and asking for support without being able to offer much in return.

I began by creating a prize-donation letter and sending it to several businesses connected to scouting. After receiving only one response from Bunnings Thornleigh, I changed my approach and visited BCF Belrose in person. Speaking directly with their manager made a huge difference, allowing me to share our letter, discuss the event, and arrange time to collect prizes. I was especially lucky that Henry Marsden was managing at the time and was an incredible asset to providing amazing prizes.

We were also lucky enough to receive a Nutribullet from Ryan Saberton who works at Harvey Norman Moore Park.

I was thrilled with the prizes we were able to gather and deeply grateful for the generosity of all the stores involved.

Thank you again to:

**BCF Belrose**

**Bunnings Thornleigh**

**Harvey Norman Moore Park**



# Sydney North Region Rover Council



## 11.2 SNR Roventure 2026 Report



# Roventure 2026 Report

Top Gear: Roventure Edition

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## Event Team

Role	Team Member
Event Leaders	Rhyse Williams, Aidan Brisebois and Emily Marsden
PR and Marketing	Aidan Brisebois
Admin	Aidan Brisebois and Emily Marsden
Activities	Henry Marsden Ollie Cseszko Tommy Pearce Daniel Quiggin Lochie Brisebois Jamie Swaine Aidan Brisebois
Catering	Nathan Pearce Darcey Hawko

## Event Summary

On Saturday, the 21st of February, Forest Rovers successfully ran Roventure 2026: TopGear Roventure Edition. This was a day activity run as a scavenger hunt through Sydney CBD and themed around the TV series Top Gear. The event saw strong participation, with the majority of Units attending with their Vennies! In total, we had 110 people, which exceeded our initial estimate of 95, and we are very happy about it. We received a wide variety of feedback about the event being run as a day activity rather than a weekend, but the overall feedback was positive. Everyone we spoke to seemed to be having a fun time despite the hot day that it was.

We would like to thank everyone from the region who came along, and hope everyone enjoyed the day!

## Event Leaders Report

Thank you to everyone who attended our event. It was great to get such a large turnout! I believe the event ran smoothly, and we had no incidents during the event, which is always good.

I think the idea of running it as a day activity was a good idea; it allowed us to keep costs down and make the event super accessible for everyone. During the day, we received a wide variety of feedback, but the most that stood out to me were:

- **Bases being too far apart**  
Unfortunately, the ferry timetables made it so reaching all 3 bases during the day was very difficult, and no teams made it to all 3. One team even skipped lunch to go to one, which was pretty funny all things considered.
- **The activities were great**  
Everyone I spoke to seemed to love the activity bases, so shout out to Henry, Daniel and Tommy for organising them!
- **The Scavenger Hunt was fun**  
The scavenger hunt worked well, with all teams submitting some great photos and videos. Everyone I spoke to found it worked well, despite the few hiccups we had at the start of the day.

Overall, I enjoyed running the activity, and I'm very pleased with how the day went.

## Financial Report

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>Top Gear Roventure Edition 2026</b>					
2	<b>Forest Rovers</b>					
3						
4	<b>Income</b>					
5	Reference		Number of people / units	Variable Price	Total	Comments
6						
7	1	Rovers	44	\$5.00	\$220.00	
8		Venturers	57	\$5.00	\$285.00	
9		Leaders (RA's or Vennie Leader)	4	\$5.00	\$20.00	
10		Total Attendance Fees	105		\$525.00	
11						
12		<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$525.00</b>	
13						
14	2	<b>Catering</b>				
15		Food	1	\$137.85	\$137.85	
16					\$137.85	
17						
18	3	<b>Activities</b>				
19		Activity 1 - Snow Course	1	\$8.60	\$8.60	
20		Activity 2 - Canoeing	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	No Cost
21		Activity 3 - Building	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	No Cost
22						
23					\$8.60	
24						
25						
26		<b>Other</b>				
27	4	Envelops		1	\$15.00	\$15.00
28		Event Skin		2	\$16.00	\$32.00
29		Prizes		1	\$14.00	\$14.00
30		Scout Event Fee		105	\$0.80	\$84.00
31						\$145.00
32						
33						
34		<b>Total Expenses</b>				<b>\$291.45</b>
35						
36						
37	<b>Net Surplus / (Loss)</b>					<b>\$233.55</b>
38						

As shown in the budget summary above, the event generated a net surplus of \$233.55. While this is a modest profit, it reflects a well-managed and financially sustainable activity.

A key factor in the planning of this event was affordability. Due to the relatively low cost and the fact that this was a one-day activity rather than a weekend camp, we set the ticket price at just \$5 per person. By not requiring an overnight stay, we avoided campsite hire fees entirely, which significantly reduced overall expenses and allowed us to keep the event accessible to a wide range of attendees.

Attendance was above expectations, with 105 participants contributing to a total income of \$525.00. Scout Event charged an event fee of \$0.80 per participant, charged per registration, which amounted to \$84.00 overall.

On the expenses side, catering was the highest cost, totalling \$137.85. However, we were able to reduce this expense by opting for hot dogs instead of a traditional sausage sizzle.

Significant savings were achieved across the activities and equipment. We were able to utilise a large amount of existing resources from our Scout hall, including ropes, canoes, and timber, meaning that several activities were delivered at little to no cost. This greatly reduced the need for external purchases. Similarly, event skins were hand-made, which allowed us to minimise spending in that area.

Other minor expenses, such as envelopes and prizes, were kept low and carefully managed. These combined efforts resulted in total expenses of \$291.45, well below total income.

Overall, the event was run efficiently, with a strong focus on minimising costs while maintaining a high-quality experience for participants. The ability to offer a low ticket price while still generating a surplus highlights the success of this approach. The resulting profit contributes positively to the region's finances and supports the delivery of future events, while also demonstrating that accessible, low-cost activities can still be financially responsible.

## PR and Marketing Report

To market Roventure, we used a Facebook event, distributed flyers, used emails to Region Venturer leaders, and had direct communications with Crew leaders. Even though using these various channels, we found that it was not sufficient to keep people informed of what was going on with the event, the result was that a handful of Rovers and potentially a couple dozen Venturers missed out on the event.

One thing that may be improved in future is the medium of PR, particularly the use of Facebook due to the U16S social media ban. A potential solution might be to use the blogging feature of Scouthub Crew websites, so people can directly go to the hosting Crew's site to get all the information. Another thing to focus on for future events would be to follow up early on and ensure Rovers have reliable communication with their feeder units early on, and that Roventure information has been passed on (including rego cutoff dates). We received feedback from multiple Crews very close to the event date that they didn't have good communication with their feeders at that point, making it very difficult to organise themselves.

## Admin Report

Due to the structure of Roventure this year, teams needed to be created prior to the event. This part didn't work out due to the communication issues between Rovers and Venturers, where the Rover team leaders didn't know what Venturers were coming or would be in their teams. Luckily, we did manage to pull together a plan B, thanks to Emily's hard work liaising with Crew leaders in the week leading up to Roventure.

On the day, participant check-in went relatively smoothly. The vast majority of people had filled in their e-permissions beforehand, and there were only a few cases where people had trouble completing any remaining paperwork on the day. The participants uploaded their photos to a Google Drive folder, which was used for marking. The smaller scale of this event made this an effective solution; however, for larger events, this may not work as well.