

RRC AGM MINUTES

3 FEBRUARY 2010

Start: 8.10pm

Present:

Bennet Lansley (Chair)	Lauren Thorn (Vice Chair)
Corey Olufsen (Secretary)	Chloe Hatcher (Treasurer)
Matt Thompson (PR/Internet)	Tom Ibbotson (1/2 Merrylands)
David Twist (RC Rovers)	Glen Johnston (VLO West)
Mitchell Shaw (VLO East)	Michael Mraczkowski (1 st Baulkham Hills)
Greg Anderson (North Mount Druitt)	Josh Crump (1/2 Merrylands)
Liana Sedgers (2 nd Baulkham Hills)	Nick Azzopardi (1/2 Merrylands)
John Marosevic (Hawksbury)	Simon Abbotts (Nepean)
Rebecca Sampson (Westmead)	Stephanie Mead (1 st Baulkham Hills)
Andrew Pemberton (2 nd Baulkham Hills)	Carl Pollock (North Mount Druitt)
Wendy Pollock (North Mount Druitt)	Gary Rudd (RA North Mount Druitt)
Sharni Van de Weyer (2 nd Castle Hill)	Melissa Cahill (KI)
Alasdair McLean (KL)	Brendan Richards (KL)
Jodie Richards (KL)	Kerriann Clarue (KL)
Tristan Hornstra (1/2 Merrylands)	Rebecca Hough (Westmead)
Claire Donachie (Westmead)	Sean Emery (Westmead)
Ayden Baner (1 st Baulkham Hills)	Bec Cini (Blaxland)

Special Guests: Geoff Rose (State Commissioner for Rovers), Nick Wolf (BRC Delegate) and Neville Henderson (GWS Region Commissioner)

Apologies: Andrew Thompson (Activities), John Gale (RA 2nd Baulkham Hills), Jenny Wardell (RA KL) and Steve Harrison (2nd Castle Hill)

Minutes of the previous AGM was read. Motion moved by Greg Anderson that the minutes read were the true minutes of the previous meeting 2nd by Mitch Shaw.

= Motion Passed

Chairman Report:

- Attached

Vice Chairman:

- Attached

Treasurer Report:

- Attached

PR/Internet:

- Attached

RC Report:

- Attached

Crew Reports:

1st Baulkham Hills

- none

2nd Baulkham Hills

- 5 Knights, 4 Squires and 4 Candidates

2nd Castle Hill

- 3 Knights 1 Provisional and 4 Squires

- Made purchasers to benefit the Crew throughout the year

- Ran a successful Gold Coin Gourmet Night

- Will be looking at promoting the Crew to Venture Units

- Have been doing some re-branding on website etc

Blaxland

- None

Hawkesbury

- None

Kings Langley

- Attached

Merrylands

- Attached

Nepean

- 4 Knights, 4 Squires, 1 Candidate and RA in training
- Jamboree
- Dragon Skin
- Helping Scouts with badge work

North Mount DrUITT

- 7 Knights, 10 Squires, 5 Candidates and 1 RA
- M7 Marathon
- Jamboree
- Running Roventure
- Moots
- Dragon Skin

Westmead

- 3 Knights, 2 Transfers in
- Dragon Skin
- Moots
- Weekly Activities
- Jamboree

Nick Wolf Addresses the meeting:

- Thanked the Executive for their input onto the BRC
- Advised about the e-newsletter that has been getting sent out
- There will be a Treasurer course being held by Sydney North on the 8th April at Chatswood. Everyone is invited to attend and it is free
- There is a BL3 Rovers being held in late March at Heathcote and that applications close on Friday
- There will be two Woodbadge courses being ran for the Rover section this year the first is over the Easter Long Weekend and the other will be held in June. For further information contact Nick or Jeff
- Thanked the Region for running Branch Moot

- Tender for Bushdance has been awarded to Westmead
- Thanked those Rovers who was involved in the Jamboree
- Spoke about the drink safe program
- State has produced near brochures for all sections. To obtain please call State office
- Pop up Banners have been purchased or will be purchased ½ paid by State and the other ½ paid by Region 1 only
- Talked about Oz Moot at the end of the year and that they have more information about the expeditions.

Jeff Rose Addressed the meeting:

- Thanked the Region for their invitation to attend our AGM
- Thanked the Region Executive, Crew Leaders, YACS representatives etc for there involvement in 2009
- Spoke about there are 2 climbing walls to hire from State Office
- Spoke about there being a Rover review the first one in 15 years. It will take approximately 2 years to complete the review. They will be looking at the Knighthood theme, badge system etc
- The Plan for the review will be seen by National in the next few weeks
- There will be 3 Rovers involved in the Panel one being female
- Thanked those Rovers who were involved in AJ2010
- Feedback from the Chief Commissioner Council is that they would like to see more community involvement
- Spoke about Quest (BRC Conference)

Dave Twist declared all positions and gave a bit of a speech about what each position entitles and their importance.

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| Chair | Nominated Becky by Tristan and 2 nd by Mitch (declined)
Nominated Matt Thompson by Bec and 2 nd by Tom (declined)
Nominated Lauren by Bec and 2 nd by Simon - Accepted |
| Vice Chair | Nominated Bec by Tristan and 2 nd by Simon (declined)
Nominated Simon by Bec and 2 nd by Brendan (accepted)
Nominated Matt Thompson by Tristan and 2 nd by Tom (accepted)
Went to a vote - Matt Thompson |
| Secretary | Nominated Jodie by Andy T and 2 nd by Tristan (declined)
Nominated Kerryanne by Lauren and 2 nd by Brendan (declined) |

Nominated Bec by Claire and 2nd by Simon - accepted

Treasurer Nominated Bennett by Lauren and 2nd by Jodie - accepted

PR/INTERNET Nominated Brendan by Greg and 2nd by Simon - accepted

VLO Nominated Mitch by Nick and 2nd by Corey (accepted)

Activities/Services Nominated Lauren by Bennett and 2nd by Mitch - accepted

NSW YACS: Nominated Mel Cahill by Matt Thompson - declined.

Nominated Josh Crump by Simon Abbotts - accepted

BRC Delegates: Nominated Bennett by Simon and 2nd by Corey - Accepted

Nominated Tom by Tristan and 2nd by Matt T - Accepted

Training Officer: Nominated Matt Thompson by Lauren and 2nd by Bennett - Accepted

Lauren calls for Dave Twist to stay on as Region Commissioner for 2010/2011.

Vote was held and was passed

2010/2011 RRC Executive are:

Chair: Lauren Thorn

Vice Chair: Matt Thompson

Secretary: Rebecca Sampson

Treasurer: Bennett Lansley

PR/Internet: Brendan Richards

VLO: Mitch Shaw

NSW Yacs Rep: Josh Crump

Activities/Services: Lauren Thorn

BRC Delegates: Bennett Lansley and Tom Ibbotson

Training: Matt Thompson

General Business:

- To reimburse Bennett for \$45.37 for supper.

Motion put forward by Greg that a cheque for \$45.37 will be written to reimburse Bennett 2nd by Tristan

Motion Passed - 8 Passes and 1 abstaining

- Dragon Skin:

Lauren thanked North Mount Druitt and Merrylands for the only 2 Crews in the Region running an activity base. She acknowledges that other Crews are doing various other tasks at Dragon Skin and also thanks them for their support and efforts in running the event.

- If any Crews have interested people to let Lauren know and an arrangement can be made to put them on the base with Merrylands.

- The Skin site is down

- They are visiting the site on the 27-28 March to put up the catering tent. Seeing if anyone is interested to give them a hand to let Lauren know.

- KL handed out flyers for Gamers Moot and Macca's Formal Regressive diner

Meeting closed at 9.44pm

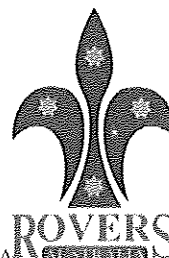
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Agenda: Annual General Meeting

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. a) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
b) Business arising from previous minutes.
4. Treasurer's Annual Report.
5. PR/Internet Officers Annual Report.
6. Regional Commissioners (Rovers) Annual Report.
7. Chairman's Annual Report.
8. Any other reports the Council deems necessary.
9. Guests
10. Election of office bearers:
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Vice Chairman
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) PR/Internet Officer
 - f) Training Officer
 - g) NSW Branch Rover Council Delegates
 - h) Venturer Liaison Officer
 - i) Activities and Service Officer
 - j) Any other position that the Council deems necessary.
11. Special Business
12. Close



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RRC AGM
18 MARCH 2009

Special guests: Jeff Rose (State Commissioner for Rovers)
Neville Henderson (Deputy Region Commissioner)
Peter Favelle (Sydney North & BRC Representative)

The minutes to the 2008 RRC AGM were read.

Motion put forward that these minutes were true and accurate set of minutes.

Motion Passed.

All reports were tabled

All positions were declared vacant and the returning officer took over the meeting for the election of the 2009/2010 RRC

Elected RRC Members for 2009/2010

Chairman: Bennett Lansley

Vice Chair: Lauren Thorn

Secretary: Corey Olufsen

Treasurer: Chloe Hatcher

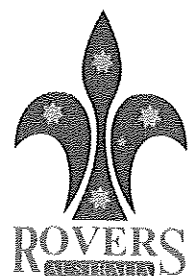
PR & Internet: Matt Thompson

Training Officer: Matt Lee

Venturer Liaison: Mitchell Shaw and Glenn Johnston

Activities and Service Coordinator: Andrew Thompson

BRC Delegates: Chris Leader, Mitchell Shaw and Rebecca Cini



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Region Chairman's Report – Bennett Lansley

The region has done very well throughout 2009 and is looking to have an even more successful for 2010. I would like to thank the entire RRC executive of 2009 for the efforts and work throughout the year it was a pleasure to work with you all.

I would like to thank especially Lauren for all of her hard work, she has been a huge asset to the team and also Matt Thompson for sorting out the region website and streamlining all the email systems.

This year crews have stepped up and are participating more in Rovering and general scouting activities which is great and I challenge every crew to do even more this year. Some stand out efforts and congratulations should go to:

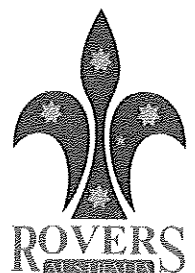
- North Mt Druitt for Roventure 2009, we hope this year's event will be even better. I encourage higher Rover participation.
- Blaxland Kalangadoo for a Fantastic Rocky Horror Region Moot
- Hawkesbury for Hilton Branch Moot

Also to be noted the Region/branch wide activities run by Kings Langley with the Formal Maccas Dinner and Castle Hill's Gold Coin Dinner.

In 2010, We need to look at numbers within our crews, as over the last 12 months many crews have lost numbers due to people turning 26 and leaving Rovers, I challenge all crews to have a minimum of 10 members by the end of 2010 or to increase their numbers by at least five members.

We need to look at those in Venturers and participate more to encourage these members to join rovers, I hope this year the region is able to increase the Rover/Venturer activities. Also I push this year for crew to challenge for the balls of steel and get this inter-crew competition running again. I challenge every RRC for a Crew to put in a challenge for the Balls.

Lastly I would like to thank you for all of your support this year and wish the committee of 2010 all the best.



GWS Region Vice Chairman Report – 10/03/2010

Congratulations to Greater Wester Sydney Region on another successful year of roving. We have participated in a wide range of activities this year, from Gangshow to Dragonskin, Moots, Roventures, Training Courses, Hike for Hunger & Lord Mayor's Picnic as well as our usual crew programming week to week.

Hopefully looking to the future we can work on achieving better communication in the Region, as well as place a strong emphasis on growing our numbers to ensure every crew has 10+ Rovers and a strong feeder venturer unit to ensure sustainability long term. I also believe it's important to place a stronger emphasis on service in the coming year, remembering that is our motto as Rovers.

I would particularly like to thank North Mount Druitt Rover Crew for running the Region Roventure, and Blaxland-Kalangadoo for running Region Moot. Without you putting your hand up, these events would have struggled to run, so many thanks on behalf of the RRC.

Last but not least, thanks to the outgoing RRC Committee, it has been a pleasure working with you.

YiR, Lauren Thorn

Greater Western Sydney Region Rover Council
Annual Treasurers Report
Summary of Accounts As At 31st December 2009

<u>Current Assets/Cash:</u>	<u>2008 (\$)</u>	<u>2009 (\$)</u>
Cash at Bank:	3813.53	3046.23
Unpresented Cheques:	0.00	132.80
Outstanding Deposit:	0.00	172.00
Bank Statement Balance:	3813.53	3007.03

Working Account:

Total Income	773.91	1400.98
Total Expenditure	1011.00	2168.28
Yearly Result	(237.09)	(767.30)
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Summary of Income and Expenditure
As At 31st December 2009

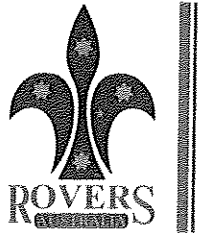
<u>Income</u>	<u>2008 (\$)</u>	<u>2009 (\$)</u>
Interest	21.91	12.98
Special Activity (Training Moot)	0.00	300.00
Registration Fees	752.00	1088.00

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2008 (\$)</u>	<u>2009 (\$)</u>
Special Activity (Training Moot)	0.00	400.00
Registration Fees	876.00	513.00
Insurance	0.00	3.90
Conference Attendance	135.00	(included in Rego fee) 190 ←
Major Equipment	0.00	397.65
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	853.73

Chloe Hatcher
 GWSRRC Hon. Treasurer 2009
 8th March 2010

RRC AGM SUPPER 37.53
 RRC CHRISTMAS FOOD 08 64.00
 JAMBERETTE
 TREASURER INFO BOOKS 354.90
 CONFERENCE 37.50
 CONFERENCE 190.00
 DOMAIN NAME - 2 YEARS 69.00
 CHRISTMAS LUNCH 09 100.80

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Region Rover Council

Greater Western Sydney Region, NSW Branch, Scouts Australia

Public Relations Officer Report

GWS RRC Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 10th March 2010

It has been a good year for GWS Rovers PR. Crews have been out and about representing all that is good about Scouting & Rovering. I have kept the Region up-to-date with current Rover news through regular articles and photos in the Region Bulletin, although it was hard at times to gather information for publication. In future it would aid this role if Crew Leaders could regularly submit short news articles on events happening within their crews, along with photos too!

Among some of the service and PR events GWS Rovers attended include:

Dragon Skin (Holidays), Holroyd Family Festival March, Merrylands ANZAC Day Service, Sydney ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Red Shield Appeal, Cumberland Gang Show, Kings Langley Annual McDonalds Regressive Formal Dinner, GWSR Waratah, Australia Day Ceremonies, St. Georges Day Service, GWS Roventure, Lord Mayor's NYE Picnic, 2010 Australian Jamboree, Hike For Hunger, 1st Ermington Venturing Out Day, GWSR Jamborette, Relay for Life and many more.

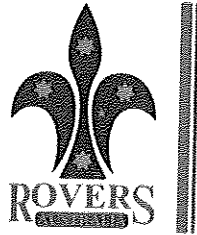
During 2009, I recommended to the Region Rover Council that we purchase 20 red Hi-Vis vests in various sizes with 'GWS Rovers' in reflective lettering. These were purchased and have since been used at various events including the Region Jamborette, Relay for Life and Rocky Horror Moot. For these big events, the vests make us easily identifiable as GWS Rovers and are great for PR!

The 2009 GWS Region Jamborette held at Bents Basin was a great PR and service event for GWS Rovers. It was a particularly eventful one with GWS Rovers needing to handle many issues including; dealing with members of the general public camping among the Scouts, transport, traffic control, first aid incidents, remote rescue and helicopter evacuation (with NSW Ambulance service needing to use our radios!) and looking after the general well-being of all Scouts, Venturers and Leaders by providing a security presence throughout the weekend. The Region Commissioner (Scouts) and District Scout Leaders were very impressed with the Rovers, and were grateful that we were there to support the event. I would like to thank all the Rovers that gave up their June long weekend to attend. A big thank especially to my deputy leaders, Andrew Thompson (Security), Tristan Hornstra and Rebecca Sampson (Rover Activity Base) and Louise Gillard (Rover/Venturer Frat Tent). Thanks also to Paul Thompson for his wonderful cooking on the weekend.

It may seem that Rovers are often looked down upon or not held in the highest respect by other Scouting sections, thankfully this is something I see that is steadily changing. Through the continued positive actions and service to our groups, districts, region and wider community, by individual Rovers and Rover Crews, we can change the image of Rovers to that of a positive, friendly, approachable and service orientated section.

I'm looking forward to another great year of positive Roving... get out there and be seen!

Matt Thompson
GWS RRC Public Relations Officer 2009/2010



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Internet Officer Report

GWS RRC Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 10th March 2010

Over the last year, our website has undergone a major change. It has been successfully integrated into the Region website while the Rovers still maintain our own domain name (gwsrovers.com.au) and control of content. Hosting is now provided at no cost by Region. Our domain name is our only expense, at \$69 every 2 years, which will need to be renewed in September 2011.

The website content has grown dramatically and it now includes; uniform badge placements, crew contact directory, frequently updated news articles & calendar, RRC & BRC executive contact directory, RRC minutes and a growing collection of Rover resources with over 40 documents so far.

Our email system is working extremely well. It is powered by Google Apps which allows for great flexibility in creating multiple users, RRC executive members and crew email addresses, as well as setting up and maintaining email distribution lists (executive@gwsrovers.com.au, crewleaders@gwsrovers.com.au, crewsecretaries@gwsrovers.com.au, crewdelegates@gwsrovers.com.au, and roveradvisors@gwsrovers.com.au).

The GWS Rover **email addresses** have been created for each crew; emails sent to these addresses are forwarded on to the crew leader's personal email address. Crews may access their emails online through the 'Email Login' link on the Region Rover website. If the crew would like to send & receive emails directly from their GWS Rovers email address, or change their forwarding details, they may do so at any time. If you do not know your login name or password, please ask me.

The GWS Rover **email distribution lists** are maintained by the Internet Officer. Since these were setup during 2009, it has become much easier to distribute information to the RRC executive and Rover Crews. There is no longer a need for messages to be sent to 40 or 50 individual email addresses. Messages are sent to the 'easy to remember' distribution list addresses and forwarded on immediately to all recipients. After the AGM, the Internet Officer will receive all the crew executive summaries and will update the appropriate mailing lists with the new details. It is the Internet Officers responsibility to ensure that new people are added, and resigned members are removed from these lists as required throughout the year. It is important that if crew leaders *are not* receiving emails from Region (at least every 2 weeks), that they let the Internet Officer know as soon as possible so the issue can be rectified.

Facebook is another means of communication, although I would recommend this medium not be relied upon in the future as it is not guaranteed that the GWS Region Rovers group always includes all current Rovers in the Region. The email distribution lists are our preferred method of direct communication.

I look forward to seeing the Region Rover website continue to grow into a dependable, informative resource for Rovers in Greater Western Sydney Region.

Matt Thompson
GWS RRC Internet Officer 2009/2010

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10 March 2010

Region Commissioner (Rovers) Report

It has been an interesting year for Rovers in Greater Western Sydney.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing executive team of Bennett Lansley, Lauren Thorn, Corey Olufsen, Chloe Hatcher, Matt Thompson, Matt Lee, Andrew Thompson, Mitchell Shaw, and Rebecca Cini.

There are 3 Crews in the Region who have shown outstanding work at running Major Rover activities in the past year. Hawkesbury River Rover Crew, who ran the 2009 Branch Moot (Hilton Moot) this was outstanding work for this Crew. Blaxland Kalangadoo Rover Crew, (who ran Rocky Horror Moot); it was the largest turnout for a GWS Moot in some time, with over 200 Rovers attending. And North Mt Druitt Rover Crew for Roventure.

For Rovers who attended AJ2010 as Line Leaders, Camp staff and also Gang Show, well done for the hard work you all put into the Jamboree.

There has been some dark moment in 2009 in which has bought the behaviour of Rovers into question, with the over consumption of alcohol at Moots and other activities, its up to Rovers take responsibly for there actions, The Branch Rover Council developed Drinksafe which has been discuss at the February RRC, and Crews would have now received poster about Drinksafe. I would like remind everyone, that every time you go to a Rover activity you are representing your Crew, Region in some cases the State.

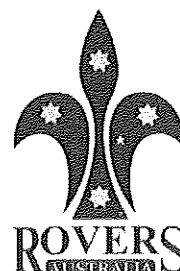
On Service I would like to see more Service done by Crews, other then the standard activities, to seek out new forms of Service. Remember "Service" is the Rover motto.

On a sad note; I recently received the news of a fellow Rover who was called to higher service, Alexander Burke of 1st 2nd Merrylands (St Anne's) Rover Crew past a way late February. I am sure Alex will be missed by Merrylands Rover Crew and all who knew him.

Thankyou.

Yours in Rovers

David Twist
Region Commissioner (Rovers)



Annual Crew Report

Crew Executive for 2009

Crew Leader – Matthew Bordley – followed by Jodie Richards

Assistant Crew Leader – Jodie Richards – followed by Brendan Richards

Secretary – Mitchell Shaw

Treasurer – Melissa Cahill

RA – Jenny Wardell

Crew Committee for 2009

Assistant Secretary – Emily O'Keefe – position became vacant

Assistant Treasurer – Keriann Clark – position became vacant

Activites Officer – Andrew Thompson

Webmaster – Brendan Richards

Fundraising Officer – Jason Tovey

Quarter Master – Andrew Thompson

RRC Delegates – Alasdair Mclean & Brendan Richards

Current Crew Statistics

RA – 1

Knights – 7

Squires – 9

Candidates – 4

Service Activities

Rovers is a Service Section in Scouting. Kings Langley Rovers do our best to attend a variety of Service events so we can give back to our community through out the year.

At the beginning of the year we had nine members attend the St Georges Day Ceremony. We took along our flag to be blessed, and four members helped throughout the ceremony.

On Anzac Day we had 10 members attend the Dawn Service. We participated by lining up as the Guard of Honour. And later during the March some of us helped carrying banners.

We have helped 1st Wentworthville with some of their activities through the year. Kings Langley Rovers live in the Rover Den that was provided by the 1st Wentworthville committee. We have helped out with working bees, running Scouts and helping out at the Car Boot Sale. There are two Car Boot Sales a year, one in May and another in October. We helped by setting up the Wenty Stall and helped selling items. In October we also had our own stall set up.

This year we have helped out with local community groups as well. We were contacted by the organisers of 'Memory Walk' by Alzheimer's Australia (we were recommended to this organisation by 1st Parramatta Scout Group). We were asked if we could camp out at Parramatta Park on 26th September as a Night Watch - to ensure that none of the stalls or the stage were vandalised. We had eleven members attend this activity and it was a very safe and successful night. We stayed up all night playing cluedo, monopoly and chatting. The organisers were very happy with our help as it meant they could go home and rest before their big walk the next day.

In June we attended the Blacktown City Festival. Here we helped local Scout groups carry banners and helped marshal Scouts to where they needed to be.

We also assisted at the Kenthurst Fete in September. We were recommended to the organisers by Jeff Rose. We helped with the setting up of stalls, running the coffee cart, selling plants, helping children with craft and helping with the sound crew for the stage. We had shifts throughout the day and we had about ten members attend.

During the year we have also helped out at several Scout Camps doing a variety of different activities. In June we attended the Jamborette. We had members of our Crew help out during the day on the Rover Activity Base and also at night running Security.

In September we went down on a Friday night to help Scouts set up for the Blacktown District Shake Down Camp. We helped troops put up their sleeping tents and dining flies.

Over the Christmas/New Year Break we also had several members of our Crew attend the Jamborree. We helped out in many different areas such as Entertainment, Water Activities and

This year we had ten members actively participate in three Gang Shows – Cumberland Gang Show, Kirrawee Gang Show and the Australian Jamboree 2010 Gang Show. We had a variety of members performing on stage, writing material for the show, helping backstage and in wardrobe.

Early in the year we decided to set a target for Hike for Hunger 2009, as last year we did not have a large contribution. We decided to make our target 500 cans/non perishable items. It was agreed by Greater Western Sydney as a region to donate 1000 items. With each member bringing cans every week, and two can drives at a local shopping centre we easily were reaching 500 items. So we then pushed to achieve 1000 items, and match Regions target. We succeeded and donated just over 1000 items to Wesley Mission for Hike for Hunger. On the day we had six members of the crew make the Hike to Wesley Mission to deliver our donations.

One of our members approached the Science Team this year to offer help running programs. She attended a variety of nights where the programs included Lights, Rockets, Water Rockets and Kitchen Science.

1st Kings Langley Venturers turned twenty this year, and our Rovers were approached to join the celebrations and help with catering. We had nine members attend the party. We prepared pies, sausages rolls, frankfurts and cake to fill the tummies of those who came to join the celebrations.

For the past couple of years we have help the Baulkham Hills Rotary with the selling of Christmas Trees and also attending a Christmas Concert put on for local Nursing Home Residents. Over both of these events we had eleven members attend.

This year Baulkham Hills Rotary combined with Kellyville Rotary. This meant a change of location for the Christmas Tree Sales. The two locations this year were The Bull n Bush and the Ettamogah. We helped unload the trees, hose down the trees, sell trees and stands, pack away the trees and meet all our new Rotarian friends! The two weekends of tree selling were very successful. Even one of our own Rover families came down to purchase a tree!

The Christmas Concert was on the 3rd of December. This concert was put on by local school choirs and bands, dance groups and local businesses. We helped out by setting up the chairs and tables, unloading our guests from the buses, handing out refreshments and by cleaning up at the end. It was a very enjoyable evening for all those who attended.

We had so much fun last year, that we decided to attend the 2009 Lord Mayors Picnic again! We had four members attend. One of us received duty

of handing out the little bits and pieces the kids receive as they walk through the gates, and the remaining three helped out with carparking – directing attendees to car spots and wheel chair access. Our carparking duties finished at about 7:30pm and we returned to the park to help out with cleaning up and protecting the stage actors from over excited children armed with recorders. As it got darker we lined up along the path to help direct the party to our VIP 9pm fireworks location within the Botanical Gardens. After the fireworks finished we helped with cleanup of the venue.

We had members of our Crew take on other roles within Scouting. Melissa Cahill held positions on the National Youth Council (NYC), Youth Advisory Council for Scouting (YACS) and Jamborree Organising Committee Youth Representative (JOC). Mitchell Shaw held positions as a Region and State Scout Youth Council (SYC) Mentor, Region Water Activities Team and helping out running district activities.

We also had three members on the Greater Western Sydney Rover Region Council. Bennett Lansley held the position as Region Chair, Andrew Thompson held the position as Region Activities Officer, and Mitchell Shaw held to position as Region Venturer Liaison Officer and as Branch Region Council Delegate.

Rovers as Leaders

There are a few members of our Crew who are also leaders in other Sections. We have two joey leaders, two cub leaders, one Scout Leader and an assistant Scout Leader in training. We think this is a positive attribute to our Rover Crew. For one thing it shows we are active within the Scouting Community and shows other sections/groups that we hold a high level of responsibility. A lot of people have a certain view of Rovers, which is not a positive view, so hopefully this is something to deter that.

Crew Activities

Our Crew has achieved many things this year. One of our biggest achievements was the Kings Langley Annual Formal Regressive Maccas Dinner. We celebrated our 10th Year by having dessert at McDonald House at Westmead. We were served cakes and icecream and the children and families came out and spent time with us. We headed to Prospect for our mains, followed by Bella Vista for Entrees. We had a very successful night raising over \$500 for McDonald House. This year we introduced prizes for best dressed male and female rover, best dressed table and we raffled tickets to win the chance to sit at in our formal party room for mains.

We ran a very successful Dragonskin base this year, lead by Andrew Thompson. Using his background experience we had an aerial game, climbing trees and climbing through obstacle course finding our way through Ireland.

It was a very well run base – which earned Kings Langley Best VOC 4 Base for 2009. It was also at Dragonskin that we discovered the game 'Shatter Cone', which was fun for all involved, except for Brendan when his finger bled... We also had members of the Crew take on Executive roles and helping out with Sites and Services.

We have been a busy Crew this year, with week to week activities. We have kept ourselves entertained through out the year with numerous Trivia Contests, trips to Abbott Road McDonalds, bowling, dancing and ice skating. Some more exciting activities include having the Science Team visit us for a Pyro Rocket Night, practicing our Wining skills, aqua golf, cook outs and first aid nights (Sam makes the best fake blood ever...).

We have also done a bit of squire training and refurbishing the den.

Inter-Crew Activities

This year we have made a bigger effort to attend events run by other crews. We have been to many moots this year such as Tradies Moot, Rocky Horror Moot, Hilton Moot, Super Hero Moot, and Nerd Moot to name a few.

We have had a couple of Inter-Crew Challenges. We challenged 1st Baulkham Hills to their Balls of Steel – Wii Sports. Unfortunately we failed our attempt, but it was a very entertaining night. We also attend the 2nd Castle Hill Gold Coin Gourmet Dinner, which was also a very fun night.

Other events our crew attended include a games night with 2nd Castle Hill, Bushdance, Magical Mystery Tour, Gymea Halloween Party, Hypnotist Night, Harbour Cruise and Santa Pub Crawl.

Rover and Venturer Activities

This year we made a bigger effort to get out there and meet local Venturer Units. This way they can become more familiar with us and comfortable, and get an idea of what Rovers are.

We had a few nights out with different Units within the region.

With 1st Winston Hills Venturers, we challenged them at Code Red – a laser game. I am pretty sure we lost... But it was a fun night.

We had a few nights with 1st Kings Langley Venturer Unit. We had a Wii night and dodge ball challenge, we pulled an all nighter with JOTI at the hall, and we went to their 20th Birthday Party.

As part of his squire training, Brendan Richards held a City Photo Hunt Challenge where all units were invited to attend, we even had our own Rover

team entered! This was a well run event and we are hoping to run another next year.

Other events we attended which involved both Rovers and Venturers was Dragonskin, Roventuer and Venture Out.

Activities with other Sections

As Rovers is a service section, we have also tried this year to run/attend events with the other sections in Scouting.

Joeys – we have created a program which we can run for Joeys. This is a medieval program (as Rovers are based on 'Knights') We ran this program with 1st Winston Hills Joeys Mob and St Mary's Joey Mob.

Cubs – Using the same program as the one we created for Joeys, but a little bit more difficult we ran nights for Erskine Park Cub Pack. Brendan also helped run a Spy Night for 1st Kings Langley Cub Pack.

Scouts – we ran/assisted nights with 1st Wentworthville Scouts. These nights were the above mentioned program, navigation and a bike hike. We also ran the above program with 1st Toongabbie Scouts and also went along to a Code Red night. We also had some members attend 1st Kings Langley Scouts Big Boys Toys night.

As a Kings Langley Rover Crew we have been attending both 1st Kings Langley Group Meetings and the Blacktown District Council. And as a Crew living at 1st Wentworthville we have been attending both 1st Wentworthville Committee Meetings and Parramatta District Councils.

Squire Activities

As a part of our Squire Training it is required to run an activity which involves both effort and preparation. This year we have had six successful Squire Activities.

Photo Hunt – Brendan organised and ran a City Photo Hunt in early February. Unfortunately only three Rovers attended this activity which was very upsetting. However, all three had a great time and due to the effort Brendan put in, this activity was passed on his training. In another attempt Brendan ran the same activity in September which was very successful having both Rovers and Venturers attend.

Lyons Club Dinner – As Kerriann's activity she organised, prepared, cooked and served a meal for the Lyons Club at 1st Kings Langley Scout Hall in March. She decided on a menu which included soups, two choices of mains and

desserts. This was a very successful night, even through the pressure of the night, she pulled through and the food tasted so good!

Dragonskin – Andy ran a very successful base at Dragonskin this year with the theme of Ireland. Venturers were expected to put a map of Ireland together while hanging upside down, climb a tree to find clues to a board game and complete a tricky obstacle course. Another well run activity.

Billy Cart Derby BBQ – We put our hand up to say that Kings Langley Rovers would run the BBQ for the Blacktown District Billy Cart Derby in August. Joshua took this on as his activity. He decided on making lunch packs, similar to last year, and he ran a very successful day raising a lot of money for the crew.

Relay for Life – Relay For Life is an event held in October to raise awareness and acknowledge those who have or have had cancer. Alasdair chose this as his squire activity by helping set up tents on the day, running security and offering help where it was needed. He also shaved his head for the event. A very worthwhile event to attend.

Rotary at Christmas – This year Pete took on the challenge of organising our Crew to help the Rotary Club sell Christmas Trees and help out at their Christmas Concert for local Nursing Homes. This was a very successful event, and everyone who took part had a lot of fun.

Squire Den Projects

As a part of our Squire Training it is also required to execute a project, which can be an article for the Den/Crew or something to help other areas of Scouting. We had two completed Squire Projects this year.

Prayer Board – As his project, Andy created a prayer board out of wood to hang up on the wall. He wrote the prayer by engraving the wood.

Pole and Flag Bags – Kerriann made bags to hold our tent poles and our flags. The flag bags were made out of leather and the pole bags were made out of canvas. Both have made transportation of both a lot easier.

BP Projects

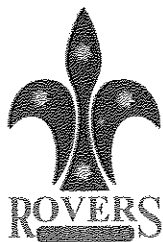
We currently have 4 people working on there Baden Powell award, two on method A and two on method B.

Andy has submitted proposals for his Ramble Badge and his Scoutcraft Badge. For his Ramblers Badge, Andy is planning on hiking the Overland Track in Tasmania. For his Scoutcraft Badge he is planning to run 10 camps in the areas of

Mitchell has submitted proposal for all of his badges. For his Service Badge he has taken on the role as SL at 1st Toongabbie. Also he will be completing his Advanced Leadership training in the Scout section. With the Project Badge he will be training up as an Assistant Instructor in Canoes. Scoutcraft, Mitchell is undertaking 10 camps ranging from camps as a leader in charge to canoe hikes and camps without facilities. Finally the Ramblers Badge, he is going to hike the Great North Walk over a period of 8 hikes, 2 of which will 3 day hikes. Mitchell has given progress reports on his Service, Project and Scoutcraft Badges.

Jodie has also submitted proposals for all of her badges her badges. For spiritual she will be expressing her thoughts of different religions through artwork. With intellectual and emotional she is learning sign language through a community based courses. She will raise awareness in scouting by running programs for joeys, cubs and scouts. Physical badge, Jodie intends on walking 15 hours at relay for life, training for the event by following a fitness program. She is also going to become a relay for life committee member. For the social badge, she has set a target of 200 hours on conservation projects.

Mel has submitted proposals for three of her badges. These are intellectual and emotional for sign language and then expressing this through programs for joeys and cubs. Social badge she is completing her advanced training for the Cub section.



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1st/2nd Merrylands Rover Crew – GWS Region Rover Council 2010 Annual General Report

2009 has been a successful year for Merrylands Rover Crew. We have had another squire become a Rover Knight, Lara Emery, a great accomplishment for our crew. A few things that stood out in the year would be

- Our service at Jamborette where an incident happened and our crew among others joined to help control the situation.
- Our involvement at Dragon Skin where we ran a base which involved great planning and commitment to all the crew that attended, we also had onsite crew members helping out where they could.
- We were amongst the many that attended the hike for hunger.
- Josh Crump and I have taken up roles in leading the Venturer unit.
- The ANZAC day service
- Helped out in all areas of 1st/2nd Merrylands Scout group
- Tim Francis became our RA
- Tristan has taken on Crew leader
- Josh Crump Assistant Crew leader
- David Lang Treasurer
- Matt Thompson secretary

Our crew and its executive council have many goals for 2010 including:

- encouraging new members to follow up with their squire training requirements
- retaining current members
- promoting our crew at all levels
- actively participating at more Region and State Scouting & Roving events
- actively participating and seeking out new service activities
- fundraising – to assist the crew in growing its resources

Our current crew numbers as of 10th March 2010 are:

- 1 x RA (Resp)
- 6 x Knights
- 13 x Squires

We thank the outgoing Region Rover Council Executive for its continued support of our crew and look forward to the Roving year ahead.

Yours in Roving,

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