



SCOUTS AUSTRALIA  
NEW SOUTH WALES  
Greater Western Sydney  
Region Rover Council

## Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
Bundilla Scout Camp, Peter Waite Room

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1. PRESENT** As per attendance book
- 2. APOLOGIES** Lauren Thorn (RRC Chair 2010), Becky Sampson (RRC Secretary 2010), David Young (Westmead RA), Andrew Anderson (NMD), Alex Motyka (BRC), Neville Henderson (GWS Region Commissioner), Josh Overland (Castle Hill), Kerriann Clarke (KL Rovers), Tristan Hornstra (Merrylands)
- 3. MEETING OPENED** Opening ceremony  
8.00pm
- 4. PRESENTATIONS** None
- 5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**  
  
Read by Matt Thompson  
  
*Brendan Richards moved motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.  
Seconded by: Cameron Foyle*

### 2010-2011 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

#### 1. REGION CHAIRMAN (Lauren Thorn)

The 2010/11 year of Rovering in the GWS Region proved to be more successful for some crews than others. Congratulations must go to Kings Langley once again for receiving the Quality Rovering Award and to their RA, Jenny Wardell, for receiving the Stan Bales award at the BRC AGM in April of last year. They certainly have led the way for the region in the Rovering this year and I look forward to hearing more from them in what's left of my Rovering career.

Please join me in congratulating the most recent BP Awardee of the GWS Region, Krissie Bredin of 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills. Your award was of the highest standard, and very well deserved.

I'd like to also mention Merrylands, Blaxland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills and North Mount Druitt for their excellent crew management and programming, and a special mention to 2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills for the fantastic work they have done in the last year to grow their members and become a strong crew once again.

To Westmead, 1<sup>st</sup> Baulkham Hills, Castle Hill, Nepean & Hawkesbury, hang in there. You all have some wonderful people on your side who want to see you succeed, be it a Rover, a RA or someone on the Region Exec. I know how hard it can be when older members move on, to motivate everyone to attend meetings regularly or to continue trying to inspire leadership. Instead of trying to motivate the same people, turn your attention to the lifeblood of the Rover Section, the Venturers. Utilise the lists provided to you in your AGM packs to attract as many new members as you can. A strong crew isn't determined by its size, but by its members working together to achieve a common goal. Figure out what yours is and work towards it!!

It has been a busy year in Rovering once again, with all events well attended by the Rovers of GWS. Thanks to Kings Langley for running Gamer Moot, and to Westmead for running Bush Dance on behalf of the BRC.

To the outgoing Region Executive team, thank you for all your work over the past year, it truly is appreciated. To Mr Twist, our beloved commish, thank you for your support, the region really cannot operate without you! And finally, to the incoming executive committee, congratulations and good luck! Though I'm sure you won't need it...

Thank you, and here's to an even better year!!

Yours in Roving,  
Lauren Thorn

## **2. VICE CHAIRMAN (Matt Thompson)**

GWS Rovers have participated in many crew, district, region, state and national events over the past year; the 2010 Australian Jamboree held at Cataract, and the recent OzMoot held in Adelaide were definite highlights for those that attended.

Once again, our Region had a strong contingent of Rovers attend Dragonskin at Vulcan State Forest, with almost all of the VOC4 committee consisting of GWS Rovers.

We finally made some progress with the Region Balls of Steel Challenge. In August, we organised a Region-wide bowling competition which was well attended by many GWS Rovers – almost every crew was represented. The winners, North Mount Druitt finally took the Balls off 1<sup>st</sup> Baulkham Hills. Thanks to Jodie Richards for helping to organise the event.

Gamer Moot, run by Andrew Thompson and Kings Langley Rover Crew was a great success. It was lots of fun and everyone had a great time. The winners of the moot were 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Merrylands, who will be running Sherwood Moot in August 2011.

Over the past year, we have seen a number of Rovers booted; Krissie Bredin, Tricia Field, Mel Ison, Bec Wicks, Kelly Ellwood. I would like to thank each of them again for the effort and dedication they have put into Roving and I wish them all the best for the future.

Our region currently has 108 Rovers, with 10 active crews. While some crews are struggling for numbers, others are doing really well with 13+ members in 6 of our crews. Effort is currently being put into re-building 1<sup>st</sup> Baulkham Hills with an influx of current and ex Winston Hills Venturers about to start attending regular meetings at their Murray Farm hall. A strong need has recently been identified in the Parramatta District to establish a new crew there, potentially a 'District Crew'. This is due to a recent boom in the number of Venturers and lack of Rover Crews in that area. This is fantastic to see, and I strongly encourage the new RRC executive to put every effort into establishing this a new crew in Parramatta District.

I would like to thank the outgoing executive and wish the new executive all the very best for the coming year.

Keep on Roving,

Matt Thompson  
GWS RRC Vice Chairman 2010/2011

## **3. TREASURER (Bennett Lansley)**

Thank you to the outgoing executive for their hard work this year.

This year a number of crew have had problems with their books and managing their finances, I suggest the treasurers in the coming year focus and try to have their record keeping as up to date as possible. For those still who have not finalized their crews books for 2010 please ensure this is done urgently, also I am still chasing a number for crews with outstanding RRC/BRC Levies.

This year not much has gone through the books, and our balance is at \$3630.66

## **4. SECRETARY (Becky Sampson)**

No Report

## 5. REGION COMMISSIONER - ROVERS (David Twist)

First off, I would like to thank the outgoing Executive team for their hard work for the pass year.

It's been very good year regarding the Baden Powell Award. With two recipients this year Chloe Hatcher 1st Blaxland using method A and Krissie Bredin 2nd Baulkham Hills method B. both Chloe and Krissie are well deserving of the Baden Powell Award.

As you have notices in your AGM packs this year, you would have seen contact details for Venturers who are 17 ½ to 18 years. The recruitment of Venturers has been weak or non-existent, due to the numbers of Rovers in GWS have been stagnant around 100-108 in the past years. Thanks to Aaron Wardle RC Venturers who has put together the contact lists. Now it's up to each Crew to make contact with these Venturers to increase the numbers in your own Crew and of the Region.

Now you have the tools! Go to your local Venturer unit and Zone Venturer Council meetings and make your Crew known!

I want to see more Crew involvement in service activities. To see Crews going out finding new and diverse activities.

So let's make 2011 bigger and better year. I'll leave you with this Quote.

*We never fail when we try to do our duty; we always fail when we neglect to do it.*

Robert Baden-Powell

Yours in Rovers

David Twist.

## 6. OTHER EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### PR & INTERNET OFFICER

The year of 2010 has seen plenty of opportunities for the Rover Scouts of the Greater Western Sydney Region to present themselves to the Scouting and wider communities, both inside and outside of Scout halls and online.

During the year, a public relations tent was set up for several events including the GWS Regional Jamborette (over the June long weekend; this was used as part of the Rovers activity base for the Jamborette), the Big Day In (at Bundilla in August) and the Blacktown Relay for Life in October.

A new milestone was marked during Kings Langley Rover Crew's 2010 Formal Regressive Macca's Dinner in which final-year Venturers and their leaders were encouraged to attend the event. This was an opportunity for Venturers to learn about what Rover Scouts can do to help the wider communities, and also encourage them to link up to their local Rover Crews.

On 11 February 2011, members of the Kings Langley Rover Crew participated in a publicity event promoted on the Seven Network's morning breakfast programme Sunrise; this event was more to promote Scouting in general.

A monthly Rovers report was regularly submitted to GWS Region's Bulletin newsletter. The primary aim was to keep the Region's leaders informed of events that the Region's Rovers had participated in, in addition to a regularly updated list of upcoming Rover-related events (including RRC meetings, Moots, special occasions and more). On some occasions, photos of those events were also submitted.

This year, regular maintenance of the GWS Rovers website was carried out by both myself and Matt Thompson (who also maintains the GWS Region's main website, [www.greaterwestscouts.com.au](http://www.greaterwestscouts.com.au)). The GWS Rovers website is accessible via the domain name [www.gwsrovers.com.au](http://www.gwsrovers.com.au). This link diverts to a page that is listed on the GWS Region website. The Rovers page currently contains the following information:

- Calendar of upcoming events (which includes events from other Scouting sections)
- News and information on recent and upcoming Rover-related events
- Information on the Rovers section in general
- Information and contact details for each Crew within GWS Region
- Information and contact details for current RRC Executive members
- Information and contact details for current BRC (Branch Rover Council) Executive members

GWS Rovers' e-mail system, which is currently maintained through a link on the GWS Rovers webpage, contains e-mail addresses for all RRC Executive members (e.g. [chairman@gwsrovers.com.au](mailto:chairman@gwsrovers.com.au)) and e-mail addresses for all Rover crews. There are also group e-mail addresses for Crew Leaders, Executive members, all crews and so on. In some circumstances, only members registered with [gwsrovers.com.au](http://gwsrovers.com.au) e-mail addresses can send e-mails to and from the group addresses.

A Facebook group, Greater Western Sydney Region Rovers (<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/group.php?gid=20533872628>) is also maintained and updated on a regular basis.

While we all recover from what has been a big year for Rovers in GWS Region, there is no doubt we will all be looking forward to what 2011 will bring for everyone. I wish you all the very best for what should be another great year for Rover Scouts.

Yours in Roving,

Brendan Richards  
PR/Internet Officer (2010), GWS Region

#### **ACTIVITIES & SERVICES**

<No Report>

#### **VENTURER LIASON OFFICER**

<No Report>

#### **TRAINING OFFICER**

The last year has been a busy year with the National introduction of e-learning, and the whole structure of Scout Leader training changed to adapt to this new method of training leaders. Rover Introduction and Programming courses as we used to know them have been replaced by e-learning modules and a Rover Basic Section Techniques weekend.

Due to some material not being covered from the old RI and RP in the new e-learning approach, BRC has identified that an option be available for Region's to create a 'Rover Awareness Night' to be developed and implemented by the RRC, outside of the training team. I feel a standardised, state-wide 'Rover Awareness Night' package should be created by the BRC, with options for RRC's to add some extra information specifically for their Regions. However, this is all work in progress and is currently being looked at by BRC and the State Training Team.

Prior to the introduction of e-learning, Jeff Hook and I ran our last Rover Intro course at Bundilla in August 2010. We had 9 participants attend.

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of working with some outstanding Rovers. In particular, I would like to congratulate Chloe Hatcher and Krissie Bredin on completing their Baden Powell Awards. The standard of their presentation to the Baden Powell review panels, as well as the logs they both submitted were of the highest standard. Bravo to you both.

Keep on Roving,

Matt Thompson  
GWS RRC Training Officer 2010/2011

***Greg Anderson moved motion moved to accept the executive reports.***

***Seconded by: Brendan Richards***

#### **7. CREW REPORTS**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Baulkham Hills**

Thinking about recess though now starting back up with new Vennies form Winston Hills, hoping to take them to Mud Bash, organizing to have BJ to be RA

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Baulkham Hills**

Upcoming Krissies BP, Beer Tasting,

## **Blaxland 'Kalangadoo'**

8k 7s 6 interested 4 un 1 ra

Dragon skin prep, cams BP ramble knighting Ashton soon and handicap night

## **Kings Langley**

This year Kings Langley Rover Crew again upheld the Rover motto of "service" to the highest regard. The crew was well represented at almost every service event throughout the year. These events included St. Georges Day in April, ANZAC Day ceremonies in the city, being involved in both the Dawn service and March proceedings. At a group level the crew assisted 1<sup>st</sup> Kings Langley at their working bee and AGM and 1<sup>st</sup> Wentworthville at their two Car boot sales and various working bees. Again the Hike for Hunger was participated.

Again we supported other community organisations including Alzheimer's NSW for their Annual Memory Walk event held in Parramatta Park. The trick to service is to make it fun and this is something that our crew continues to achieve. This particular activity involved sleeping over in the park to keep the equipment stored there secure. This was successfully achieved again with a lot of spontaneous fun.

On the Scouting front of life we assisted at various camps. In June members of the crew helped organise the region base at the GWS Jamborette and in the night security team. The biggest event of 2010 was the participation of several members at AJ2010 on the entertainment and water activities teams. This was a major highlight for the members of the crew and surely one they will remember forever. Dragonskin was also attended by some members that joined in with Rovers from Canberra while others worked as VOC staff. Again the crew had several members participating in Cumberland Gang Show, both on and off the stage, basically in all aspects of the show. Waratah, JOTA/JOTI and Blacktown Billy Cart derby were also on the list.

For the past couple of years we have help the local Rotary clubs 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. The Christmas Concert was held in December and local school choirs and bands participated also. Again our assistance in setting up the chairs and tables, unloading our guests from the buses, handing out refreshments and by cleaning up at the end was greatly appreciated and brought a smile to everybody's face.

Another event that we love to participate in is the Lord mayors Picnic. All had various roles on the day. By participating in this event we get spoilt by having one of the most amazing patches of grass to watch the 9pm fireworks within the Botanic Gardens. The view is simply amazing!

This year the Crew achieved and overcame many obstacles. The Kings Langley Annual Formal Regressive McDonalds Dinner was again led by Jodie and again a fantastic success. Reaching out to Venturers this year our numbers were increased and it opened up some successful connections also raising a significant amount of money for Ronald McDonald House at Westmead

However this is not where all the fun stops! Headed by Mr Andrew Thompson the crew ran Gamers Moot in August on behalf of the Region. This was a huge event with large number of people in attendance. It involved a lot of stress and hard work but again the crew as always pulled together and put on a rather fantastic weekend. Congratulations to Andy for an amazing effort and weekend that was immensely enjoyed by all!

As every year the crew has been non-stop. Attending moots, Waratah, 2<sup>nd</sup> Castle Hill Gold Coin Gourmet Dinner, Turramurra Harbour Cruise, Bush Dance, Santa Pub Crawl, Big Day In and there are others that we just cannot recall due to the vast array of activities! This is only a snippet of what the crew has done as this does not include our week to week activities which are also of the same level of enthusiasm!

This year we welcomed many new members into the crew to reach a total of 24, especially when there are so many venturers. We hope that you can help build this crew to become stronger in your years here and we are all very proud to have you on board. This year also saw the crew have 10 invested Rovers, ie Knights, in the crew. This is an important and significant milestone in the crew and I congratulate Kerriann, Josh, Alasdair, and Sam (in no particular order) on their achievements.

We are also proud of the time and commitment that our members put into to being leaders in other sections. 8 rovers are also leaders covering all the sections. This allows all sections to see the rovers out there in a positive and active light.

Again this year the crew had members on various councils and teams ranging from region, state and national. The experiences and opportunities that our members are undertaking are bringing a wealth of opportunity to their lives and growth. We congratulate these members on their endeavours. To add to this 2 members even completed Rover Basic Training!

We were awarded at the Branch Rover Council AGM with the Quality Rovering Award which was accompanied with a State Activity Voucher. With this a few members went along to SWASH and gained their Level 2 Flat Water qualification and it was the most enjoyable and memorable weekend. Crew bonding on this weekend was amazing and some of us have since returned to the centre to help on general activity days.

Congratulations and massive thank you must also be given to our RA Jenny. She was awarded BRC AGM the prestigious Stan Bales awards for her outstanding efforts in the Rover section. This year she also received her 20years service award. Jenny is and has been the backbone of this crew since the beginning. Her wealth of experience, tolerance and encouragement is appreciated, both on a scouting and personal level. She has allowed for many members to reach their full potential and experience life and its endeavours like they/we would never have thought. We thank Jenny for her years of service to the crew and hope there are many more to come.

So as you can see Kings Langley Rover Crew has had a HUGE year once again. I would like to thank the crew for their work and effort over the past year as again our name has been put out there and is well known, for the right reasons. I'd like to thank and acknowledge 1<sup>st</sup> Wentworthville and 1<sup>st</sup> Kings Langley, Blacktown and Parramatta Districts and the RRC and BRC for their support and for providing significant opportunities for the crew.

I wish the new executive all the best in the for the coming year.

Yours in Rovering,  
Melissa Cahill  
Crew Leader 2010/2011

### **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Merrylands**

Another year of great Rovering by all Merrylands Rovers

We attained some new knights since early 2010 with Nick Azzopardi and Tom Ibbotson. We also gained new squires to add to the overgrowing crew of Merrylands.

We have actively participated in Crew, group, region and branch activities. Ones that stood out were

our endless weekly activities and squiring training in the crew. Merrylands spent a lot of time getting to know each other during these activities.

Some of our crew became leaders in sections of the 1st/2nd Merrylands group to help out the sections that were at the time struggling to find people to come on a weekly basis. This service then led on to two members of that crew to become certified Venturer Leaders, Tristan and Josh Crump. This service will also help with connecting the 2 sections throughout the year of 2011.

We one Dragon Skin best activity for VOC 4 which we were all so surprised about and were very thankful for the award. In attaining this respect in the Rovering community I hope to pass on the knowledge to my younger Rovers in the crew so that they can live up to the standards which we all sort out to achieve at Dragon Skin in 2010 for the Venturers.

We attended Gamer Moot and won! Another big Hoorah for the Merrylands Rovers! We will be running our own Moot in August which for most of us is a new experience and one that I hope will expand my crew into other endeavors in Rovering.

We lost a great man early last year, Alexander Burke. Though he was lost at so young in Merrylands Rovers and I'm sure in all out the Scouting movement, he will be remembered. Rest now and watch over us as we continue on.

The goals set out for 2011:

- Attain a fantastic reputation for running a Moot in the Rovering community
- Attain more knights
- The older Rovers to step aside and become instructors to the younger Rovers finding their way in the Rovering community
- Fundraising for special needs in MRC
- Actively participate in Rover activities

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

Yours in Rovering,  
Tristan Hornstra  
Crew Leader 2010/2011

### **1<sup>st</sup> North Mount Druitt**

9k 4s 4new

Lots of effort DS, highly commended 2 year so was good, focus lots on squire training mean 3 new knight, want to do region moot this year, also many travelling interstate Aus Moot Etc, hoping to forge stronger link with Mount Druitt Venturers looking forward to upcoming bootings

6k 2s 1R

Most active small crew, being moved

### **Castle Hill, Nepean, Westmead, Hawkesbury**

<No Report>

*Cameron Foyle moved motion to accept the crew reports.  
Seconded by: Liana Sedgers*

Matt Thompson invited Pete Favell to address meeting on behalf of the BRC

Thank you for year and participation, congratulations to executive for their hard work. Hoping Branch moot is to happen. Snow moot is happening, 1<sup>st</sup> weekend April BRC AGM few empty positions on BRC, Internet officer, VLO, special projects officer.

## **ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS**

*Matt Thompson declared all positions vacant and handed over to our BRC representative, Mr. Pete Favelle.*

### **EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS**

#### **1. Chairman**

Nominations:	Liana Sedgers	1 <sup>st</sup> –Matt Thompson	2 <sup>nd</sup> –Greg Anderson	- ACCEPTED
	Jodie Richards	1 <sup>st</sup> – Andrew Thompson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Matt Thompson	- ACCEPTED

Can't do BRC though

**Appointed: Liana Sedgers**

## 2. VICE CHAIRMAN

Nominations: Jodie Richards 1<sup>st</sup> – Libby 2<sup>nd</sup> – Greg Anderson - ACCEPTED  
Michael Hudson DECLINED

**Appointed: Jodie Richards**

## 3. TREASURER

Nominations: David Lang 1<sup>st</sup> - Matt Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bennett Lansley - ACCEPTED

**Appointed: David Lang**

## 4. SECRETARY

Nominations: Steph Mead 1<sup>st</sup> – Liana Sedgers 2<sup>nd</sup> – Matt Thompson - ACCEPTED

**Appointed: Steph Mead**

## 5. REGION COMMISSIONER ROVER (GWS)

Nominations: David Twist 1<sup>st</sup> – Liana Sedgers 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brendan Richards - ACCEPTED

**Appointed: David Twist**

## 6. PR & INTERNET OFFICER

Nominations: Ashton Lout 1<sup>st</sup> – Michael Hudson 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cameron Foyle - DECLINED  
Mitchell Shaw 1<sup>st</sup> – Jodie Richards 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brendan Richards - ACCEPTED  
Luke Saunders 1<sup>st</sup> – Andrew Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> – Matt Thompson - ACCEPTED

**Appointed: Luke Saunders**

## 7. TRAINING OFFICER

Nominations: Greg Anderson 1<sup>st</sup> – Brendan Richards 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cameron Foyle - ACCEPTED  
Mitchell Shaw 1<sup>st</sup> – Jodie Richards 2<sup>nd</sup> – Andrew Thompson - ACCEPTED  
Michael Hudson 1<sup>st</sup> – Matt Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bennett Lansley - ACCEPTED

**Appointed: Michael Hudson**

## 8. VENTURER LIASON OFFICER

Nominations: Ashton Lout 1<sup>st</sup> - Matt Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> -Bennett Lansley - ACCEPTED  
John Luc Bachelor 1<sup>st</sup> – Stephanie Mead 2<sup>nd</sup> –Amanda Macklay - ACCEPTED

**Appointed: Ashton Lout**

## 9. ACTIVITIES & SERVICE OFFICER

Nominations: Mitchell Shaw 1<sup>st</sup> – Self 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amanda McKlay - ACCEPTED  
Greg Anderson 1<sup>st</sup> – Cameron Foyle 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brendan Richards - ACCEPTED

**Appointed: Greg Anderson**

## 10. NSW YACS DELEGATE

Nominations: Libby 1<sup>st</sup> – Matt Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jess Fawkes - ACCEPTED  
Jonathon Morey 1<sup>st</sup> Mel Cahill 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Thompson - ACCEPTED

**Appointed: Libby and Jonathon Morey**

## 11. BRC DELEGATES (4 PEOPLE)

Nominations:	Adele Lockman	1 <sup>st</sup> – Jodie Richards	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Liana Sedgers – ACCEPTED
	Mel Cahill	1 <sup>st</sup> - Matt Thompson	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Greg Anderson – ACCEPTED
	Andrew Thompson	1 <sup>st</sup> - Matt Thompson	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mel Cahill – ACCEPTED
	Libby	1 <sup>st</sup> - Matt Thompson	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Bennett Lansley - ACCEPTED
<b>Appointed:</b>	<b>All</b>		

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### 1. OUTGOING PAYMENTS

1. Cheque to Willis Insurance (Contents Insurance)
2. Cheque to BRC (Levies 2010)
3. Cheque to Bennett For AGM supper

### 2. NOTICE OF 2011 MEETING DATES

- GWS Region Rover Council meetings - 6<sup>th</sup> Apr, 1<sup>st</sup> Jun, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

**3. MEETING CLOSED**      9.10pm  
Minutes taken by Bennett Lansley

**4. NEXT AGM**              March 2012