

Image and branding Rovers wish to promote

There is a concern that Rovers are not seen in a positive light by many Leaders. To begin to change perceptions about Rovers the following recommendations are made:

When reference to Rovers is made in formal situations and publications the following definition of Rovers should be used.

A Rover is a young adult aged between 17 and 26, dedicated to fun and adventure while serving the community in the Scouting way.

It should be noted that the emphasis should be on the term **young adult** rather than youth member when referring to Rovers

In less formal situations, such as promotional material to young people the following definition of Rovers should be used.

A Rover is a male or female homosapien aged between 17 and 26 , dedicated to fun and adventure while serving the community in the Scouting way.

Suggested strategies:

- **Request National Training Team to include Rovers more in training sessions.**
- **Use of Rover Awareness Teams to promote Rovers in adult leader training courses.**
- **Run Leader Moots – with Rovers involved in organisation and conduct of the activity**
- **Articles highlighting Rovers and Rovering in magazines**

Does the Rover program cover all the aspects of the Scout Program (social, physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual) adequately and equally or are some bits neglected? How could this be improved?

It was agreed that the Rover program did cover all aspects of the Scout Program. However, it was felt that more emphasis needs to be placed on **spiritual development**.

Recommendations:

- ❖ Development of training course on spiritual development, to be run by BRC with assistance from Branch Training Team. (Similar to **Mindwarp**)
- ❖ Increase awareness of what spiritual development encompasses - it not just religion (See Rover Handbook)
- ❖ Encourage discussion about meaning of the Promise that leads to understanding, acceptance and application.
- ❖ BRCs and first level of Rover Councils should develop and hold a library of useful resources (including Scout magazines and local Scouting publications) to assist Rover Crews to develop better their understanding and acceptance of spiritual development.

Strategies:

- ❖ Branch/Region should lead the way by organising a program that incorporates all aspects of the Scout Program
- ❖ NRC to develop and sponsor a national training course on spiritual development.

Squire Training

There were concerns that Squire training was not meeting the needs of some Rovers. These concerns were-

- ❖ Squire training is taking varying periods of time to complete. Some times were seen as being excessively long.
- ❖ Squire training was at times a barrier to continuing in Rovers.
- ❖ There is anecdotal evidence of a practice of initiation or bastardisation of Squires.

Recommendations

- ❖ Squires should endeavour to complete their training within 6 months.
- ❖ Squire training must not be a barrier to joining Rovers.
- ❖ Squire training should cover the fundamentals of Scouting and the history of Scouting and Roving
- ❖ Squire training should also cover the culture and traditions of the Crew.
- ❖ It should be acknowledged that building good interpersonal relationships is just as important as developing campcraft and practical skills.
- ❖ All Rovers should be treated with respect.
- ❖ Squire training information should be included in the Rover Handbooks (refer to Squire Training Handbook – Victoria Branch)

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Topic: Moot

Comment	Frequency
Activities - day one nothing to do	10
Activities - keep people busy - cuts down potential problems - drink, leaving site	2
Activities - on site, where are they?	4
Activities - should have Moot Crew activities	5
Activities – stand-by list . For vacancies coming available through drop outs etc.	6
Activities- range is good	8
Activities-lack of access to onsite activities - high/low ropes, archery, abseiling	5
Bar - bad to have to buy books of 10 tickets	17
Bar - difficult to buy many tickets before hand. Moot money could be used	11
Bar - does not cater for non-drinkers	21
Bar - nibble foods available from bar or from shop open longer	28
Bar open longer	5
Beer tickets - why are serial numbers recorded?	7
Campsites - better organised	1

Campsites - too far from everything	8
Catering - arrangements for vegetarians and food allergies should be made	8
Catering - excellent	20
Catering - food should not be recycled (2 day old)	10
Catering - more cold food, less hot	8
Catering - more vegetables	3
Communication - better information about what's on. (Suggestion - noticeboard in catering tent with daily events)	30
Communication - information hard to find	17
Communication - information needs to be passed on better by contingent leaders and staff to participants	2
Communication - no PA system - possible need in emergency	16
Communication - outlines of activities need to be provided	4
Communication – pre-moot - non-email communication was late	29
Communication - tourist information handouts especially for international participants	4
Condom vending machine	5

Daylight saving time - run Moot on	7
Eastman Shield - clear rules and judging needed	7
Eastman Shield is good	7
Emergency procedures - lack of plans and information	3
Expedition first - good	20
Expeditions - good	10
Finance - better reporting and response, eg. receipts	7
FRAT tent with couches would be good	1
Grounds - better drainage needed	3
Hygiene - check toilet paper supply more regularly	7
Hygiene _ better facilities for washing up and toilets (no soap)	6
ID card should have site contact details	1
Internet facilities - not adequate	15
Laundry - drying area for wet clothes	7
Laundry - off site pick up and delivery service	8
Laundry on site	8

Lighting - better lighting,. especially on way to tents	11
Moot FM - good - more speakers around camp	11
Moot FM - trying too hard to be a commercial station	1
Moot FM - turn off at night	1
Moot FM good - more speakers but not in campsites	10
Moot money would be good	15
Moot planning - start early and do it thoroughly	2
Moot scarf is too short	7
Moot shirt free to all participants	7
Open day for public?	5
Open day is good	5
Opening ceremony poor - should have more ceremony, Chief Commissioner, Rover prayer etc	19
Participants - better mix of OS and local on activities and camping	5
Passports - need to be waterproof	15
Passports - need to fit into ID pouches	8

Power points - more available for mobiles and shavers	5
Powerpoints - not enough for mobiles, showers	5
Recycling - more facilities required	5
Safety - no glass is good	8
Scarf is too short	7
Service- onsite, possibly site improvement	5
Shelter -day meeting place	8
Shelter -more needed for protection form heat and rain	17
Shop - better stock control	15
Shop - longer opening hours	3
Signs - better and more signs around the site	10
Theme nights great	1
Transport - big bus to station in the morning	7
Transport - big bus to the station in the morning	7
Transport - good	20

Transport - too much time on trains. Buses better for four day expeditions	3
Washing facilities - more basins around camping area	12
Water - drinking, sell at cost	9
Water - good access	7
Water - make available or sign post taps	20
Water - more available to cool off - pools, sprinklers etc	7
Water - showers not working during day	17
Water - taps closer to campsites	7
Yackery and service should not be compulsory	6

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Topic: Miscellaneous

Comment	Frequency
Adventurous activities training - make more accessible. Better RCC	1
Advertising – Ask youth members outside Scouting how they would promote Scouting	12
Advertising - Strong "in-your-face" promotion	30
Australian Scout Magazine - more interesting for youth members	1
Communication - Branches and Regions summarise upcoming events and send bulletins by email	1
Development - work with government departments to involve "at risk" and unemployed young people - for self esteem and social activities	12
Health issues books to be published for youth members as well as parents	3
Insurance - doesn't cover enough adventurous activities	7
Leader training - standardise over Australia	3
Summer Camps - run in Australia by Scouting personnel for non-Scouts	5
Web page - national strategy for Australian Scouting - 1 site for Australia with links to states. News on major events. Keep up to date	12
Youth - youth participation at district and region meetings	1

Youth Development Officer - to promote Scouting in schools. Paid position, Develop programs, training and run in schools, TAFES, universities	5
Youth Program - make Scouting more accessible to young people less able to afford activities and uniform	4

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Topic: Rovers

Comment	Frequency
Activities - new extreme	5
Activities - put good ideas on website for other Rovers	5
After Rovers - "Associate program" like NZ	3
Age range to be raised	1
Age range to stay as is	3
BP Award - peer assessment not external adult assessor	5
BP Award - where is the information	4
Communication - need for good, accessible free-flowing communication between all levels of Scouting	2
Funding - better funding from outside sources to enable Scouts better opportunities to attend Branch/National/International events	3
Magazine - publish a national Rover magazine	5
Promotion - more to Venturers	1
Promotion - promote Rovers separately	20
Queensland - fewer Crews / more people. Combine Crews or meet together for activities	9

Rover Awareness Teams to instruct Leaders at basic training	6
Rover image - appoint a promotions manager	7
Rover image - promote externally - be in the community more.	7
Rovers first and Leaders second, or later	8
Rover-Venturer liaison-publish a map of Rover Crews and Venturer Units. Publish onto website and book. Work with DC	9
Support for Rovers and Leaders - information about where to find help or helpful people	3

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Topic: Uniform

Comment	Frequency
Communication to all sections regarding possible changes - in good time	1
Find cheaper supply of uniform	21
Keep formal uniform for Leaders, Rovers and Venturers. Polos for the rest	3
Keep the uniform. Have an activity uniform as well	69
Make the uniform more comfortable for females - ie darts in shirt	1
Pants with zip off legs	17
Uniform review - process and discussion going on too long	3
Update the uniform	1