



April 2008

Dear All,

In this the centenary of Scouting in Australia and the 90th year of Roving in Australia we are seeing so many positive things happening within the Rover Section. Events, service and promotional displays are putting Rovers and Scouts in the public eye in a very positive way. Congratulations to all branches for their efforts over the past month and keep up the good work for the rest of the year!. There are so many opportunities for Rovers to participate in Roving events within their states, interstate and overseas so I urge each and everyone of you to think about participating and supporting members of your crews to attend as many of these as possible. The lifelong friends, fun and personal achievements that come as a result of attending such things are something that you reflect upon and appreciate later in life so don't miss out!

Over the past month we have seen a contingent of Rovers attend the 66th New Zealand Rover Scout Moot, the distribution of the 90 years of Roving badges and the unveiling of the Fly the Flag Competition for 2008. Below you will find the highlights of the past month

If your crew or state has any events that you would like advertised on the www.rovers.com.au website or placed in my monthly reports please send to nrcchair@scouts.com.au.

Yours in Roving

Alyssa Pears

Chair
National Rover Council 2008

Australian Contingent to New Zealand Moot

The 66th New Zealand Rover Scout Moot - Midnight Moot was held from 20 – 24th March in Otaki (North Island, New Zealand) A contingent of 20 Australian Rovers attended the moot and each and every one of them had a fantastic time



coming home with lots of stories and new friends. I would like to take this opportunity as a member of the Australian contingent to commend Contingent Leader Damien Hayes (Vic Rovers) and his Assistant Contingent Leader Rob Chakir (Vic Rovers) for their work in the organisation of the Australian Contingent to Midnight Moot and the Post Moot Tour. New Zealand Rovers will be holding their next National Moot over Easter 2009 in Auckland. If you are interested in attending the moot or applying to be the contingent leader keep an eye on the international page on www.scouts.com.au or www.rovers.com.au



NZ NRC Meeting

I was invited to attend the NZ NRC meeting for 2008 held prior to the moot. This was once again an interesting meeting where ideas were shared, concepts developed and was a very productive meeting. A big thank you to Andrew 'Fish' Gilmour and his team for the invitation to the meeting and we hope to have a NZ representative at our next National Rover Council in January 2009 in Western Australia.



New BRC Executive

The Tasmania Branch Rover Council held their AGM in March. As a result they have a new executive consisting of

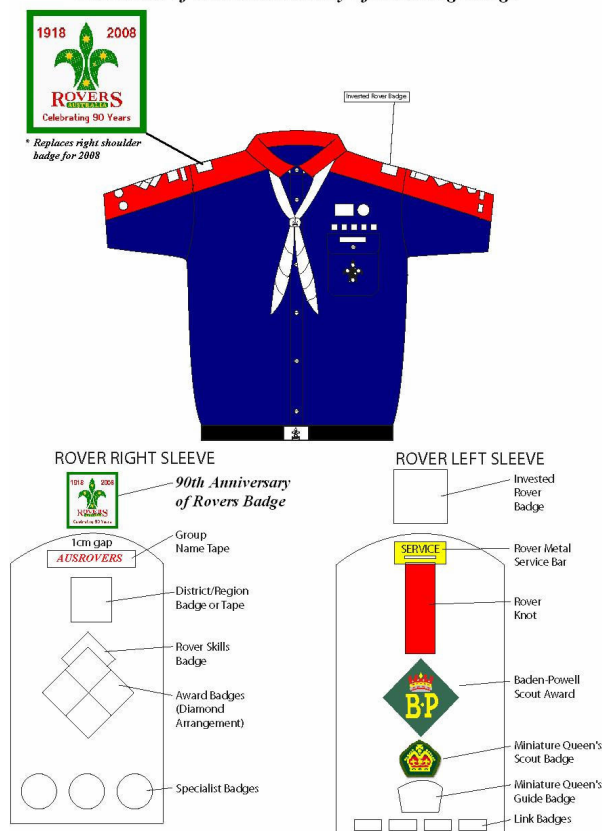
- Lucas Bryan – Chairman
- Matt Denholm – Vice Chairman
- Adam Lane – Treasurer
- Ashley Carr- Secretary

Congratulations and best of luck to the new executive.

90 years of Roving

90 years of Roving Badges by now should have been distributed. The badge is to replace the epaulette on the right hand side. If a Rover is still in the old uniform the badge must be sewn on top of the epaulette. See diagram below...

Placement of 90th Anniversary of Roving Badge





Fly the Flag Competition

Getting the Scouting symbols and flags out and about

Looking for a challenge? Want the chance to share in \$5000 of prizes? Know how to show your Scouting pride to mark the Centenary Year and the Year of the Scout?

Then you better FLY THE FLAG!

How Do I Get Involved?

Get together a team of Scouts (any Section) and show the Australian Scout flag in a high profile and creative way. It's a great way for us to show our pride in the Scout Movement, letting the public know what Scouts can achieve.

How Is It Judged?

The two winning groups will be chosen based on a combination of creativity, originality, and of course the amount of exposure the entry receives.

Prizes!

There will be two prizes, one for a small group (one to three Scout members) and the other for a larger group (more than three members).

Small Group - \$2000 travel voucher

Large Group - \$3000 voucher for a major retailer

How do I enter?

Email your entries to: flytheflag@scouts.com.au

If you cannot email your entry, please post it to: Fly the Flag, c/- Scouts Australia, Level 1, 8 Help St, Chatswood NSW 2067.

Entries should include photos of your team 'Flying The Flag', as well as a description of what you did, how, why and who was involved.

Entries must be received by 31st August 2008

ANZAC Day

Rovers right around Australia will be marching in support of our veterans. If anyone has any photos of Rovers that can be used for Rover Promotions please send them to nrcchair@scouts.com.au.



St George's Day (April 23rd)

For those that don't know, St George is the patron saint of the Rover Section. Most states will be holding a service on April 23rd. Please contact your BRC Chairman for further information.

Mudbash (6-9 June 2008)

This event will once again be held over the Queens Birthday long weekend in June at Mafeking Park, Victoria. This is a fantastic event for both participants and spectators. Further information is available at www.mudbash.com with a special new interstate rovers page for Rovers outside of Victoria interested in attending.

