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Memorandum to: QBRC Rover Scout Region Representatives
Assistant Region Commissioners (Rover Scout Adviser)
Region Commissioners

From: Tobias Kennett
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Subject: Region Rover Scout Councils

The Queensland Branch Rover Executive (QBRE), after three months of ongoing discussions with QBRC, resolved at our September meeting to endorse the attached *Region Rover Scout Councils* factsheet.

The factsheet contains a basic outline of the purpose, frequency, content and make-up of a Region Rover Scout Council, and why such Councils are vital for continued success within the Rover Scout Section. The factsheet also contains a minute taking template.

Region Rover Scout Councils have long played an important role in delivering of the Youth Program within the Rover Scout Section. QBSI 2.3.2, at sub-para (a)(vi), states that Rover Scout Region Representatives are “specifically obligat[ed]” to “conduct[] regular Region meetings for Rover Scout Unit Leaders”. Similar Councils are seen in the Venturer Section, in the form of the District Venturer Council (DVC), and within Districts, in the form of the District Training Meeting (DTM).

Unfortunately, over recent years, many Regions have ceased running regular meetings for Rover Scout Unit Leaders, and for Rover Scouts more generally. This has impacted on Rover Scouts’ ability to run Region events and activities, communicate inter-Unit and with the Region Team, and support each other as we progress through our personal progression.

I, on behalf of the QBRE, strongly encourage you, the Region Representatives, the Assistant Region Commissioners (Rover Scout Adviser) and Region Commissioners, to work collaboratively to re-establish regular Region Rover Scout Councils in your Region. Central Qld Region (Central & Western, Central Coast and Wide-Bay Burnett Regions) and Gold Coast Region already have such Councils.

If you face any challenges in implementing a Region Rover Scout Council, I am here to offer my support. A reminder that hosting meetings digitally over Microsoft Teams is a great solution to distance issues, and combining multiple Regions into one meeting could reduce the risk of a lack of attendance where the number of Units in your Region is low.

Yours sincerely,
Tobias Kennett



Region Rover Scout Councils

Basic Outline

Who?

QBRC Rover Scout Region Representative, Rover Scout Unit Leaders, Assistant Region Commissioner (Rover Scout Adviser) and Region Commissioner. Rover Scouts and Rover Advisers may also attend.

What?

A Region Rover Scout Council is a semi-formal meeting led by the QBRC Region Representative where Rover Scout Unit Leaders and other relevant Adult Members can come together. Rover Scouts may come on behalf of their Unit Leader, where appropriate.

Things that are discussed include—

- Region Rover Scout events and activities, including Venturer Scout retention events;
- support and training for Rover Scout Units and Rover Scout Unit Leaders;
- communication to and from the QBRC and the Region Team;
- support for SIA projects and OAS progression.

An example agenda is attached on the next page.

When and where?

Region Rover Scout Councils should occur between 4 to 8 times a year.

Region Rover Scout Councils should be a mix of online and face-to-face meetings. Having face-to-face meetings periodically during Region Rover Scout events and activities boosts participation by Rover Scouts within the Region. For example, during Region activity nights or Region Rover Scout moots.

Why?

Region Rover Scout Councils help Rover Scout Units come together and form inter-Unit relationships. This makes organising activities and events easier and ensures that Rover Scouts don't miss out on Personal Progression opportunities.

Region Rover Scout Councils also promote communication between Regions, the QBRC, the QBRC Region Representatives and the Region Team. Without good communication, issues are not resolved, training is not administered and representation does not occur.



[NAME] Region Rover Scout Council — [DATE] Minutes

1. WELCOME

- *acknowledgement of Country*
- *attendees, apologies and absences*

2. REPORTS

2.1. QBRC Region Representative

- *presentation of report/update;*
- *delivery of training portion of meeting;*
- *discussion of correspondence from QBRC, Region Commissioner and ARC (Rover Scout Adviser) etc.;*
- *update on membership, mandatory training and Blue Cards etc.*

2.2. Rover Scout Unit Leaders

- *presentation of Rover Scout Unit Leader short updates*
- *discussion of ideas and issues affecting Rover Scouts in the Region.*

2.3. Region Commissioner and/or Assistant Region Commissioner (Rover Scout Adviser)

- *update, discussion etc.*

3. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

3.1. Past Events

- *review of past events;*

3.2. Future Events

- *event and activity ideas;*
- *dates and times;*
- *which Rover Scout Units will organise the event;*
- *which Rover Scout Units have access to required resources;*
- *allocation of funds.*

4. YOUTH PROGRAM

- *support for OAS progressions required (mentoring, project patrol formation etc.)*
- *support for SIA projects (subject matter experts or project patrol formation etc.)*
- *support for other personal progression pathways (adventurous journey patrol formation etc.)*

5. GENERAL BUISNESS

