

A one-stop guide to becoming a

ROVER

You know young Jim, now that you're 17 you should really start thinking about moving up to Rovers.

Wow!!! Rovers...
But what is a Rover? And what Crew do I join? And what do they do? And where do I find them...
So many questions!!



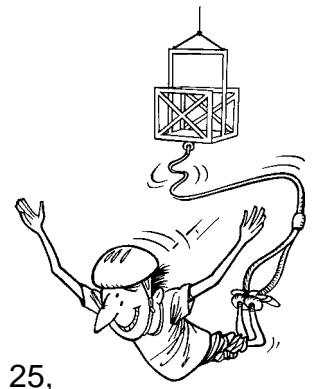
Why would I want to become a Rover?

If any of these activities interest you, then Rovers is for you:

Abseiling, archery, aerobics, acting, astronomy, bush dancing, bushwalking, boogieing, book writing, boomerang making/throwing, ball sports, Baden-Powell Award, bands, bed pushing, basketball, baseball, bowling, ballooning, beach, bridge abseiling, bush care, boating, camping, canyoning, caving, canoeing, canoe building, Cub leading, climbing, cards, chaos, cooking, commando courses, cycling, computer games, car rallies, diving, draining, dancing, discos, den renovating, darts, Dragon Skin, down hill skiing, eating, exercise, first aid, fishing, fund raising, face painting, film making, four wheel driving, fancy dress, friendships, fencing, flying, football, globe trotting, gliding, golf, Gang Show, gumboot throwing, Guide leading, gold panning, go-karting, hang gliding, horse riding, harbour cruising, hiking, iron gut competitions, igloo building, ice skating, indoor sports, JOTA (Jamboree-on-the-Air), Joey leading, juggling, jazz bands, jelly wrestling, judo, jamborees, karate, knitting, knotting, kite making/flying, kayaking, leadership training, liloing, life guard, massaging, music, motor bikes, mountain biking, mountaineering, Moots, Mudbash, mud wrestling, National Park touring, night activities, netball, orienteering, Oktoberfest, ornithology, peddling, paraponting, portaloo/phone box cramming, planting, partying, photography, public speaking, public relations, parasailing, parascending, promoting, progressive dinners, poker, pool, performing, picnics, parachuting, quizzes, quoits, rogaining, Rovering, running, racing, rock climbing, riflery, Roventure, rafting, rollerblading, sailing, soccer, surfing, skiing, Surf Moot, singing, snorkelling, showing off, skeet shooting, sky diving, snooker, swimming, squash, scuba diving, service, Scout leading, speleology, tennis, travelling, target shooting, tug-of-war, talking, tree climbing, twister, trekking, tramping, trapeze acts, 21st's, trivia nights, underwater polo, urban speleology, volleyball, Venturer leading, water skiing, weddings, white water rafting, wide games, whale watching, water slides, World Moots, x-country skiing, Xmas parties, yoga, yachting, yodelling, yum cha, zoo visiting.

So are you convinced yet? Read on...

A few things you should know



1. What the hell is a Rover?

ROVER: n. ~ a male or female homo sapien between the age of 17 and 25, dedicated to fun and adventure while serving the community in the Scouting way.

2. What is a Rover Crew?

A group of Rovers of course! Rovers are people who meet regularly and participate in a wide range of challenging and interesting activities, such as rockclimbing, whitewater kayaking, car touring, and bush dancing, whilst learning new skills and making many friends. You can become a Rover when you turn 17 and you can stay in Rovers for up to nine years. When you turn 26 you get "booted" from your Rover Crew. Your Crew could be as small as 5 or as large as 50 Rovers. All Crews are different and not all Crews may suit your needs. You are not obliged to join your local Crew. If there are other Crews nearby, look around before you decide which Crew is best for you.

3. Organisation of a Rover Crew

Rover Crews are self-governing. Each Crew elects a team of office bearers to handle its management and day-to-day operation. After undertaking the necessary leadership training, one day you could be elected as the Crew Leader, giving you responsibility for the Crew and gaining you a Certificate of Adult Leadership.

4. Traditional or Open: What is the difference?

Just like a Cub Pack's structure is based upon the Jungle Book, a Traditional Rover Crew is centred around the stories of the Knights of the Round Table. This theme is used in the training of Rovers to take their place in the Crew and in society. Although this idea may seem outdated, the majority of Crews choose to run this way. There are two stages of investiture in Traditional Crews - when you first join you become a Rover Squire, which is a training period before you can become a fully invested Rover, sometimes referred to as a Rover Knight. Once you become a fully invested Rover you are truly a member of the Crew, and become more involved in its running.

If you join an Open Crew, you will not use the Knighthood theme. There are still two stages of investiture, but typically the required training is less strict within an Open Crew and all members tend to have equal rights, whereas in a traditional Crew the fully invested Rovers tend to carry more influence.

5. Rover Adviser

A Rover Adviser is a guide, philosopher and friend. Rover Advisers are not leaders, they are there to provide resources, advice and experience to the Crew or individuals when they ask for it. Rover Advisers must be over 26 and preferably at least 30.

6. Brief History of Roving

Unofficially, Roving first came to Australia in 1910, in the form of Senior Scouts with the Marrickville troop in Sydney. Officially, Baden-Powell introduced what he called Senior Scouts in Britain in early 1918. The name of the section was changed to Rover Scouts later in that same year. In Australia, the first large gathering of Rovers, known as a Rover Moot, took place in Victoria in 1927.

Rovers changed dramatically in the 1970s when they became increasingly self-governing and admitted females into the Movement. Australian membership grew rapidly. In 1980, the 8th Australian National Rover Moot was held in Queensland, and was the first National Moot to be run entirely by Rovers. Australian Rovers later took a leading role in the reintroduction of World Moots, and this resulted in the successful running of the 8th World Moot, held in Victoria in 1990/91.

Today there are around 3,500 Rovers across all states of Australia.

7. Rover Government

Scouts Australia is organised at many different levels - Group, District, Region, Branch (state) and National. These also vary from state to state. For Rover Crews however, unlike the other sections, there is no necessity to be attached to any particular Group - but it can make things much easier. There is also no requirement for Crews to be organised at a District level. At the Region, Branch, and National levels the Rover Section is entirely self-governing.



8. Region/Branch/National Rover Councils

A Region Rover Council (abbreviated to RRC) is where representatives from every Crew in that Region attend a meeting to exchange ideas, promote events, plan training and public relations activities, and make recommendations to the Branch Rover Council. The RRC also ensures good communication by maintaining a directory of all Crews in the Region, and is responsible for encouraging the development of new Crews. Note that some states have no Region Rover Councils, with all Crews being directly represented at the Branch Rover Council.

The Branch Rover Council (BRC) is where representatives from the Region Rover Councils meet to organise the section on a state-wide basis, and to co-ordinate large scale Rover activities such as Moots and overseas service projects. The BRC also organises the provision of such valuable items as Rover car stickers, T-shirts, and other promotional material. The NSW BRC maintains a website which provides a wealth of information about what Rovers in NSW and around the world are up to.

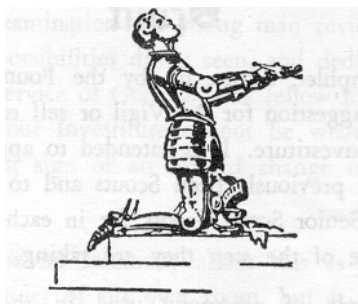
The National Rover Council (NRC) functions in a similar way to the Branch Rover Council but is obviously at an Australia-wide level. The ability for the National Council to meet regularly is clearly difficult. Its role is to review and plan the development of Rovering in Australia as a whole, as well as to interact with other sections of Scouting and the community.

9. Service

The other sections of the Movement have "Be Prepared" as their motto. Rovers, however, have their own motto, which is simply "Service". Your Rover Crew will endeavour to complete a number of service projects while you are a Rover. These may be in the form of either service to Scouting, or service to the wider community.

As a Rover, you may choose to help with a Cub Pack or perhaps you will build a bridge at the local Scout Camp. Possible community service activities that your Crew might undertake include giving blood, meals on wheels, planting trees, taking disabled people out for a day, bush regeneration, Clean Up Australia Day, running camps for disadvantaged or sick children, or cleaning local monuments.

As a Rover, you will develop a natural talent to find ways of making some of the initially most uninteresting activities fun and rewarding. Don't worry, Service is certainly not a chore. It is a reminder that as a Rover you are part of the Scout Association and a member of something more than just an outdoors club.



10. Special Activities

Moots

When Rover Crews get together for a weekend of crazy and unusual activities, it is called a Moot. You can meet many other Rovers from all around the country and the world. There are many varieties of Moots, ranging from local to World Moots. Region and Branch Moots are often organised around a theme, and last for a weekend. National and World Moots are run similarly to Ventures and last for about 10 days.

Roventures - "Try before you buy!"

As a Venturer you will be able to attend one of these fabulous camps. The Roventure is like a Region or Branch Rover Moot except that Venturers are invited to come along. This is a great way for you to find out what Rovers are like, experience one type of Rover activity, and meet a lot of other Crews other than your local one.

Bootings

When a Rover reaches the age of 26 it is time to move on to being an old fart! The official term for the occasion when you leave Rovers is a Booting. A Booting is usually a farewell party, barbecue, or dinner where the Rover Crew wishes you well in life and sends you on your way. Sometimes they are held at Branch or National activities where many Rovers are present.

11. Award Scheme

Link Badge

As usual when you are ready to progress to the next section in Scouting, there is a Link badge. This is designed to help you meet the Rovers in your prospective Crew, and to show you just what Rovers get up to. This is actually a Venturer badge, so if you wish to gain this it must be arranged before you leave Venturers. You'll find the requirements listed on page 7.

Baden-Powell Scout Award

This is an optional award that some Rovers choose to undertake. It is an individual challenge, where you set your own goals, but have them approved by the Crew before you start. Rovers are challenged to reach the highest standard of which they are personally capable in four development areas, namely physical, intellectual and emotional, social and spiritual. It generally takes at least two years of work to complete the award.



12. Worldwide Roving

Rovers are not just a local affair - one of the best aspects of Roving is meeting other Rovers from around Australia and the world. Roving is a big affair in Victoria and Queensland and is alive and healthy in all states. Overseas you can find Rovers in New Zealand, across South East Asia, Japan, Taiwan, Canada, Switzerland, most Scandinavian countries, Ireland, Uruguay, Liechtenstein, Portugal and Germany. Not all countries have Rovers. Notable exceptions are Britain and the USA. When you go travelling, it is possible to find Rover contacts just about anywhere.

13. Where do I get more information?

For more information, log on to the Sydney North Region Rovers website at <http://sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers>. The website has lots of information on it as well as a calendar of Region events, links to each Crew and a map of where each Crew meets.

You can also call the Sydney North Region Office on 9411-4088 or email to rovers@sydneynorthscouts.com

If you are interested to read some more about what the Rover section is all about and how it works, there are three handbooks available online at <http://www.scouts.com.au/library>.

'Guidelines for Roving'

This is an introductory guide, designed to help new Rovers develop an understanding of the structure and operations of the Rover section, and what makes Rovers "tick". Essential reading for all new or prospective members.

'The Crew and its Program'

Helps to develop a fuller understanding of the Rover section and is designed to help you gain a better idea of how to make your Crew, and the Rovers that make up your Crew, successful in achieving through Scouting what it is they want.

'The Rover Award Scheme'

Covers the Rover Link badge, Rover Skills badge, Baden-Powell Scout Award and a range of other special badges. It details the requirements and provides guidance for those Rovers who take up these challenges.



The Rover Link Badge



The link requirements for Venturers advancing to Rovers have been developed by the Rovers of Australia to identify key factors that Venturers will need to gain an understanding of the advance to Rovers. Everyone who joins Rovers would normally fulfil similar requirements anyway, but the Venturer may earn this badge.

The requirements are:

Fundamentals and Operations

1. Participate in four Rover meetings / activities (at least one of which must be outdoors)
2. During talks with the Rover Crew show an understanding of the roles of the Crew Leader, Crew Executive and the Rover Advisor
3. Participate in a Service Activity with your Crew or other Rovers
4. Demonstrate an understanding of and be prepared to accept the Scout Promise, Scout Law and the Rover Prayer, from an adult point of view.

Scouting Skills

5. Camp out for at least ONE night, demonstrating suitable campcraft skills. The correct equipment is to be taken and packed accordingly, including clothing, footwear, sleeping gear, food and water containers and wet and dry weather gear.

Award Scheme

6. Be able to explain the Award Scheme and list the types of challenges the Rover Scout may pursue to achieve the Baden-Powell Scout Award.

Having completed the requirements, the Rover Crew recommend the Award to the Venturer Unit who approve it and present the badge to the Venturer. (It is a Venturer Badge, facilitated by the Rover Section, but must be completed and awarded whilst still in the Venturer section.)

Finding a Crew

Rover Crews can vary greatly and not all Crews may be right for you. If your closest Scout Group does not have a Crew, there is still likely to be another Group or locality Crew nearby.

To assist you in finding a Crew, the following pages have been compiled about each Crew in Sydney North Region and give you a brief introduction and point of contact for each one.

As Rover Crews have active and varied programs, it is suggested that you make contact with the Crew to find out what they are up to rather than turning up at the location and times mentioned to find that they are not there.

For more details you can visit <http://sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers>, contact the Region Office at Chatswood or the Regional Commissioner for Rovers. The NSW Branch Rover Council also operates a Rover Office, with a telephone information service that can steer you in the right direction. (The contact numbers and office hours are listed at the back of this book.)

Lones

If you are in a remote part of Australia, or there is no Crew in your local area, or perhaps you are a shift worker, or you just have no friends, you can become a member of the Lones Rover Crew. By being a Lone, you remain a member of the Association, and can correspond with other Lone Rovers and organise joint activities.

Moving for University?

If you are moving away from Sydney North to attend Uni or Tafe, you will find there are Rover Crews in most major centres, including Newcastle, Wollongong, Bathurst, Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Albury. It's a great way to get to know some locals!

For more information on Lones or Crews in other Regions or states, contact the Region or Branch Rover Council.



Crews in Sydney North

Berowra Rovers

If you are interested in a Crew that participates in a wide range of activities and is relaxed and easy-going as well as heaps of fun, then Berowra is the Crew for you.

We are a medium-sized Crew and enjoy social activities, particularly ones involving food! We do outdoor activities such as hiking and snow skiing as well as things like indoor rock climbing and even making artworks on carpet with food!! (a la Pro Hart!)

We participate in Region, Branch and National events such as Moots, balls and parties and regularly run an activity at Dragon Skin. We also own and maintain a buggy and have participated in Victoria's annual MudBash car event.

Meetings: Sundays, 6.30pm at 1st Berowra Scout Hall, High St, Berowra
Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/berowra

Brush Park Rovers

Are you an uninterested, unmotivated, and boring Venturer? **Well, we don't need you!!**

Brush Park is undisputably the biggest, wackiest and most active Rover Crew in Sydney North Region. Our numbers have grown steadily in the last few years, along with our skills and ideas. We are looking forward to some fantastic years ahead... and you could be part of it!

Our recent achievements include winning both Survivor Moot and Blues Brothers Roventure in 2002, finishing second in last year's Normanhurst Magical Mystery Tour and running the super-successful SuperMoot in March 2003. So if you want adventure, enthusiasm and plenty of "Rover Spirit" then look no further than Brush Park Rover Crew.

Meetings: Wednesdays, 7.30pm at 1st Brush Park Scout Hall, Lawson St, Eastwood
Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/brushpark

East Roseville Rovers

East Roseville Rover Crew participate in a wide variety of recreational and outdoor activities, including rock climbing (indoor and outdoor), abseiling, canyoning, and canoeing.

We also enjoy getting together for more relaxed social activities, and meeting old and new friends through inter-Crew and Region activities.

If you would like to try some exciting new challenges in a friendly environment, please contact us at 1ERR@yahogroups.com.au

Meetings: Thursdays fortnightly, 7.00pm at 1st East Roseville Scout Hall, Ormonde Rd, Roseville Chase
Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/eastroseville

Crews (cont)

East Ryde Rovers

East Ryde is currently in recess and its members are meeting with Epping Rovers.

Elanora Heights Rovers

Our Crew is based at Bilarong Reserve on the Wakehurst Parkway at North Narrabeen and consists of around seven Rovers.

We are a small Crew so everyone is actively involved. A feature of our Crew's program is our trips away. We aim to get away at least once a month and are regular attendees at various music festivals and country events such as polo-cross and ute musters.

Many of our members also own dirt bikes and enjoy the odd ride on the weekend whilst our younger members are into activities such as bushwalking, canoeing and caving.

All in all if you are a person who wants to get out in the country and have a few laughs then give us a call.

Meetings: Wednesdays, 7.30pm at Elanora Heights Scout Hall, Bilarong Reserve, Wakehurst Parkway, North Narrabeen

Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/elanoraheights

Epping Rovers

The oldest continuous running Rover Crew in the world!

We have a strong tradition of Roving and enjoy many varied activities and are prepared to try anything once! Regular activities include games nights, records nights, the odd inter-Crew challenge and \$2 dinners. We have also been known to do some canoeing, sailing, abseiling and canyoning.

So if you're interested in joining around 15 others guys and girls between 18 and 26 for some fun then contact Musette at crumpetwithhoney@hotmail.com

Meetings: Tuesdays, 8.00pm at Epping Scout Hall, 6 Essex St, Epping

Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/epping

Crews (cont)

Forest Rovers

The Biggest Little Crew in the World!!

We are a team of highly skilled individuals, which makes our activities challenging and rewarding. From the fun get-togethers like bowling to the more adventurous such as wind-surfing, city bike rides, rock climbing and camping to the more challenging such as organising large events, winning moots and having a great time making new mates and experiencing life the only way young adults should.

Forest is located in Forestville, just up the road from Roseville Bridge and just down the road from Forestville Shopping Centre. When you turn up, you may be turning up for a formal Maccas dinner or a wild adventure in the bush.

Who knows? ANYTHING GOES!

Meetings: Sundays, 7.30pm at 2nd Forestville Scout Hall, Forestville Ave, Forestville
Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/forest

Garigal Rovers

Nicki: "Thanks Glenn, our next contestant is Garigal Rovers. They are a sprightly young group of people who hail from the Belrose/Frenchs Forest area. This is their first time on Sale, and they list their hobbies as outdoor activities, Moots, rock-related activities, anything to do with the beach and well, gosh darn it, just about anything to have fun. They also mention they like candlelit dinners, long walks along the beach and cuddling up in front of the fire."

Glenn: "OK back to the game now. Who am I? I was born between 1984 and 1976, I enjoy learning new things, having fun, outdoor activities and bad jokes. I..."

Garigal: "The person reading this, who is interested in joining Rovers."

Glenn: "Correct! You get to pick a face now."

Garigal: "I'll take Bert Newton thanks, Glenn."

Glenn: "Good pick, you've won the chance to have lots of fun, so just contact Garigal Rovers at garigal_rovers@yahoo.com or call Penny on 0407 687 844 or Ingrid on 0402 041 452."

And now for a message from our sponsors...

Meetings: Wednesdays, 7.30pm at Davidson Scout Hall, Ashworth Ave, Davidson
Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/garigal

Crews (cont)

Gordon Rovers

Gordon Rover Crew, known as 2GRC to close friends, is medium-sized and is associated with the 2nd Gordon Scout Group, based on Rosedale Rd.

We meet weekly on Tuesday nights and regularly on weekends, mixing social and outdoor activities. Popular activities include canyoning, climbing, caving, and cross-country skiing, plus the odd cocktail. We also dabble in the sport of Ultimate Frisbee, and if you don't know what that is, come and find out.

Meetings: Tuesdays, 8.00pm at 2nd Gordon Scout Hall, 32c Rosedale Rd, Gordon
Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/gordon

Hunters Hill Rovers

There was a myth, long ago whispered from Scout to Scout as they sat around the campfire toasting marshmallows.

It heralded the coming of a new age, a golden age, where knot tying and singing Kum Ba Yah would be banished forever.

Most dismissed it as mere folklore.

Until... Hunters Hill Rover Crew who offer strong friendship, excellent communication and know how to have damn fun times rose from the mangrove shores of the Moocooboolah to take their rightful place as the rulers of Sydney North Region.

Hunters Hill Rovers - welcome to the Xtreme Age!

Meetings: Tuesdays, 8.00pm at 1st Hunters Hill Scout Hall, Durham St, Hunters Hill
Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/huntershill

Kananga Rovers

Kananga Rovers are based at Beacon Hill on Sydney's lower northern beaches.

Kananga Rovers meet every Wednesday night, the first meeting of each month being a business meeting at 1st Beacon Hill Scout Hall.

Kananga Rovers are a very social Crew who enjoy a wide range of activities from 4-wheel-driving and camping all over NSW to movies, bowling and bush walking within our local area. The Crew aims at doing activities that every one will participate in with involvement the key to a great activity.

Kananga Rovers are a Crew that tries to appeal to everyone no matter what you are interested in doing.

Meetings: Wednesdays, 7.30pm at 1st Beacon Hill Scout Hall, Beacon Hill Reserve
Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/kananga

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Kissing Point Rovers

"You can't beat our meat"

We are a Crew with many interests in the outdoor area including cross-country skiing, abseiling, canyoning, caving and more skiing.

We attend all the major Region events including Roventure, Moots and Dragon Skin.

Currently with around 15 members and growing, Kissing Point Rovers have recently completed a major trip to Thailand. Major events we plan for the future include Cruise Moot in February 2004 and a trip to Masthead Island for Easter 2004.

Members of the Crew also attended the World Jamboree in Thailand in January 2003 in a leader's position.

Meetings: Tuesdays, 8pm at 2nd Turramurra Scout Hall, Kate St, Turramurra

Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/kissingpoint

Lindfield Rovers

1st Lindfield is a traditional Rover Crew connected to a strong Scout Group.

Our Crew is a close bunch of people who enjoy mateship and working together to achieve a common goal.

We enjoy outdoor activities, particularly hiking and camping, social activities and service activities when available. We have a close relationship with our Scout Group, particularly the Scout Troop and Venturer Unit, and often work with these two sections, assisting where possible.

We are a very straightforward Crew, who concentrate on the core values and skills of Scouting, and also enjoy having a good time.

Meetings: Sundays, 7.00pm at 1st Lindfield Scout Hall, Slade Ave, Lindfield

Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/lindfield

Mona Vale Rovers

Mona Vale Rover Crew is one of those highly active, highly involved Rover Crews... You know the ones - they go to every Region event, every Branch event, every service opportunity, every PR opportunity and manage to do another million things within their Crew as well.

The Mona Rovers come from all over the beaches and the North Shore area and usually meet on a Wednesday night.

The Crew can frequently be found on Narrabeen Lakes, up at Ingleside or running indoor sports challenges, Waterworks nights and beach volleyball. Divers, climbers, mountain bikers, bushwalkers, kayakers and party animals, the Mona Rovers are the best Crew to join if you wanna be a Rover and you wanna do, well ANYTHING!

Meetings: Wednesdays, 7.30pm at 1st Mona Vale Scout Hall, Kitchener Park, Barrenjoey Rd, Mona Vale

Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/monavale

Check <http://sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers> for the very latest Crew contact and meeting details. 13

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Mosman Rovers

Our focus is on fun.

Mosman Rovers is a dynamic group of people committed to making the most of the diverse opportunities around us.

Opportunities for Scouting, for learning, for new experiences but most importantly for FUN. We are a young but rapidly expanding Crew based in North Sydney, an area full of fabulous resources. We have access to a range of water activities on the harbour including sailing, we are close to beaches, and we are always keen to seek out new spots for 4WD adventures, camping and other fun stuff beyond Sydney.

Our members are friendly, social and always ready to party.

We also bring together a depth of Scouting experience which means we are actually quite useful too.

<p>Meetings: Tuesdays, 8.00pm at Forsyth Park Scout Hall, Montpelier Rd, Neutral Bay Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/mosman</p>
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Mt Colah/Mt Ku-ring-gai Rovers

1st Mount Colah/Mount Ku-ring-gai is a big group, with 20ish on our books.

On Monday nights, cool stuff occurs like making short films, rock climbing, organising camps, doing good turns, and living by Scout laws. Add to this going to Moots, rogaining, outdoor activity, and strong links to Hornsby Gang Show plus providing support to, and assisting, our local and Scouting community.

A traditional bunch, at 21 annums, with a strong social focus towards all Scouting groups. Adding 10 words to this blurb fills it to 100! Now pick what common non-consonant is missing from this paragraph!

<p>Meetings: Mondays, 8.00pm at Mt Colah Scout Hall, end of Pierre Close, Mt Colah Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/mtcolah</p>
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Normanhurst Rovers

Normanhurst Rover Crew meets every Monday for a wide variety of shenanigans.

Due to large numbers, members of the Crew participate in a wide range of activities, from sky diving up high to scuba diving down low, getting vertical in a 4WD or lying horizontal on the beach - you can get loud in Gang Show or quietly reflect at a Crew weekend away at the end of a jetty on Lake Macquarie.

Oh yeah, and we're rich, due to running the State's largest Rover event, the Magical Mystery Tour every September.

Normo has something for everyone and everything for someone... like you.

<p>Meetings: Mondays, 8.00pm at 2nd Normanhurst Scout Hall, Harris Rd, Normanhurst Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/normanhurst</p>
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Crews (cont)

Pennant Hills Rovers

Pennant Hills is currently in recess and its members are meeting with Normanhurst Rovers.

Platabeen Rovers

Platabeen Rovers are officially 1st Collaroy Plateau/2nd Narrabeen Rover Crew but that is too much of a mouthful so "Platabeen" has become our identity.

We are situated on the banks of Narrabeen Lake and only 300m from Narrabeen Beach in the lovely northern beaches of Sydney. Platabeen Rovers' main activity is motor sports - buggy driving (and fixing), 4WDing and dirt bike riding. Surfing trips are another favourite of ours.

Although these are our focus activities, members of the Crew are also regularly seen out and about canoeing and kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling, canyoning, caving, hiking, skiing and snowboarding.

Meetings: Mondays, 7.30pm at Skip Kitchner Hall, Lakeside Rd, Narrabeen

Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/platabeen

South Hornsby Rovers

South Hornsby Rover Crew is currently in recess.

Turramurra Rovers

"In Search of Quality Pain"

Turramurra Rovers is a strong and active Crew with a long history. With an outdoor focus, many trips are run throughout the year - canyoning, bushwalking and skiing are just some of the activities we're into.

As Rovers, we often do service in the local community, as well as getting involved in projects further afield.

We're a large and friendly Crew of 20+ members who come from many different backgrounds.

We meet every Sunday night for planning and activities such as indoor climbing, SCUBA beginners' nights, night hikes and much more fun stuff... everyone is welcome, so hope to see you soon!

Meetings: Sundays, 7.30pm at 1st Turramurra Scout Hall, Warragal Rd, Turramurra

Website: sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/turramurra

Contact list for Rover Crews in Sydney North - as at December 2003

Crew	Contact	Meeting Time	Website
Berowra Rovers	Lyndall Brown on 9456 2774 or email berowra_rovers@hotmail.com	Sundays, 6.30pm at 1st Berowra Scout Hall, High St, Berowra	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/berowra
Brush Park Rovers	Michael Ralph on 0418 689 650, email BProvers@hotmail.com or Nick O'Kane on 0414 215 889	Wednesdays, 7.30pm at 1st Brush Park Scout Hall, Lawson St, Eastwood	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/brushpark
East Roseville Rovers	Pauline Pearson on 0411 271 109 or email 1ERR@yahoogroups.com.au.	Thursdays fortnightly, 7.00pm at 1st East Roseville Scout Hall, Ormonde Rd, Roseville Chase	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/eastroseville
East Ryde Rovers	Yeoman Yu on 0411 864 241, email yeoman@citissystems.com.au or Oliver Blunski by email oblunski@hotmail.com	Currently with (Epping) Tuesdays, 8.00pm at Epping Scout Hall, 6 Essex St, Epping	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/eastryde
Elanora Heights Rovers	Alicia Bales on 0412 558 568 or email alicia.bales@bankstown.nsw.gov.au	Wednesdays, 7.30pm at Elanora Heights Scout Hall, Bilarong Reserve, Wakehurst Parkway, North Narrabeen	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/elanoraheights
Epping Rovers	Musette Griffiths by email at crumpetwithhoney@hotmail.com	Tuesdays, 8.00pm at Epping Scout Hall, 6 Essex St, Epping	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/epping
Forest Rovers	Gus Ewing on 0411 235 334 or email forestrovers@yahoogroups.com	Sundays, 7.30pm at 2nd Forestville Scout Hall, Forestville Ave, Forestville	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/forest
Garigal Rovers	Penny Hipsley on 0407 687 844 or Ingrid Salmon on 0402 041 452 or email garigal_rovers@yahoogroups.com	Wednesdays, 7.30pm at Davidson Scout Hall, Ashworth Ave, Davidson	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/garigal
Gordon Rovers	Andrew Wilkinson 0414 758 783 or email gordonrover@yahoo.com	Tuesdays, 8.00pm at 2nd Gordon Scout Hall, 32c Rosedale Rd, Gordon	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/gordon
Hunters Hill Rovers	Amit Vinod on 0409 634 472, email avinod@bigpond.com or Nick Miller on 0412 846 425, email nick_is@yahoo.com	Tuesdays, 8.00pm at 1st Hunters Hill Scout Hall, Durham St, Hunters Hill	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/huntershill
Kananga Rovers	Jennifer Blaikie on 0408 411 884 or email jennifer_blaikie@hotmail.com	Wednesdays, 7.30pm at 1st Beacon Hill Scout Hall, Beacon Hill Reserve	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/kananga

Contact list for Rover Crews in Sydney North - as at December 2003

Crew	Contact	Meeting Time	Website
Kissing Point Rovers	Rob Haylock on 0421 282 731, email creamandchives@yahoo.com or Nick Smith on 0422 719 465	Tuesdays, 8pm at 2 nd Turramurra Scout Hall, Kate St, Turramurra	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/kissingpoint
Lindfield Rovers	Peter Robson by email at peter@artimprint.com.au	Sundays, 7.00pm at 1st Lindfield Scout Hall, Slade Ave, Lindfield	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/lindfield
Mona Vale Rovers	Chris Bennett 0416 019 496 by email junior_375@hotmail.com or Sara Sedley on 0418 474 375	Wednesdays, 7.30pm at 1st Mona Vale Scout Hall, Kitchener Park, Barrenjoey Rd, Mona Vale	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/monavale
Mosman Rovers	Kiri Morris on 0413 603 604 or email kiri_morris@hotmail.com or Jules Dean on 0413 836 333	Tuesdays, 8.00pm at Scout Hall, Forsyth Park, Montpelier Rd, Neutral Bay	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/mosman
Mt Colah/ Mt Ku-ring-gai Rovers	Adam Rayment on 0438 456 494 or email adam_rayment@hotmail.com or Jamie Wilkinson on 0421 426-257 or email jaq@spacepants.org	Mondays, 8.00pm at Mt Colah Scout Hall, end of Pierre Close, Mt Colah	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/mtcolah
Normanhurst Rovers	Tim Price on 0407 297 135 or email timothydavidprice@yahoo.com.au	Mondays, 8.00pm at 2nd Normanhurst Scout Hall, Harris Rd, Normanhurst	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/normanhurst
Pennant Hills Rovers	Shaun Gibb on 0412 272 312 or email sgibb19@hotmail.com	Currently meeting with Normanhurst	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/pennanthills
Platabeen Rovers	Dale Harrison on 0438 676 171 or Dean Longley on 0404 056 806	Mondays, 7.30pm at Skip Kitchner Hall, Lakeside Rd, Narrabeen	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/platabeen
South Hornsby Rovers		South Hornsby Rover Crew is currently in recess	
Turramurra Rovers	Lachlan Munro on 0402 342 925 or Larissa Johnson on 0410 480 437 or email FirstTurramurraRovers@yahoo.com	Sundays, 7.30pm at 1st Turramurra Scout Hall, Warragal Rd, Turramurra	sydneynorthscouts.com/rovers/turramurra

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