

**Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club Committee Inc. Meeting Agenda  
Torquay Community House, Price St Torquay - Torquay 7.00pm  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**

**Present:** Brett Coleman, Tara Findlay, Jon Pendlebury, Kylhn Heath, Jade McGraw, Richard South, Emily Hynes, Chiara Hill, Tony Smales, Angelo Krizmanic, Paul Purcell

**Apologies:** Liz Mulconry, Kylie Prothero, Chris Davidson, Ben Cram, Jake Elderfield, Tom Russell (junior development camp), Luke Farrar, Matt Jones, Chris Molloy, Karen Donaldson, Marty Taube, Elliott Rankin, Angus McMurtrie, Anthony Colledge, Chris Jones, Dan Lester, Oscar Colledge, Riley Taylor, Steve Draper, Sid Caulfield, Emily Lens, Kate Maffett, Shane O'Brien, Stuart Christie,

**Welcome & open from President**

Acceptance of June minutes. First: Angelo Krizmanic, Second: Richard South.

Request for subcommittees to submit reports the Friday prior to meetings so they can be distributed prior to meeting. Need designated owner/leader for each report.

**Finances (Shane / Jade)**

- Bendigo Balance (main account) \$12,728.14 > \$14,89.51 (Including \$4101.32 crowdfunding)
- Scholarship account \$3143.13
- Crowd funding \$ 4370.00
- Tony to submit invoice for repair to speakers damaged during launch event
- \$312 Funds picked up from Bike Matters from Launch & donation tin

**Membership Numbers (Chiara)**

- 76 > 86 – Just noticed that Dual Members are included in our MTBA membership list & not just limited to the Dual Member Tracker.
- Would be good to have club cards available to distribute to potential members when out on trails and working bees.

**Trail Advocacy / Land Manager Liaison (Brett/Chris M)**

**Grass Trees Diversion Trail**

Thanks to all involved in getting the MyCause fundraiser going. At the time of writing \$4270 raised. With our own \$5000 + PV \$1000 that gives us enough to cover Ky's initial outgoing costs and he says they'd be able to go with that and we could pay out the remainder over time. We'd definitely prefer not to be in debt moving forward. Initial public support suggests that we would achieve or go very close to achieving a figure close to \$9,000 by the time the trail work is complete.

Discussed in meeting that we have \$10,370 available now, with the inclusion of crowdfunding, and gave Kylhn the green light to proceed.

Jon looking into whether as a club we can get DGR status under MTBA so that individual donations are tax deductible so we can inform donors. 21/29 committee members responded to crowdfunding email proposal, all in favour, giving required majority to proceed.

Landcare Grant - applied for \$9000 but won't hear until end August.

JP to contact Gold & Silver contributors to get their logo for social media & web site info so we can add to our web page. Certificates created that can be distributed to them.

JP to also discuss with Em promoting crowd fund on FB & insta

### **Parks Vic**

Friends Group - Jade - Conversation & email with Ashlee Hope at PV Their understanding is that you don't need to be a Friends group to be successful with the Landcare grant you mentioned. we don't really have any need to formalise as a "Friends Group" if we have a working relationship with PV at present. She said just paper work for no real reason.

### **Anglesea Heath Project - Brett -**

#### **Parks Vic Anglesea Heath Project**

We submitted our formal feedback Feb 2019. Brett & Luke attended a follow up meeting with Parks Vic Tues June 18 in Anglesea. PV are meeting individually with all interested parties to go through their proposals in further detail. This project focuses on the Heath north & west of the coalmine (Outer Lease Area and Great Otway National Park) with Area 9 (Clandestino, etc) thrown in. The summary is that Parks Vic support going through the process of looking at whether the existing trails in Area 9 (Lust, Clandestino, Ace, Foxy, Scar, Black Betty) can be formalised. That process will be the same as that applied in Eumeralla with all of the various assessments and public consultation. Timeframe expected to be similar ie. 4-5 years. PV have said they will not allow new trails to be built in this area. More on that in the next section. Some minor realignments / links may be possible. PV supportive of a link track from corner of Coalmine Rd & GOR that heads up to the Forest Rd roundabout for safer crossing than at the scout camp entry. This area is managed by VicRoads (not Parks) thus they're happy to support!

A number of MVO tracks to be closed to vehicles (4WD, motos) and converted to shared trails - Harrison Nth, Harrison Sth, Firetail, Haggarts, Alcoa Boundary, Red River, Batson, Whites. Parks acknowledge that this is not what most MTB'ers are after and shouldn't be counted in the overall distance of trail we are looking for on the surf coast. It should result, however, in some works on some parts of the trail that allow them to hold up better to the weather and without 4WD & motos, should be much less eroded over time.

Overall not the outcome we hoped for and certainly little change resulted from our feedback.

Trail counters - done a few years ago prior to trail formalisation, 1 counter from Gerard for approx 6 weeks over winter. Would be good to utilize a grant opportunity to fund some (approx \$700 each) to track usage for the purpose of grants and to support estimates.

### **Surf Coast MTB Trails Strategy Plan**

This has progressed and World Trail submitted the draft plan to SCS just over a week ago. The initial plan included new trails in Area 9 but unfortunately PV made them remove those and submit a revised version. Brett & Luke attended a meeting organised by SCS Tues June 25 at the Shire offices. Also present were Michelle Anstee (PV), Aaron Garrett (DEWLP), Kate Maffett (Anglesea Bike Park), Gerard McHugh (World trail), Shaan Briggs (SCS), Paul Elshaug (SCS). We raised our disappointment re Area 9 and no new trails again but were shot down by Aaron (DEWLP) who wrote the Anglesea Futures document and re-iterated that the State Government's position is that no new trails will be allowed. He did provide some slight leeway on the possibility of minor realignments in line with the Anglesea Futures document.

In the strategy plan were all of the existing formal trail as well as some new trail to the west of Anglesea linking to Currawong Falls. It's a very in depth document of over 100 pages. Anyone wanting to see it contact Brett.

The Strategy Plan was otherwise reasonably well supported by Parks & DEWLP with some minor changes to be included before the plan is distributed to other community groups for feedback (Project Working Group). That may prove troublesome particularly if Angair & Friends of Eastern Otway oppose strongly. We asked both Parks & DEWLP to brief their upper hierarchy on this project so that they have a bit more balanced view when the enviro crew go to the top with their opposition! They agreed that would be a good idea.

The location of the Bike Park remains an unresolved sticking point that would definitely make the Strategy Plan a bit more definitive once that's resolved. Alcoa have asked the Bike Park committee for another meeting onsite. Currently a stale mate.

Addition: Tony spoke further with Paul at SCS Monday July 1 about our disappointment re no new trails in Area 9 and that we should push harder to have that position reversed. Potentially a deal breaker in terms of having our support of the Strategy Plan. Paul was supportive of that push with the next step being an email outlining our position and why we believe this decision should be reversed. Tony will do that.

Emily keen to try with ANGAIR to see if we can get their support on trails.

#### Alcoa / Eden Project

Latest community bulletin from Alcoa states that there has been a lot of community feedback that both Alcoa & Eden Project are working through. They state that they'll collate the feedback and present it to the community in the coming weeks. [Chris Molloy, any updates from the last CCN meeting?].

#### **Working Bees Kylhn Heath, Ben Cram, Richard South, Angelo Krizmanic, Angus McMurtrie, Tara Findlay Elliott Rankin, Oscar Colledge, Paul Purcell, Marty Taube**

Now that we have go-ahead from PV to run our own working bees, could plan them out 6-12 months in advance and get their permission. Need 2 leaders for each. Currently have 5 leaders, would be good to get more.

Ford volunteers coming in for a working bee day on 13 Sept. Will have input into what they do.

#### **Committee Members**

Tony to continue contacting committee members who have not been involved up to now to discuss their commitment options to enable sufficient percentage of committee members attending meetings to vote. Interested members could still be on subcommittees without being committee members.

JP to update Contact details spreadsheet with quals that have been sent through. Jade has updated committee members that are paid club financial members & have provided WWC.

Working With Children & Club members – Jade has sent an email to those that need to provide by August

#### **Dirt Groms (Chris, Kate) –**

**Race / Events / Skills Clinics (Karen Donaldson, Tom Russell, Sid Caulfield , Marty Taube, Richard South, Jake Elderfield)**

We need some input from the events crew about whether they are up for moving forward on one or both of GMBC Gazebo event and Shifty Fifty. Richard, Chiara and 2 others to review and have a proposal for September meeting. Considerations include suitable race village location, time of year (weather and how that may affect revenue from entries, and course wear), commissaire rules online course (through MTBA) so we know what's required.

Shifty Fifty - Rohin Adams still super keen on this prospect and has been in contact. Rough estimate of income at this stage would be \$4000 to us if we organised first aid ourselves (saves ~\$2000). The costs associated with Rohin doing the timing are \$700 plus \$1/rider for cost of timing chips. He's recently invested in a new timing system.

GMBC Gazebo - probably \$2000 to us as per 2018 event though there hasn't been any firm discussions with GMBC about that at this stage. Requirements are much less than Shifty Fifty.

**Grants (Angelo/JP)** Surf Coast Shire – Grant acceptance – Tom - \$2000 for coaching & first aid Coaching Course – People who have advised they would like to do it - Tom, Chiara, Jade, Ben, Chris Davo (away until October), Kylie, & Tony. \$400 per head for both but some have first aid already. Jon to contact Ads to arrange a date for when Chris is back. MTBA need 1 month notice. Tom received \$750 grant for travel.

Leanne to step away from being on the formal committee but will still assist with grant writing when we need a hand. She will need a bit of a rest after the last the time critical grant applications.

Angelo to step in and write some as they arise. Experience in corporate tender submissions and applying for government tenders.

Trailer update - JP planning to collect this weekend. To be stored at Paul Purcell's.

Brett spoke with Bowen Kress from RACV in June. Bowen keen MTB'er and helped at our last working bee. RACV have grants up to \$5k, available all year round. Bowen is involved in those grants but would need to be impartial on any proposal we made. They want something tangible though like trailer as opposed to contributing to a trail build and want their contribution to exceed 50% of total cost. Usual sort of things, benefits large number of people in the community, kids, both genders, etc. Link is <https://racv.smartygrants.com.au/TORQUAYGCP1819>.

**Marketing / Communications (Emily, Angus, Kylie, Brett, Jade)**

Tony, Jade & Em to catch up and discuss marketing. What's working & what can we do better.

**Social Rides - (Chiara)**

June ride update & Ladies only with a hot chocolate stop ride planned for July 6th.

Last ride went really well.

**Website/IT (Brett)** - Email now and directed to Jade. Domain name expiry

Chris Jones has been away but is back. He will add a "Supporters" page and can also add Gold Level logos to the index page as he's done for the Surf Coast Trek website (<http://www.surfcoasttrek.com.au>). He

can go live with the website at any time. Current site can be viewed at <http://staging.fella-test-1.net.au/scmtb/>. Brett recently sent Chris a list of changes that included input from Jade & Jon. Once that's complete we'll go live. Will be an opportunity to show potential sponsors what they'd get from the website.

**First Aid Officer (Kit & Quals) (Karen)**

**Environmental (Kylie / Emily)**

Considering educational opportunities – could highlight some things on social rides. Possibly a phytophthora piece.

**Surf Coast Trail Runners (Stu)** Update on the social ride Facebook page. Up to 353 members.

**Publicity Update**

**Newsletters (Brett)-**

**Facebook / Twitter**

- FB – 2665 < 2648
- Insta – 507 > 540

**Other Business**

**AGM – (CAV)** An association must hold its first annual general meeting within 18 months of becoming incorporated. October? Need to give members 4 weeks notice.

**Chiara** – Stickers – have been distributed to Bike Matters, Hendrys & Trailhead Bike Co for club members to pick up. Hats – 50 @ \$7.20, 100 @ \$7.05. Will purchase an initial order of 100 units. Sell for \$15-20 prior to committee meetings and through bike shops (approach the 3 above plus My Ride). Chiara, Richard, Jade and Tony will arrange distribution to bike shops.

**Sandwich boards for work bees**

Tony is waiting for a quote from local supplier.

**Kit update from Tony (Tom, Brett K and Scott)**

Jade spoke to Brett - A little misunderstanding re Brett Kellett didn't realise that we would be grateful if he & Scott enquired on pricing for kit for us. He has now opened a conversation with Pedla & an update to follow. Jade advised around \$100 mark for a jersey based on an order of around 50.

Brett C spoke to Scott Nicholas still keen to be involved and he has spoken with Brett Kellett. He said Brett has already started on design work and will present design(s) to the committee soon. They'll include Tom in that process. Current pricing looks like it'll be approx same or slightly cheaper than GMBC.

JP – Action list in Dropbox

**Next Meeting** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 - Torquay Community House, Price St Torquay - Torquay 7.00pm

