



**Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Venue: 4Pines Brewing**

**7.30pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Committee members in attendance: Brett Coleman, Tara Findlay, Kylhn Heath, Chiara Hill, Angelo Krizmanic, Tony Smales, Richard South

Committee member apologies: Luke Farrar, Marlene Gojanovic, Andrew Gooday, Shane O'Brien

**Welcome & Open from President**

Reflection on Phil Avery's passing.

Motion for acceptance of previous meeting's minutes: Brett Coleman, Second: Tony Smales

**Finances (Shane/Rich)**

Account	Feb 2021	Current
Bendigo Main	\$6912.35	\$7051.21
Philanthropic/Junior Development Fund	\$2726.44	\$2707.10

**Membership & Social Media No's**

Platform	Feb 2021	Current
Membership	265	255
Facebook Followers	3291	3340
Instagram Followers	1179	1223
Strava Club Members	183	193

**Calendar (3 month look ahead)**

Event	Dates
Dirt Groms (5-8yo) Skills - Hurst Rd	7 Mar
Adult Intermediate Social to Currawong Falls	7 Mar
Teens Social - Currawong Shuttle	8 Mar
Womens Social Ride - Hurst Rd	14 Mar
Working Bee – last Sunday of the month	28 Mar
Adult Social - details TBC	4 Apr
Dirt Groms (8-10yo) Skills - ABP	10 Apr
Working Bee – last Sunday of the month	25 Apr

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**SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

**ACCOUNTS (Shane, Rich)** - Balances above.

Motion to purchase a 3m x 3m club branded marquee in advance of Shifty Fifty event, as sourced from quotes last year. Brett Coleman, Second: Kylhn Heath. All in favour. Richard South will organise.

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## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Brett) -**

As of Feb 26 we have 255 active members that's down 10 from last month (59 are juniors - U18 & 36 of those are U12) - would be good to have someone able to take on the juniors role.

Chiara about to order more large stickers. We will then get the mail outs to new members happening.

MTBA emailing members once their membership has expired but don't explain in the email that renewal is with AusCycling; it requires login to MTBA site to be redirected. Brett and Tony to contact both bodies to see if the renewal process can be made more transparent.

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## **TRAIL ADVOCACY / LAND MANAGER LIAISON (Brett, Chris M, Tony, Ben, Luke, Chris D) –**

### **Alcoa / Eden Project - (Chris M, Tony)**

No update this month.

### **Parks Vic Anglesea Heath Project / Surf Coast MTB Trails Strategy Plan – (Brett, Tony, Luke)**

Meeting held with SCS, PV, DELWP. No further advances yet again. PV's Strategic land assessment, which is still an early stage towards formalisation, has been completed. It needs to be signed off at five different levels. The first two signatures have been received. Awaiting further communication from PV.

All parties agreed that SCMTB and SCS should look into all easy wins on the concept plan that are not on DELWP or PV managed land. Tony met with Paul from SCS to discuss; Scout Camp loop, Ixodia Trail north of Coalmine Rd, Coogoorah Reserve's 2 green trails and a roadside trail between Bells Beach and Southside carparks (requiring creation) identified.

SCS have contacted Vic Roads in regard to link track from Hurst road to Pt Addis road.

### **Eumeralla Trail Naming Process & Scout Camp**

New trail posts have stickers in place now.

New signage still awaiting trail descriptions.

### **Trail Sign**

No further communication from PV.

### **Parking**

No further communication from PV since the tentative ok for the car park at Hurst to be extended west along the GOR by at least 4-6 car spaces.

### **MTB Trails concept plan**

Victorian state MTB strategy plan- This is an AusCycle driven plan that may help to inform future planning for MTB trails in Victoria. It is currently underway and a survey for riders is open. Club to inform riders of this.

### **Jumps parks in Torquay / Juc**

Tony met with Paul from SCS to discuss this on Monday Mar 1. Identified that jumps parks rather than bike parks would be cheaper and more feasible. There are a couple of locals who might be interested in driving this and working with SCS.

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## **WORKING BEES (Kylhn, Ben, Angelo, Tara, Paul, Chris P, Tony)**

Working bee held Sunday 28th; only Luke, Fav and Kylhn in attendance but took out one barrow and got a lot done.

Struggling for numbers recently as only 2 at Jan working bee.

Discussion of tactics to encourage more participation: email to membership list for next one (as opposed to the smaller

working bee list), pin working bee info to top of the Facebook page in the week leading up. Free caps at some point?

New Swims/ JSA – If Tony does a mock-up who is ok with Word tables or Excel to get it in shape?

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### **GRANTS (Angelo)**

Angelo to investigate if the Ashbury grant, already received, could be converted from the originally stated purpose towards purchase of marquee.

Flagged that the parameters of some grants may allow us to apply for Junior coaching.

Request to Finance team to generate a \$3000 invoice to SCS for the Shifty Fifty funds grant.

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### **RACE / EVENTS / SKILLS CLINICS (Richard, Karen, Tom, Angus, Jake)**

#### **Shifty Fifty - 21 June 2021**

Lots of dialogue happening with Rohin and SCS, next step is for Rich to finalise permit applications and notify interested parties. Need to contact businesses impacted by road closure as a courtesy gesture.

With the close proximity to the cafes, we think only one food van and no coffee van is required. We will inform Poppies and GROW of the increased traffic expected that morning. Discussion to not hold our own BBQ as we'll require volunteers for the event itself.

As per last year's false start, Rich will contact Pete's Pizza and Bells Brewery for onsite food and drinks.

Course is currently approx 24km and 450m elevation.

Surf Coast Events (a branch of Surf Coast Shire) surfcoastevents.com.au - are keen for us to advise them of any events we're hosting that will draw people from outside the shire. The Shifty Fifty appears on their site and they would post more if provided.

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### **POLICY & PROCEDURE (Tony) -**

No docs this month.

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### **SOCIAL RIDES (Chiara, Tony), DIRT GROMS (Kate, Chris), SKILLS CLINIC/COACHING**

#### **Rides in the past month:**

Feb 27: Adults skills session ABP

Feb 14: Tanners Rd Adult Intermediate Social cancelled due to lockdown.

Feb 14: Womens' social ride with GMBC cancelled due to lockdown.

Feb 7: Teens Currawong Social Ride - 8 teens led by Tom Russell & Brett Coleman

Ride calendar sent to our 8 adult ride leaders. We will start to advertise soon that intermediate adult rides are on every first Sunday of the month unless otherwise notified.

#### **Luke's farm**

AusCycle have been contacted in regard to our obligations regarding safety for riders.

May require signage. AusCycle to confirm what's needed.

### **Women's Rides**

Next women's ride scheduled for March 14th with GMBC at Hurst Rd. Coffee after for those who are keen.

### **February Adults Skills Clinic**

February 27th 8-11am Cost \$20

3 hours of skills and bike setup and maintenance

4 coaches: Brian, Marlene & Nigel on riding skills, plus Griffyn from No Limit Cycle Repairs

15 people booked, 5 cancelled in the 24 hrs prior to event. Booking platform used by AusCycling appears to charge a substantial flat-rate fee for events under 50 people so we didn't charge participants in advance for this event.

Eventbrite or similar platforms charge much less and could be explored for future events.

Intent of the booking fee is to discourage no-shows on the day, and generate some funds for junior coaching subsidies, while keeping it a reasonable cost. Discussion of charging up to \$40 for adult skills clinics, depending on what's offered and the duration.

### **Kids Skills Clinics scheduled:**

March 7th 5-8 year olds - Free

April 10th 8-10 year olds - Cost \$10

### **Kids social rides**

Still looking for a co-ordinator to oversee this. Kate Maffet happy to help but not do whole job. Andrew Gooday has put his hand up but may require a second to help.

### **Teen Gravity skills clinics**

Jarrold Zdralka is going to run a series of training / skills clinics and info sessions for teens gravity riders. He is awaiting his reinstatement of coaching quals before commencing.

Intending to run a Meet & Greet Q & A session with participants to determine their needs, then run 2-3 sessions free of charge.

Chiara's found Jo, coach for Bendigo group, who would be available to do a downhill specific day for us one weekend of April school holidays: she charges \$60 per participant for 2 hr session, 6-8 participants per group, could do up to 3 sessions for the day. Would be targeted to 11-18 year olds thinking of racing. Chiara to put details together to propose cost to be covered by Junior Development Fund.

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### **MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (Brett)**

#### **Website / Email**

Our admin@surfcoastmtb.com.au email has just been renewed for 2 years for \$184.80. Our website remains hosted by Chris Jones for free - would have been \$264 for 2 years through Crazy Domains. Thanks Chris, for your support!

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### **MERCHANDISE (Chiara/Richard) -**

Enduro Jerseys selling well (mostly to the Colemans). Numbers are getting pretty low. Supplies to be topped up in existing styling prior to Shifty Fifty so we have stock to sell on the day.

Rich has found a less expensive option for the XC jerseys, hopefully at a price point we can hold some stock.

Remaining merch is ticking along nicely at the bike shops.

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**FIRST AID OFFICER (Kit and Quals) (Karen):**

Kaz is completely under the pump with her fire brigade training so has opted to step away from the first aid role for five months. If anyone has any first aid needs, please contact Tony or Brett until further notice. Good luck Kaz.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL (Kylie/Emily):** No report this month.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Trail kitty**

Final amount for the February trail kitty drive was \$1788.45 (\$1900.35 donated, difference = fees). We need to “Report my expenditure” by May 12 to demonstrate that the funds received have (or will be) used “for the development of Australian Sport”. We need to determine exactly how we’ll allocate that; discussion of fire rakes and pipes if we need to be specific.

Link for donations to remain live on our website year-round but moved to the trails page, where it is less prominent, while we’re not actively promoting a drive.

**Philanthropy**

The last 2 of the bikes for students have been picked up from Hendry’s cycles. Apparently the kids and parents were stoked. A big thanks to Steve and the Hendry’s crew.

A new social enterprise bike workshop due to open soon. Sounds exciting. They are looking for a space if anyone knows of any commercial/ industrial sites.

**Forrest MTB club**

Tony has contacted Sandy Maxwell twice and also sent a txt message (in response to information that they may be struggling for leadership). No response as yet.

**Next Meeting –**

7:30pm, 12 April 2021 (5<sup>th</sup> is Easter Monday) – virtual

**See next page for current Action List**

ACTION / TASK	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
Update contact list with first aid and quals provided, trail building quals	Tara / Tony	March
Members survey	TBC	March
Discuss idea of a 2 /5 year strategy plan	Whole c'tee	March
Trail building course	Tony	March
Trademark Logo	TBC	When finances settle down
Investigate road signage for Hurst Road	Tony	On hold while car park issues resolved with PV/ SCS
Complete wording for new signs	Tony	March / April
Complete proposal for SCS for new bike jumps park in Torquay	Tony	March / April
Design new SWIMS / JSA dox for working bees	Tony / Ky	March / April