



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

**Venue: Virtual**

**7.30pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Committee members in attendance: Brett Coleman, Luke Farrar, Tara Findlay, Marlene Gojanovic, Andrew Gooday, Chiara Hill, Richard South

Committee member apologies: Tony Smales, Angelo Krizmanic, Shane O'Brien, Kylhn Heath

**Welcome & Open from President**

Motion for acceptance: Brett Coleman, Second: Richard South

**Finances (Shane/Rich)**

Account	Mar 2021	Current
Bendigo Main	\$7051.21	\$12449.58
Philanthropic/Junior Development Fund	\$2707.10	\$2827.46

**Membership & Social Media No's**

Platform	Mar 2021	Current
Membership	255	257
Facebook Followers	3340	3405
Instagram Followers	1223	1255
Strava Club Members	193	203

**Calendar**

Event	Dates
Womens Social Ride with GMBC – You Yangs	18 Apr
Working Bee – last Sunday of the month	25 Apr
Adult Intermediate Social	2 May

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**SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

**FINANCE (Shane, Rich):** Account balances above.

Main account increase includes \$3000 from Surf Coast Shire for Shifty Fifty, \$930 for merch. \$1400 already paid for new marquee (a couple of weeks from delivery now).

Philanthropic fund - \$200 income from March adult skills clinic. \$380 to go out from teens' gravity endure clinic Apr 11.

Desire for finance report to include visibility of the amount in our balance that is already allocated to activities/equipment. This will usually only be the amounts that we have received from grants that must be spent. Currently have: \$3000 for Shifty Fifty, Trail Kitty funds raised through ASF and money for coaching in account.

**Trail Kitty**

Still open in background with link on our website but we're not actively promoting. Since last meeting, 2 donors for a total \$125. 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.

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## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Brett)**

As of Apr 10 we have 257 active members (was 255 last month)

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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)**

Michelle from PV has contacted us to inform that her superiors at PV have accepted the initial planning assessment. The next step will be to have another meeting with PV and the shire to put in place an action plan to push for the next step which is a detailed planning assessment of many of the trails. Long road ahead still but another hurdle we are over. Thanks, Tony, for the persistence on this!

We are meeting with the shire in two weeks to look onsite at some of the easy wins within the concept plan. These include The Pt Addis road link track, Coogoorah Reserve's beginner trails and the possibility of a road side trail past Bells Beach that riders can use to avoid the road and the steps leading to Southside.

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

New signage still awaiting trail descriptions. Lachie from PV said after the burn season (in May) we can prepare the new signage. We are looking at having QR codes on the signage. One directing to our website. The other to our trail kitty. We will need to purchase a "dynamic" QR code so that the link can be changed. Static codes (free) do not allow link changes. Cost approx \$50 for 2 codes & \$10pa ongoing.

### **Parking**

To be looked at in May once burn season is over.

### **Victorian state MTB strategy plan**

The club put in a detailed response and we are hoping some of our members did also. We have also participated in a survey from AusCycle and Common Ground about participation. Our line with AusCycle will be strongly focused on them pushing them to gaining a better understanding of the needs and wishes of the MTB community. Thanks to Tony for the club's submission.

### **Jumps parks**

A local user group has formed on the back of the club's proposal for a new jumps park in Torquay. This group may end up as separate group from the club or may become an affiliated sub committee. Tony and one of the members of this group, Craig Semple met with the Shire. The shire are very supportive of the proposal.

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

Monthly Working bees going well.

Working bee held Sunday 28th March. Strong attendance resulted in lots of work on Swerv'n Mervin; improving some drainage, adding some features, adding width to some rock areas and closing off edges to prevent riders widening around them.

Still problem of finding new recruits to share the load.

Enthusiasm shown for creating new features rather than general maintenance.

Working bee email had been sent to entire membership this time, rather than just the working bee list. Unsure if this

contributed to higher attendance.

Ky's only spoken briefly with Lachie as he has been busy on burns.... but he seems pleased with what's going on

New Swims/ JSA – wording completed, ready for set up.

If anyone comes across any serious drainage issues in next couple of months would be good to flag and address prior to Shifty Fifty.

Ruts on up track between Lust for Life and Clandestino have been flattened during the Parks burning process.

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#### **GRANTS (Angelo)**

Submitted an application to Shire Council Small Grants program for women's skills clinics to pay for an intermediate external coach (Cath Clark). Outcome pending.

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

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

Organising coming along well. Will be in the Surf Coast Times next week. Biggest challenge currently is insurance; we require a separate policy to Big Hill Events. Will do it through same insurance company as Big Hill, may be around \$600.

Still need sign off on permits: Council, Parks and GORCC all seem happy. Need food vendors for the day; Rich has spoken to pizza van from Airey's who's keen, and Bells Brewery.

Looking for marshal co-ordinators – will need 15-20 marshals on the day, plus help setting up course on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July (Rowan has arrows and we'll buy pink flagging tape).

Prize packs: \$800 budgeted for prizes, Luke volunteering to approach some local businesses for prizes.

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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**

##### **SOCIAL RIDES:**

###### **Upcoming:**

Apr 18: Womens' Social Ride with GMBC - You Yangs

May 2: Adult Social Ride

###### **In past month:**

Mar 7: Dirt Groms (5-8yo) Skills - Hurst Rd

Mar 7: Adult Intermediate Social to Currawong Falls (6 attended)

Mar 8: Teens Social - Currawong Shuttle (12 attended)

Mar 14: Womens' Social Ride - Hurst Rd (large group!)

Apr 1: Farm MTB (Bellbrae) Social - all ages (11 attended)

Apr 4: Adult Social - Hurst Rd (11 attended)

Apr 6: Farm MTB (Bellbrae) Social - all ages (14 attended)  
Apr 10: Dirt Groms (8-10yo) Skills - ABP (6 attended - full)  
Apr 11: Teens Gravity Enduro Skills Clinic (6 attended)

#### **April Adult open ride**

Great ride despite trail closures due to planned burns. 11 riders. Four leaders which was great to see. Next ride is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Womens Rides**

March was a great success with 23 women. We had women from Lysterfield and Warrandyte Mtb clubs. We have recruited 2 new womens ride leaders - Jess Bowen and Ali Bauer who are there at every women's ride.

Next Womens ride April 18th at You Yangs - we have started up (free) registration for this through Eventbrite with 3 groups according to ability level. Eventbrite: no charge to us if event is free, small charge if it's a paid event.

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

Auscycle have been contacted in regard to our obligations regarding safety for riders. Awaiting a response. Social rides have commenced there now that we have put up the necessary signage and background processes. The two rides thus far have been a great success without incident.

#### **Kids social rides**

Andrew looking into the role of dirt groms co-ordinator. Kate Maffet happy to help but not do whole job.

#### **SKILLS CLINICS:**

##### **Kids Skills**

We have transitioned to registration through Eventbrite for these. We have run one for 5-8 year olds and 2 for the 8-11 year olds since the last meeting. All of them booked out well in advance. We will aim to do one more before winter sets in.

Marlene's feedback from last weekend's skills clinic: really nice having parents come along to bring up the back and look after kids during coaching.

##### **Teens April gravity skills clinic**

We struggled with numbers but were able to go ahead by merging into 2 groups, with the advanced kids offering to pay extra to get it over the line. Marlene and Chiara also hired Jo privately for skills session. In the end we had 6 kids in the intro/intermediate group and 2 kids in the advanced group.

##### **Teen Gravity skills clinics**

Jarrod 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. Still haven't heard from Jarrod.

##### **Adult Skills clinic**

Interest within the committee for an adult's jumping skills clinic at the bike park. Would be good to look into.

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**MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (Brett):** Nothing of note this month.

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

Will have merch available at Shifty Fifty. Hold off restocking merchandise with winter approaching.

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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. Good luck Kaz.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS****Philanthropy**

We spent \$380 on the teens gravity enduro skills clinic.

**Forrest MTB club**

Chiara spoke to Michelle the secretary of Forrest MTB club. Only her and Sandy from the committee currently residing in Forrest as others had moved away. Things are very quiet for them at the moment and their biggest struggle is trail maintenance.

Michelle said while they are not doing much at the moment, she and Sandy are focused on the Trails Revitalisation Project with the council.

**Coaching Course**

We will be running a coaching course through Aus Cycling July 4<sup>th</sup>, or alternate suitable time, with Adam Kelsell. We need to find a venue. Budget is \$130-150. Minimum 6 people. Expectation that those who do the course will commit to contributing time back to the club, Chiara to send a suggestion of commitment via email for discussion.

We have so far:

Brian Alexander

Jess Bowen

Nigel Hill

Andrew Gooday

Ali Bauer

Tara Findlay

Luke Farrar

Any others?

**Stickers**

Stickers have arrived. Tony has them. He'll get them out to crew as soon as possible.

**Rich's new committee role**

Rich is stepping down from the merch role and also winding down on his role as race sub c'tee leader. He will continue to support the club to get the Shifty Fifty over the line. We are looking for anyone to take on either of Rich's two roles. If anyone knows someone from inside or outside the club who may be keen give us a shout.

Huge thanks to Rich for your work in getting the race up and going and for all the time and energy you've put into the merchandise over the last few years.

Merchandise is at a point where it's easy to reorder items we've done previously. The price of Pedla jerseys seemed to be a deterrent to sales qty's, and may be worth sourcing a cheaper alternative. The Indigo Wolf enduro jerseys we've done are quite thick, they have a thinner version or there are many alternate companies for this type of item.

**MTB Film Festival**

Tony looking at running an MTB film festival as an individual commercial enterprise. Research still in the early stages: the rough plan is to call it the Australian Mountain Bike Film Festival and show it locally to start with. Adventure film festivals have always interested him and the idea of running one was what first triggered the idea for our night a few years ago.

This will not be a club event or enterprise and, as such, it may take away an opportunity for the club to pursue

something along these lines. As we had our movie night a few years ago it may have been possible to do a similar or a larger club event again sometime in the future and that should be taken into account.

Committee discussed and happy for Tony to pursue it as his own enterprise. Sounds like an exciting project and a big investment of time. Good luck with it Tony!

**Club survey**

Could be good to do during winter if anyone's interested in thinking what it may look like. Mailchimp may be an option for survey platform.

**NEXT MEETING:** 7:30pm, 3 May 2021 – virtual

**See next page for current Action List**

<b>ACTION / TASK</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Update contact list with first aid and quals provided, trail building quals	Tara / Tony	April
Members survey	TBC	April
Discuss idea of a 2 /5 year strategy plan	Whole c'tee	April
Plan and advertise trail building course	Tony	April
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	May
Complete proposal for SCS for new bike jumps park in Torquay	Tony	Completed
Design new SWIMS / JSA dox for working bees	Tony / Ky	Wording completed. Awaiting set up
Club corflute sign to use on old marquee when needed	Tony	May