



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

**Venue: Virtual**

**7.30pm Monday 2nd May 2022**

Committee members in attendance: Luke Farrar, Kylhn Heath, Tony Smales, Brett Coleman, Tara Findlay, Nick Galloway, Andrew Gooday.

Committee member apologies: Marlene Gojanovic, Angelo Krizmanic, Josh West, Shane O'Brien, Daniel Alexander, Richard South.

**Welcome & Open from President**

**Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Motion for acceptance : Brett, Seconded : Tony

**SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Nick)**

Platform	April 2022	May 2022
Membership	272	280
Facebook Followers	3707	3727
Instagram Followers	1507	1532
Strava Club Members	266	268

SCMTB				
Current Membership Over Time				
	Date	Current Members	Expired Memberships	
			Month	YTD
2021	8-Nov-21	254		
	6-Dec-21	262		
	31-Dec-21	277		
2022	27-Jan-22	280	22	
	27-Feb-22	269	14	
	20-Mar-22	272	4	
	29-Apr-22	280	12	52

**Membership Update**

- Our membership numbers are at their highest since the club was formed
- Auscycling
  - A few things outstanding with Auscycling, (status of fees and the increase; insurance).

## FINANCE (Tara)

Account	31 Mar 2022	30 Apr 2022
Bendigo Main	\$12,262.27	\$13,617.71
Philanthropic/Junior Development Fund	\$2,2437.81	\$2,538.30

Main transactions since last report:

- Main Acct Incoming: AusCycling Memberships \$582.26, Dollars4Dirt \$208, Surf Coast Shire S50 Grant \$2500
- Main Acct Outgoing: W's Skills Clinics \$500, Steigen (Socks) \$1485, Web domain name (.com.au) \$15
- Junior Dev Incoming: Skills Clinics \$160
- Junior Dev Outgoing: Masaka CC \$40, Clinic refund \$20
- Committed funds in main account:
  - Trail Kitty (ASF) \$399.60
  - Trail Kitty General (\$4Dirt & Donations) \$1985.44
  - S50 '21 Printing (Luke F) \$85.66
  - SCS S50 Grant \$2500
  - Total committed funds \$4970.70

### ASF Trail Kitty:

\$350 spent on tools (Mar '22), \$1158.32 spent on trailhead signage, paint and installation materials (Mar '22).  
\$399.60 remaining to be spent prior to acquittal.

### Surf Coast Shire Small Grant for Women's Skills Clinics:

Has been fully spent. Cazz Clark from Bike It Better ran 4 days of intermediate skills clinics for us (40 spots in total) and Marlene has offered 'In Kind' clinics for the club. They were fantastic!

- Invoices, payment docs and proof of 'In Kind' clinics consolidated in the Grants folder in Dropbox, ready for the grants committee to submit acquittal:
- <https://www.dropbox.com/home/Surf%20Coast%20Trail%20Group/Grant%20applications/2021%20Surf%20Coast%20Shire%20Small%20Grants%20-%20Womens%20Clinics/Acquittal%20material>

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## TRAIL ADVOCACY / LAND MANAGER LIAISON (Tony, Brett, Luke)

### Trails concept plan (PV and DELWP)

Shire have upped the amount of their grant application to 300k. They are still waiting for results from grant application. They will revisit other different avenues and approaches to the project if this grant is not successful.

**Hurst Rd to Pt Addis link** - track has been approved by Shire planning dept. Shire are waiting to hear back from Vic Roads with final confirmation.

Initial site investigations previously undertaken to establish best options for route/alignment/improvements. This included discussions with land owner (Johnno). Johnno is very supportive of club's intentions. Another landowner runs the property reportedly as an AirBnB - not yet engaged with owner (10 Pt Addis Road). Brett may now them & will follow up.

Long discussion about work on this trail and ideal timing for that. Ky has offered to be involved and will prepare a formal quote for the works. Rest of the committee to catch up online to determine whether to approve. Is likely to be approx. \$20k given the scope of the works required. Initial thoughts about starting this month determined to be too rush. Felt best to aim for an appropriate time in early Spring. Thoughts on how best to fund include a trail kitty call out via ASF as well as potentially asking some local businesses if they'd be keen to be involved.

QR codes printout to be set up at Shifty Fifty event. Fundraising Campaign to be established once basic cost target is known (approx \$20k anticipated).

#### **New MTB trails group**

Tony has suggested to the shire that the time is right to reboot the group that used to meet to discuss all current and future issues for MTB in the area. This was facilitated by PV and included us, shire, DELWP, Scouts, A'sea traders, enviro groups and others. PV dropped the ball on this and it no longer happens. With the concept plan stalling due to funding issues we thought we would now facilitate the group to get things moving along. All agreed was a great idea.

#### **Scout camp**

Still waiting for PV confirmation of them being the new land manager for scout camp

#### **PV**

Trail closures- Some trails west of Anglesea have been closed by PV. Apparently reopened

Trail opening- Discussion needed around reopening and remodelling of DH line that intersects Lust for Life. Rich has discussed with local DH riders and they also think it's too unsafe. Tony to talk with PV.

#### **Jumps parks**

Bob Pettitt reserve jumps park approved by council. Community consultation is overwhelmingly positive. Tony and other community reps met with Shire and the contractor. Works possibly underway before winter but unsure at this stage as contractor not wanting to get started and then getting bogged down in winter.

Spring Valley bike park is still getting smashed by riders who are loving it. Club has sorted the process with the council to implement a volunteer process so young riders can do maintenance without an adult in attendance. Youth process now finished and in the process of being implemented.

#### **Anglesea Bike Park**

Ride night went well over 6-7 weeks. Now finished until daylight savings kicks in again. Should be a great addition to the ride calendar starting again next Spring.

#### **Eden project**

Nothing to report

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

**Shifty Fifty Prep** - Lots of great work has been completed already in preparation for the race. Mainly corridor clearing plus the recent major work on The Chute as below. Corridor clearing now complete. Would be great to get some drainage works completed as well.

#### **The Chute**

The Chute bog hole working bee completed yesterday. Thank you to Ky for use of Bush-to-Beach machinery & equipment.

<https://adventurejunkie.com.au/> organised an adventure race on 1 May unfortunately sending a significant amount of riders through the chute worksite. No notification was provided to SCMTB. Significant effort required to ensure riders dismounted, some heavy machine work was paused whilst groups of riders passed. Signage was put in place to warn

riders. Ky enquired with Event organiser on the day to better understand the cause of the miscommunication. On the following date, Ky enquired with PV, and established that the lack of notification was a PV oversight.



### **Adopt – a – trail**

An idea for regular and experienced working bee volunteers and c'tee members to adopt a trail between 1-3 people and keep an eye on that trail. May include minor works but mainly about knowing what condition each trail is in. So far we have Luke and Kev on one, Sam and Brett on one and Tony on one . Anyone else keen?

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### **GRANTS (Angelo/Andrew)**

TCE acquittal obligations to be concluded in regard to bike stand. This includes a plaque on the bike stand.

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### **RACE / EVENTS (looking for a committee member to take this up)**

#### **Shifty Fifty - May 14.**

Preparations are progressing well. As of Apr 29, 206 entries (roughly 75% for the 50k). Corridor clearing complete. A huge shout out to Rod Joyce for many hours of work on this. A couple more marshal positions to be filled but call out has been well supported. The offer of free race entry has been a big help here. Would be good to know what assistance committee members can offer. Keen to have a couple of back ups as most likely we'll lose a couple of marshals to COVID.

Marshalls to be asked to take video snippets on the day - Landscape, 1080p. Upload website (Google drive) to be advised. Capture start/finish atmosphere, plus some race footage.

#### **Gravel Grind - May 15**

58k course locked in and 11k junior gravel grind also being offered. As of Apr 29, 32 entrants for the full distance, zero juniors. Alcoa have formally approved use of their land for the event village & finish line. SCS have approved our traffic management plan so there shouldn't be any issues now getting full approval for the event.

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

**Youth rides** are still a work in progress. More information forthcoming.

**Sponsorship policy discussion.** If we have time. Beer or not to beer?

**2 year plan** – See attached. Let’s revisit. Discussion needed. Not much feedback so far. Happy to ditch it or just tweak what has been put forward and use that?

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

Upcoming:

- 7/5/22 - Adult Social Ride (SF Course reccie)
- 14/5/22 - Surf Coast Shifty Fifty
- 15/5/22 - True Grit Anglesea Gravel
- 29/5/22 - SCMTB & GMBC Women's Social

In past month:

- 10/4/22 - Adult E-bike Social
  - 10/4/22 - Women's Intermediate Skills Clinics x 2 with Cazz Clarke
  - 23/4/22 - 6-8yo fun drills & skills + short social ride
  - 24/4/22 - SCMTB & GMBC Women's Social
  - 24/4/22 - Adult E-bike Social
  - 25/4/22 - 8-11yo fun drills & skills + social ride
  - 1/5/22 - DH teens skills session
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**PHILANTHROPY**

DH ride day to complement the in house training day held Sunday 1/5/22. 4 kids joined in this session.

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**MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (Brett)**

Shifty Fifty Promotions and video released.

**Website** - Club procured the domain “[surfcoastmtb.au](http://surfcoastmtb.au)” to protect brand.

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**MERCHANDISE (Josh)**

Nothing to report this month.

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**FIRST AID OFFICER (Kit and Quals) (Karen)**: Nothing to report this month.

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

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Discussion about womens clinics** -There has been a suggestion that we should keep doing these even if it means using some of our own funds.

**Womens Rides** - need to check on ride leaders that sign-in protocols are being followed.

**Skill Clinics** - Tony to investigate with Jess/Uli to establish ideas on how we could start 11-14 y/o skills clinics. Would Level 0 coaching course be suitable (green trails) or would we need to use a Level 1 coach for this (blue trails). Further research needed on women and Men intro coaching/skills clinics.

**Club Social turn / BBQ/ Family day** - Maybe a mid winter event or just hold over to our Xmas event and make that a regular event each year

**Rescue trolley** – Still to follow up with local orgs around this?

**Trials skills clinic** - Bob has offered to take a trials skills clinic. Tony to ask Brian if he would like to assist as we need a qualified coach

**AGM** - More discussion around Tara's suggestion of a different way of doing it.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday 6th June, 7:30pm.

## Action List

ACTION / TASK	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
Update contact list with first aid and quals provided, trail building quals	Tara / Tony / Josh	Underway
Discuss idea of a 2/5 year strategy plan	Whole c'tee	May
Plan and advertise trail building course	Tony	May
Investigate road signage for Hurst Road	Brett	May
Social ride procedure / insurance revamp	Nick, Josh, Tony	Underway
Investigate the idea of "Trail talk" social nights	Tony	May
Start Work on new trail stakeholders group meeting	Tony	May
Initiate Ride Leader Induction Course (online)	Tony	May

## Appendix A - 2 Year Plan

### SCMTB - Two Year Plan (Mid 2022 - Mid 2024)

#### General overview of main goals??

*This may not be needed at all. If we do keep it, it can be added to or could also be short spiel about our priorities*

Promote all disciplines within MTB including XC, DH, Enduro, Gravel/ bike packing, Jumps, Trials, E biking,

The club acknowledges that a large majority of newer riders are more interested in gravity style riding and as such we should endeavour to include that knowledge in many of the decisions we make. This could include marketing to this type of rider, advocating for more of these types of trails, skills clinics and social rides.

Education of riders who use the local trails should also be a priority over the next 2 years. Some education points could be : Who looks after the trails, How you can be involved, How you can assist to keep trail in good condition ( when to ride and when not to ride), Information about donations. This education could be through social media platforms but also through periodical face to face communication at Trail Heads

Endeavour to have a broader range of riders across all demographics involved with the committee.

#### Trail Advocacy-

1/ Continue advocating for the implementation of the Anglesea MTB Trails Concept Plan. Within this goal we should also advocate for changes to the plan during its planning phase. These changes will be in regard to the use of trails in more areas and the formalisation of more of the informal trails that currently exist.

2/ Work with the SCS to deliver some small wins before the Concept Plan is implemented. These could include the Hurst Rd to Pt Addis Rd link, Coogoorah Park trails and the roadside trail between Bells Beach and Southside car parks

3/ Continue to discuss the possibility of the Anglesea tip becoming a large bike park and major trailhead once it is closed and rehabilitated

3/ Continue to develop new relationships and foster current ones with all stakeholders.

4/ Complete signage at Hurst Rd. This will also include seating and bike repair stand

5/ Advocate to PV for more interesting features on the current formal trail ( Hurst Rd) eg. Jumps on 4 wd tracks

#### Working Bees

1/ Focus on degraded areas as our priority.

2/ Continue to add interesting and fun features in appropriate areas

3/ Endeavour to do some work on informal trails where possible

4/ Expand our volunteer work force

5/ Once monthly working bees are well re-established, we should look to add some small scale work bees more often.

6/ Explore and implement an Adopt- a -Trail concept where small groups of up to 3 riders care for a particular trail with small scale informal working bees

#### Social rides

1/ Continue with monthly "open" social rides

2/ Endeavour to have a social ride of some sort at least every two weeks.

3/ Expand the number of alternative types of social rides. Jumps, Gravity, Adventure, E-bike, Gravel , Race training etc.

4/ Start social trips away (day or overnight) if legal requirements allow

5/ Reinstate dirt groms social rides. Hopefully one per term at least

#### Governance

Child safety-

1/ Ensure all club documents are inline with current government legislation / regulations

2/ All club volunteer files to be kept up to date

Policies and Procedures –

Ensure all policies, procedures and other documents are reviewed every two years. Next date for most club documents is mid 2022

3/ Finalise social ride and skills clinics procedures

#### Auscycle

1/ Build a better relationship and a better understanding of Ausccycle and how they can help our club and sport especially in the area of Trail advocacy

2/ Investigate the possibility of not being affiliated with Auscycle and whether it could lead to better outcomes for the club and its members

#### Membership

1/ Review our membership data to understand our demographics. Market to any areas where we feel we could have more members or are not supporting as we could/ should

2/ Complete a member survey on an annual basis ( or bi annual?)

3/ Continue to ensure all members , especially new ones, are informed of the clubs goals and aspirations. Also ensure all members are welcomed and their membership is ..... ( acknowledged / show we are grateful ???)

#### Grants

1/ Continue to apply for grants in applicable areas with a focus on underrepresented demographics where possible

#### Environment

1/ Endeavour to work more closely with local environmental groups

2/ Educate riders about the local environment. This could be done through social media and by some social rides that have an environmental focus

#### First Aid

1/ Continue to ensure all volunteers have relevant qualifications

2/ Ensure club files reflect point 1

### Jumps parks

- 1/ Advertise for 1 -3 people to form a more formal jumps parks subcommittee
- 2/ Continue to foster the relationship with the Anglesea Bike Park Committee of Management. (ABPCOM) Support the ABPCOM in their quest to retain the ABP at its current location
- 3/ Continue to advocate for more and better jumps parks within the Surf Cast Shire
- 4 Continue to advocate for a large scale jumps park in the Torquay area

### Finance

- 1/ Try to have 10k +in accessible funds at all times

### Merchandise

- 1/ Continue with current merchandise
- 2/ Continue to Investigate other merch options
- 3/ Set up an easier sales system with advertising via website

### Marketing and Communications

- 1/ Research better use of our social media platforms especially Instagram

### Skills clinics

- 1/ Endeavour to have a wider range of skills clinics covering all demographics and disciplines
- 2/ Ensure we have adequate numbers of coaches within club ranks to achieve point 1
- 3/ Expand coaches skills and experience. Endeavour to have at least 3 or 4 coaches with higher than Level 0 qualifications

### Events

#### *Races*

- 1/ Continue to run at least one MTB and one gravel race per year
- 2/ Explore the level of support within the club for occasional club level races

#### *Other events*

- 1/ Annual Xmas party
- 2/ Annual social event. Eg, A dinner night, movie night, using AGM as social night
- 3/ instigate "Trail Talks" nights as a casual social night with guest speakers , nibbles and drinks
- 4/ Bike maintenance workshops