



**Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club Committee Meeting MOM**  
**Venue: Online**  
**7.30pm Monday 2nd Oct 2023**

**Committee members in attendance:** Brett Coleman, Luke Farrar, Tony Smales, Andrew Gooday, Didi Lo, Simon Barnfather, Damien Elsworth, Richard South, Kylhn Heath

**Committee member apologies:** Nick Galloway, Josh West, Tara Findlay.

**Welcome & Open from President** - Opened by Tony. Acknowledgment of Country done.

**Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Motion for acceptance : Brett, Seconded : Tony.

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**SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP** (Nick)

295 current active members.

24 New for the month.

So holding steady.

**Actions with Nick:**

1. to get a hard copy letter to the sub-group of people that are brand new to the club June -> I need to spend some time w TidyHQ, leave that w me.
  
  2. to make a suggestion about a mailout to every club member that will make them feel happy and proud to be part of the club. I really like the idea of a mud guard pre-Christmas but I think that was cost prohibitive. The perfect pack would be things that are valued by members but donated by sponsors.
- In place of focus on AusCycling's price rise negatives - develop a Facebook post to highlight the value gained from being a SCMTB/Auscycle member (coaching, social rides, advocacy, working bees, disadvantaged rider support, insurance, member discounts, others). This should go to the broader email list, including non-members.
  
  - **Member mailout** - change in strategy to be implemented due to difficulty in finding time to organise multiple mailouts during the year. Andrew offered to print labels if the excel mailing list can be generated and provided to him. Pre-paid envelopes to be sourced to avoid stamp fixing. Mailout contents to be standardised and agreed. Patches to be considered, Rich has samples of patches from previous runs. Mailout frequency to be once per year.

**ACTION FOR BELOW MAILOUT CONTENT DECISION** : Pricing to be sought for each item on the below list (**Josh** to get pricing), committee will decide final content. Strategy > full mailout to all current members as a first round mailout, after that only to new members.

Potential Standard Contents below. Any other suggestions welcome.

- Welcome Letter Including stickers & description of Club & Member benefits
- Patches (approx \$10, min 20)

- Top tube cap
- Mudguards
- Socks (\$10)
- Caps
- Stubby holders (50 @ approx \$10 each)
- Drink Bottles
- **Distribution** : First Option to seek central Location for pickup (Rich to chat to Bike Matters), second option would be to undertake a mailout.

Platform	Sept 2023	Oct 2023
Membership	296 (Aug '23)	295 (Sep '23)
Facebook Followers	4044	4053
Instagram Followers	1694	1696
Strava Club Members	318	320

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**FINANCE** (Tara)

Account	August 2023	Sep 2023 (at 2 Oct)
Bendigo Main	\$28,327.05	\$27,049.76
Philanthropic/Junior Development Fund	\$2,201.24	\$2,663.02

Main transactions since last report:

- Update next month

Simon Barnfather still interested in taking up the Treasurer position.

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

Tony has sent an email to Brett, Luke, Simon, Andrew and Didi with information about current happenings around advocacy. Andrew has provided initial feedback.

**Trails concept plan (PV, DELWP and GORCAPA)**

Nothing new to report

**MTB trails stakeholders group -**

GORCAPA Regional Trails Management strategy draft now not out until November/ December Stakeholders meeting on October 9th. Tony, Andrew & Didi will attend. Others welcome.

**Hurst Rd to Pt Addis link track -**

Meeting took place onsite with GORCAPA, Shire and club reps. Next step is for GORCAPA to decide if they will support the project. Also looked at roadside track along Pt Addis road to link Jarosite track to the link trail. Ky has quoted on this and quote has been forwarded to Shire and GORCAPA

Club has told land managers that we can do all ongoing maintenance but that no funding has been promised from the club for any of these projects until costs and timeframes are decided.

### **Scout camp**

Tony has spoken to Bryce. Meeting to take place in the next week to include:

- determine if more signage to show scout camp loop can be put in place.
- can we undertake more works on Red Rocks section.
- can we do works on moto track used for Shifty Fifty
- is there potential for us to hold events with car parking within scout camp
- can we undertake works on the fireroad leading up to moto track (noting that the main part of the works is likely on Parks land)

### **PV**

We now have new maps of sensitive indigenous sites. Tony met onsite with Lachie. Some posts have been damaged. Tony will replace over next month and put onto digital and hard copy map for work bee leaders.

### **Business Anglesea**

Idea of a group that advocates for trails to consist of SCMTB, BA, Local camps and maybe Bendigo Bank. Further discussions to take place.. Was identified in discussions that good personal relationships have so far underpinned current progress on trail formalisation - ie. The club should work to systemise our relationship and formalise correspondence to ensure agreements are captured for the future.

Many parties have been contacted. All keen to be involved. Hopefully a meeting will take place in late October/ early November.

### **Jarosite Rd bike lane update**

Speed reduction on Jarosite road from 80km/h to 60km/h took place two months ago. Currently no organisation has taken responsibility to research the project further.

“Be aware of riders” signage also to be installed soon.

Tony met with Cr Mike Bodsworth, the Tremul family and another community rep, David O’ Brien. Council OK to oversee research into this but not take responsibility for funding as it’s not their road. Currently looking for 20-40k to do the planning to decide the best approach and do some costings.

Tony to email local politician Gayle Tierney in regard to funding.

### **Jumps parks**

Jumps parks

- Bob Pettitt reserve jumps park – Open and going great with loads of use. Craig Semple and Mick Doyle are now the volunteer co-ordinators with Tony helping when needed. Work bee postponed due to lack of suitable dirt. Hopefully it will take place over the next few weeks. We may put it out to club volunteers if it takes place.

- Spring Valley bike park – Email has been sent to all councillors and council officers in an attempt to secure 50-70k to revamp the park.

- Connewarre Bike Park – Going well
- Anglesea Bike Park - Nothing new to report

**Eden project** - Nothing new to report

**Other trail advocacy news-**

Tony working on an article to be published in the Anglesea Community House quarterly newsletter

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**WORKING BEES (Kylhn)**

Brett Wiltshire ran a working bee Sat September 23 (9am-12noon). 10 total in attendance with works done to open & revamp the section of track 4 beyond “Swervy’n Mervy’n” to Hurst Rd as well as some minor work on track 9. Many thanks to those who attended. RVSP has been problematic, numbers can be unknown until just prior - difficult to manage.

Brett Coleman ran a working bee at Luke’s farm Fri Sep 29 with 9 total in attendance. The whole track was slashed & sprayed & is now ready to ride. Total time 2 hours. Many thanks to those who attended.

We now have 40 registered on Park Connect, 11 have outstanding documents. Brett W going to make contact with those people. Brett Wiltshire has been doing a great job managing the back end of the work bees.

Ky will seek additional stockpiles of gravel from PV for further working bees.

Idea discussed to create a dry line on SF route, along Fire Access Road towards Browns road in Scout Camp (from near gate to top of hill).

Idea discussed to maintain moto track SF section as well. To be discussed with Bryce.

New rake hoes purchased. Tony to meet with Ky to discuss new tools needed for the trailer.

**Actions-** FB / Insta post to be completed with photo of wacker and thanks. Craig (donor) not to be identified

Will purchase formply to patch up wheelbarrows.

**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 to undertake minor works (clearing drains, corridor clearing) when required.

So far we have:

- Brett & Sam - Baby heads (5)
  - Luke & Kev - Scottish DH (8)
  - Tony - The Chute (14)
  - Nick – Great Escape (9)
  - Josh – Chapel Descent & Grasstrees (4) last section from Bogan’s Camp
  - Didi - TBC
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**GRANTS (Andrew)**

**Ashbury Grant (\$1500)**

Grant applied for. We applied for \$1500 to purchase bikes for youth. Application received by Ashbury. Decision will be made in early October.

SCS have also have [Quick Response Grants](#) - no timeframes, applications are assessed monthly, up to \$3,000 for equipment and community led projects. Note: the website says these are currently 'Closed', but if we are interested we can check further plans.

**Acquittal due for SCS SF event grant.** Shifty Fifty grant acquittal was submitted successfully (with lots of help from Brett and Rich).

Suggestion that a 24 month plan could help us be strategic in what grants we target to support our goals.

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**RACE / EVENTS (Richard / Brett)**

Shifty Fifty - Sat May 11. We'll start working through the comms for this & submitting event applications. Richard & Brett to meet with Jason Stewart on site at YMCA to look at event village logistics. YMCA happy with May 11 & have set aside a range of accommodation that can be used by participants onsite.

Sat Nov 18 - Proposed combined event with GMBC in Eumeralla. Brett contacted Michelle Anstee (PV) by email Aug 28 & Sep 19 with logistics & asking if she'd be supportive. No response to either! Michelle replied to text message today to say she hasn't had a chance to speak with Lachie but will get back to us this week. The main question is around car parking on track 1.

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**POLICY & PROCEDURE (Tony)****Child safe policies and procedures**

Josh has attended a webinar from VicSports, outlining 11 child safety standards we need to comply with. E-Learn modules are available for all sections. Josh is going to complete modules, and this may trigger some changes to clubs childsafe policies. Josh and Tony to have further discussions after fact finding exercise (modules Vs current policies). Discuss whether AusCycling policies are adequate for the club.

Action - Tony and Josh to meet as above

**Expenditure Procedure -**

This has been changed and new procedure is on dropbox

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**SKILLS CLINICS / COACHING**

- GMBC/SCMTB Ladies social ride will be run on 8th October & incorporate a bike maintenance session meeting at Anglesea PS (run by 2 GMBC members - Stuart/Allan). Brett will check with Lisa if the maintenance session is still planned to occur, then if so seek wider post to publicise.
- 2 Cazz Clarke skills sessions have been scheduled for Sun Oct 15 and these have been advertised. Upper (5/6 tickets sold) & Lower (1/6 tickets sold) Intermediate Skills. These are member only sessions in part to ensure there is adequate insurance given taken on informal trail. Committee considering backing off on Lower intermediate sessions due to lack of support, most participants may have progressed to upper skill level by now. For the next session, Lower intermediate may be converted to an upper intermediate session - TBC. Brett to monitor and decide.
- Gravity Clinic -reachout to Flynn to establish when he'll be back from overseas and if he will be available to reinstate these clinics as regular sessions.

- Tony arranged a get together of the coaching group to establish the forward plan. Looking at offering beginner clinics.
- Tony to reach out to Brett Kellett to understand if he is interested to run race oriented clinics, what his target audience would be, and the terms of engagement.
- Michelle Hemley reached out to see if we could supply coaches for approx. 10 secondary school students on the Eumeralla Trails. Each of the dates was Mon afternoons (3.30-4.30pm) and really required level 1 coaches. We haven't been able to assist term 3 but will look at options for the term 4 dates. Michelle was open to having some sessions as coaching and others simply as social rides to get the students out and riding the trails. \$150 offered for each session.
- Brett to reach out to Tom Walter to investigate possibly using YMCA coaches where it may be beneficial.
- Brent McKenzie to be chatted to to understand if he is available to take any skills sessions or to help run teen social rides. He may also be interested in assisting with Michelle's sessions.

Retaining the below as reference for when this event is rescheduled. Tony has spoken to Nikki Lawn who set up a FB Page called "Mountain Biking Ladies" with the goal of empowering & supporting more ladies to take up MTB. Nikki is based in Mount Beauty and has Cazz Clarke also heavily involved. They plan to run a women's skills session on our trails in 2024 and are hoping to get 40 attendees. Nikki is hoping to get our support in as many ways as possible: Discussion went well and further discussion to be had.

- advise on a suitable event location - all thought ABP best.
- 2 coaches from our midst to assist - ideally level 1 which we don't have but level 0 may suffice - TBD.
- advertise this clinic to local riders
- create an event village that could include our marquee, merch, BBQ or food truck
- looking into a local child minding option so that participants could have their children looked after during the session

There was unanimous support for us being involved. Child minding option probably too hard for us so we'd get Nikki to look further into that if she wishes to pursue it further.

### **SOCIAL RIDES (Tony), DIRT GROMS**

Upcoming:

- 8/10/23 - Combined GMBC & SCMTB womens ride
- 15/10/23 - Skills Clinics with Cazz Clarke

Since last meeting:

- 10/9/23 - Combined GMBC & SCMTB womens ride
- 26/9/23 - Fun skills clinics with Uli & Josh (5-8yo & 8-11yo)
- 30/9/23 - Upper Intermediate Social Ride (Brett)

### **PHILANTHROPY**

Monthly payment to Masaka  
Awaiting Ashbury Grants decision

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

BBQ and info session held on Grand Final Eve morning at Hurst rd. Loads of people stopped by and chatted. Lots of info, stickers, sausages and egg and bacon sangas handed out. Great way to get to know people and explain what we do and what is happening with the trails. Will attempt to do once each season. Was ok with one but would have been more productive with two people. Total cost was about \$60. A really good investment of time and funds.

Agreed we should we look at a campaign drive for the trail kitty & to raise awareness of its existence. Could be combined with other social posts about the club and ember benefits. Also trail concept plan prospectus to be put onto

website and marketed more strongly. Feedback from Tony's impromptu BBQ was that many are happy to contribute funds to the club but don't feel the need to actually join the club given the expense of that.

Brett to add the recent Prospectus to the website to make it easy to find. Homepage might be ideal.

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#### **MERCHANDISE (Josh)**

- 50 pairs of club socks purchased through Steigen late September.
- Understood that Jersey order has been placed - Josh to confirm in next committee mtg.
- Online store - still progressing. Square isn't as simple as hoped but slowly making progress.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion on regularity of c'tee meetings. Possible change to bi monthly with extra meetings leading up to AGM and to Shifty. 8-9 meetings instead of 11.

Also possibility of rotating days of the week. Idea raised that we mix up meetings with less formal social gatherings, face to face. The idea agreed was to have face to face meetings on Thursdays, and online meetings on Monday's.

Face to face committee meetings decided to happen now once per quarter. Next one on Thursday 2nd November '23. Next meeting to be at South West Brewery.

Committee Open positions to be publicised seeking nominations, with good notice period prior to the AGM. Best approach will be to nominate open positions, being specific on roles and responsibilities.

First Aid Stocktake - required to be undertaken. Damien to be requested to undertake the stocktake.

Matt Peterson (Surf Coast Trail Runners) has offered to participate and be a focal point for drawing more input and contribution from the trail running community.

AGM/Xmas party - Spoke to trials crew and their event will be on the Saturday. Many will stay around to join the AGM/ Xmas party. Date planned is **Sunday Nov 26th**.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday 2nd Nov, 7:30pm. Face to Face at South West Brewery.**

#### **ACTION LIST**

<b>ACTION / TASK</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Update contact List with first aid quals provided, trail building quals.	Tara/tony/Josh	In progress
Tweak 2 yr plan	Tony/Andrew	October
Plan and advertise trail building course	Tony	October

Investigate idea of "Trail talk" social nights	Tony	October
Trials skills clinic with Bob & Brian	Tony	October
All committee members to complete child safety e-learning	All	October
Email - Set up a chat with Chris Jones to rectify email set-up	Brett/Luke	October
Generate Survey questions and discuss survey approach with Katie from the shire. Implement in line with SF race.	Andrew	October
Investigate migration of Dropbox to Google Drive	Luke	October
Investigate AusCycling Insurance coverage for Luke's Farm	Tony	October
Brett to reach out to Michelle Morrissey to gauge willingness to participate in trail working bees, or other support.	Tony	Complete
Email/ FB post regarding Jarosite rd safety concerns	Brett	Complete
Follow up with various Anglesea community groups to discuss further a more formal body to advocate for trail network	Tony	October
Discuss idea of quarterly BBQ's at Hurst to spread the word about the club, trail concept plan and just get to meet riders and get our name out there	Tony	Complete