



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

**Venue: Online**

**7.30pm Tuesday 30th April 2024**

**Committee members in attendance:** Brett Coleman, Luke Farrar, Tony Smales, Kylhn Heath (joined 8:08pm), Nick Galloway, Richard South, Damien Elsworth, Julia Spink (Dropped off at 8:30pm), Andrew Gooday.

**Committee member apologies:** Simon Barnfather, Didi Lo, Josh West.

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

**Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Motion for acceptance: Brett, Seconded: Nick.

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**SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

**SPECIAL ITEM:**

Vote on Ky's quote of \$6870 for major repairs on "The Alley" which is the area within scouts between the bottom of red rocks and the chapel climb. Refer first item under Working Bees.

**VOTE:** Motion put forward by Brett Coleman to approve the Works on "The Alley", Seconded by: Tony Smales. Vote carried unanimously in favour of proceeding with 9 committee members voting in favour (1 in absentia via email : Simon Barnfather). Note: Kylhn Heath was not present in the committee meeting until after the discussion & vote process had concluded (Ky joined at 8:08pm).

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Nick)**

Nick and Andrew arranged for letters (mailout) was sent to all members, which included a welcome letter and stickers.

Nick discussed the option of "non-riding membership", no AusCycling / insurance costs included. This may be a way to improve membership numbers, and boost revenues for the club. Nick to follow up and establish the actual inclusions/limitations associated with this membership category.

At 24th March 2024 (no April update):

- 241 Members
- 85 new / renewed this year

Actions taken / planned :

- Need to consider whether the continued drop in membership will plateau. 300 members in August 2023 to March (241 members) is starting to look significant.
- A review of new v renew was circulated 13 Feb 2024. Over 9 months we got 57 New Members out of 260 total members. Rough numbers that looks like 1/3 are new each year.
- Discussion was held on why we are observing a 1/3 drop off of members per year. Retention is a concern. The letter to members nearing expiry may assist to keep renewal in focus with existing members (completed).

Platform	March 2024	April 2024
Membership	248	No update
Facebook Followers	4154	4162
Instagram Followers	1708	1717
Strava Club Members	331	332

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**FINANCE** (Simon)

Account	March 2024	April 2024
Bendigo Main	\$27,852.44	\$21,956.53
Philanthropic/Junior Development Fund	\$2,633.63	\$2,510.77

Main transactions since last report:

- Parks Vic Permit \$142.90 (March 28)
- PO Box renewal \$174
- Cazz Clarke \$600
- Bush 2 Beach Plumbing (Ky works) \$6050

Philanthropic

- BMX donation \$300 (Club has sponsored one bike for Fire victim family). Additional funds may be sought for additional bikes for the family - Brett investigating options.
- Ben Centa +\$200 donation

Nick has completed process to become an additional approval signatory for expense reimbursement approvals. Rich needs to attend the bank to 2nd authorise Nick's addition

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**TRAIL ADVOCACY / LAND MANAGER LIAISON** (Tony, Simon)

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

The Shire has applied for \$240 K of funding to do as much of the planning and assessment as possible with that money and the \$60K they have already put aside. Applications closed on 30 March and they should know by June. The MTB Trails advocacy group have written a support letter as has the club and a fair few other organisations. If this application is not successful they will follow the staged approach where Area 9 is the focus and hopefully the \$60 k can be utilised for that. With \$300k there is ambition by the Shire to conduct assessments across 5 trail areas.

**MTB trails stakeholders group**

GORCAPA Regional Trails Management strategy draft has been shown to Tony. Our trail network is noted as "high priority" which is great to see. It will not be completed until at least June or later. Currently it is undergoing major stakeholders (Councils and land managers) consultation.

### **MTB trails advocacy group**

This group has been a big success and the second meeting was in late March. There are some actions from that meeting yet to be completed but all is going along well. Through this group Business Anglesea and the Anglesea Community Network have asked to be informed of information regarding the Shifty 50. Tony has done this.

**Action** - Tony and Andrew to meet to delegate roles.

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

No movement on this since the last meeting. The latest is listed here.

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 the roadside track along Pt Addis road to link Jarosite track to the link trail. Ky has quoted on this and the 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 met with Bryce some time ago. Since then Ky has also met with Bryce and some works have been approved and completed.

. Things that were discussed:

- determine if more signage to show scout camp loop can be put in place - approved.
- can we undertake more works on Red Rocks section - approved.
- can we do works on moto track used for Shifty Fifty - not yet discussed
- is there potential for us to hold events with car parking within scout camp - not recently discussed
- 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) - approved

Tony working with Bryce to complete signage. Kylhn has completed some works and more to come.

**PV** : We now have new maps of sensitive indigenous sites. Tony met onsite with Lachie. Some posts had been damaged. These have now been replaced. Tony and Brett have completed a new map which will be kept in the work bee info box in trailer. This map is confidential so will only be in paper copy. Tony will run through the sites with all leaders.

**New name signs for Eumeralla trails** : Suggestion that we put the names on all posts. These would only be small but will help to get riders knowing the trail names which we think is great for interest, historical reference and ease of remembering. Tony will obtain a quote. Vote on approval if over \$500.

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

Speed reduction on Jarosite road from 80km/h to 60km/h in place. Currently no organisation has taken responsibility to own the project but it does appear as high priority in GORCAPA's new strategy plan. 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.

"Be aware of riders" signage have been installed . Tony has asked the Shire if it's possible to install more signs in other locations in this area.

## **Jumps parks**

- Generally looking for good quality dirt to assist in maintenance. Committee members asked to let Tony know of any opportunities.
- Bob Pettitt reserve jumps park – Open and going great with loads of use. Needs some work but still waiting on suitable dirt. Hose reel box has been installed making it easier for summer watering.
- Spring Valley bike park – Nothing new. Email has been sent to all councillors and council officers in an attempt to secure 50-70k to revamp the park. Tony spoke to SCS and it may be possible to get some funding in next years budget but not likely.
- 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)**

Ky has been in further discussions with Bike Matters on a Specialized Dig Day, including demo bike rides, and BBQ etc. - Ky will follow up with Jake and advise.

## **Scouts Areas Maintenance Discussions:**

Ky met with Scouts, to discuss lower end gate (near bottom of Hurst Road) - "The Alley". Scouts happy to have the area fixed up and have concrete utilised to create features (berms etc). Happy for work to be undertaken near Red rocks area. Scouts are happy to have brick paved track towards Chapel to be designated MTB only. Scouts are supportive of SCMTB Club to create network away from Scout camp.

Vote on Ky's quote of \$6870 for major repairs on "The Alley" - Refer above - Approved unanimously.

## **Road Repair for Shifty 50**

This is now complete, thanks to Ky for his work on this. He added a couple of extra swale drains than initially planned and used shale rather than pipe to assist with drainage that hopefully works well and negates the need to clear pipes intermittently and negates the risk of them being crushed by heavy vehicles.

## **Working bee Sat Apr 6**

Luke led this with 10 people in attendance. A significant amount of corridor clearing and drainage work was undertaken in preparation for the shifty fifty & winter.

## **Working bee Sun Apr 28**

Brett C led this with 8 people in attendance. This focussed mainly on drainage of the remaining tracks that hadn't been attended to in the previous few weeks.

**Next Working Bee** - See provisional roster below.

- May 25/26 - Graham
- June 29/30 - Brett W.
- July 27/28 - Kylhn
- August 24/25 - Kevin
- September 28/29 - Tony
- October 26/27 - Rod
- November 23/24 - Kylhn

Andrew provided an update on the A/C trail building course. Andrew will be meeting next week with Nick Cannon from AusCycling, on the grant for training workshops for trail maintenance volunteers. Andrew will provide feedback at the next meeting.

Work has previously progressed on the trail adjacent to the Scout Camp entrance, this trail has been assessed after a ride-in period (including wet weather) and now deemed acceptable for long term use without further works. Will be monitored going forward.

Discussion on building of a simple three sided shed to cover the Club trailer, to avoid degradation of the trailer due to being stored under tree cover. Nick has kindly agreed to locate the shed on his property. Works will be completed as a volunteer task. Tony has spoken to Dave Rae to get a quote on materials but has not visited the site yet.

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#### **GRANTS (vacant)**

An application was made to the SCS event grant for the Shifty Fifty 2025. We should hear in May. Andrew will draft a disability and inclusion plan for committee review.

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 scheduled for Sat May 11, 10am start. Parks Vic & Surf Coast Shire approvals complete. Dirt Groms Crit Race has been added - \$5 entry with 9am start time.

Andrew will investigate the ease of repeating the rider survey for upcoming Shifty fifty.

Andrew will publicise Dirt Grom event at the Anglesea Primary School, Ky will do the same at the Torquay school.

Event Village will be within the Anglesea Discovery Camp (ADC). Chubby Bao and Bells Beach Brewing confirmed as food / drink trucks for the event. Entries as of Apr 29: 50k - 135, 25k - 49, Dirt Groms - 5.

ADC going to source 4 portaloos for us. They have an account with GCH.

GROW, Poppies, Burnside Camp, Barwon Water, Ocean Road Landscaping & Surf Coast Tree Services have been informed of the event.

Would be great to hear from committee in terms of who's available to assist on the day. We have pre-race course set up, race marshalling and pack down.

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

##### **Child safe policies and procedures**

New childsafe webinars happening over next few months if anyone would like to attend. Maybe the club can promote among our coaches.

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

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#### **SKILLS CLINICS / COACHING**

**Coach & Instructor AC Membership Upgrade tier 2b**

**Vote required - proposal by Brett:**

That the club pay for annual "Coach & Instructor AC Membership Upgrade tier 2b" for Josh, Jess & Uli who take quarterly juniors skills clinics - cost \$300 each pa. These currently require all participants to be AC members for insurance purposes that gets expensive for families and potentially prohibitive. The upgrade negates the need for participants to have AC membership as it includes coaching insurance and should see an increase in the number of kids who can benefit from these sessions as well as support our coaches progress towards the next level of coaching.

**Discussion on Vote :** Committee consensus is that more information is needed to conclude on support for this initiative. More discussion prior to next school holidays, and voting thereafter.

Cazz Clarke is putting on 2 beginners clinics Sunday May 26 that are independent of the club but in response to there being no recent beginners skills clinics. Members get \$30 discount.

Carried over from previous meeting:

- Next Coaching session - extend invitation to Surf Coast Times to cover/interview.
- GMBC/SCMTB Ladies social rides still going.
- Tony will re-open discussions with Keri Bristow who is a local female gravity rider who has just completed her coaching training. She may be interested in doing something for the club as a specific offering eg. Women's gravity, teenagers, teenage females etc. Tony will chat more to her.

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**SOCIAL RIDES (Tony / Brett), DIRT GROMS**

**Upcoming:**

- Sun May 5 - Dirt Groms Skills / Social Ride Anglesea Discovery Camp (Josh)

**Since last meeting:**

- Sat Apr 27 - Upper & Lower Intermediate Adult Social Rides (Tony & Rod)
- Sat Apr 13 - Upper Intermediate Adult Social Ride Paddy's Swamp (Brett W)
- Mon Apr 1 - Dirt Groms (5 - 8yo) & (8 - 11yo) skills clinics (Josh, Jess & Uli)
- Sat Mar 30 - Upper & Lower Intermediate Adult Social Ride (Brett & Tony)

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**PHILANTHROPY**

Monthly payment to Masaka.

The club donated a BMX bike to a young person who lost his bike in a house fire. Thanks to the support from Steve at hendry's cycles.

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**MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (Brett)**

Consider targeted marketing towards businesses, once a worthy project has been identified. Significant interest was registered from local businesses in the early days of the club, and other clubs have gained significant funding for specific projects (e.g. Red Hill).

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**MERCHANDISE (Josh)**

- Feb-April 2024 sales mostly through Bike Matters, x3 through the new web store
- Josh to chat with Hendrys about stocking merch
- Jersey reprint has only been delivered by a couple of people and I haven't had a great response for addresses to deliver. Josh will chase up by email.

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Auscycling** - Currently Auscycling are reaching out to clubs to better understand how things are going across a variety of areas. Is anyone interested in being the liaison role with A/C?
- **Sponsorship** - Steve from Hendrys has offered to fund a system to give prizes / incentives to club members. Tony has established with Steve that this is likely to be focussed at rewarding volunteers who have provided consistent support to the club. Tony will follow up further with Steve.
- **Adaptive Trails** - Damien (volunteers for DWA) suggested that opening communications with DWA could be undertaken to establish if any trails could be formally designated as adaptive suited. This may open up other avenues for funding to ensure trails can be opened and maintained as suitable for this community. Committee is supportive of Damien approaching DWA to initiate talks. Andrew also noted his interest in this area, and has some contacts and background information which can be shared on the requirements for adaptive trails/cycling.
- **First Aid Stocktake** - Damien to provide Update
- **WWC** - Damien to provide update
- **New marquee bag** - Simon has managed to source a replacement through a contact of his for \$70 that's been approved. Thanks Simon!
- **Discussion on regularity of c'tee meetings.** Possible change to bi monthly or miss an occasional quieter month. Also possible change from Mondays Face to face committee meetings decided to happen now once per quarter.
- **Google docs** instead of Dropbox. Does dropbox just need a clean up?
- **PO Box**- Damien has offered to collect our mail.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday June 4, online, 7:30pm.**

Ongoing - Agreement to change Committee Meetings to Tuesday's.

**ACTION LIST**

ACTION / TASK	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE
Update contact List with first aid quals provided, trail building quals.	Damien / Tony	In progress
Tweak 2 yr plan	Tony/Andrew	May
Plan and advertise trail building course	Tony	May
Investigate idea of "Trail talk" social nights	Tony	May
Trials skills clinic with Bob & Brian	Tony	May
All committee members to complete child safety e-learning	All	May
Email - Set up a chat with Chris Jones to rectify email set-up	Brett/Luke	May
Generate Survey questions and discuss survey approach with Katie from the shire. Implement in line with SF race.	Andrew	May
Investigate migration of Dropbox to Google Drive	Luke	May
Seasonal BBQ/ Info days at Hurst Rd	Tony	Next one in May
Investigate AusCycling Insurance coverage for Luke's Farm	Tony	May
Trail names for signs	Tony	May
Quote for shed for Nick's place	Tony and Dave Rae	May
Follow up with various Anglesea community groups to discuss further a more formal body to advocate for trail network	Tony	Complete and in action