



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

**Venue: Online**

**7.30pm Tuesday 6th Aug 2024**

**Committee members in attendance:** Brett Coleman, Tony Smales, Nick Galloway, Simon Barnfather, Richard South

**Committee member apologies:** Kylhn Heath, Andrew Gooday, Luke Farrar, Josh West, Didi Lo, Julia Spink, Damien Elsworth

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

**Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Motion for acceptance: Brett Seconded: Tony

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**SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP** (Nick)

Current members - 235 down from 246 at 30 June  
158 new for the year

Still definitely trending down from 300 in 2022 but we're working on it.

Membership Drive:

9-Jan-24	265
3-Feb-24	260
12-Feb-24	260
11-Mar-24	248
24-Mar-24	241
15-May-24	225
12-Jun-24	254
30-Jun-24	246
4-Aug-24	235

Nick, Ky, Brett & Simon met since the last meeting to brain storm ideas to increase our membership. Summary of that has been sent around via email to committee members. Feel free to feedback. The big ticket items that we'll focus on for now are:

- Non-riding AusCycling Membership - this has significant promise and we're keen to progress this further. This would be purely to support the club & MTB on the Surf Coast. Unable to partake in social rides. Need to think about how we advertise this - possible names "Trail Support" Membership, "Social" Membership, "Social & Trail Support" Membership. Question for AC - in non MTB disciplines,

what % of members do / don't race. ACTION: to come up with the dot points for additional noticeboards.

- Notice boards - get the message out as widely as we can that we exist and how to support us. Hurst already there. Anglesea Bike Park. Potentially signs at other points on the Eumeralla network like junction of Scotsman with Tk 2. Include socials & email with this.
- Face to face where possible - movie night (August 30), pop up sausage sizzles.
- Slogan: Support the club that supports the trails

Platform	July 2024	Aug 2024
Membership		
Facebook Followers	4195	4205
Instagram Followers	1741	1746
Strava Club Members	342	344

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**FINANCE** (Simon)

Account	July 2024	Aug 2024
Bendigo Main	\$24,038.48	\$24,463.39
Philanthropic/Junior Development Fund	\$2,596	\$2,557.76

Main transactions since last report:

- \$541.50 for Enviropipe (McCanns)
- \$330 Insurance for trailer

\$1k on hold in main account for Bob Pettit work (to retain on agenda / minutes until spent). To be spent on materials and tools as required.

Still awaiting the result of the Global Giving application via Ford.

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

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

Yet to hear back from SCS about whether they were successful in their application for \$240 K to do as much of the planning and assessment as possible in addition to the \$60K they have already put aside. 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**

No new updates. Our trail network is noted as "high priority" on the GORCAPA Regional Trails Management strategy draft. Draft not yet complete. Currently undergoing major stakeholders (Councils and land managers) consultation.

**MTB trails advocacy group**

No new updates. Last meeting was in late March. There are some actions from that meeting yet to be completed but all is going along well.

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

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

No updates since the last meeting.

### **Scout camp**

Ky fixed up the damage done to Oompa Loompa Alley by a rogue 4WD. July working bee undertaken on the fireroad section of red rocks descent. Still to be completed. See working bee section for full details.

Approved activities include:

- add more signage to show scout camp loop.
- undertake more works on Red Rocks section (commenced)

Activities requiring approval:

- 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

### **PV**

Lachie in Antarctica for 6 months. Cat Tayler filling in whilst he's away.

**New name signs for Eumeralla trails** : Tony has finished applying these. Receiving some good feedback from riders. We'll put out a FB post soon.

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

Petition currently at 2501 signatures.

### **Jumps parks**

- \$210k has just been approved to revamp Spring Valley Bike Park. Can publicise that. Aim is to start later this year. Will need plenty of dirt. Potential to work well with excavations associated with the swimming pool.
- 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 – revamp through the week with approx.15 helpers. Open and going great with loads of use. Hose reel box has been installed making it easier for summer watering.
- Torquay North Area - plans in place to look at a pump track for this area - very early at this stage.
- 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)**

## **Working Bee Sun July 28**

Kylhn Heath led this with 5 others in attendance. Works with machinery on the lower sections of red rock descent where fireroad meets single track. Reconstruction of berm plus drainage for that section. Still further work required to complete.

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.

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

- August 24/25 - Rod
- September 28/29 - Tony
- October 26/27 - Kevin
- November 23/24 - Kylhn

## **Shed for club trailer**

Has been held up by other work commitments for Dave.

## **Trail maintenance workshops**

Semi-confirmed date of Oct 26/27 though need final approval by AusCycling.

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## **GRANTS (vacant)**

Acquittal for the 2024 SF grant to be completed.

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

Date not yet set for 2025.

### GMBC No Frills Ride

GMBC keen to have another one of those held in conjunction with us. Brett has spoken to Al Flaherty about this and he'll send through a couple of potential Spring dates.

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

### **Contractor Works Approval Procedure**

Carried over to next meeting. Tony described the new procedure, identifying key elements to ensure governance, approvals and control aspects. Luke will review and add some detail around minimum expected specifications/standards for trail proposals.

### **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. These can be accessed after the dates of webinars. A/C have rewritten their child safe procedures/ policies again. Tony and Josh to meet to discuss.

Long conversation around the child safe policies and how best to manage them going forward. Concluded we should explore how other clubs manage this area, particularly around child safe interviews. Julia may pick up this role.

**Action** - Tony and Josh to meet as above

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## **SKILLS CLINICS / COACHING**

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

Motion passed previous meeting 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. The coaching team will look to implement that ahead of the Sep school holiday clinics.

### **MTB coaching course - PMBIA**

After some further research, Josh concluded that the PMBIA coaching course had some advantages over the AusCycling coaching courses in particular the certainty around actually proceeding and dates. It is recognised by AusCycling and allows coaching on blue trails. The committee, via email, unanimously approved a minimum contribution from the club of half of the cost of the coaching course (PMBIA Lvl 1) + the kids module, with full cost being \$1192. And a further vote to occur at Aug committee meeting for covering the total fee. Josh sent through a written agreement for a minimum coaching contribution over the subsequent 2 years.

Vote: Insufficient numbers were present for a quorum so decision made to vote via email after the meeting. Brett to organise.

### **Skills clinics**

No new adult skills clinics scheduled at this stage. Should we look at booking in a date with Cazz?

Carried over from previous meeting:

- Next Coaching session - extend invitation to Surf Coast Times to cover/interview.
  - Tony has had ongoing 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.
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## **SOCIAL RIDES (Tony / Brett), DIRT GROMS**

### **Upcoming:**

- Nil scheduled

### **Since last meeting:**

- Nil
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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)

Petition for trail between Bells/Southside was promoted again.

2501 signatures on day of meeting.

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## MERCHANDISE (Josh)

No update. Below carried over from last meeting.

- Stocktake completed with Merchandise stock - will do bike matters and hendrys asap.
- Beanie order - happy to keep the same look
  - 25 units = \$24.80 + GST
  - 50 units = \$16.80 + GST
  - 100 units = \$13.50 + GST
- Consider adding sweaters to the lineup. There have been multiple requests.
  - **5130 Crew Jumper + 3cr Print Front and Back**
    - 25 units = \$62.50 + GST each
    - 50 units = \$52.70 + GST each
    - 100 units = \$47.00 + GST each
  - This is the price for units of the same print - T-shirts/tech Ts ect.
  - Would consider doing some front only
- Postage of items from online shop - I need more prepaid postage bags but is this the best way? We charge \$12 for postage (to cover the cost of the bags). I currently will deliver to Torquay/JJ and can also arrange for pickup from Bike Matters or from my place. Regarding distribution - committee endorses Josh to either continue local deliveries, or select \$12 postage where-ever needed. The role needs to be sustainable, and distribution by postage may be more so - Josh to decide on the option which best suits his availability.
- Other merch items:
  - Stem Caps - quotes obtained by Simon - \$11 each for 100, \$15 each for 50
  - Mudguards - quote from Dec 2022 - \$15 each for 60 plus \$50 setup fee
  - Cowbells - requested at the shifty 50. Think about for next year? Even buying some from Amazon and printing up shifty50 stickers and a club logo sticker on the other side?

## ADMINISTRATION (Damien)

Damien and Tony met to discuss our admin in regard to our volunteers info. Damien has started work to update our spreadsheets to be easy read and have only information that we need. These dox will also allow Damien to inform all volleys when any quals are due.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- **Ford** - Offer of Funding via their Global Giving fund. Tony has discussed with Martyn Stein of Ford, which may provide up to \$6000. Tony has spent many hours submitting the required paperwork and waiting to hear of the outcome. .
- **Auscycling** - Is anyone interested in being the liaison role with A/C? Andrew is potentially interested. Tony will ask Julia if she's interested.
- **Bike Matters workshops** - Jake from Bike Matters is going to run 3 x free 1hr workshops on the last 3 Fridays of August with the final one preceding the movie night. We will advertise these through socials and email.
- **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 revamping our first aid supplies. He will have a large medical bag and multiple smaller packs for social rides, events, etc.
- **Discussion on regularity of c'tee meetings.** Decision made to continue monthly for now for fear of losing momentum. We could have every 2nd one limited to 1hr only and just go through the super important areas. **Google docs** instead of Dropbox. Does dropbox just need a clean up?
- **PO Box**- Damien has offered to collect our mail.
- **AusCycling CLUB BASED TRAIL MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS** - 2 day format (run by Blue sky trails), SCMTB has been identified as a potential host. Capacity 20 people per day. Day 1 - Land Manager Interface/Liaison, 2 - Trial Maintenance. No cost to the club. Tony sourcing venue. Catering suggestion needed for Auscycling. Planned for Aug/September timeframe.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 3rd September, online, 7:30pm.**

Ongoing - Agreement to continue Committee Meetings on first Tuesday of the month for now.

**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	September
Plan and advertise trail building course	Tony	September
Investigate idea of "Trail talk" social nights	Tony	September
Trials skills clinic with Bob & Brian	Tony	September
All committee members to complete child safety e-learning	All	September
Email - Set up a chat with Chris Jones to rectify email set-up	Brett/Luke	September
Generate Survey questions and discuss survey approach with Katie from the shire. Implement in line with SF race.	Andrew	Completed
Investigate migration of Dropbox to Google Drive	Luke	September
Seasonal BBQ/ Info days at Hurst Rd	Tony	September
Investigate AusCycling Insurance coverage for Luke's Farm	Tony	November
Trail names for signs	Tony	Completed
Form sub committee re: membership	Nick/ Brett/ Simon/ Ky	Completed
Quote for shed for Nick's place	Tony and Dave Rae	In progress
Discuss work bee vollie list	Brett C,Brett W,Tony - Brett contacting PV	Completed
Follow up with various Anglesea community groups to discuss further a more formal body to advocate for trail network	Tony	Complete and in action
<b>GAPS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE</b>		
AusCycling Liaison Person	Maybe Andrew and Nick?	



Person to take over Luke's Farm	Mainly just to organise social rides there	
Marketing Person	Someone to assist Brett with socials etc	
Childsafe officer to take over from Josh and Tony		
Kids rides , races, coaching overseer	Someone with the time to expand our offerings to under 18's.	