



Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club Committee Meeting MOM
Venue: Online
7.30pm Tuesday 4th June 2024

Committee members in attendance: Brett Coleman, Tony Smales, Kylhn Heath, Nick Galloway, Julia Spink, Andrew Gooday, Simon Barnfather.

Committee member apologies: Damien Elsworth, Luke Farrar, Josh West, Richard South, Didi Lo.

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

Previous Meeting's Minutes

Motion for acceptance: Tony; Seconded: Brett

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Nick)

There has been a steady downward trend over the last 12 months. 300 members Aug 2023.

At 15th May 2024:

- 245 Members (high was 315 in Sep 2022)
- 111 new / renewed this year

NB - Nick has discovered that the membership count changes when using TidyHQ data depending upon which order he chooses to sort the database by Active Members & Remove Duplicates. The below table is probably incorrect & Nick thinks the correct current number is 245.

Membership Drive:

2024	9-Jan-24	265		
	3-Feb-24	260		
	12-Feb-24	260		
	11-Mar-24	248		
	24-Mar-24	241		
	15-May-24	225	38	111

Non-riding AusCycling Membership - this has significant promise and we're keen to progress this further. We remain uncertain whether we could include non-riding members in activities such as club social rides. Plan to explore further before we push the non-riding option.

Ky suggested we need to put out to the wider community the importance of membership & why they should be members. We each explained why we are members with the common themes being that we'd have no MTB trails without an active local user group as well as the social benefits.

Other thoughts to promote membership included:

- Promotion of non-riding membership as above
- Contacting members ahead of their renewal date to emphasise the importance of being a club member.

- Posters on notice boards - community board in town, bike shops, ABP
- Engaging Strava users including monthly challenges as occurs with the panthers gravel grind collective

Actions taken / planned :

- Decision to form a membership sub group to explore above issues. Initially comprising Nick, Ky, Brett & Simon.

Platform	April 2024	June 2024
Membership	No update	246
Facebook Followers	4162	4190
Instagram Followers	1717	1729
Strava Club Members	332	335

FINANCE (Simon)

Account	April 2024	June 2024
Bendigo Main	\$21,956.53	\$25,304.76
Philanthropic/Junior Development Fund	\$2,510.77	\$2,634.28

Main transactions since last report:

- Income - Shifty Fifty \$10,509
- Bush 2 Beach Plumbing (The Alley) \$1870 + \$5000
- Socks \$495
- Stickers and trail signs \$623.63
- Jerseys balance \$500

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. Yet to hear back from Anglesea Adventure Camp about whether they can assist.

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. It will not be completed until at least June or later. 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 has finished works on the fire road used for shifty fifty ("Table Manners") as well as the works near Hurst Rd ("Oompa Loompa Alley"). Big thanks to Ky & Fav for their works on both areas.

Approved activities include: Things that were discussed:

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

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 have supplied some large rocks that we can use to block 4WD access on some sections where that's not required.

PV

We now have new maps of sensitive indigenous sites. This map is confidential so will only be in paper copy with will be kept in the work bee info box in trailer. Tony will run through the sites with all leaders.

New name signs for Eumeralla trails : Tony has started applying these. Receiving some good feedback from riders. We'll put out a FB post once more done.

Jarosite Rd bike lane update

Leanne has started a petition around this that we'll support.

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 – 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.
- Spring Valley bike park – Tony had discussions with SCS this evening to work towards pushing for funding (\$50-70k) for a revamp of this park. Likely to be a jumps park as the group pushing for it are looking at that outcome.
- 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.

WORKING BEES (Kylhn)

Oompa Loompa Alley

As per last meeting minutes, these major works were agreed to and were completed early May. Additional works not originally listed on the quote were also undertaken pro bono including 3 extra grade reversals, 2 extra drains, new surface to lower part of climb to chapel and table top grade reversal at bottom of “drop bear alley”. Thanks to Ky for completing these that will provide a much drier line through that area all year round and help keep riders out of scout camp.

Working bee Sun May 26

Graham Turner led this with 2 others in attendance to narrow down some sections of single track that had become wider than ideal. Thanks to Graham for leading.

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.

- 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

Shed for club trailer

Dave Rae going to send through a quote for 3 options depending upon how much we want him to do. Ky will also liaise with Dave about this as we as a club might be able to do some of it to make the project cheaper.

GRANTS (vacant)

Our application for a grant for the Shifty Fifty 2025 was successful for \$2500. Massive thanks to Andrew for this.

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.

RACE / EVENTS (Richard / Brett)

Shifty Fifty

Great success and huge thanks to everyone who assisted in so many capacities in the lead up, on the day & post event. After expenses, we made a profit of \$11,464. 2025 edition likely to be Sat May 10. Thanks to Andrew for setting up the post event rider survey - 62 responses of approx 300 finishers. Plenty of great feedback about the village within the Anglesea Discovery Camp, the trail network and the atmosphere. Some aspects to look at for improvement particularly the bottle necks at the start.

The dirt groms ride had 7 starters. It was easy to put on so we'll likely continue next year and see if we get a bigger uptake.

Survey results discussed. Plenty of great feedback. We'll distribute to committee.

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.

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. 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.

Action - Tony and Josh to meet as above

SKILLS CLINICS / COACHING

Coach & Instructor AC Membership Upgrade tier 2b

Vote required - proposal by Brett:

Held over to next meeting as haven't had a chance to get feedback from Josh, Jess or Uli.

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.

Beginners skills clinics

Cazz Clarke beginner skills clinics Sun May 26 were cancelled as only one rider signed up.

Discussion about how we could progress these. Options include:

- Use our own coaches
- Subsidise clinics with Cazz Clarke as we've done for intermediate level rides

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 had 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.

SOCIAL RIDES (Tony / Brett), DIRT GROMS

Upcoming:

- Potentially Sat June 8 with Brett & Tony

Since last meeting:

- Sat May 18 - Upper & Lower Intermediate Adult Social Rides (Tony & Brett)

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.

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).

MERCHANDISE (Josh)

- Josh will look at purchasing another 30 beanies as we are mostly out of these.
- Josh will look at having a winter merch sale that we'll advertise.
- 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.

ADMINISTRATION

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

- **Auscycling** - Is anyone interested in being the liaison role with A/C? Andrew potentially interested. Tony will ask Julia if she's interested.
- **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.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday July 2 , 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	June
Plan and advertise trail building course	Tony	June
Investigate idea of "Trail talk" social nights	Tony	June
Trials skills clinic with Bob & Brian	Tony	June
All committee members to complete child safety e-learning	All	June
Email - Set up a chat with Chris Jones to rectify email set-up	Brett/Luke	June
Generate Survey questions and discuss survey approach with Katie from the shire. Implement in line with SF race.	Andrew	June
Investigate migration of Dropbox to Google Drive	Luke	June
Seasonal BBQ/ Info days at Hurst Rd	Tony	Next one in June
Investigate AusCycling Insurance coverage for Luke's Farm	Tony	June
Trail names for signs	Tony	June
Form sub committee re: membership	Nick	June
Quote for shed for Nick's place	Tony and Dave Rae	June
Discuss work bee vollie list	Brett C, Brett W, Tony	June
Follow up with various Anglesea community groups to discuss further a more formal body to advocate for trail network	Tony	Complete and in action
GAPS		
AusCycling Liaison Person		

Person to take over Luke's Farm		
Marketing Person		