



Surf Coast Mountain Bike Club Committee Meeting MOM

Venue: Online

7.30pm Tuesday 26th March 2024

Committee members in attendance: Brett Coleman, Luke Farrar, Tony Smales, Kylhn Heath, Nick Galloway, Andrew Gooday, Richard South, Simon Barnfather.

Committee member apologies: Damien Elsworth, Julia Spink, Didi Lo, Josh West.

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

Previous Meeting's Minutes

Motion for acceptance Brett :, Seconded : Nick.

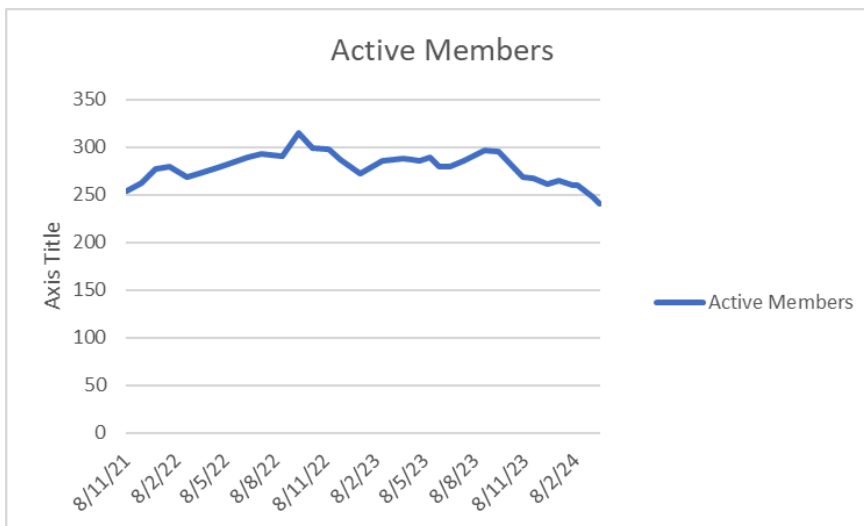
SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Nick)

At 24th March 2024:

- 241 Members
- 85 new / renewed this year

Trend since 2021 in membership:



Actions taken / planned :

- Need to consider whether the continued drop in membership will plateau. 300 members in August 2023 to current 241 is starting to look significant.
- Mailout will happen over Easter.
- 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 $\frac{1}{3}$ 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. Good discussion held on whether a new category or membership could be established to lower cost (eg. no affiliation with AusCycling). Non-riding AusCycling affiliated membership exists, possible to explore and publicise this.

Platform	Feb 2024	March 2024
Membership	260	248
Facebook Followers	4114	4154
Instagram Followers	1707	1708
Strava Club Members	330	331

FINANCE (Simon)

Account	Nov 2023 (31 Oct)	March 2024
Bendigo Main	\$25,766.12	\$27,852.44
Philanthropic/Junior Development Fund	\$2,824.54	\$2,633.63

Main transactions since last report:

- \$7650 has been committed to trail work by Ky. \$2500 paid thus far (March 8).

Nick has volunteered to become an additional approval signatory for expense reimbursement approvals. Nick will attend the bank 8th April to establish setup.

TRAIL ADVOCACY / LAND MANAGER LIAISON (Tony, Simon)

Trails concept plan (PV, DELWP and GORCAPA)

The Shire are applying 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 close 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 is now not out until at least June or later. Currently it is undergoing major stakeholders (Councils and land managers) consultation. Matt from Gorcapa assured Tony this week that the MTB trail Network will still be one of, if not the lead project.

MTB trails advocacy group

This group has been a big success and the second meeting last week went well despite numbers being down from last time. A name for the group was discussed but no decision was made. From that meeting letters of support were written for the Shire's funding application. About 10 letters of support have been provided by various relevant parties.

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. . 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

PV

Still to complete the below action-

We now have new maps of sensitive indigenous sites. Tony met onsite with Lachie. Some posts have been damaged. Tony will replace and put onto digital and hard copy map for work bee leaders. Tony has purchased some new pegs and paint and has done a reccie. Just need to go for a ride to complete the works.

Jarosite Rd bike lane update

Nothing new this month.

Speed reduction on Jarosite road from 80km/h to 60km/h in place. Currently no organisation has taken responsibility to own the project. 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 also to be installed soon.

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
- 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.

WORKING BEES (Kylhn)

Scouts Areas Maintenance Discussions:

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

Road Repair for Shifty 50

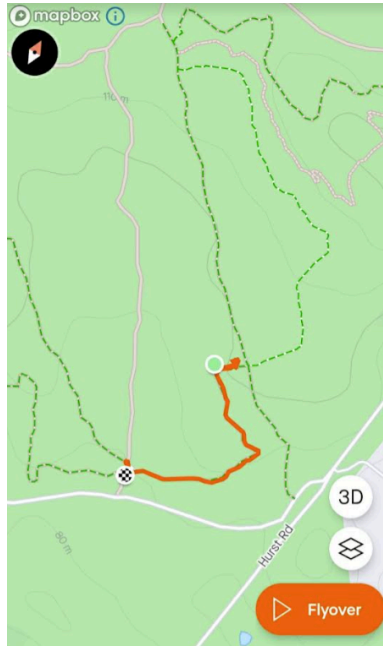
Road repair near moto track (muddy section near dam) was discussed with Scouts. They prefer to keep as a road to ensure emergency access. Such access likely to also be advantageous for track maintenance in nearby areas. Ky emailed March 2 with a quote on major drainage repairs on this area to avoid the boggy mess that's often present over winter. Those proposed works included bringing in approx. 60m³ of material. The committee was contacted by email to review the quote and seek approval to proceed. There were 8 votes for proceeding (none against) and given that quorum, Ky has been given the green light to proceed. Material has now been dropped close to the site works (important to get that in before any substantial rains). Ky plans to commence the works after school holidays. This work will be invaluable for the shifty fifty event, for vehicle access along this section of fireroad all year round and also for accessing nearby trails.

Overall, great productive discussions with Scouts who are supportive of our ambitions in this area. Ky expects to commence works in this area straight after school holidays.

Ongoing discussions with Bike Matters on a Specialized supported Dig-Day on our trails.

Next Working Bee - Luke will run in April (likely second weekend 13th or 14th - TBC). Focus will be on Scotsman & grass trees, clearing out silt and hand clearing/trims.

Last Working Bee (Start of March) - was attended by 2 persons (Ky, Luke) focus was on trail 4 as shown below. Rock based berm was added, but construction requires completion on another working bee.



Tony has put together a provisional working bee calendar with leaders for 2024 as below:

- February - Kylhn (will be early march)
- March – rolled over to early April (easter) - Luke
- April 27/28 - Brett C.
- 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.

Working bee is planned within next couple of weeks. Work has previously progressed on the trail adjacent to the Scout Camp entrance, however more work is needed to ensure trail sustainability. This ideally needs work before winter.

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. Nick offered to contribute monetarily towards the shed, however the committee voted that this was not appropriate. 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.

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. Damien may have some interest in contributing with adaptive trail considerations.

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

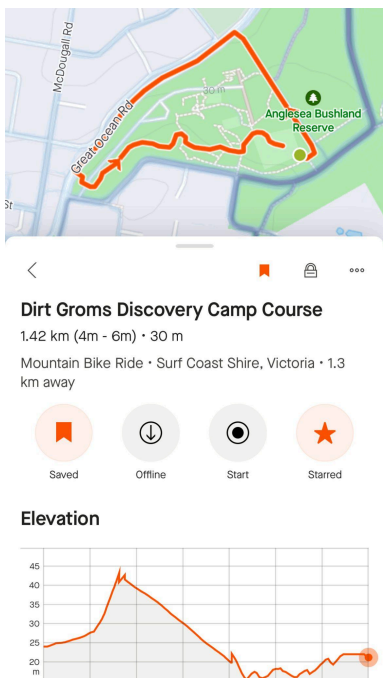
RACE / EVENTS (Richard / Brett)

Shifty Fifty scheduled for Sat May 11, 10am start. Parks Vic have sent through their event approval.

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 Mar 24: 50k - 29, 25k - 5.

ADC going to source portaloos for us. They have an account with GCH. Though is it possible they give us a better rate?

Brett looking at putting on a kids event (ages ~5 - 12yo) within the camp. Approx. 1.4k fun loop (map & profile below) and do as many laps as want between 10.10 & 10.55 (need to finish before first riders return from lap 1). To decide whether we run it for free and just have AC members taking part. Or whether we run it as a race through entryzone (likely \$30 entry) and kids have race plates plus insurance covered so can extend to non AC members. Though would need to check with Rohin whether his timing system could do that in addition to timing the shifty fifty.



GROW, Poppies, Burnside Camp, Barwon Water & Ocean Road Landscaping have been informed of event. Tony who's best to contact for SC Tree Services? Barney.

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.

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

SKILLS CLINICS / COACHING

- Mon Apr 1 - Kids MTB Skills Session 5-8yo (8 - 10am)
 - Mon Apr 1 - Kids MTB Skills Session 8-11yo (10am - 12 noon)
 - Sun Apr 14 - Mixed Adult Upper Intermediate (10am - 12 noon) - 1 of 6 spots taken
 - Sun Apr 14 - Womens Only Adult Lower Intermediate (1 - 3pm) - 2 of 6 spots taken
 - Next Coaching session - extend invitation to Surf Coast Times to cover/interview.
 - GMBC/SCMTB Ladies social rides still going.
 - Gravity Clinic - reachout to Flynn to establish if he's still interested.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Tony has spoken to 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:

- Sat Mar 30 or Mon Apr 1 - Upper Intermediate Adult Social Ride (Brett)
- Sat Apr 13 - Upper Intermediate Gherang Adult Social Ride (Brett Wiltshire)

Since last meeting:

- Sat Mar 23 - Upper Intermediate Adult Social Ride (Brett)
- Fri Mar 22 - Farm MTB Park Social (Brett)
- Sat Mar 2 - Upper Intermediate Adult Social Ride (Brett)
- Sun Feb 25 - Farm MTB Park Social (Brett)
- Sat Feb 17 - Upper Intermediate Adult Social Ride (Brett)

NB - just 1 other person for the last 2 farm social rides. Work required to maintain versus demand from riders not working out currently. Might not be worth continuing.

PHILANTHROPY

Monthly payment to Masaka

MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS (Brett)

Website - has been updated. Massive thanks to Chris Jones. Home page now has more engaging video footage. Plus clean up of some other areas.

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).

The prospectus has been added to the website under the trails tab. Not super prominent currently. Could change that if felt worthwhile.

MERCHANDISE (Josh)

- No updates

OTHER BUSINESS

Adaptive Trails - Damien to present
First Aid Stocktake - Damien to provide Update
WWC - Damien to provide update

New marquee bag - Brett feels we should purchase a new one. Current one fallen apart and no longer fit for purpose! Extreme marquees was the brand we purchased. Simon has a friend in that area and might be able to source a cheaper bag.

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 30th April, 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	April
Plan and advertise trail building course	Tony	April
Investigate idea of "Trail talk" social nights	Tony	April
Trials skills clinic with Bob & Brian	Tony	April
All committee members to complete child safety e-learning	All	April
Email - Set up a chat with Chris Jones to rectify email set-up	Brett/Luke	April
Generate Survey questions and discuss survey approach with Katie from the shire. Implement in line with SF race.	Andrew	April
Investigate migration of Dropbox to Google Drive	Luke	April
Investigate AusCycling Insurance coverage for Luke's Farm	Tony	April
Follow up with various Anglesea community groups to discuss further a more formal body to advocate for trail network	Tony	Complete and in action
Add prospectus to our website	Brett	Complete