



## WAMBA Committee Meeting 2-2014

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014

**Time Start:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Online

**Attendees:**

- Jodie Stembridge
- Louise Wallace
- Nigel Wade
- John Roberts
- Lindsay Alsop
- Jake Hannah
- Margaret McIlroy
- Andrew Mann
- Dave Willcox
- Ian Humphrey
- Sarah Smith

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### 1. Apologies

The following apologies were received by email:

- Phil Wilson
- Sam Russell

### 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were accepted as accurate and all actions had been completed, except for the following:

**Action: Louise and Nigel to change signatories on the bank account. Louise will post form to Jodie for signing.**

### 3. WAMBA Strategic Plan and Constitution Review

From Louise Wallace:

The inception meeting with Colin Brown has been delayed. A date will be set shortly. He has compiled a list of information he requires prior to the meeting. Need to ensure this is done – budget and time constraints mean we need to make efficient use of his time.

**Action: Louise to organise a suitable date for meeting between consultant and project steering group.**

### 4. WA Mountain Bike Strategy

From Sarah Smith:

Aiming to get the consultation draft ready next. Some changes to be agreed with steering committee. Graphic design to be completed before it goes to consultation. WAMBA to consult with clubs. About 80-90% ready.

### 5. SW Master Plan

From Sarah Smith:

Meeting with David Willcox on Friday on the draft plan. Steering committee to review. Targeted consultation by end of June. Close to conclusion.

### 6. Perth – Peel Master Plan

From Sarah Smith:

LotteryWest application was submitted on Monday. Moving forward.

### 7. WAMBA Slush Grant

From Jake Hannah:

The following applications were received:

Project Entities	Amount	Project Title
Esperance Mountain Bike Association	\$1,000	Track extension and erosion control on existing track
Kalamunda Mountain Bike Collective	\$1,000	Trail builder tickets
Kalamunda Mountain Bike Collective	\$1,000	Trail builder tools, and social ride light kits
Margaret River Cycle Club	\$1,000	Promotions and course markers
MRORCA	\$1,000	Carters Road trail head and signage
Peel Districts Mountain Bike Club	\$910	Golden Grove All Mountain Event trail completion
Peel Districts Mountain Bike Club	\$800	Nannup rehabilitation for event

Peel Districts Mountain Bike Club	\$924	Wellington Mills rehabilitation post thinning
South West Mountain Bike Club	\$1,000	Secret Whitcher, Busselton – signage boards to identify trails, parking and trail grading
South West Mountain Bike Club	\$1,000	Mt Lennard signage boards from primary roads, and technical assistance for website and Facebook

All applications were unanimously approved. Approx. \$2,500 left over, which will be rolled over to next year or might have another round of funding later in the year.

**Action: Jake to promote the successful applications via newsletter, website and Facebook. Photos from clubs of what the funds were spent on would be appreciated.**

## 8. Trail Maintenance in Aboriginal Heritage Site Areas

From Ian Humphrey:

KMBC had this issue arise recently. Just making clubs aware of necessity to check the website, as it's a \$20k fine for disturbing sites. Sites always been added without notification to public/ landowners, so it pays to regularly check the website. Involving DPaW is also helpful.

**Action: Ian to provide the link to the relevant website to the committee. Also add link on resources page of WAMBA website.**

## 9. Treasurer's Report

From Nigel Wade:

Balance at 28 April 2014: \$58,575.84

Balance at 27 May 2014: \$58,260.84

Received cash from:

- Memberships

Spent cash on:

- Account auditing

Awaiting cash from:

- Alcoa for Dwellingup work USD\$3,000
- LotteryWest for green trails \$13,750
- BankWest Happy Communities Grant \$1,000

We owe:

- KMBC green trail works \$24,580
- Louise for trailer rego \$100
- Spend BankWest grant on tools
- Slush grant applications

### a. General items

From Nigel Wade:

A proposal was put forward to **allow \$100 to be spent without committee approval**. After discussion, this was unanimously approved.

From John Roberts:

A signatory is needed for the **Alcoa cheque** (*Post-meeting comment: Louise has this cheque now and will bank it*).

### b. Budget

Email was sent through to the committee with proposed budget figures for this year. It's a work in progress – contact Nigel about any changes.

From Jake Hannah:

Marketing – it was agreed unanimously to spend \$50 in the coming month on **Facebook advertising**. Test the waters to see if we can reach some of the riders we're currently missing.

**2015 WAMBA picture calendar** – no objections to another one being done.

### c. BankWest Grant

Russell Bell was successful in securing this Happy Communities grant for the purchase of tools and equipment.

It was decided unanimously to re-stock the WAMBA trailer with \$1,000 of hand tools as they require little maintenance and management, and can be used by any club/ group who wants it.

**Action: Lindsay to do a stocktake of the trailer and buy required tools. Take photos of purchase for BankWest.**

**Action: Louise to sort out the invoice.**

## 10. Code of Conduct

From Margaret McIlroy:

Gave summary of survey results – 24% female / 76% male; 43% said they had issues on the trails regarding behaviour of other riders. Other comments regarding quality of trails were made, though irrelevant to code.

175 responses, but can only access 99 for free. Need to spend \$25 to get all the responses – approved by committee. Jake said that there were other options for getting more data for free for next time.

Need to formulate into a marketable document and get graphic design done. Group to meet to discuss next step.

## 11. Club Updates

### a. Albany

From Dave Marshall:

#### Albany Urban DH:

We are just finishing the last of the paperwork and are busy building the features, our goal is to have everything ready to go by the beginning of June and we are on track.

This planning has been an amazing ride for the club, the goal was to showcase Albany and the Club, and we feel we have done everything we can to make this a top quality event. The frequent committee meetings have brought the club together and we are lucky to have a core of skilled people who most importantly, if they say they'll do it, it's done.

We have worked hard to secure some solid sponsorship with a good mix of local and international, both are really important. It is really nice to offer prize money and incentives to riders, we are pretty sure they will spend most of it in the same place we do, the bike shops of WA.

Importantly for us we have a local shop Bobs Bikes offering a grassroots sponsorship to the fastest Albany local. Prefacing the event with school and shop visits of 17yo Jackson Davis, and the man himself, Sam Hill, we hope to really switch the locals on to mountain biking.

We have, and still are, learning a lot, especially the effort that goes into running an event. Hats off to everyone who volunteers to run a club, event or association.

The only thing stopping us is time, but the challenge, and hopefully the event, will be rewarding.

Learnt to aim for what your ideal of an event would be, I think it was our belief that this would be a top shelf event that brought the sponsors on board to allow it to get this far.

Next year, we have a funding offer already from Eventscorp and are planning to have an enduro style event alongside the urban; the Trails Hub Master Plan is happening in the background, so hopefully we can leverage some trails development from these events in the near future.

### b. Kalamunda Collective

From Ian Humphrey:

Check out the inaugural KMBC newsletter for the latest happenings:

<http://www.kalamundacollective.com.au/emails/451732?s=e13ea9ed>

### c. Margaret River Cycle Club

From Andrew Mann:

#### Recent and Current Activities:

- Hosting a 'social' Duathlon event with Trail runners club (25<sup>th</sup> May). Very successful with >80 competitors. Plans to make it an official calendar event next year.
- Promoting beginner rides and ladies only MTB rides.
- Promoting regular social rides (weekly) including rides with MRORCA.

- Hosting 'EPIC' endurance rides (Margaret River to Nannup 100km).
- Supporting Margaret River team entries to Duo50 Dwellingup and XC series.

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Working with MRORCA to develop governance structure for MTB in Margaret River.
- Increase volunteer support for MRORCA trail building days.
- Planning winter program of social and club rides.

### **d. MRORCA**

From Dave Wilcox:

#### **What we've been doing:**

- Hosted LotteryWest and showed them existing trails.
- Realigned bottom of Goobers Pool (South Carters) out of Riparian Zone & revegetated old alignment.
- Installed temporary bridge over creek line on Brides Nighie.
- DPaW approval to begin master planning for South Carters.
- Received level 1 flora survey for South Carters.
- Got approval for Compartment 10 Detailed Area Plan from Shire and DPaW.
- Received level 1 flora survey for Compartment 10.
- Lodged application for event funding with AMRTA.
- Got final approval of National Resource Management 80k Grant.
- Undertook detailed feature survey of Rotary Park Reserve for preliminary concepts & negotiations with Rotary.
- Finalised River Trail preliminary alignments with AMR Shire and Friends of Cape to Cape Track.
- Partnered with Cape to Cape Track on LotteryWest major funding round for stage 1 of River Trail.
- Negotiated with AMR Shire to take over management of Minnie Keenans Link trail to Carter Trail Head.
- Reviewed Minnie Keenans Existing alignment and identified green short loop from township.
- Worked with AMR Shire Trail Group to identify key trail projects for Township River Foreshore.
- Assisted DPaW with recreation planning for Boranup.
- Installed 6 new Trafix trail counters. 2 in Pines, 2 in South Carters, 1 on Rail Trail & 1 on 10 Mile Brook.
- Recorded peaks of almost 200 daily users on one trail and almost 700 weekly on one trail.
- Hosted Kalamunda MTB Collectives Muster & assisted with social events & general coordination.
- Got new Riding T-Shirts which are available online.
- Held weekly Saturday social rides.
- Lodged Signage Plan with DPaW for Carters Trail Head & Pines (signage is going very slow).
- Worked with DPaW and FPC to resolve Pines Logging and had logging area limited to Western side of pines for 2014.

- Submitted sponsorship proposal for review to DPaW.

**What we have planned:**

- MRORCA AGM in Coming months - Details soon.
- MRORCA Newsletter coming back!
- Realigning part of Mr Nice in Pines.
- Undertaking hygiene survey and management plan for Compartment 10.
- Undertaking Detailed Design of Compartment 10.
- Undertaking hygiene survey for South Carters.
- Starting Master Planning for South Carters.
- Lodging additional grant applications for construction of Compartment 10.
- Hosting volunteer maintenance days.
- Presenting to Rotary with regard to proposed Challenge park.
- Undertaking upgrade and Realignment of Minnie Keenan's.
- Developing event concept with AMRTA.
- Working with Margaret River Cycle Club to develop governance structure for MTB in Margs.
- Hosting WAGE event.
- Hosting State XC Champs.
- Finalising MTBA membership.

**What's stopping us:**

- Only ourselves – you get back what you invest.

**What we learnt that could help others:**

- Be proactive, patient and remain positive or just move to NZ.

**e. Peel District**

From Sam Russell:

**What we've been doing:**

- Race series are still going ahead and numbers are consistent and strong.
- Discussions are ongoing with DPaW for Nannup around formalising and extending trail network (long term).
- Discussion are ongoing with DPaW at Welli Mills about formalised trail network and expansion. The planned tree thinning did not go ahead this year but is planned for next year, which will probably impact trails.
- More discussion underway about coaching sessions, etc to introduce more riders into racing.
- Pemberton Roller date change to October to fit in with everything else a little better.

**What we have planned:**

- We would like to be involved in the Dwellingup/ Murray Valley/ Toms Crossing developments. Peel has a strong history in that area and has always had the intention of being involved in the future - we are happy to help in whatever way possible.



## **f. SWMTBC**

From Dave Inwood:

### **What we've been doing:**

- The South West Mountain Bike Club has been busy trying to support local riding and trails, as scheduled in its Constitution. We look forward to a supportive response from WAMBA to both our local Pile Road and also Secret Whitcher trails applications from the WAMBA Slush Grant funding.
- In addition to these known trails, we have recently branched out with promotion of a new Urban Bike Park redevelopment at Wollaston Jump Park in Bunbury, and also applied for ASF funding and will have a DSR funding application in by 5th June. The Club is very excited about this redevelopment to promote riding in the South West on accessible trails, which will cater for all skill sets, as no progress is being made for trails development at Pile Road with DPaW.
- It is also a great privilege to advise we have our latest SWMTBC Club jerseys being developed right now and have acknowledged both Seniors and Youth. The Clubs Youth development is moving in a very positive manner, thanks to training programs and individuals' input from qualified personnel such as Griz Adams. Our Club numbers have swelled since February after the Committee supported this innovative approach.

### **What we have planned:**

- Our first public meeting for the Urban Park will be held Thursday 29th May, and a further public consultative meeting is to be held the following week. Watch this space.

### **What is stopping us:**

- Some areas that are hindering us are lack of communication from trails land owners (DPaW) and their inconsistent approach to land issues in the South West, as well as the expectations - all being based on a document (South West Master Plan) that is holding up all progress for Pile Road/ Wellington Park development, for some time to come.  
Our Committee believes that unsanctioned trails will escalate as riders (non-committee/club related) continue to build and ride trails, due to DPaW restrictions. This is quite evident from Strava outputs and new trail names that do not exist in the Committees register, but have been created by 'other' riders.  
Our Club has a Constitution to promote rider activity in the South West, however DPaW needs to be more consultative rather than regulatory governed, as ultimately we only cater for the conformists riding sanctioned trails - not the fringe non-conformists that still enjoy riding the tranquillity, but want more than we currently provide.

## 12. AOB

### **Mt Gunjin Project Funds**

From Louise Wallace:

Westcycle has advised there is approx. \$10,000 available from the original large grant (\$120k) to reimburse WAMBA for funds previously spent on construction of Mt Gunjin project. Louise will invoice Westcycle for these funds.

Lindsay explained that when the Gunjin project was finished, DEC didn't attend final inspection, but later advised changes were needed. It would look good for WAMBA to demonstrate to DPaW that we follow up on a large project such as this.

One option is for maintenance of the Gunjin trails. Lindsay has a list of jobs needed, including erosion, drainage. He proposes that he is paid to do the works.

Margaret raised the issue of potential concerns from the wider MTBing community of WAMBA spending funds on Gunjin.

The committee didn't vote as the details are not yet clear as to where the funds come from and whether it's important to spend them on this work. Lindsay's conflict of interest regarding the vote to be managed.

**Action: Louise to get clarification from the accountant on how we report on these funds to ensure transparency, and to also confirm with Clint (Westcycle) about the details of the funds and what WAMBA is expected to spend the money on.**

**Once this occurs, Louise will report back to the committee and ask for a vote from the committee.**

### **City of Coburn Trail Network**

From Jake Hannah:

The council appointed Dave Willcox as consultant on a small trail network at Manning Park.

### **Meeting with CEO of MTBA**

From Ian Humphrey:

Had a meeting with MTBA CEO, Shane Coppin. Discussed affiliation of clubs with MTBA.

### **Trail Building Qualification (IMBA Standards)**

From Margaret McIlroy:

Suggested we get formal recognition of trail builders to IMBA standards. Need another IMBA workshop in WA. Jake to contact IMBA to clarify our affiliation with MTBA/IMBA, now Nick Bowman has resigned.

### **Movie Night**

From Louise Wallace:

Phil Wilson has approached about putting on a movie premier night.

**Action: Jodie to get more information from Phil.**

**Westcycle Funding**

From Louise Wallace:

MOU with Westcycle is being produced – how we work together and use resources. Application for DSR funding – assistance with Westcycle to help with initiatives.

**Tom's Crossing – Murray Valley Trail Plan**

From Louise Wallace:

\$20,000 to spend by end of September. Peel taking responsibility for the work, which has been handed over to them. WAMBA's name on the grant, so we'll be kept in the loop.

**Metro Trails Conference**

From Jodie Stembridge:

Just a reminder about this conference being held at Perth Zoo on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June. RSVP to DSR by this Friday (30<sup>th</sup>). Special guest speaker is Dafydd Davis.

**Meeting Closed:** 8:35pm

**Next Meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014, DSR, Leederville