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Meeting No: 92		
Subject	: Monthly Meeting	Date : 10/11/2025
Held at	: Club Macquarie	Ref. : HMBA- MOM - 936
Prepared by	: Laura Renshaw	Issue date: /2025

Attendees: Joshua Bridson, Laura Renshaw, Melanie Hoffman, Dane Critchlow, Dean Kozlic, Leighsa Cox, Colleen Boyes, Mark Welsh

Online: Bill Willis, Grant Jones, Evan Steverson, Rick Kehoe

Apologies: Sarah Booth, Warwick Turnbull, Steve Pryor, Mark Nelmes, Dallas Barham, Phil Dunne, Mick Bradford

- Legend –**
- For discussion at next meeting – add to Agenda
 - To remain on minutes for future discussion if needed
 - To be removed from next minutes

Item	Action	By Whom	Status
1.0	Minutes of the previous meeting		
1.1	October 2025 - Confirmed and accepted as a correct record	Colleen Boyes	Complete
2.0	Correspondence and notifications		
2.1	Infrastructure Grant July 2025 – not successful ☹️		
2.2	October Club Education Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mel attended online • Diversity and Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus on our adaptive work ○ Note of inclusion Officer at clubs ○ Policy will be uploaded to group 	Melanie Hoffman	
2.3	NICA email from Lynn Friedrichs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Interscholastic Cycling Association, is launching in Australia this year and aims to bring school-based youth mountain biking (Years 6–12) to regions like the Hunter. • The program focuses on building confidence, skills, and community through inclusive, non-competitive cycling. • Upcoming NICA Coach Summits in NSW, ACT, and VIC offer training and support for anyone interested in starting or coaching a local team. 	Joshua Bridson	
2.4	AusCycling MTB Event Sanctioning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second webinar on event classification and date protection for mountain bike events aimed to clarify event structures, resolve inconsistencies, and gather club feedback. 	Joshua Bridson	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key issues included unclear event categories, inconsistent financial frameworks, and scheduling conflicts—especially between clubs and private promoters. A new event classification framework and date protection rules were proposed, with further work planned to refine prize money thresholds, clarify social versus mass participation events, and improve coordination before rollout in 2026. 		
3.0	Monthly Racing reports		
3.1	<p>Cross Country Racing – n/a</p> <p>Report Link:</p> <p>No. of Riders:</p> <p>Next Event: November 16th (Club Champs)</p> <p>Race scheduled at Awaba – Junior and Graded racing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rego: Laura, Dane, Josh Timing – Dane Possibility of Kids timed race on the Development Track (Evan, Dean) First Aid – Confirmed Toilet – Onsite Track Setting – Dean Kozlik Junior Race 8.00 Start - Evan and Mark Confirmed Junior race – U11/13's Commissaire for official starts Podium to be at the end of race day Adaptive riders – more than a week's notice required 	Phil Dunne	Ongoing
3.2	<p>Downhill – October State Round</p> <p>Report Link:</p> <p>No of Riders:</p> <p>TAKEAWAYS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Team Work Feedback (category issues, Junior Seeding) Thanks Mark Welsh!! (Legend) We followed guidelines for seeding Push for Live Timing to be accessible Heads up – May 2026 15/16 Weekend possibly State Round Commissaire Rating - well run First Aid Team – Good Feedback Few Injuries – chasing paperwork <p>Next Event: November Club Round – 16th November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Entries as yet – Cutoff Friday 	Mark Nelmes	Ongoing

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	<p>Scheduled at Awaba, D Grade Practice from Biraban</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First Aid - Booked ● Bus – Granted Ride ● Timing – Landon ● Radios – Rick ● Riders Briefing – Rick ● Minimum 3 Marshalls – ● Shuttles start 9.00 ● Riders to be registered by Friday to allow confirmation of bus hire ● Cut off 30 Entries 		
<p>3.3</p>	<p>G-Flow Enduro – next in 2026</p> <p>Report Link:</p> <p>No of Riders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 day race event – Practice on Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4 stages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ▪ ● Shuttles – Granted Ride (Sat 10, Sun 9) ● Numbers – capped at 100 ● Mechanic – Cessnock Bike Co ● Photography - Sam SPC Photography ● Coffee Van – Serendipity Sunday ● Adaptive – no entries ● Volunteers? ● 10yrs old and Under are not to race Gravity Enduro (as per Junior Policy) ● All agree for AusCycling rules <p>** Age categories and entries **</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>

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	<p>3 MOUNTAIN BIKE (MTB)</p> <p>Riders must always race within their age category. In circumstances where field sizes are small race organisers may combine categories or run multiple categories at the same time to simulate larger fields and promote development. When this occurs riders must not exceed maximum race durations for their current age category.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #333; color: white;"> <th>Age Cat</th> <th>Age Span</th> <th>Max Race Duration (XCO)</th> <th>Max Race Duration Endurance (XCM)</th> <th>Max Race Duration Gravity Enduro **</th> <th>General Notes and Considerations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>U11</td> <td>9-10</td> <td>15 mins</td> <td>n/a</td> <td>n/a</td> <td>Mixed gender categories should be encouraged.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U13</td> <td>11-12</td> <td>25 mins</td> <td>1 hour</td> <td>2 hours</td> <td>Mixed gender categories should be encouraged.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U15</td> <td>13-14</td> <td>45 mins</td> <td>2 hours</td> <td>3 hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>U17</td> <td>15-16</td> <td>1 hour</td> <td>3 hours</td> <td>4 hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>J19</td> <td>17-18</td> <td>1.25 hours</td> <td>4 hours</td> <td>5 hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>U23</td> <td>19-22</td> <td>1.25 - 1.5 hours</td> <td>n/a</td> <td>n/a</td> <td>Separate U23 category is only applicable to XCO. Where there is a separate U23 category, riders may apply to AusCycling for dispensation to ride up in Elite when UCI points are available.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*XC Endurance includes XCM, multi lap endurance events up to and including 24hr races. Time is the total time spent riding during the event. It is recommended that race organisers facilitate U13, U15 and U17 categories by encouraging team relay style racing in longer endurance events.</p> <p>**Gravity Enduro (GE) time is total time for the event including timed and liaison stages.</p>	Age Cat	Age Span	Max Race Duration (XCO)	Max Race Duration Endurance (XCM)	Max Race Duration Gravity Enduro **	General Notes and Considerations	U11	9-10	15 mins	n/a	n/a	Mixed gender categories should be encouraged.	U13	11-12	25 mins	1 hour	2 hours	Mixed gender categories should be encouraged.	U15	13-14	45 mins	2 hours	3 hours		U17	15-16	1 hour	3 hours	4 hours		J19	17-18	1.25 hours	4 hours	5 hours		U23	19-22	1.25 - 1.5 hours	n/a	n/a	Separate U23 category is only applicable to XCO. Where there is a separate U23 category, riders may apply to AusCycling for dispensation to ride up in Elite when UCI points are available.		
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3.4	National Series DH Round in 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No further updates at this time 																																												
3.5	Adaptive Race – HMBA will plan future Adaptive Categories – agreed on the need to gain greater support/commitment from local adaptive riders.		Ongoing																																										
3.6	<p>2025 Calendar</p> <p>January 19 - Cross Country (XC1) & Downhill (DH1) February 16 – XC2 & DH2 – 2024 Presentation March 23 – XC3 & DH3 April 12/13 – GE1 May 18 – XC4 & DH4 (AGM – catch up presentation for DH) June 15 – State XC Series Race (points for Awaba Cup - XC5*) June 29 - DH5 July 19/20 – GE2 August 17 – XC6 & DH6 September 27/28 – GE3 October 11/12 – DH State Series + HMBA DH Club Champs October 26 – XC Club Champs – clashes with Sea Otter November 16 – XC7 & DH7 December 14 – Social Event – XC & DH - Presentation for HMBA Awaba Cup</p> <p>All races are at Awaba Mountain Bike Park.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Dates are subject to change depending on fire, flood, falling flora, feral fauna, foolish folk forging flawed fall lines, etc</p>	<p>Phil Dunne Sarah Booth Coleen Boyes Dane Critchlow</p>																																											

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Note	Process for postponing races - move it back one week then if not possible – cancel.		For review in future
4.0	Trail Coordinator Report – Park Status		
4.1	Build Day – 2/11/2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8/9 in attendance Work on New Cross Country Trail – Rock on Garth 	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	
4.2	Next Build Day: 29 th November? Trail Maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks Peter – Raked Siberia Future Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some posts needed for signage Overpass for start of Monkey Chase on Faulk Line, and similar for proposed new internal climb (i.e. over DH track). Rick is currently planning this Biraban - Longer term plan for bridges to be built in wetter section toward Thornton Heights. Trail work 	Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	Ongoing
4.3	Awaba MTB Park Maps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> XC Map: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small intersection signs – Dane and Laura installed Other maps – DH and Development Trails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in process, Col and Rick to co-ordinate Signage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pump.Jump.Repeat – One side, other side coming. Rick – Please move Biraban Donation Sign to PJR Area Open/Closed sign at front gate to be installed – any update? Cars not to drive to S-Bend road for Biraban pick up. Signs to say last pick up point at Downhill Finish. 	Josh Bridson Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe	In process
4.4	Trail Sponsorship signs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email hmbaweb@gmail.com if interested in sponsoring the park. 	Josh Bridson	In Process

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4.5	<p>Trail counters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Development Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This months average 24 riders per day ○ Last month average 24 riders per day ● Trail head: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This months average 50 riders per day ○ Last month average 50 riders per day ● Dane and Dallas can help with trail counts each Month (please inform secretary prior to Monthly meeting) ● DH Trail: No reader on track 	Dane Laura	In process															
4.6	<p>Container Security – Key Register:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1 - Josh</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2 - Phil</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 - Steve</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">4 – Mark N</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5 – John</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6 - Dean</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">7 – Mick / Dane</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8 – Rick</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9- Dallas</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">10 -</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11 - Mark W</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12 -</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">13 -</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14 - Mel</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	1 - Josh	2 - Phil	3 - Steve	4 – Mark N	5 – John	6 - Dean	7 – Mick / Dane	8 – Rick	9- Dallas	10 -	11 - Mark W	12 -	13 -	14 - Mel		Committee	Ongoing
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5.1	<p>Club account balance as at 10/11/2025:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">\$1008</td> <td>WBC Trail Maintenance Account</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$53,165</td> <td>WBC Community Solutions Account</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$712</td> <td>PayPal Account</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">\$54,885</td> <td>Total Cash at bank</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payables: \$500 - Sign Sponsor (Drift?)</p> <p>Upcoming Outgoings: Signage from Coleen for plates etc</p> <p>Note: To increase Per Rider fee for Event Organisers (Waz to investigate for 2026)</p>	\$1008	WBC Trail Maintenance Account	\$53,165	WBC Community Solutions Account	\$712	PayPal Account	\$54,885	Total Cash at bank	Warwick Turnbull	Ongoing							
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5.2	<p>Club Merchandise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jerseys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ XC Race Jerseys – \$50 – new order in process – there will be some spares ○ Trail Jerseys - \$50 (SS) / \$60 (LS) ● Limited number of Monkey Bucket Hats - \$25 ● Hoodies – some extras available ● Socks? - Mel looking into it 	Josh Bridson Melanie Hoffman	In process															
6.0	Special Projects Report																	
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grant Assistance Program Proposal - Club Builder ● Currently in process for Club Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Large grant for facilities – about \$205,000 for Get Faulk'd – not successful – will resubmit at next opportunity ○ Smaller grant for equipment - \$5k – timing gear 	Josh Bridson Evan Steverson																

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure Grants coming up x 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undercover areas for car park November 2025? 		
7.0	Advocacy / Adaptive Report		
7.1	Nil		
8.0	General Business		
8.1	<p>Junior academy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On hold Consideration is how to do this and have participants covered for insurance – use Come and Try Days combined with Free Trial Period 	<p>Joshua Bridson</p> <p>Sarah Booth</p>	Ongoing
8.2	<p>How to have HMBA successfully link people back to the club for support and marketing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed ‘Hall of Fame” board in the park somewhere? 	Mark Welsh	Ongoing
8.3	<p>Emergency Points around the park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John R has information from Narooma Josh B making enquiries with NSW Ambulance – looks like they prefer GPS coordinates Work in Progress 	<p>John Richardson</p> <p>Josh Bridson</p>	
8.4	<p>Raffle for new Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10k Giant eMTB \$50 per ticket – 1000 tickets Drawn at December Social Round Update 209 tickets sold Stripe fees taken out – balance sitting in our Rafflelix account 		
8.5	<p>Melanie/Laura – Granted Ride Women’s Shuttle Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30th November 2025 10 So far Please share if you like 	<p>Melanie Hickey</p> <p>Laura Renshaw</p>	Ongoing
8.6	<p>Sea Otter Summary</p> <p>Outdoors NSW/ACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the past 24 months, approximately \$51.3 million of government funding has been allocated to mountain bike trail infrastructure in New South Wales. Notably, none of this funding was permitted to be used for ongoing trail maintenance, highlighting a significant gap in the financial planning for sustainable trail management. Maintenance of trails is currently heavily reliant on volunteer labour, which presents challenges given the limited availability and capacity of volunteers. There is an identified need for alternative funding models to support maintenance, such as philanthropic donations 		

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	<p>or user contributions, as trails are not free to build or maintain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of user figures, mountain biking is the fourth most popular activity out of 52 represented in the outdoor sector, with 9.6 million people participating in dependent-led activities in 2024. • However, the majority of mountain bike users participate in non-organised or informal settings (74%), rather than through clubs or organised groups. This presents additional challenges for both user engagement and the collection of accurate participation data, as well as for the recruitment and retention of volunteers for trail maintenance. • The industry is currently exploring strategies to better quantify and support this large cohort of non-organised riders. 		
8.7	<p>Working with children checks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send to Mel please • Volunteer free checks available 		
8.8	<p>Committee Christmas Do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burger Urge • December Date to be found 		
	<p>December Round Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaba Cup Presentations • Champs Jerseys • Social Shuttles (Price \$40?) • 9am Presentations • 10am Shuttles and Cross Country Fun 		
	Points for next committee meeting Agenda.		
	Meeting concluded at 8:30pm		
	Next meeting will be Monday 8th December 2025 – 7.00pm at Club Macquarie Argenton and then:		

Recorded on behalf of HMBA: Laura Renshaw

Date: **10/11/2025**