

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting No: 91		
Subject	: Monthly Meeting	Date : 20/10/2025
Held at	: Club Macquarie	Ref. : HMBA- MOM - 936
Prepared by	: Laura Renshaw	Issue date: /2025

Online Attendees: Joshua Bridson, Laura Renshaw, Dane Critchlow, Melanie Hoffman, Phil Dunne, Leighsa Cox, Evan Steverson, Warwick Turnball, Bill Willis, John Richardson, Coleen Boyes

Apologies: Dean, Mark Welsh,

- 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	September 2025 - Confirmed and accepted as a correct record	Joshua Bridson	Complete
2.0	Correspondence and notifications		
2.1	Email from AusCycling about possible National Series DH round in 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to come 		
2.2	<p>Dear Hunter Mountain Bike Association,</p> <p>AusCycling invites you to our discipline specific sessions as follow up from our Events & Sanctioning Review meeting held on 10 September 2025.</p> <p>This forum will review the specific implementation for each discipline.</p> <p>Discussion Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Model • Summary of feedback received from clubs and stakeholders • Implementation of new model <p>Why Attend?</p> <p>Events are a cornerstone of club activity and member engagement. By attending, you'll help ensure that the event sanctioning system is fair, efficient, and aligned with the needs of the cycling community.</p> <p>Mountain Bike Date: November 3, 2025</p>		

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	<p>Time: 8 pm – 9 pm AEDT Registration Link Here</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p> <p>AusCycling</p> <p>**Race Directors please sign up**</p>		
2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jason English - NSW Schools MTB Championships on 20-21 November 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenrock Has own Insurance – running with Club name and logo 		
2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AusCycling Club Diversity and Inclusion Webinar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mel to participate and will provide update for next meeting 		
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 (Club Champs)</p> <p>Race scheduled at Awaba – Junior and Graded racing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timing – ? Possibility of Kids timed race on the Development Track (Evan, Dean) First Aid – Confirmed Toilet – Onsite Track Setting – Dean Junior Race 8.00 Start? Evan and Mark 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: https://hmba.asn.au/2025/10/14/nsw-downhill-gravity-series-round-3-awaba-mtb-park/?fbclid=IwY2xjawNzf19leHRuA2FibQIxMQABHgZGMxjcuZOb4w9Aelrs3RPhfdKfWegejMXtjqCsQzFDD2SYval7YtPTmjrzaem_tru-1IL-vmCITIC64hkKOg</p> <p>No of Riders:</p>	Mark Nelmes	Ongoing

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	<p>Next Event: November Club Round</p> <p>Scheduled at Awaba, D Grade Practice From Biraban (No entries as yet, and clash with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First Aid - Booked ● Bus – Granted Ride - might need 2nd one? ● 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 – likely to extend this, lead in too state series 		
<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"> <thead> <tr> <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	<p>National Series DH Round in 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further updates at this time 																																												
3.5	<p>Adaptive Race – HMBA will plan future Adaptive Categories – agreed on the need to gain greater support/commitment from local adaptive riders.</p>		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	<p>Next Build Day: Build Day 2nd November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DH <p>Park Entry Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some work done before State DH Round, water carts • Watagan Park/Daracon Sponsorship • Still waiting on SM post details – Dallas <p>Future Projects:</p> <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 	<p>Dallas Barham Rick Kehoe</p>	Ongoing
4.2	<p>Awaba MTB Park Maps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website Updated • 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 ○ Development Trail Animal signs nearly ready <p>Signage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump.Jump.Repeat – One side, other side coming. • Development Trail Loops – start made but finishing off needed • 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. 	<p>Josh Bridson</p> <p>Dallas Barham</p> <p>Rick Kehoe</p>	In process
4.3	<p>Trail Sponsorship signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email hmbaweb@gmail.com if interested in sponsoring the park. 	<p>Josh Bridson</p>	In Process

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4.4	<p>Trail counters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Development Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This months average riders per day ○ Last month average 19 riders per day ● Trail head: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This months average riders per day ○ Last month average 38 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															
4.5	<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 20/10/2025:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 150px;">\$1035</td> <td>WBC Trail Maintenance Account</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$30,326</td> <td>WBC Community Solutions Account</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$585</td> <td>PayPal Account</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><hr/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$31946</td> <td>Total Cash at bank</td> </tr> </table> <p>Payables: \$500 - Sign Sponsor (Drift?) Last chance</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>	\$1035	WBC Trail Maintenance Account	\$30,326	WBC Community Solutions Account	\$585	PayPal Account	<hr/>		\$31946	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? 	Josh Bridson Melanie Hoffman	In process															
6.0	Special Projects Report																	
6.1	<p>Grant - Community Building Partnership 2023</p> <p>Can we close this Item? Official opening been, Member attended, need to do closing documents. Bill to finish.</p>	Bill Willis Dane Critchlow																

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We were successful for our application – CBP23 - 0472 – Awaba Mountain Bike Park Pump Track Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed name – Pump Jump Repeat Report by September - Bill Keep financial records 5 years Acknowledge support in financial reports (NSW Govt) Opening Day Held – Greg Piper Attended Before and after shots – send to Bill Promoted via Social Media 		
6.2	<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 - submitted Smaller grant for equipment - \$5k – timing gear Infrastructure Grants coming up x 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undercover areas for car park November 2025? 	<p>Josh Bridson</p> <p>Evan Steverson</p>	
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? Review when the shelter is up. 	<p>Mark Welsh</p>	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Kath Bicknell Seminar - Refine your Race <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held 15/10/2025 Club Mac 29 tickets? Enjoyed Possibility for more evenings? Cost Neutral for club 		
8.5	<p>Raffle for new Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10k Giant eMTB 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 per ticket – 1000 tickets • Drawn at December Social Round • Update 191 tickets sold • Stripe fees taken out – balance sitting in our Rafflelix account 		
8.6	<p>Melanie/Laura – Women’s Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Date 30th November • Mel and Laura working on • Grant available 	<p>Melanie Hickey</p> <p>Laura Renshaw</p>	Ongoing
8.7	<p>Junior Racing for 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Clark contacted me last week and confirmed that he has completed a thorough review of the research underpinning the Junior Riding Policy guidelines. He remains confident that the policy continues to reflect the current scientific perspective on junior athlete development within mountain biking. • Waiting on email to confirm this information • E-Grade (Juniors only): 1 lap – Minimum age U13 (to meet 25 min max race time) • D-Grade: 2 laps – Minimum age U15 (to meet 45 min max race time) • C-Grade: 3 laps – Minimum age U17 (to meet 60 min max race time) • B-Grade: 4 laps – Minimum age J19 (to meet 75 min max race time) • A-Grade: 5 laps – J19 to progress based on merit? 		
9.1	<p>Working with children checks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send to Mel please !! • Volunteer free checks available 		
9.2	<p>2026 Race Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim for draft before November Meeting <p>Waz to look at costs for Events run at the park and fee’s</p>		
9.3	<p>Junior Racing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Riding up racing guideline • Issues around Juniors/Grades • Josh been in talks with AusCycling 		
	Points for next committee meeting Agenda.		
	Meeting concluded at 8:18pm		
	Next meeting will be Monday 10th November 2025 – 7.00pm at Club Macquarie Argenton and then:		

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