

## 2020 TAMWORTH MOUNTAIN BIKERS AGM (12 month period)



**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Venue:** Tamworth Mountain Bike Park, Forest Road, Tamworth

**Attended:** Melissa Siddons, Alyssa Rogan, Jeff Benson, Lachlan Butters, Ross Aylwin, Elsie McKenzie, Jane Butters, Renae Sharples, Nathanael Sharples, Crystal McGilvray, Anthony Daniels, Tim Harris, Rob McGilvray, Grant Simm, Nicolas Reeves, Tim & Jock Barwick, Glen Bramley, Nick Reid, Mark Follington, Orlando Follington, Martin Siddons

| Item                                                              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Committee member         |
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| 1. Welcome and introductions                                      | Meeting Open: 7:18pm<br>Welcome to the 2020 AGM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Alyssa Rogan             |
| 2. Apologies                                                      | Michael Crummy, Mark & Laurie Willis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Melissa Siddons          |
| 3. Acceptance of minutes of previous annual general meeting (AGM) | Moved: Jeff Benson<br>Seconded: Alyssa Rogan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |
| 4. President annual report                                        | Please see attached                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | President – Alyssa Rogan |
| 5. Treasurer's Report                                             | Please see attached<br><br><div style="text-align: right;">                     Westpac Gen account                   \$ 7,493.46<br/>                     Reg Aust – Main account               \$ 9,580.97<br/>                     Reg Aust – SCCF account               \$13,185.82<br/>                     Reg Aust – Debit card                   \$ 392.50<br/>                     Total                                         \$30,652.75                 </div> | Treasurer – Jeff Benson  |
| 6. Acceptance of Treasurers statements                            | Acceptance of the Treasurers report moved: Jeff Benson<br>Seconded: Melissa Siddons                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| 7. NIAS Update                                                    | Please see attached                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Michael Crummy           |
| 8. Park Development                                               | From a PDC perspective, not a lot to report other than the re-arrangement of trail fairies (still ongoing, but it's starting to come together).<br>Last meeting was held 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020, with no additional meetings currently scheduled.<br>With recent announcements of several PDC members pulling back from involvement, we need to re-visit the current PDC members to ensure we maintain a broad representation of sounding board.                     | Ross Aylwin              |
| 9. Election                                                       | <b>Current committee positions</b><br>President – Alyssa Rogan<br>Vice President – vacant<br>Treasurer – Jeff Benson<br>Secretary – Melissa Siddons<br>Executive 1. – Eric Day<br>Executive 2 – Ross Aylwin<br>Executive 3 – Mark & Laurie Willis<br><br><b>Junior Development Officers</b><br>Officer 1: Sharna Day                                                                                                                                                         | President – Alyssa Rogan |

Officer 2: Nathan Watson  
Officer 3: Isla Maidment  
Officer 4: Steven Roberts

Stepped Down from current role as three (3) year period is up: Melissa Siddons.

Resigned from current roles: Eric Day; Mark & Laurie Willis.

Continuing as committee members:

Jeff Benson (year 3 of 3)  
Alyssa Rogan (year 3 of 3)  
Ross Aylwin (year 2 of 3)

**New committee positions:**

Elsie McKenzie (Year 1 of 3) Replacing Peter Thistle

Nominated: Alyssa Rogan  
Seconded: Melissa Siddons  
Accepted

Grant Sim (Year 1 of 3) Replacing Melissa Siddons

Nominated: Tim Barwick  
Seconded: Ross Aylwin  
Accepted

Michael Crummy (Year 2 of 3) Replacing Mark & Laurie Willis

Nominated: Jeff Benson  
Seconded: Ross Aylwin  
Accepted

Ben Marsh (Year 3 of 3) Replacing Eric Day

Nominated: Tim Barwick  
Seconded: Rob McGilvray  
Accepted

All positions declared vacant.

The following were nominated for the vacant positions:

**President - Alyssa Rogan**

Nominated: Jeff Benson  
Seconded: Ross Aylwin  
Accepted: Yes

**Vice President - Ross Aylwin**

Nominated: Jeff Benson  
Seconded: Elsie McKenzie  
Accepted: Yes

**Treasurer - Jeff Benson**

Nominated: Ross Aylwin  
Seconded: Ben Marsh  
Accepted: Yes

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|                           | <p><b>Secretary - Elsie McKenzie</b></p> <p>Nominated: Jeff Benson<br/> Seconded: Melissa Siddons<br/> Accepted: No</p> <p><b>Secretary – Michael Crummy</b></p> <p>Nominated: Alyssa Rogan<br/> Seconded: Jeff Benson<br/> Accepted: No</p> <p>After being asked to reconsider her decision, <b>Elsie McKenzie</b> accepted the position of secretary.</p> <p><b>Executive 1 – Michael Crummy</b></p> <p><b>Executive 2 – Grant Simm</b></p> <p><b>Executive 3 – Ben Marsh</b></p> <p><b>Junior development: Lachlan Butters</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                     |
| <p>10. Rock of Renown</p> | <p><b>The Rock of Renown is a public way for Tamworth Mountain Bikers to recognise people who have significantly contributed to the development of Tamworth Mountain Bike Park. Nominations can be made by any person and need to be received via email or SMS one day prior to the TAMMTB Inc AGM. 3 or more of the below Eligibility Criteria need to be met to be considered to be eligible for the "award". All 7 TAMMTB executive committee members will then make a decision, prior to the AGM, as to whether the nominee meets the eligibility criteria. A majority vote is required for a person to be eligible i.e. 4 or more executive members agree that the criteria is met. Successful nominees will be announced at the AGM.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Actively serves/d on the TAMMTB Inc Committee for a term of at least 3 years.</b></li> <li><b>2. Contributes to the development of Tamworth Mountain Bike Park through activities such as applying for grants, participating in track/facility design and planning, building community partnerships and completing project management.</b></li> <li><b>3. Has a superior record of carrying out maintenance tasks within the park including participating in the Park Mgt Group and/or taking on Trail Fairy responsibilities</b></li> <li><b>4. Contributes to race events through race planning and preparation, race promotion, seeking partnerships with local businesses and on the day event organisation such as timing, marshalling and first aid.</b></li> <li><b>5. Facilitates inclusive and equitable access for all users of the Tamworth Mountain Bike Park including people with a disability, young and older riders and female riders.</b></li> <li><b>6. Contributes to the growth of the sport of mountain biking and mountain bike skill acquisition through activities such as mountain bike skill coaching, junior talent development and group rides.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Comment: This award should not be handed out lightly, they should only be given to exceptional contributors to the park’s development.</b></p> <p><b>Nominee: Jeff Benson</b><br/> Nominated: Melissa Siddons<br/> Seconded: Alyssa Rogan<br/> Motion Carried Unanimously</p> | <p>Alyssa Rogan</p> |

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| 10. Meeting close | <p><b>AGM meeting closed 7:57pm</b></p> <p>I certify the above minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 are a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>Signed: .....</p> <p>Alyssa Rogan – President</p> <p>Dated: 17/02/2021</p> |  |
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Attachment 1: President’s Report

**TAMMTB President’s Report 2020**

2020... The year of the unprecedented. Yes it certainly was a year of uncertainty and shifting expectations for many of us but when I reflect back on the year that was for Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc I see creativity, resilience, community spirit and much to celebrate. I am proud of the way our Executive Committee and riding community navigated the changing world of COVID-19, the pressure of significant trail repair and re-design and the workload of project management and administrative responsibility for a number of successful grant applications. It was a huge year and much was achieved.

January delivered several significant rain events resulting in the devastation of our Creek Crossings and bridges due to gully rakers the size of which the club and park had not yet witnessed. Water erosion occurred on the trails, bridges were lost 100's of metres downstream and water disturbance created waterfalls and holes along our Creeklime trail. It would take 6 months to re-install bridges and re-open the impacted trails but this adversity gave us the opportunity to re-visit a long standing trail design flaw where our race loop crossed the bitumen access road thus limiting car access during events. The need to create new linkage track was not to be left as a lost opportunity for trail enhancement and thus was born the concept of a more technical, fast and advanced "blue" descent into the picnic area to harness the willing terrain and creating a new "green" loop which avoided the previous climb. It also returned riders gently to the picnic area via an existing trail (Fenceline out and Creeklime return) and was re-branded into a new, wide adaptive cycle loop called Yellow Brick Road.

The Summer round of the Twilight Series continued to be popular with 50-60 riders enjoying a mid week spin on a variety of graded race loops. We almost got the entire series complete before the looming COVID-19 crisis required re-thinking of how we could race and still maintain social distancing and hygiene guidelines. Lockdown eventually closed the series one race early however our club members were quick to find a way to encourage engagement and motivate riders to still get out and enjoy a ride and the outdoor air. Enter the concept of "virtual" racing where a race loop was recorded on a free exercise App and riders had 2 weeks to complete the loop as many times as they liked. Virtual racing got us through the worst of Lockdown and come August as the COVID-19 restrictions eased we started planning some face to face racing. Plans remained flexible and eventually our 5 hour race became a 3 hour COVID Buster with on-line registration only and riders restricted to a 250 km regional radius. We followed this with a similar format to celebrate the 10 year Anniversary of Tamworth Mountain Bikers Inc in late October but the weather gods had other plans, the drought was certainly broken and our birthday party delayed until November. The rain and repairs continued throughout the Spring rounds of the Twilight Series and even dampened our 2 attempts at holding a Xmas team event and party. For a year of COVID, damp weather and trail damage we are happy to have kept as much racing as we did on the calendar.

The 2018 development of a 5 Year Park Management Plan was invaluable to guide our amazing group of volunteers on how to prioritise repairs and development of infrastructure and trail features throughout this year of "unprecedented" weather damage. The resultant weed vegetation growth from jumping from an annual rainfall in 2019 of 200 ml to 1200 ml in 2020 burdened our volunteer base and the club have committed over \$4,000 to manage weeds and slash/whipper snip trails. To put this into context previous years required less than a \$100 investment. The commitment of programs such as the Correctional Services work party, who volunteer 100's hours of work to maintain Tamworth Mountain Bike Park, was essential in keeping the park open this year.

As the year rolled on the club signed a new 5 year lease of our custodianship of the park and focussed on setting up a sustainable Park Development Committee to maintain momentum on trail and infrastructure development and maintenance. We also continued to strengthen our partnership with Tamworth Regional Council, communicating with them regarding our long term goals and working collaboratively regarding the cycle path design, inclusion of the park in the Open Space Management plan, consulting regarding weed and water management and in the latter part of the year being nominated for and winning the Tamworth Regional Council Access Awards for our work on creating nearly 5 km of adaptive cycle friendly trails.

Highlights in terms of Park Development this year include a professional track build over the SouthPark single track to ensure over a km of wide graded surface and trail features to suit the adaptive cyclist, a beautiful extension to Taipans Bends to gain elevation and then a small descending flow trail, a club built flow trail and gap jump "The Rapids", 2 new volunteer built metal bridges (which have since survived further flash flooding) and a Huff'N'Puff'N link climbing from the picnic area to the top car park to herald the beginning of the new Yellow Brick Road, complete widening, smoothing and water management to create an Adaptive Cycle loop

(Yellow Brick Road), upgrade of Kamikaze, Vertical Horizon and North Hill "Rock'N'Roll" and random funky trail features throughout the park (who doesn't love stumbling upon Confusion Corner or the new timber bridge roller on Secret Valley). We have added a shaded picnic table on the top of our mountain, designed and constructed a new 2 km walking track, a new link trail from the cycle path from town, solar power to the picnic area, fully fenced and provided shade for our existing children's play equipment and designed and installed new signage for walkers and riders. Thank you to our many many riders and volunteers and Club Executive for their time, energy and creativity in driving these projects.

Our partnership with the Northern Inland Academy of Sport has continued in terms of supporting junior development in mountain biking. Head Coach Michael Crummy worked and then re-worked the years calendar of monthly Regional Skills Training, Fitness rides and racing multiple times over as COVID restrictions ramped and then eased. 15 young athletes were offered the best training platform possible despite the loss of face to face training for over half of the year's program. YouTube, Virtual Strava Challenges and Zoom were creatively used to impart knowledge and skills until finally the squad could re-commence face to face training in September and finally some big away races culminating in a weekend of team racing at the JetBlack 24 hour race in Lithgow to finish off the year.

The back story of developing and maintaining a large mountain bike sporting facility and club on the back of volunteer time and funding is complex and this year we have introduced new processes and guidelines to streamline communication and decision making; we have switched to Zoom and Messenger to hold club meetings, then returned to face to face in different venues to help maintain COVID guidelines; have had to navigate the amalgamation of many cycling organisations, including our well known and familiar MTBA, into one governing body AusCycling; lost our website and email to technology issues for 2 months; suffered disappointment with missed grant opportunities, then the excitement of successful applications; made difficult decisions on how to best spend our limited resources on tools, services and track construction; experienced sad resignations and set backs in progressing our goals. So when you look at the year in review and our achievements we have not only survived a difficult year in the world's history books but have managed to grow sustainable development of our recreational space for all members of the community, support our community to get out and be active in a difficult time, grown rider, walker and recreational use and improved our partnerships with our local sporting organisations, businesses and community. A big thank you to everyone who has made this park and club such a vibrant place to hang out. I look forward to welcoming some new faces and ideas to our Club Executive and Park Development Committee this year, and encourage all who enjoy the park and club events to come along to our AGM on Wednesday night and put their helmet into the ring to be a part of seeing what 2021 has to offer our Park and Club.

Alyssa Rogan  
TAMMTB Club President 2020



Treasurer

55 Banjos Cir, Hillvue 2340

13 January 2021

### Financial Report 2020 – Annual General Meeting

The following report to be tabled at our AGM in Feb 21 in conjunction of the finance reports, sets out our major financial incomes and expenditures

#### SCCF Grant

In Feb 2020 Kevin Anderson informed us of our success with the SCCF Grant application of \$143,023 to expand the park trails to link with TRC cycleway. The instalment of \$112,018.40 was received on 27/5/2020. Expenditures against this grant include:

Trail construction - Angry Goats Trails – Southpark and Hillside \$39,195. TPE \$6,825.50

Solar System – NS Energy \$5,300

Shade Sails – Ferry's \$14,659.09

Playground Fencing – Tam Fencing \$7,085

Walking Trail development – various \$2,272.99

Instal Bridges – Various \$5,040.95

#### General Accounts

##### Income

MTBA/Auscycling – Membership \$1,390; Twilight \$2,251.39; Covid Buster race fees \$1,593.64;

10Year Race \$837.49

##### Expenditure

NIAS \$1000 sponsorship

Purchase compactor - \$1,549

Web Hosting \$395.98

Affiliation/Day licences \$408.17

Invasive Weeds spraying \$1,000 & \$1,000

Tam Small Motors – Honda Brush cutter \$499

TRC – Lease Agreement \$440

November 2020 we were successful with our application of \$3,500 to support volunteers.

Volunteer Grant \$3,500

Expenditure- Petrol Water Pump

Jeff Benson Treasurer





### **Northern Inland Academy of Sport Mountain Bike 2020 Wrap**

*14 Athletes, from Inverell, Gunnadah, Uralla and Tamworth.*

*30hrs Small Group Skills Coaching*

*5 Regional Training Sessions (4 Regional Locations)*

*2 Select Skills Sessions*

*3 Group Fitness Rides (3 Regional Locations)*

*4 RTE GPs.*

*Results include 3x 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Solo and Team Junior 7hr/4hr.*

*3 RTE SuperFlows.*

*Results include 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Juniors.*

*JetBlack 24 – 6+6 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Junior.*

*6 Regional Races.*

*9x 1<sup>st</sup>, 8x 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4x 3<sup>rd</sup> Solo and Team Juniors.*

*Communications*

*7 Return to Racing Updates*

*Online Sunday Skills and Strava Challenges over Lockdown*

*2x 10 Week MTB Training Plans*

*15 Event Wraps*

*Social Media*

*Reaching over 500 per post on Facebook (via CrummyMTB), shared onto TAMMTB*

*Reaching over 200 per post on Instagram (via CrummyMTB)*

**Leon Hystek awarded NIAS Communicator of the Year.**

**Jock Hollis awarded JetBlack MTB Racing Encouragement Award**

Jack Larkin – Over the past two years I've had the opportunity to be part of NIAS MTB. It has given me so much experience and I have learnt so much from the coaching, improving every training session. While there wasn't as many training sessions this year it hasn't stopped me from riding my bike and this year has made me like racing mountain bikes even more than before. While I won't be part of NIAS in 2021, through NIAS I have made new mates on and off the race track, I hope to see you all out racing.

Harry Fairfull – Starting the year as being only a casual rider, I didn't know what to expect. Now I'm confident enough to race and even ride down Mt Borah (DH trails), something I didn't think I would be capable of doing.

Lachlan Marsh – Has been pick up by an Enduro Team for 2021.

Lachlan Butters – Is the recipient of a full JetBlack MTB Racing sponsorship for 2021.

Crummy - 01FEB21

