

## South Coast United Mountain Bikers (SCUM) Inc 2025 Annual General Meeting MINUTES

6pm, Wednesday 3rd December 2025

By Zoom

Chairperson: Nick Smee (Club President)

Item	Subject	Lead
1	Welcome – Nick Smee.	Chair
2	Attendance & Apologies  Attendees: Lynne Vaughan, Jackie O’Hare, Ned Grootenboer, Matt Grootenboer, Nick Smee, Duncan Miller, Lad Miklos, Razz Wilkins, Linda Ayres, Shaun Young, Jen Thompson.  Apologies: Kath Hopkins, Katie Lahodny, Dean Jackson, Tony Conroy, Val Gomez.	Chair
3	Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting (Acceptance / Amendments)  Moved correct Matt Groetenboer and seconded Lad Miklos.	Chair
4	Office Bearers Reports: a) President’s Report – Nick Smee b) Treasurer’s Report – Linda Ayres & Shaun Young c) Trails Coordinator – Position is currently vacant. Report to be delivered by Duncan Miller.  The respective office bearers delivered their reports which were accepted by all present at the meeting (Reports attached as Annexes to these minutes).	Office bearers
5	Special resolutions* Nil	Chair
6	Declaration: All committee members and office bearers positions vacant	Chair

Election of committee members, including office bearers for 2025 / 2026.

Returning  
officer (R  
Wilkins)

1. President  
Lynne nominated Nick Smee, seconded Matt Grootenboer. Nick accepted his nomination.
2. Vice President  
Duncan nominated Lynne - Declined. Position remains vacant.
3. Secretary  
Nick nominated Kath Hopkins, seconded Matt Grootenboer. Kath accepted nomination in absentia.
4. Treasurer  
Nick Smee nominated Linda Ayres and Shaun Young. Unanimously supported. Linda and Shaun accepted their nomination.
5. Trails Coordinator  
Lynne nominated Duncan, seconded Nick. Duncan has conflict of interest and declined. Duncan nominated Matt, seconded by Ned, Matt declined. Position remains vacant.
6. General Committee members  
Razz Wilkins; Lad Miklos; Lynne Vaughan; Val Gomez; Matt Grootenboer.

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| 8 | Thank you to any out-going committee members and welcome to new committee members | Chair |
| 9 | Closure of meeting – 06:58pm  |       |

\*Any special resolutions must be tabled in writing to the SCUM secretary at [info@scum.asn.au](mailto:info@scum.asn.au) by COB 19 Nov 2025

## ANNEXE A

### Presidents Report 2025

Welcome everybody tonight, thank you for attending the 2025 AGM for SCUM. I'd like to start with an acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet and enjoy so much, the Jerringa and Wandi Wandian people. I acknowledge the Elders, past, present and those of the future. Without their stewardship of the land, we would have nothing to enjoy our chosen sport.

A great big thank you to all the members of the committee and our fantastic volunteers. Without all these hard-working people we would not have the vibrant club that we have. As president I happy to say it's a privilege to lead such a dedicated team who hold the vision and values of the club close to heart and love for our sport.

2025 - this was another massive year for the club with many highlights:

- The continued growth and recognition of our trail network as something special. It'd be pretty rare to find a keen mountain biker who has not at least heard of, if not ridden, our "little network".
- Again, we have run a year full of successful events, both club and State level. These include XCO cross country, Flow X and the Summer Crit series.
- Hosting of the Willo enduro for the third year, which is booked in for 2026
- The running of the first round of the 2025 State XC Series where we definitely set the scene for growing series. Biggest numbers of the series and great feedback from competitors and AusCycling
- The much loved "Coondoo Classic" for Southcoast State schools, now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year and still going strong for 2026. I'm not sure how many events can boast longevity like that.
- A full and very successful year for the Junior Academy under guidance of the club coach Lynne Vaughan, with some great results for many of the riders. We have had a few riders aging out, having been with the academy since its inception.
- The Sponsorship program was kicked off this year under the guidance of Kath. It will be a very important part of our financial viability into the future.
- The club's online presence has continued to grow with Sara, Liam, Kath and Dean all playing major roles. It's great to be able to WhatsApp these great people and know that the message will be out on the socials to keep the club members and others up to speed with what's going on.
- Speaking of WhatsApp, Kath has done a great job of setting up different groups using this platform to keep up to date.
- As mentioned before the Club has many volunteers who play both minor and absolutely critical roles in the running of the club. Our club couldn't exist without volunteers. AusCycling has noted that volunteerism is at an all-time low in Australia, but we're on top of it but open to new ideas or strategies.
- Trailhead development has continued, and we can be proud of the result. Superbowl's new car parks are top notch and Coondoo still looks great.

Challenges for the club- there are still challenges to be met in the future:

- The ongoing maintenance of our trail network
- Women's participation in events is still very low
- Continued growth of casual trail users and the impact on the trails and club resources
- AusCycling membership is on the decline, and this has some serious implications for clubs and Trail networks with regards to insurance.
- Weather events will continue to be a problem, climate change will course significant issues in the future (far and near)
- Rubbish dumping seems to be on the increase, along with burnt out cars
- Maintaining a high participation level in events
- As mentioned, the decline in volunteers.
- Funding of major works as well as regular trail maintenance.
- Butterfly road maintenance

Income streams - The need to develop varied income streams is being addressed.

- Membership
- Race day income, a long-time source is still strong
- The sausage sizzle- still a great source of funds
- Academy membership
- External hosting of events or coaching clinics.
- Sponsorship, a new and growing stream
- Rider donations
- Future grants
- Club kit and merch remain readily available to members.

**We will continue to build and strengthen the existing club through events/activities/infrastructure**

- Administration/back of house includes all correspondence and enquiries, coordination of club activities, grant applications, WHS/risk assessments, IT. This is an essential and very significant part of the club functioning effectively and legally in their involvement via a register or similar tool. (and not recognised by the general membership).
- Volunteer network in all areas including new initiatives. With an increase in volunteers (outside of the committee) with specific roles, it's important to formalize their involvement via a register or similar tool.
- As always - supporting and working with the MTB community, Forestry Corp and our governing body AusCycling.

**Other priorities and investments for 2026**

**Capacity building -**

Trail Building workshops

Skills clinics for more coaches or at least 'assistant' coaches

Thank you, let's have a great year in 2026

## **ANNEXE B**

### **South Coast United Mountainbikers Inc – Treasurer's Report - Annual General Meeting Wednesday 3rd December 2025**

#### **TRADING INCOME**

##### **Academy Fees Income - \$11,100 (NET: \$5500)**

- Total fees received for the year - \$11,100
- Total positions filled for 2025 – 111
- 105 spots Lynne (Tuesday Gromms and Thursday shredders)
- 6 spots Nathan (Mini Gromm's Term 1 only)
- 50% of these fees are paid to instructors (Lynne - \$5250 and Nathan - \$300)

##### **AusCycling Membership Fees - \$2577.69**

Total membership fees collected till 1 December 2025 - up 15% ↑ on 2024.

##### **Donations Received - \$1755.98**

\$1755.98 was transferred from the Club's PayPal account. This figure represents a 25.2% ↑ on 2024 donations. There was a notable rise in PayPal donations following the theft of the wooden sleeper posts from the constrictor and Forest Rd carparks at SuperBowl. One donor made a sizable \$500 donation. PayPal donations continue to stream in and are transferred usually monthly or after receiving an email notification from PayPal. It has been noted that a few of the donors have set up automatic monthly contributions and seem to be regular MTB users of the trails.

##### **Race Day Entry Income - \$10,801.16**

- In 2025, the weather was reasonably favourable come race days and we were able to successfully run the following events:
- 4 x Cross Country Events (which included 1 x NSW / ACT State Series Event) ▪ 5 x Flow X Events
- 1 x Dusk to Dark Event

Race day income is an extremely important source of revenue for the club, so we need to keep pushing for good attendance at each event.

Total race day entry fees income via entry boss for 2025 - \$10,801.16 vs \$9315.30 (2024) The Clubs XC Round 2 race which was also the NSW/ACT Round 1 State Series race held on 1/6/2025 at SuperBowl was a great success, generating \$4738.50 (v's \$2902.50 in 2024) which represented a significant percentage - 44% of the club's total race day entry income for the year.

##### **Sales – BBQ Food - \$2605.06**

Total sales put through the square reader - \$2605.06 for 2025. NOTE: A similar figure to 2024. Some of this figure also includes drink bottle sales (\$320 for the last 6 months of 2025) as well as late race entry fees (\$105) which went through the Square reader. I am investigating ways to easily separate merchandise sales sold through the square reader.

##### **Sales – Clothing & Merchandise - \$110**

Represents a small number of Hoodie's sold (carried over from 2024) and water bottles. Merchandise is a fabulous way of generating further revenue as well as advertising for the club. I would love to have further discussion on what members would like to see in this area for 2026 (T Shirts?).

## **Sponsorships - \$9000**

The newly created club sponsorships (great work Kath and Jen!) have generated a significant amount of revenue for the club, helping to provide trail maintenance works as needed going forward into 2026.

### **These packages include:**

- Series Sponsorship Packages – Cross Country or Flow X - \$5000 each
- Premium Trail Sponsorship Package - \$3000
- Trail Sponsorship Package - \$1500
- Club Sponsorship Package - \$500

### **To date SCUM has secured the following:**

- \$5,000 - received from Holiday Haven (Shoalhaven Council)
- \$3000 - South Coast Mountain Bike Suspension Centre (to be paid in \$500 instalments throughout 2025/2026. \*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of \$500 due December 2025.
- \$1500 received from The Bike Shack
- \$500 received from Earnest Arthur
- \$500 received from Raklox
- \$500 received from Trinity Grammar

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## **COST OF SALES - \$4112.69**

**BBQ supplies** (drinks, sausages, ice, etc) mostly re-imbursed from cash tin, with a small amount by bank transfer. - \$282.09

**First Aid Contractors - \$1172.60**

**Photographer fees unchanged - \$700**

**Toilet Hire - \$1958**

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## **OTHER INCOME - \$16,753.00**

### **Bushfire Grant - \$9913**

Was the final payment (re-imburement) of the Federal Government's Bush Fire Grant, with funds previously spent and audited in 2024.

### **Facilitated Workshops – \$2000 - Youthworks Firefly**

### **Trail Use Fees - \$4840**

- The Willo – 6/4/2025 - Run by Rocky Trail Entertainment (\$3,200)
- The Coondoo Classic - 27/6/2025 – Run by Vincentia High School (nil).
- The Scots College Trail Usage (\$1640)

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## **MAJOR OPERATING EXPENSES**

### **Accounting**

After encountering several issues with Quickbooks namely ease of use, familiarity and flexibility, it was decided after consulting my accountant and the committee to move the SCUM accounting over to Xero going forward. All bank transactions from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 up till 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 have been uploaded and reconciled in Xero. I contacted the Greater Bank and was told it was not possible to upload CSV files further back than 1/7/2024 without considerable expense and time to do so. The set up has been checked

by my accountant Kellie Fishburn from Fishburn and Gardner in Kiama. The current Xero plan is a 3-month incentivized plan @ \$7/month, and after 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026, the plan will increase to \$35/month.

#### **Forestry Corporation Lease - \$1640.11**

The club has an agreement with Forestry Corporation to oversee and operate the club's activities on Forestry land. This is the agreement that effectively gives the club the legal right to operate within the areas that our club tracks exist. The fee for 2025 payable was \$1640.11 ↑ 3% on 2024.

#### **Instructor Coaching Fees - \$5550**

- Lynne (Gromm's, Shredders and Girls Group) – Total \$5250 (\$1550 Term 4 to be paid end Term)
- Nathan (Mini Gromm's Term 1) – Total \$300

#### **Repairs and Maintenance - \$18385.52**

Trail maintenance represents a significant and ongoing cost to the club. Periods of heavy rainfall, storms and windy conditions all have the potential to cause significant damage to the trail network. It's also important to mention the ongoing potential for damage and repair costs that can be caused from inappropriate use such as using the trails when closed, motorbikes, vandalism and rubbish dumping can't be ignored.

A significant amount of money was spent throughout the year on track and road maintenance. Costs include the provision of heavy machinery excavator and road base for the carparks as well as trail maintenance and drainage works such as well as the provision of new signage.

Breakdown of maintenance costs is as follows:

- Hancocks Engineering – \$7920 - Trail Maintenance/ drain work along Western Road
- JMAK Heavy Haulage – \$4600 – Supply excavator and operator and 90T of road base
- Shoalhaven Signs (Brkic Angus) - \$2967.80 – Superbowl trail signage,
- Scavenger Supplies - \$778.80
- Duncan Miller Enterprises – \$1569.67 - Trail Maintenance works
- Nick Smee - \$499.25 – Tools
- Kath Hopkins - \$50 Camera Signage

Unfortunately, the club experienced the theft of freshly installed treated pine sleepers from the Forest Rd and Constrictor carpark in August.

The Club would also like to acknowledge and give thanks to Highlands Earthmoving and Civil for their generous contributions behind the scenes, and thanks also to Deirdre from DKGIS for mapping our new trails.

#### **Subscriptions & Fair Trading - \$56**

Annual fee is payable to Service NSW (Fair Trading) for an Annual Summary of Financial Affairs.

#### **Internet - \$95**

In October, we made the switch to Aldi mobile for \$95 data only plan for 12 months. With a 365-day expiry and 30GB of data/month, which is so far proving adequate for running the Square reader and Spotify for music. The deal is valid for 12 months, after which the price increases to around \$300, and we will review again in October 2026.

#### **Trailer Expenses - \$632**

Registration for the two trailers is ↑ 3.8% on 2024.

**Website Expenses - \$558**

www.scum.asn.com.au

\$99 – SSL Certificate

\$390 – Annual Hosting

\$69 – email support

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

**Net profit for 2025 – \$22,983.53**

**Current Bank Account Funds - \$33,333.85**

The Club is positioned well financially heading into 2026 with no financial burdens or issues identified.

**Some suggestions for 2026 include:**

- Finding ways to grow & maintain a strong base of volunteers for track work and events. ▪ Maintaining sponsorship commitments and looking for other opportunities to fundraise eg. Merchandise sales, pie drive?
- Aim to grow club membership (let's look at toilet provisions 😊) and event registration numbers, to attract more riders which will hopefully help feed more volunteers.
- Increase local exposure by contacting local media eg. Prime news for coverage of large events and utilise the free community radio announcements to advertise any events.
- Utilise our social platforms to regularly celebrate the wins and equally important the participation of all riders (podium or not) at State, National or other recognised non-club events. (Central Coast MTB and Helensburgh club do this well).

2025 was our first year as Treasurer(s), we have thoroughly enjoyed the process, the challenges and getting to know such an amazing and passionate bunch of like-minded fun bike-people. We look forward to more of your great humour and hopefully we are on track to manage the Club's finances into 2026.

Best wishes

Linda and Shaun Young  
Treasurers



## ANNEXE C

### **Trail Maintenance Report**

#### **Overview**

This was our first full year of supporting the flow and jump lines at Superbowl. With the increased trail usage and weather events, it was a steep learning curve, but many hands make light(er) work.

While the initial high-volume usage at Superbowl has dropped a bit the average usage is up for all tracks but mostly Superbowl.

Changes in usage patterns, volume, and factors such as e-bikes have led to changing wear factors on all trails. Also noted usage behaviours such as shuttling and the high use of Butterfly Road as a return from the jumps for example.

Also noted is the amount and variation of impromptu exit lines and shortcuts on many tracks.

The focus on Superbowl has led to some reduced maintenance capacity at Coondoo and Butterfly. The latter is also impacted by the access road after rains. This also impacts Superbowl maintenance to a lesser degree.

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#### **Trail Work Days**

- Typically held on the Sunday before an event.
- 10 held in 2025. - Attendance is varied but enthusiastic.
- Generally organised by Nick and Kath.
- Nick usually provides instruction on trailwork techniques.

#### **Ongoing Maintenance**

- Nick, Adam, Matt and Chris (among others) are often seen out on the trails sorting out issues and pre-empting them in between trail work days.
- Airflow maintenance workshop and creation of the airflow maintenance group
- The club has also paid for maintenance services

#### **Major Works**

- Carparks at Superbowl — July 2025 by Hancock Earthmoving. Also some road drainage work at the same time
- New trailhead signs at Superbowl.
- Additional signage for Superbowl & Coondoo.
- Installation of the leaking weir solution on Constrictor (2 tonnes of rock ½ tonne of gravel, timber and eco grate).
- Trail open/closed signs which have helped greatly with user awareness.

### **Maintenance Works**

- First full year of supporting the flow and jump lines at Superbowl.
- Weather issues, especially rain in the middle of the year increased the need for repair mainly on the flow and jump lines but also in the older xc trails.
- Closure of Constrictor for approximately 2 months for major drainage works and reshaping.
- Redo of carparks after the theft of posts etc. from Superbowl.

### **Costs / Methods of Ongoing Maintenance**

- Flow/jump lines: approx. \$10K per year.
- Full-time / continuous maintenance schedule.
- Methods for users to report issues and issues to be followed up.

### **Consideration of need for professional trailworks and maintenance services**

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Some trail maintenance tasks exceed the ability and/or availability of volunteers to complete. This may be due to the technical or time challenge of the task, such as building a new trail or a significant new trail feature. A trail maintenance task may be too large or require heavy machinery beyond a Club's capacity.

With the machine-built trails at Superbowl and parts of Coondoo, we will find that to keep these at the same standard they will have to be rebuilt with machinery from time to time. This is a large part of the estimated annual cost of maintenance for these trails.

Duncan Miller