



Coondoo's Morocco Mole closed due to the wet.

September; that month after August...

The BIG WET at the end of August stretched its impact well into September with parts of the SCUM Trail network damaged & other parts closed, keeping the trail crew super busy.

SCUM did manage to run an event between the downpours, the 3 hour Dusk to Dark Enduro. A slightly damp track, greeted 43 riders who accepted the challenge. Whilst the slight damp turned some areas of the track into a slow boggy slog, however all riders had a great time which was good to see.

Unfortunately we had to postpone Round 3 of the Gravity Enduro series but we're pleased to advise that the new date for this event is Sunday 01 November. Chocolate foot also had to postpone their 7 hour Series event at Coondoo, rescheduling their event to Sunday 25 October.

SCUM's next event is Round 5 of the Cross Country series. It's our Pink Wheel fundraiser for Cancer Council and this year we're asking... **Who will you be riding for?** If you can't ride you can still donate to this great cause; see page 4 for more details.

It's going to be a busy few weeks, with the Pink Wheel on Sun 18 October at Coondoo; Choccy Foot's 7hr Single Track Mind Series on Sun 25 October, then the re-scheduled 3rd Round of SCUM's Gravity Enduro at Superbowl on 01 November. Plenty of racing to keep us all happy ☺ Cross your fingers that the rain stays away.

I hope to see you at the track

Brad

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STOP THE PRESS: Do you have a trail tail or some great pictures that you're itching to share? Then send them to us at SCUM and we'll include them in a future Newsletter or on the Website (subject to some editing)...email them to info@scum.asn.au Contributions always welcome.

Shining the light on Coondoo – Dusk to Dark (5 Sep)

43 riders took on a modified Coondoo course for the September Dusk to Dark. KUDOS to the Event Crew who managed to find some great track following the August Wet, whilst part's of the track were still wet and got more interesting as the race went on. One positive was no one said anything about there being a dust problem! Thankfully the rain stayed away for the whole three hours.

Riders commenced just on dusk and only had one lap before they needed lights. Their was also some activity from the Trail Crew on the night as well, as a new section of track put in to avoid a wet & sandy area toward the bottom of Kashmir quickly became very boggy. A diversion was put in place after the first lap surprising some on their second.

Mark Astley took overall honors and was also the only rider to complete 8 laps in just over 3hr's 25 minutes. David Bell was second with 7 laps in just over 3 hours 2 minutes.

Katie Lahodny was first in the solo Senior Female category with **Belinda Althaus** and **Sara Armstrong** coming in first for the female pairs. The juniors were also not going to be left behind with **Campbell Blair** taking line honors followed by **Job Hendriks** and **Thomas Maxted**. For full results see the Club Website.

The condition of the track got more challenging as the night progressed with a few wheel sized holes appearing on line. Post race their was some talk of renaming parts of the track: Quinces Quandary or Dentist Trap were options thrown around (hope things are all good Dean).

Well done to both the Event and Trail crews for running such a good event in difficult conditions.



From the President's Desk

The SCUM Committee held it's first meeting in early September 2015, following the July AGM. It was quite a productive meeting with lots of discussion around how we can make the club even better and how to best ensure we continue to have great events.

Whilst the committee had a look at the Club's Constitution, to get an overview of how the club works, we also filled two committee vacancies by appointing **Matthew Kidd** and **Warren McLachlan**; congratulations to both.

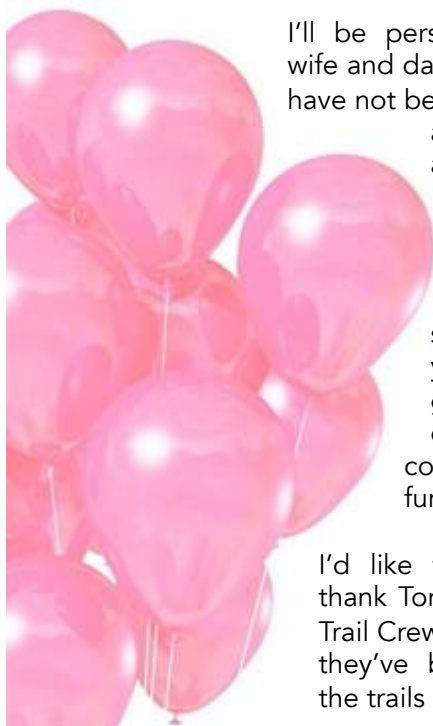
Other ideas that were thrown around at our first meeting included:

- Club marketing (Web / Facebook / Forum etc.);
- Potential for a Junior Development program;
- The purchasing of additional equipment, including marketing banners, & potentially even some new timing systems etc.

Committee Members are still investigating some of these options, so more discussions & decisions will be made at future Committee meetings.

I'm please that I'm going to be able to participate in the upcoming Pink Wheel Fundraiser for Cancer Council, this year where asking the question ...

"Who will you be riding for?"



I'll be personally riding for my wife and daughter, thankfully they have not been touched by cancer, a number of friends and other family members have. The Pink Wheel event is great way to have some fun, raise some funds and show your support for this great cause. I urge everyone that can, to contribute to the club's fundraising effort.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank Tony and the rest of the Trail Crew for the fantastic work they've been doing in fixing the trails after that August Wet.



Check out some of the pictures of the aftermath of the rain the News Hub section of the Website & Facebook, let's hope we don't see anything similar for a long time.

HUGE KUDOS to Tony and the Trail Crew for all their hard work.

Have you visited the Club Website lately? You'll note that there have been some significant changes. There are lots of new pages, information, news, maps, even weather info! With more to come. We'll also be regularly changing the Homepage Slideshow, so if you have a great shot, send it in & it might get on the web.

More KUDOS to **Russ Rodrigues**, who has agreed to assist in maintaining the website...thank you Russ.



Check it out! www.scum.asn.au & give some feedback via the 'Contact' page.

See you on the trails.

Grant Club President

October sees SCUM getting Pink!

On Sunday October 18, SCUM is holding a PINK Wheel Fundraising event, with all proceeds from the day going to Cancer Council to help beat women's cancers.

Who will you be riding for?

Just by participating you'll be helping as thanks to Forestry Corporation, \$4.50 from everyone's registration fee will be going to Cancer Council. Forestry Corporation has agreed to waive the normal 'per rider' fee to assist SCUM in our fund raising efforts.

Whilst the event will be round 5 of the XC series, it will also be very family oriented, with a special kids Mud Flicker Race & random prizes for riders of all abilities generously donated by The Bike Shack, Bikes at the Basin, DIY MTB, and Tippos Cycles. The day will finish off with a tasty BBQ so come and join the fun.

Rego from 9:00am; Ride from 10:15 (Mud Flickers at 9:45am)

Entry Fee: \$10 Seniors, \$5 Juniors (under 19). Non members add a \$20.00 Day License.

Help us reach our goal.

\$5.00 can help produce a meditation DVD;

\$10.00 helps pay for an Information Pack for women coping with the aftermath of surgery;

\$50.00 can help fund a cancer care nurse

\$100.00 can help provide someone accommodation should they need to stay away from home to seek treatment.



Donate throughout October at:

<http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/SouthCoastUnitedMountainbikersInc>

No rest for that dedicated SCUM Trail Crew!



The impact of the big August Wet reached well beyond August & September, with the Trail Crew continuing to do remediation work into October with Dig & Ride days.



All SCUM trails were impacted although Butterfly fared best, particularly due to the prior efforts of the crew.



Superbowl had some major damage occur to the 'A Line' narrow bridge that was nearly washed away and definitely not rideable. The bridge was temporarily closed before being fixed by the Crew.



Coondoo took a beating with many parts being significantly affected by the wet. Some sections were closed (Morocco Mole) whilst others needed significant fixes to rectify the damage caused. Cyprus Hill was an example that needed some diversions. Work continues on the various tracks to ensure we can ride them all.

Everyone is welcome to join a Dig & Ride day; there's usually enough shovels, rakes etc. just bring some gloves. We do however need to ensure that our obligations under the Occupancy Permit with Forestry Corporation our met.

Please therefore ensure that **All Trail Work is coordinated & sanctioned by the Trail Crew coordinator (Tony Conroy)**.

It's fantastic that people want to 'improve the trails', however before you take your shovel & rake to make that small change or build that new bit of track, please talk to Tony before hand on mobile 0411 404 733.

Any rider can clear fallen tree branches or prune those hazardous 'face slappers' from the side of an existing trail; but please **do not** build new trails.

If you would like to help and love playing in the dirt then come out to one of the **Trail Crew's Dig & Ride days**; these fun days (mornings) usually occur on the second Sunday of the month, the last one was **Oct 11 at Coondoo**. Check out **Facebook** or the **Forum** for specific details.



Superbowl's A-Line Bridge pre Trail Crew magic.

S.C.U.M.
GRAVITY ENDURO
RETURN TO THE BOWL!
RD 3
SUPERBOWL
FOREST RD STH NOWRA
REGO @ 9AM RACING @ 11
1st NOV 2015 info : www.scum.asn.au

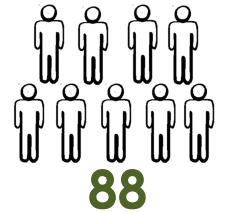


Tony @ Superbowl's A-Line Bridge mmm Where to start?.

Who are we? (SCUM as @ 01 October 2015)

104 Financial Members

	Under 13	Under 15	Under 17	Under 19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Female	1	2				7	4	2
Male	5	6	4	3	3	13	30	24
Grand Total	6	8	4	3	3	20	34	26



21 Juniors (under 19)

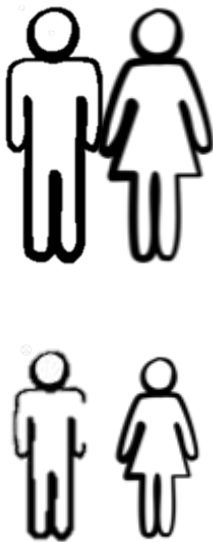
83 Seniors

Youngest member **9** years

Oldest member **66** years



4 Most members from the one Household



Where do members live

Bay and Basin (9); Berry / Shoalhaven Heads (8);
 Bulli / Thirroul (3); **Callala / Currarong (4)**;
 Culburra (4); Gerringong / Gerroa (6);
 The Greater Nowra area (30); **Hornsby (Sydney) (1)**;
 Husky / Vincentia (4); Kangaroo Valley (1);
 Shellharbour Area (8); **Sussex Inlet (5)**;
Sutherland 3; Tapitallee (3); Ulladulla (3);
 Warringah (Sydney) (3); Wollongong (9)

8yrs Longest continual membership*

Average membership length* **1yr 9mths**

Number of people with 6 years or more yrs membership*: **15**

280 The number of people that have been a member for one year or less*

The number of people who have ever been a member*: **487**

* Since affiliation with MTBA & records were kept, i.e. since 2004



Social Scenes



Daylight saving has not only given us more time to ride, it's also made the BBQ's come out ... a regular Social Ride is coming back. Friday Nights at Cabbage Tree Lane. Check out the Web, Facebook and the Forum for further details & updates.

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 Need some new riding kit, a T-Shirt or a Drink Bottle?

Featuring cool green logos, the new SCUM racing kit will give you the competitive edge you've been looking for; they are fast.

Bibs - \$100; Jerseys: \$75; Free Ride Jerseys: \$55

There also a few old style Jersey's available for \$50 (limited sizes)
 Decade of Dirt T-Shirts (\$25) and Drink bottles (\$5) are also available.

See the SCUM Website www.scum.asn.au for more info and hit the contact page to enquire about available sizes.



2015 Event Calendar

Date	Event	Track	Details
14/03/15	Dusk to Dark Enduro (3 Hr)	Coondoo	Results available on SCUM Website
19/04/15	XC Round 1 + Mud Flickers*	Coondoo	Results available on SCUM Website
17/05/15	XC Round 2 + Mud Flickers*	Superbowl	Results available on SCUM Website
21/06/15	XC Round 3 + Mud Flickers*	Butterfly	Postponed due to wet track ☹️
12/07/15	Gravity Enduro Round 1	Superbowl	Results available on SCUM Website
19/07/15	XC Round 3 + Mud Flickers*	Butterfly	Cancelled due to wet track ☹️ ☹️ (No Results)
16/08/15	XC Round 4 + Mud Flickers*	Coondoo	Results: www.scum.asn.au/results.html
23/08/15	Gravity Enduro Round 2	Butterfly	Results: www.scum.asn.au/results.html
05/09/15	Dusk to Dark Enduro (3 Hr)	Coondoo	Results: www.scum.asn.au/results.html
27/09/15	Gravity Enduro Round 3	Superbowl	Postponed due to wet track ☹️
18/10/15 (Sun) #	XC Round 5 + Mud Flickers* (Pink Wheel Fundraiser)	Coondoo	Rego: From 9:00am Ride: 10:15 (Mud Flickers 9:45am)
25/10/15 (Sun) #	Chocolate Foot – Single Track Mind Series (rescheduled)	Coondoo	For details see: www.chocolatefoot.com.au
01/11/15 (Sun) #	Gravity Enduro Round 3 (Rescheduled)	Superbowl	Rego: From 9:00am Ride: From 11:00am
29/11/15 (Sun)	XC Round 6 + Mud Flickers*	Butterfly	Rego: From 8:00am Ride: 9:15 (Mud Flickers 8:45am)

* 'Mud Flickers' is a ride targeted at kids under 11 years. The course is short & flat & usually less than 200m long. It's a whole lot of fun for your 'want to be' World Champion. Mud Flicker events usually run between 10-15 minutes prior to the main event, so bring the kids along.

Please note:

Dates are subject to change (some have already #) – All events are dependent on weather / track condition; therefore details can change (sometimes at short notice).

Please check the SCUM Website, FORUM & Facebook for updates.