

FRIENDS OF EAST GIPPSLAND RAIL TRAIL

MINUTES OF MEETING 6/05, held DEC 4th at Lake Tyers Beach

(this replaces the Dec 12 meeting – as decided previous meeting Oct 10th)

1. **Attendance:** Marlene Robb, Keith Law, Michael Oxer, Sue Peirce.
2. **Apologies:** Janice and Geoff Preston, Eddie Slater, Vicki Everett. Alan Jones
3. **Business from Previous meeting:**
 - 3.1 letters sent requesting support for the construction of a safe route to Orbost from Burns Rd to Peter Mc Gauran MP, Craig Ingram, CEO East Gippsland Council

4. COM report:

- 4.1 Andrew and Michael met with council officers to discuss the Burns Rd – Orbost connection, looking at \$100k, hoping a 50% 50% council and Trail funding. Andrew working on application for regional partnerships funding. Any support from Orbost community – letters to council, phone call to local councillors, petition etc . Marlene suggested SNOB may be able to give support for the construction of the path from Orbost to the beginning of the trail.
- 4.2 COM to do presentation to new Council on rail trail to raise awareness
- 4.3 COM still working on trail manager position – will approach Council on this for possibility of joint funding.
- 4.4 Trail Opening – Jan 28th at Nowa Nowa at 12.15. hope to make this a big occasion. Any persons to invite? Marlene suggested Don Johns who drove the last train. Michael will make up flyers to distribute in Orbost, Bruthen etc.

5.0 Proposed meeting dates for 2006

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| Feb 13 | Bairnsdale |
| April 10 | Orbost |
| July 2 | AGM Nowa Nowa |
| Aug 14 | Bruthen |
| Oct 9 | Nicholson |
| Dec 11 | Orbost |

6. Proposed Ride dates 2006

Comments – keep a Sunday 10am start, use rail trail, or part of for minimum of 50% of rides

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| Jan 28 | Trail opening Orbost to Nowa Nowa note this is a Saturday Hire bus to take rides to Orbost Sue to check out |
| March | Ride with SNOBS Marlene |

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| May 13/14 | Buchan w/e trip Keith |
| June 11 | Bairnsdale to Nicholson Sue |
| July 2 | AGM ride NN to NN circuit for AGM at Mingling Waters Janice |
| Sept 24 | Bairnsdale end Alan |

Oct 15 Orbost end Vicki
Nov 26 Nowa Nowa nudes?

7.0 Other activities

7,1 Assist with Rail trail Australia stand at Bairnsdale Field Day in April

7.2 Working bees

April Nicholson – removal of dead black wattle and planting

Jun 4 Bairnsdale trail entry

Sept 10 Bruthen end

Sue to check with Marlene and Alan before publication on website, newsletter etc.

8.0 Newsletter

Aim to get copy out before Christmas so information re trail opening available. Send any copy to Marlene ASAP.

Will post to all members – will work on survey to see who prefers to get only via website.

9.0 Website

Keith reported that the website had migrated to a new server – this has more space, Keith's friendly contact has done this without any cost to FEGRT,

Needs to update information – activities, trail update, opening etc

Link to BV survey is still happening

Forum has had some use

Reasonable amount of traffic – precise figures not available as statslost in move to new server.

Meeting closed - approx 1.30 and we cycled back to Tostaree.