

## **Friends of East Gippsland Rail Trail Inc**

### **MEETING 5/04 held at Nowa Nowa Hotel, Nowa Nowa June 21 2004**

- 1. Attendance:** Geoff Preston, Janice Preston, Michael Oser, Brian Gustus, Eddie Slatter, Andrew Sharpe, John Websdale, Marlene, Keith Law, Sue Peirce, Jim Douthat, Tony Harrison, Alan Jones
- 2. Apologies:** Sonya Armistead, Ben Watts, Lyn Walters, Carol Norman, Vicki Everett
- 3. Minutes of previous meeting 17.5.04** Accepted
- 4. Business arising:**
  - 4.1 The Friends group is now listed on Lakes-entrance.com
  - 4.2 Re-applied for Small Equipment grant as second round advertised – applications closed on June 18<sup>th</sup>
  - 4.3 Frank and Clive put up the new sign ‘5k to Bairnsdale’ at Princes Hwy – this sign is very obvious and hopefully save cyclists 5k of Highway
  - 4.4 Insurance for volunteers – Andrew has details of policy suitable and the Committee of Management will pay for the policy - \$370 annual fee. It is better if volunteers fill out form or report in to Gus by phone, (can leave message) before activity. Gus phone contact is 51 57 5573. Suggested this would be an area the East Gippsland Shire could assist as there must be other volunteer groups in a similar situation and they may be in a position to obtain an insurance cover for these groups.
  - 4.5 Brochure insert – Sue has drafted, will send to Janice for comment and then to be printed.
- 5. Membership:** Applications from Caroline Norman and family, Ian O’Halloran, May Leach – accepted as members.
- 6. Treasurer’s report:** John Websdale reported total receipts of \$660, expenditure of \$120, balance is \$540
- 7. Newsletter:** deadline for next newsletter is just after next meeting, (July 19<sup>th</sup>). The newsletter will be distributed with the minutes of the July meeting. Thanks to Alan, Geoff and Vicki for distributing the newsletters. Items eagerly accepted, Marlene to write up Orbost Ride, Sue grant applications, Michael the Bruthen working bee.
- 8. East Gippsland Rail Trail committee of management report:** The EGRT COM meeting was held in conjunction with Friends group. Items of interest include;
  - 8.1 Andrew has quote for concept plan – need \$13,500 – any suggestions of how to get this funding?
  - 8.2 Brochure to be reprinted and suggested that advertising would be useful. Geoff offered to see if Orbost Sec College students could be involved and may even chase up advertising – would need to pay for materials. Andrew to decide on cost of a business card size insert around the map, possibly on other side.
  - 8.3 Eastgippsland.railtrail.com has been registered and money allocated to pay for server to host site. Keith is organizing this and wants information to be sent to him to put on the site. The site will function for the Committee of Management and the Friends group. Keith suggested the Friends Group use the logo on the Lakes-entrance.com site

- 9. Activities** – suggested we plan a 6 months schedule and produce this on a separate piece of paper to enable easy reference by members. Some activities would include bike ride and working bee.

- July 11      Ride Discovery trail, start 10 am from Bruthen or Nowa Nowa. To meet at Smeaton Road at 11 am, this could be a start option for members doing a shorter ride. Ride to Log Crossing for lunch – BYO everything
- Aug 8        Ride and working bee, Ride from Bairnsdale at 10.00 or Bruthen at 10.00 to Bosses Swamp, just near Lanes Road crossing. Also working bee at the Nicholson Bridge if sufficient helpers, to clean up under pylons. Equipment provided to assist in weed removal and clean up. Lunch at Nicholson River, picnic/BBQ area.
- Sept 19      Ride from Orbost to Youngs Creek, can be a 20k round trip or longer option. Start from Forest Park at 10.30 am
- Oct 3        Working bee at Bruthen Station – ride from Bairnsdale – leave from Howitt St at 10.00, or Nowa Nowa at 10.00. Meet at Bruthen Station for working bee. Lunch at Bruthen Pub.
- Nov 20<sup>th</sup>      Nowa Nowa Art Show – cycle from Nowa Nowa to Lake Tyers. Start 10.00 am Nowa Nowa.
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup>      Nowa Nowa to Lake Tyers House Rd (25k one way or 50k return.

**10. Other items:**

10.1    Thanks to Eddie for organizing the Orbost ride and to Jane for hosting lunch

10.2    Keith and Marlene have a website with Orbost area bike rides – visit [www.orbostbikerides.net](http://www.orbostbikerides.net)

**11. Next Meeting**

July 19<sup>th</sup> Nicholson – back of Caravan Park – Michael to contact

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Bruthen –

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Orbost

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Bairnsdale

12. Meeting closed at 9.00pm Janice thanked Peter and Nagy of the Nowa Nowa pub for hosting the meeting.