

FRIENDS OF EAST GIPPSLAND RAIL TRAIL

Minutes of meeting 9/04 held at Nowa Nowa Nov 11 2004

1. Attendance: Janice Preston, Geoff Preston, Marlene Robb, Vicki Everett, Edwin Slatter, Jim Douthwat, Dennis Young, Michael Oxer

Apologies: Sue Peirce, Geoff Stevenson, Keith Law, Gus, Alan Jones, Frank & Sheila Garden, Bob Yeates, Andrew Sharpe

2. Minutes of previous meeting – approved

Business arising:

Meetings to be held every second month in 2005. Proposed dates accepted

Feb 14 Bairnsdale

April 11 Bruthen

June 5 AGM – Sunday at Mingling Waters, Nowa Nowa

Aug 8 Nicholson

Oct 10 Orbost

Dec 12 Bairnsdale

3. Rides: suggested 4th Sunday – that should be sharing of starting point from Orbost and Bairnsdale ends and person to act as contact. Alan to check dates of other rides and prepare list of suggested dates.

Next ride Dec 12 to Lake Tyers House from Weirera Rd

(Note – as these minutes are being written in Jan dates have been suggested – for discussion at next meeting)

Feb 27 log crossing

March 13

April 24

May 22

Jun 19

July 31

Aug 28

Sept 25

Oct 23

Nov 20

Dec 4

4. Working bees – evening time suggested Wed Dec 1 at Bruthen station.

Bruthen station needs spraying. Grass cutting at Nowa Nowa – needs tractor.

5. COM report

- Many gates along trail being left open – they should always be closed, please close if you find open
- An alternative route which by passes the Nicholson rail bridge is possible and being looked into. This will provide a loop for trail users and locals and provide a detour for when maintenance is required.
- Frank and Clive sprayed the trail for weeds from Bairnsdale to Bruthen. Thanks very much – good result is showing
- Grass along fences and around planted shrubs from McEachern St up needs cutting – quote from contractor being sought, any help appreciated. BACE work crew may be lined up to undertake work there

- Gus getting quote for grass cutting along the trail and few areas in accordance with EGRT fire management plan
- The issue of creeping back yards along Cameron Cres area – an official licence or contract is required to ensure no tenure disputes arise in the future.
- Hawthorn hedge along the south side of the trail in East Bairnsdale is to be removed. As compensation for the loss of screening vegetation some replanting is required. If anyone would like to do some planting – 20-50 plants/shrubs – please contact Andrew
- Replacement of missing road ahead signs done by Andrew, Michael, Bob Yeates and Robin Grey
- The exit path near Bruthen Station, at Stirling St is being looked at by Gus. Presently it cuts through the corner of private property. Some earthworks and re-alignment planned for there.
- Michael Oxer and Peter Bomber attended the meeting at Nowa Nowa regarding the new highway route.
- The EGRT Committee of management is appointed to 31 Dec 06 and as an incorporated body it can roll on regardless of whether members are signed up or not. The chair position is not appointed as yet though. Reservation of the trail through to Orbost is being pushed ahead, a DSE contract employee is assigned to follow that through.
- Thanks again to Keith for the website – feedback from Mingling Waters is that bookings have increased as a result of information being accessed via the internet.
- CoM meeting to look at engaging project officer to deliver completion of trail to Orbost

6. Membership – need forms to recruit new members. Renewal of memberships needs to be addressed.

7. Website – report from Keith, and +ve feedback from Mike Ryan. Any items for website to Keith

8. Newsletter – request for more detail re rides

9. meeting closed at 9.20 Janice thanked Peter and Nagy for use of hotel.

Next meeting

MONDAY FEB 14 AT WY WUNG HOTEL BAIRNSDALE at 7.30