

# Newcastle Cycleways Movement Inc. Monthly Meeting

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**Tuesday 14 February 2012**

**The Adamstown Club, Brunner Rd Adamstown, Function Room 1**

## **Attendance:**

Bernie Hockings, Vicki Coughlan, Ben Ewald, Jacqui Hicks, Peter Lee, David Bennett, Nick Batt, Darrell Stone, Dorothy Pinder, Don Owers, Wendy Griffiths, Graeme Buchan, Jane Buchan, David Atkinson

Meeting opened 7.15pm

## **1. Welcome & Apologies**

### **Apologies:**

Steven Fleming

## **2. Agenda adopted**

## **3. Minutes of previous meeting accepted**

## **4. Officer's reports**

### **4.1. Secretary's report: Bernie**

- \* Proposal for Sports Facility at Kooragang Racing Club
- \* Bernie sent letter of support to Hunter District Cycling to support proposal
- \* Board of BNSW changes
- \* Issue re volunteers – considered workers for purposes of insurance eg one volunteer got injured in Sydney during a bike ride will impact on employees vs contractors, need to ensure ride leaders are certified. Ride leader coordinator needs to sort this out. There is only one social ride per week now.
- \* 2005 financial return needs to be done
- \* bank signatories to be changed.
- \* NCM updated website will be online next week.  
<http://newcastlecycleways.org.au/>

### **4.2. President's report: Nick**

- \* had a productive meeting with TAFE head, R6 discussed with the possibility of it being run through Tighes Hill TAFE to avoid Chin Chen St.
- \* Map of cycleways network discussed and shown with numbering system for cycle routes – north/south are odd numbers and east/west are even numbers. R6 is signposted and Newcastle is keen to name cycle paths.
- \* Detour sign on Throsby Creek over Graham St bridge.

### **4.3. Treasurer's Report: Wendy**

- \* no expenditure but \$10 from BNSW income
- \* balance is \$1092.40
- \* Term deposit is \$9303

- \* \$60 profit from Xmas breakfast – Dorothy has and will keep as float for social occasions.

#### **4.4 Planning Reps**

- **Fernleigh Track** – David - Committee meets tomorrow and will submit to LakeMac Draft Bike Plan. The Committee has to be wound up. There is a need for public toilets along the track.

- **NCC Cycling Strategy Committee** – Ben – Council has to pay \$500 to open discussions with ARTC regarding use of the rail corridor. Ben needs photos for the Strategy publication. Can send direct to Natalie McCabe at Newcastle City Council.

**5. Rail Trails Conference** - Peter Lee delivered a paper on the Fernleigh Track and got more ideas for cycle tourism.. there is legislation in place which prevents a disused rail track being used for anything else Richard Vale and David Atkinson want input regarding the applicable laws in order to build a 30k rail trail.

**6. Rail Land Use Enquiry** – Ben – includes multiple railways and stations and air space over railways. Tim Owens is on the Committee and calling for submissions and Ben has written a submission for this committee.

**7. LMCC Draft Cycling Strategy** – Peter is doing this, the meeting is tomorrow. Peter does not want the strategy to focus on educational change programs. There is a need to avoid car door death lanes, especially when the areas designated for them are already being used as a cycle path, as they are a waste of infrastructure money and do not increase safety for cyclists. Discussion over whether it would be good to have another iconic track like FT . LMCC prioritisation in place is not geared to creating a workable network. NCM can provide some governance process for consultation. Dave sent around a review matrix which can be used as an evaluation tool for creating priorities within the Strategy. A two stage review process is required, where NCM is able to view the revised version in draft form before it is made public. Discussion as to which standards are to apply - BNSW or RTA. Plan for another iconic track Lake Road to Argenton via the golf course where an offroad track already exists.

**8. Bike Festival** – Bernie – this project will have an \$80k budget, BNSW will support it as an annual calendar feature; projected attendance is 20,000; naming sponsor will cost \$30,000; Liz Hole and Alex at BNSW are very supportive; governance committee is formed; Bernie will be paid consultancy fee, capped at \$16,000, he will not charge the fee if funds are not raised; The Herald will do a full colour liftout, Newcastle Tourism will support it; it will be a BUG Council event.

Meeting closed 9.20pm