

MOUNTAIN BIKING EAST GIPPSLAND INC

Annual Report 2023-24



Welcome to the 2023-24 Annual Report for Mountain Biking East Gippsland Inc. We are proud to report on outcomes achieved over the last 12 months. Sincere thanks to everyone for their support for the Club and for your contribution to Mountain Biking in East Gippsland.

ABN: 96 580 947 948

MEMBERS

Our membership is now **124**
(up by **3**)

No. of Male Members **92**

No. of Female Members **32**

(Includes **10** Junior Female and
56 Junior Male Riders)

VOLUNTEER THANK-YOU

Everything we do happens because people volunteer their time, expertise and energy. Major efforts go into trail maintenance, preparation and restoration after events and regular working bees. We can't do this without you!
THANK-YOU!

VICTORIAN DOWNHILL SERIES ROUND 2-TAKE 2



This year we elevated our Event delivery by hosting a round of the VDHS at Mt Taylor. After the need to cancel initially due to extreme weather, the big decision was taken to reschedule and do all the organising again. Luckily the second time around the weather was perfect, all the planning worked, volunteer support was amazing and racers appreciated the venue. A very big thanks to everyone involved, but particularly to Jacinta Nelsson and Jake Matthews for leading the delivery of the event. Not only did we learn a great deal along the way, but we are also better positioned now to do this again into the future. The Club has already partnered again with East Gippsland Shire with a financial commitment to support hosting a Round for the next two years. Stay tuned for more on this into the future.

MT TAYLOR SKILLS PARK PROJECT

Funding of \$360,030 for the Mt Taylor Skills Park Project was provided by the Australian Government through the Black Summer Bushfires Recovery Program. After officially opening the Skills Park in October 2023, works at the site are complete and the requirements associated with the funding have now been concluded. Our aim was to create a riding experience for all riding abilities at Mt Taylor, addressing a range of safety challenges at the base, while also creating a better environment for visitors, families and users of the facilities. Here's a video that talks about what's been achieved:

<https://vimeo.com/918178324?share=copy>



Signs by Brad Mathieson - Eastern Signs & Designs

How we used the resources to create the Skills Park:

- Specialist Design and Construction Contractors (inc. signs) - Trailscapes - \$261, 171
- Additional construction works - Bairnsdale Excavations - \$43,443
- Picnic Table construction - Bairnsteel - \$11,109
- Picnic Table installation - C&W Excavation - \$25,882
- Contract and associated approvals - \$1,389
- Artwork - Lee Nickless - \$5,445
- Cladding for Artwork and materials for bike racks - \$1,932
- Launch Party and Family Fun Day - \$4,939
- Remaining Resources for unanticipated maintenance/improvements - \$4,719

Conservatively we have estimated that the Club contributed \$56,812 in volunteer hours to making the project a success



Artwork by Lee Nickless



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SUPPORTING THE CLUB

Club membership fees generate only a small proportion of income required to support the delivery of activities for Club Members, so we are always looking for additional ways to generate flexible income to value add the contributions made by all of our volunteers. If you are a supporter, but don't have the time to contribute as a volunteer, we have a couple of new ways that you can provide support.



Mountain Biking East Gippsland
Trail Maintenance Fund - Make
a Tax Deductible Donation using
this QR Code:



Mountain Biking East Gippsland is now a Donations Partner for the Victorian Governments Container Deposit Scheme.

Eligible containers are now worth 10cents. When you return them to a registered collection point, you can elect to have the return deposit donated to Mountain Biking East Gippsland.

Find more information about what you can recycle where here: [Return-It Victoria, CDS Vic \(returnit.com.au\)](http://Return-It Victoria, CDS Vic (returnit.com.au))

SUPPORTING MORE EVENTS



Rocky Trail SuperFlow came to Mt Taylor again this year. MTBEG supports the hosting of this event by preparing the trails and providing some volunteer support. This event also returns income to the Club through the allocation of a proportion of registration fees being donated after each event.



Summer of Shred was held again this year - organised by the Team and Bairnsdale Bikes and their tireless volunteers. This series provides regular opportunities throughout summer for locals to ride together and to work on skills and speed as well as to socialise. MTBEG assists with timing and promotion. This event also generates new Club members every year.



Coming to Mt Taylor this year, the Joyride Rookie Cup is Australia's first ever fully dedicated youth downhill series. Happening on October 19 and 20, look out for more details soon!

WOMEN'S RIDES AND SKILLS SESSIONS

Women's Coordinators Sam Stephenson and Rosie Lizars have brought a renewed focus on creating riding opportunities for women in East Gippsland. Women frequently participate in smaller numbers in Mountain Biking so with a focus on building skills, capability and confidence and introducing new people to the sport and the Club, they have run a number of social rides and skills sessions at both Mt Taylor and at the Colquhoun Trails. New people have joined in on the sessions and this has grown the number of women in the Club over this year. If you are interested in participating look out for opportunities.



Skills session at Colquhoun Forest

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jacinta Nelsson - President, Vice President - Adam Dean*; Kate Nelson - Secretary; Tony Callaghan - Treasurer; Renee and Sean Banson - Memberships Coordinators; Dre Regli - Trail Building and Maintenance Coordinator/General Committee Member; Jake Matthews - Race Coordinator; Sam Stephenson and Rosie Lizars - Women's Coordinators*, Daniel Rickhuss - Junior Activities Coordinator;

Nicole Thompson - Communications Coordinator*

(*Joined the Committee after the AGM)

Committee meetings held on the first Monday of the month

Meetings Held since last AGM - 7



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