

**Bendigo Mountain Bike Club**  
**Presidents Report November 2017**



Firstly, a big welcome to the incoming 2018 Bendigo MTB committee. It is an exciting time for old and new committee members, dedicated club volunteers and the broader Bendigo MTB riding community. I acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the 2017 committee – and thank them for handing over a robust, well resourced and vibrant club.

Particular thanks are afforded to Rim Martin our outgoing President. I know/hope that you find the time to reacquaint yourself with the joys of riding singletrack. Also a big thank-you to Paul Seaward – a quiet achiever on the grants front and for always ensuring our lap and race times are spot on (if not always what we had hoped!).

2018 is going to be a big year. I encourage all committee members to be actively involved with the club and their chosen roles – it is very much a case of getting out what you put in. The allocation of roles is intended to help share the overall workload and provide clear direction on roles and responsibilities. And of course we are able to draw upon dedicated club volunteers who prefer to work hard - but stay in the background.

We have almost completed one of our strategic initiatives - the Spring Gully Trail Head, and are embarking on the final stages that will enable us to deliver the Spring Gully Trail Network. The SGTN encapsulates a lot of what the club is about:

- A strong voice for the rights of mountain bikers.
- Advocacy for a sanctioned trail network in our local area.
- Providing riding opportunities for all the MTB riding community – from ages 2 to 92.
- A well respected, well resourced and professional approach to how we conduct our activities.

On the racing front, the Bendigo Service Centre Summer Series is off to a flying start – and the hard work of Jason Carter, Jo Lythgo and their team is certainly paying off. The first week of both the seniors and juniors/womens rounds have been very well attended and are shaping up to be our best yet.

The recent round of the VSCC state final at our new home was a stand-out success – thank you to Dave Richardson and his team. The concurrent tracks running from the pavilion provided a vibrant and busy spectacle for riders and spectators alike.

In another vote of confidence for the Club, MTBA has awarded us 1 of only 5 XCM races in the 2018 calendar. I encourage the 2018 Epic Committee to fast-track planning on an event that will come around all too quickly!

The awarding of the Professional Mountain Bike Association Level 1 instructor's accreditation to Jo Wall, Max Heizer and myself (Stu MacGregor) enables us to deliver a high level of coaching to all our riders – notably the 2 Wheel Academy and female riders (through Jo Wall). The club will continue to strengthen our accredited coaching staff as well as the delivery of targeted skills courses to the Bendigo MTB community.

Finally, the 2WA is going from strength to strength – and is in for a big week representing the club at the Cadel Evans: Keep the Pedals Moving event this week. A big thank you to Dave Richardson -

having witnessed Richo run the team through their guard of honour duties and Q&A I am sure there will be some proud parents on the night.

I look forward to working with all of you through the year.

Many thanks

Stu MacGregor

President

Motion:

- 1: Rim Martin be recognised for his role as President through the gifting of a skills weekend with ATC at Mt Buller. The Club will pay the costs of the course.
- 2: Paul Seaward be recognised for his many years on the committee with a "Golden Ticket" – being free entry to all club events (Epic, Inter-Winter, 6HR) in 2018.
3. Baz Floyd be nominated to represent the club at the Mt Buller MTB Summit. The club to incur costs for the Summit and accommodation.