

GCTA 2008 AGM President's Report

Finances

The major financial transactions during 2007 were the purchase of a Honda Power Carrier and trailer to transport it. A grant from Gambling Community Benefit Fund paid for the Power Carrier and funds from book sales was used to buy the trailer. Good income was derived from the sale of 1400 copies of the 3rd edition of *Where to MTB in SEQ*.

Future projects

With over \$13,000 in the bank currently, potential projects should be considered. As President of MTBA, I'm facilitating research into the impacts of mountain biking on MTB trails (designed and constructed to IMBA principles) in Adelaide. The same research methodology can be applied to SEQ trails, in particular Gap Creek Reserve.

MTBA is also in the process of developing IMBA Australia, following on from an agreement with IMBA USA in June 2007. GCTA would fit well as an affiliated club of IMBA Aust, once memberships are opened.

Trail Care

Through 2007, trail carers completed the re-route of 'Roger's' now named Whipbird Way and contributed to improvement of 'Lantana' now Rocket Frog. Darren 'Cooch' Boman made a special contribution to Skink Link. With work commissioned by BCC to complete the re-route of 'Steps Track' now Bandicoot Byway and Rocket Frog, as well as the construction of Dingo, there is now a satisfying and sustainable MTB specific trail network radiating from the reserve.

Nick Byrne's Gap Cycles group have used innovative features to create a sustainable descent, called Pipeline, which is challenging to ride.

Re-routing 'Pony Express' and linking directly to 'Dirt Girls' is the project for 2008. Good attendance and extra mid-week work has completed about 350m.

The fundamental objective of GCTA is to work to improve the MTB trails at Gap Creek. Through your continued support of trail care we are achieving a remarkable, world-class network of sustainable and fun trails for the whole community.

Your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Gillian Duncan
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