



Bicycles For Humanity .com

Bicycles for Humanity, Melbourne: **Activity Report**

11/11/17

October 2016 - November 2017

Committee

President: Andy Gild

Vice President: Peter Shanley

Secretary: Gary Chan

Treasurer: Dean Kennedy

Regular members: Matt McCullough, Dave Sayers, Anne Chan, Mary-Jane Willis, Benson Saulo, Eddie Chisolm

In Memory

This year's AGM is tainted with the sadness of our dear friend, Matt's, sudden passing on 2nd August this year. In many ways we are still in disbelief. I would like to take a few moments to reflect on the role Matt played in bringing B4H, Melbourne (and in fact, Australia) to life.

In 2007, Matt had a vision of sending a container load of bikes to Namibia. This was only the beginning and he achieved so much more, empowering so many people, both locally and abroad. After establishing B4H, Melbourne and becoming our inaugural president, he was able to bring many of us on the journey with him through his contagious optimism and wonderful, carefree and

inclusive nature. Matt was a most loved and loving soul who guided B4H, Melbourne with strength and compassion to becoming the family we now are.

We will continue to miss his guidance and wisdom, his beautiful way with words and of course his gorgeous smile. Matt's legacy will live on in the work we all do, and in those who follow us.

Matt's parent's, Rob and Margaret McCullough, are in NZ and are unable to be at our AGM. They wanted to share their thanks to all at Bicycles for Humanity for their kind tributes to Matt. In Matt's memory, \$6710 was donated to both B4H, Melbourne and Good Cycles. These funds will be put towards a special tribute to Matt in the near future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the committee for their dedication and support over the past year. As well as every person who has donated a bike, funds and especially those who have volunteered their time in any capacity to help make possible what we have achieved.

Huge thanks as always goes to Ben Bud for his unwavering support in allowing us to become more sustainable on his property in Dingley. A shout out to Shayne as well who is always so amiable in attending to our needs.

BSS remain a strong and supportive partner and we look forward to furthering our partnership going forward. This year has seen fabulous support from Intrepid and their foundation. They have sponsored a prize, added us to their charity list of organisations they support and also sent their international leadership group to help back bikes. Knog remains a wonderful supporter and have continued to donate items for our major fundraiser, and for this we are truly grateful.

I apologise if I have left anyone out, but please know you are very much appreciated! We can't do what we do without everyone's support.

Meetings

8/11/16 Extraordinary meeting to pass Public Funds document for DGR purposes - Andy, Gary, Benson, MJ (Committee to oversea fund - Dean, Andy, MJ)

Regular meetings: 16/1/17, 21/3/17, 13/4/17, 26/5/17, 16/10/17

3/8/17 special executive meeting

Skype calls - WA, SA and NSW rejoined discussions Oct

AGM 11/11/17

Strategic planning day - 11/11/17

Containers

Container 19: Delivered 17/10/17 - arrived Namibia 26/1/18

Container 20: Delivered St Kevins 9/10/17 (to be transported to Dingley when needed)

Packing days

Container 17: 11/12/16, 9/4/17

Container 18: 16/7/17, 27/8/17, 17/10/17

Container 19: 17/10/17 (St Francis Xavier Berwick school group)

Container 20: In situ St Kevins (Cycling Group and parents fund-raised for container)

Dingley update and bike collections

Ute purchased \$5,500 from Andrew (Bill Martin's bro in law) - possession 28th Nov 2017

Further details see bike collection report

Fundraising

Crowd funding for ute - \$4050 (Oct / Nov 2016)

8/11/16 Gary and Andy met John and Andy from Piggybag / Donation Tap Point (DPT) discussions

Feb - March 2016: Cycle for Humanity Fundraising Challenge Approx profit \$10,000 / Knog main sponsor with donated goods and Intrepid with trip

Hannah McLellan - Caulfield Grammar school project \$2736

Brad Ogden - ArtBike Cup Day event - cancelled

Rob Wallace 50th bday = 50 bikes and \$900

DGR

ATO confirmation 19 Oct 2016

NEW PARTNERS

Intrepid Foundation support and donation via iCycle tours booked - Nov '16

PR

BSS Xmas exposure - donate a bike and do some good (increase no donated bikes)

Andy spoke to Money 3 - Michael and Scott Baldwin Dec 2017

Andy spoke to Mount Scopus year 6 students as part of Social Inequity Unit - Feb 2017

Peter spoke to Point Cook College - March 2017

Magnet Gallery - Gary and MJ organised photo exhibition during March / C4H plus x4 forums to discuss work B4H (Cambodia, Education, B4H volunteering, Indigenous)

Ballarat awareness day 5th Oct 2017: ABC, WIN, Chanel 9, Courier Mail. A few hundred secondhand bicycles donated. Many thanks to many people and organisations who put the day together and supported it. Thanks to the team at ABC Ballarat through Simon Rogers, Wallace Martin and Ballarat YMCA, Belinda Coates, Tony Davidson and Rode RAGE, Ballarat Sebastopol Cycling Club, St Vincent de Paul at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat, Kwik Kopy, Dynamite Cycles Buninyong, Bicycle Centre Ballarat and others that we may have missed. Very special thanks to Jamie Chan (our B4H "special envoy" and Lake Health Group physio) for coordinating the whole event.

Volunteers

Huge thanks to Larisa for help with website and Bree for taking care of our newsletter - both moved on and will be missed

Ira Felinski - welcome and thanks for help already with website assistance and has started creating our new website

Tom Francome from Flimsy Films - huge thanks for help with Namibian trip video

Big thanks to Deakin Uni student, Kwan Toh, who chose B4H as his subject for his photo essay assignment. Not only did he share his beautiful photos and donated a photobook of his work for our library, he has also become an avid supporter of our work and was a huge asset during the Ballarat collection day.

Income generation

Second Chance Cycles restoring bikes for sale - YE 6/16 \$4680, YE 6/17 \$5345 / 176 bikes sent there this calendar YTD (since July 2016 raised \$12,395)

Glen Iris Uniting Church bike workshop - \$5130 for past 12 month period/ \$4415 calendar YTD with 26 bikes

St Kevin's fund-raising - \$3887 (as of 29/10/17)

Melbourne to Namibia fundraiser - planned March 2018

Cycle Namibia Trip - planned Aug 2018 (minimal fund-raising aspect)

Potential projects

Medibank grant - converting to different program due to internal difficulties within Rumbalara. Possibility to work with ASHE, Aborigines Advancement League and VACSAL

Kenya - discussions still ongoing. Main challenge is port taxes

Other

Super volunteer, Marty Van Hoorn, just left to spend 6 weeks with Hilya in Namibia. Helping with her BMX program as well as solar powered projects.

Andy embarking on a capstone project through studies with aims of increasing communication with BENN and associates and helping increase sustainability. Thanks to team members for support.

Andy Gild, President

