

## **Minutes of “Bikes and Bands” Committee meeting on 17 August at 11h00**

### **Present**

Phil Stuckey  
Glenn Withers  
Rex Beard  
Mike Yerbury

### **Discussion**

Phil noted that he would not be on this Committee due to time commitments. Phil would assist with set-up and potentially closer to the day of the event. Phil mentioned that Elsie Romey had valuable experience, and she might also be able to provide comments and support.

When held previously, the format was a lunch with a band and food provided by the location and also by the club. There was also a Show and Shine. The event was in February which was considered too hot. Feedback indicated that providing food by the club was a significant amount of effort and hence this should be left to the location selected.

The format was decided to be on a Sunday, for a lunch period, at a venue that provides catering and has space for a Show and Shine.

The event would be open to AWMEC members, their friends and family and also other invited clubs ie: the event is closed to the general public, but the location of the event may be in a public space once decided.

The initial name of the event was suggested to be “Bikes, Blues and Burgers on the Border”. This was updated to “Bikes and Bands on the Border” so as not to limit the music style or food provided at the event. This name is open to discussion.

Locations suggested were:

- a) Lincoln Causeway restaurant
- b) A winery in Rutherglen
- c) Wodonga Square
- d) Bethanga Recreation Reserve

Locations to be visited with a view to suitability and contingency in case of rain or it being too hot.

Target date Sunday 23 March 2025 from 11h00 to 15h00

A band to be sourced. Michael Sarroff suggested The Sons of Motherless Goats, but it was felt that the club members should be provided the opportunity to suggest other bands / providers so that this Committee could make a selection.

Show and Shine to be held with trophies as prizes for each category. Club members to be encouraged to bring older bikes and that transport for this to be provided by club members to encourage all bikes running and not running to be brought to the event. A prize category to be developed for this.

For decision – if the event is a fund raiser for the AWMEC or if it is for a charity. If raising funds for the club, what is the purpose of those funds? In previous years, the club has paid the largest cost (the band) and donated any remaining / excess funds to a charity.

Sponsors – the discussion was that sponsors as such, should not be involved and hence any participation of invited entities such as Shannons or a motorcycle shop in Albury, should contribute to the charity (if for a charitable cause) and not provide any funds to the club per se. This is to engender co-operation with such groups / companies rather than consistently ask for funding.

The same applied to club members. The Committee wants to use the event as an opportunity for club members to advertise their businesses. How this is done to be decided, but it was suggested that business cards are provided and these are placed onto an advertising sheet which is distributed on the day – free of charge to club members who own businesses.

### **Actions required**

- 1) Glenn to check insurance policy to ensure we have cover and if so, what is and what is not covered.
- 2) To update members at next meeting of the current plan
  - a. Bikes and Bands on the Border
  - b. Prospective date Sunday 23 March 2025 from 11h00 to 15h00
  - c. Cost, location, final format and band to be confirmed
  - d. Members input required for:
    - d.i. This event is for club fund raising or a charity?
    - d.ii. Any members know of Bands?
    - d.iii. Any contacts with businesses that might want to attend?
    - d.iv. Any club members who own businesses that want to advertise?
- 3) Locations to be reviewed in person by Committee members once we have member input