

Mountain Bike Forum

9th August 2006



Workshop Agenda

- Introduction to MTB Forum, its aims and objectives
- What is mountain-biking?

MORNING TEA

- Managing Mountain Biking – 2 case studies

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- Facilitated discussion
- Forum priorities. Where to from here?

AFTERNOON TEA

Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation Role

Peak industry body, representing outdoor recreation in Queensland.

- Do not lobby for any one activity or interest group, but ensure that the interests of all are represented.
- Membership consists of a diverse range of groups eg.
 - Scouts, Guides, Outdoor Educator's Association, Tread Lightly!,
 - activity-based groups such as the Qld Association of 4WD Clubs, Qld Endurance Riders Assoc., Qld Canoeing
 - commercial operators and individuals,
 - outdoor education facilities and camps,
 - TAFE colleges, universities
 - retailers



QORF Objectives

QORF's objectives focus on the areas of:

- Representation
 - Advocacy
 - Influence on Resource Management
 - Quality
 - Marketing
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- A MTB Forum addresses several of these objectives.
 - Timely to establish a mechanism to build a common understanding of MTB issues and a process to discuss (or achieve) their resolution.
 - Purpose: To facilitate effective management of mountain biking in Qld



Draft Forum Terms of Reference

- To assist communication between stakeholders with interests in the management of mountain bike (MTB) riding in Queensland. Stakeholders include local and State government land management agencies, Sport and Recreation agencies, Mountain Bike Australia, MTB clubs and bike shops, private race promoters and MTB tour operators and those involved in MTB trail design and construction.
- To assist with the resolution of issues related to the provision and management of MTB riding in Queensland while recognizing rights, responsibilities and obligations of public land managers and the legitimacy of MTB riding.
- To develop a functional partnership between relevant stakeholders.



Draft Forum Terms of Reference (cont'd)

- To provide advice on the planning and management of MTB riding on public and private land.
- To collect, collate analyse and distribute existing information that is necessary to support decision making about the provision and management of MTB riding in Queensland.
- To research new information that is necessary to support decision making about the provision and management of MTB riding in Queensland.
- To identify resources required to develop and implement solutions to issues.

SEQ Trail Bike Management Forum

- Established in 1998 & continued as an active Forum until 2003
- Similar Terms of Reference to draft MTB Form (although focussed on SEQ)
- Membership included local and State government reps (eg. QT, SRQ, EPA/QPWS, Qld Police), retailers (eg. Yamaha, Honda, riders, industry associations (eg. Motorcycling Qld, Tread Lightly!, DSMRA)
- Series of complex issues associated with trailbike riding addressed (multi-disciplined, “hard to place”, “environmental issues”)



SEQ Trail Bike Management Forum Achievements

- Information sharing & issues clarification
- Accessed funding for research – “Needs of underage, unlicensed & unregistered trail bike riders”
- Workshop series (eg. Conditional Registration, Land Tenure, “Free Ride is over”)
- Trail bike Site Survey
- Qld Trail Bike Strategy
- Submission to Police and Corrective Services Portfolio Caucus Sub-Committee for Trail Bikes identifying 3 aspects of a solution: Regulatory Reform, Providing places to ride, and Frameworks for cooperation, consultation and collaboration.
- Comment on anti-hooning powers within *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*
- Lobby Inter-Departmental Working Group on Trail Bikes to move forward on non-legislative solutions
- A long haul! No quick fix



Other relevant initiatives in Qld/SEQ

- SEQ Regional Trails Strategy
- SEQ Regional Plan
 - SEQ Outdoor Recreation Demand Study
 - SEQ Regional Outdoor Recreation Strategy
- Funding via SRQ programs (eg. Local Government Development Program) and possibly (in the future) SEQ Infrastructure Plan and Program
- Tenure re-allocation process for State Forests
- QPWS Mountain Bike Policy

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The End

Afternoon discussion

1. **Brief** introduction (60 seconds each)
 - Who am I? - name, rank & serial number
 - Who/what organisation do I work for/represent?
 - What work do I do for the organisation I represent?
 - How did I get into that role/responsibility?
 - What's my personal and/or professional interest in MTB riding?
 - What do I think the **3** most significant mountain bike riding issues are in Qld in descending order of importance?
2. Summarize and prioritize issues
3. What actions/processes (and by whom) would best start to resolve these issues (be specific, don't just blame 'the government')?
4. What role do you think your particular organisation could/should play in resolving these issues



