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SCBUG Member Update Summary

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Response to Mountain Creek Tragedy

The tragic death of eight-year-old Zeke Hondow in an e-bike collision at Mountain Creek has intensified SCBUG's focus on infrastructure safety and e-mobility regulation.

SCBUG requested urgent action through the Council CEO

Five key requests were made: immediate safety assessment, region-wide audit, updated design standards, protocols for utility works, and a priority upgrade program.

Call for Fast-Tracked E-Mobility Legislation

SCBUG urged the Queensland Government to accelerate e-mobility safety laws, citing 118 e-scooter/e-bike emergencies (Jan 2023–Jan 2024), mostly involving youth, and ten fatalities in 2025. Recommendations include strict age limits, banning high-powered kits, more police enforcement, dedicated infrastructure, education campaigns, and national standards.

Sunshine Coast Active Transport Plan Consultation

SCBUG responded to the Draft Active Transport Plan, aiming for 20% of trips by active transport by 2041. The plan supports the Brisbane 2032 Olympics and encourages walking, riding, and wheeling for daily travel.

Critical Assessment of SCATAC

SCBUG critiqued the Sunshine Coast Active Transport Advisory Committee, noting lack of formal status, decision-making power, and funding. Reforms advocated include statutory recognition, adequate funding, co-design, balanced representation, transparent metrics, and monthly meetings. The review and recommendations were forwarded to Council CEO for response.

Caloundra Community Transport Forum

SCBUG and Caloundra Residents Association propose launching the Caloundra Connect Forum (Feb 2026), aiming for integrated planning, stakeholder engagement, and coordinated active transport options in major projects.

Strengthening Partnerships with Bicycle Queensland

SCBUG wrote requesting closer ties with Bicycle Queensland proposing - a state-wide BUG conference, joint meetings with the Transport Minister, and ongoing collaboration to amplify advocacy.

Active Transport Corridor Projects

SCBUG provided feedback on major projects:

- Mooloolaba to University (M2U) Corridor: 10 km, concept design phase, 266+ contributions.
- River Esplanade: Design consultation, key coastal link.
- Caloundra to Currimundi (C2C): Paused for review, 400+ submissions, safety concerns.
- Goshawk Dr
- Caloundra schools' program

Infrastructure Committee

Focus has been on submissions for new Planning Scheme, Draft Active Transport Plan, Active Transport corridor projects and discussions with Noosa Council and Zero Emissions Noosa Transport Actions Group (ZENTAG).

Infrastructure quality and funding remain ongoing challenges.

Safety Committee

Overview of road safety campaign plan: 'Camera On Board'

- Elements and materials
- Communications
- Anticipated launch, timeline, and release cadence

Update on Council Service Request System

Looking Ahead

Priorities for 2026:

- launch BUG Safety campaign,
- await Council's response safety audit and proposed SCATAC reforms.
- launch Caloundra Connect Forum,
- collaborate with Bicycle Queensland,
- track SCRC Active Transport Plan adoption,
- engage in corridor design

SCBUG Strategic Plan 2025-26

Available at www.scbclub.net/scbug; outlines priorities and objectives for the year ahead.

Final Thoughts

Leadership Team Additions:

SCBUG welcomes two new additions to the Leadership Team:

- Michael Stephens – Online Coordinator
- Jazz O'Donnell - Communications Coordinator

Special recognition to Jane Carr for tireless work on BUG processes and online efforts, she is an amazing professional and outstanding collaborator. Thank you, Jane.


The past three months have been sobering. The Mountain Creek tragedy serves as a stark reminder that infrastructure and safety is not an abstract policy issue but has real consequences for real families in the community. At the same time, it has clarified SCBUG's mission and strengthened resolve.


NEXT GENERAL MEETING

BREAKING NEWS – KEYNOTE PRESENTATION


We're thrilled to welcome Vivien Griffin from Zero Emissions Noosa Transport Action Group (ZENTAG), our active transport affiliate in Noosa!


Vivien will be sharing Noosa journey with active transport, including:

 Noosa's Cycling and Walking Strategy - what they've adopted and why it matters

 10-Year Capital Works Pathways Plan - the vision for connected infrastructure

 ZEN's Proposed Solutions - innovative approaches to overcoming barriers

 The e-Bike Library Project - an incredible initiative making e-bikes accessible to the community

 Schools Collaboration - how Council is partnering with schools in Tewantin to promote active transport

About Zero Emissions Noosa (ZEN):

ZEN is the umbrella organization working toward a zero-emissions future for the Noosa region. ZENTAG operates within ZEN, focusing specifically on sustainable transport solutions.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see what's possible when community groups and councils work together effectively - and to gather ideas for our own advocacy here on the Sunshine Coast!

All welcome - members, supporters, and anyone interested in better cycling and walking infrastructure

Details - 6:15 PM, January 28, 2026 Co-Lab, Maroochydore

Safe riding and everyone have a great Festive Season.

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