



Spring is calling — and there's plenty happening

Warmer mornings, longer days and plenty of reasons to get out on two wheels — spring is here, and there's lots happening around the club.

In this edition, we celebrate the fantastic response to the **Vietnam Touring Ride**, look ahead to **Bicycle Queensland's Weekend at The Downs** and shine a light on the important advocacy work of **SCBUG**.

And there could be something exciting on the horizon for our club.

Our President has news about a possible partnership with the **Headland Pacific Sports Club at Buderim** that could create some great new opportunities for our members. It's early days, but the possibilities are certainly worth exploring — read **From the Saddle** later in this edition to find out more.

Grab a coffee, settle in and enjoy!

VIETNAM ADVENTURE — WHAT A RESPONSE!

Our January 2027 touring ride is now full.

The response to the **Vietnam Touring Ride in January 2027** has been fantastic, with **16 members expressing interest**. The ride is now full, with some members on a waiting list in case places become available through cancellations.

A very special thank you goes to **Dr Alexander Bennett**, who has put an enormous amount of time and thought into planning the tour. From routes and accommodation to transport and the many practical details involved in cycling through another country, Alexander's careful organisation is helping make the adventure possible.

This level of preparation is particularly valuable for members who have **never experienced an overseas cycling tour before**. Having an experienced tourer take care of the planning gives everyone greater confidence to simply enjoy the experience, the riding and the adventure. Thank you, Alexander, for sharing your experience and creating such a wonderful opportunity for fellow SCBC members.

We look forward to following the group's Vietnamese adventure.

👉 Find out more: <https://www.scbclub.net//vietnam/>

ADD THESE DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR

BQ Weekend at The Downs

23–25 October

Fancy a weekend away with the bike?

Bicycle Queensland's Weekend at The Downs runs from **23–25 October 2026** and offers another good excuse to explore Queensland on two wheels. If you've been thinking about combining cycling with a weekend away, put this one on your radar.

👉 [Check Bicycle Queensland](#) for event details and registration.

AusCycling Road National Championships

17–20 September

Some of Australia's best junior and masters riders will be competing right here on the Sunshine Coast. Even if racing isn't your thing, it's a great opportunity to watch high-level cycling close to home.

👉 [Find out more.](#)

Graded Road Race

Glass House Mountains

13 September

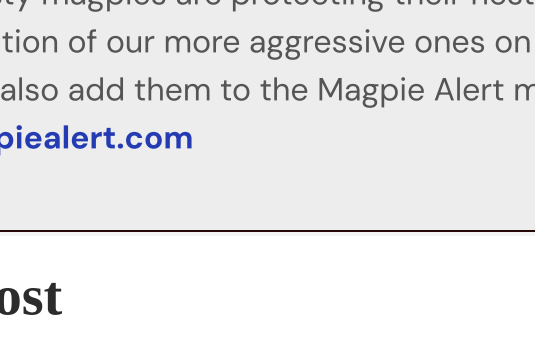
For members with a competitive streak, AusCycling lists a graded road race at Glass House Mountains.

Buderim 9 Challenge

29 November

Some of our Club members are training for this hill challenge. If you would like to join their training rides, there is a WhatsApp group in our community called: *Buderim 9 Training*. All Welcome!

👉 [Find out more.](#)



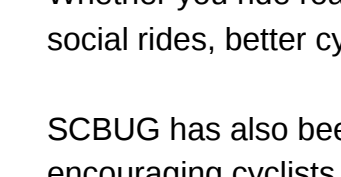
Magpie Alert

Our beloved feisty magpies are protecting their nests again.

👉 Post the location of our more aggressive ones on our WhatsApp General Chat. You could also add them to the Magpie Alert map.

👉 <https://magpiealert.com>

Featured Post



YOUR VOICE FOR SAFER CYCLING

Why SCBC members should join our SCBUG.

Good cycling infrastructure doesn't just happen. It needs people willing to speak up for it.

The **Sunshine Coast Bicycle User Group (SCBUG)** advocates for safer, better-connected cycling across our region — including improved cycleways, safer major road connections, better facilities on the coastal pathway and a future network of connected routes and quieter streets.

Whether you ride road, gravel, an eBike, commute to work or simply enjoy our social rides, better cycling infrastructure benefits all of us.

SCBUG has also been behind the **Camera on Board** safety campaign, encouraging cyclists to consider front and rear cameras, understand the road rules and report dangerous incidents. The broader message is an important one: safer roads depend on responsible behaviour from **both cyclists and motorists**.

Becoming a SCBUG supporter is FREE, and every additional supporter gives the organisation a stronger voice when advocating on behalf of Sunshine Coast cyclists.

👉 Join SCBUG and add your voice: <https://www.scbug.org/>

More cyclists. One stronger voice. Better and safer places to ride.

MEMBERS' HUB

Our Club website now has a **Members' Hub** with quick access to everything our members might need.

Welcome To Our Newest members

A big welcome to everyone who has recently joined the Sunshine Coast Bicycle Club. We hope you enjoy the rides, the coffee stops and, most importantly, the company.

Simone, John, Tom, Peter, Elaine, Alex, Andrea, Kerrie, Ken, Anat, Brad, Sharlee, Alison, Kent and Neil.

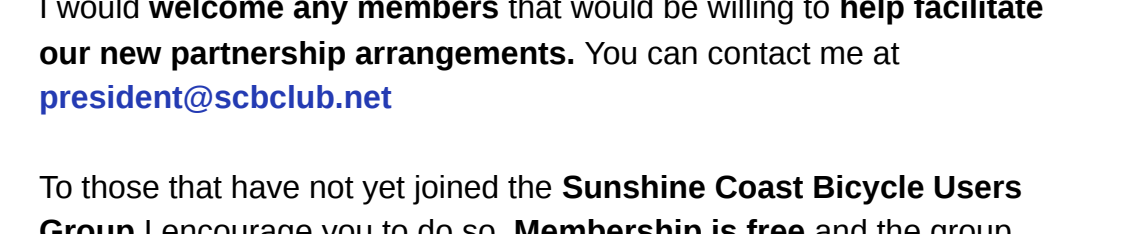
If you see a new face on a ride, please introduce yourself and help them feel welcome.

Member Adventures — Thanks for Sharing!

A big thank you to the members who have shared their cycling adventures through our **Member Spotlights**. From **Dr Alex Bennett's touring experiences** and **Kym Ayling's adventures in Japan and Western Australia**, to **Glenda Banaghan's epic Kansas challenge**, **Ngaere Whyte's story**, and **Terry Van Kalkan's Mallorca rides** — they are a great reminder of where two wheels can take you!

👉 [Catch up on all our Member Spotlights.](#)

If you would like to share a Spotlight on your favourite ride, or challenge or group please let me know.



ARSE IS ALWAYS BETTER WITH A FEW EXTRA HANDS

Our **Saturday After Ride Social Events — ARSE for short** — are about more than sausages and coffee. They are a chance to catch up with riders from across the club. If you're not riding one Saturday, consider lending a hand with setup, cooking or cleanup. It's an easy way to contribute to the club and enjoy the social side without turning a pedal.

NEXT ARSE DATES:

Saturday 19 September: Cod Hole Park BBQ area (Start is Lions Park)

Saturday 19 December: Coopers Lookout Park Buddina (near Kawana Surf Club)

NEW E-BIKE & E-SCOOTER RULES

New age and licensing rules now apply to e-bikes, e-scooters and other personal mobility devices across Queensland. Riders generally need to be **16 or older and hold at least a Learner licence**, although exemptions apply for supervised 12–17 year olds, some medical conditions and certain designated riding areas. Parents can also be fined if children under 16 ride illegally.

👉 For more information visit the [StreetSmarts website](#).

FROM THE SADDLE

This **years' AGM** was recently held at the Kawana Surf Club. It was a good to network with various club members and to detail achievements over the last 12 months and what is planned for the future. I am excited to say that **all of the existing committee members were re-elected**.

As I alluded to at the AGM the club is looking to partner with the **Headlands Pacific Sports Club**. Details of that partnership are still be finalised but it will be major step for our club in that we will have a **permanent home base to conduct social activities**. Apart of having facilities to hold our Christmas party and AGM, I envisage that we can have information nights on members cycling tours, new members nights, cycling workshops, etc. I will keep you informed as this partnership develops.

I would **welcome any members** that would be willing to **help facilitate our new partnership arrangements**. You can contact me at president@scbclub.net

To those that have not yet joined the **Sunshine Coast Bicycle Users Group** I encourage you to do so. **Membership is free** and the group provides a **strong voice to improve cycling facilities** on the Sunshine Coast.

Once again **thanks to ride coordinators and current volunteers**. Without your assistance our club would not be able to continue to grow.

Safe riding,
Phill Price
President

