

Environmental Policy

The Adelaide Mountain Bike Club Inc. (AMBC) was formed in 1989, in Adelaide, South Australia to promote mountain biking as a sport, run state cross-country mountain bike races and recreational rides around South Australia . Since the inception of the club, we have grown to be one of the largest providers of mountain biking events in the state – holding: state cross-country races throughout the year; endurance events, weekly recreational rides, mountain biking skills and track building & maintenance workshops.

The Club has approximately 300 members with an executive committee with 10 positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Race Director, Social Ride Coordinator, Risk Officer, Fat Chat Editor (editor of our newsletter) as well as 3 general positions. In addition, we have five sub-committees: Race, Administrative, Promotional, Fat Chat and Social Rides, with approximately 30 people serving on these committees. The club holds monthly general meetings, quarterly executive meetings and regular social functions.

Races and recreational rides are held with the permission of landholders, in Forest Reserves, farmland and native vegetation areas. Over the years, the Club has developed a number of single track race courses and notably the Mawson riding trail in South Australia . All tracks developed by the Club are designed in such a way to minimise soil erosion, degradation to water quality and the spread of environmental weeds and plant pathogens.

The Adelaide Mountain Bike Club aims to ensure that Club activities are conducted in an environmentally sustainable manner, respecting the rights of other land users and enhancing flora and fauna biodiversity.

The Club will realise these aims by:

- Promoting good environmental practices amongst members of the mountain biking public;
- Encourage environmentally responsible riding by providing regular recreational rides, track & trail maintenance and skills workshops;
- Encourage better communication, cooperation and education with land owners and other land users by liaising regularly with Forestry-SA, the Conservation Council, National Parks & Wildlife and other environmental agencies and groups;
- Encouraging environmental awareness when mountain biking by producing guides for mountain bikers detailing where land access is permitted and promoting environmentally sustainable riding practices;

- Complying with relevant environmental legislation; and

- Making this policy available to the public and periodically reviewing it for its relevance.

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