

2016 - 2017 AGM Young Guns Report.

Young Guns Attendance

During the past year we had another great group of juniors participate in the Young Guns program.

This being our 5th year we are starting to see the next generation of juniors attending GMBC events, whilst our established Young Guns continue to compete at club and various other events across Victoria and interstate.

Events during past year

During the last year we held several events catered for the development of our juniors.

- April 2016 the Young Guns attending another skills camp up at Mt Buller, this event was well represented and we plan on providing another similar event in 2017.
- Various individuals represented their schools in the VSCC MTB series, including the GMBC event held on our home soil at the You Yang's. Great results by all.
- With our Young Guns development we have had some juniors representing our club at national series events yet again, Gravity events and various endurance races throughout the year with some fantastic achievements and results along the way.

We also welcome new members that have joined our program this year and look forward to another fantastic year developing our junior riders into confident young athletes that can enjoy this great sport.

2017 Program

This year we plan on continuing with skills development using club PMBIA and MTBA Lev 0 trained coaches. (Funded by Vic Health Grants program)

Along with the Dirt Squirts group both Craig Findlow, Joel Geysen and myself will also be assisting our juniors with preparation for the Victorian Schools Cycling Champs once again. This series is a fantastic opportunity for juniors to represent their schools at mountain biking.

A series of skills sessions leading up to the You Yang's round will be provided for GMBC juniors to assist them in their preparation.

Also a number of our older juniors are competing at a National and International events.

- Enduro World Series Round in Tasmania
- XCO National Titles being held in QLD.

Achievements

Well I am sure all of the juniors have achieved so much in their own way this last year.

Whether it be riding up a grade from last season or even completing in endurance events like our Gazebo races , being awarded GMBC junior club champion, (Bert Henkel) and even taking home chocolate most Friday nights in nearly all grades, not the Girls as yet !

Some of our juniors are once again competing in the Victorian gravity Enduro Series with great success and others are competing in the MTBA National series. We wish them all the best of luck.

Our junior riders continue to be supported by sponsorship from various businesses and industries during the year and we thank them for their ongoing support for junior development of mountain biking.

Results

- Club Junior Champ for 2016 went to Bert Henkel
- Vic State XCO U17 Champion to Alex Mathews
- Vic State placing to Bert Henkel and James Goodall.
- Junior Gravity Enduro wins to Matt Stephens.

"WELL DONE"

2017 Events

A calendar of events is still being put together for this year. We hope to run several ride/ skills days at various locations. Compete in the VSCC series again.

Closing Statement

Last of all a big thanks goes out to the parents of our juniors that have supported their kids MTB endeavours over the last 5 years and their help running events when required.

The program is aimed to provide a safe and fun MTB'n experience for all that are evolved and if they achieve some great results along the way that's great also.

Thank you.

Glenn Withers / Joel Geysen Young Guns coordinators.