



Good news – winter & the rainy season is almost over. Almost... prior to the start of August we were getting mostly rain & some heavy frosts. Previously even with these wet days we still had a few weekends that have offered tacky track conditions to keep us smiling through the winter blues! As per normal we would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Council “gardeners” (thanks Graeme and team!) for the ongoing trimming, clearing and filling holes that our trails need to keep them pristine. AND of course our own band of volunteers.

Trail Updates

TOMBSTONE TRAIL

Steve & Johnno have added in ‘chicken route’ to get around a small drop & there is also another one being planned to start from the picnic table at ‘Rusty’s Landing’ – watch out for the signage & remember if you are using the chicken route, to give way to the other riders when merging back on the main trail.

We also have some exciting news regarding a new expert line from the top of Tombstone – Steve & Johnno are currently scoping the line & will hopefully start building as soon as they can. With such a great standard already set by Tombstone we can’t wait to see what these boys come up with!! No pressure guys!! 😊



ADDICTION TRAIL



And speaking of scoping out new lines - Mike has also been investigating a new line to add in some techie rock features on Addiction. We are now just waiting for better building conditions for this to start – we’ll keep members updated on working bees if you are keen to come along & help out!

GRADING & SKILLS PARK

Remember to check out the Grading Trails behind the old DOC centre on Jollies Pass Road – they start at Beginners & progress through to Intermediate / Advanced and Expert lines to see which level you’re at before heading out into the forest.

While there you’ll notice that the next stage is nearing completion but still has a bit more work to be completed before opening. Thanks to the hard work of Steve Halligan who has volunteered many hours towards this project.

Just like the Grading Trails this will give all riders the ability to test their skills on a variety of obstacles. We’re hopeful of getting this completed for the next school holidays – LOOK BUT DON’T RIDE!! We’ll let you know once its all up and ready for business on our Facebook page.





TRAIL WORKING BEES

We will be organising & confirming future dates for these – we will try & give as much notice as possible to let our members that live outside the village ample time to arrange their visits to coincide with our working bees. Again we thank you, our volunteers, who come out to help us.

FUNDING

The MTB club have made representations to Hurunui District Council and the Community Board. The proposals include new and improved tracks and maintenance. When we are aware of the funding available, we can make plans to further add to our network of tracks. We will be looking at fundraising options including help and support from our members. We have ambitious plans to add to our outstanding tracks.

REPORTING ACCIDENTS OR NEAR MISSES

We as a club are concerned about safety on our trails – if you have had any issues while riding please let us know – either email the club direct or private message on Facebook. Contact details below.

AND LASTLY DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUBS!

Time to dust off the old bike & commit to getting on the trails again!! For those that have been enjoying our Hanmer trails & especially the new Tombstone trail, it's time to put your hand in your wallet & show us some love!!! Membership runs from August 1 to July 31 each year.



Membership Tags: In this environmentally conscious world we are trying to do our bit by ditching the plastic – it was a great idea to try & encourage locals/ regular riders to show their support for the trails but it just doesn't make sense to create more waste. That doesn't mean we don't need your support - given the number of riders that utilise our trails the actual number of members is still very low. If you enjoy riding our trails & would like to invest in their future, please take the time to join/renew your membership for this year and pay your fee. Even if you don't ride please remember that your business may benefit from having quality trails to ride in Hanmer Springs. All membership fees go directly to paying for track materials and building new tracks. It is an important income stream as we are a volunteer organisation. Thank you! If you can persuade anyone else to join too, that would be great!

To renew your membership please visit the website www.hanmermtb.nz & go to 'Membership & Donations'. Its quick to do and payment can be made by credit card, PayPal or internet banking.

We try to keep the club's trails open year-round for your enjoyment. To keep up to date with any trail changes or news, follow us on Facebook or check out website (www.hanmermtb.org.nz) or alternatively www.hanmertrails.nz or www.trailforks. Happy riding!!!



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