

Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club

NEWSLETTER – Spring 2021



Spring sure has sprung this year with record winds not once but twice, creating havoc in our forests & chaos on the trails with trees crashing down & debris for miles. Once again we would like to thank & acknowledge the hard work of the Council “gardeners” (thanks Graeme and team!) for the massive effort over a short 2 week period that got our trails back in order for the school holidays. AND of course our own band of volunteers that spent over 65 hours of their own personal time & effort to help out as well. If you enjoy our trails then please join our Mtb club & show the love \$\$\$

TRAIL UPDATES

TOMBSTONE / JOLIFFE SADDLE TRAIL

Steve & Johno have been busy again with adding a new exit line for Tombstone & upgrading a section of the Joliffe Saddle trail that had been redirected after the building of the new bridge that connects the Joliffe Saddle trail to the Waterfall car park. This includes some sweet bermed corners (one with an impressive rock wall holding it up) & a well placed intersection giving good sight lines down on to the existing Joliffe trail. Thanks guys – great work as per normal 😊

TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS & DETAILING

Johno has also been busy fixing the tree damaged trails & making sure they are compliant with the trail grades that they are given. So far he has completed work on Mach1/ Dog Stream/ Western Link/ Swamp & Swoop. Fantastic job Johno 😊

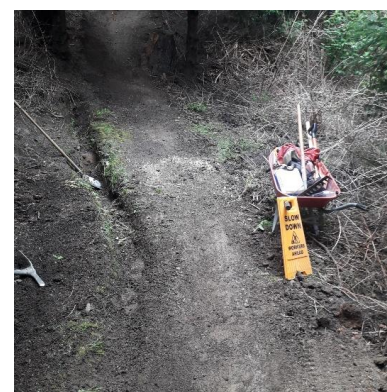
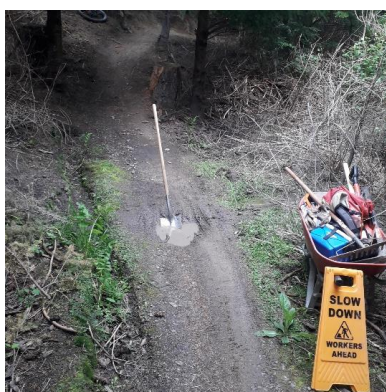
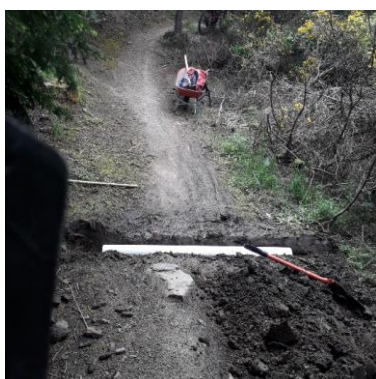
Before



After



Yankee Zephyr – improvements now also completed by Johno & money paid for by members donations. To all those who have contributed so far – a big thank you, this is what we can do with your help. To those that enjoy the trails but may have forgotten to join this year, it's never too late to show the love \$\$\$



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TRAIL CLOSURES

After all the wild winds there were a couple of casualties & there is a notice of work being completed by Rayonier in the Heritage Forest advising what areas to stay away from while they deal with these areas.

Please refer to this information on our Facebook page & respect the forest closure www.facebook.com/Hanmer-Springs-MTB-Club-1714487785456103

GRADING & SKILLS PARK

We are almost there!! There will be an official opening for this area but is now open for use & enjoyment – please ride carefully!!

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.

Just like the Grading Trails this will give all riders the ability to test their skills on a variety of obstacles. Thanks again to the hard work of Steve Halligan who has volunteered many hours towards this project ☺



TRAIL WORKING BEES

Working bee Tombstone exit/ Waterfall carpark - We are planning a working bee on Sunday 21 November from 9am till 12 noon to control the amount of wilding pines that are starting to grow in our native bush. If you are a club member & are free & keen to help out the Hanmer Springs Mtb club with this problem then we would love to see you at the waterfall carpark 9am. Please bring along gardening gloves/ loppers/ hand shears & hand saws if you have these available to use. Look forward to seeing you out there. ☺

Marshals & helpers for Hanmer Events - The Hanmer Springs Mtb club is looking to help support the Hanmer Events Crew by organising enthusiastic volunteers for the weekend of Saturday 4th December - Alpine Marathon & Sunday 5th December Tombstone MTB race. These volunteers will be helping out with marshalling on the course. If you are a club member & are free & keen to help out the Hanmer Springs Mtb club with these events we would love to hear from you at hanmermtb@hotmail.com

FUNDING

A big shout out to Darryn from Chain Reaction Cycles - The Specialized Bike and Gear shop at 4/218 Moorhouse Avenue who has kindly donated \$1,000 to go towards the planning and construction of another new trail in the Hanmer Springs Mtb network. The trail is called Clarence Valley Express (CV Express) & will be the first step in a major 10 year plan. Wahoo thanks Darryn – you're awesome ☺

The MTB club have also 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.

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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 AGAIN DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUBS!

Remember membership runs from August 1 to July 31 each year. Membership is not just about the funding that is received when you join up but we use it to show how many people use & enjoy our trails from both within our community & from surrounding towns & cities. We know that there is a large amount of people that come to Hanmer to ride our trails & we would really like to build more kilometres of trails for both us & you to enjoy. Help us show that we have a large riding community that come from wide & far to Hanmer specifically for Mtbing!! .

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!



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.

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 or www.trailforks.com Happy riding!!!



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