



Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club Inc.



December 2023 Newsletter

Hi all,

Xmas is just a few weeks away, and the end of a very busy year for the Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club is drawing near. We hope that you have had time to enjoy our trails in the last few months or are planning to get out on them over the summer months. Here is a summary of what has been happening.

The club is negotiating with Muddy Gumboots Events to bring back the Tombstone Race, and hopefully a few other cycling events.

I'm sure you are aware of the opening of the new CV Express trail, that starts off Lucas Lane, opposite the HS Medical Centre, and climbs gently up to the beginning of Tank, on Pawson's Road. The trail is dual use, mountain bikes uphill only, while walkers can go up and down hill. This is the first part of a climb that we hope will eventually reach the summit of Jacks Pass. We are thankful to the Mainland Foundation which has provided funds for the building and gravelling of this trail, and also Justin Leov and Middle Peak who were awarded the contracts to build the trail.

Justin has recently scoped for a new downhill route for CV Express, from Tank back to Lucas Lane, and offered some suggestions for other new trails in the Flax Gulley area. We hope eventually that the trails in this valley will become a destination on their own. Justin has also given us some advice about a site for a new Jump Park, on Brook Dawson Reserve, near the pump track. All these ideas will need to be okayed by landowners before we proceed, and then we will be looking for quotes from track builders, before applying for funding. We hope that the process can be speedy.

As Chairperson of the HS Mountain Bike Club, I am now representing the trails of Hanmer Springs at the Hurunui Trails Trust. We are hoping I can help to make some positive progress with local trails, and links to other trails in the Hurunui.

At our last Club Committee meeting we regretfully accepted the resignation from the committee of our very own cycling legend and longtime committee member, Steve Halligan. Steve and Mary Jo came to Hanmer Springs for a weekend over ten years ago, and never left. Steve has been an active committee member and delighted us all with his awesome performances in Mountain Bike Adventure races worldwide. Mary Jo and Steve are taking a break from running their Wellness Retreat and are heading away on new adventures. We wish them safe travels, and loads of adventures, and remind them, although they claim to be Irish, they will always be part of us, and from Hanmer Springs.

Steve Pearson, the builder of the amazing Tombstone Trail, has been out and scoped an uphill extension to Eerie Meenie, taking it up to a new starting point at the junction of the new Timberlands and Red Rock, He is recommending that this trail should be machine built. We are trying to make good use of the newly felled areas.

Have you ridden the new line of Timberlands, and Flax Gully? They are both riding really well.

We have had some problems with pig rooting over the Spring months, particularly on Tombstone. We hope to get that sorted shortly. If you are out riding over the summer and spot trails that need work, we would appreciate a heads up. And keep a look out for notification of working bees. We would love to have your help for a couple of hours.

Our thanks must go to the HS Maintenance Team, who worked really hard clearing up windblown trees after a couple of very windy days a couple of months ago. They have also recently completed a round of spraying on many of the trails. We are very lucky to have this team available to help out with the maintenance of our trails.

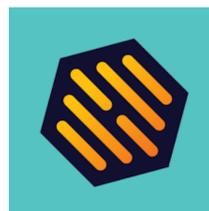
The club is in discussion with the Department of Conservation. We hope to shortly sign an agreement that will allow us to work more closely with the Department of Conservation on future projects.

Signage has gone up on Helix entry points. There are still signs to go up at several junctions within the network that will assist riders with finding their way out of the system.

And finally, have you signed up as a Club Member this year? You may be aware that we have changed to using the HivePass App, which we hope will make communication with club members a little slicker. See details below.

Have a great summer. Have fun on the trails. See you out there.

Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club Inc (HSMTBC).



We would like to introduce you to the **Hivepass App**.

The **Hivepass App** is a free to download application, for both iPhone and Android, that allows users to easily sign up and pay for membership to the **HSMTBC**. Through the **Hivepass App**, Members can also receive regular news updates and check out the deals available to them from partnering businesses in the region.

It is now summer, so time to rejoin the **HSMTBC**. This now happens via the **Hivepass App**, which also allows us to better count our membership numbers and communicate with you. Follow the link below to upload the **Hivepass App** to your phone or scan the QR Code above.

We are also looking for local businesses that might wish to partner with the HSMTBC. The club hopes that local businesses might become involved in several ways.

1. Become a **sponsor** of the club, by making an annual donation. This donation will go towards the costs of building and maintaining trails.
2. Become a **supporter** of the club and its members by offering discounts to members.
3. Become a **promoter** of the club, by displaying our logo and QR Code to your customers, either in your office/reception, or within your compendiums and on your Facebook and websites.

Each category will give you a listing on the Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike page of the **Hivepass App**, with links to your website and Facebook page. The same links will be on our Facebook page and website.

You can check out the **Hivepass App** here: <https://hivepass.co.nz/>

Interested have questions or want to make suggestions? Please contact Grum on chairperson@hanmermtb.nz

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