



Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club Inc.

November 2024 Newsletter

Dear Members and Friends,

The Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club has been buzzing with activity! Whether you're a seasoned member or new to the community, there's plenty of news to get you excited about hitting the trails and getting involved.

Membership Made Easy

Have you joined the club yet this year? We've made signing up a breeze with the HivePass App. It keeps you connected with updates on events, working bees, new trails, closures, and everything else you need to stay in the loop. Don't miss out—download HivePass and join us today!

Trail News: What's New and What's Coming

Winter has been busy for us. Three trails—CV Express, the new line of Flax Gulley, and Lower Flow—have been built, re-aligned, and gravelled. These are now riding beautifully, thanks to the efforts of Mark Inglis and our hardworking Maintenance Team. You can access these trails via Lucas Lane, off Jacks Pass Road, opposite the HS Medical Centre. Together, they form a fun and dynamic loop that's a must-ride!

Looking ahead, plans are underway to complete **Upper Flow** within the next twelve months. This new trail will connect the top of CV Express to Tank, adding an exciting extension to our network.

We're also collaborating with the Department of Conservation (DoC) to secure permission for a multi-use trail from the top of CV Express to Jacks Pass via Clarence Valley Road. If successful, this will give riders a new way to climb to Jacks Pass. Watch this space for updates.

Working Bees: Your Help is Needed!

We've been putting in the hard yards on **Addiction**, with a couple of working bees already completed. Our next session is scheduled for **Sunday, December 10th, at 9 AM**, meeting at the gate on the McIntyre/Jollies Pass corner. Many hands make light work, so if you're free, we'd love to see you there.

Exciting Projects in the Pipeline

The future is looking bright for Hanmer Springs riders. Hundreds of cubic metres of clay have been delivered near the pump track, ready for construction of a brand-new jump park. Work is set to begin in late January or early February. In the meantime, please note that if you're riding downhill along Dog Stream, you'll need to use the new trail that passes west of the Pump Track.

We're also seeking funding for a downhill trail from the top of the newly aligned Timberlands. If everything falls into place, 2025 promises to bring three major additions: **Upper Flow**, the **jump park**, and the **new downhill** trail. And, with a little luck, we might also see progress on **Upper CV Express**, connecting Tank to Jacks Pass.

Tombstone Event Revival?

Exciting news on the event front: Tim Farmer from Nduro Events in Rotorua is visiting Hanmer Springs next week to discuss restarting the popular Tombstone Event. He's eager to bring riders from the North Island to experience the trails here. Stay tuned for updates!

A Call for Support

The Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club thrives on community involvement. Right now, we're focused on growing our membership and securing sponsorship to support our trail network. With only 80 members and a hardworking committee of 10, we need your help to continue creating and maintaining quality trails.

At the bottom of this newsletter is a message for businesses, families, groups, and individuals. Please take a moment to consider how you can contribute to the ongoing success of our club.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you out on the trails.

Warm regards,
Grum Frith
Chair, HS Mountain Bike Club Inc

Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club Needs You

You might not realise the incredible work the Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club does behind the scenes. From building exciting new mountain bike trails to maintaining them at top-notch standards, our small club relies on countless volunteer hours to achieve big goals.

*Our mission? To make Hanmer Springs a **world-class mountain biking destination**, featuring premium trails that attract both New Zealanders and international visitors to our beautiful village. Whether you hit the trails or not, this benefits every local business by boosting the village's economy.*

Think about it: Have you noticed the growing number of visitors arriving in Hanmer Springs with mountain bikes? These adventurers bring more than just their gear—they bring their wallets. Research backs this up:

- *A 2022 report from Rotorua found that mountain bikers spent an average of **\$281 per day** in 2021, compared to **\$135 per day** for the average visitor.*
- *Even day-tripping mountain bikers spent **\$144 per day**—still higher than typical tourists.*

We've been told it's reasonable to apply similar spending patterns to visitors in Hanmer Springs, and the results speak for themselves.

*But here's the challenge: **We need your support to keep up our work.***

We work closely with the Trail Network Group (TNG) to design, build, and maintain trails for walking, biking, hiking, and even horse riding. While the Hurunui District Council contributes a small annual grant, it's not enough to cover the growing costs of maintaining and expanding the trail network. To continue growing our trails—and making Hanmer Springs an even more attractive destination—we're asking for your help.

How You Can Help

Join us in growing Hanmer Springs as a mountain biking hub by supporting the club in one of the following ways:

1. Become a Sponsor (\$1,000+ per year)

- **Perks:**
 - *Free Business Membership*
 - *Discounted entry fees to any Mountain Bike Club-associated event*
 - *Your business logo prominently displayed on our website and HivePass (our membership app)*
 - *A copy of our logo and QR code to share with your customers—display it in your office, reception, compendium, or online*
 - *Adopt a trail somewhere in the network and have signage at the trail end advertising your support*

2. Become a Supporter (\$500+ per year)

- **Perks:**
 - *Free Family Membership*
 - *Discounted event entry fees*
 - *Business logo featured on our website and HivePass*
 - *Access to our logo and QR code to display in your business or online*

3. Become a Promoter (\$100+ per year)

- **Perks:**
 - *Free Individual Membership*
 - *Discounted event entry fees*
 - *Your business logo listed on our website and HivePass*
 - *Our logo and QR code for display in your space or online*

4. Join or Donate via HivePass

- *Stay connected! You'll receive updates about working bees, mountain biking events, and trail development—all while helping expand and maintain the network*

Let's Build Together

By supporting Hanmer Springs Mountain Bike Club, you're investing in the future of our trails, our village, and our community. Together, we can ensure that Hanmer Springs continues to grow as a must-visit destination for mountain biking enthusiasts and tourists alike.


Let's make it happen!

Warm regards,

Grum Frith

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