



Pedal Talk 37

Kia Ora

Welcome to another Pedal Talk, nice to finally see some sunshine and we are now on the countdown to Christmas!!

This is Cycle Challenge week here in Taupo, I really enjoy this time of the year, it's so great to see all the bikes around town and people out hitting our trails in preparation for the Huka. I wish everybody all the best of luck for their cycling adventure, I will be out there amongst it in the Huka Steamer, might be a few surprises in store so enjoy :)

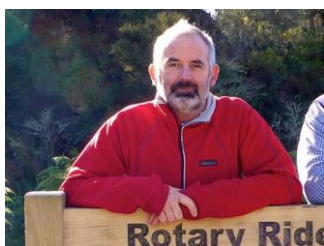
So, soon to be that time of the year again people.....membership renewal! We have some new groovy bike tags, guaranteed to bling up your bike and make it go really fast! 2018 membership will be available from **December 1st**. Your current orange tags are still valid until December 31st. Renewal of memberships will be available online here: www.biketaupo.org.nz and at all bike shops (cash only) Kefi @ the Hub and Souvenir Outlet and MTB hire out on Huka Falls Road. Membership remains the same price as last year at \$50 for an individual, \$5 child/youth and \$70 for a family, which is parents and children under 18, or a couple. You will have the choice to also join the Taupo MTB club at no extra charge, a percentage of the BT membership sub will go to the MTB club. Don't forget your membership goes towards the building and maintenance of our fabulous track network and also supports our Kids BT programme.

Just on another tangent altogether, is there anybody out there who has done the BC Bike Race? Would like to have a chat with somebody who has done this event, drop me an email if so.

Have a great day and as always, enjoy your adventures and happy riding :)

Cheers, Melissa

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Words of Wisdom from our Leader

Hey, Summer is coming and our MTB tracks are in great condition.

The Taupo Cycle Challenge is this weekend and the track crew have been working hard to bring you another great experience. Those in the Huka 85km class you are in for some truly great never ending pure single track riding and I take my hat off to you for taking on the Challenge. We hope you enjoy your day and love the track system as much as we do in Taupo. Our tracks have been built by local Mountain Bikers for Mountain bikers.

New tracks for the riders this year will be "The mistress", she gets in between the Mr & the Mrs and will offer riders some single track flow down to a surprising gully complete with waterfall....enjoy!

We were disappointed that we have been unable to complete the Waipouwerawera track for the Huka but we don't want to rush and compromise the build. We are now approx. 1km to the end and hope to have this track completed by January, it will be worth the wait.

Steamfields track is currently being logged and sugar daddy has gone. We will plan a new exciting re build of this track, so watch this space. Because of our ongoing support from members and funders we will be able to get straight into a new re build of this area as soon as possible.

To all other riders coming to Taupo in the weekend, have a great day and we at Bike Taupo hope you enjoy yourself and come back to Taupo soon!!

Cheers, Pete Masters

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Kids Bike Taupo

Terms 4 and 1 are always our busy times with schools, especially, wanting to do adventures. We do concentrate mostly on early childhood so there is not any time for these bigger riders. The fantastic result of this is that teachers and parents are gaining the confidence

to take kids on biking adventures themselves. Kids Bike Taupo can provide bikes and helmets for those without and everyone gets to ride.

Dide Harrison, TDC Road Safety Coordinator, and Cath are working on how to spend the small amount of National Cycling Education Funding that the Council has received to pilot a bigger biking programme in the district. The aim is to bring Road Safety sessions to older children and maybe adults too. It's quite exciting, but we will be taking small steps to see how we can best make this work. We will certainly be needing more instructors and equipment.

We have new shirts, which look very nice and have Cath's name embroidered on. It would be more helpful if all the kids and their adults had their names on their shirts too. Monday 20 November filming/interview for NZTA Cycling film. We will be at the White Ribbon Event at Pihanga Reserve and Kids Bike Taupo at Cycle Challenge in Tongariro Domain. Planning to be in the Christmas Parade on 2 December.

We are still looking for more unused wind trainers to put into early childhood centres as a standard piece of play equipment. The idea is that kids learn the pedalling skill really young so that when they get onto two wheels their legs know what to do. Please contact Cath on [027 280 4005](tel:0272804005) if you have any hiding in your shed.

Lake Taupo Rotary has funded \$7,000 to continue to build the dirt jumps at Spa Park. Thank you very much. Kids Bike Taupo uses this area every Tuesday afternoon and our kids are getting the chance to improve their biking skills without even realising as they have fun. We have several sessions a year at Spa Park for all ages as well. We really appreciate this area being able to grow to develop style and flow in our bike riders.

Taupo Mountain Bike Club



The AGM held in August saw a shuffling of members, resignation of a few and an introduction of new members to the committee. Lynette stepped aside from the president role to secretary with Kerry Stevens-Clow taking the president role. Shaz Bishop has taken the reigns from Len Malcolm in the treasurer position.



This was also a very sad time for all with the passing of new committee member Richard Ebbett.

The Gambler race was held in September with record numbers attending and all having a fabulous time. Carwyn May was the overall winner managing to be the only one to complete a massive 4 laps of each circuit.

With the end of the year just around the corner, planning is well under way for the 2018 Summer Series racing which is set to kick off from 18th January. This year being held in the shade of the trees on Q Line road entrance. Racing for the whole family with a separate course for the little nippers, Thursdays nights have never looked more exciting! We are happy to say that we are again having an E Bike category, so we really do have something for everyone.

With the generous sponsorship of Pack and Pedal we are doing an early bird entry competition. Get your entries in anytime over the next 4 weeks either online or in store at Pack and Pedal to be in the draw for one of 4 weekly spot prizes.

The end of the year also brings the end of the 2017 Junior MTB Squad for this season. We say goodbye to few of our juniors who are now moving on to other things and it's time for the next up and coming to apply. For all that are interested in being selected applications are now open for

the 2018 season. You must also race the long course of the Summer Series so get your entries in now!

For more info, you can either head to our website www.mountainbiketaupo.org.nz or our Facebook page [Taupo Mountain Bike Club](#) or phone Lynette on [0277529479](tel:0277529479)

Happy riding everyone,

Lynette and the team from Taupo Mountain Bike Club

Whakaipo Lodge Summer Concert

4-7pm Saturday 24th February

Get your friends together for the greatest little concert of the Summer! The [Cattelstops](#) will play original material & other tunes influenced by their love of Western Swing. Nominated for best country album in 2007, and used as the soundtrack for local hit movie "Second Hand Wedding," this will be a line up not to be missed! Fundraising for [Kids Bike Taupo](#). **Tickets on sale now** on [EventFinda](#) or contact us. Don't miss out! Limited ticket sales.

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