



Pedal Talk 33

Kia Ora

Welcome to another addition of Pedal Talk and I am not even going to mention Christmas! As always we have been busy at Bike Taupo and with the weather on the improve we have been seeing plenty of bikes out and about which is fantastic to see. If you have been out to Craters Mountain Bike Park recently I am sure you will agree that the tracks are in awesome condition and riding well. We hope to have some exciting updates on new track builds soon, so watch the facebook page for news...



2017 memberships

First and foremost, I would like to sincerely thank all you good people for joining with Bike Taupo this year. Your membership is extremely important and valued by us to first and foremost keep our trail system at Craters legit, but also and very importantly, build and maintain our tracks, keep our Kids Bike Taupo programme running and the wheels and spokes turning. I am sure you will agree that what we have on offer in the Taupo region is pretty outstanding.

2017 memberships will be available online, at local bike shops, the Hub cafe and Huka Souvenir outlet from December 1st. This is the 4th year in our fee based membership programme and it was formally decided at our recent AGM to implement a slight increase in membership fees to offset the ongoing cost of business as usual. The new 2017 membership is as follows:

Individual adult (18 years and over)	\$50.00
Family (parents and their children under 18)	\$70.00
Child/youth (aged 5 to 17)	\$ 5.00

Our new orange tags will be valid from 1st December 2016 until 31st December 2017, with the white tags no longer valid from 1st January 2017. Once again, we would like to say big "thanks" to Tony Pietersma from Taupo Key & Lock for sponsoring the latest bike fashion accessory. Thanks again for your ongoing support :)

Also, as a little incentive for you. If you join online in the month on December you go in the draw to win 1 of 5 Bike Taupo tee shirts and also the chance for 2 family memberships to be refunded!!

Movie Time !!

The Phil Keoghan movie Le Ride is coming to Taupo as a fundraiser for Kids Bike Taupo.

As a result of the efforts of Peter from Starlight Cinema and Mark Gibson, Le Ride will be showing on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm.

Tickets are \$25 and \$10 will go to Kids BT.

Tickets available at Starlight Cinema and Top Gear Cycles (cash only) at present. Get in fast as this event will be sold out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go1iV7bZbZs>

Have your say on cycling and walking trails in the Waikato

We're lucky here in the Waikato to have four of New Zealand's Great Rides - the Hauraki Rail Trail, Te Ara Ahi - Thermal by Bike, the Waikato River Trails, and of course The Great Lake Trail.

Please take a few minutes to share your views on our great trails, your response and opinions are important to us for the possibilities of future funding and linking to other trails in our region.

The survey closes on 20 November 2016, button below:-until next time, pedal on, summer is coming :)

Cheers [Melissa](#) (Administrator)

[Take the survey here](#)

Words of Wisdom - from our Leader

Last year we put a counter on Tankstand. Since then it has been ridden past 112,615 times! Now either we have someone spending a lot of time riding back and forth past the counter, the local falcons having fun or there are just lots of people out enjoying our trails. Personally I think it is the latter and it is fantastic to be able to share this info with our track crew who are out doing the mahi on the track and also all of our supporters and sponsors who help us make cool trails that so many people want to come out and ride them.

I would also like to congratulate David Trewavas who returns to the mayoralty this term. Taupō District Council have been great supporters over the years and we are seeing more and more support from David and his team now more than ever. This, however, does not mean that we will be sitting back idle from our advocacy role. This coming year TDC will be working on a review of their cycling strategy. We will be in this process bikes and all and we are keen to hear from you on what you think the priorities for biking in the Taupo District should be. We are keen to push for a more linked up and safer urban cycle network, so that when people come to ride in Taupo, they ride around town as well as the tracks. In the mean time please have a think on what is important to you as someone who bikes in Taupō so that you also can contribute to this conversation. However, the best thing you can do is get out and ride! The more people on bikes, the more visible we all are and it becomes obvious to all that a lot of people think that biking in Taupō is important and deserves to be prioritised.

If you want to do something now, however, please drop me a line, there are heaps of ways that you can be involved in BT and the more the merrier.

Right enjoy this weather and get out on your bikes and ride, and before the end of the year see if you can convince some one else to also get on a bike and go for a ride as well.

Nga Mihi

"Get on your bikes and ride" Farrokh Bulsara

Rowan : chair@biketaupo.org.nz

Track Crew News

Craters

All of the tracks are in great order and are riding well for the upcoming races. The logging operations are ongoing with the crew shifting to the golf course over the fence from the Connection and also to the dippers on Outback and will be using the roads to carry the load out. Bike Taupo is doing its best to keep the tracks open and its users safe so please stay away from these areas, don't cross the tapes and follow all of the signs. Tourist Trap and the kid's tracks will all be rebuilt as soon as the logging operations are finished in those areas. Elsewhere, maintenance work continues along with the construction of Mistress, which is already looking like a great track.

Huka Trails

The new Bungy incline and the changes around Tailor's Bluff are proving to be winners. The good buggers at Trail Fund has supplied Bike Taupo with funding to make a change for DOC on the Aratiatia Track just after the Red Bridge. The work has now been completed and we're sure everybody will be happier not having to grunt up that silly bit of hill beside the road and enjoy a view of the bridge instead. Logging is about to begin at the back of Wairakei Resort so please keep an eye out for changes to the tracks and any no go zones that will be signposted closer to the time.

Great Lake Trail

All of the tracks are in great order including the extra 20 kilometers to the Waihaha Hut and back. The improvements to that section, as funded by the Trail Fund, have made a huge difference with it now being able to be ridden except for one washout after the bridge. A great grade 3+ ride.

Te Iringa suffered snow damage over the winter but is being opened up by DOC again. The track is said to be cleared to the old hut site with DoC going back in to complete to the Oamaru Hut in November. Please send us any feedback on the track.

Tree Reports

Please keep us updated on any fallen trees; they are a huge help by saving us time and money, and improving everyone's riding experience. Recently, the Track Crew received an email first thing Monday morning, had the trees cleared by lunchtime and sprayed part of the track while they were there.

contact: trackcrew@biketaupo.org.nz



Taupo Cycle Challenge - Huka MTB Race

The Huka course has been set for 2016. Bumble Bee and BBC have been replaced with Kegresse up to the third exit onto Ferret. The available distances are as follows:

Huka — 85.3 kilometers

Steamer — 63 kilometers

Teaser — 32.3 kilometers

Please note that the starting position is now set on the domain immediately beside the roadie start and not on the road as in past years - a definite improvement for sure.

If you are about on the day and would like to be involved, we always appreciate volunteers in various roles. Please contact Lynette at : john.lynette@clear.net.nz

[Cycle Challenge](#) Enter the Cycle Challenge Here



Term 1 for 2017 is fully booked and people are asking for term 2 as well. This term is busy every day. I had a very interesting morning in Turangi at a Child Safety Day. It is always good to talk to parents. I am finding it really smart to be spending time at Early Childhood places. It might be my imagination, but the kids seem to be riding on two wheels younger because we are seeing them early. Certainly the training wheels message is getting out there.

Cycle Challenge

Kids Bike Taupō will be in the Domain with the gear in the afternoon, to give the kids something to do. It is always a good profile and I get to talk to lots of people. KBT is also receiving funds from the sale of some of the recycled bike parts sculptures at the Museum. Thanks to Toni Williamson for thinking of us.

Community Bike Shed

I am still banging away at this. The shed at Spa Venture Park is being cleaned out, rodent proofed and repaired. ADDI is keen to be involved and I am hoping that it will be a great place for people to come get a recycled bike to fix and take home.

Ricky Biker - New Van

The Big Mercedes Sprinter has arrived. Watch this space, photos to follow of the new Kids BT van, currently being decked out with bike racks etc. The kids at Tauhara Primary named him Ricky Baker, the main character from Hunt for the Wilderpeople, but we modified it to Ricky Biker!!

KBT Coordinator

[Cath Oldfield](#)

Taupo Mountain Bike Club

It has been a busy few months for the Mountain Bike Club, with our most recent race event being the **Pack & Pedal Gambler**. We had a great turn out of riders, and quite a few from out of town. This was a well-received event and we are looking to make it even bigger and better for next year.



Skills Course

Dave Shaw with the help from Carwyn May organised and ran an awesome skills course for Year 4-6 kids at Craters. They enlisted the help of the **Taupo MTB Club Development Squad**, who turned out in full force to share their skills and knowledge. From the feedback received, all riders had a good time and learnt many skills that improved not only their riding but also their confidence. We are looking at running another course sometime very soon, so watch out for posts on our club Facebook page Taupo Mountain Bike Club or our website for details. A huge thanks from me personally and the parents, to everyone involved in this awesome 4 week course.

Social Rides

Gina has been beavering away working out a host of social rides for the club and working in with Ted from Treadroutes to make some “wicked” destinations available for club riders. There are currently 8 rides up for you to choose from spanning the next 6 months, so check below for full details. If you are wanting to attend, please get in early, as spaces are limited and minimum numbers are needed. And don't forget our usual Thursday night get together's for an hours loop ride. Usually leaving from the Crafty Trout at 6pm. For details on social rides go to <http://www.mountainbiketaupo.org.nz/page/317270>





Youth Development Squad

Paula Pietersma and Dave Shaw have been working tirelessly behind the scenes with the Taupo Development Squad, taking them on rides, and events all around the region. Last weekend 11 of the squad kids under the guidance of Carwyn May headed over to Napier for race preparation at the Eskdale Mountain Bike Park. They had a great time exploring and racing around both sections of the Park and the limestone trails in Napier, staying at the Top 10 overnight. Big thanks to all the parents involved.

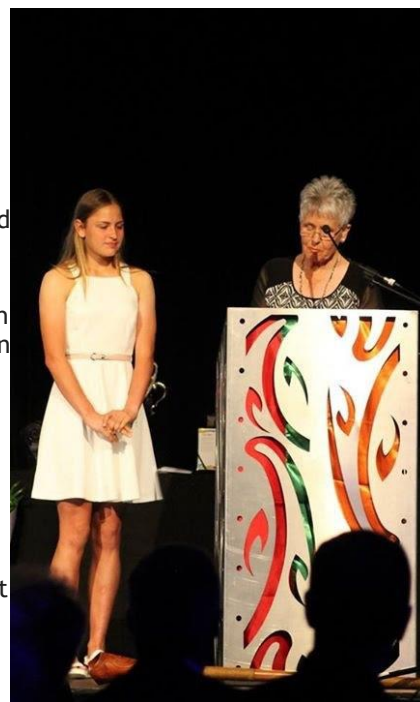
The Squad have been making some awesome gains and have been taking out placings at many events over the past few months. Well done to you all, and thanks Paula and Dave for your continuing efforts in giving these riders the opportunities to better themselves in the sport of Mountain Biking.

Breaking news !!!

At the 2016 Taupo District Sports Awards held on Friday night Sammie Maxwell won 1 of the 4 Lake Taupo Sports Foundation Scholarships awarded and also claimed the award for Team Taupo Best Female Athlete - all in recognition of her dedication and commitment to Mountain biking. We are all so proud of Sammie and are in awe of her Mountain Biking Prowess! You Rock Sammie!!

We are gearing up for the 2017 **Pack & Pedal Summer Series**, which will kick off on 2nd February 2017 for our 8 week series. It will be an awesome event, and we encourage you to come out and give it a go. We have categories for all ages and abilities with both long and short courses for the Adults and Kids alike. We are finalising the details around the event and will get all information to you as soon as we can. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook - and maybe even your e-mails!

As you can see, it is all happening at the Taupo MTB club! Love that the days are getting longer and we have a bit more time in our day for riding!!! The smell of BBQ's in the air are becoming more frequent and the easy, hazy days of summer will soon be upon us!



Thanks to all our committee for their passion and enthusiasm that they put into our sport. To our club members, hope you are enjoying the rides we offer, and looking forward to seeing you out on the trails soon.

Cheers, Lynette

Contact: [Secretary](#)

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