



Pedal Talk Issue 20

Spring is here and summer is on it's way, the Cycle Challenge and Huka are just around the corner with some fantastic cycle events happening around the area and great adventures to be had. Get on your bike- enjoy.

BIG THANK YOU'S

- To The wonderful Marshals a massive thank you who helped out on the Day Night Thriller and the Kinloch off Road Challenge.
- To Sport Waikato Kick Start Programme which has funded \$5k for Kids in Schools.
- To Green Clean who have allowed Kids Bike Taupo to use there van, while we find funding, they will finally get .
- To the Cranky Diva's team - Melissa, Lynette, Cath and Lynaire
- To all the people who attened our Special General Meeting and esp. to Logan and Phil for there great presentation about the BMX worlds fascinating thanks guys.
- Thanks to Taupo Residential and Craig at Avanti Plus for the Portable shelter at The Connection
- Transpower for the funding for a second toilet at Craters MTB Park - Wairakei Forest car park.
- Mad engineers for their continual blackberry bashing and maintenance on the tracks.
- To all the riders emailing us of tree damage, storm damage on tracks you're stars.

To the 12 SAR MtBers who ventured out to Poronui Station on a search and found the missing Frenchman

Bike Taupo

Road Users Group

Road Cyclist - we need Garmin GPX file downloads for road loops around Taupo please, to be used for the Road Safety Map.

Please email Mark media@biketaupo.org.nz

Zero Risk King Of the Ring - for Kids Bike Taupo to get more kids on Bikes

<http://www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/BazzThatcher/>

On the 7th of December Bazz Thatcher will step out into the ring at the Zero Risk King of the Ring event, fundraising for Bike Taupō. Donate online or by text and you're supporting Bike Taupō. Your online donation is tax deductible and for every \$3000 donated, King of the Ring will donate another \$1000. Share the love! The charity that raises the most money will receive a \$10,000 bonus. All funds raised for Bike Taupo will be used for the Kids Bike Taupo programme which works to get children in the district on bikes. A big thanks to Baz for putting his body on the line for us.

There are several options to help out.

1. Text to 306 and type in BAZ to donate \$3. Tell all your friends and text as often as you like.
2. Online donation. Check out www.laketaupocharity.co.nz.
3. Trade Me auction items during November. We have had generous support from local businesses to put together some amazing packages and auction items.
 - Wairakei Family Weekend Package. Accommodation, meals and fun activities for a family of four in Wairakei Tourist Park, includes a jet boat ride, Heli ride (adults only), Volcanic activity centre, Prawn Park etc...
 - Great Lake Trail Mountain biking Weekend. Accommodation, meals, shuttles to Waihaha and ride to Waihora on the new section of the Great Lake Trail with a couple of our track builders with a boat ride back to Kinloch for a group of four.
 - Four extra seats for the Great Lake Trail ride, including lunch.
 - A two hour gig with Baz Thatcher. Our boxer is a very good musician and we are auctioning his musical talents as well.

GO and check it out, some bargains to be

had: <http://www.trademe.co.nz/Members/Listings.aspx?member=4780088>

Baz Bad Intentions Thatcher

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Bike Taupo T Shirts 4 sale

For purchase – our very own Bike Taupō T-shirts, designed and printed in Taupō. We're taking orders before they are printed so we can get the size allocation right. They're good quality and available in both men's and women's styles. They are \$35 each and will be the same colours as on the design picture. Order one by the 24th July and it will be available for pick up early August. If you live outside Taupō, it can be posted to you for an additional fee. Payment can be made by internet banking or a bank deposit. The sizes below are the actual measurements of the T-shirt.

Men's Sizes

Width – cm (under arm)

Length – cm (top of shoulder to bottom of hem)

| S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
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- 180 GSM 100% Cotton

- Fabric pre-shrunk to minimise shrinkage

Women's Sizes

Width – cm (under arm)

Length – cm (top of shoulder to bottom of hem)

| XS | S | M | L | XL |
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| 68 | 70 | 72 | 74 | 76 |
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The women's T has curves where it counts. It has scoops, scallops and capped sleeves and looks great on all figures, curvy or otherwise. See photo.

- Curved tails (front & back)

- Scooped Neck & Capped Sleeves

- 150 GSM 100% Combed Cotton

- Fabric pre-shrunk to minimise shrinkage

Email [Julie](#) with your order and she will get back to you with the payment details.



Craters MTB Park - Wairakei Forest

- Big thank to Taupo Residual and Craig at Avanti Plus for the sponsorship of the new portable shelter at The Connection, awesome.
- The tracks are in wicked condition at present and there are a lot of riders out there.
- New signage is on the way, already out on Tourist Trap, you will not be able to miss them.
- Work starting on Scraggs return.

- The Loos are finished and we had a bit of a opening with Transpower who sponsored the blue loo.



Robert from Transpower officially opening the toilet at Craters



The Beagle Boys track at Craters MTB Park - Wairakei Forest was officially open yesterday by Corrections Minister Anne Tolley. The 2.5 km track was developed by Bike Taupō with the help from offenders sentenced to community work. They contributed 1120 hours of labour and were able to gain skills and valuable work experience. A true team effort with a great outcome. Beagle Boys is officially opened by the Minister of Corrections.

- Sponsor signs, Our wonderful sponsors signs are up, please support these business as they are supporting us.
- Updated grade, track descriptions and lengths is now on our website page - Craters MTB Park - Wairakei Forest
NB If we have problems with freedom campers in Craters MTB Car park area, the toilets will need to be removed, as a member of Bike Taupo we ask you to move on anyone who is free camping in Carters MTB Car park - if we do not we could loose the toilets and could even jeopardise riding in this fantastic spot, also keep it clean. Please help us out.

Just a reminder if there is a tree over the track, stock on a track or a wash out etc PLEASE email the track crew and they will head out and fix it, we would rather have 10 emails about one thing than not know about it - Cheers

Track Crew Contact Details: trackcrew@biketaupo.org.nz

More info: <http://www.biketaupo.org.nz/news/track-crew>

Wanted photos for Bike Taupo website.

We would love some photos to use on our website and promotional material. We're looking for pics of awesome people having fun on and around our great tracks. Quirky or just captures the biking buzz in our region. We are after shots of road cycling, mountain biking, BMX, bike polo, commuting, families, dirt jumps, trials, urban assault...you name it, we want it!!

Please email julie@biketaupo.org with a message authorising Bike Taupo to use the photos in there publications.

GLT and Craters MTB Park/Wairakei Forest Map

Maps are available at your local friendly bike shop (\$3) or you can download a copy from the Bike Taupo website [here](#) If you're keen to advertise in the next edition please contact Mark Gibson @ Top Gear or email media@biketaupo.org.nz

Donations

Towards the rebuilding and maintenance of Taupo MTB tracks would be very much appreciated and would really help us build good quality tracks for the long term. If anyone wants to make a donation, there are donation boxes in bike shops around town, at cafes: Zest Cafe, Heli Cafe, Sierra Cafe, Tipsy Trout and the Kinloch dairy. There are also a few very solid donation boxes @ Craters MTB Park car park and Whakaipo Bay at the start of the W2K track, or you can donate online on the Bike Taupo website <http://www.biketaupo.org.nz/get-involved/donate-to-bike-taupo>

Great Lake Trail

Track Usage

For those who are interested in the past two months (20 August to 16 October). Includes Bikers and walkers.

In summary,

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| Orakau | 1836 Chinamans |
| Whakaipo Bay | 1052 |
| K2K | 2518 |
| Waihaha | 544 |

The total number of movements past the counters over the past two months 5950, not too bad for winter.

Otupotu Section

Work is progressing, approx. 8kms completed so far, it's magic both for riding and for the views, Not open yet hopefully will be early new year. The two crews are heading towards each other at present Pete Mac's crew are working from Waihaha track to join with Chad's crew, a huge amount of amount of blasting has made it a slow process.



Rupert drilling for the blasting - it's slow going approx.20m a day it will be magic to bike.



Timber at the lookout for Boardwalk. - What a view.

Waihaha

Has bedded in and is a great ride it's 13kms and you can take a side trip, a stroll down to the lake. Parking at Waihaha Bridge car park or at the end of Waihaha road.

Possum Control - W2K and Headland Tracks

The second operation is about to begin, baits will be laid around August on the W2K and Headland Track areas. Central Trappers Ltd are laying poison in this area. It is Animal Health Board funded possum control. Pindone plus Potassium Cyanide (Feratox) will be used on the DOC land. There will be Warning Signs erected at all access points and roads entering the operational area for the duration of the operation which will take place between 31 July 2013 - December 2013.

PLEASE watch CHILDREN at all times.

Poison baits and carcasses are DEADLY TO DOGS so watch them at all times too.

For further information contact Neil Philpot [0274 845 454](tel:0274845454)

Urban Jungle

Kids Bike Taupo

The bikes have been a huge success, massive thanks to Cath Oldfield heading out to schools during lunchtimes with the 35+ bikes and getting kids riding. Cath is at Mount View every Friday and calls into other schools in Taupo District. Cath has also been taking the kids to the BMX track to have a go, there is always big smiles and a bit of blood!. If you would like to know more or keen to help, contact Cath. admin@biketaupo.org.nz also thanks to Phil who services the bikes so they are in tip top shape.

Massive thank you to Rotary Taupo Moana for sponsoring the Kids Bike Taupo Van and to Green Cleaning for letting Cath use the van for 3 months while Kids Bike Taupo found the funding. Also thanks to Sport Waikato who have funded some of Cath's hours so she can get out there more. Word is getting out and the kids are loving it.



The fleet of bikes and Bike Taupo's flag

Bikes in Schools/Youth Programme Development

The crew has been working very hard on this programme. The focus is on getting kids riding bikes. There are so many kids out there who aren't confident on a bike and this programme aims to give them opportunities to build up their skills. The programme also aims to get bike tracks and bikes into schools around the Taupo District. If you would like to know more or are keen to help out or sponsor please email admin@biketaupo.org.nz.

Rumour has it, there is sponsorship and forward momentum for the first school to have a bikes and a track - in our District so watch this space.

Social Hard Court Bicycle Polo

If you'd like to understand more about how Bike Polo is played, there's some good info [here](#)

Taupo Bike Park Inc.

Congratulations to Jo Simpson who travelled to France and competed in the Vans Kill the Line cup <http://www.redbull.com/en/bike/stories/1331610453444/vans-kill-the-line-qualifiers-photo-gallery> and came 10th - Wicked job Jo.

After riding with his hero's Jo is now inspired to build jumps in Spa Park and what do you know nek minute, massive thanks to Taupo Moana Rotary who have given some funding to get the first line of beginner jumps and humps built - for all ages to ride as Taupo Bike Park secure funding they will continue to build bigger and bigger jumps.

The crew are still raising funds for the transportation and the dirt. If you want to make a donation to the cause or have any connections with potential sponsors for dirt or transportation of dirt please contact Cath Oldfield admin@biketaupo.org.nz



Matt Priest, No hander

BMX

Club rides - Wednesdays

Club rides are now on Wednesday nights, with registration from 5.30pm and racing starting at 6pm. There will be a BBQ going and drinks for sale. Come and give BMX a go – BMX bikes and helmets can be hired at the track for a minimal rate or just come and watch and support the crew, for a fun afternoon out

For more BMX information visit <http://www.taupobmx.org.nz>

Unicycling

Ken Looi will be riding the Cycle Challenge Around The Lake - on his 24" standard unicycle (He usual rides a 36 " geared unicycle with brakes) Ken will be attempting to break a world record time over distance. A massive effort - Good Luck Ken. Please support Ken if you see him out there.

NZ got Talent - Unicyclists

Christian and Mike are showing us how trials on a unicycle is done - it's pretty amazing.

For unicycling information go to http://www.unicycle.org.nz/?page_id=14 and to check out unicycle skills <http://www.unicycleskills.co.nz/>

MTB Taupo

Tree Trunk Gorge Social Ride - October

We had an awesome turn out of 55 keen bikers for this months social ride with three options there was something for everyone, a massive thanks to Sandy for her amazing organising skills and to Chainsaw for driving and keeping an eye out for all and his amazing BBQ skills

X Eliminator - Thursday 28th November

Spread the word XC Eliminator is back bigger and better than last year. What is this you ask? The event is to be held at Riverside Park, and starts at the top of the hill off the back of a truck deck. The course then weaves it's way to the bottom, with a bunch of easy man made obstacles to negotiate along the way. All downhill, 4 riders at a time, first and second move to the next round and 3rd and 4th are eliminated. It's going to be fast and flowing, Free to enter, Great for spectators, Licenced bar, refreshments and food for sale. Suitable for Cranky Diva's, Youth, Joe average and hard out Harry's.

The Cranky Diva's

In case you have missed it we have started up a group for women only riders called the "Cranky Divas". They ride once a month and all info is either on our website or Facebook page. A special shout goes out to Melissa Johnston,

Lynair Campbell and Cath Oldfield for taking the charge and showing their groups how best to take it!



MTB Skills day

What turn out and Massive thanks to Brendon and Carwyn for their time and experience, must mention you both look stunning in your matching Huka Cycles shirts and budgie smuggling lycra's !!

Taupo MTB Quiz Night/AGM - Thursday 21st November

The Lakeman Brewery/Waterside Restaurant & Bar sponsored Social evening and AGM. Yes folks that means great food and cold beers at a great price. Oh and it's Quiz time!! This years the venue is the upstairs room above the Waterside Restaurant & Bar, which is a magic spot with superb vistas of the Great lake. Lake man brewery has donated a keg of there finest drop of Pilsner and again all proceeds will go back to Bike Taupo for trail development. So you will need to come very thirsty - but of course only to help maintain out bike tracks!! Yeah Right!! The Quiz will be MC By Carwyn May and will be very entertaining & interactive cycling related with a twist. It will be hilarious and will appeal to all.

Limited to 100 people. Tickets are \$20 includes all night nibbles and beer, limited wine and juice. Tickets can be brought from your favourite Taupo Bike shop.

King and Queen of Crank

15 December 2013

This event is in it's 4th year roadies vs MTBers. I must mention that we have smoked those soft roadies every year, the roadies should invite James Spittle to compete for them He knows how to win ? lol. This event doubles as our combined Xmas wind up with a few refreshments, BBQ, load music a fun relaxing day out. The event involves a 24km road ride and 16km MTB so not too taxing on the body, it is xmas after all.

Check out our facebook for updates. (Taupo Mountain Bike Club) or check or website. <http://www.mountainbiketaupo.org.nz>

Cardno Summer Series

Yes it's coming the Thursday night rides will be back thanks to Cardno for sponsoring this years event - 16 January 2014 - 20 March 2014 @ Craters MTB Park -Wairakei Forest: Rego from 5pm and racing starts @ 6pm.

Huka Cycles Kids Series

Just for the kids, Thanks Huka Cycles. Kids will have their own track to race around at Craters MTB Park - Wairakei Forest, Thursday nights from 16 January thru to 20 March 2014

For more Mountain biking info go to <http://www.mountainbiketaupo.org.nz>

Taupo Cycling Club

Sunday Morning Social Rides

<http://www.taupocyclingclub.org.nz/sunday-morning-rides/>

These rides leave from outside Farmers, Tuwharetoa Street (Next to McDonald's drive-through) Taupo. Start time is 9am sharp! There are 2 groups, a slower group with average speed 20-25kmph riding a distance of approx 40-50km, or a faster group with average speed 26-30kmph riding a distance between 70-100+ km. We will regroup at designated points along the way. Please remember to bring 2 water bottles, food, spare tube and pump and most importantly some \$ for a coffee at the end of the ride! Remember the road rules and when riding two abreast ride in a light formation.

These rides are a great way to experience the beauty of our district and it's always fun to ride in a group. These rides are a social pedal, not a race, which gives cyclists an opportunity to gather together for a pleasant Sunday morning ride. All visitors welcome.

Wednesday Night Racing 6pm Taupo Velodrome

Track cycling provides all the skills/fitness required to make all your other cycling easier. It improves pedal stroke/rotation, and improves fitness through faster recovery. Track cycling gives you Paceline experience and better pedal cadence.

There are 14 bikes available for free to all members of TCC. Sizes are varying between 49cm and 58cm – you need to bring helmet, pedals and shoes
Wednesdays 5.30 - 9.30pm. For more information check out the [website](#).

Juniors intro to Track riding

Bring your junior rider along to Owen Delany Park for an introduction to Track Riding at the Velodrome. Ages 7-10 years, bring a bike, helmet and footwear along Email, Phone or Text to Register Amy Burndred [027 213 5147](tel:0272135147)

Amy.burndred@bikenz.org.nz Date: Mon 04 Nov 2013 Time: 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM



Tuesday night racing at Taupo Motorsport Park

The Spring Series has returned, and this event has been sponsored by "Pak N Save" This year we are mixing it up a bit with not just having the track racing but also a road race and individual time trials.

Non-members are welcome to ride twice at the track, after that they will need to have a Bike NZ membership. This protects the club and has insurance implications if we allow non-members to ride....However to achieve this we will need your help, we need 5 volunteers/time keepers each and every night .

That's 1 from each grade, please help out for the benefit of all.

Please Note Track Entry not before **5:30pm**, **registration at 5:45** and racing starts at 6:00pm

We also arranged to allow cars to park in front of the main grandstand, so please bring your vehicles in and do NOT park in front of the service buildings in the entrance area.

For more information go to our website <http://www.taupocyclingclub.org.nz>

Taupo Tri Club

The Tri Club Series has started - Monday with a Duathlon starting from AC baths Rego 5.30pm race 6.00pm. The Tri club also running an MTB Duathlon. on the 11 November. Try something different, here is the

link <http://www.trisporttaupo.co.nz/assets/files/Tri%20SportTaupo%20Calendar%202013-2014.pdf>

Snippets

New Zealand Bicycle Registry.

The New Zealand Bicycle Registry is a free service for storing vital information about your bike - most importantly your bike frame serial number. In the event of your bike being stolen you can notify the Registry so the Police, and others, can search for your bike if they recover it - anywhere in New Zealand.

This national registry is open to police agencies throughout New Zealand to simplify the return of found property. Hundreds of bicycles are found by police every year and there has been no easy way for them to find the rightful owner - until now. The New Zealand Bicycle Registry aims to solve this problem.

The general public can also search through the list of stolen bikes before purchasing a second hand bike. Check it out it could save you a headache or two: <http://www.mountainbike.co.nz/registry/>

Didymo AKA Rock Snot

Don't forget if you are planning on riding in Taupo this summer, especially if you have been riding in the south island. There are a whole bunch of places that water, and Didymo, could be hiding in your bike and shoes etc.



Phoenix Cyclery -Pack and Pedal Giant Demo Day 19 November 2013

Are now the supplier of Giant Bikes in Taupo there is a Demo afternoon on the 19th November @ Craters MTB Park - Wairakei Forest, you can book online. Here is the easy link for the booking of a giant demo bike. <http://www.giantdemodays.com.au/book-a-demo-bike>.

For the Cranky Divas we have the new ladies Liv Giant bikes at the demo also the new Lust and Lust carbon, and the carbon Obsess, as well as lots for the boys. See Nigel who can make bookings in store for riders who would like to ride during the day on Tuesday 19th November before 2pm.

Check out Bevan Percival Taupo Local - NZ Landscapes timelapse Volume two:

This timelapse features Bevan's best work yet. It represents hours and hours of dedication to the art. Bevan's driven by chasing fleeting moments of dramatic light on beautiful landscapes and also capturing the night sky and milky way in all it's glory is a real buzz. Mad if you don't watch it - awesome work Bevan
<http://vimeo.com/62980495>

How to be a Mountain Biker

For a bit of a laugh check this vid out <http://www.pinkbike.com/news/Video-How-to-be-a-Mountain-Biker-2013.html>

Danny MacAskill in Taiwan

<http://www.redbull.com/en/bike/stories/1331605663955/danny-macaskill-in-taiwan>

The Official New Zealand code for Cyclists

Just in case you were wondering what the rules were, or you want some information check this site out.

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/roadcode/cyclist-code/index.html>

Resources for families

<http://www.bikewise.co.nz/resources/resources-families>

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