

Pedal Talk

Issue 18

WOW what a summer we have had. While it has been tough on many farmers, it has allowed us to get out and about and ride some great tracks. With the shorter days upon us we need to make sure we are seen out there, especially on the roads. Enjoy the ride.

BIG THANK YOU'S

- The first Toilet is in use - Massive thanks to the major funder The Lion Foundation and Taupo MTB



- Scrag and Bruce for the tunnel redesign and the wonderful bermed corners on Squirt.



- Mad engineers for their continual track work and maintenance.
- The young engineers who are currently working on Cole's Killer
- Oxfam for the wonderful compaction, 1200 people over our tracks makes for some great riding W2K, Totara Gully and J&D etc..

Bike Taupo

Craters MTB Park - Wairakei Forest Track

The tracks are riding well. The boys are working on Debs, Walters and Tank downhill.

Bruce and Scrag have completed the 3 for 2 Tunnel reconstruction which worked a treat at the Summer Worlds.

Toilet Number 1 looks awesome and in use - Big thanks to The Lion Foundation, Peter Cook, Scrag, TDC, Saunders construction, LINZ, Taupo MTB, The track crew and Shorty it has been a massive effort and a very long wait for this loo. Number two loo is on it's way, thanks to funding from Transpower. 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 Carpark - if we do not we could loose the toilets and could even jeopardise riding in this fantastic spot. Please help us out.

Beagle boys (ex Corkscrew) work continues and it is about 2/3's complete a great honest ride with pretty cool views. The Minister of Corrections and Police Anne Tolley, gave us permission to call it Beagle boys, she visited for an hour, last month and seem very impressed with the work the PD boys and Bike Taupo have been doing.

There will be a working bee late May on the lower section of Beagle boys track, we will send out an email.

Check out the latest NZ MTB Mag - Chris Morris and the Mad Engineers have an awesome track report on J&D.

Once Beagle boys track is completed the guys will start work on Coaster, it has been marked out and what a coast it will be.

Just a reminder if there is a tree over the track or 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 none - Cheers

Track Crew Contact Details

Email trackcrew@biketaupo.org.nz

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

Wanted photos for our website.

We want 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 [http://julie@biketaupo.org](mailto:julie@biketaupo.org) with a message authorising Bike Taupo to use the photos in there publications.

Submissions open for TDC annual Plan

We would love bikers to submit "To prioritise more funding towards making Taupo District a safer place to ride".

<http://www.taupodc.govt.nz/our-council/news/Pages/Draft-Annual-Plan-2013-14.aspx>

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, Topsy 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>

Marshalls Required

Heads up the Cateye Moonride is coming up on 18 May 2013 in Rotorua and it's back at Waipa. There will be two shifts day and night, a meal and drink supplied. 8 marshalls required per shift. If you're keen to help out please email trackcrew@biketaupo.org.nz

Great Lake Trail

Waihaha section - Is finished and is amazing, 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.



Cath on her singlepeed riding the GLT Waihaha section



Waihaha Waterfall view from the trail

Waihora landing/waterfall section.

The crew have started work on the waterfall section, approx 300m so far, 4 bridges out of 11 are in. Boat access only, The boys use a barg called Kotukutuku (Tree Fuschia) to get to site saves 2hrs travel a day. Keep an eye on BT facebook page for updates.



The track crew working on the Waterfall track and a few new sections.

Possum Control - W2K and Headland Tracks

The last lot of bait has been laid around the W2K and Headland Track areas. Central Trappers Ltd are laying poison in this area. It is Animal Heath Board funded possum control. Pindone plus Potassium Cyanida (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 10 December 2012 - 30 June 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, with Cath Oldfield heading out to schools during lunchtimes with the 25 bikes and getting kids riding. If you have an old kids bike hanging in your garage, not being used any condition please sent it our way, contact Cath. admin@biketaupo.org.nz

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

Programmes to date

A collaborative group was formed last year being comprised of Bike Taupo, Sport Waikato and reps from local cycle clubs. This resulted in development of a 3 tier programme:

Level 1 – Lunch time riding opportunities at primary schools; administered by Kids Bike Taupo
Level 2 – Safety and bike skills programmes at primary schools; administered by Sport Waikato
Level 3 – Specific skill set development programmes; administered by local clubs

Trials of all 3 programme levels were highly successful during Term 4 of 2012.

Social Hard Court Bicycle Polo

If you'd like to understand more about how Bike Polo is played, there's some good info [here](#) or check out the North Island Cup Bike Polo Tournament on 9th Feb <http://www.rotoruaibikefestival.com/programme>

Taupo Bike Park Inc.

When the guys are not out riding or competing they have been working on an action and site plan for the dirt park. (Spa Park, on the slope next to the Pump Track). They 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

BMX

Club days - Sundays

Starting from 7 April Sunday avo club days begin with registration from 12.30pm and racing starting at 1pm. 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 for a fun afternoon out.

UCI BMX World Champs 2013

The World Champs are coming to New Zealand from 24 -28 July 2013 and will be held at Vector Arena in Auckland. Over 20 Taupo riders have qualified for this event. Awesome effort, keep up the training and good luck to you all. <http://www.bmxworldsnewzealand.com/>



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

Unicycling

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

MTB Taupo Website

Summer Series - Thursday Night Worlds

What an amazing worlds it was, awesome number of riders esp the kids

The 10 round Huka Honda sponsored Summer Series-'the worlds' is over for another year. The level of participation, fierce competition and laughter between rivals was outstanding yet again.

I did mention at the final round prize-giving that you, the riders, battled an average of 25.3 degrees for each Thursday and that in my view made for brilliant racing. The trails are bumpy yes, the dust was unrelenting yes however as a volunteer (and I speak for all who helped) 25.3 degrees was pleasant; one of the better summers we have had in 5-6 years of the event.

As the series director for 2013 I would like to extend a very warm thanks to Glen and Kylie of Huka Honda for their support of the club and the series and Kylie who would be there almost every week to welcome riders back and to take their time, also to consistently bringing ice-blocks for the little ones

is a very kind and welcomed gesture. Also a massive thanks to Lynette, Jan, Alex, Finn, Sandy and Wizz
Cheers Grant.

A few interesting stats

- Biggest week for long course was week 3 with 65 riders/short course was week 5 with 53 riders.
- 270 different people raced the 10 weeks, and 53 little people riding the youth course.
- Average was 48 riders per week for the long course and 41 riders per week for the short course.
- Over the 10 weeks the long course riders covered a distance of 5389 km. That's 538 km per week by all of the riders in the long course combined.



Woman's riding

Although it is coming to winter soon you may think this is an odd request; however, the committee is looking at supporting a woman's only ride on a weekly basis. The committee is looking for like-minded woman/girls/mothers/grandmothers to form a group and ride at your ability/pace at your own set times.

This idea has sprung from the 'frocks on bikes' initiative in the Hawke's Bay where Vicki Butterworth has gathered ladies to ride from a set location at a set time. I understand that the group can be as large as 30 riders, and a strong bond has formed between them all. This is a good idea for new people to the area and, imagine the coffee and/or wine that is consumed following a ride. If you are keen to organise this please contact Taupo MTB committee through there website.

<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 8am 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.

The 1.5hr session will include warm ups and racing. Racing will be more focused on harder efforts. A 6 week points race.

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. For more information check out the [website](#).

Tuesday Night Racing

Summer series 21 April 2013 Last race is a road race on the Huka Circuit 10am start. Check out the website for any upcoming races or events.

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

Snippets

Phoenix Cyclery - Pack and Pedal

Twice as AWESOME. Locals Nigel and Hendon are proud to announce the merge of Phoenix Cyclery and Pack & Pedal.

5 Tamamutu St - Taupo

<http://www.greatlaketaupo.com/new-zealand/product/?product=pack-and-pedal>



Nigel and Hendon in their new shop.

Dip those dazzling bike lights

Cyclists need to make sure they are well lit as daylight savings ends

Those using super bright LED lights should avoid dazzling other road users.

Flashing super bright lights can be a distraction, so keep them aimed low.

With the end of daylight savings, it's time for cyclists to check their lights and batteries.

Some may be caught out by earlier evening twilight, so we all need to be careful.

The message is to bikers is to get out there and enjoy the ride, and remember to use lights whenever visibility is poor.

For drivers, the message is to look twice for people on bikes, especially at intersections.

Cyclists, when riding at night, are required to have:

- One or two, white or yellow front lights. One may flash.
- One or more red rear lights, flashing or steady
- Lights must be visible from 100m
- Pedal reflectors or reflective clothing

CAN spokesperson Patrick Morgan.

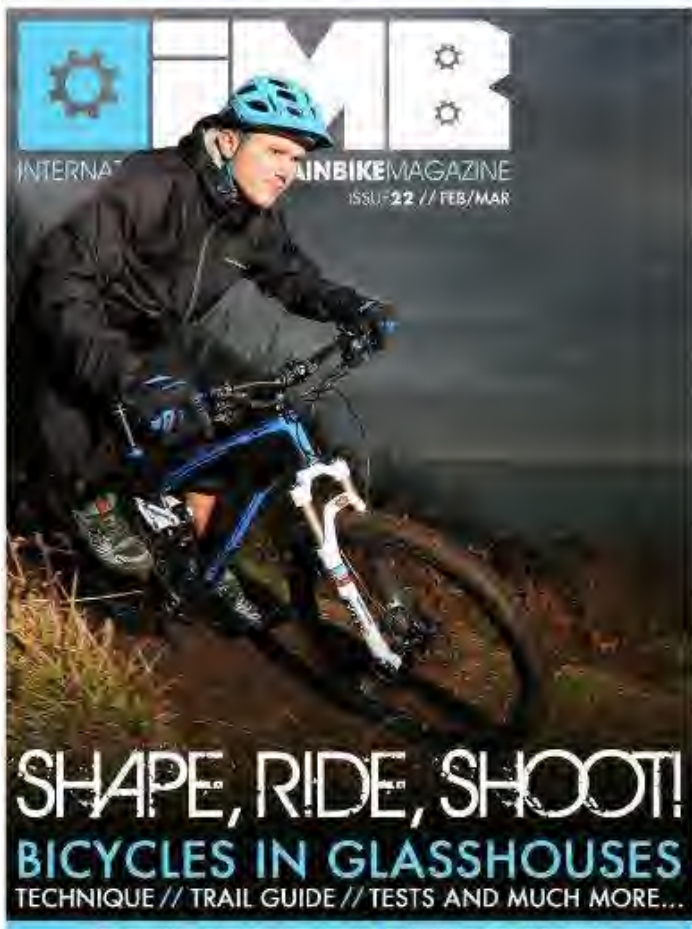
Rotorua Bike Festival

Was a huge success, check out the results here.

http://www.rotoruabikefestival.com/search_results.php

IMB Magazine, Issue 22

Check this online free magazine and the latest edition is packed with the best videos, photos and stories from around the globe! <http://www.imbikemag.com/issue22/>



New Zealand's online Road Cycling Magazine

Gear talk, Race talk, events etc... check out <http://www.roadcycling.co.nz/>

National Cycleways Project Update

Cycleways continue to be constructed all around the country. If you're wanting some ideas on where to ride this winter have a look on their website www.nzcycletrail.com