Upper Clutha Tracks Trust 2018

Summary of Activities

1. Hawea Flat Link Track

.Stage 1 Hawea Flat to Butterfield Road track was completed in June

this year. Well done Alan Gillespie.

Stage 2 Through Devon Dairies to Hawea River track has hit a snag as the land exchange (paper roads) cannot apparently proceed until Luggate slip issue has been resolved.

2. Mt Burke to Dublin Bay

Frustratingly there has been little progress on further stages of this track. Mt Burke Station and its tenure review delays have stopped further negotiation at this time. Personally I would like the trust to seek funding for a survey to see actually what might be progressed in regard to access.

3. Hunter Valley

At Last there appears to be some progress. In November last year there was national publicity on signage, access and Hawea Epic Mountain Bike Race donations. Since then after further publicity there was an agreement reached on 26 September 2018 between Hunter Valley owners and DOC regarding terms of access which seems very positive. It remains to be seen the realities of the new access regime. We are all encouraged to test the new arrangements and access the Hunter Valley.

4. Ramp Hawea Bridge

Geof Wilson and Brian Weedon have been a driving force with this project. After finally achieving three quotes and a report from a Quantity Surveyor we are now just awaiting Resource and Building Consent matters to be completed and construction can start hopefully before Christmas.

5. Pawsons Crossing to Wanaka

This is a Great Ride link, but importantly will be a key access to the network of existing tracks from Wanaka Township. John Hare has been driving this. The route, easements and maintenance responsibilities are all agreed upon. Hopefully the new track can be started shortly.

PEOPLE

A big thanks to all our trustees – Diana Manson as secretary does a brilliant job getting minutes out early and doing a much better job than I did in that role. John Wellington as treasurer is also a key force with his skills in advocacy, fundraising and attending to the financials. Thank you Diana and John.

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SUMMARY

As always, this past year has had its issues and frustrations – with some projects on hold, but others have been progressing positively and hope to see more achieved in the coming year. A big thanks from the chair for all your help.

Grant Fyfe