

UPPER CLUTHA TRACKS TRUST 2016

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

1. Completion and opening of two new tracks
 - (a) Hawea School Track
 - (b) Mototapu TrackBoth of these tracks provide new and valuable links for the public. Well done to all involved and a special thanks to the landowners, Craig Laing and John McRae.
2. Accessibility

This started off with a fund raiser for wheel chair access by physio Kate Turner and Geoff Wilson which raised over \$5,000.00. This morphed into accessibility for our tracks generally - initially for the disabled but also for people with prams and all other track users who don't like gates, chicanes and other barriers for our tracks. The tender for the costs for the removal of barriers and replacements with cattle stops and bollards has been approved for a number of our tracks including the Hawea River track, the Luggate track, and the Hawea School track. As a result of Bike Vember a new ramp for the Hawea swing bridge is being investigated.
3. Slow but incremental progress continues with the Hawea Flat/Hawea River track link through Devon Diaries. Agreements and easements are at last getting finalised and we hope to see progress enabling construction to start sometime in the New Year.
4. Dublin Bay track to Mount Burke boundary. This is progressing and Tront have given their support and an Agreement with DOC has been signed. Hopefully construction for this track can start within the next few months.
5. The merger of ATN and UCTT – Ella Lawton who has been instrumental in promoting ATN and it is proposed that ATN which includes Bike Wanaka, Lake Wanaka Tourism which along with DOC and QLDC will be represented at UCTT monthly meetings in the future.
6. Since the UCTT commissioned a feasibility study to investigate the establishment of a track along side the Clutha River – this project is now being taken over as a Great Rides Project and it will be interesting to see what our level of input into the finished project ultimately is.

PEOPLE

I would like to single out Alan Gillespie who has been particularly helpful as a trustee with his practical skills and project management abilities. Alan has enabled projects to be completed and deal with the many issues as they arise. Thank you Alan.

THE TRUSTEES

Chair	Grant Fyfe
Secretary	Diana Manson QLDC Rep
Treasurer	John Wellington
Trustees	Rachel Brown Alan Gillespie Tom Rowley Stu Thorne Brian Weedon Paul Hellebrekers the following trustees who were (coopted as trustees earlier in the year) Geoff Wilson Mike Weaver John Hare with DOC Rep Anita Middlemass

ADVOCACY

QLDC annual plan submission
Hunter Valley Station re OIA application

SUMMARY

The past year has been busy with significant tangible progress to show for our efforts.

It's been 10 years since the trust was created and \$1M has been raised and spent primarily on 60k's of new tracks and to date while we can be proud of the progress, but there is still much to do. It is anticipated the coming year will see a closer relation with Bike Wanaka, Wanaka Tourism and Te Kakano to enable a big picture approach to our coming projects.

Grant Fyfe