



## Tokoroa MTB Newsletter; Spring 2020

Hello everyone, we got through Covid lockdown in March and April with our sanity largely in place, thanks to everyone for following the rules that enabled us to keep Cougar Park open with only a few rules.

Plenty is going on since we came back into level 1 and then bounced back into level two. We have had the Southstar team and Sean and Jessie Clarke in the park creating some goodness. Juniors re-started, then stopped and on the downside we have had three planned events either postponed or cancelled.

Our annual subs are due, further information later in the newsletter.

### Juniors

Juniors will re-start at level 1, the rides are great fun and well populated with kids and adults are welcome too!

Any enquiries talk to Larry, Darcy or Lee.





## Mid North Island Junior Series 2020 (MNIJS)

Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty around the Covid 19 situation in the North Island, we decided to postpone the September MNIJS race in Tokoroa to a date in January.

2020

**MID NORTH ISLAND  
JUNIOR MTB SERIES**

**CYCLING  
NEW ZEALAND  
MOUNTAIN BIKE**

**POSTPONED**

**RACE 1  
1 SEPT  
TOKOROA  
MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB**

**RACE 2  
8 NOV  
MOUNTAIN BIKE  
TAURANGA**

**RACE 3  
6 DEC  
TAUPO  
MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB**

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## Track Update;

## We made the NEWS..... From the Otago Daily Times;



Mountain Biking Otago president Kristy Booth says goodbye to one of the signs deemed “inappropriate” by the Dunedin City Council. PHOTO: PETER MCINTOSH

The "Ginger Cougar" has found a new home.

The Mountain Biking Otago track sign was one of three "inappropriate" signs the Dunedin City Council asked to be taken down earlier this week after two complaints from the public - alongside The Mrs and The Mistress.

The Tokoroa Mountain Biking Club offered to rehome the sign, a move welcomed by Mountain Biking Otago president Kristy Booth.

"While it was regrettable the sign had to come down and be replaced, our club is over the moon Tokoroa have seen the value in the name, and we will gladly relocate the name and sign to a place where it will be loved and made to feel right at home.



"To me, we're making good of a bad outcome - that highlights what Mountain Biking Otago is all about."

The sign will "fit right in" with the new and aptly named Tokoroa Cougar Park, she said.

Mountain Biking New Zealand president Chris Arbuckle said the sign, which was put up while he was president of Mountain Biking Otago in 2011, did not have an inappropriate meaning.

"The name ginger cougar came about because the rocks on that track were orange in colour, and cougar refers to a cat, because the trail is hard to chase.

"The track names went through a formal process before council and were signed off. They've seen these names before."

Mr Arbuckle said naming signs was often the only "reward" volunteers had for hundreds of hours of work.

"I am puzzled by the process of removing them in this case. I question whether staff within council are following correct engagement."

Dunedin City Council parks and recreation group manager Robert West said the council had a responsibility to act on public concerns.

"Signal Hill is public land designated as a recreation reserve, managed by the council for the benefit of the community.

"We believe the names were inappropriate for tracks on public land and so asked Mountain Biking Otago to rename the track."

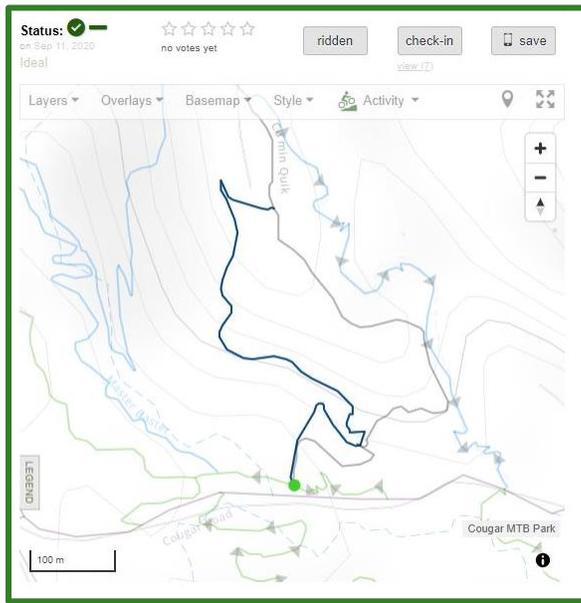
He said work on discussing new names for the three affected tracks was "progressing well".

"Council staff have not identified any other inappropriate track names on Signal Hill ... no other name changes are being considered."

Mr West said the council and Mountain Biking Otago had enjoyed a positive relationship while working to develop a "fantastic community asset" on Signal Hill, and said "parties are working together to rectify the issues involved".

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**And here it is...**



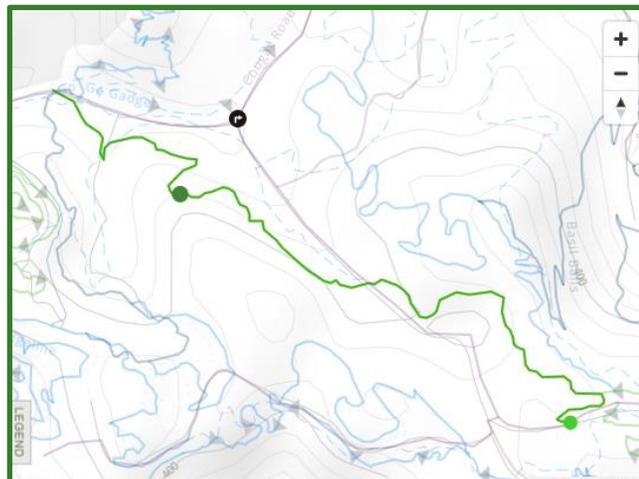
This track flows down from the ridge around a huge rock face and flows nicely into the gully floor. A nice shade of ginger and plenty of tricks up her sleeve to bite the unsuspecting rider. She lays on a north facing slope so will always be warm and have no drainage issues.

A Grade 4, so know your stuff and tell your trail runner and walker friends to stay off this one  
You tube link;

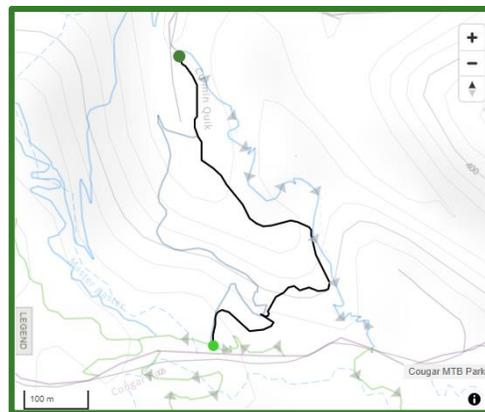
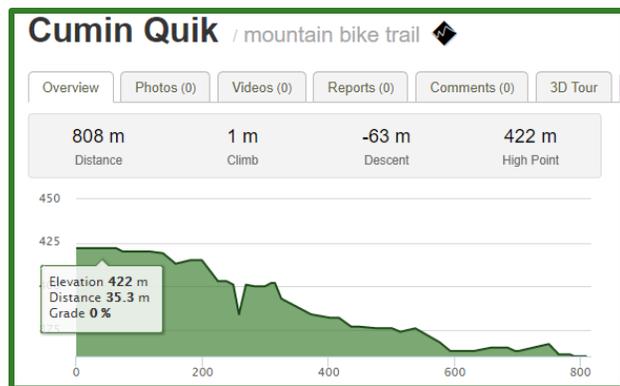
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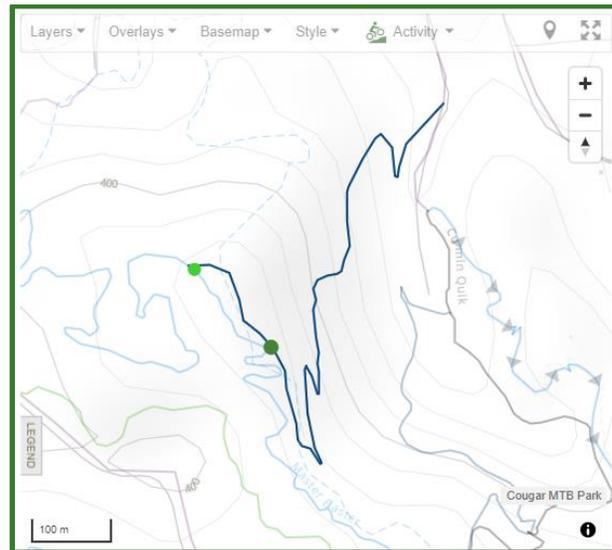
**We have some other new tracks as well...**



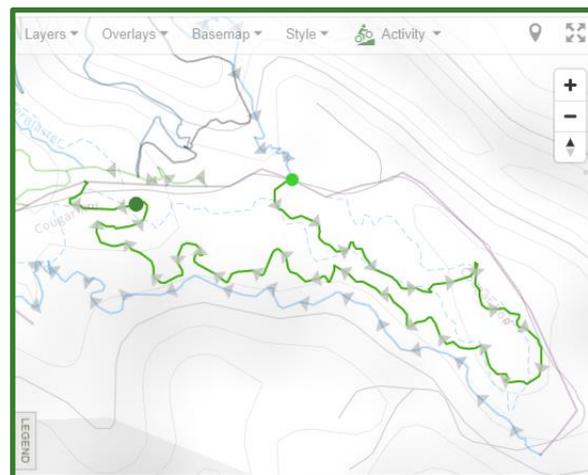
Easy descent, starting at the top of Cougar road, it descends down under a rock formation, it crosses the lower section of Cougar Road and into the area that was Go Go Gadget before the forestry operations of 2018 destroyed the old trail. The new trail runs slightly higher than the old version to take advantage of some good flowy track down to emerge opposite Humpty Dumpty.



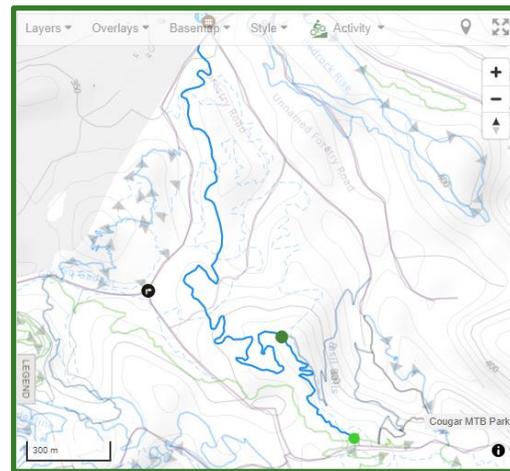
A Solid Grade 5 descent with sharp steep drops at the top, transitioning to a technical single track under a rock face and finishing with multiple jumps in the valley to finish, another track that is not recommended for runners or walkers.



Basil Balls is a fun Grade 3.5 with some big berms and ramps, it has a great rock feature that is rollable but not for anyone with fear of heights



Tikitiki has been built by Sean Clarke, Enter opposite Kahupungapunga off Cougar Road and wind across the upper area of cougar road above Eastern Passage, it exits on Cougar Road, opposite Go Go Gadget.



Master Blaster has also been built by Sean, this is a long single track that runs from the spice trails to the Newell road exit, a nice G3 that includes a bridge built before logging.

### And Another track....

A group of Juniors with funding from the club are developing their track building skills by creating a G5 that will run off the summit of Humpty Dumpty and end on the road below the exit of Humpty.





## Track Maintenance Adoptees

A huge THANK YOU to all Track 'Adoptees'. Adoptees are expected to keep the tracks maintained through raking, blowing and small spade work. All the gear is available at South Waikato Cycles & Lawncare or from Trail Boss Craig. You could also spray your track with a Solo backpack if you want - blackberry spray is supplied. All other maintenance like tree removal, broadcast spraying, major berm and track building etc will be performed during officially club working bees

Track name	Adoptees
Collar Bone	Chistiann Filius (Lofty)
Rollercoaster	Wayne Ryder
Maber Mile	Paul Nairn
Mountain Lion	Sophie Vanner-and Friends
Tiggers Tail	Ross Carter & family
Speedy Cheetah	Warwick Batley
Black Pantha	Eugene van Rheede van Oudtshoorn
Sabre Tooth	Marc Andrew & Larry Sullivan
Log drops	Zeeyn Lally
Danger Mouse	Justyn Smythe
Widowmaker	Colin Davies
Ridgeline	Marc Andrew
Stream Top	Scott Jones; Tim Parsons; Simon Barber
Steam Long	Willie Hale; Greg Draper; Carl McDonald
Chemical Bros	Matt Grant & Daniel Patterson
Humpty Dumpty	Vaughan Goodman
PJ's Pride	Jeremy Mason
Pebbles	Linda Downs; Marion Matthew; Andrew & Cherie Pascoe
Flintstone	Hoots Wilson
Bedrock Rise	Paul & Shiree Flutey / Fiona Ferrar
Yabba Dabba Doo	Craig Evans
Bam Bam	Paul & Shiree Flutey
Kahupungapunga	Brett & Barb McMullen
Eastern Passage	Tawera Sydney



**We still have some orphans...**

Pump Track	
Entrance Track	
Ginger Cougar	
Jack & Jill	
Stream Short	
Go Go Gadget	
Fred Flintstone	
Pokaiwhenua	
Tikitiki	
Master Blaster	
KC's Climb	
KC's Drop	
Cumin Hard	
Basil Balls	

If you can help out please contact Craig Evans

**SUBS – 2020**

The subs for August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021;

- Individual \$30
- Family \$45

Go to the website or deposit straight into our account, don't forget to give us your name so we know who to give the new tags to.

Bank Account Name – Tokoroa Mountain Bike

Account Number – 03-0463-0247587-00





We are holding an open day on September 26 (Rain day is September 27)

# COUGAR PARK OPEN DAY

- \* Official Opening of the new tracks that have been created in the last couple of months including the 'Ginger Cougar'
- \* Tracks funded by Grassroots Trust Ltd, South Waikato District Council and Pub Charity.
- \* Shuttle operating to get you back to the top of the hill, HQ positioned at the base of Kahupungapunga Track.
- \* Follow blue arrows from Sports Ground entrance or from Newells Road entrance.

SATURDAY

**26TH  
SEPT** 2020

(RAIN DATE 27TH SEPT)

FREE  
sausage  
sizzle

COFFEE  
cart  
operating

**OFFICIAL CEREMONY @12PM**  
RIDING STARTING FROM 10AM – 3PM



**ALL WELCOME !!**

Contacts - Larry 0274881954 or Brett 0275218180

**grassroots**  
TRUST

Come along, meet the committee, have a ride and a sausage and enjoy the awesome park that the community has created



## 2020 AGM

A fantastic year was finished with our AGM, the committee for 2021 is;

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## Presidents Report

The last 12 months has seen what I think is the culmination of 6 years work by the club to re-establish a network of tracks back in to the area where harvesting had claimed the majority of our original tracks. This journey began in 2014 with a generous grant of \$350K from the South Waikato District Council (SWDC) funds and over the last 12 months has seen the Tokoroa Mountain Bike Club (TMBC) develop more tracks than any other previous 12 month period in its history.

This work has been overseen by a strong and robust committee who can be proud of their achievements this past year. You all bring with you a unique skill set and as president it is reassuring having so much experience and talent to call on. From continually putting a hand up to act as event marshals or attend a working bee right through to gaining vital funding, everyone has played an integral part.



Some notable achievements over the last 12 months have been;

- Named Waikato club of the year.

A testament to strong governance, benefit to the community, a strong involvement with the community, along with a growing number of park users and the commitment to the further development of a world class facility are some of the outcomes that led to this award.

- Our committee member Warren Goodhue receiving a service to sport award for his decades long commitment and support to cycling.

- The induction of Theo Duyvestyn as a life member of the TMBC for his unwavering support of the club and his foresight and drive to secure council funding.

- The hosting of 3 significant events. Those being the Day Night Thriller for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. The 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Mid North Island cup for juniors And the Total sport trail run.

- The continuation of the club's strong relationships with SWDC and Handcock Forest Management. Communications from both these stake holders over these past 12 months has been nothing but complimentary. We will continue to be inclusive with both these stakeholders and always strive for a win win situation.

- TMBC's success in gaining funding over the last 12 month period has been nothing short of spectacular. Larry has used his skill at putting together concise and accurate funding applications which has seen unprecedented support to our club from both Grassroots and Pub Charity. These funds have been instrumental in the further development of Cougar Park over the last 12 months. With the completion of the tracks using the funding from both organisations, alongside the tracks completed by S.J. Clarke Ltd using funds from the SWDC 2014 grant, Cougar Park is now home to almost 40km of single track.

- We have seen, through Waynes efforts, the introduction of a QR code to enable people using the park to make a donation if they wish to do so.

- The introduction of an adopt a track scheme has been very successful in attracting volunteers to do basic maintenance to their adopted track. This has led to a reduced amount of work needing to be done on those tracks when we have working bees. Thank you to everyone who has taken part.

As the park continues to grow, so does the job of keeping the tracks in tip top condition. One of the hurdles facing the club is enabling our volunteer team of track maintenance crew led by Craig and Matt G



to be able to face this challenge with the right equipment and suitable facilities to operate from. To this point I see it as a priority in the year ahead to work towards the goal of acquiring more of the necessary equipment to make the work less of a burden and also some form of alternative to our current storage facility.

Thank you to

Craig and Matt G for their outstanding work in regard to our latest tracks. The hours spent marking tracks and liaising with contractors has been critical in gaining the end result.

D'arcy, Vaughan, Craig and Matt, for persisting with juniors through what turned out to be a tough year.

Ian for his tireless effort to bring us a better IT relationship.

Warwick Batley and SATCO for his continued support both financial and material.

Warren and South Waikato Cycles and Lawncare for his continue support.

Wayne for his creative genius with the signage.

All the volunteers and supporters who have helped out in any way during the year. Your help goes a long way towards making the committees job easier.

Garry and Margie for their involvement in all aspects of club life. We wish them well with their overseas adventure and hope to see them return safe and sound sometime in the future.

Once again, I want to thank the committee for their support to both me and the club and I wish the incoming committee all the best.

Brett McMullen  
TMBC President



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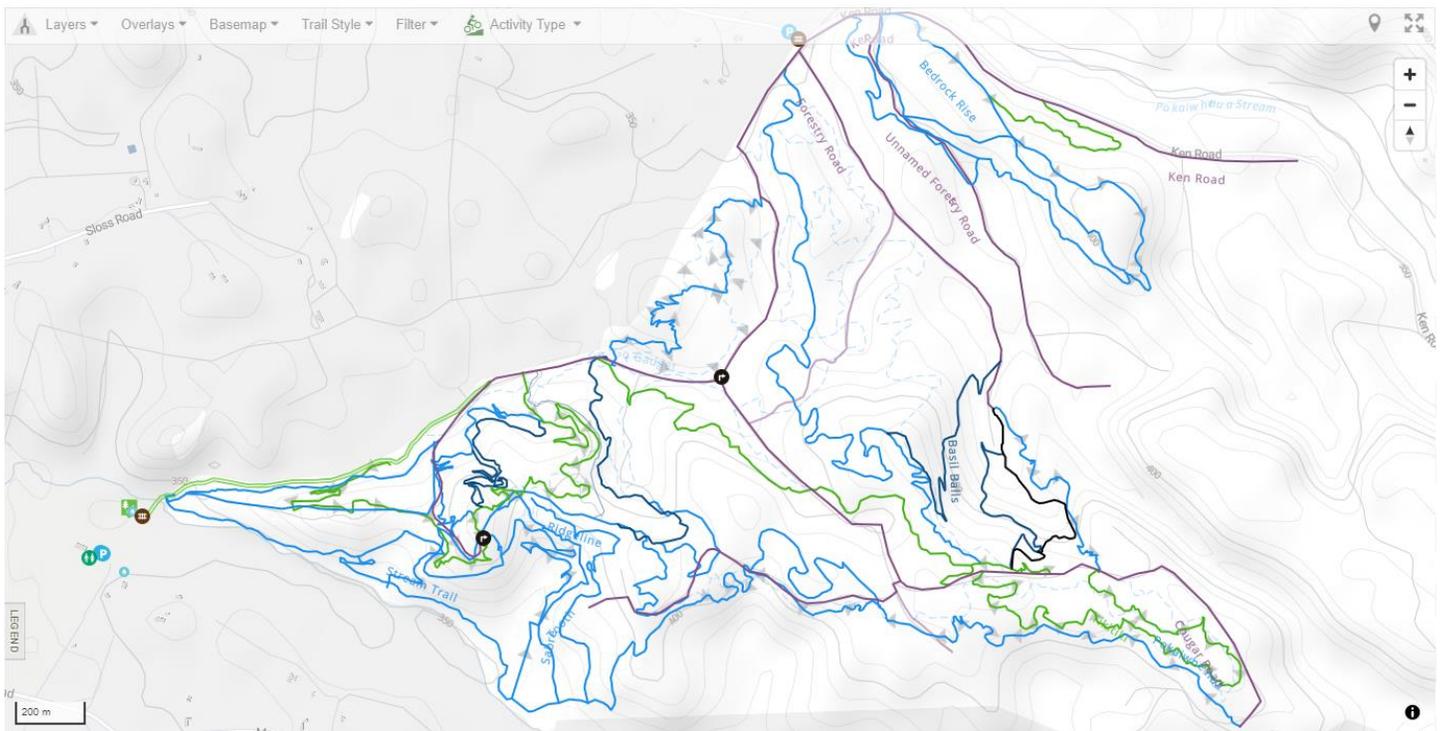
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Website;

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Our Map in trailforks, there is a link on the website and trailforks have an APP for your phone.