Totara Park Mountain Bike Club, Inc

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Maintenance, Renewal & New Tracks

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Totara Park Mountain Bike Club INC was formed in 2013 to develop, foster and maintain the dedicated mountain bike park within Totara Park.

- Tracks: 22 + 3 short links
- Current trail network: 15.5 Km
- Grade 2 to 4 with most tracks being Grade 3 - Intermediate



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Agreements & Funding

In August 2023 TPMTBC signed a **MOU** with Auckland Council. Then in May 2024 an **Operational Maintenance Plan** was agreed and signed with Council's Parks and Community Facilities.

The TPMTBC receives two types of funding from the **Manurewa Local Board.**

1. Community Grants for its ongoing **Track Maintenance Fund**
2. A Service Agreement through the MLB Sport and Rec Lead for the **Track Renewal Programme**.

The Totara Park Mountain Bike Club wishes to thank the **Manurewa Local Board** for its continued support.



2023 MOU Signing



2024 OMP Signing








Track Maintenance Fund

Since COVID, Community Grants from the MLB for our **Track Maintenance Fund** have totalled $14,000. This funding towards the ongoing maintenance of the tracks enables the club to run its popular Working Bees to maintain the Council owned Mountain Bike Trail Network asset in Totara Park.

During the Working Bees, Club Volunteers undertake tasks that include:

- Clearing puddles, drain and repair muddy sections of track
- Fix worn and unsafe sections of track
- Clear drains and water run-off areas
- Remove evasive weeds (Moth Plant. Gorse and Woolly Nightshade – Tabacco weed)
- Trim overhanging trackside trees and flax
- Clearing trackside weeds and excessive grass growth dangerously overhanging the track (normally a Council Contractor's responsibility)
- Make improvements to keep tracks at their notified grades 2-4 (within the 1 to 6 MTB Trail Grading System)
- Purchase and maintain tools and equipment
- Provide gratuities to thank our volunteers through our post Working Bee BBQ's

Currently there is 15.5 Kms of MTB Track that the Club looks after and maintains in the Park for open, free public access. TPMTBC maintains this trail network for use by the community.

Track Renewal Programme

You may well ask why we needed a track renewal program and such large amount of money? These are just some of the hundreds of photos that show you the need. This was a much loved and therefore much used community asset. However, the reality was Club volunteers just couldn't keep up with the amount of work required, especially after the COVID Lockdowns and the substantial storms of early 2023. Another answer was needed – this was the renewal programme.























Track Renewal Programme

As mentioned, in 2023 TPMTBC signed an **MOU** with Council. Then in 2024 an **Operational Maintenance Plan** was agreed and signed. Out of those came a **Service Agreement** via the Sports and Rec Lead in June 2024 for **$150,000** to cover the renewal of the MTB tracks. At the time this was believed to be sufficient, but in reality, a best guess given the size of the project. The original cost per meter of $12.60 was based on the first 1 km renewed in late 2023 as a trial. A simple paddock section on Pony Express with the metal piles tipped beside the track.

The work undertaken so far has made huge improvements in trail rideability and safety with many riders commenting on a more enjoyable experience. Many have also returned after giving up on the trail network some years ago because it got so bad. Current programme details are:

- 8,268 mtrs of trail surface have been renewed by our contractors, Tracks completed over the last couple of years include *Pony Express, Challenger*, *Scrubber, Dick Down, Harry Down, Rewa Hard, Puhinui Flow, and this year we've completed Tom, and Harry Up so far.*
- 3,637 mtrs still remain for our contractors to undertake. Tracks still to be done include *Log Cross, Dick Up, Gutsa* and *DIC*. Current costs per meter are now around $25.50. **This is currently unfunded, but the Club together with the Local Board are working on this.**
- 1,526m have been renewed by our Club volunteers, while another 550m still remain to do.
- The club has put more than 140 truckloads of material into the park since 2019. That is around 1470 Tonnes or about 910 M_3 of GAP40 Metal.. This has been funded through PO's provided by the Council's contractor City Care. The method employed is to fill the deep wear trenches formed by the many thousands of bikes over the years with the metal then compact it to lock it in place to make the trail firmer and more sustainable.
- This Track Renewal Programme has taken 2 years and we believe it will take another year to complete as our approved contractor can only work on Fridays over the late Autumn, Winter and early Spring months. Our thanks to **Holland Landscaping** for all the hard work.

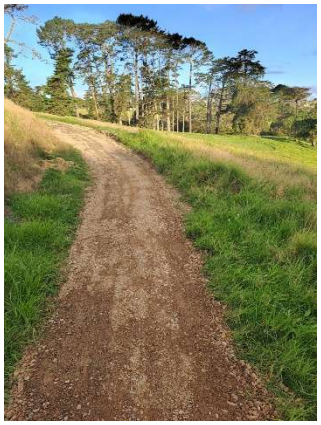







Track Renewal Programme

Part of the programme is arranging and having the metal transported and tipped in the park during the early autumn months when the ground is dry and firm. Then as the weather changes it's time for the renewal team to undertake their job. These are a few of the photos that show the works.













Kaitiakitanga in the Park

We take guardianship of the Park very seriously.
Our goal is to create a legacy for future generations to enjoy.

TPMTBC is the eyes and ears for Council and Local Board in the park. We work closely with Council departments P&CF, Park & Places Specialists, the Ranger and the Farmer/grazier to keep all well informed with what we are doing and what we see going on. This helps to keep on top of any issues that may arise and need attention.

Other mahi our Club Volunteers carry out include:

- Removal of evasive weeds – Woolly Nightshade, Gorse, Moth Plant
- Removal of pest animals – Possums, rats, stoats, ferrets, wasps etc
- Picking up and disposing of windblown, dumped or dropped rubbish
- Reporting fallen trees – mainly the very large old Pine Trees or broken branches
- Planting trees, in particular larger Gen 2 specimen trees to rebuild the forest – such as Totara, Kahikatea, Rimu, Kowhai, Rewa Rewa, Titoki. As part of the new track build in 2025 volunteers planted 600 native trees.
- Assisting park grazier to remove stock from bush areas after fencing has collapsed or gates left open.









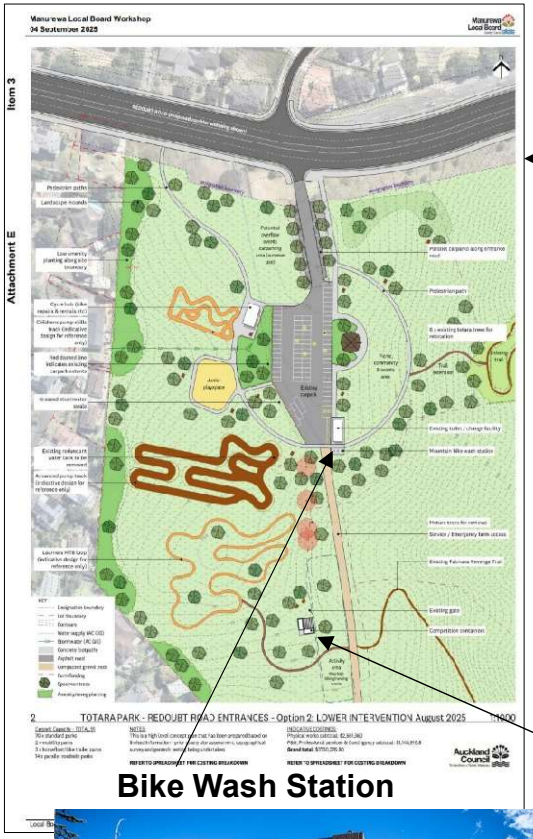








Redoubt Rd Carpark Redevelopment



Preferred Option

Thank you for the Local Boards support of the **Redoubt Rd Carpark Concept Plan.** The TPMTBC committee is very enthusiastic about this development and is pleased to have been able to provide input. This layout will provide space for our event parking as well as continuing to offer a location for our much needed Event Medic Station opposite the toilets.

All going well next year this redevelopment may progress as part of the Redoubt Road upgrade within the Mill Road Corridor Project.

As more people use the park and our events grow both the **Bike Wash Station** and the **Event Hub & Shelter** will become much needed facilities. We ask that as soon as funding is available, that we be allowed to get on and build these facilities. **Way Finding Stations** are one of the most important assets in a MTB Park like ours. The club has plans to build 5 in various locations around the track network this coming summer. LOA's to come.

Bike Wash Station



Event Hub & Shelter





Way Finding Stations



Strategic Plan & Future Tracks

These pictures show the most recent tracks built in 2025 by the Club.

We're currently progressing a Strategic Plan as envisaged in the MOU.

As part of this strategic plan, we've developed a number of options to get us to 30km of tracks.

This will make the park a recognised MTB "destination" and attract larger events and many more trail users.

We are currently scoping out several possible new tracks and will be requesting landowner approval (LOA) for them in the near future.

So, what's planned, what's next?

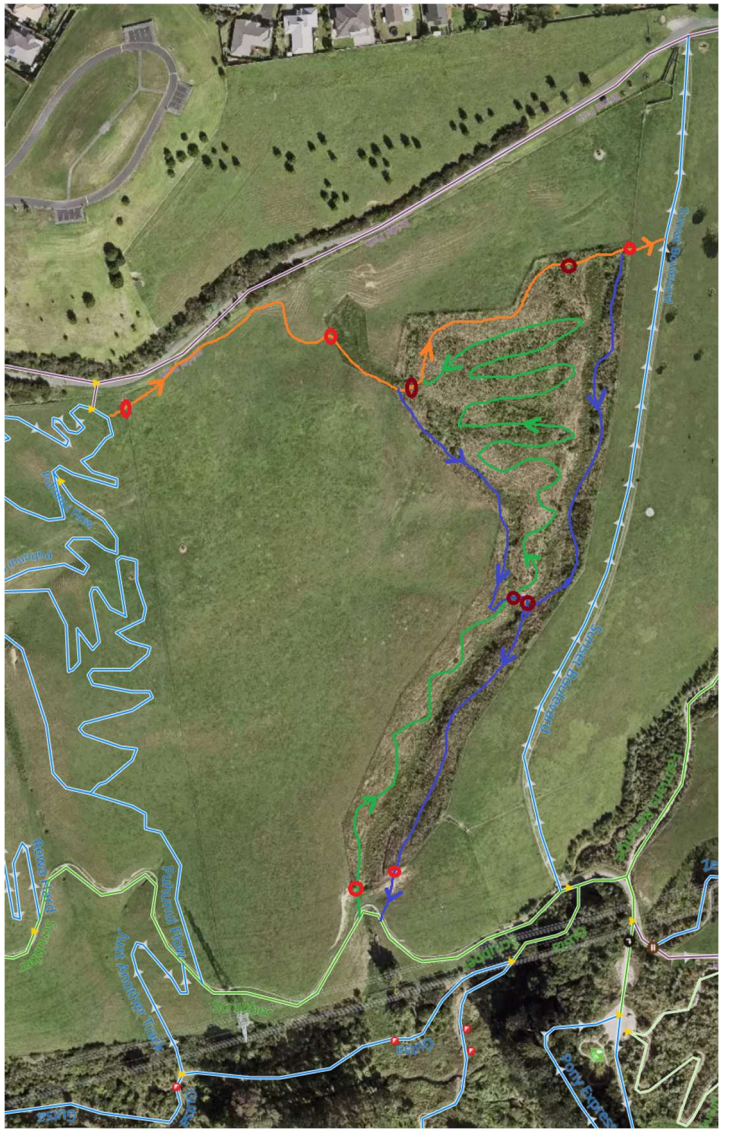




New Tracks – Sunset Bush

On the southern side of Sunset Boulevard

- A track across the top that links the top of Rewa Hard to Sunset Boulevard (to get riders off the Bridle path).
- Two downhill tracks – one short (on the southern side) and the other hopefully will run the full length of the bush, top to bottom.
- A long flowing uphill track with lots of open turns.
- A section of bush planted back in 2015 or 2016.
- Plan is to take out some 60-80 Gen 1 (35 year +) mainly manuka trees and replace them with 400 Gen 2 (200 year +) specimen trees – Totara, Kahikatea, Kowhai, Titoki, Puriri, Rimu etc to build a forest.
- Entries coming in from the top on both sides with an entry and exit to and from Scrubber at the bottom.
- Landowner Approval (LOA) to be requested later this year from Council and MLB.



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Questions?

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