

Guidelines for chemical spraying with Mountain Biking Otago sanction

The Mountain Biking Otago executive committee would like to support club members with the drive to maintain trails, much like we support the building of new trails or the running of events by club members. As long as the following steps are adhered to, we will do what we can to assist.

The person leading the spraying of undergrowth along trails must a financial member of MBO, must have attended the club's H&S course, and must have declared any potential conflicts of interest with other parties that could affect MBO operations. Further, they must hold a valid GrowSafe certification and assume overall responsibility for any other volunteers involved with the spraying.

To obtain sanction, the spray lead must:

- Request insurance cover from MBO;
- State the trail location and the type of maintenance to be carried out;
- List the equipment to be used (please note, use of motorised equipment requires the user to be appropriately endorsed);
- List of PPE required;
- State the intended time frame during which the proposed maintenance is to be undertaken;
- Provide a detailed safety plan (the club can assist with this).

Mountain Biking Otago will:

- Be responsible for liaising with any and all landowners / stakeholders;
- Provide any tools that might be required, if the club has them;
- Supply the chemicals required for the job (the certified spray lead will need to be present for the purchase of the chemicals);
- Provide health and safety training for the maintenance lead;
- Provide insurance cover if all requirements are met.

MBO recognizes that there are a number of trail users who independently attend to trail maintenance outside of organized groups, and that we value your contribution.

Club insurance will be extended to MBO members who are using hand tools only.

Only club members within any approved work parties will be covered by MBO insurance.

The provision of trail insurance by Mountain Biking Otago is subject to the above conditions being met in full.

Mountain Biking Otago can withdraw support of a trail if the above conditions are not adhered too.

Approval for applications will be discussed at committee meeting, held on the third Thursday of the month. The decision will then be forwarded as soon as practicable, along with the relevant Health and Safety documentation.

As a first point of contact, feel free to email the club secretary at secretary@mountainbikingotago.co.nz

