

President's report 2020-21

This season the committee has delivered the following club level events:

XC- 5, Funduro- 5, DH- 1, Naseby was held later in the year due to covid. The first Otago/Southland School Champs in February.

The track builders at Whare Flat were informed that the current area of forest will be harvested in the next few years. Together with the club the track builders have created a plan of new tracks in a new area that will include a purpose built XC course. This is an exciting time for track builders to be involved in planning a new area to avoid potential conflicts in the future.

Sig Digs continue every Tuesday night and has been making a significant difference to Plus 1, a new look to go with its new name.

The Mountain Biking Otago work parties this season have seen; stage 1 of the hand dug extension at Nicols completed, fundraising of \$42k was achieved with the help of Bevan for the Heli gravelling which will commence in the future. The Easy down was started and will now settle and compact before gravelling. The Easy down has been funded by 3 years of Design Windows sponsorship for a track that has not existed until now, we thank them for their patience, as well as 2 years of funds saved from the DCC grant by not having a paid contractor maintaining the clubs' tracks and committee members attending to this.

Mountain Biking has filled the position of track maintenance manager with Craig Alter which will be funded with a combination of DCC, Bendigo Valley grants. Craig comes to us with a background of track work with Department of Conservation.

This year as part of the 10-year plan we have seen a significant increase in our DCC grant to \$80k per annum for maintenance and track development of tracks on DCC land, many thanks to the DCC for their support. Part of the proposal to the DCC included the economic benefit of national level events for the city, this has seen MBO bid for both DH and XC MTBNZ rounds and has been successful and will be hosting round 4 of the MTBNZ series to be hosted in February 2022.

The toilet at Signal Hill remains uncompleted.

After 5 years as the President, I am standing down. However, my MTB journey does not stop here and at the recent MTBNZ AGM I accepted the Secretary's position, I'm excited about this next stage as I venture into a higher level of governance of our sport. It will be a significant learning curve for me and I'm sure the skills that I have learnt with MBO will be put to good use.

In concluding, I thank our membership who have supported me as the President throughout the last 5 years and I wish the club all the best for the coming season.

Kind regards

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