

Greater Hobart Region Mountain Bike Master Plan Project Outline

Key Stakeholders

- Glenorchy City Council
- Hobart City Council
- Clarence City Council
- Kingborough Council
- Brighton Council
- Wellington Park Management Trust
- Cycling South
- Parks and Wildlife Service
- Tourism Tasmania
- Sport and Recreation Tasmania
- Bike riders and groups
- Private landholders

Scope

- Study area to include:
 - All of the municipalities of Glenorchy, Hobart and Clarence
 - All of Wellington Park
 - Kingborough municipality from Hobart to Sandfly Road
 - Brighton municipality as it includes the Meehan Range

Note: other important mountain biking tracks or facilities outside of this area may be referenced e.g. Snug Tiers
- Mountain biking (mtb) includes:
 - Cross-country and All Mountain
 - Downhill specific
 - Dirt jumps & Pump
 - 4X and head to head

Aims

- To provide a regional approach to the consistent and high quality development and maintenance of mtb tracks and associated facilities and infrastructure on reserved and private land
- To provide a platform for the development of the Greater Hobart Regional MTB Hub as an innovative and exciting riding destination
- To facilitate the establishment of a regional mountain bike management committee

Objectives

- To develop an extensive knowledge base of existing authorised and unauthorised mtb tracks
- To outline an aspirational regional network of mtb tracks, including:
 - Localised track networks and centres
 - Mtb facilities e.g. parks
 - Connecting routes
- To establish criteria for prioritising development of proposed new tracks and for upgrade of existing tracks.
- To identify (based upon the criteria) several high priority projects and undertake further investigation of those tracks, including:
 - initial planning, environmental and cultural assessments
 - broad costings for development and maintenance of the tracks and associated infrastructure
- To develop an assessment criteria for determining suitability for multi-use or single use only bike trails

- To develop event, marketing and information initiatives in accordance with the State MTB Plan, including branding and image for the region.

Tasks

Knowledge base

- Review the existing information on authorised and unauthorised tracks in the area
- Carry out further audits of authorised and unauthorised tracks where required

Regional Network

- Develop a consultation plan which would include liaising with relevant land managers and owners, and the mountain biking community.
- Prepare maps showing the regional network, including:
 - Tracks that are existing and have no management restrictions
 - Tracks that are existing but have management restrictions e.g. landowner approval or are currently single-use
 - Existing tracks that need to be closed or re-routed due to major issues
 - Desired new mtb tracks and facilities
 - Existing and desired supporting infrastructure such as vehicle parking, transport infrastructure and toilets

Prioritisation

- Establish criteria for the development of new tracks and upgrade of existing tracks based upon the relative need, benefits, and regional and state importance of the tracks
- In consultation with the working group and based upon the criteria, recommend priorities for development of new tracks and for upgrade of existing tracks.
- Based upon the outcomes of the State Mountain Bike Plan and relevant mountain biking manuals, prepare standardised track/infrastructure development and maintenance schedules
- For the tracks identified as high priority:
 - Liaise with relevant land owners and managers to determine potential opportunities and restrictions for trail development
 - Carry out an initial assessment of natural and cultural issues/impacts
 - Prepare broad costings for development and maintenance of the tracks and associated infrastructure

Marketing and Information, and Events

- Recommend localised initiatives to coincide with State-wide marketing approach
- Develop concepts and options for bike-related events