

The Waitaki LINK Highlights



Waitaki DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Alps to Ocean Cycle Trails Update

Cycle Trails in the Park: Amendments to Mount Cook National Park Management Plan

Currently the Department of Conservation (DOC) is updating the Mount Cook National Park Management Plan to include cycling with a proposal to allow for biking in the Park on nominated trails. This includes the start section of the proposed Alps to Ocean cycle trail, which will leave from the village, travel over a purpose built trail paralleling the Tasman Road and then traverse the Hooker River true right terrace to the Mount Cook airport on the Park boundary.

DOC also wishes to build a cycle trail up the Tasman Valley in conjunction with the road realignment. As well as an attraction in its own right, the trail will separate out foot and bike traffic from vehicles, reducing the risk of accidents on this ever more popular road. The trail will access off the Alps to Ocean trail near the Hooker Road bridge and continue up to the Blue Lakes car park, taking in the Wakefield Fall parking area on the way. This trail will be popular with visitors to the Park as it will be a very good addition to the biking opportunities and perhaps encourage visitors to stay one more day. There is already an established pathway for walkers adjacent the Hooker Road, the amendment will also legally allow biking on this trail.



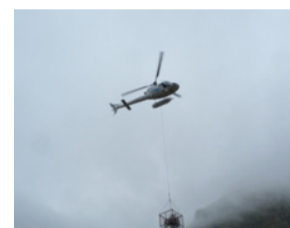
TASMAN VALLEY CROSSING

The feasibility study looked at numerous options to get cyclists across the Tasman Braided River. (Trail continues on the Eastern side of Lake Pukaki).

A Helicopter crossing is the most cost effective way to get across and also requires no capital cost – existing Mount Cook airport infrastructure and operators can be used and allows more time to investigate alternative crossing options once cycle trail numbers are proven. * More information to follow about times/cost *

Positives

- Operational 99% of the time
- Immediately operational – no construction required
- Department of Conservation support
- Carbon footprint can be offset by compulsory or optional fee forming part of the fare
- Cost to cyclists – approx \$135 per person (based on 4 cyclists same flight)
- Great chance to see the National Park from a higher view point
- Bikes will be stropped by Helicopter in a cage & will travel on a separate flight.



Helicopter in action with "bike cage"

What is happening NOW?

Wilson Contracting commenced trail construction on the 21st November 2011 on Pukaki Moraine section; this is expected to be a four week construction period. The route is being designed as much as possible with continuously linked gentle curves. This is intended to provide interesting and easy cycling. The old road and existing 4WD tracks are being utilised where possible, so the route is governed by the location and gradient of these on some of the trail.

Signage is to be installed from Hayman Road to Twizel via Pukaki Moraine by Christmas 2011.

This section of trail will be rideable and will be able to be completed as a loop trail from Twizel. The next construction focus will be Duntroon/Elephant rocks area.

Construction of trail will be completed out of sequence focusing around communities and being linked up.

Work continues behind the scenes, including the website, the business plan for the trail and easements, all the achieve a trail second to none.

(Information supplied by Alps to Ocean Joint Committee - November Newsletter)

Waitaki Emergency Services Update

Waitaki Emergency Services held the third annual Emergency Operations Centre course at the Oamaru Opera House on 24th-25th November. Participants included those from Waitaki District Council, Timaru and Clutha District Council, NZ Police and Waitaki Civil Defence volunteers group. They learnt how to manage an emergency from an emergency operations centre wherever it may be based and participate in incident management roles which may include Planning/Intelligence, Operations and Logistics; all which report to the Incident Controller. The last afternoon brought together all the learning with a 2 hours mini exercise.



All participants had an opportunity to obtain qualifications in emergency operations centre management with the completion of assessments. Some past graduates of this course have assisted in the two Christchurch earthquakes relieving their Canterbury counterparts in the Emergency Operations Centres there.

Notice of Road Closure

Event:	Classic Hits Christmas Parade
Applicant:	Classic Hits 98.4 FM Waitaki
Date:	3 December 2011
Road to be closed:	Thames Street, both lanes, East side from Usk Street finishing at I Site, Lower Thames Street. (Parade will then turn left into Itchen and disperse from Tyne Street.) There will be limited access to Humber St from 8:30 – 10 am to enable formation of parade.
Period of Closure:	09:30 am to 11:30 am

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20 Thames Street, Oamaru 9400
Private Bag 50058, Oamaru 9444
Open to the Public
Monday to Friday 8:30am - 5pm
(Thursday 8:30am - 4pm)
Available by Phone 8am - 5pm

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Waihemo Service Centre

54 Tiverton Street, Palmerston 9430
Open to the Public
Monday to Friday 8:30am - 5pm
(Thursday 9:30am - 5pm)

Available by Phone 8:30am - 5pm
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Upcoming December Meetings:

UPPER WAITAKI ZONE COMMITTEE
Thursday 1 December 2011, 2.00pm
Godley Hotel, Lake Tekapo

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday 6 December 2011, 9.00am
Council Chambers, Council HQ

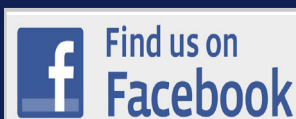
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL
Tuesday 6 December 2011, 1.30pm
Council HQ, Council Chamber

HARBOUR SUB COMMITTEE
Monday 12 December 2011, 9am
Council HQ, Council Chamber

LOWER WAITAKI SOUTH-COASTAL CANTERBURY ZONE COMMITTEE
Thursday 15 December 2011, 3.00pm (TBC)
Waimate District Council Chambers, Waimate

COUNCIL
Tuesday 20 December, 9.00am
Council HQ, Council Chamber

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