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### **Merry Christmas & happy New Year!!**

The Christmas holidays are looming & temperatures have been soaring!! This is not quite the start we were hoping for summer. Fire risk is still of concern & the forests will be monitored & closed if necessary – please check with our Facebook page or with the Isite Information Centre before heading out. Feel free to do a little rain dance on our behalf – we'd really appreciate it!!

### **New On The Trails:**

The Mtb club is still currently working on the proposed skills area around the old DOC Centre on Jollies Pass Rd. This is an exciting project & we hope to provide an area that everyone of all ages can fine tune their bike skills from mastering the art of up & down hill cornering to drop offs, to some low level structures. This project will require fund raising so any membership/donation payments made to the club will be gratefully received.

We have also had approval for some more advanced trails higher up on the network so watch this space for more information in the near future!

Any working parties at this time are on hold until the forest re-opens. Updates will be posted.

### **Trail Closures:**

All trails are open however due to a closure before Christmas not all have been cleared – this will happen between Christmas & New Year hopefully so please be careful as there is still some blackberry lurking around.

As always we would like to remind cyclists to ensure care is taken when riding dual use trails & make sure that you give way to walkers & travel at a controlled speed when using these trails. Please also be careful when riding the Clarence River Road around the back & on to Jollies Pass rd – these roads get extremely busy during summer with vehicles – it gets dusty & narrow in places with other traffic.

### **Membership:**

**The membership year started on 1<sup>st</sup> August.**

Yes this is the start of another membership year – 2017/18.

Given the number of riders that utilise our trails the actual number of members is very low. If you enjoy riding our trails & would like to invest in their future please take the time to join/renew your membership for this year and pay your fee. Even if you don't ride please remember that your business may benefit from having quality trails to ride in Hanmer Springs.

All membership fees go directly to paying for track materials and building new tracks. It is an important income stream as thousands of \$\$ are spent each year on shingle alone. Go to our website

[www.hanmermtb.nz](http://www.hanmermtb.nz) and fill in the quick form on the membership page to join online. **Thank you!**

**If you can persuade anyone else to join too, that would be great!**

**Any questions/concerns?** Please contact us at: [hanmermtb@hotmail.com](mailto:hanmermtb@hotmail.com)

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