

MTB News

Derby/Blue Tier

Special points of interest:

- Trails Under Construction
- Derby Trails to be Launched pre Christmas!
- AMTB Article

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Trails under Construction

With Spring just around the corner and the return of some warmth and some beautiful sunny days we also see the return to Derby of the guys from World Trail. After a revitalising winter break they're back, this time with **three** crews, and getting stuck into the Derby / Cascade Forest trails with renewed vigour!

Trails 1– 6 are well underway and looking great for riding this summer!

Visit Dorset Council's website, <http://www.dorset.tas.gov.au/mountain-bike-trails/> to see photos.



10/07/2014 Trail 5

A magnificent sunny winter morning on Trail 5

Derby Trails Launch Brought Forward!

It's official! Derby's Cascade Forest Trails will be open and available to ride **before Christmas!**

Previously planned for February, the launch of approximately 20km of fantastic world class purpose built trails has been brought forward by two months and will now be held mid-December.

It's looking like a whole summer of riding at Derby!

More details next issue.

Wednesday 27th August 2014

Media Release

Australian Cross Country Marathon Mountain Bike Championships Head to Derby Tasmania for the Next Two Years

Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA) is pleased to announce that the Australian Cross Country Marathon Mountain Bike Championships will be heading to Derby in Tasmania for the next two years.

In an exciting joint venture, MTBA will partner with Dorset Council and Launceston Mountain Bike Club to deliver the premiere Marathon event in Australia.

The exciting venue will provide a challenging yet highly enjoyable course on some of the best trails in Australia.

Formed ten years ago, Launceston Mountain Bike club has over 250 members and boasts former National Champion and Australian representative rider Rowena Fry as just one of their many talented riders.

The club's team includes those involved with the highly successful Blue Dragon Mountain Bike Challenge, bringing significant local event experience to the Championships.

Winning riders at the event will be crowned National Champions and will be presented with the coveted Green and Gold jersey.

The Australian Championships are also a key qualifying criteria for our riders to be named on the Australian team for the annual UCI Marathon World Championships.

"Tasmania has a great range of exhilarating trails and mountain bike challenges for riders" said Mr Shane Coppin, Executive Officer of MTBA.

"It is thrilling to bring a National Championships to a town with historical interest and I am confident this will bring some special character to the event."

The trail network at Derby in North East Tasmania is currently being constructed by renowned trail builders World Trail.

World Trail Director Glen Jacobs said "Mountain bikers throughout Australia may not have heard of Derby yet, but I can guarantee by this time next year, it will be on everybody's wish list as a ride destination.

"The first stage is due for opening this December, right on time for this major iconic event to come to town.

"This is perfect timing and a great way to showcase to the world the stunning scenery and uniqueness of the Derby trails."

The 2015 Australian Cross Country Marathon Mountain Bike Championships will be held on the weekend of 16th & 17th May 2015.

Online entry and all information will be available shortly via www.mtba.asn.au

Derby Community Embraces MTBs

The Derby Community are really getting into the MTB spirit! There are bikes of all kinds and sizes beginning to appear. They're outside shops and hanging off accommodation signage *and* there's plans for MTB Art features around the town. Carla, at the Hobbyts Dragon Art Co-op is even making MTB jewellery! The Derby Community Development Association, in partnership with Dorset Council are working on a fantastic huge mural—a real eye catcher!

Facebook posts and photos are regularly popping up from Derby locals who are out walking the trails and keeping a close eye on construction. Great job guys! Keep it up, and enjoy the walks....soon be time to get the bikes out!



MTB Necklaces, Earrings & Key rings available at Hobbyts Dragon

New Facilities in Derby

The Main Street of Derby is boasting four brand new little cottages! No, they're not examples of the 'Tiny House' trend, they're Derby's new Public Toilets!

Designed to fit the historic streetscape, they look like very small miner's cottages, complete with verandahs.

Situated at street level above the Tin Dragon Interpretation Centre and Café they are easily accessible and, judging by the amount of vehicles already stopping (and they haven't opened yet) they'll be a popular addition to the town. Due to open in October!



Derby's new Public Toilets



“The landscape is stunning with giant man ferns hugging the trail and vibrant green moss covering tree trunks and rocks. There is even a sweet little chill out spot with a waterfall that the trail goes right by”

**Ryan De La Rue -
Trail Builder**

AMB MAGAZINE FEATURE ARTICLE

Australian Mountain Bike magazine has lead the charge in the August issue with a five page feature on Derby's new trails.

The article, 'All New Adventure—The Rebuilding of Derby' features some fantastic imagery together with interviews with World Trail's Grant Suckling and Ryan De La Rue.

Featuring Fast Facts on Getting There, Where to Stay and Time of Year, the article also provides a short overview of the Derby township and the advent of the North East MTB Project.



...the tender process (was) 'testament to these Councils being 100 per cent committed to seeing the NE MTB trails become one of the biggest "must ride" destinations in the world within the next two years'.

Grant Suckling—World Trail

Bike Racks & Trailers—AutoRent Pty Ltd

Launceston's Hertz International franchisee AutoRent Pty Ltd is gearing up to make transporting your bike/s so much easier with the implementation of bike racks and trailers to compliment their hire cars and campers.

AutoRent General Manager, Andrew Lovitt said *“The series of mountain bike trails around Derby are an exciting project and we're keen to be involved “*

AutoRent Pty Ltd has sites both at Launceston Airport and in Launceston City.

www.autorent.com.au
www.facebook.com.au/autorentcampervans



Weathering the weather

Over the past few weeks North East Tassie, along with the rest of the state, has had an abundance of wind and rain!

Reports indicate that the trails under construction at Derby have weathered (*no pun intended*) it really well with the only issue being a number of trees down.

A good indication of quality workmanship!

NORTH EAST MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS PROJECT

**Where are the Trails?
How long will it take me to get there?**



DERBY	Travel Time	BLUE TIER Poimena	Travel Time	LAUNCESTON	Travel Time	ST HELENS	Travel Time
- Launceston	1hr 20min	-A3 Lottah Rd	15min	-Scottsdale	1hr	-Poimena	40 min
- Hollybank	1hr	-Weldborough	25min	-Bridport	1hr 20min	-Weldborough	35 min
- Scottsdale	20min	-Derby	45min	-Branxholm	1hr 15min	-Derby	55 min
- Branxholm	7min	-Branxholm	50min	-Derby	1hr 20min	-Branxholm	1hr 5min
- Weldborough	20min	-Scottsdale	1hr 5min	-Weldborough	1hr 40min	-Scottsdale	1hr 25min
- Poimena	45min	-Bridport	1hr 25min	-Poimena	2hr 5min	-Bridport	1hr 45min
-St Helens	55min	-Hollybank	1hr 45min	-St Helens	2hrs	-Launceston	2hrs
-Bridport	40min	-St Helens	40min				
		-Launceston	2hr 5min				



Hollybank - Approximately 20kms of trails ranging from easy beginner through to intermediate and advanced trails plus skills development area opening 4th October, 2014.

Derby - Approximately 40km of trails ranging from easy beginner through to intermediate and advanced trails. Trail head located in Derby township providing easy access to services and facilities. Will connect with future Blue Tier Trails to provide total of 80km XC riding. Derby Trails to be launched mid December 2014.

Blue Tier - Approximately 40km of trails on the Blue Tier with trail heads at Poimena and Weldborough and connecting with Derby's Trails. Construction to commence early 2015.

Got a Business? Looking to Start One? Want to be MTB Ready?

How well do you know the MTB Market?

- Who are they?
- What are their needs?
- What do they want?
- Who is our target market and what do they look like?
- Top 'Easy Tips' to get started
- Become a 'Cycle Friendly' Business
- Current Capacity (Dorset) Accommodation, Food & Drink



North East Mountain Bike Trails—Get The Advantage

Information, Stats & Tips provided by Tourism Northern Tasmania
and Dorset Council

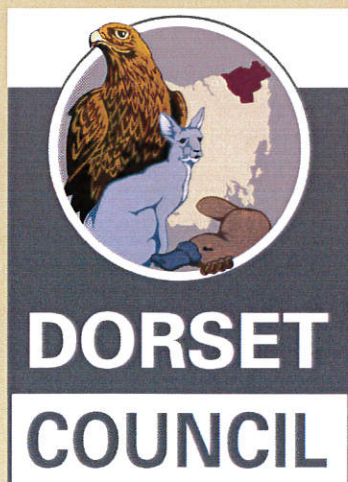
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