

Kentish-Latrobe world class mountain bike hub:

Project components (provisional):

- 1. Track lengths, disciplines and standards:
 - 30-35km of track, primarily at Kimberley's Lookout between Sheffield and Railton, plus annexe at Warrawee Forest Reserve, on Mersey River near Latrobe.
 - A compact 8-10km network of loop tracks for beginners and families (Green rating)
 - These will include a variation of terrain and length, but with no significant hills;
 - Interesting features (with interpretation) as stop-points to create an easy-paced restful and informative experience;
 - Part of this to include existing Tasmania Trail
 - Extended MTB XC loop trails of 20-25km (Blue Rating) with technical elements, suitable for regular recreational mountain bikers. MTB – XC requires interlinking loop trails of varying standards and length over a variety of terrain;
 - About 8km of advanced/extreme track (Black Diamond and Double Black rated) capable of hosting an Australian National MTB events;
 - Free Riding (Gravity Track);
 - Downhill course;
 - Dirt Jumping;
- 2. Future stages:
 - Return loop along the ridgeline of the Badgers to southern Spreyton, to connect to Devonport Cycle Path
 - o River Rd bike path between Devonport and Latrobe
- 3. Potential future stage:
 - o Overland route to Cradle Mountain

Project timeline:

So far:

Kentish:

- 1. Secure commitment of the Kentish Council 2013
- 2. Feasibility Study 2013
- 3. Site identification 2013
- 4. Business Plan (part) 2013
- 5. Secure support of land managers (Parks and Wildlife Service; Forestry Tasmania)
- 6. Secured grant from Sport and Rec Tasmania for project Development Plan 2014
- 7. Secured contribution from Kentish Council for project Development Plan 2014
- 8. Engage other key stakeholders (Cradle Coast Authority, Northern Tasmania Development, Cradle Coast Mountain Bike Club)
- 9. Investigate track construction and maintenance options 2014

Latrobe:

- 1. Secure commitment of Latrobe Council
- 2. Secure support of land management (Parks and Wildlife)

Devonport:

1. Secure in-principle support of Devonport Council for the return leg via the Badgers to southern Spreyton (as Stage 2 of the project)

Next steps

May - June 2014

- 1. Secure consultant to explore potential site and develop track plan, with GPS mapping
- 2. Build community working group
- 3. Procure environmental, engineering (geological and agronomical) and aboriginal heritage assessments

July - August 2014

- 1. Consultant to undertake Development Plan process
- 2. Build stakeholder reference group

Later stages:

- 1. Confirm project delivery options
- 2. Secure finance