



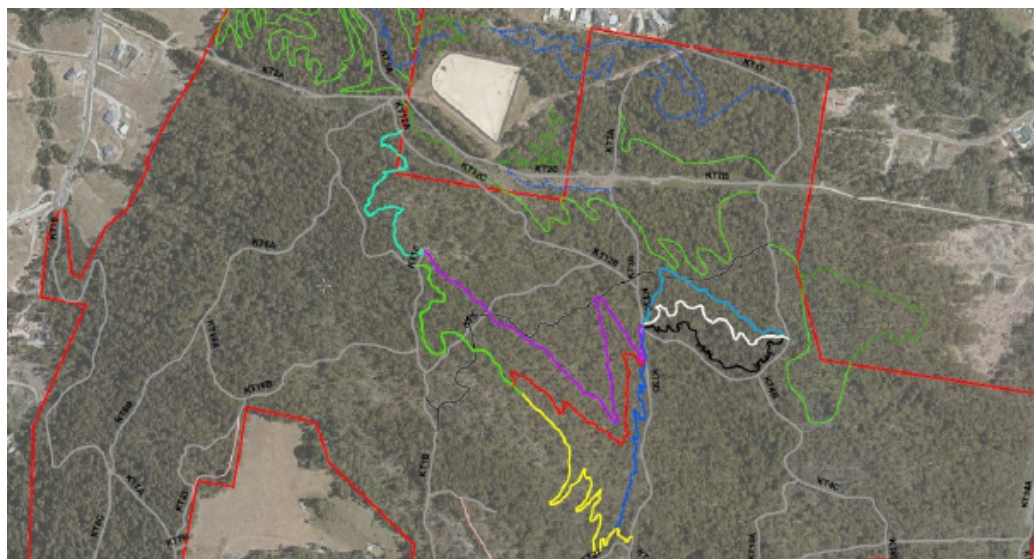
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MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACK WORK APPROVED



Proposed tracks, including those under construction, are shown above. The reserve boundary is outlined in red.

The Mersey Valley Devonport Cycling Club received Council approval at Monday night's meeting to continue with its mountain bike trails construction work at the Kelcey Tier Reserve.

The approval is subject to:

- The signing of a Licence Agreement between Council and the MVDCC
- The MVDCC engaging qualified consultants to undertake a full natural values and threatened species assessment and an Aboriginal heritage assessment of the mapped routes, as recommended by their track builder, Mtn Trails Pty Ltd and;
- A final sign-off of the route of the tracks, following the results of the assessments, by Council's General Manager in consultation with the NRM staff.

ERA Planning has also been engaged to undertake a Kelcey Tier

Greenbelt Master Plan.

The Master Plan is expected to be completed in October.

It will provide a strategic blueprint to guide future use and management of the reserve and contribute to the area being sustainably managed and in accordance with best practice.

The MVDCC believe the trails will provide another reason for mountain bike riders to spend longer in Devonport and the surrounding areas, particularly once the Wild Mersey Mountain Bike Trails Project has been completed.

Over the years the Kelcey Tier area has had a significant number of incidences of illegal waste dumping, removal of trees and motor bikes and campers throughout the reserve. Anecdotally, the incidence of these issues has decreased with the increased mountain bike activity.

PUBLIC INPUT ON PLANS SOUGHT



Council will release three draft strategies for 30-day public consultation periods next month - the Environment Strategy (2019-2024), the Regional Youth Strategy (2019-2024) and the Devonport Retail Strategy (2018-2023).

The Environment Strategy will replace Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy, Energy Efficiency Strategy and Weed Strategy.

It has been developed in response to community issues and solutions raised through three main avenues - a community survey, youth workshops and Environmental Strategy Working Group workshops.

The development of the Strategy reflects the work of the community and Council officers to improve the management of Devonport's natural resources over the next five years.

The Regional Youth Strategy covers people transitioning into adulthood from approximately 10 to 18+ years of age who live, work, study or play in the Central Coast, Devonport, Latrobe, and Kentish local government areas.

It has been prepared using a shared approach with the four Councils with Devonport taking a lead role in its development.

The Strategy does not direct the work of organisations or individuals outside of the Devonport City Council area but aims to guide some of the Council's work with those organisations or individuals.

The development of the Strategy's outcomes has been largely based around the input of 497 young people, who responded to a youth survey. The top issues of concern raised in the survey included bullying, meeting places, mental health, relationships, alcohol, smoking and other drugs, transport and job opportunities

The Devonport City Council Retail Strategy intends to provide a clear direction for the role of Council in supporting retail activities within the CBD and greater Devonport.

With the support of the Devonport Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), it examines the views, concerns and priorities of retailers and the community and provides a series of actions to be delivered over the next five years to address these priorities.

PC TENDER AWARDED TO INTUIT

Intuit Tenchnologies has successfully tendered to provide new computers and services to Council.

Currently, the majority of Council's PCs are around six years old and, therefore old technology.

The new equipment will be more

portable allowing positions to benefit from mobility, driving an increase in productivity and efficiency.

Council has been transitioning some core business systems to the Cloud, which will further enable employees to be productive from any location at any time.

MIANDETTA PLAYGROUND TO BE CONSIDERED

Council has voted unanimously to consider building a contemporary children's playground at Miandetta as part of its 2018-2019 Budget deliberations.

Council was advised that minimum funding of \$100,000 would be required for the playground and \$75,000 earmarked in the proposed Budget for children's playground works could be used for the project.

The playground would be constructed on vacant council parkland on Berrigan Road, north of the shopping centre and south of residences in Mungala Crescent.

As at 30 June 2017, ABS Census information shows the area capturing Miandetta and Don, to the west, is the fastest growing population region in Devonport, and one of the fastest growing in Tasmania.

There is no public playground in Miandetta with the closest being a limited facility in Madden Street and the significant playground at Bluff Beach, further to the north.

More than 200 people petitioned the Council to undertake the project.