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The arrival centre is built using six different locally grown tree species



# TERRAIN NEWS

Come out and play at the TECT All Terrain Park!



Bee pictures supplied by Ian Gill



## WHAT'S THE BUZZ

**1 in 3 bites of food we eat is derived from plants pollinated by bees. If that's not impressive enough for you, honey and the bee industry generates over \$300 million of export revenue each year for New Zealand.**

The Bay of Plenty holds an important place in kiwi apiculture and bee keepers in the Bay are at the forefront of bee-keeping in New Zealand. From huge corporate apiaries to keen hobbyists with just one or two hives, the Bay of Plenty has representatives of all aspects of the industry. Even forested areas like TECT All Terrain Park have an important part to play and recently the Park has become even more significant as the home to the Bay of Plenty Bee Interest Group.

The group was formed in 2012 as way for bee keepers and people with an interest in bees to get together,

swap ideas and learn a little more about everything bee-related. It's a very informal group and anyone with an interest in bees is welcome to attend meetings which are held on the last Sunday of the month in the Park Arrival Centre.

The group also has a small collection of hives in the Park which they use for demonstration and training purposes. This year a National Certificate in Beekeeping has been run at the Park by members of the group with graduates representing both commercial and amateur apiculturists from the Bay of Plenty.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 20 MAY**  
BOP Radio Control Car Club - Race Day
- 03 JUNE**  
BOP Radio Control Car Club - Fun Day
- 01 OCTOBER**  
User Group Forum - Next meeting





PARK REPORT

**Bill Wheeler**  
PARK MANAGER



**With so much going on at TECT All Terrain Park it can often feel like my job is less about steering the ship than it is surfing along in the wake. The user groups and volunteers continue to make great strides with their facilities and I am regularly contacted by clubs and individuals who want to stake their claim to a piece of the Park.**

The Park is a testament to the vision and hard work of the staff and Councillors who got the project off the ground and the groups of volunteers who have been inspired to create some amazing facilities. Nearly eight years since it opened the Park is maturing, looking a lot less like a

collection of building sites hewn from the forest and more like the vision of a multi-sport park. People have come and gone, leaving their unique footprints on the place but making way for new people with new ideas.

The Park's fantastic network of horse and mountain bike tracks was created by volunteers and has been used by many hundreds of riders over the past few years. Maintaining kilometres of tracks is a huge workload and we are approaching that task from a couple of directions. First up, we've looked at the tracks and chosen the best to upgrade, so that they're easier to maintain. Secondly, we're encouraging new volunteers to adopt the trails and

get involved with the great work started by the Piko Piko Trails group.

There are lots of ways of being involved in TECT All Terrain Park, even if there isn't a club dedicated to your hobby or interest, just being the eyes and ears of the Park and letting us know about anything we might have missed out in the wider Park area. We also know that the greatest advert for the Park are the people who use it, so tell your friends, share a Facebook post or just pass on this newsletter to someone you know.

The Park is still growing, there are some exciting developments coming up and we want you all to be part of that - Come n' Play.



High wire adventure course - Starts 1m off the ground, climbing up to 20m in the canopy.



The BOP Paintball Club caters for players of all ages and levels of experience.



## PICTURES FROM OUR RECENT OPEN DAY...

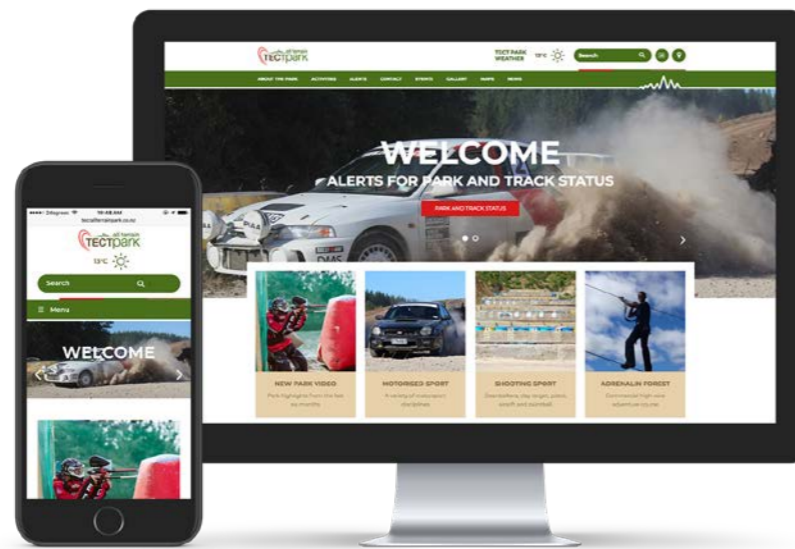
Don't forget the park offers a range of activities for the whole family. You can check them out on our website [www.tectallterrainpark.co.nz](http://www.tectallterrainpark.co.nz).

## LOGGING ON TO TECT ALL TERRAIN PARK

**When the Park first opened it was recognised that a website was an important way for visitors and users to stay in touch with developments and find out what was going on at TECT All Terrain Park.**

Six years later, we all rely upon the web, social media and digital communication to live our everyday lives. The Park has moved on and now has a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (but not Snapchat) and the Park's main website has soldiered along pretty much unchanged in all that time.

Now that so many people use such a bewildering array of technology to access the website it was decided that it was overdue for a major overhaul, making it smartphone, tablet and even phablet-friendly. Together with a refreshing of the format, much of the content has been updated with the



inclusion of new photo galleries, videos and story maps.

This work hasn't happened overnight and it certainly hasn't happened without a great deal of hard work. Beavering away in the background, as she so often does, is Julie, the Park's administrative supremo who has had to not only collate all of the new content but learn a whole new web language to update

the website. Thank you Julie for a fantastic job.

Check out the new website and all the great new content at [www.tectallterrainpark.co.nz](http://www.tectallterrainpark.co.nz).

We're always looking for "good stuff" to put on the website so if you have photos or video of your visit to TECT All Terrain Park, send it in and we'll post it for everyone to enjoy.



Public equestrian tracks are located in the north western corner of the Park, off Mangakopikopiko Road.



Tauranga Model Aircraft Club cater for gas and electric powered planes, gliders and helicopters.





RANGER'S REPORT

Daryll Hall  
PARK RANGER

It's nearly two years since my life changing decision to accept the position of TECT All Terrain Park Ranger. In that time I've met a lot of new people, most of them very nice people and discovered some really cool things about the Park.

Over that time I have reacquainted myself with the business of physical labour and all the aches and pains that go with that. I have had to use my highly tuned problem solving skills to cover up or make good on some of my many mistakes. I've learnt that talking to oneself is not necessarily the best way to gather sound advice but I'm not the only one around here who does it and it's fine if I don't argue with myself.

Thankfully I rarely make the same mistake twice and I'm getting to know that special look that Bill has when things are starting to get a little off-track.

There's lots to look forward to in this job, I'm working towards a National Certificate in Park Management and working on plans for some exciting changes to the public areas of the Park.

I'm still trying to teach my dog Tui some manners, although I'm sure Bill's dog Whin is teaching her bad habits as quickly as I can teach her good ones. I'm also still meeting lots of new people, so stop and have a chat if you see Tui and I out in the Park, neither of us bite and we love to catch up with the people that make the Park such a special place.



## SIGN OF THE TIMES

The birth of a new emoji is heralded across the world and debate rages about the true meaning of a smiley poo or water pistol. When it comes to choosing symbols to represent sports and activities, New Zealand is lucky to have a range of internationally recognisable designs to choose from.

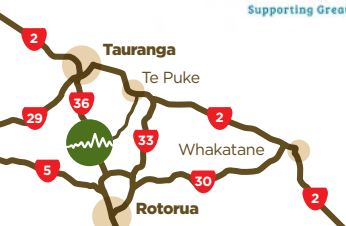
For the common activities like fishing or boating there are symbols that you will see on maps, sign boards and even traffic signs but for some of the unique activities at TECT All Terrain Park we have had to get a little more creative. With new signage being created and rolled out around the Park we have had to look closely at how to represent some of the more unusual sports that make their home at TECT All Terrain Park.

Based upon the NZ Standard designs, the clever guys at Devcich & Co have created a whole new



library of symbols for those activities that currently have no symbol or "pictogram". Just like designing a new emoji, coming up with a new pictogram requires incorporating a whole story into one tiny picture and we think Kerry and Dono have done a great job.

### OUR KIND SUPPORTERS



### Come out and play!

The TECT All Terrain Park is located on S36 (Pyes Pa Road) between Tauranga and Rotorua. For more information phone: **07 571 8008** or email: [tectpark@westernbay.govt.nz](mailto:tectpark@westernbay.govt.nz)



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