Waipa Valley Development

- Toilet completed 2014 and carpark completed 2016.
- BMX track: bridge completed 2017, track to be completed 2018.
- Red Stag Investments commercial development (currently underway, completion date, summer 2017/2018).
- Stage 1–Construction of a separate heavy traffic road. 11 September–18 December 2017.
- Stage 2–Develop additional car parking and one way traffic system. January–February 2018.

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What's already been done?

Carpark
The carpark adjacent to the toilet block received a full upgrade in 2016, including new kerbing, sealing and a bike wash station.

Toilet and Shower facility
In 2014 a toilet and shower facility was built. The innovative design includes a mountain bike track over the top of the twin toilet and shower blocks featuring 12 unisex toilets, four showers, changing space and provision for disabled users. The artwork panels at the entrances were designed by Kereama Taepa and depict dragonflies, lizards, bike chains and gear spokes.

Bridge
Rotorua Lakes Council’s BMX track bridge provides vehicle and bike access to the new BMX facility being built.

Development work:
A World Class BMX Facility

BMX Facility
This is a Rotorua BMX Club project with support from Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust, New Zealand Community Trust and Council, as well as a growing list of sponsors coming on board.

World class track in an unbeatable location
At the entrance to the Waipa Valley development, the BMX facility is in an outstanding location. The world class track will add to the activities available in this mountain biking hub. The design features both a UCI Elite Supercross track with 8m start ramp (only one other in NZ) and a Challenge Track with 5m start ramp.

The vision for the facility is to grow BMX membership and participation; to be a high performance training hub, and to host major events contributing to the sport and the Rotorua community and economy.
Development work:
Red Stag Investments
Commercial Development

Commercial Complex
A commercial complex on the west side of the carpark with spaces available for a bike hire outlet, café, bar and other commercial and light tourism offerings, will be added to complement the recreational attractions currently available within the forest. The current provider Mountain Bike Rotorua will be moving into this new space. The build and fit out is due to be completed in summer (weather permitting) with most, if not all, of the spaces becoming operational during the summer season.

Hot Tub Development
A hot tub development to the east of the carpark, nestled beside the stream with a view into the forest. This development is being undertaken by Secret Spot Ltd, owned by local brothers Keith and Eric Kolver who hope to open to the public early in 2018. The bathing and spa experience close to the forest will complement and support the other mountain biking activities and tourism developments.

Stage 1 - Construction of a separate heavy traffic road
11 September – 18 December 2017*
A heavy traffic bypass road will be constructed to the south of Waipa State Mill Road. This project is a Rotorua Lakes Council partnership with Red Stag Investments and Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust to improve public safety by moving logging trucks off the section of Waipa Mill Road that has high recreational traffic use.

Stage 2 - Develop additional car parking
January – February 2018*
Once heavy traffic is moved off Waipa State Mill Road, to provide safer access for recreational users, the road verges will be developed to provide more car parking spaces for recreational users of Waipa Valley. The one way traffic design will incorporate safe crossing points, along with landscaping features consistent with the main carpark. This is scheduled to take place in January and February 2018. Controls will be put in place to manage and minimise disruptions to access during this time.

*All timelines are weather dependent.

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