



TRAIL BLAZER

The newsletter of the Friends of the Greytown Trails Trust

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We are thrilled to announce that Stage 2 of the The Trail is now rolled and surfaced, with very little more to do, and we're on target to open the full 5km before Christmas - followed by a fun official opening on Sun 3 Feb, from 11am, (see top story).

This elevated stretch is truly beautiful, with views back to the south east, stunning at any time of the day. So many people have helped us to realise our vision. Greytown Trust Lands Trust recently donated \$10,000 to the Trail, another extremely generous contribution. In this issue, we acknowledge some of the army of helpers who have supported us in other ways, including our bridge builders extraordinaire David Pitt and John Hume (top photo, at the Moroa watterrace, Stage 2). Thank you to everyone, and we look forward to seeing you and your family at the opening.

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'Tweed Run' to celebrate Stage 2 opening

We will be holding our own 'Tweed Run' for the Sun 3 Feb official opening of Stage 2, inviting the community to don historic / vintage cycling attire for a fun day out. The idea came from Greytown local and former Londoner Len Cheeseman who can often be seen cycling round on his chic black Retrovelo. See www.tweedrun.com for ideas on these events, first staged in London in 2009. (see poster right).



Kuranui students make the connection

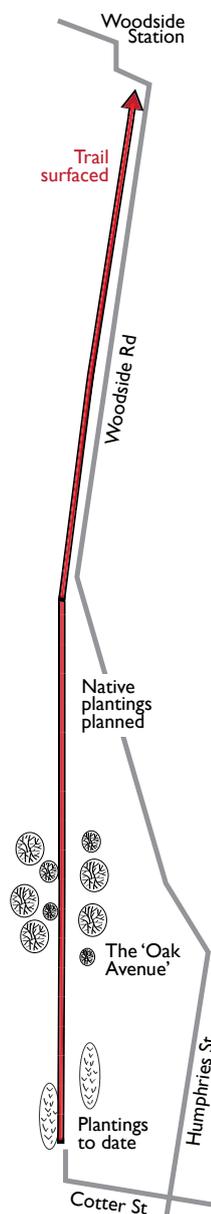
The Trail is benefitting directly from a new campaign of community involvement led by Kuranui principal Geoff Shepherd. Kuranui students got on board with the Trail last year, planting out the Cotter St entrance, and they've recently been clearing boulders and undergrowth, and beautifying a stream at Stage 2 (see photo overleaf), lead by Di Banks. There are plans for a Kuranui fundraiser at the Trail next Easter. "Our students are really good at putting their hands up to help out, perhaps because they are part of a rural community," says former teacher Catherine Rossiter-Stead. "They already feel a connection with the Trail because they use it for running and biking." This is a developing relationship, and we're extremely grateful for the energy and input of these young people, and their school.

Thanks to Farmlands

Belinda Barclay at Farmlands, Greytown, has always worked hard to source discounted products for fencing and ongoing maintenance of the Trail. She says Orion Crop Care (weedspray), and Cosio (shadedcloth) deserve special mention as suppliers who have 'come to the party' recently. Thanks Belinda for your consistent and much appreciated support.



Belinda Barclay, Farmlands





Why I love the Trail.... Steffen Kreft - graphic designer, marionette maker and director of the recent Greytown Arts Festival - lives in Papawai and regularly commutes to Wellington with his bike on the train. "The Trail allows me to avoid the commuter traffic in the morning, and on my way back from work my partner and I ride our bikes next to each other - it's the perfect way to wind down and chat about our day."

Partnership with Stuart Edwards, Green Jersey tours

Stuart Edwards, owner of the Green Jersey Cycle Tour Company, is putting the Trail on the map for Wellingtonians, by offering bike hire from Woodside Station. He meets visitors from the train and directs them to the Trail, lunch in town, and the Udy St Trail as well. The company is storing bikes in the station building, and ran its first Greytown tour on Labour Weekend. He is promoting the tour via the Wellington I-Site and Destination Wairarapa. It's good to be working with you, Stuart. Check out www.greenjersey.co.nz.



Kuranui volunteers (below) & working bee regulars Alan, Shane, Anne & Jenny (right).



VOLUNTEERING NOTES

We have had a couple of successful working bees recently - it's amazing what you can get done in a couple of hours with a willing group of people! We'll let you know via email about our next working bee. Thank you to Margaret Cole who has raised \$264 from sales of the Wellington Entertainment Book, a must-have 'bible' full of discount coupons for eateries, activities and entertainment in Wellington, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa. Contact Margaret for your copy: bmcole@orcon.net.nz.

HOW TO DONATE

If you would like to make a donation to the Trail, please contact Treasurer Jenny Tosswill: jennytosswill@hotmail.com. Cheques to Greytown Trails Trust can be sent to R & J Tosswill, Woodside Rd, Greytown.



THIS MONTH'S TRAIL HEROES: TARATAHI AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE

This time our featured supporters are staff and students from Taratahi, who have been involved with fencing since the start of the project. Senior Technical tutor Ross Thompson says the project was ideal because it included all the types of fencing and gates they needed to learn: "The students have been happy to be involved because they'll be able to see their work when they use the Trail, and it's a community project so there's that feel good factor for them." The centre prides itself on a real life approach to training: each group of around seven students started before 8am and worked a full day, doing wiring and hanging gates. Ross was formerly manager at Goldpine and gave invaluable advice on materials and logistics from the inception of the project. Thank you Taratahi for all your hard work - the fences and gates are features to be admired in their own right.

Thank you for your superb support: AdamsonShaw; Farmlands; Garrity Brothers; Goldpine; Greytown Community Board; Greytown Primary School; Greytown Sport & Leisure Society Inc.; Greytown Trust Lands Trust; Holcim NZ Ltd; John Bull Contracting; Kuranui College; Lamb Peters Print; Pope & Gray Ltd; Property Brokers; Radio Network Wairarapa; Rail Heritage Trust (NZ); Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre; Trust House Ltd, Masterton.



Woodside

\$83,800 raised to date (with support in kind received for every dollar donated)

\$100,000 target

Cotter St

The Greytown Trails Trust was established in 2010 to promote cycle and walkways in Greytown, and develop the five kilometre council-owned 'rail corridor' which runs from the end of Cotter Street (near the Transfer Station), to Woodside Station.