



# TRAIL BLAZER

The newsletter of the friends of the Greytown Trails Trust

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Welcome to this edition of the Trail Blazer. We hope you find something of interest here especially regarding how we fund the trails.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please contact us - trailblazerGTT@gmail.com

John & Kathleen, editors

## MARKET - OUR KEY FUNDRAISER

The Greytown Country Market is our main source of fundraising for the upkeep of the two trails. Last financial year it cost us \$12,000 for mowing, weed spraying, new lime etc, and sadly now the removal of graffiti on the boardwalk under the new bridge.

In October 2018 the Trust took over the market and at that stage we had only 15 stalls. Over the years we have seen this grow considerably and the 2023/24 season saw, on average, 55 stall holders attend each market, and at the extra Easter one there were 83! There are now 441 registered stallholders in our database. These markets are held on the third Sunday of the month from October to March between 10am and 2pm and you will have no doubt seen our sign and bright bunting at Stella Bull Park.



Ted & Lois

Initially Ted Ward and Anne Atkinson ran the market, then after the first two seasons Lois Pitt stepped in to take Anne's place. They have done and continue to do a fantastic job of running the markets, getting up early to mark out the stall sites each month, organising everyone to where they need to be etc. They are assisted by a small team of other volunteers who help out with parking, unloading etc. Not forgetting people behind the scenes like Phil & Karen Cox who created and maintain the GCM website that keeps tabs on all bookings and payments. They all do this with a big smile and great humour and we hear great comments from the stallholders that this is the friendliest and best run market in the area. We can't thank them enough for all they do to keep this event up and running.

As an added extra at the markets, we have a sausage sizzle stall manned by a dedicated team. We use the award winning sausages from Greytown Butchery, and they usually sell out they are so popular.

For the past few years we have also been lucky to have had extra markets – one at Easter and usually two during the Greytown Winter Festival. This year these extra Winter markets will happen on Saturday 29 June and Saturday 27 July, 3.00pm–8.00pm in McMaster Street. McMaster Street, and Main Street from Hastwell Street to Kuratawhiti Street will be closed so there will be more room and it will be much safer for everyone. We hope to see you there!



Left—Some of our sausage sizzling team

Above—Studio Six, Right— Greytown Honey

Both regular stallholders at the markets.

## TRAIL HERO

**John Bushnell** is now in his second three-year term as Chair of the Greytown Trails Trust, providing leadership for our Trust and representing it at forums across the Wairarapa. He is both a serious cyclist and heavily involved in promoting cycle trails in the Wairarapa.

His claim to being serious about cycling is reflected in his (mostly) unsupported North Cape to Bluff cycle ride. Many people do not complete this ordeal, but John persevered despite an early injury involving the interaction between his backside and cycle saddle, then an attack of shingles on the West Coast, which temporarily halted the trip. John completed the final leg after Covid lockdowns, hospitalisation and surgery, only to have his cycle stolen just after completion. He now says he just might do the whole thing again, "because it's fun..."

John is also a trustee of the Carterton District Trails Trust, assisting them with their project of bridging the Waiohine River. Now a resident in Opaki, he also promotes trails in the Masterton area.



## WHY WE LOVE THE TRAIL *Josephine & Bruce Farley, Greytown*

We love the Trail because it is a perfect place to safely pedal our modified trike and enjoy the rural and developing outlooks without the worry of traffic and challenging footpath crossings. The varying views help make the Trail so special to us with the option of a short ride into the shade of the oaks or a longer stretch out into the countryside.

We've also taken our grandchildren along and it is a pure natural adventure in the long grass and climbing the trees with imaginations at full pitch.

As our family had farmed some of the land on which the Trail has been created it is fantastic to watch the vision come to life and be enjoyed by so many.



## MANY HANDS.....

A few weeks ago a call went out for some help to fell a tree that was looking dangerous and within a very short period of time we had five volunteers making short work of the job.

Thanks to Shane, Ted, Alastair, John G and John Mck (pictured right), the trail is now safer for everyone.

If you see anything on the trail that needs attention, please contact us through our Facebook page or website.



## TRAIL COUNT

**143,140** visitors on the Greytown Trail to date and **54,215** on the new Tauwharenikau Trail

**GREYTOWN COUNTRY MARKET**  
3rd Sunday of every month – Oct thru March  
[greytowncountrymarket.org.nz](http://greytowncountrymarket.org.nz)

This market is run by volunteers from the Greytown Trails Trust and is a major fundraiser for the trail. The money we raise goes towards maintenance, upkeep and ongoing improvements to the trail.

The market also provides a gathering place for our community that celebrates the diversity and creativity of Wairarapa and Wellington.

For more information, whether as a visitor or potential stallholder, please contact the team at -

[info@greytowncountrymarket.org.nz](mailto:info@greytowncountrymarket.org.nz)

## BECOME A FRIEND

We have a steadily growing base of friends who get involved in working bees and are kept up to date with trail activities.

A minimum annual donation of \$10 is all it costs to become a Friend.

Please contact Margaret Cole -  
[bmcole@orcon.net.nz](mailto:bmcole@orcon.net.nz)

## HOW TO DONATE

To make a donation please contact Kathleen - [trailblazergtt@gmail.com](mailto:trailblazergtt@gmail.com)



parkrun is a free, fun and friendly community event where you can walk, run, jog, volunteer or spectate.

parkrun is 5km and takes place every Saturday at 8am starting at the trail near Woodside Station.

[www.parkrun.co.nz/greytownwoodsidetrail](http://www.parkrun.co.nz/greytownwoodsidetrail)