



The newsletter of the friends of the Greytown Trails Trust

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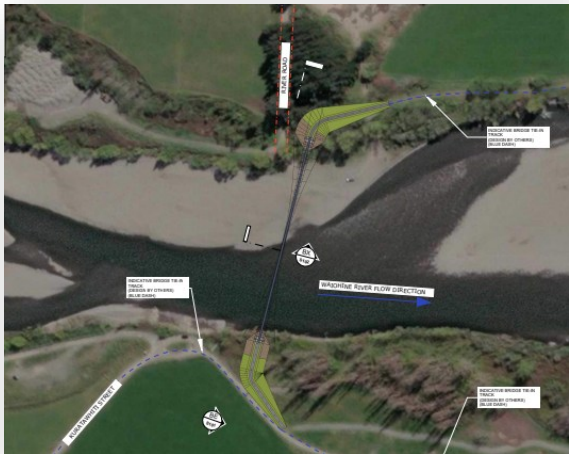
Concept picture of the proposed bridge

# CROSSING THE WAIOHINE AWA

The Carterton District Trails Trust (CDTT) has made significant progress in extending the Greytown Trail across the Waiohine River, providing a safer route for walkers and cyclists away from SH2.

An independent review confirmed River Rd to Kuratawhiti St as the best location for a new walking and cycling bridge. CDTT, in line with Carterton District Council (CDC) procurement guidelines, developed a detailed plan for a bridge that:

- Minimises disturbance to the riverbed and banks
- Accommodates cyclists, walkers, wheelchairs, and prams
- Avoids SH2
- Is low maintenance and cost-effective
- Involves the local community, including mana whenua from nearby Māori communities as well as potential cyclists and walkers



CDTT, with Council support, commissioned Dan Crocker of DC Structures Studio (Cambridge), known for projects like the Manganui Gorge bridge on Taranaki Maunga. A concept plan was delivered in February 2025, covering the bridge and its approaches. While CDTT aimed for broad community input, consultation was limited during this stage.

Site drilling confirmed geotechnical suitability. The final design, completed in May 2025, incorporates key requirements and features enhanced wind stability compared to the Tauwharenikau Bridge, with taller masts, unique wind stays, and a revised deck system.

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Welcome to this edition of the Trail Blazer. We hope you find something of interest here especially information on the developments from Greytown to Carterton. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please contact us - [trailblazerGTT@gmail.com](mailto:trailblazerGTT@gmail.com)  
John & Kathleen

## NEXT STEPS

Though major progress has been made, challenges remain. Funding is still required for design review and construction. Long-term maintenance responsibility is also yet to be determined. However, the bridge's location—connected to quiet, well-used public roads—offers a strong foundation for future trail expansion.

CDC's initial support helped launch the design phase, but no further funding is expected from ratepayers. CDTT acknowledges the contributions of the Greytown Trails Trust and looks forward to working with the Five Towns Trails Trust to secure community development funding for the next stage.

*John Bushnell*

*Chair, Greytown Trails Trust*

## TRAIL HEROES—GLENN MURRAY & KEVIN SMALL

On a recent Saturday we heard from one of the parkrun runners that there was a trip hazard at the western entrance, we were informed at 9.06am, at 10.45 Glenn and Kevin went to see if they could fix it and at 11.26 the job was done!

Such a great response from two volunteers, just the people we like to have helping the Trails Trust maintain the trail. Thank you Glenn & Kevin ☺

Are you keen to help too? Please get in touch if you think you can help.



## TRAIL COUNT

**207,567** visitors on the  
Greytown Trail to date and  
**81,357** on the  
Tauwharenikau Trail

## GREYTOWN COUNTRY MARKET STELLA BULL PARK

The first market for this season is on Sunday 19 October from 10am - 2pm. Please come along and support our stallholders, who in turn support the Trails Trust. If you are interested in having a stall, it's only \$30 for a 3m x 3m site, then please register here:

[greytowncountrymarket.org.nz/book-stall](http://greytowncountrymarket.org.nz/book-stall)

## 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)