

TRAIL BLAZER

The newsletter of the Friends of the Greytown Trails Trust

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The months have certainly flown by since our awesome November opening, when around 300 people of all ages turned out to enjoy the new Trail. Jordan was a superb MC; thanks to Phil Conn and The Radio Network team for their generous support. We had lots of new supporters sign up on the day, so if this is your first newsletter - welcome on board. To cap it off, we raised \$633!

Work on Stage 2 is now underway, and this will take the Trail right down to Woodside Station. Living in Cotter Street, we are seeing a much more diverse sort of traffic these days - it's not just people driving to the Transfer Station anymore, but mothers with prams, 'serious' lycra-clad runners, walkers of all ages, and families on bikes heading to the Trail. Autumn is going to be beautiful down at the 'Oak Avenue', so happy Trail Blazing!

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Another Spring opening for 2012

Getting Stage 2 finished looks realistic within the next six months, with agreement reached on a land easement on the route, near Woodside Station. A grant of \$30,000 has been received from the Eastern & Central Trust, and we are applying for other grants to help with the estimated \$60,000 needed to complete Stage 2.



Signs add new dimension to Trail

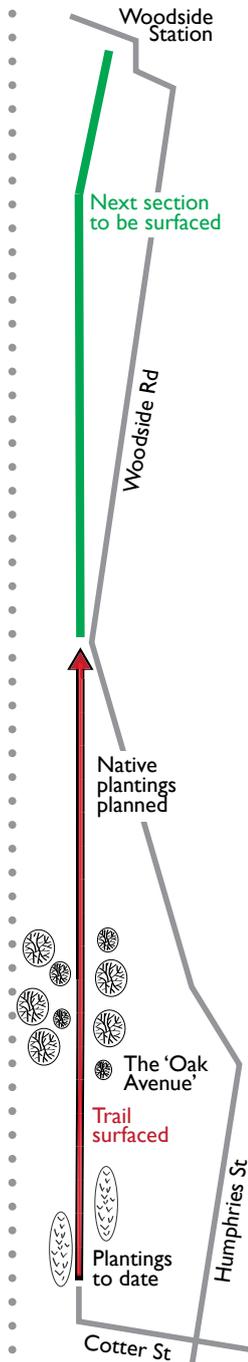
Trips on the Trail just got a whole lot more informative, with the addition of two signs explaining the history of the route. Compiled by Gerad Taylor and made by Marks Signs, Carterton, the signs were given their protective surrounds by John Hume and David Pitt. A third sign is planned for the Woodside Station end of the Trail. The signs were funded by the Greytown Community Board. Thanks to all involved.

Thanks to new sponsor AdamsonShaw

We'd like to thank new sponsor AdamsonShaw, specialists in surveying and land development, who made a generous contribution to the Trail through recent work. It's great to have directors Mike Shaw and Phillip Adamson, and their team behind us, continuing the strong support of the Trail by businesses.



Phillip Adamson, co-director of AdamsonShaw.





Why I love the Trail....

Cathy from Greytown has become a keen Trail user, regularly walking from her home at the north end of town to the Trail. "I like the Trail because it is very tranquil and I can take our dogs," she says.



Staff from the National Bank, Masterton volunteered for a day. They were rewarded with coffee and baking by the committee.

DID YOU KNOW....?

The opening of the Greytown-Woodside rail route on 14 May 1880 was rather a disappointment for this *N.Z. Times* reporter: "It rained without intermission, nobody came by train to inaugurate the opening of the railway, there was no procession, no games, no jollification." There were "neither dignitaries, or, what our pubs hoped for, a big influx of the tourist element." At least we had fun and sun for our opening!

VOLUNTEERING NOTES & THANK YOU'S

Our working bee stalwarts have been working their magic again, spraying, weedeating and tidying up recently. Most of the trees are doing well thanks to the landscaping group. Over \$100 has been donated via the locked donations boxes on the Trail. To date, we have raised \$67,000 and there's \$33,000 to go. Every little helps!



THIS MONTH'S TRAIL HEROES: JOHN & JEREMY GRAY

This time our featured supporters are father and son team John and Jeremy Gray. John has been involved from the start of the Trail project, and he has since cleared, smoothed and surfaced the 2.5km of Stage 1. One hundred and twenty truckloads of fill have been deposited on the Trail, arriving as backloads via Bruce Buchanan Ltd, which has resulted in huge savings. John is getting ready to do the same on Stage 2 in the coming months. A staunch supporter, with his family, of a number of community projects (such as friends of the Park, the Rugby and Cricket clubs) he admits he was reluctant to get involved at first: "Gerad [Taylor, Trust Chair] twisted my arm! I did some preliminary pricing for him. Later on, I could see the potential and the real need for this in the community, and that's proving true now." Asked how his son got involved, Jeremy says "I was doing what I was told." Thanks John, Jeremy and Pope & Gray for your tremendous support.

HOW TO DONATE

- If you would like to make a donation to help with the completion of Stage 2 of the Trail, please contact Treasurer Jenny Tosswill: jennytosswill@hotmail.com.
- Cheques made out to Greytown Trails Trust can be sent to R & J Tosswill, Woodside Rd, Greytown.

Thank you for your superb support: Adamson Shaw; Bruce Buchanan Ltd; Farmlands; 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; Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre; Trust House Ltd, Masterton.



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.

