



# MATAKANA COAST TRAIL TRUST

## Pūhoi to Mangawhai Trail - News

Tēnā koe Gary

In this edition:

- [Introducing our new trustees](#)
- [Appeal for funding](#)
- [Opus business case results](#)
- [On the Ground - Trail Progress](#)
- [Want wine with that?](#)
- [How to support our project](#)
- [Like us on Facebook](#)

---

## Introducing our new trustees

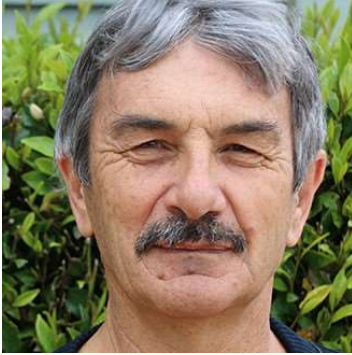
The Trust is privileged to have obtained the skills and experience of four fabulous new Trustees recently:

### **Shelley Trotter**

With an MSc in Environmental Science and Geography, Shelley hosts 4 km of trail on her farm property. She is a member of the Mahurangi Trail Society, a sub group developing a trail



between Warkworth and Snells Beach. Shelley is very much hands-on with a wealth of practical experience in the physical aspects of building trails, but is also someone with vision and a genuine interest in the community and environment. Her strengths also include possessing an eye for detail and good process.



### **Dave Stott**

Dave is a structural and civil engineer, and was Project Manager for the construction of Oaks on Neville in Warkworth. He is the Deputy Chair of One Mahurangi Business association, and has had involvement with Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi on other projects.



### **Aidan Bennett, QSM**

Aidan is Managing Director of Benefitz, a North Shore based communications production business he founded in 1988. He is also the Immediate Past President and a long time trustee of the North Harbour Club & Charitable Trust and is currently an elected member of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, serving as Chair for the first half of the current term (2019-2022). He was recognised with a QSM for Services to the Community in 2018. A keen e-biker, Aidan and wife Michelle live in Takapuna and also have a home at Point Wells so are regular cyclists/walkers in the area.



### **Craig Donaldson**

With a career spanning more than 30 years, Craig has held senior management positions at some of the world's largest financial institutions, including the Royal Bank of Scotland, Deutsche Bank & Merrill Lynch.

Most recently Craig has been the Global CEO of Kea New Zealand, whose purpose is to reach and motivate expatriate to increase their

contribution to New Zealand.

He currently holds, and has held, a number of NZ Board and Advisory Board positions, and mentors NZ Executives with his practical perspectives. He holds a BComm in Accounting from the University of Auckland.

So glad to have you all on board!

We take this opportunity to pay tribute to **Martin Dancy** who has stepped down as a Trustee from the date of our recent AGM. Martin's contributions have been invaluable to the progress of the Puhoi-Mangawhai trail. Ka pai to mahi, Martin!

---

## Appeal for funding

On 14 May, the Matakana Coast Trail Trust hosted an event for more than 70 people at Tu Ngutu Villa located on a spectacular peninsula overlooking Mahurangi Regional Park.

Guests included the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and Te Tai Tokerau MP Kelvin Davis, Labour List MP Marja Lubeck, representatives of the Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust, the Kaipara District Mayor, elected Auckland Councillors, Local Board members, senior Auckland Council and Auckland Transport staff, representatives from various agency partners such as New Zealand Walking Access Commission and Department of Conservation.

The Trust's vision has always been very clear:

- To create a world-class, sustainable shared use commuting and recreational trail from Pūhoi to Mangawhai.
- To safely connect our communities to each other and to the values and spirit of the natural world of forests, coasts and ocean that keeps a watching presence over this, our special place.
- To leave a healthy, living legacy that will benefit and be enjoyed by millions over decades to come.

WPS Opus and Martin Jenkins, the organisations contracted by the Trust to facilitate trail feasibility, mapping, engineering, and economic modelling with the

Trust jointly, presented the key findings to the invited guests.

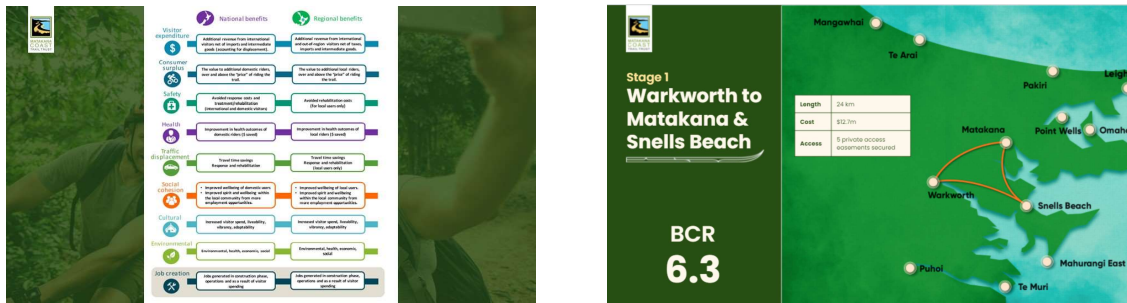
WSP Opus and Martin Jenkins are specialists in this area and have both worked with Waka Kotahi and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to develop a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) methodology, input template and model to be used by Great Ride cycle trails to form part of their business case applications for funding through the Great Ride Enhancement and Extension Fund to enhance or extend existing Great Rides.

The completed business case for the entire trail from Pūhoi to Mangawhai, is broken down into three key stages: Stage One is the area encompassing Warkworth, Snells Beach and Matakana. Stage Two is the area between Pūhoi and Warkworth and Stage Three is the area north of Matakana through to Mangawhai.



*L-R: Supporter Dr Yum Keung Ip, MP Marja Lubeck, CEO Walking Access Commission Ric Cullinane, MP Hon. Kelvin Davis, Programme Manager Puhoi-Pakiri Chris Charles, Supporter Jackie Hui, WSP Principal Advisor Jack Jiang*





## The results

The economic modelling shows an unmatched Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) for the trail in its entirety and a significant outcome for Stage One in particular. The benefit return to the region is simply outstanding and is so good, it demands investment support.

In simple terms, once built, the trail will deliver a return on investment of \$161 million of annual benefits to the region every year. Additionally, the trail will generate \$23 million of annual visitor benefits.

These numbers are very conservative and are based on visitor numbers of trail users of 380,000 people per annum. The Hawkes Bay Trail has 440,000 annual users and because our trail is close to New Zealand's largest city and the International Airport, they may end up much higher which will mean that the benefits to the region could be much higher.

This value is made up of social, economic and health benefits plus creating 329 jobs during the construction phase and 235 FTE jobs after completion.

## Next Steps

We are very excited to have completed this vital stage of the trail's development. The Trust is now in a position to seek the substantial funding necessary to progress and complete the trail.

The Trust is in the process of meeting with various Government ministers and officials to get the \$30 million dollars to complete all three stages.

The Trust is still fundraising from the community to meet operating and other ancillary costs such as website creation.

We have been very fortunate to receive substantial pro-bono support from companies such as Hutchinson Consulting Engineers who have supported the Trust and in reality, made the progress to date possible.

We also wish to thank local landowners whose generosity and admirable community spirit in allowing the trail to cross their land is a major factor in making the trail the enduring legacy we have always envisioned for our people.

---

## On the ground - trail progress



*Trees for Survival planting day*

**The Mahurangi Trail Society** is having a busy planting season with four planting days down and one to go. Already completed are three successful plantings on Snells Beach trails and one at Duck Creek trail on Solway Deer Farm.

Thanks to Healthy Waters we have 700 more native plants in the ground at our newest section of trail between Grange Street and Hamatana Road. On Te Whau walkway, the Rodney Local Board and the Mahurangi East Land Restoration project have provided plants and support for two plantings. Just to mix it up a bit we had a beautiful blue sky day for the first and then a yucky stormy day for the second. A third planting will be hosted there this month for students from Mahurangi College.

On the Duck Creek trail, Solway Deer Farm hosted Snells Beach School for their annual Trees for Survival planting day. Thanks to Warkworth Rotary. This section of trail has been a long time in the planning with a future opening date. The more trees we plant the better it will be.

Grand total of natives in the ground for this season on our trails – 3700!



*Waveney Warth, Mahurangi East Land Restoration Engagement Manager and Shelley Trotter MCTT Trustee. Planting in the rain at Te Whau track Snells Beach.*



*Trees for Survival planting adjacent to the future trail on Solway Deer Farm. Special thanks to Snells Beach School and Warkworth Rotary.*



*Planting at Te Whau, Snells Beach - in the sun*





*Planting at Te Whau, Snells Beach - rain or shine!*

---

## **Want wine with that?**

Pūhoi-Pakiri Programme Manager Chris Charles took Trustees Dave Stott, Allison Roe, and Shelley Trotter, together with Gary Heaven from the Mahurangi Trail Society, for a walkover of a section of proposed route between Warkworth and Matakana earlier this month. The route includes tracing an unformed legal road at the end of Golf Road, through to Matakana Estate Winery, as well as over an area of private land following the Glen Eden River. Some very exciting opportunities in this space - imagine being able to pick up a bike in Warkworth, access the Matakana Link Road cycle path through the Warkworth Showgrounds, then connect to this trail passing cellar doors, artisan vendors, through gorgeous countryside with glimpses of the sea, and alongside a native bush-lined river, all while beating the Matakana traffic!

---



---

## Thank you, and a request

*The Trust values the contributions our friends make that keep our organisation humming in the background as we prepare to step things up a notch when significant funding becomes available to start constructing sections of Stage 1 of the trail. **Please consider making a donation or regular automatic payment to: 12 3095 0052025 00. Donations are tax deductible.***

---

Copyright © 2021 Matakana Coast Trail Trust, All rights reserved.

 [Like us on Facebook](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

Grow your business with  **mailchimp**