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**MCTT News for March 2022**

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## News from the Pūhoi to Mangawhai Trail

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Trail progress marches steadily forward, and while time marches on we have a specific call to action for all our readers this March. Read on!

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**HAVE YOUR SAY! SUPPORT THE FUNDING FOR A TRAIL CONNECTING WARKWORTH - SNELLS BAY  
MATAKANA**



The moment of truth has arrived! We are excited to be getting closer to realising our vision however to get underway, we need your support – it w minutes of your time.

To secure \$13.7 million for walking and cycling infrastructure in Rodney East, we need you to get online and have your Say! Read on for more de the link in the image below (or in our guide further on) to make a submission.



### Make it happen!

The development of the trail will happen in three stages, span 117 kilometres from Pūhoi to Mangawhai, and cost just \$50 million to complete.

**Stage One will connect the rapidly growing towns of Warkworth, Matakana, and Snells Beach, offering huge benefits for residents Auckland community, and tourists.**

A sum of \$13.7 million has been earmarked to support the construction of Stage 1 of the trail, as part of the Climate Action Targeted Rate (CAT there is a risk these funds for 21km's of new cycleway ***could be diverted to other projects***. That's where you come in!



If you support our vision, please support the proposed **Climate Action Targeted Rate**, as part of Auckland Council's 2022-2023 Budget. This will secure funding and work can get underway for Stage 1. Have your say by making a submission before the cut-off date of March 28.

Here's our Guide and tips on how to submit:

1. Go to [Auckland Council's website – Have your Say page](#)
2. Tick **Support** to Question One – Climate Action Targeted Rate.

Under 'Tell us why': Write a personalised sentence / paragraph or two. Here's some suggestions to make life easy!

*I would love to have more options to walk and cycle within the Auckland region. I am excited to see \$228 million towards building more cycle walkways, especially connecting Warkworth to Matakana and Snells Beach.*

*I WANT to walk and cycle more for the benefit of the planet and my health. However, lack of infrastructure and safety concerns, prevent this, Rodney East which has one of the highest road tolls in the region*

*I support the funding and development of the Matakana Coast Trail Trust trail in the Rodney district, because:*

- It will get cars off the road – commuters and school trips – less carbon emissions!
- My kids could safely bike to school, the current roads are dangerous!
- The rest of New Zealand has many trail options – Auckland has virtually none!
- Our community (the Auckland region / the Rodney district) is growing so rapidly but the infrastructure hasn't kept up, and we could all benefit from more outdoor options.

3. Scroll down and hit **Save and Continue**. (The other questions are totally optional!)

4. Fill out your details.

5. **Boom. You've supported the Trail funding! Thank You – we appreciate your support!**

For more details and latest updates, check it all out on our [Website](#).

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## Support from local MP Marja Lubeck

Recently our co-Chairs Aidan and Craig caught up with local list MP Marja Lubeck to bring her up-to-date with progress of the trail and apprise her of the support we need from central government to make this a reality.

**Marja has kindly written a letter of support for the project to be funded from the Climate Action Targeted Rate.** She says: "I have been excited to see the benefits the trail will bring to the region for some time especially the potential for both recreation and alternative safe cycle and walking routes linking communities of Warkworth-Matakana and Snells Beach."

It's great to have Marja as a strong supporter and advocate for our Puhoi to Mangawhai Trail project.





*Marja is photographed with MCTT co-chairs Aidan Bennett (left) and Craig Donaldson.*

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## **Adventure link explored**

On February 4, a group of trustees and volunteers went on a field trip to explore connectivity across Asia Pacific Industries' (API) 1800-hectare which is currently managed as a forest by Puhoi local and keen equestrian Paul Manton and Anthony Lee, API's NZ based manager. The connection links the charming historic village of Puhoi to Perry Road south of Warkworth, and from there, via other privately held land into Warkworth itself.

This link provides an opportunity to piggy-back the planned internal subdivision roads servicing new residential properties and would comprise shared and cycling paths on the berm next to those roads. In sections, this will also accommodate horse-riding trails, something keenly sought by our supporters. Currently the Trust is in negotiation with API to provide legal access where there are gaps between the planned subdivision roading.

With a timeline of 2-3 years, we look forward to the formation of an adventure trail with stunning views of the coast, a variety of contours, and significant tree regeneration – some already occurring or planned. This will provide an amazing amenity value to the subdivision's new residents and local visitors from all over Auckland and beyond.





*Graeme Smith (surveyor), Shelley Trotter, and Paul Manton enjoy the coastal views from a clearing on the API walkover*



*Gary and Dave at Puhoi Domain on part of the trail that is shared with Te Araroa*



*The team surveying the route down to the Mahurangi River crossing at the north end of the API land*



*The Mahurangi River Crossing, another major area of focus for MCTT*

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## Your help makes a difference

*The Trust values the contributions our friends make. These keep our organisation humming in the background as we prepare to step things up as significant funding becomes available to start constructing new sections of what will become a world-class trail attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors, bringing unprecedented economic benefit to our region. **Please consider making a donation or regular automatic payment via Donations are tax deductible.***


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