
MCTT NEWS – Creating a connected trail network in the Matakana Coast region

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Dear Omaha,

We are excited to bring you the latest [Matakana Coast Trail Trust](#) (MCTT) news and developments. With your continued support, we are making great strides toward creating a vibrant and connected trail network in the Matakana Coast region – with the ultimate goal of creating over 100 kilometres of cycle/walking trails between Puhoi and Mangawhai. Highlights of our recent developments are outlined below.

As always, we thank you for your involvement and engagement in the Matakana Coast Trail Trust. Together, we are forging a brighter future for our community through the power of trails.

For further information please visit www.mctt.org.nz or contact Meg Eriksen direct: meg@mctt.org.nz.

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New Matakana Link Road Cycle Lanes



We are pleased to inform you that the Matakana Link Road now features dedicated cycle lanes. These cycle lanes will be part of our overall trail. The Matakana Coast Trail Trust played a crucial role in advocating for their inclusion and we are delighted with the outcome. These cycle lanes not only enhance road safety but also form an integral part of our trail network. We are thrilled to support this inclusion and invite you to explore these new lanes and experience their benefits first-hand.

Welcome to our new trustee Peter Marsh



Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Peter Marsh, who has recently joined the Matakana Coast Trail Trust as a trustee. Peter brings a wealth of experience from his successful corporate career in the finance industry. He and his wife Jenni made the move to the area in 2011 (Omaha Beach first and more recently Point Wells), and Peter has since been actively involved in club administration and sporting organisations, including the Sandspit Yacht Club and Omaha Beach Golf Club. With a passion for cycling, sailing and golf, Peter is eager to see the completion of our new trails and their positive impact on the entire Matakana region.

Trustee Board Update

As well as Peter joining as a trustee we have also recently had a small change in our leadership. Aidan Bennett has assumed the role of chair – he was previously co-chairing with Craig Donaldson. Craig remains a trustee and is as enthusiastic as ever about the project but has some other things (including travel!) keeping him busy at the moment. Founder and dynamo Allison Roe remains deputy chair. Our governance remains strong and in good hands.

Point Wells to Matakana Country Park Trail Now Fully Consented



We are delighted to announce that the Point Wells to Matakana Country Park Trail has received full consent. This is a significant milestone in our journey toward creating an exceptional trail network. However, due to budget constraints, we regret to inform you that a sizable portion of the funding we anticipated from Auckland Transport has not been forthcoming. Currently, we have \$400,000 available for this section of the trail and we need to raise an additional \$900,000 to commence construction to link both Omaha and Point Wells to the popular Matakana Country Park. This will also link with future trails to Matakana and Leigh. Your continued support is crucial in helping us achieve our funding goals. Together, we can make this Point Wells to Matakana Country Park trail a reality in the very near future.

Pictured above are MCTT trustees and trail working group members who recently rode the route that this new trail will take.

Muncaster/Grange Bridge Gets Local Support

We are thrilled to share that we have secured funding support from an incredible local business for the construction of the Muncaster/Grange Bridge. This vital structure will connect key sections of the trail and contribute to a seamless trail experience. We are eager to commence construction later this year, pending favourable weather conditions.

Stage 1 Trail Update



Planning and preparation for Stage 1 of our trail, the "golden triangle" connecting Warkworth, Matakana and Snells, continues to progress. This section of the trail serves as a crucial link, connecting vibrant community hubs, including linking with Omaha and Point Wells. Its positive impacts include fostering community connections, enhancing safety for school children, promoting walking and biking, reducing our carbon footprint, and providing economic benefits to local businesses. The business case ratio for this trail is 6.3 – meaning that for every dollar spent, the community will get an astounding \$6.30 back in overall benefits. Learn more about the exciting developments in our featured update.

Colouring-in Competition Winners!



We are thrilled to have organised a fabulous colouring-in competition, which has been a tremendous success. Over 1,700 children from local schools participated, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm. The competition was judged by talented local artist Claire Erica from Art Matakana Gallery. We are excited to share the winning entries with you. Thank you to all who participated and made this event such a memorable one.

MCTT are delighted to announce our three category winners (pictured left to right): Rasgurshan (9yrs), Harriet (7yrs) & Magnus (6yrs). Warmest congratulations to you all; your artistic talents and creative expressions have truly painted our hearts with joy and inspiration.

And a special shoutout to all the talented kids who joined us in our mission of promoting health and a healthy planet through biking; your colourful creations have brought a smile to our faces and inspired us all. Heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you for your incredible artwork! Your passion for biking and commitment to a healthier lifestyle shines through in your drawings. Together, we can pedal towards a greener future and make a positive impact on both our health and the environment.

A huge thank you to amazing local businesses [Action Ninja World](#) & [Matakana Cinemas](#) for donating prizes, and to our local schools for supporting this initiative [Warkworth School](#), [Snells Beach School](#), Matakana School, Leigh Primary.

Our Dedicated Trail Working Group

We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated team of trail experts who form our Trail Working Group. These volunteers meet regularly to plan and map out the intricacies of the trail and its route. Their commitment and hard work are pivotal in shaping the future of our trail network. We recognise the significance of their role and express our gratitude for their invaluable contributions.



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