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*Merry Christmas everyone, Kia kaha  
Christmas is a time to relax and enjoy life. I trust you will find time to do just that.  
Consider cycling/walking part or all of the trail during the summer.*

**We wish you a  
happy and safe  
holiday season**

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

We had a successful AGM on 25 November, with six current committee members being re-elected for another 2 year term.

Your committee members are:

- ♦ Trevor Irwin - Chair
- ♦ Robyn Kehoe - Secretary
- ♦ Alaina Goulding - Treasurer
- ♦ Victoria Dawson
- ♦ Rachael Dey
- ♦ Ewen Fraser
- ♦ Russell Malone
- ♦ Frances Rata-Hughes
- ♦ Darron Reti
- ♦ John Stock
- ♦ Lynley Twyman

### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

Community Organisations Grant Scheme  
Heartland Community Fund  
NZ Lottery Grants Board  
Ruapehu District Council  
Trail Fund NZ  
Trust Waikato  
Waitomo District Council



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### PLANNING A TRIP—Go to the Timber Trail webpage and you will find all the information you need:

[timbertrail.nz/organise](http://timbertrail.nz/organise)

### PROVIDERS ALONG THE TRAIL:

The Timber Trail is supported by an eco system of fantastic operators who are just as passionate about getting out riding as you are. All the operators listed here are partner members of the trail and where relevant current Department of Conservation concession holders.

#### Timber Trail Lodge and Transport

##### Epic Cycle Adventures

##### Blackfern Lodge/Cottage/Forge/Shuttle Service

##### Pureora Cabins

##### Four B, Taupo

##### Timber Trail Farmstay

##### Timber Trail Centre, Ongarue

##### Twin Rivers Cottage

##### Alexander Motel, Taumarunui

##### Nga Harenga and Piropiro Campsites



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## PUREORA FOREST TRACK MAINTENANCE

### Getting the track ready for this summer season

What an amazing couple of days volunteers had in July. The group renovated and repaired a quarter of the trail from around the 22km mark all the way through to the 42km mark.

Most of the efforts were in the section between 32km and 42km marks. On the second afternoon, two volunteers went up to near the Bog Inn and repaired the trail from that point to the 32km mark.

Its been wonderful to see so many volunteers contributing mahi, tools and machinery. A special thanks to Bill Holloway for the use of his mechanical digger; Gordon Gailey for his tip truck shifting all the gravel; and John Stock for his technical input.

Thank you to Russell Malone and the Timber Trail Lodge for providing accommodation and sustenance for our team.



A BIG  
THANK  
YOU!

**FOR THE GENEROUS MONETARY DONATIONS FROM TRAIL USERS**

And to these volunteers that worked tirelessly to make this project a success.



## Incorporated Societies Act 2022—Constitution

At our AGM this year we have completed the process required to re-register under this Act. The Societies Constitution Builder was used to blend our old constitution into our new one.

Our Chair Trevor Irwin and Administrator Robyn Kehoe undertook this process. At a meeting held in March the Committee reviewed the new constitution and recommended it for approval at our AGM held in November.

## Incorporated Societies Act 2022—Membership

In line with the new Act, we must confirm our membership database. You will hear from us soon to check in whether you still wish to remain on our database as a member of our Society. Society membership means we will continue to send you the occasional email to keep you up to date with the Timber Trail and advise you when we are holding an AGM or Special meeting.

If you wish, you could reply to this email with a yes or no.

### PLANNED TRAIL WORKS

#### TOITOI TRACK

We are currently scoping and planning another working bee to perform some maintenance on the Toitoi track, which is a walking track up to the summit. The track has been badly water damaged over the last few years and needs some TLC.

### ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY

Friends of the Timber Trail inc. are sad to be losing Robyn Kehoe, who has been our capable Secretary/Administrator for the last 4 years. See photo attached of Robyn and husband at the start of the Timber Trail.

Robyn keeps busy for around 8 to 10 hours of FOTT matters every month undertaking the society's administration and secretarial duties, including communications, committee meetings, and funding applications (to name just a few).

Robyn is looking forward to spending quality time with her family and friends. Robyn said that "The people/committee have been great to work with and have been supportive throughout."

The team will be recruiting a replacement secretary some time early in the new year. Feel free to send through an expression of interest if you are interested in the position.

Ka kite Robyn.



### TO REPORT MAINTENANCE ISSUES YOU SPOT ON THE TRAIL

Go to the Timber Trail website:

[timbertrail.nz/trail-hazard-maintenance/](http://timbertrail.nz/trail-hazard-maintenance/)

### DID YOU KNOW THAT AFTER YOUR RIDE:

**you can complete a trail survey and be in to win**

Go to the Timber Trail website:

[timbertrail.nz/survey](http://timbertrail.nz/survey)