

Welcome to Trail Talk - A monthly newsletter all about the Around the Mountains Cycle Trail. This newsletter contains information and updates about construction and work on the trail, as well as other aspects including work being carried out with businesses and tourism interests

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Funding commitment ensures trail's progress

Southland District Council has agreed to initiate the second stage of the Around the Mountains Cycle Trail, providing initial funding so work can begin.

Group Manager Services and Assets Ian Marshall said construction needs to begin at the start of October and contracts for the consented parts of stage two need to be finalised and put out to tender within the next few weeks.

It is imperative that as much work as possible is completed in the spring/summer period.

Councillors signed off on a recommendation to, if necessary, fund the shortfall of \$3.84 million required to complete the project. This means construction can progress on stage two as scheduled later this year.

Funding is still being sought for the second stage, and it's hoped the Community Trust of Southland will be a funding source. Other funding options are also being investigated.



Construction Corner



Work to finish stage one of the Around the Mountains Cycle Trail is progressing well despite challenges from the weather recently.

Construction is under way on five suspension bridges, all of which have foundations and bridge towers completed. The 75 metre long Fairlight suspension bridge (*pictured*) is 95 percent finished.

Seven 1930s style old huts are being sought for use as shelters, if anybody would like to donate an unused hut that fits this bill, please email [Bobbi Brown](mailto:Bobbi.Brown@nzta.govt.nz)

Tourism Trail

Help to promote your tourism business



Venture Southland in conjunction with Tourism New Zealand is holding two workshops for those interested in building their profile on New Zealand's official tourism website newzealand.com

The site receives over 11 million unique visits a year, and is a great way to profile your tourism business or activity. The workshops are aimed at tourism operators who want to register or who are already registered on newzealand.com

Staff will be on hand to help you with business profiles. Among topics, attendees will be shown how to create new listings, articles and deals.

This is an excellent opportunity for Southland tourism operators

Workshop One - Invercargill

Where: SIT Computer Rooms, B1.06
When: Wednesday 24 September, 4-6pm
RSVP: by Friday 12 September to [Hannah Fraser](mailto:Hannah.Fraser@venture.co.nz)
There is no charge to attend this workshop

Workshop Two - Stewart Island

Where: Stewart Island Community Centre
When: Thurs 25 September, 10am-12pm
RSVP: by Friday 12 September to [Hannah Fraser](mailto:Hannah.Fraser@venture.co.nz)
There is no charge to attend this workshop

What you need to bring

- All business details including a description of your business, contact details, pricing and facilities.
- Digital images (at least 1080 pixels wide) to promote your business and your business logo (at least 600 pixels wide).
- Ideas for business articles and images to go with them. Articles on newzealand.com provide information and tell stories about experiences and attractions in New Zealand.
- Ideas for deals on newzealand.com. Deals are special offers for a product or service for a limited time.

Stewart Island ONLY - A laptop with the ability to access wi-fi (if you have one).

Preparing to party in Lumsden

Preparations are underway for the official opening of stage one of the trail, from Kingston to Mossburn.

A community event is being planned for Lumsden at 2pm on October 31.

Details of the event will be released closer to the time but it will be open to the public so make sure your bike is ready to ride and save the date.



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