



## Fiordland Trails Trust Annual Meeting – 10 October, 2023

### Annual Report

#### 1. Introduction

It has been a privilege to Chair FTT for the past year and lead a group of dedicated Trustees who give freely of their time to provide and maintain a trail network that is unique and as good as any other in NZ.

#### 2. Trustees

I wish to make special mention of our Trustees and the work that they do to make our Trust function:

**Jocelyn Hodges** – Secretary, a very well organised lady who really has her finger on the pulse

**Haylee Preston** – Treasurer, a Trustee for many years now and oh so valuable to us in her strategic role.

**Ellie Chaloner** – plays a vital role in supporting Haylee and makes sure the bills get paid

**Bob Crawford** – is doing a wonderful job co-ordinating our marketing efforts and our website development.

**Graeme Crouchley** – Joined our team 1 year ago and is leading the Leg 5 L2L completion project. Is a big part of the future of FTT going forward and we are very pleased to have him on board.

**Heather Sinclair** – so passionate about our trails and does a wonderful job with our Half Marathon and 10km event. 4 years on and growing each year.

**Alister Burgess** – Manages our trail maintenance effort and gives so much for the betterment of the Trust and trails.

**Stephen Hoskin** – As passionate as Heather about our Trust and Trails. Steve guides our Fundraising efforts and manages our robust Policy and Procedures portfolio.

**Stephen Martin** – Has responsibilities around developing our permanent signage which is proving quite a challenge.

#### 3. Retiring Trustee and past Chairman – John Greaney

On behalf of FTT and this Community I would like to especially thank John Greaney for his inputs over the past 9 years as a Trustee and Chairman. He was one of the instigators in getting our network started following many years of talking but not much action!! John's networking skills and contacts in the right places has bought huge benefits. Of special note the commissioning of the Angus report and the positive outcomes from that. (Round of applause please.)

#### 4. Our Contracted Support

**Tony Ciaffoni** is our Jobs for Nature Project Manager and his co-ordination role has been vital in delivering this 3 year project to the satisfaction of DOC. We are now into the final year of this project and the wonderful results are there for all to see.

**Lana Brannigan** joined us as our Growth Manager in June this year and is actively progressing our funding application programme and undertaking other administration roles. Lana's inputs have greatly relieved several of our Trustees of the very time consuming business of chasing funds.

## 5. The Year that Was

(PP presentation to follow that demonstrates most of our achievements)

### Key Achievements during the year include:

- The again very successful Meridian Half Marathon and Mitre 10 Ten km events
- The Commissioning and receipt of the L2L Impact Assessment Report (Angus Report)
- The upgrade of our website and subsequent promotional work via press releases, web and facebook posts.
- Achieving Resource Consent to construct Te Anau to Te Anau Downs Trail to Boundary Creek
- Completion of Leg 2 of T2TD Trail to the Upukerora Bridge
- Commencement of Leg 3 to Boundary Creek of T2TD trail
- The ongoing delivery of the Jobs for Nature Programme
  - 16,000 trees planted to 3 areas
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Predator Control Programme delivered
  - 4km of trail formed.
  - L2L trail maintained and enhanced
  - Nomination for Environment Southland Award
- Leg 5 of L2L trail completion committed to outside of FNP
- Considerable inputs to a number of agencies to enhance our long-term position including.
  - MOP's – yes a trail from Cascade Creek to Manapouri is a real possibility in time.
  - Fiordland Community Board / SDC – Long term maintenance contributions and input to park management. Assistance with Resource Consent costs.
  - Southland Conservation Board – Ensuring future trail location on DOC reserves
  - Conservation week presentation
  - Riverton trail group – assistance with establishment of Trust.

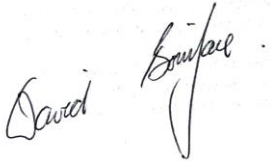
### Things that haven't gone quite so well:

- We have been unable achieve permissions to enable a trail to the favoured location through FNP for Leg 5 and would be unlikely to achieve this before 2030 at the earliest.
- Delays with the progression of Leg 3 Te Anau to Te Anau Downs Trail
  - DoC's requirement to obtain a Wildlife Permit despite all efforts to survey Lizards and develop a management methodology.
  - Delays by Contractor in completing to Patience Bay within reasonable time

## 6. And for the Year Ahead

- Success with funding to enable the progression of Te Anau Downs trail to Te Anau Downs

- Success with Consenting and Permissions to enable construction of Leg 5 L2L within a reasonable time frame.
- Development of the Trust to more of a Governance rather than 'hands on model'.
- Replacement of skill base to enable steady progression of Trust
- Eventually achieving Great Ride Status and a network that is a visitor attraction in its own right.
- Be active in the development of a regional model for the progression of trail assets within Southland and encourage stronger leadership at Council level.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Boniface', written in a cursive style.

David Boniface

Chair and Engineer

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