

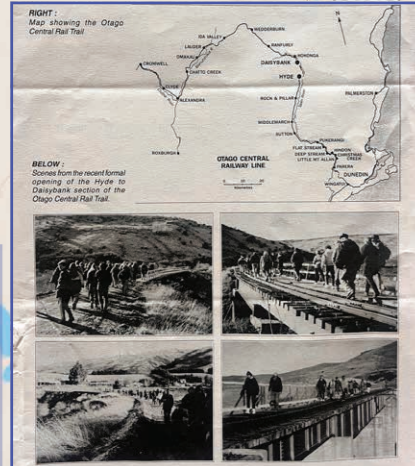
# Otago Central Rail Trail Trust

## 30 Year Celebration



**1993**

- In 1993 the 152km disused railway line was transferred to the Department of Conservation.



**1995**

- The First 11km section of the trail between Hyde and Daisybank opened.



**2000**

- Jan 19th – Governor General Sir Michael Hardy Boys officially opened the Otago Central Rail Trail
- First Rail Trail Duathlon marks the opening of the Trail



**2003**

- 22 Feb the Wedderburn Goods Shed returns to its original site

**NOTICE !**

A meeting of *The Otago Central Rail Trail Trust* is to be held in the Middlemarch Hall on **Wednesday 29 June 1994**

Members of the public are warmly invited to meet with the Trustees and Department of Conservation representatives at **12.30 pm** to discuss progress with development of the rail trail.



**1998**

- Manuherekia Bridge No 1 is opened by Les Cleveland on April 5th.



**2002**

- Les Cleveland retired from the Trust
- Daphne Hull becomes the new Chair
- Kate Wilson joined the Trust



**2004**

- The Trust releases new book *From Steam Trains to Pedal Power*

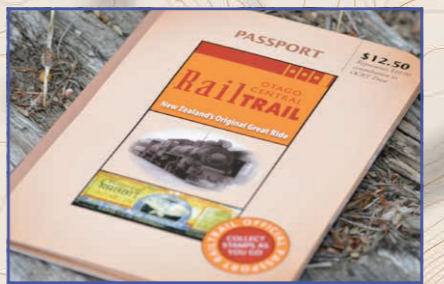
**2005**

- Development of OCRT website
- Formation of the Rail Trail Operators Group



**2007**

- New Interpretation panels for the Gangers Sheds



**2006**

- The Trust launches the official Rail Trail Passport
- Ten new Gangers sheds along the trail



**2008**

- Numbers riding the entire trail climbs to over 10,000

**2010**

- Hilary Calvert retires from the Trust.
- Sam Inder takes Hilary's place.

**2013**

- John Gibson retired.
- Ken Gillespie joined the Trust.



**2015**

- Construction of Daphne Hull Underpass SH8 starts.
- A new interactive website for the Trail.



**2012**

- Daphne Hull stood down as Chair.
- Kate Wilson becomes Chair of the Trust.
- The trail becomes part of Ngā Haerenga, New Zealand Cycle Trails Network.



**2014**

- The Trust Celebrates 20 years.
- A re-brand for the Otago Central Rail Trail launched in collaboration with Marketing Partners.



**2016**

- The Lauder Beautification Society raised \$120,000 to return the Railway Station to its original site
- Hyde Railway Station Purchased by the Trust
- Colleen Hurd joins the Trust



**2017**

- Winners in the Great Ride Category of NZ Transport Authorities "Favourite Places to Ride"
- The Lions clubs run the Last Duathlon
- The first "Interplanetary Cycle Trail". Ideas and support initiated by Ian Begg, Cromwell.



**2018**

- The trail becomes a "Tohu Whenua" NZ Heritage Landmark
- Restoration of railway wagons at Hyde Station Site
- New Toilet for Hyde Station Site



**2019**

- The unveiling of Bruce Potters Mural in the Daphne Hull Underpass
- The Trust engages Museograph, and the Rail Tales Interpretation Project begins



**2021**

- All about the Lauder community and the Lauder Station Building
- Official Opening
- The Lauder Beautification Society wins the Rail Heritage Trust of NZ Restoration award



**2023**

- "Rail Tales" a new online educational resource for teachers launched
- New Toilet at Kokonga Station Site



**2024**

- The Trust celebrates 30 Years!