

Pedal Together Newsletter



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Chairman's Message

Written by John Hay

I write this with a lot of appreciation for your support and contributions to our group over the last 12 months. Despite significant challenges in funding for many small organisations like ours, the Trust had a strong financial year with approximately \$14,000 from donations, and another \$10,000 from our community fundraising efforts.

With money raised from donations, we were able to purchase two recumbent bikes to make riding more accessible. Our focus continues to be on increasing accessibility and participation within our community. We will be making additional grant funding applications and actively fundraising this year, in the hope of purchasing a purpose-built trailer. This will enable us to efficiently transport our bikes, ensuring that all our members, regardless of their location, can access this support in Christchurch.

Fundraising & Events

Being active in the community is integral to our group's success. We are requesting your assistance. Whether you can help with planning, promoting, or volunteering on the day, every bit of effort makes a difference. Please let us know how you can contribute by contacting John on 027 226 3507 or by emailing john.hay@extra.co.nz.

Upcoming Events

We are having a raffle to sell at New World Prestons on Thursday 22nd May and Saturday 24th May. We need volunteers to help from 10am to 4pm.





Alps to Ocean Biking Trip

Our recent biking trip marked another exciting milestone as our group embarked on a six-day journey to explore the scenic trails spanning more than 300 km from Aoraki / Mount Cook to Oamaru on the Pacific Ocean.

This adventure will be completed in full when we return next year. However we had a fantastic start to part one. The trip was made even more special with the addition of Graeme, whom we met in Christchurch last year during his travels around the country from Cape Reinga to Bluff. All on his recumbent bike!

A summary of our trip highlights:

- Tekapo to Lake Pukaki Visitor Centre
- Twizel to Lake Ohau Lodge
- Omarama to Sailors Cutting
- Jet boat ride to Lake Benmore dam
- Bike ride from the dam to Otematata

The trip was not only a testament to our community's growth but also a celebration of friendship, perseverance, and the joy of riding together.

And it wouldn't be a biking trip without Bert enjoying a lovely dessert!

Special Mention: Grant's Skydiving Achievement 🌟

We are thrilled to celebrate Grant, who took the exhilarating leap—literally—by skydiving during our trip! Grant exemplifies the very spirit of our group's motto: "Never Ever Give Up."

Grant continues to push his boundaries and inspire us all with his determination and resilience. We are incredibly proud of you, Grant, and your fearless pursuit of new heights reminds us all of the power of perseverance. Keep soaring!

A special thank you to:



If you wish to support our biking group, your donation is very much appreciated.

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