



**RELUCTANT FRANKTON
HERO TO RECEIVE
BRAVERY AWARD**

Reluctant Frankton mountaineering hero Ben Dare will be awarded a top civilian bravery medal by the New Zealand Royal Humane Society next month for saving fellow top mountaineer Scott Scheele in the Himalayas in 2013.



TRAIL TALES

The Queenstown Trails Trust wants to know what people think of its 110km Queenstown Trail and is calling for feedback via the New Zealand Cycle Trails on-line survey.

CEO Mandy Kennedy says it's just as important for local people to take part in the survey as it is for visitors.

"We are looking at questions about trail conditions, amenities, food, beverage and signage among other things which will provide us with some excellent information we can use as a basis for change and improvement if need be."

The survey can be accessed on www.getsmartglobal.com/nzcycletrails.

The Trust hopes to have its commuter trail from Glenda Drive to the Wakatipu Gun Club, close to the Shotover River, up and running again shortly after it was affected by severe weather in February.

"We are working to get this section of the trail open as quickly as possible and hope its closure hasn't caused too much inconvenience," says Mandy.

Keep an eye out on the trail for Mandy and Kaye Parker on their high-end Charge About sponsored electric bikes - they will be checking out the trail regularly and writing a blog about their experiences.

Charge About director Campbell Read wants Queenstown to follow the European lead using sustainable transport options.

"Queenstown is the ideal place to use e-bikes to commute to work in safety because there are so many off road trail options."