

ON THE WAKATIPU TRAIL

A network of trails is being developed by the Wakatipu Trails Trust and newly appointed CEO Kaye Parker outlined Jenny McLeod the Trust's vision become a world class biking and walking destination.

The Wakatipu Trails Trust was established six years ago and much has been achieved in a short space of time, according to Kaye, who is now spearheading significant development on a number of trails around the Wakatipu Basin.

The goal is to become the walking and biking capital of New Zealand and we are well on the way to achieving this along with our partners, the Queenstown Lakes District Council, Department of Conservation and the Friends of the Trust.

The Trust is also planning to liaise more closely with Destination Queenstown because our trails obviously have a huge significance for tourism," she says. "There are tremendous benefits for the tourist industry and we are aware we need to work much more closely together."

There are around 30 trails already established in the Wakatipu and Kaye says while key tracks are earmarked for upgrades new trails are also planned to suit cyclists, walkers and horse riders.

