

New walkway gives access to Emerald Bay

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A 1.3 km public walkway to Emerald Bay, though re-established wetlands and past 20,000 planted native plants, was officially opened by the Longview Environmental Trust last weekend.

The Trust is the charitable arm of the 85ha Emerald Bluffs development project which has been engaged in ecological restoration of the area since 2007.

After a welcome by



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landowner and trust founder John May (pictured), representatives from DOC, Te Kakano

Trust, Upper Clutha Tracks Trust, Wakatipu Wilding Conifer Control Group, Lake Wanaka

Tourism and other interested parties walked the track.

Signage on the track illustrated the changes made to the area since the the restoration project started and presentations on the planting and landscaping as well as the pest control for the project were given.

Since starting pest control 28 mustelids, 34 cats, 82 possums, 19 rats and 121 rabbits have been killed in the area.