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The Co-Chairs' annual report to Sept 09

About CAA

- Incorporated society with Charitable Status
- 197 paid members (up from 185 last year), including 10 supporting organisations. We also have a contact list of over 1000 supporters ("CAA Friends) including several large cycle groups/clubs.
- A well-resourced and active committee of 13 with a wide range of skills and experience including 3 engineers, IT specialists, Secondary Schools' Cycling Coordinator, Town Planner, 2 ex Community Board members, 2 accountants, Regional Land Transport Committee member, FAST Chair, Sustainable Business Network manager, ex police officer, school teachers, and a lawyer. Strategic planning meetings are held 6 monthly.
- 10 monthly committee meetings followed by guest speaker or topic for discussion—(up to 15 guests attend – members/friends and others)
- Speakers from ARTA, TLAs, NZTA, beginner's bike sessions, talks on international cycling cities and travels, brain storming local campaigns always provide supper and a social flavour.
- Monthly eNews sent to members and friends
- CAA 'discuss group' 40 members (online forum)
- Established website –our priority is to keep it up to date and continue to improve the website as our major PR and communication tool. A new trial website is also being developed on CAN.org.nz

Key relationships

- Regional Walking and Cycling Forum; all Auckland TLAs, ARC, ARTA,
- NZTA (meetings with NZTA and consultants regarding AHB walk/cycleway and NZTA cycling and walking projects), Walk Auckland & Living Streets Aotearoa,
- Cycle Action Waiheke and other cycle groups – Manukau Vets, North Shore Tri, ACTA, Devonport Xpressos, Pickled Peppers
- Bike Central- bike station, Next Bikes – public bike Hire
- CAN (CAN Cycle-Friendly Awards 2009 nominations), Bike NZ

Media effectiveness

CAA committee members are active letter writers, and have featured in perspectives articles, occasional Radio interviews, photos and articles about projects and issues in local papers We have recognized the need to do more regular press releases to share our successes as well as frustrations.

Submissions, oral presentations and consultation

- LTCCPs (10 year plans): Auckland City , North Shore City, Waitakere City, Manukau City, Auckland Regional Council
- Regional Land Transport Plan -3 year funding
- Resource consents for developments –Marine Events Centre, Eden Park Stadium, Auckland Waterfront Key Stakeholder Forum, Te Wero Bridge Peer Review.
- Auckland Regional Land Transport Strategy health impact assessment
- Safer Journeys Submission
- Manukau Rd Submission
- Subdivision and development design- review
- Tamaki Innovation Precinct
- Elliott Street and Fort Street "shared spaces" redesign

CAA liaison/ technical input to councils' cycling and roading projects

- Bus Lanes: Mt Eden, Central Connector, Dominion Rd.
- Cycle Lanes: North Shore; Lake Road, Esmonde Rd, Greenhithe, Constellation Drive, Upper Harbor Drive, East Coast Rd, assisting with resident's petition to retain the lake Rd cycle lanes.

- Auckland City; Merton Rd, Foot/Cycle Path over Winstone Park Mt Roskill, Bike Parking plans for Grey Lynn, T2 evaluation on Bus lanes by Auckland City, Central Connector - Grafton Bridge, Shared Spaces- Fort & Elliot Streets area upgrade: Auckland City Footpath Upgrading, proposed Roundabout SH16, Taupaki Rd, Old North Rd, chip seal cleared from Taniwha St, Glen Innes, CAA commuter & recreational cyclist counts along Tamaki Drive.
- Red light campaign for cyclists, lack of a safe pedestrian crossing at Northern End of Old Mangere Bridge on Onehunga Harbour Rd, Maungakiekie Community Board presentation re cycleways.
- Waitakere City; Scenic Drive Cycle Awareness Campaign, Central Park Drive, new extension of Universal Drive,
- Manukau City; proposed cycling projects

Wins /Successes

- Submissions work – we consider we have been effective in influencing council policy and representing the views of the cycling community.
- Auckland City: support from the ACC Transport Committee for The Great Urban Rides concept being proposed as Auckland's section of the National Cycleway.
- North Shore City Council – the Lake Road cycle lanes and the Esmonde Road intersection cycling provisions were retained with quantifiable increase in cyclist numbers – crash statistics are being monitored. The final 10 year budget had fewer budget cuts than in the draft. Hotspots mapped.
- The production by ARTA of regional cycling maps was assisted by CAA. The maps are considered an important cycling achievement by ARTA and the councils.
- Partnership with ARTA in producing digital maps as a result of mapping work above.
- Eden Park and Marine Events submissions resulted in increased cycle parking provision.
- CAA's RLTP submission to ARC (supporting an \$18million raft of NZTA cycling projects) was commended.
- Participation in Bikewise month – Cycle Action partnered Bikewise and ACC and NSCC for the Bike to Breakfast and related events. We maximized the networking opportunity, enrolling new members for our group and spreading the cycling message.
- Involvement in preventing withdrawal of the Mt Roskill Cone Cycleway at Community Board and council level and media involvement.
- Commuter workshops with businesses – 24 SKM employees attended an onsite workshop run by CAA and CAN networker to find out how to bike to work, as their new premises in the CABD made driving more difficult.
- CAA receives many expressions of thanks from council staff from all councils for support of their work. Council officers regularly consult Cycle Action on projects.
- Frocks on Bikes parade in Ponsonby Market Day in September championed by Cycle Action.

Current and ongoing campaigns and projects

- 'Veer' the movie showing October 14 as a fundraiser and social event
- Understanding NLTP allocations for 2009-12
- 1.5m to survive! petition
- Bikes on Buses, (possibility of buses carrying bikes over Harbour Bridge)
- Bikes on trains –increased capacity and peak hour travel.
- Walkway and cycleway over the Auckland harbour Bridge
- Supporting Bike Wise events –organising rides for ACC, ARC and ARTA staff,
- Retaining the Lake Rd cycle lanes.
- Frocks on bikes –more events for this burgeoning cycling movement.
- Supercity and the new Auckland Transport Agency –how cycling and sustainable transport issues will be treated.
- Increasing bike parking, Bike Racks on the Central Connector
- Supporting bike hire schemes and bike stations
- Mapping Hotspots and Crashes
- Adult cycle skills training
- Green Cycleway Devonport Takapuna sign designs
- Speed Reduction and Neighbourhood Traffic calming
- Improving Share with care culture on our roads.
- Social bike rides on Sundays
- Victim Advisors with Court Services, Justice Dept —on services for cyclists in accidents who go to court.
- Bus driver training discussions
- Improved communications via the CAA website and social networking.

Professional Development /meetings attended

- ARTA Regional Walking and Cycling Forum
- Mayoral conversations –Auckland City on transport and urban design topics.
- ARC Refresh Seminars
- Fundamentals of Planning and Design for Cycling one day course –most of committee attended.
- TDM conference –Bevan
- CAN DO National Cycling Advocates 2 day Conference Christchurch and 1 day digital workshop –4 committee members attended - Barb I, Barb C, Steve S, Mark B

Relationship with CAN - Cycle Advocate Network

Kirsten Shouler, CAN's Network Project officer plays an invaluable role in helping CAA achieve its objectives. The Chair persons and executive members consider the CAN networker's support and coordinating role to be integral to the continued successful functioning of the group. CAN and the network officer provide support such as:

- Interpreting and facilitating access to information from CAN and other sources.
- Providing information on Can policy and facilitates access to Can resources –technical, media, administration etc for CAA and the wider community.
- Strong support by providing information and links to wider cycling resources and cycling related policies of national and regional interest.
- running workshops on how to write submissions
- providing resources for dealing with projects and relationships with media, local councils, government agencies etc.

The importance of the role of Cycle Action in Auckland

- Community and voluntary organisations like CAA can make a vital contribution to improving the quality of life in communities throughout New Zealand.
- Cycle Action is seen as a key stakeholder by all the local councils , ARC, ARTA, NZTA, ADHB,
- Cycle Action is able to convey the benefits of cycling and influence and educate transport providers and users.
- Cycle Action inputs into policies and strategies at National, Regional and Local levels.
- Cycle Action gives technical advice and participates in consultation on many roading, cycling, and other projects.

Financial

- Cycle action receives income from membership subscriptions, donations, and a percentage of income from 'user audits' and mapping projects for Councils.
- Cycle Action's main ongoing costs are running the CAA office and venue hire. The priority for funding is for seeding new projects that have sufficient support and people to lead them such as Frocks on Bikes events, funding attendance at existing events such as Bikewise, Grey Lynn Festival etc and the marketing material to attract support for Cycle Action and increase membership.
- Micro-funding was awarded to Cycle Action this year for building relationships with the bike industry and encouraging friends to become financial members. These projects will be completed in the new year.

Summary

In addition to the financial support of members and all the positive relationships we have to make things happen, Cycle Action Auckland achieves its successes largely through the many hours of hard work by dedicated volunteers committed to CAA's aim to make cycling safer and easier in Auckland, who, despite significant work and family commitments, perform technical and support duties for CAA in their spare time. Such is the demands of the work we are involved in – all described above.

Barbara Insull, Barbara Cuthbert, Co-chairs, Cycle Action Auckland. 23 September 2009