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Windy Wheels newsletter

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CAN Cycle-Friendly Awards 2004/05

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The Cycling Advocates' Network has pleasure in announcing the third Cycle-Friendly Awards, celebrating initiatives to promote cycling and create a cycle-friendly environment at both a national and local level.

Last year's awards, presented at a ceremony at Parliament by Transport Minister Pete Hodgson, were successful in helping to identify and acknowledge some of the wonderful efforts in the wider community. Details of the 2003/04 winners were published in the Dec 04/Jan 05 issue of [ChainLinks](#).

CAN is now calling for nominations for the 2004/05 awards under the following four categories:

- Best Cycle Facility Project
- Best Cycling Promotion
- Cycle-Friendly Commitment by Business
- Cycle-Friendly Commitment by Public Organisation

Nominations should be based on activities carried out some time during the 18-month period January 2004 to June 2005. The finalists will be invited to attend an awards ceremony at the NZ Cycling Conference in Hutt City on 14 October 2005. All finalists will receive a certificate, while the category winners will receive the famous "bike-bell" trophy to adorn their cabinet.

Anyone can nominate somebody for a CAN Award – you can even be involved in the nominee! Check out all the details on our website www.can.org.nz/awards, where you can view more information, download nomination forms and find out about last year's finalists/winners. Or you can contact Robert Ibell for further information (dawbell@actrix.co.nz, tel 972 2552).

Start thinking about who or what you think might be worth nominating. We're particularly keen to see a boost in nominations in the business category. Gather together all the relevant details and send it in with the nomination form by Friday 2 September. Electronic submission is preferred. Good luck to everyone!

CAW needs you

WCC has agreed to meet CAW every two months to resolve cycling issues and outline upcoming plans which may affect us. CAW needs members with 2–3 hours to spare to attend. We need to push WCC to send us stuff early on for our input - it will save them time in the long run. Example: new lines painted on Ngaio Gorge just where cyclists ride. A little consultation could avoid this kind of hazard.

Stephen (stephen@bikenz.org.nz) will set up the next meeting, and needs a volunteer or two to gather info on cycling issues and attend the meeting.

Waterfront route blocked

Andy noticed that the route had been blocked near the overseas terminal, and cyclists had to bike down on the wooden boardwalk. He alerted WCC, saying they should sign such closures better and provide an alternative route. WCC said that the Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (CoPTTM) didn't apply and that cyclists should use the footpath. (We note this is illegal.)

Andy will write a letter to the Waterfront management asking that provision is made for cyclists. They know that cyclists use that route, so if they block off access they should make sure notice is given and adequate alternatives provided.

Bike to Work Day 2006

For the past nine years CAW has run Bike to Work Day, with support from WCC and sponsors. Marilyn is stepping down from coordinating it, so we need someone to take over. The job is a project management one, and a fee is paid for doing it. There is a working document on the BikeWise website (www.bikewise.co.nz), with timelines. Would you like to take this on? Contact Patrick or Robert at (caw_wgtn@hotmail.com).

Dodgy cycle stands

WCC has installed new cycle stands around town. Unfortunately those in Manners Mall by Burger King aren't fixed to the ground. And there's a severe shortage of parking along Lambton Quay now that parking meters have been removed. Patrick will follow up with WCC.

Parking on Evans Bay cycleway

David reported that he cycles round the bay, and since the change in rules (26 Feb) there seem to be more cars than ever parking in the cycle lane. Recently there were nine cars on the town side of Pt Jerningham. David has set himself a daily reminder to phone Parkwise when he gets to work! Others had the same problem, but said the markings don't make it very obvious to drivers that they are parking in a cycle lane. However, it is dangerous. Agreed it is a good case for an education campaign. We'll raise this with WCC.

Regional Cycling Maps Need Updating

Greater Wellington's cycling maps were discussed. They were always intended to be an interim publication, and suggestions for improvements should be sent to Ian Kirkman at GWRC (cycling@gw.govt.nz).

How close is too close?

The AA advises drivers to leave 1 metre when passing a cyclist, but the Road Code advises 1.5 metres. A recent CAN submission asked for rules to say that at least 1 metre should be left unless speed was so slow that a lesser distance was safe. In the Road Code, there is a section on horses, which says drivers will be guilty of dangerous driving if they pass too close to a horse. We need something similar for cyclists!

News briefs

Submission on Draft Annual Plans

CAW's Annual Plan submissions are on our website at <http://www.caw.org.nz/resources.html> Thanks John, Sridhar and Murray.

Cycling Events Check "[Events](#)" on the CAW website

Discussion forums Go to www.mountainbike.co.nz/forum/ for online discussion on advocacy, events, touring and more.

Next CAW Meeting

When: Tuesday, 5 July, at 6pm

Where: Note new venue: Wellington City Council Committee Room, Wakefield St

What: Want better and safer cycling? Come along and get stuck in.

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