

## CAN Chair's Report to AGM 2018-2019

For about 25 years, CAN has been the national voice working towards a bike-friendly NZ. I am pleased to report on progress and the highlights of the past year.

There continues to be a growth in cycling in New Zealand, and we see significant positive movements in our large cities and regions. This year we had seen the Government's new transport strategy which good news for making our roads safer. Also, the focused attention for safe and appropriate speeds.

More Councils are building cycle trails/path; there is a new active focus on biking education at all levels and bike lanes. The still strong support for e-bikes of all favours, there is even one my garage now. The e-bike has unlocked the pleasure and convenience of cycling for a wider range of people.

We have a Board to focus on Governance and separate Management Executive Team(MET). CAN's sole employee, Patrick, focuses on projects and then media and stakeholder relationships. All are volunteers and have cheerfully given many hours of their time to the cause. Unfortunately, we have some essential volunteers this year due to changes in family and work situations.

### What has been done.

This year we have seen positive direction in building social licence for cycling.

#### Kids on Bikes

- Supporting and promoting Safe Ways to School project

#### Cycling Planning

- CAN attend Planning the Cycling City Summer School in Amsterdam
- Supporting the Manawatu Build the Path campaign success
- Research on e scooter popularity and its impacts on cycling

#### Cyclist Safety

- Members of two Road Safety Strategy reference groups
- Give Me Room campaign for a safe passing law <https://can.org.nz/givemeroom> , the action station petition saw 2,607 . this was apart of some wider work potential change of other laws including: rules footpath cycling, give way at side roads, give way to buses pulling out from bus stop



- Share the Road presented “Using Positive Psychology insights to meet cyclists’ and motorists’ challenges of seeing one another’s perspectives in traffic conflicts” at International Cycling Safety Conference.
- Share the Road campaign introduce Virtual Reality experience

## Promote cycling benefits

- We formalized the CAN and Walk2Cycle structure going forward
- The Bike Expo run for it’s 2nd successful year in Christchurch 13-14 October 2018. With 70 exhibitions and 2,600 visitors attending
- Cycle and walk policy review
- <https://can.org.nz/Love-Cycling-2019> campaign
- 2WALKandCYCLE conference 2018. NZTA and CAN run the Bike to the Future award jointly. Also we had a strong team core CAN volunteers present at the conference building relationships with key stakeholders.
- Another year where CAN is a regular, credible and constructive voice in the news media and on social media. CAN brand in the media is trustworthy and understood. CAN was published on many media channels including: DomPost, Newstalk ZB, RNZ, TVNZ, Newshub and Stuff
- CAN has an extensive programme of talking with decision makers in central and local government, business, the community, and the news media.
- Chainlinks e-newsletter publication

## Looking Forward.

2018/2019 has seen good governance practices and activity base to achieve our goals. But it's time to change the governance members, with many board members wanting to reshape their cycling volunteering.

CAN needs to significantly improve our effectiveness if we can increase our revenue to a steady regularly level.

We have active mana and work well with many stakeholders, especially NZTA, MOT and RCAs. We are getting traction with local politics with substantial local activities coming in the local elections.

## Finances.

The CAN financial situation is grave. But we have seen only a few positive improvements in donations and start of using grants effectively.

The work done by our Treasurer, Jon Dean was outstanding with his efforts we continue to modernize our processes and systems. Also, we are economizing where possible his excellent work in timely reporting and disciplines is much appreciated. I think Jon would agree there is more that could be done.

Thanks to CAN Board members and all CAN volunteers for your hard work and passion.



## **VISION**

*More people on bikes more often.*

## **MISSION**

*Enhance communities nationally by advocating for cycling.*

## **CAN's GOALS**

1. Promote the benefits of cycling.
2. Improve safety for cyclists.
3. Encourage the creation of a good cycling environment.
4. Develop cycle advocacy and cycle action.
5. Promote integrated cycle planning.

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