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Overview of CAN activities from late 2011 to April 2013:

It has been a busy 18 months for the officers and management committee since the October 2011 Nelson CAN Do and AGM. With the committee at minimum numbers, it has meant a significant effort by the 2012-2013 Committee in ensuring CAN meets its Objectives.

A major effort during the first half of 2012 involved bringing the Safer Cycling Programme (SCP) to a completion by the end of June. The contract for the SCP in conjunction with BikeNZ was to deliver 3 sub-projects on behalf of the NZTA. Cycle instructor training work was led by BikeNZ and the other two programmes; "Share the Road" and a Road User Group Workshop Programme were ably led and project managed by Jena Western on behalf of CAN. Her hard work ensured that CAN's programmes were delivered to the satisfaction of the NZTA and her management ensured the projects made a significant contribution to CAN's current financial position.

To continue with work in this area post June 2012, we looked to alternative funding sources; applications were made to the T G McCarthy Trust and twice to the Road Safety Trust (RST) in May and September 2012. The latter joint BikeNZ/CAN application to the RST was successful. The two organisations pitched an overall programme called "Making the Journey Safer for those who Cycle". CAN's main component is worth just over \$300 000 over 3 years (2013-2015) and is an extension of the Road User Workshops from the earlier NZTA project. This funding is especially notable in a time of tight government funding for NGOs. In addition, Patrick worked with local students to develop the "Cycling Suits" programme to be marketed to businesses and organisations looking to promote healthy active behaviour among their employees.

There has been some campaigning work undertaken: The "Make Cycling Count" census campaign and CAN got paid to manage the "Who is the Friendly Cyclist" and "Cruise the Waterfront" campaigns for Cycle Aware Wellington.

Other significant achievements include:

- The 2 Walk & Cycle Conference, "Creating Smarter Connections"; February 2012 in Hastings: a significant event in the cycling calendar for advocates, planners, traffic engineers etc.
- CAN Cycle Friendly Awards 2012: rewarding best practice, awards presented by Hon. Chris Tremain, then Associate Minister of Transport.
- A Special General Meeting in May 2012 to approve the audited accounts not available at the Nelson 2011 AGM and to approve some rule changes.
- Regular contact between the National office and the local groups has been a priority for Patrick this past year.
- Contributed evidence to various Coroner inquests into cycling deaths, including the national inquiry (2011-13).
- Responding to various media queries resulting from the Coroner's report into Stephen Fitzgerald's death at the Petone roundabout.
- Engaged with other sector groups for example: Automobile Association; see the February 2013 Chainlinks.
- Represented the interests of cycling at Parliamentary select committee hearings and to the Parliamentary cycling group in August 2012.
- Multiple media releases by CAN over the past year; CAN members also featured on national radio, television, internet and major newspapers.

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- The publication of Chainlinks has continued with the 3 issues per year. Chainlinks has continued to be a high quality publication with Miriam Richardson, Claire Pascoe and Stephen Wood ensuring that the magazine is full of interesting articles.
- CAN's "Cycling Suits" workshops have been delivered to firms in Wellington.
- CAN members and other stakeholders continue to benefit from networking, training, resources and support provided by CAN's staff and volunteers.
- CAN's financial system is now completely within the Xero online accounting system.
- Developing role profiles for the Treasurer/Financial Administrator work split.
- On-going planning for the next Walking and Cycling Conference during 2014.
- Submissions to central government on:
 - Land Transport Management Amendment Bill 2012.
 - Ministry of Transport's Safer Journeys Conversation Paper.
- Regular meetings with the Ministry of Transport, New Zealand Transport Agency and Living Streets Aotearoa.
- Moved the CAN website to a new web hosting provider so that the civiCRM module could be upgraded and maintained more easily. This is important because CAN relies on civiCRM for membership records and fundraising mail outs.

Priorities for 2013–2014:

The Committee hopes that the strategy session at this CAN Do will have provided membership feedback on what should be concentrated on during 2013-2014. There is work that is necessary to meet current commitments; the Road Safety Trust project has targets for each of the three years it runs, so supporting Jena and the people delivering that contract on behalf of CAN is essential. Other project work including promoting the "Cycling Suits" programme to generate income will need to be considered as part of setting an updated budget for 2013-2014.

Policy development in the past year has again been ad hoc rather than proactive due to lack of resources. There are currently four provisional policies that need to be taken through the final stages to become CAN policy. A number of current CAN policies also need to be reviewed to see if they need changing/updating. We did get help from one local group, Kapiti, in reviewing one which was most appreciated.

Thanks

The other major component of CAN's income is the donations from interested people and our members. There was a very good response to our annual appeal in 2012, those donations and the on-going contribution from a major donor are vital in maintaining a paid presence in Wellington. It is having this that has ensured CAN responds quickly and effectively to media inquiries. So I would like to thank all those who donated money to help CAN in its work.

I would like make a special acknowledgement of CAN's fulltime and part-time staff for their work during 2012 and 2013; Patrick Morgan, Alex Revell and Jena Western have been great to work with and have been patient with a voluntary organisation employer.

Thanks very much to the Committee for their great work throughout the past 18 months, juggling this with their busy lives. Three members are not re-standing: Jane Dawson, Elaine Richardson and Clare Simpson. Clare has a house to rebuild; Jane is taking a well-earned rest being the longest

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serving member of the current committee. Both Jane and Elaine will be still with us undertaking various roles outside of the Committee.

As demonstrated earlier, there are a number of people who volunteer work for CAN in the national arena, I would like to acknowledge them and they include:

- Glen Koorey (media, website issues; report & submission writing)
- Adrian Croucher (membership & e.CAN editor)
- Miriam Richardson & Claire Pascoe (Chainlinks production)
- Ruth Lewis (mail outs)
- Christine Cheyne (submission writing)
- Lyneke Onderwater (merchandise)

We would not be here if it was not for the team at CAA putting their hand up to organise this CAN-Do; Barb Insull, Jena and Paul Shortland have been a great team to work with through all the stages. There was no shortage of ideas and they made a great effort to obtain sponsorship for this weekend.

Lastly thanks to CAN members at the front line of cycling advocacy around New Zealand: working with councils, businesses and the community to achieve new cycling infrastructure, safer traffic speeds, improved cycle parking, cycling skills training and education programmes. Your commitment and financial support inspire us all.

Your on-going efforts help make New Zealand a better place. We couldn't do it without you.

Graeme Lindup
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