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NZ CYCLING CONFERENCE 2005

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 2005 NZ Cycling Conference

The fifth biennial NZ Cycling Conference is happening at a time when cycling is moving into the mainstream.

THE CONTEXT

The NZ Transport Strategy and *Land Transport Management Act 2003* recognise the importance of cycling (and walking) as modes of transport. This has led to development of the 2005 national walking and cycling strategy *Getting There - On Foot, By Cycle*. The strategies and legislation mark a significant shift towards what the OECD has called 'environmentally sustainable transport'.

At the same time, there has been a surge of interest in recreational cycling, including mountain biking, cycle tourism and rail trails.

One outcome of this shift in cycling's status is the increasing number of local cycling strategies, designed to support cycling for both transport and recreation. The challenge now is how to realise the goals set in these various strategies.

THE CONTENT

The conference begins and ends with a European perspective from keynote speaker Troels Andersen. Following Troels's initial address on the Odense experience, the Ministry of Transport will update delegates on *Getting There*, including progress on the strategy's initial implementation steps. Conference delegates will have the opportunity to provide feedback to the Ministry on the actions they see as the most important next steps for cycling. The conference then addresses the following:

- What progress is being made towards better accommodation of cycling? Are changes real, or theoretical? How much has actually changed? Are current activities going in the right direction? What are the incentives to change? How can travel behaviour change programs secure permanent shifts from one type of transport to another?
- At a practical level, what changes need to occur in the legal rights and responsibilities of all road users, not just cyclists? What kind of cycle skills training is needed; at what age, who should deliver it, and how?
- How can sectors work better together? There are clear health, economic and social benefits to promoting cycling as part of a more sustainable transport system. What are the practical difficulties of working with multiple institutions, when each has their own particular way of assessing the worth of projects?
- The conference will also address the 'nuts and bolts' challenges. What is the best design for roundabouts? How do you know a particular roading feature will deliver the required safety needs? What are the technical and planning requirements for using rail corridors? Which is better: on-road or off-road facilities?

The conference will be a mix of traditional presentations and more interactive workshops and forums.

We look forward to your participation.

About Hutt City

Hutt City is situated on the northern side of Wellington harbour, a short and direct bus ride from Wellington airport. For cyclists, it has lots of advantages . . . a wide and flat valley floor makes biking to work easy, firebreaks on the hills give mountain bikers a good workout, and the Hutt River trail makes a perfect day trip for all the family.

With all these natural facilities, it is not surprising that Hutt City is looking to events as the way to attract people to cycle more.

Come to Hutt City and see for yourself - we can guarantee you a tailwind most of the time!

Visit our website: www.huttcity.org.nz




David Ogden Mayor of Hutt City

David Ogden has been Mayor of Hutt City since October 2004, and was previously a Hutt City Councillor and a Wellington Regional Councillor; and is currently

also Chair of the Hutt Mana Energy Trust and a member of the Hutt Valley District Health Board.

His background is as a Chartered Accountant, and he has served in many community, sporting and cultural organisations. He is a keen jogger – "healthy, fit, and raring to go!"

"Firstly, let me say that our city is a great city, and I've come to appreciate it and be proud of it in all my years of living here. I was born in Wellington and moved to the Valley thirty six years ago, and have been a big fan ever since. I am a great supporter of all that the Council is trying to do for its residents, and do believe it is doing a great job."



David Ogden - Mayor of Hutt City.



Troels Andersen Keynote speaker

Troels Andersen is a senior transport planner closely involved with sustainable development initiatives in Denmark and Europe. Troels was project manager for the ground-breaking *Project Odense – The National Cycle City of Denmark* (www.cyclecity.dk/english.asp) which ran from 1999 to 2002.

Odense is considered one of the leading cycle cities in Europe. The aim of Project Odense was to increase the proportion of cycle traffic in the municipality and to reduce the number of cycle accidents at the same time. The NZ\$5 million project involved more than 50 different sub projects, including improving cycling infrastructure, cycle parking facilities, cycle equipment, marketing initiatives, and promotion in schools and work places.

Evaluation shows that the cycling mode share in Odense increased by 20%, in spite of the already high level of cycling before the project started.

Currently, Troels is part of a European Commission-backed project to develop comprehensive sustainable transport strategies. *Mobility Initiatives for Local Sustainability* (<http://www.civitas-initiative.org/civitas/home.cfm>) is a project aimed at creating a new urban mobility culture in the wider framework of sustainable development.

This goal is relevant to New Zealand's national and regional land transport strategies and long term council community plans, which are required to address sustainable development through inclusive decision-making.

Troels is also project manager for the European Union's sustainable transport programme *Target 2* (<http://www.eu-target.net>). This focuses on urban form and transport, workplace transport, mobility education, and transport options in relation to green tourism.

Between 1998 and 2002, Troels was responsible for a *Safer Routes to School* programme, similar in intent to the growing number of such schemes in New Zealand. The Odense programme is over 20 years old, and has provided a model for other cities.

Troels also has hands-on experience in road design and implementation through such things as involvement in traffic safety plans.



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| 9.00 – 10.30 | <p>Plenary Session WELCOME – David Ogden, Mayor of Hutt City KEYNOTE ADDRESS – ODENSE: THE NATIONAL CYCLING CITY OF DENMARK – Troels Andersen</p> | |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | <p><i>Morning Tea</i></p> | |
| 11.00 – 12.30 | <p>Plenary Session Progress on the National Walking and Cycling Strategy: Getting There – On Foot, By Cycle – Reena Kokotailo, Senior Advisor and Kerry Betteridge, Advisor, Access & Services, Ministry of Transport</p> <p><i>This presentation incorporates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The New-look Land Transport NZ and Where it is Heading – Presenter from Land Transport NZ – The Place of Bike Wise – Brent Skinnon, Walking and Cycling Programme Manager, Health Sponsorship Council <p>Into the Mainstream: are we getting there? – Roger Boulter, Consultant, Hamilton</p> <p>Urban design, exercise & health - a context for cycling – Dr Ralph Chapman, Maarama Consulting, Wellington</p> | |
| 12.30 – 1.30 | <p><i>LUNCH</i></p> | |
| 1.30 – 3.00 | <p>Forum: Travel Plans & Safer Routes Overview of Land Transport NZ Safer Routes Project – Jane Mitchell, Land Transport NZ Nelson Safer Routes: the action planning stage – Peter Kortegast, Nelson City Wellington Safer Roads: the implementation stage – Paul Barker, Wellington City North Shore City School Travel Plans: the assessment stage – Isy Kennedy, North Shore City Cycle Facilities Resulting from School Travel Plans: the response stage – Caroline Rea, URS; Coralee McDonald, Auckland City</p> | <p>Forum: Tourist/Recreation Trails The Process of Gaining Access to Rail Corridors – Presenter from Ontrack Without Rails: The Story of the Little River Rail Trail – Chris Freear, Chair of Christchurch to Little River Rail Trail Trust Reversing Historical Accident – Mountain Bikes in National Parks – Kevin Hague, Mountain Bike NZ Land Access Committee</p> |
| 3.00 – 3.30 | <p><i>Afternoon Tea</i></p> | |
| 3.30 | <p>Workshop: Cross-sector Relationships - Health, Economics and Cycling Healthy transport and joining up policies – lessons from the UK – Bernie Walsh, Senior Advisor, Mayor's Office, North Shore City The Economic Benefits (and Costs?) of Cycling: a review of the evidence – Des O'Dea, Health Economist, Department of Public Health, Wellington School of Medicine Cycling on the Public Health Highway – Karen Nemaia-Fukofuka, Dietitian Coordinator, Nutrition & Physical Activity Team; Janet McKay, Injury Prevention Team Co-ordinator, Regional Public Health, Hutt Valley District Health Board</p> | <p>Engineering Session Car versus Cycle Accidents and Designing Ways to Avoid Them – Dr Shane Turner, Beca, Christchurch Accommodating Cyclists at Signalised Intersections – Axel Wilke, Senior Traffic Engineer, Christchurch City Improved Multi-lane Roundabout Design for Cyclists – Duncan Campbell, Senior Traffic Engineer, GHD Ltd Standards & Guidelines update – Lyndon Hammond, Land Transport NZ</p> |
| Evening | <p>CONFERENCE DINNER & CAN Cycle-Friendly Awards presentation</p> | |

PROGRAMME Saturday 15th October 2005

9.00 – 10.30

Forum: Legal Issues

Heading in the Wrong Direction: the Helmet Law – Patrick Morgan, Wellington; Oliver Thompson, Research Scientist, Lower Hutt; Dr Nigel Perry, Senior Fellow, University of Canterbury

Issues for Event Organisers – Wayne Hudson, Bell Gully

Should Cyclists Have Different Road Rules – Lyneke Onderwater, CAN

Update on the Land Transport NZ Legal Review – Lyndon Hammond, Land Transport NZ

Strategic Approaches session

Unsustainable transport trends in Census Data for the journey to work in Australasian cities – Alan Parker, Former Vice President of the Bicycle Federation of Australia

Walking and Cycling Strategies – Research on Best Practice – Andrew Macbeth, Group Leader, Transportation, MWH

Manawatu Walking and Cycling Strategy: two councils – one strategy – Tracey Hunt, Community Development Officer, Manawatu District; Sandi Morris, Transportation Planner, Palmerston North City

10.30 – 11.00

Morning Tea

11.00 – 12.30

Forum: Pathways Forward

The "On-again/Off-again" Debate about Cycle Facilities – Glen Koorey, Lecturer in Transportation Engineering, University of Canterbury

Off-road v/s On-road cycle facilities - two in Christchurch are put to the test by everyone – Michael Ferigo, Transport Planner, Christchurch City

How the Ugly Ducking of Wellington Cycling turned into a Cinderella and other mixed metaphors – Andrew Gray, Project Manager, Ara Harakeke Pathway, Porirua

Pathways in Hawkes Bay - making it happen – Alan Watton, Special Projects Road, Hastings District Council and Trustee-Secretary, Napier Rotary Pathways

Promotions and Education session

Share the Road Campaign Toolkit – Presenter from Land Transport NZ

Cycle Skills Education in Schools: Waitakere's Bike West – Kitch Cuthbert, Waitakere Road Safety Co-ordinator; Fenella Murdoch, Bike West Co-ordinator, Waitakere City

The Relationship Between Cycling Events and Community Wide Cycle Activity – Rebecca Loader, Transportation Engineer; Duncan Chisholm, Recreation and Events Manager, Hutt City

12.30 – 1.30

LUNCH

1.30 – 3.00

Plenary Session

Cycling to school: how can we reverse the decline in numbers? – Dr Simon Kingham and Timothy Walsh, Department of Geography, University of Canterbury

Safety Audits and Cyclability Assessment Tools, and 'Cycling for Science' – Presenter from Land Transport NZ

'0800 Crash' Ringing Hot in Nelson – Peter Kortegast and Margaret Parfitt, Nelson City Council

Active Friendly Environments: Making the active choice the easy choice – Jason Morgan, Advisor - Active Communities, Sport and Recreation New Zealand

3.00 – 3.30

Afternoon Tea

3.30

Plenary Session

Cycling in the North European Way: A cross-national view on the status of nations and cities in northern Europe – Troels Andersen.

Including Cycling in a Sustainable Transport Network: results from a 2005 global study tour – Steve Abley, Traffic and Transportation Engineer, Christchurch

Conference overview and conclusions: identifying actions and key messages

Evening

CAN AGM & social meal

SUNDAY

Annual 'CAN Do' – Time to be advised

