

# Notes from CAN Do 2017

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- **Justin Lester**
  - o 3 MTR wide shared path for Hutt rd - corrected to say wider
  - o Engagement for Shelly Bay
  - o National local council member
  - o 100 car parks for shared cars, facilitate electric bikes
  - o Fix parking problem by changing people's behaviour
  - o Light rail corridor
  - o Focus on getting more of less confident people on bikes
  - o Smart solutions like Tawa
  - o Thorndon quay alternatives
- **GWRC Barbara**
  - o Focus on commuter cycling
  - o Change peak hour demands
  - o How to deal with weekend congestion?
  - o Changing behaviours hard though
  - o Working with businesses to promote sustainable transport
- Discouraging business car parking. Eg railway station at Kaiwharawara
- **Skypath trust - Bevan**
  - o Combining walking and cycling makes stronger projects and better image of cycling advocates
  - o Ask for and address objectives
  - o Find a strong political leader or bring high profile corporate business support and other groups on board
  - o Inspiring name and branding; e.g. movement - safe journeys for active kiwis
  - o Sensible speeds
  - o Mark the space
- **CAN Hamilton**
  - o Challenges with bridges and roundabouts, heavy traffic, highest traffic incident rate
  - o Not many active people, behaviour problem
  - o Longer term (10 year) plans changing with every council change
  - o Council plan -> Bike Hamilton Plan -> UCP
- **NZTA Claire and Dougal**
  - o Monitoring matters including media monitoring
  - o Totem counter to confirm the return on investment
  - o Increased focus on traffic demand management
  - o Mobility as a service instead of focus on roads - right level of service for all modes
  - o Challenge to fully utilise the funding allocation \$167M

- o Request for CAN to look at the wording for the Draft Government Policy for Transport 2018
- o 2018-2021 National Land Transport Programme - late March
- o Local cycling groups need to ensure input into this and associated Council long term plans and strategic views

- **Kapiti**

- o Narrow shoulder for road cyclists on express way
- o Code / practice driving the wrong implementation by contractors
- o Kapiti bridleway advisory group, and separate road safety group

- **Sarah Free - building a cycling culture in Wellington**

- o Bringing the community along
- o Make sure that people see the big picture and understand the WHY
  - 💡 If speed has dropped at Island Bay, then would a lowering of speed be an alternative option to a cycle way or lane? Particularly as that is what happens at the shopping area.
- o Cycling through Changemakers
- o Liveable, sustainable transport with good public transport = GTM big messages
- o Aotea quay is part of GWM dialogue (taking out a lane for cycling)
- o Council process have to be slow to meet statutory requirements

- **NZTA Simon Kennett - Policy & guidance**

- o Making cycling safer and more attractive policy document
- o Cycling resources and research link
- o Regulation
  - Takes time
  - Less is better
  - Look at other options
- o Rule changes
  - Not blocking a cycle lane at intersections
    - ? What about at driveways?
  - NZTA will have responsibility for signage
- o Road code says that ideally motorists must allow for 1.5 space when overtaking a cyclist
- o Lots of red dots showing dangerous overtaking along Hutt Rd
  - ? Overtaking walkers education for cyclists
- o Left turning rule was discussed over lunch.
  - Not as easy as it would appear
  - Can set wrong expectations / behaviours
  - May create risk at night with poorly visible riders
- o Age 10-11 when kids know how to ride safely in a lane on the road [Otago study]

- **NZ Cycle Trails - Evan Freshwater**

- o Timber trail lodge a first
- o Heartland rides - on-road routes connecting the great rides
  - ? What is their view safe on-road cycling where there is lots of traffic like on route to Hamner Springs
- o [evan@nzcycletrail.com](mailto:evan@nzcycletrail.com)

- o Play the long game to get agreement with land owners including local Iwi, starting with an early dialogue
  - o Not just the building but also the cost of maintaining the trails
  - o Ability of the governance groups, particularly when it is not part of the day job for participants
  - o 4 year cycle of funding and planning / prioritisation
  - o Making trails more accessible, which may involve dumbing down some existing trails
- **Green jersey cycle tours - Stuart**
    - o Starting a shop in Petone
    - o Just seeing overseas tourists
    - o Challenge of remote / hard trails when expecting an Otago Rail Trail type experience
    - o How do you see cycle tourism work in a complex city like Wellington. Answer is utilising the UCP and GHW initiatives
    - o Just bought NZ by bike website
    - o Opportunity for local advocacy groups to get involved with local bike tourism
    - o 5 towns trail trust in Wairarapa and future connection as far as Mt Bruce
- **Palmerston North**
    - o Group of CAN, Sport Manawatu, Community reps, Environmental Trust people
    - o Massey Uni allows 10% of time to work on community work
    - o No political power to change Council behaviours
    - o Council still stuck in same place as 20 years ago
    - o No evidence / register of people who are interested in cycling if safe enough
- **Grow every day bike use - Jo Clendon**
    - o Bikes Welcome scheme
    - o Great bike parking everywhere
    - o Subliminal marketing helping to normalise the image of everyday cycling
    - o Appropriate safe parks for using D locks
    - o Visualise the business customer on a bike
    - o Approach business directly
    - o Online directory of bike friendly businesses
    - o Toolkit that other champions can use
    - o "Cycling advocates are tired, and Councils are tired of cycling advocates"
    - o Bikes welcome facebook page
    - o Bruce - Bike encouragement vouchers instead of petrol vouchers at supermarkets
- **Rebicycle - Hilleke**
    - o Hearts and minds marketing, e.g. bikes for refugee families
    - o Bike KREW (Kids Riding Everywhere in Wellington) - mobile trailer + obstacle course + bikes = rodeo
- **New Plymouth**
    - o Bike kitchen - bike fix up
    - o Involved with the Lets Go team that stemmed from Hastings as part of UCP
    - o More cyclists more dressed as recognisable humans / not cyclists to normalise cycling

Sunday

- **Fulton Hogan - Nick Miller**

- o Building communities. Connecting communities through infrastructure
- o Supporting local communities doing local stuff
- o Unique in never been in a litigation
- o Helped by ensuring a good relationship with customers
- o Contributed to the Christchurch coastal pathway as part of the earthquake recovery work
  - ? Active partnership with cycling and walking advocacy networks
- o Melbourne - green cycle paths part of the motorway designs on other side of sound barrier
  - ? Suggestions of how cycle advocacy groups can best ensure the right solution approach right from the start of new projects
- o Use cameras on all their trucks on all sides to make them cycle safe, and through driver simulation
  - ? Could driver trainer simulation be used for all truck and bus operators
- o Help to educate local communities of new cycle infrastructure, making people more alert of changing cycling behaviour
- o Strategic partnership with Heijmans in the Netherlands to look at innovative technologies, e.g electronic bike scouts to detect cyclists and warn motorists through road LEDs, and illuminated cycle path surface
  - ? Cost of bike scout technologies
- o Challenge of road work operators / TMP not considering cyclists. Recognition that this needs improvement

- **Share the Road project - Richard Barter**

- o Danger of for example B train trucks having a significant cut into path of cyclists when turning left
- o 43 workshops to educate cyclists and motorists about blind zones
  - Control your bike
  - Be seen
  - Follow safe routes
- o Help from retired truckers with the project, opening doors to the right people
- o Strategic approach for driver training
- o ? Involvement from ACC as part of their truck safety certification

- **Bike Auckland**

- o Embracing colour (pink) as part of branding
- o UCP 'election bribe' in 2014 - power of using elections
- o Never going to happen till it is actually happening
- o UCP expires in 2018
- o Get involved in next tranche of UCP - start lobbying politicians now
- o Lots of contention between walkers and cyclists on shared paths
- o Concept of bike burbs - local bike advocates, e.g. Grey Lynn - helps with sharing the load on local consultations
  - ★ Use K Road examples for Thorndon Quay including statistics
  - ★ Ask Paul about brochure they send to the community to get feedback on routes

- **Skills training**

- o NZTA

- working with ACC (SportSmart framework) and others
- Only 2% kids cycle to schools
- 35% of accidents have a 'cyclist at fault' situation
- ? What is NZTA doing to get cycling awareness included in driver's license training and testing
- Shift to national 'Bikeability' delivery model, oversight and administration.
- Suite of modules that can be applied in a flexible way, e.g Bikes in schools module (gateway drug into bike skills training), travel planning, ongoing learning and advocacy, toolkit of modules for councils
- Before and after research
- Skill to assessing risk and responding appropriately
- o Panel discussion
  - Kids cycling to schools
  - ? Thoughts on walking to school being more sociable (which is the feedback we got in Island Bay where kids walk to school in groups)
  - Jill Day (WCC Councillor) - bikes in school her pathway into council
  - Issue of having to load bikes on cars to get somewhere to take the family to bike
  - Pedal Ready schools programme - Matt
  - Important to get bikes working well, especially the brakes!
  - Progress from biking at parks to neighbourhood journeys to daily journeys
  - Keep it fun and pleasant and safe
  - Be a role model
  - Teaching how to fall off the bike. Builds the confidence up and removes the fear
  - Cailin - Pinehaven school
  - Pedal ready was critical to the bikes in school success
  - Closing road around school during drop off and pick up
  - 💡 More Ciclovía events to get kids and their parents to cycle
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- Christchurch - Don Babe
  - o Flat out on 13 major cycle ways
  - o Get it right / good from the start - dignity to the people using it
  - o Bike lash and car parking battles
  - o Challenge to be bolder - get the council to push the boundaries
  - o Number of submissions is better than one advocacy group submission
  - ? How far to go in recommending technical design aspects, versus focusing on the design requirements

