

## ➤ GREAT HARBOUR CYCLEWAY

# Debate on 'Fixing the Gap'

ANYONE WITH an interest in the vexing and long-running issue of a proper cycleway between the Hutt and Wellington will want to mark Sunday 12 October on their calendar.

Keen cyclist and Belmont resident Janie Cook says that's the date of a public workshop on 'Fixing the Gap' – i.e. that dangerous stretch of the highway between the (some would say inadequate) existing cycleway and the Petone Esplanade, over which cyclists have to run the gauntlet of heavy motorised traffic flows.

The NZ Transport Agency (the new organisation that has swallowed Transit NZ and the LTSA) is talking about short-term safety fixes for the problem but Janie says the coalition of Living Streets, Cycle Aware Wellington and concerned citizens hosting the October workshop has a broader vision. It's

more in tune with calls by the likes of Wellington councillor Celia Wade-Brown for a 'Great Harbour Way' – a fully integrated cycling route between the region's two biggest cities that would serve the needs of two-wheeled recreationalists, tourists and commuters.

Janie says the coalition has contacted NZTA and the regional council to urge them to have representatives at the workshop.

□ Fix the Gap public workshop, Sunday 12 October, 2-4pm, Loaves and Fishes Hall, corner of Hill and Molesworth Streets, Wellington.

## Call for Spinathon pledges

■ From page 15. Genevieve says if she can get enough money to purchase such a bike, and with her husband Bruce on the lead bike, acting as "my