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Windy Wheels newsletter

March 2002

Bumper Bike To Work Breakfast

Despite a grey day, cyclists turned out in their hundreds for the free bikers' breakfast in Civic Square on February 20. Marilyn Northcotte of Cycle Aware Wellington, who co-ordinated Wellington's Bike To Work Day, said "It was fantastic to see so many cyclists enjoying the food and entertainment laid on for them. It was a real celebration of cycling as a great way to get to work."

Over 400 people rode in for the breakfast - similar numbers to last year's event. In brief speeches, Government ministers Annette King and Marian Hobbs, Wellington's mayor Kerry Prendergast and city councillors all spoke of the need to promote cycling for its environmental, health and other benefits.

Land Transport Safety Authority Director, David Wright, said it was important that good roading infrastructure was built to support cycling. He hoped to see this happen in the near future.

Cycle Aware expressed their thanks for support from Wellington City Council, Bike Wise, and ACC, for breakfast food sponsorship from Kellogg's, Mother Earth, Starbucks and Mainland, and for free bike checks from On Yer Bike.

CAW looks forward to a successful Bike To Work Day next year. Marilyn Northcotte said CAW was looking for greater involvement from WCC, and for other local authorities in the region to play a more active role in promoting cycling through events such as Bike To Work Day.

Welcome to the 6 new members who joined on the day, and to any others who joined since then.

Fat Wallet flyers

Those of you reading paper copies of this newsletter will have received copies of the smart new BikeWise 'Get on your bike' flyers. These match the advertising panels you might have seen on the buses, and give figures on how much time and \$ you can save by riding.

Please take the time to put them up at work, hand them to inactive friends, stick them on car windscreens, whatever. Let us know if you want more copies! Those who get Windy Wheels by email - let us know if you can distribute some. Contact Robert Ibell on dawbell@actrix.gen.nz or tel 385 2557.

Thorndon Quay cycleway

Some of you may have seen the glossy brochures put out by WCC as part of their consultation on the proposed Thorndon Quay cycleway. This project has been planned by the council since the Annual Plan was issued early last year.

CAW has always expressed concern that any cycle lanes must be well designed and policed if they are going to be installed. We are not keen on the cycle lane running behind angle parking, and have asked that the angle be changed to 45 degrees to the kerb, to improve visibility.

The proposed lane widths are 5 metres for angle parking, 2 metres for the cycle lane, and around 3.75 metres for the main traffic lane, and 2 metres for the parallel parking. It has been pointed out that there are a lot of trucks using that area, and that 5 metres is not nearly enough for an angle parked truck.

If this can't be solved, we would prefer the area was designated a 'cycle route', rather than having the cyclists forced to use a marked lane that would put them right in the backing area. However, that would very likely mean that WCC would not qualify for the funding for the project, because it would not encourage new cyclists and would not make a continuous cycle facility.

It looks likely that the project will now not go ahead until November (the weather is a factor in resealing the road), and that it might not go ahead at all. There has been stiff opposition from retailers in Thorndon Quay who are concerned about the effect of losing parking on their businesses.

We will be pushing for the cycleway to go ahead as soon as possible, but also that the design must not compromise the safety of cyclists. If you are interested in being involved in this, please contact Jane Dawson on dawbell@actrix.gen.nz or tel 385 2557.

Upper Hutt cycle network

UHCC are consulting on a cycle route network. Any members or friends of members, or friends of friends, who cycle in that area, please contact either UHCC (ask for Gretchen Galloway) or CAW (Alan Whiting, caw_wgtn@hotmail.com or tel 384 2201) for the documents.

Wellington Regional Cycle Forum

The latest meeting was on 1 March and was well attended by local authority representatives. Contact Jane (dawbell@actrix.gen.nz, 385 2557) for clarification or feedback on any issues.

News from around the region:

Wellington City - received around 200 submissions on Thorndon Quay plans, about 80 being against. Suggested doing nothing in the area between Tinakori Rd and Davis St. The police training workshop and intersection campaign were reported on. Su-wuen from LTSA said he had talked to Stagecoach after the intersection campaign about the buses pulling over across 2 lanes just north of the Taranaki-Vivian St intersection.

Porirua - have delayed the opening of the cycleway beside SH1. It will now be on 27 April - more details to come. Stage 2 (between Plimmerton and Pukerua Bay) will be constructed next month. Entrance currently at the weigh station, but they are negotiating to link through the industrial area into Plimmerton. The north end of the cycleway is still a problem.

Upper Hutt - consultation on cycle route network taking place. Have 6 new lockers at UH station. Running 'Young Cyclist of the Year' in May - a school-based evening event, run by Road Safety Co-ordinator.

Kapiti Coast - 6 new bike lockers at Paraparaumu (5) and Otaki (1) stations. Handed out breakfast to commuters at lockers on Bike to Work Day. Developing a cycle route network plan (cycle, pedestrian and horse riders) which will pull together engineering and off-road planning. The new Western Link road will have cycle facilities. They are appointing a person with responsibility for cycling and heritage matters.

Transit NZ - the working group on SH2 (Petone-Ngauranga) is to meet again and review what's been done. The proposal to build a 5th lane there may be under question. Ferry terminal - WCC is going to sign Aotea Quay as 'unsuitable for cyclists' and they will put in better signage for the route to Thorndon Quay.

Wellington Regional Council is developing a cycling strategy for the region.

The condition of bikes in the regional bike trailer was discussed. The bikes are not standing up well to hard use. The question of appropriate sizing was also raised. WRC is to look at funding it better.

Meet Dan Thorp

Who are the people in CAW and why do we get involved?

Your name and job?

Dan Thorp, currently Fulbright Scholar in Comparative US-New Zealand History at the Alexander Turnbull Library. In my regular life I'm an associate professor of history at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, USA

Where do you live?

Currently in Mt. Victoria, but usually in Shawsville, Virginia - a village of 1,400 people in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Why do you ride?

Mainly for fun. I go touring every summer, and between long tours I ride to stay in shape for those long tours. For twenty years I also commuted by bike, but we recently moved to a place that is too far from campus to commute. Here in Wellington I commute from home to the library (city traffic isn't fun but the drivers are generally quite polite) and take the occasional day trip into the Hutt Valley or around the coast (Seatoun, Island Bay, etc.).

What do you ride?

Here an OLD Motobecane. At home I usually ride a Trek touring bike (a 520 I think).

What is your involvement in CAW and why?

I wanted to become part of Wellington while I'm here and was curious to see how bicycle activism here compared to that in the United States. While here I've participated in Bike to Work Day and the monthly Critical Mass rides.

What do you want to achieve? What's your dream (for cycling or otherwise)?

I want to go cycling on my 100th birthday.

Favourite ride? (local, NZ or overseas)

Through Glacier National Park in northern Montana (USA). The scenery is spectacular, the wildlife abundant, and no trucks, buses, or camper vans are allowed.

Events calendar

March 29 Friday - **Critical Mass**, 5:30pm, Civic Square, Wellington

Make Good Friday a wheely good day. Bring your bike, skates, blades or scooter for a celebration of things human-powered. We'll go for a short ride around town spreading good cheer.

Next CAW meeting

When: Tuesday, April 9th, at 6pm

Where: to be confirmed - check with Alan Whiting tel 384 2201

Who: you, me, your mates

Why: It's fun and you get to work in a positive way with some great people.

CAW Annual General Meeting

Advanced notice of the AGM: it will be held on 7 May at the School of Architecture. The guest cyclist will be Dan Thorp, who will talk about and show slides of his many cycling trips in the Rockies. Put it in your diary now! More details will follow in the next Windy Wheels, but if anyone has items for the agenda, or wants to put forward motions for the AGM, please contact the secretary, Alan Whiting, at caw_wgtn@hotmail.com or tel 384 2201.

When: Tuesday, May 7th, at 6pm

Where: Victoria University School of Architecture, Vivian St, Room 1.27 (at the end of the atrium on level 1. Entry is via the main door on Dunlop Tce, turn right and 1.27 is the glass-fronted room at the end of the atrium.

A word from the Membership Secretary

Thanks to all those people who have renewed their membership. You should have received your 2002 membership cards by now. We've had a really good response rate. However, there are still a few of you who have not yet renewed. Enclosed with this Windy Wheels is a copy of the Renewal Form for 2002. March is the end of the three month grace period. You will no longer be eligible to receive Windy Wheels or Chainlinks after the end of this month. So, hurry now and send in your renewals. CAW needs your membership support.

Thanks

Teresa Maguire, Membership Secretary

Who you gonna call?

To contact the **Cycling Advocates Network**, Tel/Fax: 04-385 2557, e-mail: can@actrix.gen.nz, www.can.org.nz, PO Box 6491, Auckland.

To report **road hazards** (potholes, glass etc.), parking infringements, broken traffic lights, contact:

HUTT CITY: 570 6666 (567 2003 a/h)

KAPITI: 904 5700 (hazards etc.); Police (parking enforcement)

PORIRUA: Charl Turner, 237 1415, cturner@pcc.govt.nz (hazards, traffic lights etc.); Diane Robertson, 237 1466, drobertson@pcc.govt.nz (parking)

UPPER HUTT: 527 2169 (hazards = Azam Khan, CBD parking = Parking Services Officer, other parking = Police, traffic lights = Patrick Hanaray)

WELLINGTON: 499 4444; for reporting motorists parking on footpaths and cycletracks ring Parkwise on 801 3555

For **cycling comments**, contact:

HUTT CITY: Rebecca Loader, 570 6944, Rebecca.Loader@huttcity.govt.nz

KAPITI COAST: Geoff Strand (Operations Engineer), 904 5853, geoff.strand@kcdc.govt.nz or Andrew

Guerin (District Planner), 904 5828, andrew.guerin@kcdc.govt.nz

PORIRUA: Geoff Marshall, 237 1479, gmarshall@pcc.govt.nz

UPPER HUTT: Horace Parker (Roading Manager), 527 2169, horace.parker@uhcc.govt.nz

WELLINGTON: Paul Barker, 801 3266, paul.barker@wcc.govt.nz or cycling@wcc.govt.nz

Road Safety Co-ordinators:

HUTT CITY: Joe Hewitt, Traffic Asset Manager, 570 6666

KAPITI: Sue Johnson, 904 5803, sue.johnson@kcdc.govt.nz

PORIRUA: Mark Kairua, 2375089, mkairua@pcc.govt.nz

UPPER HUTT: Joanne Kinnaird, 527 2169, joanne.kinnaird@uhcc.govt.nz

WELLINGTON: Cristina Van Dam, 801 3251, cristina.van.dam@wcc.govt.nz

"You can't despair for the human race when you see somebody riding a bicycle."

- H G Wells