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Windy Wheels newsletter

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Don't be dim – switch on

Here's a tip that's worth your CAW subscription: Wellington police will run a blitz on bike lights soon. Following research showing a depressingly low level of cycle light use, WCC and the Police, together with CAW, are running a bike lights campaign at the end of this month. A media release will be followed by a week of education and enforcement (29 July – 2 August). Parkwise wardens will hand out leaflets to cyclists outlining the legal requirements for cycle lights and there'll be radio ads. Police (possibly on bikes) will issue tickets to cyclists without lights. Those caught will escape the \$55 fine if they turn up to a police station with lights fitted to their bike and a receipt showing they bought them! So light up and avoid getting a ticket.

Parties and Transport

by Robert Ibell

Where do the political parties stand on transport issues? We've checked their websites and summarised their policies. Look at the websites or contact the parties directly for full details.

The website www.policy.net.nz/tr.shtml also contains brief summaries plus links to the websites of each of the parties.

ACT (www.act.org.nz)

ACT's transport policy is currently not available on their website. ACT's local government policy says they will promote the option that roads are supplied on a fully commercial basis

The Alliance (www.alliance.org.nz) will:

- promote publicly funded, fully integrated public transport systems
- ensure a significant shift of funding from road construction to public transport infrastructure
- not support private funding initiatives
- improve regional infrastructure (including the railways) to ensure that people and goods have ready access to places of work, distribution areas and the ports.
- focus on improvements to safety standards in road construction and maintenance, vehicle standards and driver education and training

The Greens (www.greens.org.nz) will:

- retain roads as public spaces under community control
- develop a national transport strategy with full public consultation, including targets for enhanced mobility, crash reduction, traffic reduction, and improved environmental quality
- promote a Road Traffic Reduction Act
- enhance public transport, walking and cycling and building strong communities within urban areas
- combine roading investment and enhanced provision of alternative services, such as buses and trains in rural areas
- work with schools and communities to make walking and cycling to school more attractive for children and parents
- improve facilities for cyclists
- instigate a five-year moratorium on building major new urban roads or motorways while communities develop sustainable transport strategies
- develop a rapid rail and/or busway system along the northern, western, south-western, southern and south-eastern corridors in Auckland
- introduce vehicle emissions testing as part of the warrant of fitness check
- facilitate development of a national cycling strategy within the National Transport Strategy
- develop a nationwide network of cycleways
- develop a network of signposted cycle touring routes and accompanying maps and guide books
- widen narrow bridges or clip on cycle lanes and create separate cycle paths on busy or dangerous stretches of road
- widen and designate road shoulders on popular routes, keep the shoulders swept and, when deviations are constructed, consider retaining the unused stretches of road for cycling

- link local and regional decision-making on sustainable transport strategies to the allocation of funding
- introduce a carbon tax, with compensating income tax reduction
- empower regional councils to finance transport investment through charges on parking, as an alternative to rates
- shift a significant proportion of freight movement from trucks to trains and coastal shipping

Labour (www.labour.org.nz) will

- continue to have local roads owned and administered by local councils
- encourage formal agreements for cooperation between local authorities and Transit New Zealand where they lead to better management of roads and more efficient use of resources
- introduce legislation to implement major changes to land transport, including provisions allowing partnerships between the public and private sectors, where appropriate, to finance large projects
- change the mandate of Transit and Transfund to require both organisations to take a longer-term view of land transport, and ensure government priorities are better reflected in their funding decisions
- introduce legislation to consolidate and update road management powers, remove legislative barriers to greater cooperation between road controlling authorities and allow regional councils to fund and, under certain circumstances, both own and operate public transport infrastructure and services
- implement the New Zealand Transport Strategy.
- publish a New Zealand Walking and Cycling Strategy.
- develop a new road management regime that will recognise the importance of the road corridor to all users, including pedestrians
- promote the integration of transportation and land-use planning
- encourage the development of an efficient public transport system with integration of bus, rail and ferry services as appropriate.
- promote public transport as a viable option for many of the journeys that are made each day
- implement a strategy for road safety to 2010 that will include more resources to police rural drink driving and heavy vehicle enforcement, piloting a novice driver training programme and developing safety management systems for use by road controlling authorities
- encourage Transfund to continue to support both Transit New Zealand and local authorities as they deal with accident black spots and carry out safety engineering on local roads and state highways
- implement policies to improve the long-term management of the New Zealand rail network

National (www.national.org.nz) - transport policy yet to be announced

NZ First (www.nzfirst.org.nz) will:

- put a strong emphasis on driver competence
- not allow roads to be privatised
- upgrade highways, particularly those serving ports, to accommodate trucking
- purchase back the rail track from Tranzrail
- provide incentives for cargo movers to direct more of their freight to rail or coastal shipping
- structure Transit/Transfund on a commercial basis and allow them to borrow against future income from the Superannuation Fund
- fully apply petrol excise tax which currently goes into the Consolidated Fund, on a gradual basis, to the development of transport infrastructure and services via Transit/Transfund and the rail track company

Outdoor Recreation - no information available

Progressive Coalition (www.progressivecoalition.org.nz) - no information available yet

United Future (www.unitedfuture.org.nz) will:

- abolish the Land Transport Authority, reassigning its functions to the Ministry of Transport
- prioritise a certain proportion of spending for fuel efficiency and energy conservation programmes
- evaluate the social, environmental and economic effects of road pricing policies
- encourage a move away from non-renewable fuels and introduce appropriate incentives for studies into alternative energy transport
- establish a National Driver Education Centre

CAW to train more police

The CAW Education and Safety Group met WCC for feedback on police training course we ran. We will support the programme in another police district. Cristina van Dam from WCC wants to fund CAW to deliver programmes. Road safety funding of \$35,000 will be an on-going thing each year.

Wellington Regional Land Transport Committee rep's report

by Brent Efford, tel 801 9331, brent.efford@techmedia.co.nz

I was honoured to be nominated by CAW for the position of representative of cyclists, as well as public transport users and pedestrians, on the Wellington Regional Land Transport Committee. Thank you!

The first meeting of the RLTC I attended was on 30 May, which covered the following cycling issues:

1. **Hutt Corridor Study:** the study of the Hutt Corridor in preparation for the next revision of the Regional Land Transport strategy is under way. I see two issues affecting CAW:
 - a. The opportunity to press for greater recognition of, and provision for, cycling as a transport mode serving the Hutt Valley. This means proper cycle/rail integration facilities and more attention by the TLAs to cycle needs.
 - b. There is a 'suggestion' that the land between Petone and Ngauranga currently used for the rudimentary cycle path/walkway could be taken for an extra road vehicle lane for buses and/or high occupancy vehicles. If this happens some other provision will have to be made for cycling and walking – hopefully an improvement!.
1. **Regional cycling strategy:** work is underway on a Regional Cycling Strategy. The draft strategy will be presented to the 6 August meeting of CAW by the Regional Council officer involved – Juliet Reid.
2. **Wellington Central Corridor Study:** work on this is underway. It is the most complicated corridor, and is intimately tied to the other corridors. Cycling is recognised as part of the local modal mix, but not generally as regionally significant. I will be arguing to ensure that cycling as both a complete mode and as a feeder to public transport is given due weight.

Regional Cycle Forum

Representatives from local authorities met on 5 July to discuss their cycling work programmes. *Jane Dawson reports:*

WCC has carried forward funds for Thorndon Quay and Evans Bay cycle lanes, and will also do some work in Rongotai/Kilbirnie, and review their cycling policy.

Porirua are working on a cycle path at the Paremata roundabout to enable cyclists to bypass the roundabout and use an underpass at the bridge to go around the inlet. They are also completing Stage 2 of Te Ara Harakeke, the track from Plimmerton to Pukerua Bay, and putting in a cycle path from Porirua Station, along Kenepuru Stream, to Aotea College.

Upper Hutt have completed a survey of cyclists and are reviewing their cycle network in light of that. They have just had their 'Young Cyclists of the Year' award, a skills-based event.

Kapiti Coast will soon have an officer whose job is to look after cycling issues, and will be working on a cycling strategy and improving the signage for the Coastal walk/cycleway. They are also working on a multi-lane roundabout at Mazengarb Road, incorporating off-road cycle facilities.

The need to upgrade and replace bikes in the **Wellington Regional Council** Bike Unit was discussed, and a proposal for funding will go to the Regional Council. It was stressed that the bikes need to be of good quality because of their heavy use, and that there should be a range of sizes available to make it more usable by schools etc.

The **Wellington Regional Council** is starting to develop a Cycling Strategy in the next month. Come to the August CAW meeting to find out more (details below).

Bike News expands

"Bike News", the monthly cycling section of the regional Contact newspaper, is to become a full-page feature. Regular items like the events listings and cartoons will continue, but there'll be more space for articles and the page will now include advertising to supplement the funding from BikeWise, WCC and Wellington Regional Council.

Marilyn Northcote from CAW and Rawiri Faulkner at WCC (see below) are now co-ordinating the page. They welcome cycling-related articles from CAW members (and others!). "Bike News" appears in Contact on the last Thursday of each month. Let Marilyn or Rawiri know what you think of it. Better still, send articles or events for listing to them by the second to last Thursday of each month.

Contacts: Marilyn - marilynorthcote@hotmail.com; or Rawiri - rawiri.faulkner@wcc.govt.nz, PO Box 2199, Wellington

New Road Safety Co-ordinator at WCC

Rawiri Faulkner has replaced Lisa Franklin Brown as the second Road Safety Co-ordinator at Wellington City Council, joining Cristina Van Dam. Congratulations to Rawiri on his appointment. CAW has already started working with Rawiri, Cristina and Paul Barker on the various cycle safety projects planned for 2002-03.

Stand by me

Last month we asked you where you would like to see cycle stands. We have written to WCC and they are considering our list of suggestions. Stand by.

CAW membership increases

Congrats to David and Teresa, in their tireless and successful efforts to increase CAW membership.

Events calendar

On **Thursdays** at 6:00pm Penny Farthing Cycles holds **bike maintenance classes**, 89 Courtenay Place tel 385 2279

July 25 Thursday, 7:30pm at On Yer Bike, 128 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu**Kapiti Cycling meeting**

Speakers: Carl & Sandy Penwarden talk about their 6,000-km trip through Europe on a tandem. Marilyn Northcotte talks on Safer Cycle Routes to School.

Organized Debate Topic: "Cycling has no place on the Kapiti Coast". Participating are the Mayor Alan Milne, Councillor Barry Mansell, Student Serena Richards, Otaki College (Affirmative Team). District Planner Andrew Guerin, Robert Ibell, Cycling Advocates Network, Ardis O'Connor (Negative Team). More info: kapiticycling@xtra.co.nz or phone 06-364-8187.

July 26 Friday - Critical Mass, 5:30pm, Civic Square, Wellington

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 karma.

July 27 Saturday, 9am - 7pm - Election Day**Next CAW meeting**

When: Tuesday, August 6th, at 6pm

Where: Senior Citizens Room at the City Library. Take the steps up to Clarks and then turn left to go past the lift doors and the room is to the right.

Who: you, me, your mates

Why: Juliet Reid from WRC will present a draft of the Regional Council's cycling strategy

Contacting CAN

Cycle Advocates' Network: www.can.org.nz

Local government contacts

To report road hazards (potholes, glass etc.), parking infringements, broken traffic lights, contact:
 HUTT CITY: 570 6666 (567 2003 a/h), cycle.fault@huttcity.govt.nz
 KAPITI COAST: 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 or cycle.fault@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
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"Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of a bike ride." - John F Kennedy

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