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Windy Wheels newsletter

July 2004

Get Paid to Ride and Talk about Biking

Wellington Regional Council has a job going as Cycling Coordinator. In this job you will be responsible for organising promotional and educational activities arising from the Regional Cycling Strategy.

Key activities will include:

- * Organising a series of regional bike rides;
- * Managing the delivery of an annual driver education campaign; and
- * Facilitating the quarterly Regional Cycling Forum.

You will need:

- * Experience in managing public events and in acquiring sponsorship
- * Excellent organisational skills and an ability to work under pressure
- * Excellent communication skills, both oral and written

This is a full time position, and will involve some weekend work. More info at

<http://www.wrc.govt.nz/aw/showemploy.cfm?ID=444>

WCC's Safer Roads Project Update

At CAW's July meeting, WCC Road Safety Engineer Paul Barker (saferrroads@wcc.govt.nz) presented an update on the Safer Roads project. The aim of the project is to deliver WCC's road safety goals. Local crash statistics show that half of crashes are away from the main roads, suggesting that local areas were being neglected. It was assessed that more money was needed to be spent, but also needed the back-up of enforcement and education.

The first two areas that have been worked on are Tawa and Khandallah. Paul ran 3 workshops in each area, produced a technical report for each, including a proposed programme of improvements.

Solutions include a dedicated road safety parking warden being employed, a reduction in speeds to 40 km/h in appropriate areas (local streets), building chicanes to reduce main traffic lane to single lane, with cycle bypasses.

In Tawa, an alternative cycling route to the main street has been identified. Cyclists will still be able to use the main street, though, and the traffic on it will be slowed.

Tawa implementation will be in the 2004-05 year. Then WCC will move on to Ngaio/Khandallah. After that WCC will start on Thorndon, with consultation starting before Xmas.

Karori Consultation Workshops

These workshops will be held at Karori Normal School, 4 Donald Street on Wednesday 28 July, 7.00pm - 9.00pm and

Thursday 4 August, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

We urge all interested cyclists to attend.

More info at <http://www.wcc.govt.nz/projects/benefits/saferrroads.html>

Victoria University Pulls Through for Cyclists

June 29, 2004; Victoria University announced today that covered bike racks are to be installed at the new Pipitea campus outside Rutherford House. After years of requests parking our bikes in our offices, the University has decided to facilitate alternative transport modes by providing the requested covered bike racks. Said one staff member at the new campus, "The few people who are determined enough not to stop cycling to work just because of a lack of facilities are forced to take our bicycles to our offices where they are in the way of our jobs. With parking at such a premium, you would think the University would be doing everything they could to encourage people not to bring their cars. Covered bike parking would be a small gesture in this direction." And so it has. Good on ya, Victoria University!

Wellington Cycling Portal

Links to everything cycling in Wellington at <http://www.cyclewellington.com>

Tour de France 2004

Will Lance make it 6 in a row? Tune in at <http://www.letour.fr/2004/us/index.html>

Ace inventor aims to score with foldable A-Bike

British inventor Sir Clive Sinclair this week launched what is being touted as the world's lightest foldable bicycle. His sleek new invention is called the A-Bike because it resembles the letter A when unfolded. It weighs just 5.5kg, due to the substitution of high-strength engineering polymers and aero-grade aluminium for the usual aluminium.



Or check out the competition at http://www.strida.com/folding_bicycle.html



CAW meeting

When: Tuesday, August 3, 2004, at 6pm

Where: Senior Citizens Room at the City Library on Victoria St. Take the steps up to Clark's cafe and then turn left to go past the lift doors.

What: get involved in helping CAW make the world a better place for biking.

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