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Windy Wheels newsletter

December 2005

Renewals

Our subscription year ends on December 31, 2005. We hope you will renew your membership of CAW for 2006 by completing and returning the renewal form below together with your subscription. Please note our new PO Box 27-120. If you are able to make a donation we will put it to good use.

Alternatively, if you don't wish to renew, we would appreciate it if you could drop us a line and let us know why you do not want to continue your membership.

CAW has continued to build on past work and successes. The 2005 Bike to Work Day this year was very successful, thanks in no small part to the efforts of the organizer, Marilyn Northcote. The event has been renamed ("Go by Bike Day") for 2006, to include all cyclists (not just commuters). It is also the 10th anniversary of the event, and we are determined to make it the best ever!

We had representation on the Regional Cycling Forum (Wellington Regional Council (WRC)) and the Road Safety Reference Group (WCC), which allows us to directly voice your concerns to the relevant bodies in and around Wellington. We have also continued our regular monthly column on cycling and cycling issues – the "Bike News" page. We have been given another generous grant by the New Zealand Road Safety Trust to manage this column, which is being syndicated to a number of local papers, including the "Wellingtonian".

The Technical and Planning sub-group made comments and/or submissions on many City Council plans and "improvements". This included the annual plans for Wellington, Hutt City, Porirua and Regional Council, the Western corridor, the Regional land transport strategy, the Regional travel demand management strategy, Wellington City Council Safer Roads, Hutt City Council Cycling Strategy, North Wellington Public Transport Study and most recently, Safer Lambton Quay.

The Education and Safety sub-group has not been active this year, though we are pleased that the Wellington City Council continues to promote the "Safe Routes" concept to schools in the area. The group also ran several workshops including a couple of adult skills courses, bicycle maintenance, and two (!) for traffic police officers, so they better understand cyclist safety issues. The group also partnered with the City Council to run safety campaigns including one focussing on the safety of individual cyclists (lights).

CAW has more exciting plans for next year, including another workshop with Wellington's traffic police, other workshops on safe cycling with various groups, and an adult cycling skills course. We are also currently working with the City Council to develop a program of road safety initiatives for the coming year.

Of course, we intend to continue making submissions to local bodies on other cycling issues that are relevant to Wellington riders, and to develop other strategies to make Wellington a great place to ride in!

As you can see, we are a busy group! However, we can only be as effective as you, the members, make us. If you are interested in any of our sub-groups or can offer your skills or time, please indicate this on the form. Also, if you have other suggestions on how we can be more effective on your behalf, please let us know!

Please find a [renewal notice](#) (29 kb word doc) attached to this *Windy Wheels*. Remember to send it to our new PO Box which is 27-120, Wellington. We look forward to having you on board in 2006. (p.s. if you are not sure if you are a current member, please email me - some of you renewed twice last year, so check with me if you're not sure).

Happy Holidays from [Teresa Maguire](#), Membership Secretary.

Cycle Safety – Passing on the Left

It's perfectly legal to ride along the left hand side of a line of stationary traffic, but keep an eye out for car doors opening (either side of you) and vehicles turning across you. Passing to the left of moving vehicles isn't legal, but can be hard to avoid.

Adult Cycle Skills Courses



Lyall Bay school was the venue for a two cycle skills courses for adults held in November and December. These courses were aimed at people returning to cycling who wanted some practical tips and to gain confidence on bike riding skills. More courses, including ones for women only, will run in 2006. Contact Marilyn northgalt@paradise.net.nz, if you're interested.

Adult Learn To Ride A Bike Courses

Porirua City Council are organising courses to help adults who never learn to ride a bike or who haven't ridden for years and want a refresher lesson.

The minimum age for the courses is 20 years old, and the courses will allow you to learn important skills on riding a bike. The courses will be held at Plimmerton in Porirua City and run for 1 1/2 hours on two Sundays - the 12th and 19th of February 2006 The course cost is just \$5 per person and bikes will be provided if you don't have one.

Jan Nisbet will be taking the course. She is an experienced bike skills trainer, so come along and learn in a relaxed and supportive environment.

To book your place please phone 237 5089 and inquire about the Adult Bike Skills Class. Note places are limited so first in first served.

Safety in Numbers

WCC has said it doesn't really want to encourage cycling as it might raise the accident rate. This article provides a good counter-argument.

Safety in numbers: more walkers and bicyclists, safer walking and bicycling

P L Jacobsen, Injury Prevention, Volume 9, 2003, pages 205-209

http://www.sustrans.org.uk/default.asp?sID=1091694766555#cmsanchorTop_of_page

News briefs

Police cycling workshop

CAW members ran another workshop for police and council staff on 29 November.

Hutt Cycle Aware is the new name for our group of Hutt members. Contact: [Murray Robertson](mailto:Murray.Robertson)

Check [resources](#) for recent CAW submissions, including:

Centennial Highway median strip, Dec 2005

Safer Lambton Quay, Dec 2005

Hutt City Council Cycling Strategy, Nov 2005

North Wellington Public Transport Study, Nov 2005

WCC Safer Roads, Nov 2005

Western Corridor, Nov 2005

Cycling Events Check "Events" on the [CAW website](#)

Go By Bike Day will be 1 March 2006.

Discussion forums Go to www.mountainbike.co.nz/forum/ for online discussion on advocacy, events, touring and more.

Next CAW Meeting

When: Tuesday, 7 February, at 6pm

Where: Wellington City Council Committee Room, Wakefield St

What: Want better and safer cycling? Come along and get stuck in.

Thanks Lou (USA/Canada) and Patrick (France) for the slide shows at our December meeting.

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