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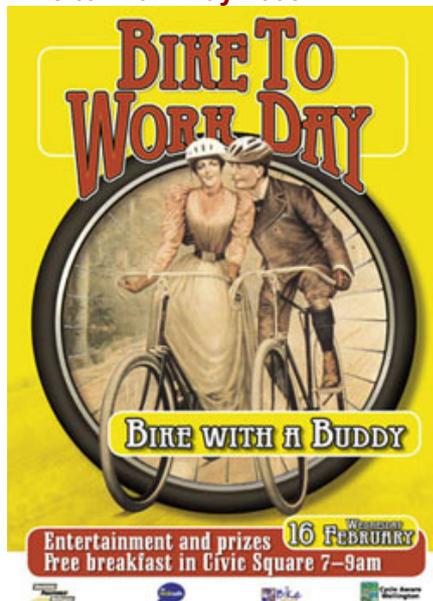
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Windy Wheels newsletter

February 2005

Bike to Work Day 2005



Come to our free breakfast in Civic Square for cyclists on Wednesday 16 February. More than 500 came in 2004. Celebrate the best way to get around with a yummy breakfast, free bike checks, goodie bags, prizes, a band and guest speakers. The event runs from 7-9am.

Organiser Marilyn Northcote says, "Bring some friends this year and turn them on to the fittest, fastest and funnest way to travel."

Please take the enclosed poster and leaflets to work or put them up somewhere suitable in your local area. More leaflets and posters are available at the ground floor reception desk, WCC Civic Centre, 101 Wakefield St, Wellington for members to collect.

Is there a CAW member able to assist with Bike to Work Day activities happening in Hutt City? Contact Barb Cantillon, tel 570 6730, Barbara.Cantillon@huttcity.govt.nz

Bike Wise Week, 12-20 February, What's On? In a busy month for cycling, Bike Wise Week is the busiest bit. Check out this list of [events](#) to take part in.

Fringe Festival show - A History of Human Movement

21-23 February, venue: 9 Holland St (off Tory St), \$8, door sales only.

Humans. Steel. The revolution. The wheel. The bicycle is the most civilised conveyance known to humankind. Other forms of technology grow daily more nightmarish. A devised theatre/movement kinetic sculpture piece born from the miracle of the bicycle. Apocalyptic Machine Theatre at its finest. Brought to you by Bespoke Work Force.

Cycle Route Network Needed Urgently

January - The Wellington region urgently needs a comprehensive, safe cycle route network if high injury rates are to be brought down, says lobby group Cycle Aware Wellington (CAW).

Welcoming the Government announcement of a funding package for Wellington transport, CAW spokesperson Jane Dawson said cyclists want to see a sizeable chunk of the new Traffic Demand Management money being spent on cycling improvements.

"Councils in the region know that cyclists have a higher risk of injury on our roads than almost all other road users, but they have done very little to bring that risk down." said Ms Dawson. "Making it easier and safer for people to cycle in the region needs to be a much higher priority."

CAW wants work to begin soon on constructing a network of cycle facilities in the region. "Cycling must be built in to all the other transport projects being undertaken in the region too," said Ms Dawson.

Basin Reserve signage



WCC Councillor Celia Wade-Brown reports: "There are now cycle and pedestrian stencils at both sets of gates which serve the dual purpose of letting both user groups know it's public access and may defuse any conflict through the gates. Thanks to Glenn McGovern at WCC for following up on my request for this."

Police / Council workshop



CAW member David Laing reports: "The 4th Police / Council training workshop was held on February 1, and went well. Different format this time, with the police riding into city during rush hour, and then having a discussion session. Notes are at www.mountainbike.co.nz/politics/caw/2005-police-workshop.html

Ara Harakeke Bridge opens

Ara Harakeke is a wonderful pathway that runs alongside SH1 and the Taupo Swamp, north of Plimmerton. The mid section between the Weigh Station and Airlie Road south of Pukerua Bay was opened in 2002.

Since then, a foot and cycle bridge has been built across the rail line to link the northern section of the pathway with the Pukerua Bay township.

The formal opening of the northern section takes place at 11.30 am on February 10 at the northern end of the bridge. Jenny Brash the Mayor of Porirua and Trevor Mallard, Minister of Sports and Recreation will be attending, and the opening will include the unveiling of a carving by local resident Rob Waanders.

The carving is from an Australian hardwood pile found during excavations for the new bridge. The pile is thought to have been part of the original road bridge dating back to the pre-1930s.

Council biking enthusiast and landscape architect Andrew Gray said residents should either bring their bikes or walking shoes to the opening. "We will be encouraging everyone to get out on the pathway and enjoy this facility in an atmosphere of good fun and support."

The pathway has already won two awards; one by the Cycling Advocates' Network and the other by the Institute of Landscape Architects. The pathway is now more than 6 km long and runs from Pukerua Bay south to the Plimmerton Domain. There are plans to run the pathway along the Taupo Stream south to the Plimmerton Railway Station carpark next year to provide a safe "highway-free" link between Pukerua Bay and the township of Plimmerton for runners, walkers and cyclists.

Women's World Cup Cycle Race – Volunteer Marshals needed

Wellington Sunday 6 March Wellington is hosting the second round of the Women's World Cup cycle race on a central city course. The course starts and finishes in the grounds of Parliament. Race Marshals (minimum age 18 years) are required to ensure that the race is conducted smoothly and safely for our international visitors. If you wish to play an active role on the day by volunteering to marshal please contact Phil Faithfull, Course Director phil.fithfull@xtra.co.nz.

Marshals will be expected to attend a training session in February. All volunteers will be given a waterproof top, mussette, breakfast and lunch on the day. Visit the website for further details on the course and event - www.cycletournz.com

News briefs

Cycle Parking: Christine Wong from WCC says that 50 cycle stands are being manufactured and will be installed around Wellington in March.



Bike the Trail was held on January 30. CAW member Jane Dawson reports it was very successful, with about 700 people registered. It was well organised - thanks Ian Kirkman at Greater Wellington. Dr Bike attended: three doctors were at Harcourt park and two at Stokes Valley. They were busy, but not overwhelmed.

Critical Mass went well. CAW member Patrick Morgan handed out flyers explaining CM etiquette, and there were no incidents this time. Next ride is on Friday 25 February, 5:30 at Civic Square.

CAW meeting

When: Tuesday, March 1, 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: Want more cycle parking? Lower traffic speeds? Enforcement of parking on cycle lanes? Signage on bus/bike lanes? A wheeled revolution? We'll be updating our plans for 2005. Come along, tell us what you want, and offer to help.

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