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Windy Wheels newsletter August 2006

Seeking Wellington's killer drain grates

Cycle Aware Wellington is compiling a priority list of dodgy drain gratings in Wellington City. We'll send the final list in to WCC - we know they don't have a budget to do more than 5-10 at this point, but we'll keep reminding them about the rest!

Here are a few wheel swallowers that we came up at our recent meeting:



- outside Hell Pizza on Webb St - mind the gap! (above on left)
- Taranaki St heading north before Dixon St, by the bungy
- Tory St heading south just after Vivian St, by the mechanics' place
- Raroa St/Chaytor St intersection, heading towards Karori (above at centre)
- Jervis Quay, at the north end of the Post Office Square triangle
- Raroa Rd, on the left heading up (above on right)

What are your worst 'killer' grates? [Let us know](#) and we'll add them to the list.

Stuff we are working on

- traffic calming - pedestrian kerb pullouts are squeezing cyclists. They need to be designed so that they don't stick out into the carriageway so far.
We need to check what the standards are. Ilona and Lou will follow up on this.
- Hutt Rd cycle path exit at Tinakori Rd - this is in a terrible place, behind the bus stop and at a squeeze point. WCC would like to do something about it but they have no money in the budget for the work. This is a high priority for CAW.
- use and administration of the blue bike lockers at Railway stations
- bikes on trains and buses
- footpath widening on the Terrace reducing room for cyclists on the roadway
- consideration in the South Coast Aquarium proposal, of the needs of cyclists for provision on the roads to and from the aquarium.
- need for improvements to the Ngauranga Gorge footpaths and Old Hutt Road cycleway - numerous safety issues
- the possibility of starting a 'bike buddy' programme, where experienced riders accompany newbies
- modernising CAW's structure to increase effectiveness, participation and reduce administration

Money available for biking good ideas

Applications for the Bike Wise and Walking Community Partnership Programmes close on August 31. These micro funding schemes make small grants of up to \$1000 available to help run initiatives that will get more people walking and biking for short trips as opposed to driving their cars everywhere.

CAW members used a grant in February 2006 to publicise Bike to Work Day.

For further information or to get copies of the application forms please contact: [Thomas Stokell](#) at the Health Sponsorship Council / Bikewise Tel 04 472 5777.

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Celebrating CAW's successes

We did a quick brainstorm of things we have achieved in the last 10 years, and came up with:

- 5 years of *Bike News* (monthly)
- 10 years of running [Bike To Work Day](#)
- [Windy Wheels](#) issued regularly
- a good [website](#)
- lots of [submissions](#) submitted
- running Dr Bike check sessions
- ran Bike the Bays for three years and saw it grow
- got cycle parking installed in Wellington city
- organised a celebrity ride to Parliament (1995-ish?)
- running [Police training days](#)
- training teachers to run cycling skills courses
- bike lights research project completed
- participated in development of Regional Cycling Strategy
- developed mailing lists of Wellington cyclists for info sharing
- initiated and participate in Wellington Regional Cycle Forum

Tower of bikes



It would be nice to think that Toronto is finally getting serious about bikes- after all they spent C\$900,000 to turn half of the main waterfront roadway into a flower-lined bike route with this fabulous arch of old stolen bikes from the police garage. "What may be the largest art installation ever in Toronto, the transformation calls for the closure of the south side of Queens Quay to traffic between Spadina and York Street. Car traffic will be replaced with bicycle lanes and a kilometer-long stretch of 12,000 geraniums and picnic grass. Two four-storey sculptures built with bicycles will highlight the temporary new section of the popular Martin Goodman trail." [More >](#)

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News briefs

Transit NZ

Robert went to the official launch of the 10 year State Highway forecast and got a public commitment that Transit will produce its long-awaited cycling policy this year. We look forward to it. We will invite Stanley Chesterfield (local Transit 'cycling champion') to an upcoming meeting, to discuss the cycling projects in the SH 10 year plan and the implications of other projects for cyclists.

Fundamentals of Planning for Cycling course

A course is being run in Wellington on August 22, aimed at decision-makers. We agreed that CAW should offer to sponsor local councillors (Hutt, Upper Hutt, Porirua, Wellington, and Regional) to attend.

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

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

Next CAW Meeting

When: Tuesday, 5 September, at 6pm

Where: New venue - The Malthouse, Willis St

What: Want better and safer cycling? Come along, have a drink with some bikers and make a difference. Celebrate our achievements! Expand membership and revise communications strategy.

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