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Windy Wheels newsletter March 2006

Bike To Work Day celebrates 10th birthday



Well done CAW members for turning on the biggest party for everyday cyclists in New Zealand. More than 900 - a new record - Wellington cyclists converged on Civic Square on 1 March to celebrate ten years of Bike to Work Day in the capital.

The event, jointly organised by Cycle Aware Wellington and Wellington City Council, saw cyclists enjoy a free breakfast, free bike checks, giveaways, prizes, entertainment and guest speakers. It was encouraging to hear the Mayor advocate cycling - a sign that we are moving into the mainstream debate of sensible transport planning.

Bike to Work Day aims to celebrate cycling as a great way to get to work, to reward those who are already cycling regularly, and to encourage others to give it a go.

Bike to Work Day is part of national Bike Wise Week. The Wellington event is supported by WCC and sponsors URS, Penny Farthing Cycles, Commonsense Organics and Bike Wise.

WCC news

WCC will release its Long Term Community Consultation Plan (LTCCP) in April for consultation. It will contain a cycling plan as part of the council's Traffic Demand Management proposals. Yah! At last!

In the meantime, we are compiling a wish-list for cyclists in Wellington. Here's a first draft:

Policy & Strategy

- plan a new cycle route network (update previous proposals after new consultation etc.) - this is crucial for the 'area based' approach to ensure continuous routes are built to a consistent standard
- appoint a cycling officer
- set up internal audit procedures to ensure all roading projects give adequate consideration to cyclists' needs and to ensure opportunities for improvements for cyclists are identified
- adopt a cycling strategy
- allocate an adequate budget for cycling in the Annual Plan
- think big! Promote Wellington as the cycling capital; aim to displace Christchurch

Promotion & Education

- work with employers on setting up cycle-friendly employer initiatives (starting with WCC itself)
- lead by example - councillors and staff to use WCC pool bikes
- produce (with Greater Wellington) a new city cycle route map

- undertake individual marketing to persuade people to broaden their transport choices
- undertake safety campaigns, aimed at encouraging cyclists and motorists to share the road , e.g. 1.5 metre passing distance campaign, as in Taupo
- increase level of participation in promotional campaigns like National Bike Week
- set a wider range of performance indicators for cycling
- support and fund skills training for children and adults
- support advocacy organisations e.g. provide meeting room, photocopying, sponsor printing
- improve bus driver training

Infrastructure

- ensure adequate lane widths on major roads (especially on kerb-side lanes) - where on-street parking is removed on arterials, use extra space for cycle lanes (don't create extra, narrow traffic lane)
- progressively construct cycle route network, including along the waterfront (include on-road cycle lanes on arterials, with on-street parking removed where necessary)
- upgrade existing cycle facilities, especially the Thorndon/Ngauranga cycle/pedestrian facility
- improve intersections, e.g. install advance waiting boxes with filter lanes to get to them, install cycle sensors (or adjust existing sensors), improve light phasing (to reduce waiting times on cross streets)
- remove angle parking wherever possible, change angle to 45 degrees to the kerb, or change to 'reverse in' angle parking
- apply green surfacing to cycle lanes
- work with Transit, Hutt City, Greater Wellington and Tranzrail to complete the Ngauranga/Petone cycle track
- install more cycle parking, especially on Lambton Quay
- install more cycle-friendly drain gratings. Install them properly.
- sign bus lanes for cyclists' use

Let [Patrick](#) know if you have any comments.

Events

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2 May: CAW AGM

Send any notices of motion to CAW secretary [Alastair Smith](#). Want to join the CAW committee? Let us know. It's rewarding to make a positive difference for cycling.

Need a shower?

For Wellington cyclists who need a shower and their work does not provide one...

The showers at the WCC facility by the ANZ on Lambton Quay should be open as follows

Mon - Thurs: 7.30am - 6.00pm

Fri: 7.30am - 7.00pm

Sat: 8.00am - 4.00pm

Sun: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Contact info@wcc.govt.nz or tel 499 4444 if there are any problems.

Round the harbour cycleway proposed

Wellington doctor Rosy Fenwick is starting a group to promote a continuous track around the Wellington harbour, from the south coast potentially right round to the Wairarapa. Her group includes people from the health sector, solicitors, runners etc. and she would like to work with CAW on the project, if we support it. We agreed that we did!

Rosy's idea is to build a tourism resource based on healthy activity. She will put together a draft text explaining the project, which we can circulate.

Airport runway extension tunnel

CAW member Alastair Smith had a discussion with Chris Dillon of Wellington Airport and Richard Galloway of Traffic Design Group about cyclist visibility in the tunnel. They argue that with the 1.5m footpath, 0.6m shoulder, and 4.1m of roadway, there'll be plenty of sight distance for vehicles to see cycles. The tunnel will be lit, and the shoulder will be marked. We'll just have to see.

Bike Wise funds available

Bike Wise has announced that they'll be taking Community Partnership Programme applications for events to be run between June 1 and October 31 2006.

The Bike Wise Community Partnership Programme makes small grants of up to \$1,000 to help you run

events, promotions and programmes that get more people cycling more often, rather than driving their cars everywhere.

Community groups, sporting and active transport organisations, health agencies, health organisations and local Government authorities are all eligible. Schools are not eligible but they will fund events run at school venues.

Last time round Bike Wise funded 16 events including an adult learn to ride course, a bicycle obstacle ride, a crazy commuter race, a cycle buddy scheme and a children's cycle rodeo.

For further information or to get copies of the application documents contact Thomas Stokell, thomas@hsc.org.nz, (04) 472 5777. Applications close 30 April 2006.

News briefs

Petone-Ngauranga cycle path

[GHD engineers](#) are working on plans to upgrade the path south of Horokiwi, and build a new path north of Horokiwi. They have consulted with CAW members and other cyclists. Murray Robertson says if the path is smoothed, widened and kept clean he expects more cyclists would use it, but he still has concerns about the safety of the path between Ngauranga and Thorndon Quay.

Otaki roundabout: Alastair will draft a response to the Opus consultation on making the Otaki 2-lane roundabout proposal.

Hutt Cycle Aware is the new 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, 4 April, at 6pm

Where: Wellington City Council Committee Room, Wakefield St

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

How: knock on the window if the door is shut.

CAW

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