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Windy Wheels newsletter January 2007

From the CAW Chairman, Murray Robertson

Summer has arrived and Wellingtonians are flocking to the roads and tracks with their bikes. May the wind be at your back.

The subscription year ended on December 31, 2006. We hope you will [renew your membership](#) for 2007. Alternatively you can [renew on-line](#). If you are able to make a donation we will put it to good use. 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. In this case, you can send your comments either to the address below, or by email to: laingmaguire@paradise.net.nz

We are hoping for a big year in 2007. We have reviewed how we work and what we should focus on. 2007 is the year to put these ideas into action. The four issues we have decided to focus on are:

- Thorndon Quay – A road vital for cyclists that has a poor accident record for cyclists.
- Local Govt Election – An opportunity to talk to politicians and voters about cycling.
- Health of CAW – Ensuring that being an active part of CAW is a rewarding and enjoyable experience. We want to forge stronger links with the wider cycling community and similar interest groups. We are undertaking a membership drive to boost our numbers thus increasing our influence and the number of issues we can focus on.
- Digital Initiatives – Redeveloping the website and making the best use of email. We have applied for funding along with other cycle advocacy groups to develop truly interactive websites that are able to be a hub for anyone wishing to have an input, collecting ideas and identifying hazards for cyclists.

Here's what we have achieved in the last 10 years:

- 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
- organised a celebrity ride to Parliament (1995)
- 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

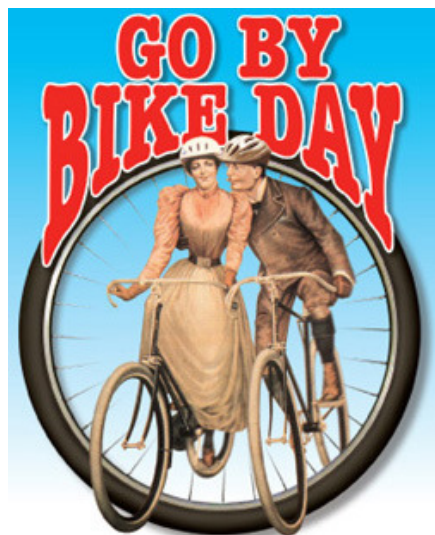
What else is happening?

Throughout the year we will continue to have representation on the Regional Cycling Forum (Wellington Regional Council) and the Road Safety Reference Group (Wellington City Council), which allows us to directly voice your concerns to the relevant bodies. We will continue to make submissions on cyclists' behalf. This is important work that ensures that cyclists are represented.

Moving our monthly meetings to the now sadly closed Malthouse was a great success. We will be looking for an equally jovial venue this year. Our AGM will be in May. We will again review the year that has been while looking forward to the future. There will be many opportunities to become more involved.

Cycling seems to be an activity constantly under threat as we battle for space to safely ride on ever-busier roads. Last year cycling made the national news after several widely reported accidents. There are serious complicated issues on whether we can safely ride in Wellington and more so whether we can feel we can allow our children to ride in our region. We need all the help we can get and look forward to your support in 2007.

Go by Bike Day



We are looking for volunteers to help with our annual celebration of the wheel thing. [Go By Bike Day](#) is Wednesday 28 February. Join Marilyn, Robert, Illona and Lou in putting together NZ's biggest and best free breakfast for bikers. Contact [Marilyn](mailto:northgalt@paradise.net.nz). <northgalt@paradise.net.nz>.

Bike the Bays



Bike the Bays
2007

Join Wellington Mayor Kerry Prendergast on Sunday 25 February in a bike ride and help Wellington be crowned Cycle Mad City 2007.

The ride will be followed by a picnic in Frank Kitts Park with band Onomatopoeia, giveaways, and food stalls. Prizes include three Avanti Discovery bikes including one for the best dressed rider. Bring lunch for the picnic afterwards in Frank Kitts Park 11.30am–1.30pm.

Register online <www.feelinggreat.co.nz/events/family-events/9618-bike-the-bays.php> to be in the draw or just turn up with your bike around 10am.

The ride leaves at 10.30am from Frank Kitts Park and goes around the bays to either Oriental Parade (5km return) or Evans Bay (13km return) or the 32km loop around Miramar Peninsular, arriving back at Frank Kitts Park.

Porirua Family Wheels Day, Saturday 17 February

Start at Plimmerton Domain, Ulric Street. Ride along Ara Harakeke (Flax Pathway) to Airlie Road and return (5km) or continue to Pukerua Bay and return (10km).

Check out the Porirua City Council website www.pcc.govt.nz key word "Wheels" for the latest updates.

Check out other cycle events in the Wellington region at Greater Wellington website <www.gw.govt.nz/section1153.cfm>

Women's Bunch rides

Women from PNP Cycling Club organise these in day light savings hours, every Monday from Freyberg pool starting at 5:30pm - this ride is around the bays (or there part of). Normally they spilt into different group depending on skill levels. Bikes of all flavours are welcome. Keren (from PNP Cycling) is looking for groups leaders for this ride, if you are interested in becoming a group leader please email her on vanderboomk@wellington-girls.school.nz

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News briefs

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

Next CAW Meeting

When: Wednesday, 7 February, at 6pm

Where: Wellington City Council meeting room, Wakefield St

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