



Windy Wheels

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Being the news and views letter of Cycle Aware Wellington.

Local Body Elections

Nominations for October's local government elections open on 27 July and close on 24 August. It's your local council that makes the decisions that impact most on you as a cyclist. What better way to make your council more sustainability-minded than getting yourself elected onto it?

CAN, together with other NGOs, has put together a succinct briefing document that tells you what's involved in becoming and being a councillor. It's available on the CAN website at <http://www.can.org.nz/events/elections07>

Stuff we are working on

It may not be great cycling weather but the advocacy community remains active, with special thanks to CAW's submissions co-ordinator Sridhar Ekambaram. Sridhar has made submissions on the *Johnsonville Town Centre Plan* and the *Draft Wellington City Council Parking Policy*.

In summary, the *Johnsonville Town Centre Plan* submission noted CAW was pleased to see there were to be improvements made to facilities for cycling, mainly by adding more bike parking. However, it was also noted there were no plans to provide cycling facilities on the road.

The submission to the WCC draft *Parking Policy* noted that the council should use car parking availability and parking fees as levers to help achieve the council and regional objectives of reducing the number of cars coming into the Wellington CBD. Where possible, the council should aim to remove all on-street car-parks and shift them to confined spaces.

If you would like copies of these submissions, please contact Stephen Knight-Lenihan on jenningsknightlenihan@xtra.co.nz.

Huttites Push for More Cycling and Walking Facilities

Community feedback has ensured Hutt City's *Cycling and Walking Strategy Implementation Plan* and *Wanuiomata Mountain Bike Park* are now part of the City's *Community Plan*. Prior to submissions on the proposed Plan, the two projects had been excluded.

In an example of good consultation, Hutt City sent out household questionnaires asking people to give their top ten priorities required to make Hutt City more attractive to the 25-40 year-old age group. Apart from cycling and walking tracks, other top ten priorities (in no particular order) were Public Transport, Flood and Stormwater protection, Hutt River Development, Build the Cross Valley Link, A Safer City, Recycling and Environmental Sustainability, Libraries, and a cleaner city - especially less graffiti and Sports Facilities and fields. And as a result, Hutt City changed the community plan. Well done!

We Could Learn Something from Auckland: Bike and Ride

Check out the new [MAXX brochures](#) promoting secure bike lockers at selected (well, they have to start somewhere) train stations. Now we wait for the Greater Wellington Regional Council to back a similar campaign...

Meanwhile, CAW has been making it known to GWRC that the new rolling stock – such as that on the Wairarapa line - does not adequately cater for bikes. The new carriages are a definite improvement, but could be even better if a little more space were available.

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Cycle-Friendly Awards Nominations Called For

Nominations are open for the SPARC Cycle-Friendly Awards 2007 and New Zealanders are being asked to put forward their favourite cycling projects or people. The Cycle Friendly Awards are designed to acknowledge and celebrate some of the most notable achievements in the country that are helping to promote cycling and to create a cycle-friendly environment.

Nominations are being called for in five categories:

1. best cycle facility project
2. best cycling promotion
3. cycle-friendly commitment by a business
4. cycle-friendly commitment by a public organisation
5. cycling champion of the year

Projects need to have been undertaken or completed between January 2006 and June 2007. Nominations are due by Friday 14th September. Download entry forms from www.can.org.nz/awards complete and email to awards@can.org.nz, or post to: CAN, PO Box 6491, Auckland.

For further information, visit web site or contact Cycle-Friendly Awards Co-ordinator, Gaz Sanvicens, 021-023 1 5758, awards@can.org.nz.

Discussion forums

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

Next CAW Meeting

When: Tuesday 7 August, at 6pm

Where: Bar Bodega, Ghuznee Street

What: All welcome.

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