

eNews : Cycle Action – the Voice for Auckland Cyclists

May 2009

Cycle Action Meeting - Wednesday 27 May, 7pm- 8.30pm

Do you have:

- any new ideas, big or small, for cycling facilities or opportunities that you think would help turn Auckland into a cyclised city?
- a grand vision or a project that you would like to see Cycle Action support?"

Why not come along to the next CAA monthly meeting to share your ideas or just to meet other members!! You will have drinks and nibbles and a chance to socialise.

CAA member, Pippa Coom will be giving a short presentation on **“Ride the Ridges”** - a plan for a central cycle connector route that we would like the Council to adopt as a means of making cycling the transport option of choice in the Greater Ponsonby area. An open discussion will follow at 8pm.

New location for this month only: Bike Central have kindly made their place available for our meeting <http://www.bikecentral.co.nz/index.php>



Please [RSVP](#) by reply email so we can get an idea of numbers for catering. We hope to see you there.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GETACROSS TEAM www.getacross.org.nz

On Sunday, May 24, 2009 the Auckland Harbour Bridge will be 50 years old. But rather than commiserate half a century of denied access, come out, rain or shine, and show your support for walking and cycling access on the Bridge....

WHEN: 9am, Sunday, May 24, 2009

WHERE: Curran St , Point Erin, South side of Bridge

BRING: A banner saying why you support walking and cycling access on the Bridge

QUESTIONS? See the flyer [here](#) & please forward to others. If you want to help in any way read this flyer.

North Shore News

People keen to get out on bikes

Debbie Lang, North Shore City's cycling and walking co-ordinator, has positive news about North Shore cyclists from a recent survey of three focus groups of residents and 1251 on-line.

- 48.1% of residents own a bike,
- 18.9% have seriously considered getting one
- 65.9% who don't have one have considered cycling.
- 70% of residents would like to do more recreational cycling.
- 27.8% would like to do more cycling for transport.
- Safety is a big issue for many non-cyclists
- Most non-cyclists say they would be keener if there were more continuous cycle lanes.

Great Response on North Shore City Council 15 year Plan

Many thanks to all who supported our opposition to North Shore City's cut to the cycling budget in the City Plan. The results were impressive.

- Cycle cuts rated second highest number of submissions on a topic - 76 submissions against the cuts, compared with only 8 supporting them.
- This puts the 2,700 petition opposing the Lake Rd cycle lane in perspective!
- The staff recommendation is to increase cycling investment
- Cycle Action spoke to the submission at the Council hearing, 14 May.

Revolutionary Auckland Bike Bloggers –you are changing the world for cycling online!!!

Cycle Action thanks you for your down to earth, everyday portrayal of cycling

– inspiring, fun, effective blogs with great biking links to check out.

Unity Finesmith <http://aucklandcyclechic.blogspot.com/>

Handlebra Easyrider Club <http://handlebraeasyriderclub.blogspot.com/>

Frocks on Bikes <http://www.frocksonbikes.org/>

We want to see more frocks on bikes activities in Auckland!!

We need an Auckland coordinator and a group of enthusiasts to help organise a Frocktober event – we can't let Wellington be the only ones to do arty stuff!!

email Barb Insull chair@caa.org.nz.

Social rides – walking the talk!

Three great Sunday social rides lately – Twin Streams Waitakere, SH20 Motorway open day, and Devonport Peninsula.

Join Cycle Action members on easy safe bike routes - all chat-slow pace - and coffee. Look out for the next notice for a social ride – contact us if you would like to suggest or lead a ride.

Talking the talk: Council cycling budgets

Cycle Action has made submissions on all 10 and 15 year plans for local Councils, the ARC, and also the Regional Land Transport three year Plan.

We have also made submissions in favour of bike parking and bike access to the Eden Park Redevelopment, and the Marina Events Centre. See the submissions at <http://can.org.nz/book/caa-submissions>. Oral presentations to hearings for the plans take place over May and June.

Biking pics needed

Please send us any good pics of cycling and cyclists – that you are happy for us to reproduce in our PR, advocacy and website communications.

Do we have a photographer amongst us who would be happy to take specific biking pics from time to time when we need them?

To find out more and about Cycle Action go to www.caa.org.nz

See you at our next meeting at Bike Central 27 May ☺☺

Barb Insull & Barb Cuthbert, Co-chairs Cycle Action