

the LTSA (04-494 8600) to get a copy of the checklist.

CHAIN LINKS

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Just to whet the appetite and get a newsletter going, a few items that may interest you... If you've got things you want other cycling advocates to know, please send contributions to:

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CYCLE SYMPOSIUM - 15 OCTOBER 1997

Congratulations to Cycle Action Waikato for initiating and organising (in association with Waikato University) NZ's first cycle symposium.

Entitled "Planning for and Promoting Cycling in Urban Areas", the symposium will take place in Hamilton from 9:30 to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday 15 October.

Initially it was planned to make the symposium a half day affair, but the response to the call for papers was so amazing that a full day of parallel sessions became necessary. A copy of the draft programme is enclosed.

Hopefully you or someone from your group will be there. If you can manage to send two delegates you'll be able to cover the whole programme. There is some financial support available for delegates who aren't receiving workplace assistance.

Talk to your local authority about the symposium. They should already know about it but might need a bit of encouragement to attend!

For further details of the symposium, contact:

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LTSA CHECKLIST

The Land Transport Safety Authority has issued a checklist which interested parties can use to indicate which topics they wish to be consulted on. Cycle Aware Wellington filled one in, and we have since received a copy of the red draft rule on speed limit setting. There are many other categories which are of relevance to cyclists and we'd urge you to contact

TRANSIT NEWSLETTER

Transit NZ produces a newsletter in each region (in ours it's called Top 'n Tales) that can contain some useful stuff (e.g. a list of all proposed roading work on State Highways). Contact your regional office and ask to be on their mailing list.

DEFINITE ARTICLES

For the last two years Cycle Aware Wellington has been writing or commissioning articles on a wide range of cycling issues for "City Voice", a local free newspaper. These have given us the opportunity to educate, canvass for opinions or advice, entertain, and generally give people many reasons to cycle.

Copies of the following articles are available (for the cost of copying - or send a computer disc, specifying Mac or IBM format & w.p. package). You are welcome to use them to get your own local column going.

1. What Makes a City Cycle-Friendly
3. A Cycling Environment [environmental benefits of cycling]
4. Cyclists' Rights & Wrongs [do the road rules help cyclists?]
5. Streetwise Cycling
6. Cycling for Motorists [what motorists can do to help]
7. Accidental Cycling [what to do if you have an accident]
9. Politics of Cycling [local govt elections]
10. Bicycle Trivia [this is a great one!]
11. Lock It Up [cycle security]
14. Bicycle Standards? [do cyclists get a good deal from shops?]
15. Material Considerations [bicycle frames]
16. Riding Along Together [cyclists & walkers]
17. UPO Sightings in City [Unidentifiable Pedalling Objects - lighting up at night]
18. Biking Round the World [cycle use overseas]
22. Recumbent on the Road [recumbent bicycles]
23. Learning the Skills
26. Being vain about your brain [helmets]

Some of the other articles have covered topics like progress in providing for cyclists in Wellington, ride & event listings, descriptions of tours or overseas trips (including the Velo Australis conference in Perth last year).

If you want any of these articles, please contact Jane Dawson, CAW, PO Box 11-964, Wellington, Tel/Fax 04-385 2557.

WHAT DO CYCLISTS WANT?

One response to our discussion paper suggested it was important to choose a few key messages on which (most) cyclists agree. If they're put forward whenever the opportunity arises, they will start to stick!

The following list comes from "Changing Gear" by PD McDonald that was quoted in "Cycle in Christchurch" in 1979. Do these things still hold true today? A debate about them could be a good way to identify key messages. Please run them past your members and debate them. And if you're keen, we'll send you all the responses to collate and refine.

- ∞ Smooth surfaces
- ∞ Cyclists are separated from traffic which is incompatible by reasons of size or speed (i.e. virtually all types of motor vehicle)
- ∞ On these separate routes cyclists are able to reach their destinations approximately as quickly as they could on road routes
- ∞ There are no barriers that add unnecessary delays, stopping and starting (e.g. grade separation)
- ∞ There are no unnecessary extreme grades
- ∞ Bicycle routes and other facilities are well signposted so that cyclists can find them easily and so that all other traffic knows where to expect cyclists
- ∞ Where such weather conditions as strong crosswinds are likely to be a safety problem, there is some form of protection
- ∞ Cyclists are able to use the cycle routes at all times free from fear of molestation from man or machine or animal
- ∞ Cyclists are able to store their bicycles at their destinations and leave them without fear of damage or theft

An updated version produced by Kerry Wood, a Cycle Aware Wellington member reads:

- § Smooth surfaces
- § Segregation from heavy or fast-moving traffic and safe behaviour from non-segregated traffic
- § A well connected system of shared and segregated routes so that any destination can be reached easily, quickly and safely from any origin
- § Freedom from artificial barriers creating unnecessary delays, such as excessive waits at traffic signals, frequent dismounting, illegal parking, sharp curves, narrow routes preventing overtaking of slower riders, long diversions of steep slopes for grade separation
- § Well signposted routes so that cyclists can find them easily and know where to go at junctions, and other road users know where to expect cyclists

- § Protection against danger from extreme weather conditions such as strong crosswinds
- § Protection from social risks such as robbery in an underpass
- § Safe cycle storage at destinations, preferably with showers also available
- § Enough space to ride two abreast where possible.

AUCKLAND CYCLE & WALKING STRATEGY

Auckland City's draft Cycle & Walking Strategy was issued in February. It's a substantial document, containing a lot of background research, discussion of the benefits of cycling and walking, design guidelines, and consideration of issues like perceived and relative safety, modal integration and regional co-ordination. It has a 20 year plan for a strategic cycle network.

Copies of the Strategy can be obtained from:

Anna Barlow
c/o Transport Planning
Auckland City Council
Private Bag 92-516
Wellesley St
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ADULT CYCLING SKILLS COURSE

Cycle Aware Wellington member Marilyn Northcote who helped establish a cycle training scheme in Canada got a similar course going this year at Wellington High School's Community Education Centre. Tutors were Trudy & Rick Zawodny.

The course's eight two-hour sessions contained theory and practice, and covered topics like basic maintenance, road rules, braking & cornering, family cycling, choosing a route and commuting.

The first course was well subscribed, with 11 participants enrolling. Their feedback was very positive, and another course is taking place in Term 4 this year. Problems with daylight hours have meant that it will now run on Saturdays.

Petone College have also picked up the course for Term 4. If you want to get something like this going in your community, you'd be welcome to a copy of the course outline. Contact Marilyn Northcote, Cycle Aware Wellington, PO Box 11-964, Wellington.

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