



Cycling in Christchurch

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Some Recent Activities

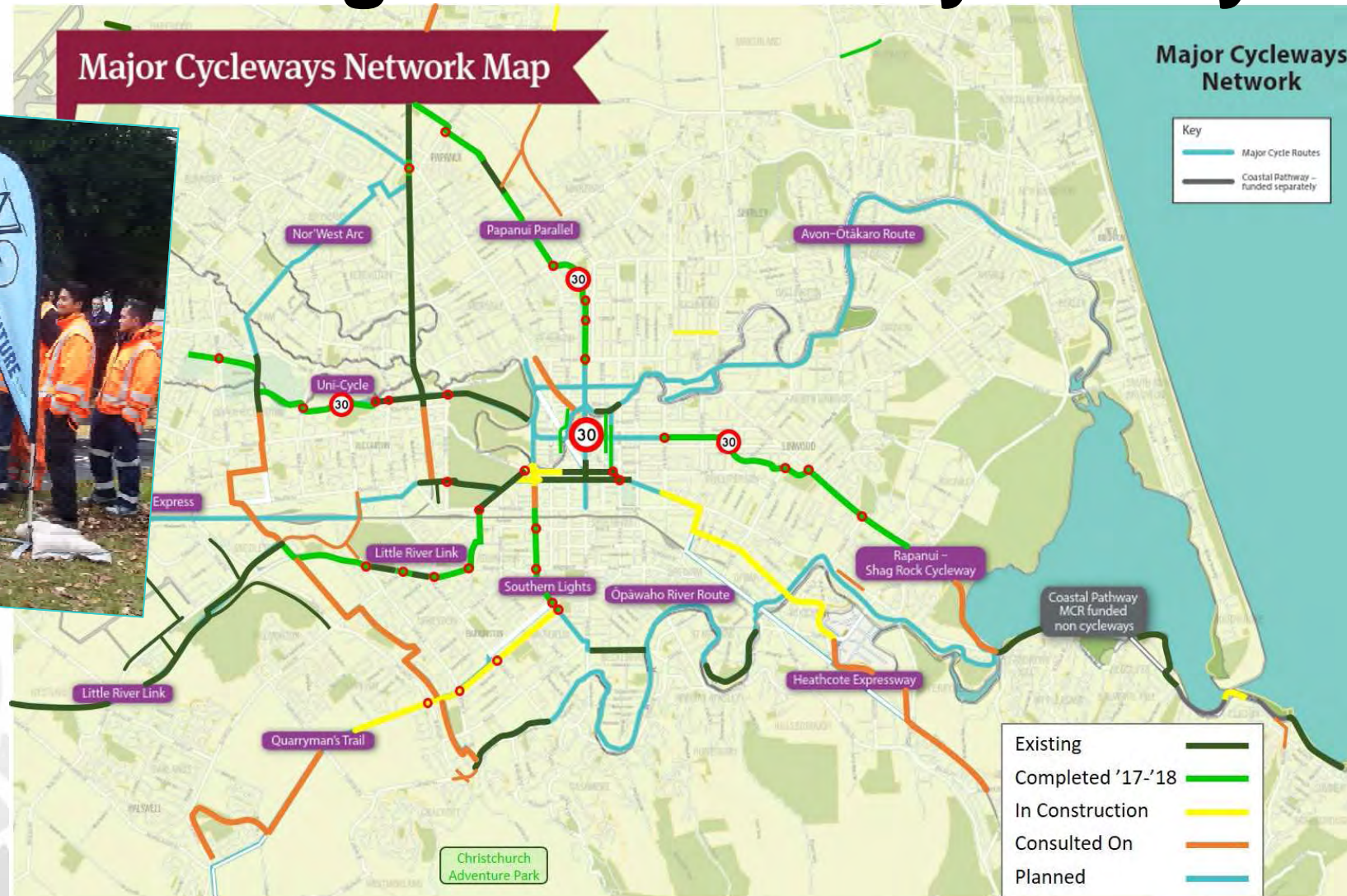
- 🚲 More cycleways
...and more controversy
- 🚲 Long Term Plan submissions
- 🚲 Cycle counting
- 🚲 Biketober

*Various **Lessons Learned**
along the way...*



Regular meetings first Thursday of every month (Ara Inst)

We've been building some more cycleways



Spokes gets invited to the openings



Lessons Learned:

*Celebrate the successes, even while
you are battling the challenges*

But “cycleways” is a dirty word now...



spacemonkey

22 days ago

Stop while you can \$4.2 million??? More wasted cycleways? We have an aging population for gods sake. And the latest generation can hardly get off their gaming etc than get on a cycle.



Paul Welford Stop wasting our money on stupid cycleways for a minority travel group....like the new one in Linwood ave when there are already 2 perfectly good ones down there already. Fix the bloody roads on the east side....you wouldnt do this to Fendalton....

Like Reply 3d

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Cycleways always win

We read of Fulton Hogan's efforts to sweeten-up their newly proposed quarry site neighbours before they submit a resource consent application to the council to take aggregate for future Christchurch infrastructure projects.

May I suggest there is a far easier way forward. Simply include in the application a clause that includes an extensive area devoted to a cycleway, make it as expensive as possible with scant regard to budgets or car parks and it will be a shoe in with the council.

I know of no power on earth that would then successfully appose it.

Malcolm I
Waimairi B

DonKey

These cycleways are an under-utilised project that are costing we the rate an unjustifiable fortune (over \$200 Million and counting) that is enriching the contractors and consultants by the day. Importantly they are shoe horned in where they should not be, resulting in real safety impacts through the restriction of the majority of users. You also have the negative impacts on loss of residence on businesses they pass.

Plus on some cycleway inflicted roads there is total craziness on rubbish collection day, with resulting huge tailbacks from wheelie bins being collected in the cycle lanes. Sparks Road and Frankleigh street are a good example of this sh



Christine Alexander pity the eastside wasnt picture perfect but i guess we are not the rich the council should get off their butts and fix up the areas instead of more friggen cycleways

Like Reply 2d

58 days ago

Joan Imms from Hillmorton

I agree with you Kaz, all that money on a cycleway when there are so many other things that are more urgently needed...and to charge kids for a bit of fun in a local pool, Bah humbug.

Like 1 Thank Reply Save ...



Wondering how they can build a cycle lane but never even attempt to repair the alleyway parallel to Linwood Ave where people walk. The paving is cracked, uneven and in some places falling away. The protective wire fence is slack and cut in parts with the thick wire sticking out. Not against the cycle lane just wish the council would fix what we have properly first.

Like 3 Thank Reply Save ...



Tobi Wheeler from Aranui

Maby if you claim it is a cycleway he can have it paved with gold!

Like Thank Reply Save ...



jbe57

27 days ago

maybe the CCC consultant could design a narrow road and a cycle way for the hire business, then they would issue the permit.

Council threatened the programme...

🚲 2018-28 Long Term Plan

- Went from 13 routes completed by 2022 to 2028
- Local cycleway links dropped

🚲 Increased estimated cost

- Extra scope from street utility & improvement works

Christchurch cycleways to cost \$252m as city council proposes delaying completion

Tina Law · 20:25, Feb 23 2018



JOSEPH JOHNSON/STUFF

More than 1200 cyclists use the new UniCycle route from Canterbury University to the central city each day.

Christchurch's network of cycleways will cost an additional \$90 million to complete and will not be finished for another 10 years.

The total cost of the 13 cycleways has now ballooned out to \$252m, up from the \$162m signalled two years ago and the \$68.3m first proposed when the council envisaged the cycleways would be largely on-road.

In 2016, the completion date of the cycleways was pushed out from 2020

...but people rallied

Rank	Topic	Support	Oppose	Alternatives	Total
1	Rates Proposal	251	172	126	549
2	Funding Proposal (ChchNZ)	198	189	142	529
3	Stormwater	220	42	187	449
4	Community Facilities	161	57	213	431
5	Major Cycleways	282	124	18	424
6	Transport Priorities	106	53	264	423
7	Central City Landmark Grant Fund	216			
8	Fuel Tax	187			
9	Drinking Water	196			
10	Big Question: Balance & Priorities	70			
11	Alternative Funding Sources	198			
12	Public Transport	147			
13	Way to go!				
14	Road Repairs				
15	Multi-Use Arena	113			

Lessons Learned:

You will need more than "the usual" advocates to effect major LTP change

Table Two: Main Submission Comments by Topic (minimum



Apparently the cycleways are under-used



Irraman

Toll on the cycle ways, how much would that raise do you think?

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just checking..

well considering nobody uses them not too much

Share

Joe Astor

3 cycle routes fast tracked? Why am I not surprised??
All, what, 7, cyclists in Christchurch must be chuffed.

↑ ↓ · Like · Reply · 4d



tbaggybag

Lots of bike lanes!!.....Just nobody using them.

Lupinsnupa

9 days ago

The stadium insurance payout is the second largest only to Lyttleton Port. That money should still be there, no rate increases are needed. Or did they spend it on unneeded cycleways and unused Town Halls?

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+18 🍌 🍌

So we did some counting...

Madras

			15
			30
			45
			60

St Asaph/High

					7
					10
					125
					15
					175

72

267 total

195

June 7th 7:00am → 8:30^{am}

Corner of St Asaph/Madras/High
along the St Asaph St Cycleway
that the critics say no one
ever uses. Temp ~ 5°C.
Madras St is a fast & furious
one way street - not for the
interested but concerned.

Antiqua Boatshed Bridge
Oxford Tee / Antiqua St.

8/6/17 7:10 → 9:10am Antiqua St Bridge

										60
										730
										120 741
										180 750
										20 751
										300 805
										360 814
										420 822
										480 830
										540 841
										600 854
										660

635

And Council is also counting...



...And now there's a counter display

Lessons Learned:

Encourage Council to monitor; if not interested then do it yourself



Something else we did in 2017...



Christchurch
1-31 October

What is Biketober?



- 🚲 A month-long celebration of cycling in Christchurch
- 🚲 Organised by a group of volunteers + project manager
 - With support from CCC, NZTA, sponsors and others
- 🚲 Provided a diverse programme of cycling events held throughout the month of October
 - Bike rides, workshops, social events, and many other activities

Website: www.biketober.nz/christchurch

Facebook: www.facebook.com/biketoberchch/



Aims of Biketober

- 🚲 Promote cycling to the general public as a **legitimate, fun and healthy option** for getting around the city for business/pleasure
- 🚲 Showcase the recently completed **Major Cycle Routes (MCRs)**
- 🚲 Engage with local businesses and demonstrate the **economic value of people cycling**
- 🚲 Highlight different aspects of **biking culture and bicycle styles**
- 🚲 Provide some interesting bike-related activities for delegates attending **Asia-Pacific Cycling Congress (17-20 Oct)**



Target audiences



- 🚲 **People who currently cycle regularly** but would like to know more about new routes, bicycle/equipment options, clubs, etc
- 🚲 **People who do not regularly cycle** at present but would like to more about route options, riding skills, bicycle types, etc
- 🚲 **Families:** opportunities and places for riding with their children
- 🚲 **Businesses** (e.g. cafes, bike-shops): benefit from having more people cycling to their premises
- 🚲 People interested in learning about **cycling best practice**



Biketober Christchurch 2017 Programme

-  About **60** separate events:
- Asia-Pacific Cycle Congress
 - First NZ Bike Expo
 - “Streets for People” - CBD street party
 - Short rides for new cyclists
 - Bike maintenance workshops
 - Go-by-bike breakfasts for riders along cycleways
 - ...and much more!

- Pedal-powered cinema
- Guided social cycle rides along MCRs & other places
- CHOCBAR Cargo Bike Rally
- “City of Cycles” Cycling history activities and exhibits
- Public seminars on cycling
- Road cycling, and MTB rides

Christchurch programme 2017		
Get your Biketober PASSPORT All month - visit participating retailers and be in to win prizes!		
01 Oct 2017	South West Baptist Church Sunday ride 9 a.m., South West Baptist Church, 244 Lyttelton Street	Find out more
01 Oct 2017	Pushbikes Papanui suspension set-up course 9-10 a.m., 501 Papanui Road	Find out more
01 Oct 2017	Streets for People	Find out more
01 Oct 2017	City centre street art ride	Find out more
01 Oct 2017	RAD Bikes repair workshop	Find out more
01 Oct 2017	Short confidence ride for adults	Find out more
03 Oct 2017	Short confidence ride for adults 2	Find out more
03 Oct 2017	Public seminars on cycling 5.30-8.30 p.m. The Commons, 70 Kilmore Street	Find out more
05 Oct 2017	Full Moon Ride 7.30 p.m. start at Bottle Lake Forest	Find out more
07 Oct 2017	Cathedral Square to Ferrymead or Sumner 9.30 a.m. CBD to Shag Rock with option to continue to Sumner along	Find out more

Biketober Passport

- 🚲 Encouraging biking to Chch businesses
- 🚲 16 retailers listed to get a stamp from
 - Also some great discounts/specials from them
- 🚲 Participants take their passport to Bike Expo
 - Discounted entry price
 - In the draw to win great prizes
- 🚲 Great take-up by people in Christchurch
 - Businesses also happy with response



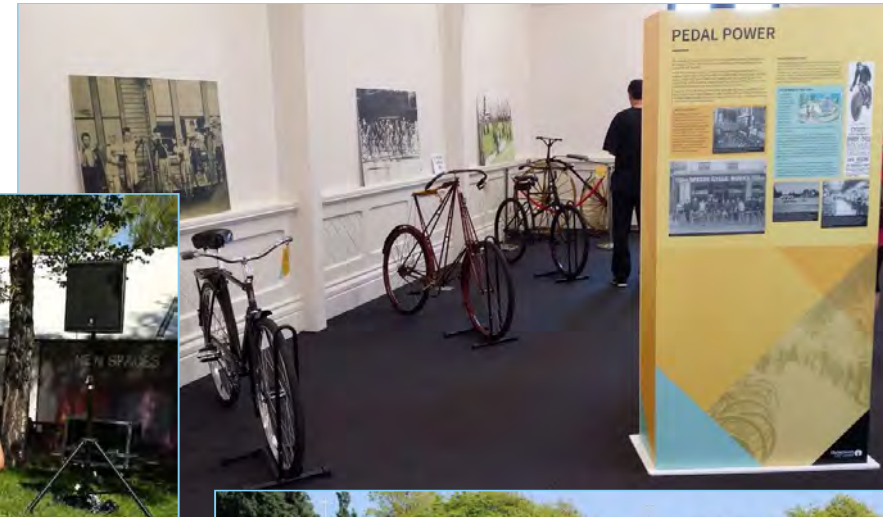
Some key outcomes



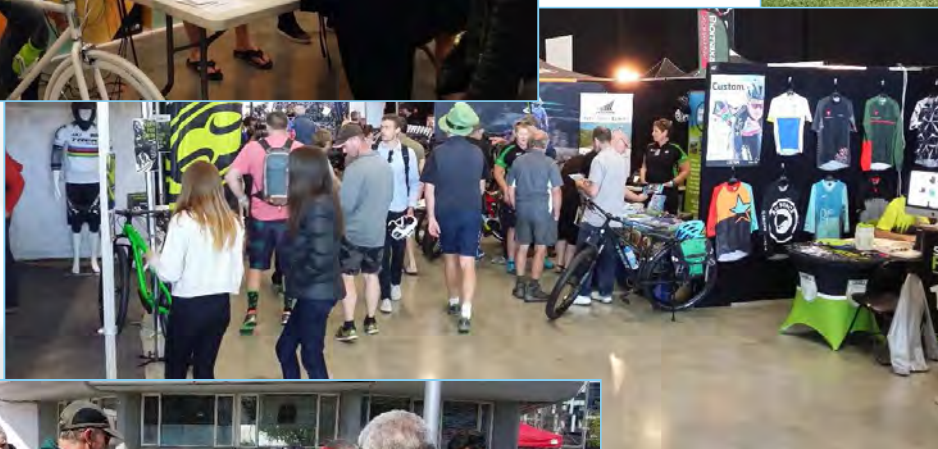
- 🚲 Opening event - Streets for People - over **20,000** attendees
- 🚲 NZ Bike Expo - over **3500** attendees over the weekend
- 🚲 Asia-Pacific Cycling Congress - **260** delegates
- 🚲 City of Cycles Heritage Day - about **300** people bike valet parked
- 🚲 ~**30** guided rides - average 10-12 people
- 🚲 **12** bike maintenance/repair workshop events
- 🚲 3 bike breakfast sites - about **250** riders



A few highlights...



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Lessons Learned:
You can pull together a lot of different bike events with few resources



Verdict: Biketober was a success!

🚲 Finalist for Bike to the Future Awards 2018

- Revolutionary Award

🚲 Biketober Christchurch 2018 is happening!

- Currently arranging the programme of activities
- Over 30 sponsors in Bike Passport this year



Thank You!



 www.spokes.org.nz

 www.cyclingchristchurch.co.nz

