

## MIN-4222 - Walk It. Wheel It. rescheduled event dates

31 May 2023

Provide an update on the Walk It. Wheel It. event postponement and the rescheduled dates Waka Kotahi will plan for Summer 2023/24.

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### Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- Following the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle across many parts of the country in mid-February 2023, the Waka Kotahi Board endorsed the recommendation for the Walk It. Wheel It. series of events which were planned for March 2023 to be postponed.
- A media release announcing the postponement was shared confirming that Waka Kotahi is committed to delivering these events for people to walk, cycle and scoot across the Waitematā Harbour and we will be working to secure another set of dates for Summer 2023/24 from November 2023 onwards.
- Waka Kotahi has considered when best to hold the rescheduled events, taking into account the Public Service Commission (PSC) pre-election guidance for government agencies.
- Any event held in November 2023 would require promotion and advertising in September and October, which falls within the three-month pre-election period.
- December 2023 and January 2024 are also not suitable due to the busy Christmas period and then the holiday season where many Aucklanders leave the city.
- Waka Kotahi has therefore proposed to hold the rescheduled events in early 2024 with February or March the most likely months. This has been discussed and agreed with the Waka Kotahi board.
- Work will be undertaken with the event management company leading the operational planning to further refine suitable and available dates for Walk It. Wheel It. to be held in February or March 2024.
- Waka Kotahi will share more information once the dates have been confirmed.