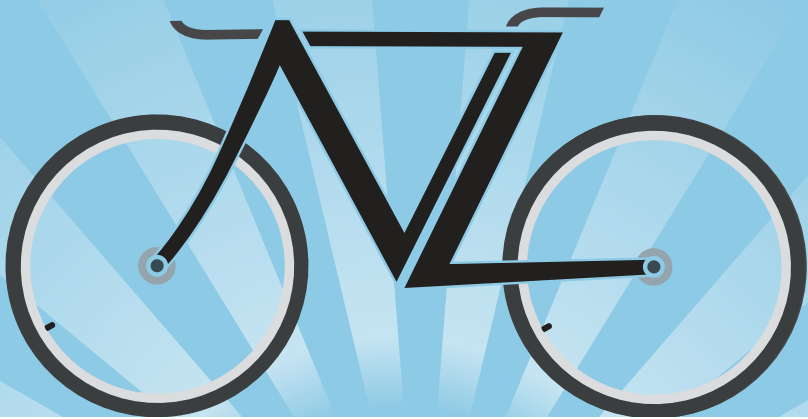


2016 BIKE TO THE FUTURE AWARDS



Award-winning cycling projects from around New Zealand



In July 2016, New Zealand's best cycling projects were recognised at the Bike to the Future Awards, sponsored by the NZ Transport Agency and Cycle Action Network (CAN).

The awards were an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and contribution to cycling from a number of advocates and cycling champions across the country.

2016's Supreme Winner was Auckland's Te Ara I Whiti (Lightpath), otherwise known as Pink Path or Magenta Adventure. More than 60 projects were nominated for the awards, and winners were announced by Hon Simon Bridges, Minister of Transport.

Here we celebrate the pedal pushers, cycling leaders, communities and individuals who have put their innovation and energy into making cycling a safer, more accessible mode of transport. We aim to inspire readers to learn about the fantastic initiatives taking place around the country and to consider how they might replicate the ideas in their own communities.

The wheels of change only turn when people are pushing on the pedals. Feel inspired by these successes and help grow New Zealand's cycling community.



FOREWORD

It has been a pleasure to be involved in the 2016 Bike to the Future Awards, awards recognising the very best cycling initiatives and our most passionate cycling champions from around New Zealand.

The many fantastic and varied nominations showed the hard work and initiatives underway to make cycling a safer, more accessible transport option for more people across New Zealand. I congratulate you all. As Minister of Transport, it has been a privilege to witness this revolution in active transport, with more and more New Zealanders embracing cycling to reach their work and play destinations.

Demand for cycling in our cities and towns across New Zealand is high and growing. Cycling is a key part of our integrated transport system and plays a critical role in our overall land transport network.

But cycling is more than that - it creates more vibrant and connected communities, it's good for tourism and it's a fun, healthy way to get around. We are committed to continuing to support cycling by building on the momentum of the Urban Cycleways Programme.

Through our Urban Cycleways Programme, central and local government are working together to deliver \$333 million of new cycleway projects throughout the country - this is the single biggest investment in cycling in New Zealand's history.

This investment from Government has meant that many cycling projects have been able to get underway much quicker than had originally been planned.

Once again congratulations to the Bike to the Future Awards nominees. You are role models for what is possible to increase cycling across New Zealand.

Hon Simon Bridges

Minister of Transport



INTRODUCTION

Cycling is a critical part of creating an integrated transport system that meets the needs of New Zealanders. It provides a safe and easy choice for people to either get where they want to go or simply enjoy all that New Zealand has to offer.

For our transport system to offer choices and opportunities for people to live how they want to, we need to make sure that we continue to give cycling the focus that it deserves. One way we do that is through the Bike to the Future Awards.

More than one million New Zealanders regularly get on their bikes, but only a small portion regularly use a bike to get to work, school or the shops. In order to progress cycling in New Zealand, we need to continue to ensure our transport system takes cycling into account – particularly in our urban areas.

It's therefore really important that we recognise the projects and champions from around the country that are helping to advance cycling in New Zealand. Our goal is to achieve more people riding bikes, more often. By 2019 our goal is to increase the total annual cycling trips by 10 million.

When I look at all the stories and achievements that have been showcased during the 2016 Bike to the Future Awards, it gives me great confidence that we will achieve our goal.

Congratulations to everyone recognised. The passion and innovation of all these individuals and community groups is helping encourage more people to cycle.

I'm sure these stories will inspire people to connect with the cycling champions and help to grow cycling communities across New Zealand.

Fergus Gammie

Chief Executive
NZ Transport Agency



As National Cycling Manager for the NZ Transport Agency, I see and hear about inspiring and outstanding cycling initiatives taking place throughout the country every day. The Bike to the Future Awards brought together the very best of the best – with innovative projects offering new and enhanced cycling environments, and the people committed to making cycling a greater part of their community.

It's clear that New Zealand is evolving quickly as a country where cycling is embraced both for recreation and as a way to get around every day.

Working with Cycling Action Network (CAN) to deliver the Bike to the Future Awards we have been able to recognise the dedication and contribution to cycling in New Zealand through a number of projects and from many champions from around the country.

We hope that shining light on these initiatives helps to grow these cycling projects and passionate leaders, and encourages more communities to take the next step forward in achieving a safer, bike-friendly country.

Dougall List

National Cycling Manager
NZ Transport Agency



There's no doubt that the future is bright for biking.

New Zealanders love riding bikes. It's one of our top five leisure activities. And with unprecedented investment in new cycleways, trails and projects, people of all ages are getting on their bikes for fun, fitness and getting around. The rewards are self-evident: more transport options, better health, safer and more pleasant streets. Life is better by bike.

For 20 years Cycling Action Network (CAN) has been working with communities, businesses, councils and the Government on behalf of cyclists, for a better cycling environment.

CAN is delighted to team up with the NZ Transport Agency to bring you the Bike to the Future awards. Our aim is to celebrate the most notable achievements that are promoting cycling and building cycle-friendly streets.

Together, let's bike to the future.

Patrick Morgan

Project Manager
Cycling Action Network

INTRODUCING THE JUDGES PANEL



→ Richard Leggat

Chair of the New Zealand Cycle Trail,
Board Member of Cycling NZ,
Chair of the former Cycling Safety Panel,
member of the Urban Cycleways
Investment Panel



→ Mike Noon

General Manager Motoring Affairs,
Automobile Association



→ Pippa Coom

Chairperson Waitemata Local Board,
cycling advocate and member of the
Urban Cycleways Investment Panel.

AWARD CATEGORIES



INNOVATION HUB AWARD

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- This category covers the design, engineering or construction of a cycling facility. It may relate to innovative processes, materials, designs, partnerships, procurement or delivery models.

TAKING COMMUNITIES ON THE JOURNEY AWARD

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- This category covers excellence in communications or community engagement activities related to a cycling project that resulted in a community welcoming new infrastructure.

BIG BIKE BLING AWARD

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- This category covers transport infrastructure projects that have had the most significant impact on encouraging more people to cycle and creating a bike-friendly future.

GET ON YER BIKE AWARD

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- This category covers education or encouragement projects that have had a significant impact on encouraging more people to cycle.

BIKES IN BUSINESS AWARD

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- This category covers businesses and organisations that have made significant efforts to encourage and support cycling for staff, customers, and/or clients.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE

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- This category recognises the outstanding contribution made by an individual New Zealander to the promotion of cycling.

SUPREME BIKE TO THE FUTURE AWARD WINNER

Te Ara I Whiti
(Lightpath),
Auckland

Te Ara I Whiti (Lightpath), otherwise known as the Pink Path or Magenta Adventure, was opened in December 2015 and since then more than 142,000 people have used it.

Lightpath was also a category winner for the Innovation Hub Award and received highly commended in the Big Bike Bling Award category.

Ronnie Salunga, Senior Project Manager Complex at NZ Transport Agency said the Supreme and Innovation Hub Awards received by the project represents excellence in procurement, design and delivery.

"The Te Ara I Whiti, now an icon in Auckland, is a product of inter-organisational collaboration. The project team comprising of NZ Transport Agency, GHD, Novare Ltd., Monk McKenzie and Hawkins Infrastructure worked in unison to deliver a world class cycleway in the shortest time possible," he said.

"Seeing pedestrians, cyclists, families and the community using the facility with joy makes us all proud of what we have achieved as the NZ Transport Agency in partnership with Auckland Council and Auckland Transport."

The \$18m project is a key part of the Government's Urban Cycleways Programme. The cycleway stretches from Upper Queen Street to Victoria Street, and connects directly to the existing Northwestern and Grafton Gully cycleways.

The Bike to the Future Awards judges said Lightpath is an outstanding, unique and innovative design delivered in a remarkably ambitious timeframe through a successful collaboration with multiple parties.

"We are impressed with how Te Ara I Whiti has transcended walking and cycling for multi-use. In only a short timeframe, Lightpath has become a celebrated, iconic Auckland feature," they said.

"Lightpath has already had more than 142,000 users and has quickly become a very important part of Auckland's cycling network, setting the benchmark for other projects."

With almost 900 cycle journeys per day since its opening, Lightpath has helped to increase the number of people cycling to the city centre, raised the profile of cycling and whetted Aucklanders' appetite for the upcoming cycle infrastructure planned for the Auckland region.

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CATEGORY WINNER - Te Ara I Whiti (Lightpath), Auckland

Te Ara I Whiti (Lightpath) was awarded the category winner for the Innovation Hub Award, as well as highly commended in the Big Bike Bling Award category and the Supreme Award winner. For further information, please refer to page 9.



HIGHLY COMMENDED

Safety Audit and Network Functionality Review (SANF)

The Safety Audit and Network Functionality Review (SANF) is an initiative by the Christchurch City Council to help facilitate the delivery of major cycleway routes, expanding traditional safety audit processes, and integrating it with a network functionality review.

Chris Gregory, Head of Transport at Christchurch City Council, said the work was acknowledged as innovative and the Council is thrilled that it has received the NZ Transport Agency's approval as a trial.

"This award recognised our work on the Safety and Network Functionality review process that has been developed for the Council's \$156m Major Cycle Routes Programme," he said.

"This ensures that the overall functionality of the streetscape for activities such as access, parking, walking, buses and traffic are considered alongside the conventional safety audit process to make the best use of the space."

Judges said the initiative is a new and innovative approach to help the community understand and deal with the impacts of cycling infrastructure.

"This is a very promising 'Warrant of Fitness' initiative to ensure a fit for purpose design," they said.

"The NZ Transport Agency is looking to adopt this methodology for other projects around New Zealand, so this initiative may well have enduring national benefits."

SANF has been developed in close liaison with national cycling staff from the NZ Transport Agency who recognise the improved outputs it can deliver to advance major cycleway route proposals.

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NOMINEES

An Accessible City – Christchurch City Council

An Accessible City is a collaboration between Christchurch City Council, the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA), Christchurch Central Development Unit (CCDU), the NZ Transport Agency and Environment Canterbury (ECan). The project is creating a central city transport system to improve travel choices for the community. It sets out to achieve safe roads and roadsides, safer speeds and to encourage safer road use.

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Christchurch Bike Share – Spark Bikes

Christchurch Bike Share (Spark Bikes) is a pilot programme testing bike share in the Christchurch central city. This programme is encouraging people to try out bike share, to see how it could fit into the city’s future public transport mix. The programme launched in August 2015 and has since logged approximately 5,000 trips.

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Christchurch City Council – Bus Interchange

The new Christchurch bus interchange opened in 2015 to replace an earthquake damaged building. This project was part of the new 'Bike Parking Facility', providing a new standard of service for Christchurch cyclists. The primary users are public transport patrons who catch a bus into the CBD and use a bike to complete their journey.

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Clive Bridge Cycleway – MWH Global

Clive Bridge is located midway between Napier and Hastings, and spans 150 metres across the Clive River. The existing cycling infrastructure on the bridge was deemed unsafe so a new shared path was built. The new cycleway has an urban design, with a three metre-wide path, LED lighting and a unique ambience.

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Matai Street East Cycleway and Crossings – Christchurch City Council

The Matai Street East Cycleway and Crossings project has provided a three-metre wide, two-way cycleway. The scheme incorporates a 'cycle priority' crossing, a proposal for a double gate pedestrian automated system and a new signalised crossing design for people travelling on foot and by bike.

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Waimakariri District Council – Ashley River Bridge Rangiora

Ashley is a small community on the north bank of Ashley River, slightly north of Rangiora. The bridge in Ashley was 100 years old, narrow and dangerous. Waimakariri District Council replaced the bridge with a new, safer bridge which includes space for cyclists to cross the river. The new bridge links two communities that were previously hard to traverse and increasing numbers of people are using the new bridge.

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TAKING COMMUNITIES ON A JOURNEY AWARD



CATEGORY WINNER – Ciclovía, Wellington

Ciclovía Wellington is an annual summer event that closes Miramar Peninsula to vehicles and allows unique access to more than 3,000 cyclists, walkers, skaters and scooters.

Ron Beernink, organiser of Ciclovía Wellington and Chair of Cycle Aware Wellington said he gets an enormous buzz from seeing how much people enjoy having a road to themselves to cycle and walk freely without having to worry about motorists.

“Ciclovía shows the demand for this type of event, and how it helps to encourage people of all ages take up cycling. We receive really positive feedback, including a four-year-old who believed he was a professional cyclist after cycling for only an hour!”

Judges called Ciclovía Wellington a successful, well attended and well-organised event with strong stakeholder support which has ensured it will be an annual event.

“By closing the road to motor vehicles, Ciclovía Wellington gave people the confidence to get out and try riding a bike,” they said.

“Ciclovía attracts a wide range of people from young families to the elderly, all keen to enjoy a traffic-free cycling experience.”

Ciclovía organisers are now in discussions with the Hutt City Council about running a Ciclovía event in Lower Hutt – showing how cycling and walking can revitalise a CBD area, and there is also now enthusiasm for having part of Lambton Quay in central Wellington closed for Ciclovía.

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HIGHLY COMMENDED – Julia McLean, Hurunui BMX Club, Amberley

The Hurunui BMX Club is a project started by Julia McLean. When Julia relocated to Amberley, she identified a lack of easily accessible active activities for young people. She had a vision to create a competition level BMX track which would be open to the community.

Julia worked with the council and local businesses to get funding and make the project a reality.

Julia says the award recognised a small community that wanted more active and stimulating recreational activities for young people, and helped to make it happen.

“It has been great to have the support from local businesses and shows that community spirit is alive and well in the Hurunui District,” she said.

“Winning this award reaffirms what the Club set out to do from the start – to build a quality BMX track for our young people. It’s built by the community, for the community.”

Judges said that Julia McLean has done a fantastic job seeing through her vision and getting the community behind her.

“In two years, Julia almost single-handedly drove the creation of a quality BMX track for the Amberley community. She found land, raised more than \$150,000 and oversaw the construction of a now much-used facility.”

The Hurunui BMX Club is the first of its kind in the region and is proving to be an incredible resource for youth in the community. Julia has also formed a close partnership with local schools to make the best use of the community facility. Even in its early days, the BMX track has been a phenomenon at Amberley School. Students are excited about cycling, and a significant increase has been noted in children bringing bikes to school.

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TAKING COMMUNITIES ON A JOURNEY AWARD



NOMINEES

Barbara Cuthbert – Bike Auckland

Barbara is a volunteer at Bike Auckland, contributing between 40 and 50 hours per week to the organisation. Her positivity and enthusiasm meant she was nominated for the Bike to the Future Awards. She works to encourage safe and enjoyable cycling, and has been instrumental in making Bike Auckland the success it is.

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Polhill Reserve Clinical Track – Brooklyn Trail Builders, subsidiary of the Wellington Mountain Bike Club

The Clinical Track is one of Wellington's newest and most picturesque shared mountain bike trails. Built by the Brooklyn Trail Builders (BTB), the 1.6 km trail in Polhill Reserve came to fruition through hard work and community engagement activities. It has been designed for shared use among all outdoor enthusiasts and has achieved a number of positive outcomes for the community.

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Karen Smith – TravelSafe Partnership, Tauranga

Sport Bay of Plenty and TravelSafe partnered together to involve the community in programmes that promote cycling and support infrastructure investment. Their objective was to build a sense of fun around cycling for all people, from ages 0-80+. The programme has the potential to reach the entire Western Bay community – 170,000 people.

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Lucid Dreambike, Wellington

The Lucid Dreambike carnival is an interactive bicycle performance experience and collaboration between Bicycle Junction, a team of artists, performers, musicians and cycling advocates. The event took place in Wellington in mid-July and was the pinnacle of a week which saw the Bicycle Laboratory hunker down on the waterfront, inviting businesses, school groups, holiday programmes and collaborators of all ages to get involved in the building of seven bike floats to take on the Saturday night excursion.

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Papanui Parallel MCR Consultation Team, Christchurch City Council

The Papanui Parallel MCR Consultation Team was highly commended for their stakeholder engagement programme for the new 5.5km cycle route in Papanui. More than 8,000 leaflets and 1,300 information packs were delivered, a six-week public consultation was held and informal 'bridge building' talks with interest groups took place. The Papanui Parallel MCR consultation team did a fantastic job of informing, engaging and listening to a large and varied group of stakeholders.

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AECOM – Rongomai School Cycle Programme, Auckland

The Rongomai School Cycle Programme started in 2014, and is a successful partnership between engineering design firm AECOM, Auckland Transport and the school. The programme supplied bicycles and cycling training to the students in 2015. Children have learned cycling skills, built confidence and gained exposure to outdoor activities that contribute to a healthy life.

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Lucid Dreambike, Wellington

BIG BIKE BLING AWARD



CATEGORY WINNER – Te Awa River Ride, Waikato

The Te Awa River Ride Charitable Trust is building a cycleway that will stretch 70kms along the banks of the Waikato River, from Ngaruawahia in the north to Horahora in the south.

Te Awa is regarded as a true community asset – easy, accessible, multi-purpose and free.

Jennifer Palmer, General Manager at Te Awa River Ride, said the award is a wonderful acknowledgement for the Te Awa River Ride project and its supporters.

“It’s very rewarding to see the ever-increasing number of people using Te Awa as part of their everyday routines, and we expect to see these numbers grow as more and more sections are complete,” she said.

“Te Awa is a great example of what can be achieved by combining an amazing vision with strong partnerships and a supportive community.”

Judges said the Te Awa River Ride is a great fit with New Zealand’s mission to create a nationally connected cycleway.

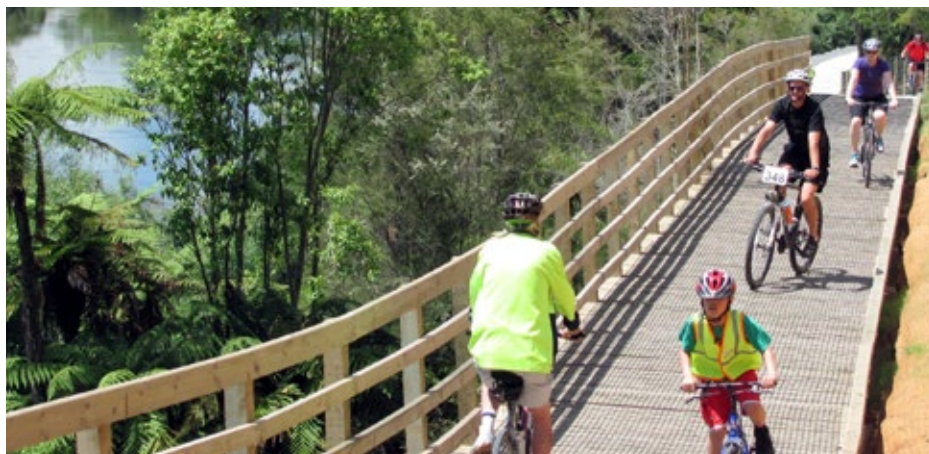
“We were impressed by the vision achieved through community funding and determination. This is a very high quality, long-term facility that has been welcomed by the community and is getting a large number of users – more than 300,000 per annum,” they said.

“Extending from Ngaruawahia to Lake Karapiro, once completed the Te Awa River Ride will provide both a great scenic ride and a safe and pleasant commute for many people along its path.”

The cycleway aims to create opportunities for new business, encourage physical activity and cycle-commuting, educate cycleway users on the local area, enhance and preserve the natural environment and promote the Waikato region.

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HIGHLY COMMENDED – Te Ara I Whiti (Lightpath)

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NOMINEES

Coastal Walkway Extension – New Plymouth District Council

In 2014, a 1.7km extension to the Coastal Walkway in New Plymouth was completed. The extension provides users with off-road access from Bell Block into the CBD and beyond to the Port. It also provides an off-road connection to the new velodrome and bike park facilities, allowing more cycling and walking opportunities.

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GET ON YER BIKE AWARD



CATEGORY WINNER – Rototuna Junior High School, Hamilton

Rototuna Junior High School is a brand new school with 630 students.

Located on a cul de sac, it soon became clear that the school drop-off by car wouldn't work. Rototuna Junior High School worked with Hamilton City Council and developers to maximise the opportunities for students to cycle. Approximately 60 per cent of the students cycle and another 20 per cent walk or scoot to school.

Melissa Moore, Deputy Principal at Rototuna Junior High School, said that winning the award was a wonderful acknowledgement of the planning done by a number of parties including Hamilton City Council, other schools and the NZ Police.

“Our students have relished the opportunity to be responsible for getting themselves to school. This is unique for them as many have had to travel further into the city in previous years. Many students have made the journey part of their social time for the day,” she said.

“The creation of so many cycleways throughout Rototuna and right to our doorstep has given parents the confidence to let their children walk and cycle to school knowing they'll be safe off the road. Looking ahead, we will continue to encourage students to get to school independently, offer cycling safety programmes, and acknowledge those who are cycling ambassadors for the school.”

Judges said Rototuna Junior High School is a fantastic example of how it is possible to get students cycling by working with partners and with solid community support.

“We were impressed with the potential to replicate what has been achieved by Rototuna Junior High School for the benefit of school students across New Zealand,” they said.

This project included wider foot/bike paths, good connections to nearby sports fields and an improved cycling network in Hamilton. It was an extremely successful project, demonstrating a combination of management and board commitment, with strong support from Hamilton City Council and the developers.

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HIGHLY COMMENDED – Bike to Soccer, Auckland

Bike to Soccer, the brainchild of Chris Werry from Bike Devonport, is a collaboration between him, Auckland Transport and North Shore United Football Club addressing a traffic problem in the area by changing the behaviour of hundreds of young soccer players.

Chris said Bike to Soccer proves how a little idea can make a big change in your own backyard.

“It's cool to see your community take 100 cars off a busy stretch of road every weekend simply by using pedal power,” he said.

“The support from North Shore United Football Club, Auckland Transport and families has turned our little idea into their own success.

“Since being honoured with this award, we've had lots of enquiries from sports clubs and organisations wanting to know how they can do their own Bike to Soccer scheme or set up their local Bike 'Burb'. That's the power of the pedal!”

Judges said Bike to Soccer is a great community initiative that could be replicated across the country.

“Chris Werry from Bike Devonport became frustrated with the number of people driving their children to sport on a Saturday morning and decided to do something about it by encouraging cycling as an alternative,” they said.

“Working with Auckland Transport, Chris has been extremely successful with around 200 of the 300 kids playing soccer now biking to the park.”

The initiative has successfully improved parking, and reduced traffic congestion. In its first year in 2015, 100 children cycled to soccer. This year, about 200 children aged from five to 11 cycled to the park for their Saturday games.



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GET ON YER BIKE AWARD



HIGHLY COMMENDED – Paekakariki Bike Library, Kapiti Coast

The Paekakariki Community Trust aims to create lifelong cyclists and promote sustainable transport. The Trust recycles old bicycles and lends them out for a year at a time, for a small donation.

Jan Nisbet, Founder of the Paekakariki Bike Library said that the highly commended award from the Bike to the Future judges has added to the credibility of the project.

“The award has given everyone involved a huge boost and has strengthened our credibility with our supporters,” she said.

Judges said this project is a great community initiative.

“Volunteers are recycling old bicycles and giving them to families that otherwise would not be able to afford a bike. The group is also providing cycling road skills and is looking to replicate the Paekakariki model in nearby communities,” they said.

This project serves the community of Paekakariki and has recycled 85 bicycles so far.

The Trust also runs road skills classes, mountain bike courses, community ‘fix-it’ workshops and is working with the council to improve cycling facilities in the area.

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NOMINEES

Avantidrome

The Avantidrome was opened in 2014 and is Waikato’s newest sports and leisure facility. It has a strong focus on community participation across all its cycling activities and programmes, and 84 per cent of the track schedule time is dedicated to community use. Since opening, more than 3,000 people have used the track, including many children.

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Bike On New Zealand – Bikes in Schools

The Bike On New Zealand Charitable Trust is a registered charity founded in 2010. The Trust runs the Bikes in Schools programme, which has helped more than 13,000 students in more than 50 schools to take up cycling. The programme offers schools a complete package of bikes, helmets, storage facilities and road code teaching.

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Catarina Gutierrez, Cycle CHCH, Christchurch

Catarina Gutierrez is the founder and facilitator of Cycle CHCH, a community group that engages cyclists in social events. Catarina runs a number of cycling events in Christchurch, including a bike ride to the Christchurch Nostalgia Festival, and Cycle-Powered Cinemas which are set up all around the city. Catarina donates her time, energy and a positive spirit to encourage more people to enjoy cycling.

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Farmstrong Fit 4 Farming – Rural Cycle Tour of NZ

Fit 4 Farming Trust was set up to encourage and inspire farmers to maintain healthy and active lifestyles, to help manage stress and fatigue. The campaign included organising a national cycle tour throughout rural New Zealand, raising awareness of the benefits of cycling and encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

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NOMINEES

Gary Gibson – PNP Cycling Club, Wellington

Gary Gibson is the junior coach at the PNP Cycling Club, and has nurtured junior cyclists for more than 10 years. During summer, Gary contributes approximately 12 hours per week at the club coaching riders. The track cycling at the Wellington Velodrome has never been stronger, with his riders performing excellently at the 2016 National Championships. Gary sacrifices his time and own cycling goals to improve junior cycling in the Capital.

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Jen Riley, Sport BoP, Bay of Plenty

Sport BoP and Tauranga City Council's TravelSafe trialed a five-week 'Be Cycle Savvy' cycle skills course for adults. The courses were extremely successful, and 80 per cent of participants said that since the course, they are riding more often. People were not only more confident to ride, but they were enjoying cycling too.

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Sunday Best Ride, Frocks on Bikes, Auckland

In the spirit of the great London Tweed Rides, Sunday Best was an event created to celebrate the golden age of cycling, in Kiwi style. The ride was a family-friendly, 15km loop from the Auckland Domain to the Parnell Rose Gardens. It was for all ages and abilities, and encouraged participants to ditch the lycra in favour of looks from whichever biking era they liked.

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Let's Go School Travel Planning, New Plymouth District Council

New Plymouth District Council has been travel planning with local schools for six years, reaching approximately 5,500 students. There has been a significant shift in active travel numbers amongst the school communities. Overall, there has been an increase of 109 per cent in active travel, and a 26 per cent increase in cycling to school in New Plymouth.

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Meg Christie and Connie Christensen, Frocks on Bikes, Christchurch

Frocks on Bikes Christchurch has helped people to move about freely in Christchurch again. Meg Christie and Connie Christensen have worked hard to produce the "Go Cycle Christchurch" initiative, supporting and promoting everyday cycling through running community events. Frocks on Bikes also regularly collaborates with other cycling groups, retailers and advocates to provide information about cycling and to organise unique events.

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Palmerston North City Council, Palmerston North Bikes in Schools

In 2015, the Palmerston North City Council invested \$150,000 to implement the Bikes in Schools programmes at three schools. PNCC staff worked closely with the schools and project managed the delivery of three storage containers, nine bike tracks, 150 bikes and more than 400 helmets. Working with Sport Manawatu and the NZ Police, cycle skills training is being delivered to the students at all schools. Following this success, PNCC has also recently decided to invest an additional \$150,000 to implement Bikes in Schools at three more schools.

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Teau Aituru, Mangere BikeFit, Auckland

Mangere is a community of more than 3,000 residents. Mangere BikeFit is an initiative set up by Te-Au-O-Teariki-E-Kairenga (Teau) Aituru, spreading the biking and health message in his community of Mangere. Programmes are held at the Mangere Community House grounds where participants learn how to ride and maintain a donated second-hand bike, using it to get around. Since its launch in October 2015, there have been a growing number of cyclists and supporters in the community, of all ages. Teau (also known as Mr Tee) also visits schools to introduce students to biking awareness, safety, maintenance and access to cycling.

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WORD – Wellington

WORD is a registered non-profit organisation which encourages children to enjoy mountain biking. It aims to build confidence, encourage new friendships and foster a lifelong love of the sport, by increasing the number of children and youth that participate in mountain biking. WORD co-ordinates youth focused mountain bike events in the Wellington region that are enjoyable and allow opportunity for competition.

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BIKE IN BUSINESS AWARD



CATEGORY WINNER – Trustpower, Tauranga

Trustpower, a New Zealand electricity company, opened its new head office building in Tauranga in March 2016. The new location presented a unique opportunity to challenge staff to think about how they commute to work. In conjunction with local councils, Trustpower developed a Transportation Plan which provided choices and encouragement for the staff to use bikes and alternative forms of transport.

David Maris from Trustpower said the award meant a great deal to all those who helped along the way and gave it a go.

“This award has provided recognition of the approach we took to not only getting our employees more active and on their bikes, but also in minimising the impact we had on our local community by our move into the Tauranga CBD,” he said.

“We hope to show other organisations that through some relatively simple steps, and working closely with your local bodies, that you can make a difference to the number of people cycling.”

Judges said this is a corporate business taking positive actions towards getting more staff cycling through strong commitment.

“Trustpower provides its staff with travel options and embraces active modes for commuting. We hope this will set a great example for other organisations to support cycling,” they said.

Since the implementation of the plan, Trustpower has seen many more staff cycling, including 30-40 employees that cycle to work each day. New initiatives were put in place, including the provision of great facilities at the new location, and events to encourage cycling and safety.

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NOMINEES

Matt and Kate Belcher – Revolution Tours Ltd, Glenorchy

Revolution Tours run a four-day, three-night fully guided cycling and walking tour in Glenorchy, Otago. Revolution Tours aims to encourage people in Glenorchy to share their love of cycling by holding end-of-season bike sales for locals, and offering a bike-hire service in the town. Revolution Tours has also supported Glenorchy School, by donating a high-quality mountain bike and helmet to the most improved student each year.

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Switched on Bikes – Wellington

Located on Wellington’s Queens Wharf, Switched on Bikes exploits electric assist bikes (eBikes) to provide bike hires and tours in Wellington. The company aims to promote eBikes as a sustainable transport option, to provide an exceptional experience for visitors to Wellington and to be a source of information and advice about eBikes. The company launched in July 2015 and has had more than 700 eBike hires since inception.

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OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE



CATEGORY WINNER

Max Robitzsch, cycling advocate and transport engineer, Auckland

Max Robitzsch has dedicated eight years of his leisure hours to transforming the way cycle projects are conceived, designed and delivered in Auckland.

Max said he was surprised to receive the award given the strong list of other people and organisations nominated.

“Providing more cycle infrastructure and raising the bar on quality and consistency of the cycleways that we build is crucial to getting many more people on bikes in New Zealand. Cycling is both my personal interest and speciality as a transport engineer – so I am also a great supporter of bringing the Vision Zero concept to New Zealand to ensure our roading system puts a greater emphasis on safety,” he said.

Max added that in the decade he has been volunteering as a cycle advocate, he’s seen a real step-change in support for cycling.

“I can remember a time cycling initiatives weren’t so well supported and recognised – so to see the NZ Transport Agency and CAN sponsor this award is really pleasing.”

Judges said Max has been a dedicated, modest achiever over a long period of time, and someone who has made a significant contribution to cycling in Auckland through his expertise and knowledge.

“We were particularly impressed with Max’s instrumental role in the great result for cycling achieved at Waterview and on the old Nelson Street off-ramp (now Te Ara I Whiti). Without Max, it is questionable whether either of these cycling projects would have eventuated,” they said.

Max’s handprint is on every large project involving cycling in the city, as well as small scale infrastructure. He has written 35,000 papers in his pursuit to make cycling in Auckland safe, attractive and accessible and has used his holidays to attend meetings to review and advise on cycle design. Max’s influence extends beyond Auckland, as his advice and innovation is used in other regional centres to inform and give confidence to cycle advocates and designers to deliver best practice projects.

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HIGHLY COMMENDED – Jessica Rose, Frocks on Bikes, Auckland

Jessica Rose volunteers tirelessly to grow bike culture in Auckland. She has devoted approximately 25 hours each week for the past two years to voluntary organisations including Bike Auckland, Frocks on Bikes, Auckland Tweed Run, Bike Rave Auckland and Velociteers.

Jessica said that being highly commended gave a real feeling of accomplishment and recognition for hundreds of hours of volunteer work.

“It was an inspiration to keep on delivering the great work, and share the recognition with others,” she said.

“There was such a high calibre of nominees, both people in their professional capacity and people passionate about bettering their bit of New Zealand. I felt honoured to be named among them in this category.

“Winning this award has also been instrumental to me gaining a career change that means I’m now directly involved with creating a bike friendly future here in Auckland professionally. Something I’m absolutely thrilled about - watch this space!”

Judges said Jessica is a tireless worker for cycling in the Auckland region.

“Jessica has helped organise a large number of successful events and the Auckland cycling community owes her a great deal,” they said.

Jessica has also collaborated with Auckland Council and Auckland Transport on delivering community projects in Auckland. Most events come from her own creativity and she then manages and delivers them for the goal of a better Auckland city.

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OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE



NOMINEES

Robert Henderson – Spark Bikes, Christchurch

Christchurch Bike Share (Spark Bikes) is a pilot programme testing bike share in the Christchurch central city. It was also nominated in the Innovation Hub Award category – find out more on page 12.

Connie Christensen, Go Cycle Christchurch

Connie Christensen started Go Cycle Christchurch after seeing the statistics on why people were not cycling. Go Cycle Christchurch is supporting and promoting everyday cycling through running community events. She runs several short experience-gaining rides for participants, and takes a lead with Frocks on Bikes Christchurch. Connie isn't an accredited cycle trainer – but a passionate person who wants to see more people overcome their barriers to cycling.

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Generation Zero, Auckland

Generation Zero is a youth-led organisation founded with the purpose of providing solutions for New Zealand to cut carbon pollution through smarter transport, liveable cities and independence from fossil fuels. Generation Zero campaigned and engaged the community effectively on projects including the SkyPath, SeaPath and helped to triple Auckland's cycling budget.

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Jodie Lawson, Rotorua Lakes Council, Rotorua

Rotorua Lakes Council Sustainable Transport Leader Jodie Lawson is keen and willing to change the culture of Rotorua's commuters, encouraging them to think about alternative transport options. She pulls together interested groups from the community to collaborate and work as one. This has involved collaborating with teams within the Council to help take urban cycling in Rotorua to a whole new level. The work she is doing in the Rotorua community will have a huge positive impact – helping more people get on their bikes.

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The Kennett Brothers, Wellington

The Kennett brothers (Jonathan, Paul and Simon) collaborate on a range of cycling related projects. They are currently focused on optimising the public use and enjoyment of cycle trails and mountain bike tracks throughout New Zealand. During Tour Aotearoa in 2016, 250 riders signed up to ride 3,020 kilometres of gravel roads, cycle trails, quiet back roads and ferries. The route encompassed many iconic New Zealand sites, and the ride inspired a nationwide sense of community with participants and supporters.

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Josca Craig Smith, Auckland

Josca Craig Smith created the bikes used by the White Face Crew Pop Riders during the Pop Auckland campaign. The campaign helped raise awareness that cycling is fun and Josca was able to reveal his passion for all things cycling.

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OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE



Nick Singleton – Christchurch City Council

Nick Singleton is a park ranger at Christchurch City Council whose role is to manage the delivery of recreation opportunities within the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula regional parks. For more than 20 years he has provided outstanding leadership, innovation, partnership and mentoring to all aspects of the job and in particular to the mountain bike community. Nick is actively providing new bike track networks to allow people access to closer biking opportunities after work.

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Phil Clearwater – Christchurch City Council

Phil Clearwater is Chair of the Infrastructure, Transport and Environment Committee at Christchurch City Council. After identifying major cycleways as an asset for the city, Phil was a key player in the initiative. Phil provided leadership, and did a fantastic job of informing, engaging and listening to a large and varied group of stakeholders.

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Robert Thompson, SPOKES Dunedin

Robert Thompson is the Chair of SPOKES Dunedin, a volunteer advocacy group founded in 1996. Robert has been a great advocate for cycling in the face of many anti-cycling sentiments. He has built strong working relationships with the Dunedin City Council and NZ Transport Agency to make progress on Dunedin cycleways.

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Sandi Morris, Palmerston North City Council

Sandi Morris oversaw the shared pathway from Palmerston North to Longburn, the first Urban Cycleways Programme to be completed, within a tight timeframe. She also implemented the Bikes in Schools project in three locations, and continues to support initiatives that make cycling more accessible in Palmerston North. Sandi works tirelessly with many services and agencies to see safe cycling infrastructures and facilities built and used.

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SPECIAL AWARD



Hon Simon Bridges, Minister of Transport

Hon Simon Bridges was named 'the best Minister of Transport that cycling has ever had' receiving a personal award from Cycling Action Network (CAN) for his leadership in cycling.

Patrick Morgan from CAN and Barbara Cuthbert from Bike Auckland said that the Minister had earned the award for his commitment to cycling, including support for building amazing cycleways, and that the award was delivered on behalf of the 1.5 million plus New Zealanders who now cycle.



Patrick Morgan (CAN) and Minister of Transport Hon Simon Bridges



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