

*More award-winning cycling projects  
from around New Zealand*



2017  
**BIKE TO THE  
FUTURE**  
AWARDS



*In October 2017, 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.*

*2017's Supreme Winner was Te Ara Mua Future Streets, the product of a unique partnership between Auckland Transport, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board and the Future Streets Research Team. More than 80 projects were nominated for the awards, and winners were announced at the international Asia-Pacific Cycle Congress dinner in Christchurch by Sarah Ulmer, Te Awa Trustee and the first New Zealander to win an Olympic cycling gold.*

*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.*



The NZ Transport Agency exists to create great journeys that keep New Zealand moving. A great journey is one that is easy, safe and connected. Working with our partners, our focus is to provide one integrated land transport system that helps people get the most out of life, today and into the future.

With unprecedented investment by the Government over the past three years, we are committed to continuing our work to ensure cycling is a viable transport option for New Zealanders. More and more of us are looking for faster, easier, more personalised transport options. Working with communities to shape great places to live, work and play, and providing citizens with greater transport choices, adds to living in and moving around a better New Zealand.

Like many other countries, growing cycling's contribution is crucial to manage demand and provide genuine choices for people to move about. The transport revolution is being driven by technology. E-bikes and work-based bike share schemes are changing the game in many of the world's cities. It is exciting to see the prevalence of technology, e-bikes and share schemes coming through in this year's awards; the future is upon us.

Congratulations to all those who have been recognised this year. Your efforts in the past year have contributed to making every day journeys by bike more accessible. I look forward to seeing these projects grow bigger and better and to see more New Zealanders choosing to get about by bike.

**Fergus Gammie**  
Chief Executive  
NZ Transport Agency



As Senior Manager, System Design for the NZ Transport Agency, I'm incredibly proud to see the momentum cycling has gathered over the past three years following the increased investment by the Government through the Urban Cycleways Programme (UCP) and the hard work and dedication of many partners, groups and individuals.

In partnership with Local Government, as at October 2017 we have over 75% of our UCP projects complete or underway. By June 2018 this will mean we have over 300km of new cycleways across New Zealand. But we are not finished yet. Our goal is to achieve one connected transport system and we are committed to continuing our work to ensure cycling is a viable transport option for New Zealanders.

Working with the Cycling Action Network (CAN) to deliver the Bike to the Future Awards is our opportunity to recognise and celebrate the people, projects and workplaces contributing to making New Zealand more bike-friendly. It is great to see so many businesses embracing cycling as a part of their everyday work life, and to hear about the dedicated leaders that are paving the way for everyday Kiwis to experience the joy and freedom of riding a bike. I have no doubt these initiatives are already inspiring even greater work to come.

**Brett Gliddon**

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Riding a bike is a magic feeling.

If you're a child taking your first brave wobbles on your own, or an adult getting back on your bike, cycling delivers smiles and miles of fun.

2017 marks 200 years since the bicycle was invented. It's our 'bike-centennial'. In 1817 Karl Drais built and rode a two wheeled running machine. Since then the bicycle has been the vehicle of choice for adventure, fitness and fun. And for many people it's simply the best way to get around town.

For 21 years CAN has been working with communities, businesses, councils and the Government to make cycling more accessible for New Zealanders. People of all ages and abilities deserve the magic of bicycles.

CAN is delighted to team up again with the NZ Transport Agency to bring you the Bike to the Future Awards. Let's celebrate the people who are working to get more people on bikes, more often.

**Patrick Morgan**

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# JUDGING PANEL



## → Pippa Coom

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



## → Peter King

Policy Research Manager / Editor, New Zealand Automobile Association

# AWARD CATEGORIES



## **BIG BIKE BLING AWARD**

**10**

- 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.
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## **BIKES IN BUSINESS AWARD**

**16**

- This category covers businesses and organisations that have made significant efforts to encourage and support cycling for staff, customers, and/or clients.
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## **GET ON YER BIKE AWARD**

**24**

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

**38**

- 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.
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## **OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE**

**44**

- This category recognises the outstanding contribution made by an individual New Zealander to the promotion of cycling.
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## **TAKING COMMUNITIES ON THE JOURNEY AWARD**

**50**

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

# SUPREME BIKE TO THE FUTURE AWARD WINNER

Te Ara Mua  
Future Streets





*Te Ara Mua Future Streets is the product of a unique partnership, including the Māngere community, researchers and transport planners. It brings together transport, road safety and public health, aiming to find the sweet spot that achieves positive outcomes for all.*

Future Streets aims to go outside the envelope of 'business as usual', both in the street interventions, and the ways in which the project is conceived and delivered. Future Streets has applied participatory approaches to issue identification, design, implementation and evaluation, involving the local community in all aspects, and with direct engagement of mana whenua to bring cultural landscaping into the heart of the designs.

The setting is distinctive, both culturally and for the difference the intervention can make - Māngere has a high rate of deaths and serious injuries from crashes. It also has one of the highest rates of diabetes and other chronic diseases in the country.

Future Streets aims to make cycling and walking safe and attractive for groups of people who have not been prioritised in the past, but stand to gain a great deal from access to safer, healthier and more efficient ways of getting around.

Early results are promising - cycling numbers on the community trail have increased significantly in the last 12 months, and traffic speeds in key areas have been reduced. Just as the Lightpath has become an iconic piece of inner urban infrastructure, Future Streets provides an iconic view of how cycling connectivity could look in the suburbs of tomorrow - not only functional, but an inspiring reflection of local people and their histories and cultures.

Judges said Te Ara Mua Future Streets set a high standard for this year's awards, and congratulated the project team on an *"innovative and holistic approach of looking at issues of integrating active modes with improving health and quality of life outcomes. Strong partnerships and community engagement have achieved fantastic results that will have long lasting impacts and be embraced by the community into the future."*

The judges were particularly impressed with how Future Streets has brought together transport, road safety and public health and applied a unique and innovative approach to engagement, planning, design and implementation to respond to a community's distinct needs.

Project partners: Auckland Transport, Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board,  
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# BIG BIKE BLING AWARD

## CATEGORY WINNER - Western Rail Trail

The Western Rail Trail is a 2.7km long, three metre wide shared pathway connecting Hamilton's southwestern suburbs with the Hamilton city centre.

Funded by Hamilton City Council and the NZ Transport Agency through the Urban Cycleways Programme; the Trail includes three signalised pedestrian crossings, including an innovative set of signals at Killarney Road that synchronises with the signalised rail crossing that runs alongside.

The Trail features a rail history theme and interpretive signage exploring Frankton's heritage, landscaping, lighting along the trail, drinking fountains, rubbish bins, bike fix-it stations, seating and tables. The Trail even encompasses five skink habitats which required close work with the Department of Conservation to temporarily house 15 copper skinks (and subsequently release 23 back to their habitats).

Judges said the Trail has achieved impressive results since opening in April.

*"The Western Rail Trail is a welcome addition to Hamilton's cycling network that has had a significant impact on encouraging more people to cycle. The Trail includes a range of enhancements, ecological benefits and artistic features that make it more than just a cycleway."*

The automated counters installed along the route have counted 38,412 path users in the 3 months since it opened, averaging 422 per day. Since April 2017, the Western Rail Trail has quickly become a quintessential part of Hamilton's 150kms of cycling network.

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## HIGHLY COMMENDED – Quay Street Cycleway

Quay Street Cycleway is a section of shared path near Queens Wharf that was redesigned with separated, mostly three metre wide on-street cycle lanes extending 1km on the northern side of Quay Street, as part of the Urban Cycleways Programme

To create a great look at such a high profile site, Auckland Transport installed planter boxes to mirror the style of adjacent heritage port fencing instead of installing plain concrete buffer strips for separation.

Judges said the cycleway is an extremely visible, safe and attractive piece of transport infrastructure that demonstrates the increased willingness of central and local government to invest in cycling infrastructure.

*“The Quay Street Cycleway has had an impressive first year encouraging significant numbers of people to cycle.”*

In its first year since opening, just over 281,000 cycling trips (770 per day) have been recorded. This new section of cycleway has seen at least a 50% increase in numbers in its first year, and with the majority of people now cycling in the cycleway there is more space on the footpath for pedestrians.

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# BIG BIKE BLING AWARD

## FINALISTS

### Grey Lynn Pump Track

Local Grey Lynn residents Paul Wacker and Scott Kueglar were on a mission to get kids in the community off their iPads and out in the parks to learn through play. They decided a pump track in Grey Lynn Park was the ultimate way to achieve this.

With \$30,000 seed funding from Waitematā Local Board, discounted materials, financial and technical support from individuals, corporations and charities, in just ten months they managed to raise an additional \$120,000 to meet their overall budget of \$150,000. Paul and Scott designed, project-managed, tested, constructed and delivered the project themselves, with the track opening in May to hundreds of children from across the community.

Project partners: Paul Wacker, Scott Kueglar, Auckland Council, Waitematā Local Board

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### Spring Creek Cycleway

The Spring Creek Cycleway is a 2.4km off-road separated, shared path that extends the existing high-quality facility between Blenheim and Grovetown. This off-road facility provides a safer route for commuters and recreational cyclists traveling between Spring Creek and Blenheim, providing off-road access to Spring Creek and Grovetown, both within 500m of the route.

This alternative to cycling along SH1 has been welcomed by the Spring Creek community, providing a long overdue safe alternative access to the Blenheim cycling network. The cycleway is attracting a large number of users - more than 13,500 cyclists since first opening in December 2016. Initial counts showed a dramatic 164% increase in the number of cyclists using the cycleway each day.

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## NOMINEES

### Papanui Parallel Major Cycleway

The Papanui Parallel Major Cycleway is the first of Christchurch City Council's Urban Cycleway routes to be fully completed in the community. This 4.8km cycleway provides a link north of Christchurch's CBD from Bealey Avenue to Northland's Mall, travelling through mainly residential suburbs and local shopping areas.

The majority of the route provides separation between traffic and people on bikes. New and upgraded traffic signals have been provided at eight locations, which have improved and made for safer road crossings.

The end product is a world class facility for cyclists, which accommodates the surrounding communities' concerns through varying infrastructure types along the route length, optimising parking and landscaping opportunities, while providing safer cycle facilities.

Project partners: Christchurch City Council, Peloton ( Beca, GHD and Stantec)

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### Rakahuri Biking Trail - Eastern Extension

The Rakahuri Trail Extension is a new 6km shared-use mountain bike/walking track through scrub land next to the Ashley River in North Canterbury. The track extends an existing and well-used track further east to provide a better link between Rangiora and other nearby established tracks.

Project partners: Environment Canterbury, North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust, North Canterbury Cycle Club and local businesses

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# BIG BIKE BLING AWARD

## Ashley Bikeway/Walkway

The Ashley Bikeway/ Walkway was built in partnership by Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury, to connect a rural village community with the major retail and service town of Rangiora, and to make cycling and walking safer and more feasible transport choices for surrounding communities. The pathway completes a vital link for active transport users to the recreational cycling paths within the Ashley/Rakahuri Regional Park.

Project partners: Waimakariri District Council, Environment Canterbury

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## Great Rides App

The Great Rides App is a free service, designed specifically for use on the NZ Cycle Trails that helps its user to decide which NZ Great Ride to cycle. The app uses offline tracking via mobile GPS; the data was collected using three GPS units while riding along the trails to achieve a high standard of accuracy. Furthermore, the app is environmentally friendly, and can be updated in a matter of minutes, not weeks or years like traditional maps.

Featuring perspective map views, elevation profiles, information about what to bring, and stopping points, the app has revolutionised how people are experiencing our Great Rides.

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WESTERN RAIL TRAIL

# BIKES IN BUSINESS

## CATEGORY WINNER – Abley Transportation Consultants Limited; TravelWhiz

To support their staff when moving back into central Christchurch after the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, Abley Transportation Consultants launched a comprehensive travel plan to encourage staff to make healthy and active travel choices when travelling to the new office.

The plan, branded TravelWhiz, was launched after conducting a staff travel survey to better understand current and intended modes of travel to the new office. With this information, a personalised journey plan was created for each Christchurch staff member to help them determine the best mode of travel and route from their home to the new office.

The journey plans utilised Abley's in-house safe cycle routing tool, which considers not only speed but also the safety of a particular route. The plans also include information on calories burned when walking or cycling to work, offer of a free Christchurch bus Metrocard, information on how to use the TravelWhiz carpark booking system, and a map showing alternative long term parking areas within walking distance to the office.

To support cycling in the workplace, Abley installed a large secure cycle storage area in the basement of their new office building. In addition, they have committed to providing fresh towels, toiletries, showers and ample changing rooms. Staff were given high visibility backpack covers and were able to use their annual wellness package allowance to purchase bicycle lights. As an added incentive, a guaranteed ride home policy provides a safety net for staff - the company will pay for a ride home if a staff member experiences an unexpected event or emergency.

Judges applauded Abley's initiative to capitalise on their shift in premises.

*"This extremely broad initiative to get more staff cycling through policy, travel planning, improved facilities and extensive staff communications has the potential to be an excellent, best practice and easy to implement template for businesses wishing to encourage staff to cycle."*

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## HIGHLY COMMENDED – Automobile Association (AA)

Since their participation in the Cycling Safety Action Panel, the Automobile Association (AA) has shown a strong commitment to, and national leadership in, improving the attitudes, perceptions and safety of cycling in New Zealand in a variety of ways.

Judges were impressed by AA's efforts to transition themselves towards a more holistic customer offering after discovering that many of their members already ride bikes.

*“As a large, previously motor-focused organisation, the AA has over the last few years increasingly broadened their approach to encourage cycling through their Directions magazine, as well as their contribution to a range of cycling projects and panels.”*

The AA has taken a very positive and open-minded approach to partnering with other organisations to improve outcomes for people on bikes, including supporting national initiatives such as the national

cycling education system, and investigating how their driver training products can be improved in terms of enhanced safety for people on bikes.

As well as feature articles in the Directions magazine, AA has partnered with NZCT Inc to produce a National Cycle Trail directory, and with the NZ Transport Agency to help communicate rule and road marking changes. In early 2017, the AA also commenced a joint research project to better understand intersection conflict between people in cars and bikes. Early findings of this research were presented at the 2017 international Asia-Pacific Cycle Congress, to help build sector understanding.

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# BIKES IN BUSINESS

## FINALISTS

### Datacom; Project Tahī

Project Tahī was started by Datacom as part of their office move to Auckland's Wynyard Quarter. The aim of the project was to make the most of the opportunity presented by the move and to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, from a pre-move figure of 52% to 30%.

To encourage cycling uptake, the new premises were designed with excellent end-of-journey facilities, including: lock-up bike areas for over 120 bikes, a dedicated drying room, lockers, power points for e-bikes and 18 showers.

E-bikes were purchased for the office to enable staff to make quick trips and run errands, and to be taken home as a trial.

To support the uptake of e-bike use, a training programme was designed and implemented in partnership with Electricmeg, an e-bike consultant. Auckland Transport also contributed to the project by assisting with one-on-one consultations, and funding learn-to-ride and on-road training sessions for Datacom staff.

Project partners: Datacom, Electric Meg, Auckland Transport

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## Electric Meg

Megan Page is New Zealand's most experienced practitioner of electric-bike (e-bike) cycle inductions, with some of the most logged hours in cycle safety delivery and adult cycle education programmes across the country.

Megan's business, Electricmeg, provides e-bike solutions for businesses and individuals, including the enablement of cycling in the workplace. Having single-handedly launched fleet inductions for e-bikes around the country for the NZ Transport Agency, Auckland Council, Mercury Energy and Datacom to name a few, Megan firmly believes e-bikes are a game changer for the future of transport. Health and Safety (H&S) is also paramount and all encompassing in her work to win over the most rigid of H&S professionals. To date over 2,000 people have been introduced to e-bikes by Megan.

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## Isthmus

Isthmus is an inner city studio with limited parking facilities on site and in the immediate vicinity. Following the introduction of a user-pays parking policy, Isthmus began actively promoting sustainable travel to its staff.

Through consultation, collaboration and the provision of high-quality end of trip facilities, many staff that live within a 20km radius of work now choose to cycle, take public transport or carpool to work. Isthmus also promotes cycling as a form of transport to get to meetings, as a way to offset their carbon footprint. As an additional means to encourage change in commuting habits, they introduced e-bikes into their office in November 2016.

As a result of the company's policy, 30% of Isthmus' staff now regularly cycle to work with this number increasing. Staff also cycle to meetings and have a reduced need to bring their cars to work.

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# BIKES IN BUSINESS

## NOMINEES

### Smokorun Queenstown

Smokorun Queenstown began in the summer of 2016/17, with the goal of getting more people on their bikes and reducing the amount of cars on the Queenstown roads during the high season from December to March. The project team worked with the Queenstown Trails Trust, encouraging people to get on their bikes by offering a \$2 coffee at the Smokorun Queenstown, with \$1 going to the Trust to support their work improving and building new cycling trails.

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### Cycling Without Age - Aria Bay Retirement Village

Cycling Without Age is a unique idea that unlocks childhood memories of freedom on a bike. Adopted from Europe by the Aria Bay Retirement Village in Browns Bay, the initiative enables residents to ride in trishaws piloted by volunteers from the community.

Glen Stanton, a volunteer pilot, experiences the delight of his passengers on every trip – they chat excitedly to each other as they set off, share stories of their childhoods and wave to passers-by. Many of the residents may be unable to go on organised outings, and so these bike rides provide opportunities for those who are limited in their mobility to experience the joy of riding again and a new way to explore their community.

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### Bike Gang - Gladeye

Gladeye, a 'screen-heavy' organisation where staff tend to sit for large periods of time, began looking for new ways to promote health and wellbeing to their staff. Having noticed there was a growing interest in alternative forms of transport, they formed a 'Special Committee' made up of their most passionate cyclists to encourage an uptake in sustainable travel in their organisation.

Over a three week period, the self-titled 'Bike Gang' re-designed and modified an internal office space, setting out to achieve the ultimate cycling experience. By prioritising and designating an environment for bikes and taking on input from all who were interested, Gladeye removed many previously stated reasons staff had for not pedalling to work. In just four weeks (October through to November 2016), Gladeye increased the number of staff cycling to work from 8.5% to 45%.

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## Great Rides App

The Great Rides App was also nominated for the Big Bike Bling Award. For further information please refer to page 14.

## Hawke's Bay District Health Board Travel Plan

As the largest employer in the Hawke's Bay region with some 3,000 staff, the Hawkes Bay District Health Board (HBDHB) sees itself as having a responsibility to encourage more active travel for the health and environmental benefits this brings for their staff and the wider public. As a result, mid-way through 2016, the Health Board designed and began implementing a 'Go Well' Travel Plan, to make traveling to the hospital easier by making a wider range of transport choices possible.

Secure bike parking facilities for staff were established, 'non-compliant' bike stands replaced, and designated showers provided for staff. In addition, fleet bikes are planned to enable staff to travel to local meetings by bike or to go for a lunch-time ride.

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## Kaicycle Compost Collection

Kaicycle is on a mission to get more Wellingtonians composting to reduce the near 75,000 tonnes of organic waste that ends up in Wellington's landfill each year. The Kaicycle team offers affordable, weekly compost collection to households and small businesses. Buckets are collected with the help of two e-bikes (with Kaicycle trailers), taking the 'waste' back to an urban farm where it is composted and used to fertilise an organic, urban farm (where half of the produce is donated to Kaibosh).

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# BIKES IN BUSINESS

## Tauranga City Council

Tauranga City Council staff embraced the opportunity to participate in the national Aotearoa Bike Challenge through the 'Love to Ride Bay of Plenty (BOP)' website. 'Love to Ride BOP' was established by Sport Bay of Plenty (BOP) in partnership with Tauranga City Council's Travel Safe initiative and Rotorua District Council.

Tauranga City Council's staff supported this challenge and also encouraged others to 'Give Biking a Go' to work and recreationally. Their efforts saw them take out first place in the national challenge with 25% of the organisation registered and 100% participation in the challenge.

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## Wairaka Land Company

Wairaka Land Company (WLC), the property development division of Unitec Institute of Technology, wanted to set an example by getting their whole team out of the car and on to their bikes, before a wider initiative was implemented across Unitec to encourage less reliance on the car.

After finding that employees who lived within 3-6km of the workplace chose to drive to work in order to get to meetings during the day, WLC procured e-bikes and made them available as company pool bikes. Following the addition of an indoor bike shed and charging stations for e-bikes, around 75% of the team now regularly cycle to work.

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ABLEY TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS; TRAVELWHIZ

# GET ON YER BIKE AWARD

## CATEGORY WINNER - I Love My Ride Campaign

There is a perception held by many Aucklanders that cycling is the bastion of middle aged men in lycra, and not a viable transport choice for everyday people. Auckland Transport's 'I Love My Ride' ('ILMR') campaign was developed to normalise cycling, presenting it as an achievable option and improving the understanding amongst Aucklanders of the benefits of investment in cycling.

ILMR showed images of Auckland bike riders and their stories of travel to work, study or the shops. Members of Auckland's bike-riding public generously and wholeheartedly contributed their time, persona, image and stories.

The campaign was unique because it successfully harnessed the passion of Auckland's existing riders to show that a bike can be an ideal form of transport and an important investment. The campaign saw a huge number of Aucklanders getting involved by having their photo taken at events. Collaboration with individual Aucklanders is what made this unique campaign successful.

The results have been exceptional:

- One in three (34%) Aucklanders recall the campaign.
- There has been migration through the adoption framework with 35% of Aucklanders now cycling, versus 31% in 2016; representing an overall increase in 45,000 new cyclists.
- Females are cycling more frequently - 44% in 2017 versus 32% in 2016; as are those aged 18-34 - 55% in 2017 versus 26% in 2016.

- 31 cycle counters registered a 6% overall average increase in cycle trips in April 2017 compared with October 2016.

The positive feedback received during and after the campaign showed that Auckland Transport had hit the mark, as people continue to change and evolve their attitudes to travel.

Judges congratulated Auckland Transport for "a creative campaign with wide appeal that hit just the right note to normalise cycling with impressive results." They were particularly persuaded by the data collected through the campaign that showed high levels of success and engagement with the campaign."

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## HIGHLY COMMENDED – USO Bike Ride

USO Bike Ride is dedicated to improving the health of Polynesian people through cycling. USO is a Samoan word that when translated means brother. USO also stands for Understanding, Strengthening and Overcoming, and was founded as an initiative in 2011 in support of loved ones going through a journey with cancer and other health conditions.

Since 2011, USO now comprises hundreds of members with centres in Hawkes Bay, Wellington and Auckland, as well as in smaller towns such as Westport and Feilding. USO Bike Ride has organised two length-of-the-country rides, as well as a trip to the more isolated East Cape to encourage Polynesian men to get regular health checks, and to be active in order to continue being around for their families.

Judges praised USO Bike Ride for its “*unique connection to Maori and Pacifica communities and for creating a welcoming kaupapa that has had an impact on encouraging members to cycle with significant health impacts.*”

For more information about the group and the rides go to [www.usobikeride.co.nz](http://www.usobikeride.co.nz).

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# GET ON YER BIKE AWARD

## FINALISTS

### Bikes in Schools – Wellington

Wellington's Bikes in Schools programme is leading the way in New Zealand, collaborating with the Bike On New Zealand Charitable Trust to deliver high service programmes to six Wellington schools, with another three underway.

The Wellington model provides grants to, and works with willing schools, to establish facilities where students can learn how to ride a bike. It provides cycle skills training for students to develop the skills to enable them to get about by bike in the future. All Bikes in Schools programmes collaborate with Pedal Ready Cycle Skills, delivered across the region by the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

To date, the programme has helped over 2,000 students across Wellington get on their bikes. The school tracks have also become an incredibly valuable asset to the local community outside of school hours.

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### Bikes in Schools - Tairāwhiti/ Gisborne

Tairāwhiti Connex Charitable Trust is behind the extraordinary commitment to delivering the Bikes in Schools Gisborne programme to 15 schools in the district, the largest scale implementation of Bikes in Schools in New Zealand.

Over the past 10 months, seven schools have implemented the Bikes in Schools package comprising three cycle tracks (main, pump & skills), a fleet of bikes (approx. 50 per school), helmets, secure cycle storage and cycle training. Makaraka, Makauri, Tolaga Bay Area School, Te Hapara, Waikirikiri, Te Wharau and Ilminster Intermediate Schools are the Stage 2 recipients.

The project to date has encouraged an estimated 2,000 students to get on their bikes.

Project partners: Tairāwhiti Connex Charitable Trust, New Zealand Community Trust, Gisborne District Council, Eastland Community Trust, Eastern & Central Community Trust, Bike on New Zealand Charitable Trust.

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## Richard Barter, Puketāpapa Active Transport Haven

To support the low-decile area of Mt Roskill in making active transport a viable option for locals to get about their community, Richard Barter brought together Global Lighthouse, Earth Action Trust, the Puketāpapa Local Board, Manukau Veterans Cycling Club, Auckland Transport and Cycle Action Network to create the Puketāpapa Active Transport Haven (PATH).

Together with funding from the local board and the Māngere Refugee Centre, Richard also established the Mt Roskill Bike Kitchen, a central hub attached to the Roskill Youth Zone for locals to meet, build, repair and support each other, with the overall goal of providing a link to the community and making cycling part of their everyday lives. The Bike Kitchen repairs recycled bikes for refugees and locals who would be otherwise unable to access a bike, as well as offering regular bike fix up and training courses.

Project partners: Global Lighthouse, Earth Action Trust, Puketāpapa Local Board, Manukau Veterans Cycling Club, Auckland Transport, Cycling Action Network (CAN)

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## Megan Page – Electric Meg

Megan Page (Electric Meg) is an NZQA qualified and highly experienced cycle skills instructor and assessor. While primarily focusing on delivering and ensuring safety within cycle assessing and training, Megan is actively getting people engaged and excited about e-bikes. Megan's energy, enthusiasm, and passion for e-bikes quickly transfers when she trains people to ride. A particular highlight is the 'aha moment', when a rider experiences the e-motion for the first time.

In conjunction with Datacom, Megan has developed an innovative competency training pathway programme that meets health and safety requirements for assessing staff who would like to ride workplace e-bikes. Megan is currently sharing the adaptable programme and its learnings with other engaged workplaces. Through her corporate e-bike consulting work, and working with the general public, Megan has personally introduced and/or assessed over 1,000 riders to e-bikes in the last year.

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# GET ON YER BIKE AWARD

## NOMINEES

### Bike Space

Bike Space, founded by five members of Mechanical Tempest in collaboration with Wellington City Council, is about getting more people riding their bikes. They believe knowledge is best shared, so they created a space where anyone, including those with no prior knowledge or experience, could feel safe to challenge themselves, experiment and learn about bikes.

The innovative and unique thinking behind Bike Space led to a portable 20 foot container that can be transported around the city for maximum reach. Inside is a fully tooled bike mechanic workshop, where the mechanics base themselves to help people who come in with their bikes. With the initial idea of opening for the summer months, the popularity of Bike Space has meant they have continued to run the service over the winter months. Since it began operation in January 2016, Bike Space has reached over 1,100 people.

Project partners: Mechanical Tempest, Wellington City Council

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### Auckland Transport Intermediate Cycle Ambassadors Programme

Alex Elton-Farr from Auckland Transport's Community Transport team led the development and implementation of a new programme to promote cycling in intermediate schools. The purpose of the programme is to reduce trips made to school in private vehicles and to help embed a sustainable cycling culture within schools.

The initial pilot school (Northcote Intermediate) saw a rise from 2.5% of students cycling to school to 15%. The programme is continuing to develop and is being replicated in a further seven schools in the Auckland region.

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## Biketec

Biketec, a Youthwise Trust project, is a Lower Hutt based operation that fixes and recycles bikes, and teaches bike skills to young people. Manager Simon Gilbert, is a qualified mechanic with a background in youth work. He is supported by a small group of trustees and volunteer mechanics who are all passionate about bikes, cycling and youth.

Over the past year, Biketec, in partnership with Hutt City Council, has provided assistance to cycle activities, including cycle skills training, in over half of Hutt City's primary and intermediate schools. This work included fixing up to 670 pupils' bikes so that they can safely participate in cycle skills training sessions, as well as fixing up donated bikes that have then been provided on loan to schools for children who do not have access to a bike.

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## Bike'vember Wanaka 2016

Bike'vember Wanaka is a spring festival of cycling initiated by the Wanaka community. Packed with cycling activities and events for locals and visitors to get involved with, the festivities included a combination of 30 community events and business partnerships, encouraging everyone to 'go by bicycle or other human powered transport for the 30 days of November'.

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## Brett Cotter and the Big Bike Film Night

Brett Cotter is a finalist in the Outstanding Contribution to a Bike-Friendly Future award category. See page 46 for more details.



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## Christchurch Adventure Park

The Christchurch Adventure Park opened in December 2016 to an eager local audience. During the first seven weeks of operation over 50,000 people visited, with many experiencing a gravity-assisted trail network for the first time.

Two of the core objectives of the Park are to develop the sport of mountain biking, and to help progress people through the sport. The Adventure Park is the only park in New Zealand offering certified lessons from accredited guides. The ease and accessibility of the lessons is key to increasing participation, safety and enjoyment of the sport.

Unfortunately, the Park was severely impacted by the Port Hills fires in February 2017 and is currently closed to rebuild and repair infrastructure. They hope to be open again in time for Summer 2017.

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## Christchurch City Travel Demand Management

With the longer term Christchurch Travel Demand Management (TDM) programme still in the planning stage, James Young's work set the foundation for Christchurch workers to consider the wider range of travel choices available to them, and encouraged them to try cycle commuting, as well as ride sharing and the use of public transport.

Three key elements of the TDM programme contributed to its success: 1) liaising with businesses prior to and during their move back into the CBD, due to the recognition that a transitional period is an ideal time to change behaviours; 2) setting up a steering group with key stakeholders to enable effective sharing of progress in each organisation, and 3) the use of one-on-one interviews to help employees work through their individual barriers to change, and successfully get them to commit to trying a new way to commute to work.

Project partners: UDS Transport Group, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, NZ Transport Agency, Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri District Council

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## Full Moon Bike Rave 2016

Dan Mikkelsen, the owner of Bicycle Junction, is the brainchild behind the Full Moon Bike Rave with support from Lucid Dream Bike's, Kelvin Aris. The Full Moon Bike Rave encourages a new type of rider and bike fan, from those who haven't ridden in years to those with an interest in creating cool, eco-friendly and sustainable light displays.

Bikes and people dress up in loud and lit costumes to celebrate an evening of fun. Strangeness is supported and encouraged. Over 130 riders in Wellington joined in the event, with families and people of all ages and sizes taking part.

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## Great Rides App

The Great Rides App was also nominated for the Big Bike Bling Award. For further information please refer to page 14.

## Heritage Bike Display

Presented by Shane Price 'The Bicycle Chap', the Heritage Bike Display brings history, culture, design and technology to life through pedal power, with an interactive display of bicycles both old and new. It provides students and teachers with great educational opportunities, demonstrating how important the bicycle has been and why it remains a vital part of our transport future.

The Heritage Bike Display is available to schools in the Auckland region with the

support of Auckland Transport. Over 3,000 students have interacted with the display in 2017.

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## International Women's Day - Refugee cycling

ChangeMakers Refugee Forum (CRF) and Massey University collaborated with Revolve Cycling Club, ReBicycle, MUD Cycles and Wellington City Council to (re)introduce over 40 refugee women to cycling at a refugee cycling day held on International Women's Day. The project was the first of its kind in New Zealand, and was a significant step on the assimilation journey of these refugees. It helped them to realise that riding their bike around Wellington is possible, and there are a number of organisations out there that can assist them.

Project partners: ChangeMakers Refugee Forum, Massey University, Revolve Cycling Club, Wellington City Council

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## **Trial an Ebike - Action Bicycle Club**

Trial an Ebike, led by Ken Ching and managed by Action Bicycle Club, was one of the two projects awarded with the Christchurch City Council's Transport Innovation Fund in 2016. Over an eight month period from 1 November 2016, four electric bikes and one electric cargo bike were hired out for free to members of the public for two weeks. By loaning an e-bike out for free for two weeks, the project's goal was to encourage residents to engage in active transport and for them to take away a fresh and informed perspective on electric bikes.

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## **Pedal for Plunket**

Pedal for Plunket is an initiative run by The Warehouse for Plunket. In March 2017, teams from The Warehouse and Plunket relay-cycled the length of New Zealand to raise funds for Plunket to support and enable their strategic goal of Connected Communities. In contrast to parenting in isolation, communities where families are connected to each other provide a safer, better place for children to grow up, but often these connections need help to be facilitated. The funds raised through Pedal for Plunket go towards helping Plunket to achieve this goal.

Project partners: The Warehouse Group, Plunket NZ

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## **Little River Link - How to use your new cycleway brochure**

The Little River Link 'how to use your new cycleway' brochure, was delivered to local residents in advance of the cycleway officially opening, and was designed both to ensure people knew how to keep safe around the new cycleway and to encourage them to give riding a bike a go.

The content, informed by community feedback, covered areas that all road users would need to be aware of, as well as things that cyclists may not have seen before such as cycle detectors for traffic lights and hook turn boxes. The brochure was delivered to all addresses within around three blocks of the cycleway. In addition to providing information the brochure also served as a notice that the cycleway was open for use.

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## **Mr Tee (Teau) - Triple Teez and Māngere Bike FIT**

Mr Tee (Teau) was awarded highly commended in the Outstanding Contribution to a Bike-Friendly Future Award. See page 45 for more detail.





## Bike Taupō - Kids Bike Taupō

Kids Bike Taupō (KBT) is a much-loved programme run by local community group Bike Taupō that has been operating for almost five years. KBT comprises Cath Oldfield and a van named Ricky Biker full of bikes, which travel around the Taupō District teaching kids to ride on two wheels.

While KBT initially just provided bikes for kids to ride, it has evolved into a programme that aims to get people riding well as young as possible. KBT believes cycling is a life skill that is much easier to learn at a young age, so they focus on children seven years old and younger. The unexpected follow-on from this is that they are seeing more adults getting on their bikes, as children riding bikes can encourage adults to ride too. Since the programme started in 2012 they have recorded over 31,000 rides.

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## Stu Cottam - Little Pedallers, Little Footprints Nelson

For seven years Stu Cottam, Head Teacher at Little Footprints Nelson, has been using cycling to build confident, happy and healthy children. The 'Little Pedallers' programme, aimed at kids four years and up, helps kids develop physical skills (strength, coordination, and balance) as well as their concentration and ability to process information.

Little Pedallers began when Stu noticed that the Little Footprints carpark, whilst full during drop offs and pick-ups, offered the perfect off-road space to teach kids how to ride their bikes safely during the day.

Once the kids are able to cycle competently, Stu, with the assistance of other teachers, takes the kids for journeys around the block to playgrounds, the library or the local BMX track. Other than the physical and mental skills gained from the programme, now over 90% of kids leaving Little Footprints can competently ride their bikes.

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# GET ON YER BIKE AWARD

## Revolve Cycling Club

Revolve is a cycling club for women of all ages, skills and abilities that has grown from a casual Saturday morning riding group into a Wellington institution; introducing hundreds of women to road and mountain biking. It sees riders from across the city hitting the trails and roads every week.

Established in 2009, Revolve offers free weekly or fortnightly rides throughout the year, subsidised skills and bike maintenance courses, as well as women-only events such as the infamous Super V and Women of Dirt. Revolve's mission is to help beginners break into the sport and enjoy biking, as well as facilitate the continued improvement of riding skills and confidence of all levels of participants.

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## Share the Road Workshops - Cycling Action Network (CAN)

In New Zealand, heavy vehicles are over-represented in fatal crashes involving cyclists. Research has shown that cyclists' improved knowledge of the blind zones changes the way they cycle around heavy vehicles. Equally, heavy vehicle drivers report more respect towards cyclists and an understanding of why and where cyclists ride. CAN Share the Road workshops offer exposure to the 'on road experience of others', rather than a knowledge-based instructional approach. In these workshops, heavy vehicle drivers experience sharing the road from a cyclist's perspective and vice versa. The end goal of the workshop is to create 'safer roads for heavy vehicle drivers and bicycle users.'

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## Stride 'n' Ride

Stride 'n' Ride in Marlborough was a two-week programme aimed at encouraging primary school students to get out of the car and be active, either by walking, scootering or cycling to and from school safely. Additionally, the programme aimed to reduce congestion around schools and to encourage schools to incorporate road safety and sustainable travel into culture, governance and long-term school planning.

Project partners: Marlborough Road Safety, Marlborough District Council, Graeme Dingle Foundation, Sport Tasman and Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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## 'I Do It' Exhibition

'I Do It' is an exhibition by Victoria Vincent featuring Wellington women using real bikes for real reasons. In Wellington, up to three times more men regularly ride their bikes than women. Victoria wants to help change this, and has created a collection of empowering photographs featuring women who 'do it'; highlighting the diversity and joy of riding a bike, with the aim of inspiring others to do it too.

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## Weet-bix TRY Access Programme

The Weet-bix Try access programme was delivered during Term 4, 2016 and Term 1, 2017 to eleven primary schools in Lower Hutt. It enabled 239 students to participate in the Sanitarium Weet-bix Kidz TRYathlon, who would not otherwise have been able to. The programme set out to reduce the barriers to cycling for primary-aged students from lower decile schools, using participation in the Sanitarium Weet-bix Kidz TRYathlon as a motivator. The access programme ensured that the students had a safe bike to ride and were provided skills training by Pedal Ready instructors.

Project partners: Sanitarium Weet-bix Kidz TRYathlon, Hutt City Council, YouthWise Trust's Biketec and local primary schools

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# GET ON YER BIKE AWARD

## Wheels In Motion

Wheels In Motion is a group of coaches, volunteers and supporters who want to enable as many people as possible to enjoy the freedom and benefits of cycling – through the use of adapted bikes such as trikes. Based in Cambridge, riders ranging in age from 5 years to 98 years come from Auckland, Turangi, Tauranga and everywhere in between, with one focus - to keep moving. Many have health issues including, intellectual and physical limitations; 60% of participants come from day services and elder care groups, with the other 40% being individuals and couples who just want to feel alive and in control again.

Project partners: Home of Cycling, TrikesNZ, Parafed Waikato

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## Carey Ewing – Bike Repair Project, Christchurch Men’s Prison

In mid-2016 Carey Ewing, Reintegration Services Manager at Pathway Trust, instigated an innovative bike repair programme in Christchurch Men’s Prison Youth Unit. The Pathway Bike Repair programme sees inmates repair donated broken men’s bicycles and gift them on to men leaving prison in need of transportation. The programme has two goals: to teach the young men involved basic mechanical skills, and to provide a cheap and sustainable mode of transportation to those leaving prison.

Project partners: Pathway, Department of Corrections and a local bike shop.

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## Travel Safe Intermediate Cycle Safety Programme

With input from the community (students, parents and local cycle instructors) and funding support from Powerco, the Travel Safe ‘intermediate cycling programme’ was developed to upskill students in preparation for the different cycling challenges that would come when transitioning from primary school to intermediate school. The five module programme targets the intermediate age group and includes a significant point of difference over other programmes – ‘biking in real time’ and ‘real environment traffic’ to and from school.

The schools worked alongside Travel Safe to put in place school travel action plans that encompassed the cycle skills programme, aligned to the NZ Transport Agency school travel plans.

Project partners: Tauranga City Council, TravelSafe, Powerco

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PHOTO FROM 'I DO IT' EXHIBITION BY VICTORIA VINCENT

# INNOVATION HUB AWARD

## CATEGORY WINNER - Te Ara Mua Future Streets

Te Ara Mua Future Streets was awarded the category winner for the Innovation Hub Award as well as the Supreme Award winner. For further information please refer to page 9.





## HIGHLY COMMENDED – Cycling Network Guidance (CNG)

The NZ Transport Agency worked closely with Abley Transportation Consultants Ltd and ViaStrada Ltd, to develop the Cycling Network Guidance (CNG) – planning and design framework. The CNG project broke new ground by developing a web-based guidance tool that makes available consistent, best practice guidance on planning and designing for cycling. The team identified areas where existing guidance was minimal, unclear, inconsistent, not best practice or too hard to apply. From this foundation they updated New Zealand guidance, referenced international guidance, or developed interim guidance. The framework’s accessibility was tested on a sample of industry users, and the feedback gained gave the project team confidence that the website was accessible and the content met expectations. The CNG was launched at the 2WALKandCYCLE conference in July 2016.

A key innovation of this project is that the web-based application links technical resources through a structure that helps users identify guidance most relevant to their needs. It also provides a home for supplementary material such as New Zealand case studies, real-world audit reports, background research and studies. The framework allows for status updates on relevant trials and current research, meaning people don’t have to wait for the publication of results. Where the team was aware of guidance under development, a ‘Watch this space’ icon was added, alerting users to evolving content.

Judges recognised the CNG as *“a nationally significant project that will innovatively lead to better and more consistent cycling infrastructure outcomes that will lead to wide ranging benefits.”*

The CNG is a living framework to ensure it is kept current for cycle planners, designers and other transport practitioners.

Project partners: NZ Transport Agency, Abley Transportation Consultants Ltd, ViaStrada Ltd

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# INNOVATION HUB AWARD

## FINALISTS

### Major Cycleways Professional Services and Construction Panels

The Christchurch City Council Major Cycle Routes programme has 13 routes with three to four stages per route. To avoid the considerable cost, time and resource of procuring approximately 40 tenders for both professional services and construction resource, the Council procured two panels, one for professional services and one for construction resource.

The professional services panels selected two consortium for the full 13 routes. The consortium contain all the professional services required to investigate, develop, design and manage the delivery of the projects and allows the Council to have a team of three dedicated staff deliver the entire programme. The panel ensures

the resources are available to achieve the programme in the time frames required.

The construction panel has six contractors divided into two tiers. Tier one is for complex projects in high traffic environments. Tier two is for smaller projects in quieter streets. Three contractors are on each tier and all three tender for each package of work with a reduced amount of information needed for the tender submission.

Both panels have provided Council with the high quality resources needed and have reduced both costs and timeframes for procurement.

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## Cycling in the Waikato Region Programme Business Case

The Cycling in the Waikato Region Programme Business Case is a Waikato Regional Council led multi-stakeholder and multi-sector business case that provides a blueprint for cycling investment across the region.

The business case defines Waikato's problems regarding cycling infrastructure, information, cycle skills, and desirability, which make cycling unsafe, inconvenient, and unappealing, therefore affecting participation. The business case also defines where residents are missing out on transport, exercise and recreational opportunities.

The investment benefits are improved safety, a more healthy, active and connected community, and increased contribution from cycling to economic growth.

Project partners:

Waikato Regional Council, NZ Transport Agency, Cycling NZ, Sport Waikato, Hauraki District Council, Taupō District Council, South Waikato District Council, Waikato District Council, Waitomo District Council, Hamilton City Council, Waipa District Council, Matamata-Piako District Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, Te Awa River Ride Trust, NZ Police - Waikato, Waikato District Health Board, Cycle Action Network - Waikato, Hamilton and Waikato Tourism, Destination Great Lake Taupō, Destination Coromandel, Waikato Principals' Association, Traffic Design Group (TDG), Department of Conservation, Timber Trails, Hauraki Rail Trail.

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# INNOVATION HUB AWARD

## Quay Street Cycleway

The Quay Street Cycleway is a section of shared path near Queens Wharf in Auckland that was redesigned with separated cycle lanes extending 1km on the northern side of Quay Street as part of the Urban Cycleways Programme.

The final solution deftly threaded a two-way separated cycle facility through a highly constrained corridor within an accelerated timeframe. The project was required to be delivered before City Rail Link construction and the associated consent conditions regarding Quay Street commenced. This required an innovative approach to problem solving and fast-tracked construction methodology.

The project team worked with many stakeholders, including the City Rail Link project, Queens Wharf, service utility companies, while maintaining pedestrian and vehicle access at all times, and proactively

engaged with Bike Auckland on the project design and delivery.

The project included changes to the port access on Quay Street and required ongoing engagement with the National Carriers Association and the Ports of Auckland to agree priority measures for pedestrians and cyclists at intersections, and safe turning movements for heavy goods vehicles whilst protecting people cycling.

In its first year of opening, just over 281,000 cycling trips (770 per day) have been recorded. This new section of cycleway has seen at least a 50% increase in numbers in its first year from 550 trips per day to 770.

Project partners: Auckland Transport, Auckland Council, NZ Transport Agency

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## NOMINEES

### Christchurch Bike Share - Smart Bikes

Evolving from a more low-tech pilot in 2015, Christchurch Bike Share wanted to demonstrate and trial some of the latest bike share technology that could be implemented in New Zealand cities. Through partnerships with multiple organisations they brought two Smart Bikes to Christchurch and modified the technology to work with the Metro transport card. This is the first time the Metro transport card has been trailed outside of the metro network, and the first time Smart Bike technology has been tested and integrated with a transport card in the southern hemisphere. The end result showcases the multi modal possibilities of integrating bike share and the public transport network.

Project partners: Christchurch Bike Share, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, Nextbike NZ

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### Great Rides App

The Great Rides App was also nominated for the Big Bike Bling Award. For further information please refer to page 14.

### SH2-58 Interchange

The Haywards Interchange project delivered a \$43 million grade separation of State Highways 2 and 58 in the Hutt Valley, north of Wellington City.

Interchanges, with their various ramps are always a challenging environment for cyclists, so during the tender process, the Transport Agency challenged the market to come up with innovative ways to improve safety for cyclists as they pass through the area.

The resulting design saw separated paths installed, which allow riders to leave the highway to the left of the off-ramps, pass around the back of the interchange, through tunnels under the feeder roads, and then re-join the highway towards the end of the on-ramp, removing the need for the rider to interact with motorised traffic using the interchange.

Project partners: NZ Transport Agency, Downer, Opus, Aurecon and Tonkin & Taylor

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# OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE

## CATEGORY WINNER - Marilyn Northcote

Marilyn Northcote's contribution to cycling in New Zealand is legendary and the range of her influence is widespread.

Marilyn's dedication to cycling goes back many decades, initially working with the Police during the 1990s and early 2000s on school-based safe cycling programmes and teacher training. She has coached cycling champions, built the flagship Pedal Ready cycle skills programme for the Wellington region, and sat on the New Zealand Cycling Safety expert panel created in response to the 2013 Coronial Inquiry.

Adept and influential, Marilyn is equally at home coaching new cycle skills instructors, teaching children, young people and refugee women to ride for the first time. Her enthusiasm is infectious, and her talent for inspiring confidence in tentative new cyclists is remarkable.

Through her commitment to growing a professional cycle skills training programme, Marilyn has inspired many thousands of people (over 17,400 in the Wellington region alone since 2012) to get on their bikes and be part of that joy.

Judges said *"Marilyn has been involved in cycling over many years and has directly influenced over 15,000 people through her cycle training programmes. She is recognised as one of the go-to people around cycling issues in Wellington and beyond."*

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## HIGHLY COMMENDED - Teau Aituru

Teau is famous throughout Mangere and beyond as 'Mr Tee', the inspirational founder of the Time to Thrive (Triple Teez) Trust and Māngere Bike FIT programme. Since its formation in 2014, Mr Tee has devoted boundless energy to teaching hundreds of children and adults in Māngere to ride and repair bikes. Teau runs community bike events and citywide explorations, actively seeking out bikes to repair and give back to local riders.

Teau works without pause to gain sponsorship to ensure a sustainable base and resources for classes and bike workshops. He is gentle, warm and has an exceptionally generous personality. He is a widely respected leader in a community where owning a bike is a luxury for many, but can be a passport to freedom to explore the city.

Judges said, "Mr Tee has been an inspiration to the Māngere community that has not traditionally been a cycling and active transport focused community. His outstanding voluntary contributions have made a significant difference to the health and transport outcomes of his community, especially children."

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# OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE

## FINALISTS

### Brett Cotter

Brett Cotter is the Curator of The Big Bike Film Night, an annual cycling film festival that celebrates cycling in all its shapes and forms throughout the world. Although the bike-themed short-film fest continues to grow each year with screenings across the country, of more value to Brett is being respected for having events that are memorable and motivating. At the heart of Brett's collections are stories that are real and relevant, that entertain us, captivate us, and inspire us - all through the humble bike.

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### Peter Atkinson

Peter Atkinson, aged 75, formed the Queenstown Pedallers group when he moved from Australia 15 years ago after taking some friends on a social ride. Today his club has grown to over 500 members who join him for weekly mountain and road bike group rides. 95% of Pedallers' members are in the 40-76 age bracket, and Peter has taken great pride in watching people's fitness levels rise and the 'middle-aged-spread' disappear. It is testament to his advocacy for a healthy lifestyle and promotion of cycling that people's lives are positively influenced by becoming part of Peter's group.

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## Richard Inder

Gate Pa School Principal, Richard Inder, is the driving force behind the school engaging in the 'Bikes in Schools' initiative. He rallied project partners to bring his vision to life: a track around the school field for the students and people of all ages to learn cycle skills on, as well as a more challenging bush track for more experienced riders.

The Gate Pa Community Cycleway caters for all ages; from pre-school children through to adults. This great, easy to access community facility allows the opportunity for people to grow their cycle skills and ultimately, it is hoped, to instil a 'love of cycling' in the community.

Project partners: Tauranga City Council (TCC) Travel Safe, TCC Project Tauranga, Higgins, Bike On New Zealand Charitable Trust

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## NOMINEES

### **Cara Phillips**

Cara is a passionate advocate for cycling as a part of everyday life in New Zealand. She has contributed to leading the 'Frocks on Bikes' movement in the Bay of Plenty, encouraging dozens of local women to feel confident while cycling, socialising and having fun.

In her professional role as a transportation engineer, Cara advocates for the inclusion of cyclists' needs in plans for improvements to the local roading network. Her personal experience as a regular cyclist and engagement with other cyclists in the community informs her professional advice in major development works.

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### **Biff Frederikson**

Biff Frederikson is a community leader in all things cycling. In the workplace, for friends, family and anyone that is considering cycling, she is there in full support. With countless years of experience in tour cycling, mountain and road cycling, Biff continues to pursue her own endeavours whilst encouraging and inviting budding enthusiasts to give cycling a go.

Biff continues to touch the hearts of many in her community and further afield. Hosting, free of charge, countless cyclists from New Zealand and from overseas, she represents a 'real spirit of cycology'!

# OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE

## Melvyn Bowen

Melvyn Bowen has been instrumental in bringing the initiative 'Cycling Without Age' to Rotorua. Using electric power-assist Trishaw bikes, the initiative allows older members of the community to be able to venture out of their care centre, even when mobility is an issue.

Melvyn is the original 'pilot' of the Trishaws, taking responsibility for ensuring an enjoyable experience for his customers, as well as training new 'pilots'. Cycling without Age is about getting older members of the community back on bikes and allowing them to be outdoors in the fresh air, interacting with others in the community and experiencing the freedom of mobility. An avid cyclist himself, and at 78 years of age, Melvyn can be seen in all weathers getting from A to B by bike.



## Gary Patterson

Gary Patterson is the man behind the Great Rides App, a free service that is designed specifically for use on the NZ Cycle Trails to help its user decide which NZ Great Ride to cycle.

Gary took a year off work to ride, take notes and map all of the Great Rides in the country. His efforts have turned into an app that features perspective map views, elevation profiles, information about what to bring, and stopping points, and has helped to revolutionise how people are experiencing New Zealand's Great Rides.

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## Inka Vogt and Fabian Beveridge

As UNFCC 'climate neutral now' ambassadors, Inka and Fabian have spoken at numerous schools, universities and conferences about climate change and how by choosing to cycle, you can make a difference to your carbon neutrality. While travelling carbon neutral around Europe, they have also spoken at climate conferences and events and have promoted carbon neutrality through cycling. They plan to continue with cycling advocacy when they return to New Zealand, ensuring that there are safe cycle routes for children to be able to choose to ride to school.

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## Hilleke Townsend

Hilleke, alongside her husband, established and owns ReBicycle Wellington, a not-for-profit organisation that 'upcycles' donated second-hand bikes into safe, practical commuter bikes. Hilleke gifts or loan these bikes to people who need them, starting with newly-settled refugees in the Wellington region. In the short time that ReBicycle has been operating it has had over 150 bikes donated, most of which have found new homes. Through fund raisers they have moved from being based at home to a rented garage, while still working on a more suitable, permanent space.

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## Jen Riley

Jen Riley at Sport Bay of Plenty partnered with Tauranga City Council and Cycle NZ Travel Safe to pilot the 'Ride Leader' programme. Ride leaders are volunteers who organise regular rides, and encourage others to join them in exploring the many off road and on road routes in the area. Jen takes the volunteers through a workshop and once completed, continues to mentor them and takes time to go out with them on their rides. Jen's facilitation, enthusiasm and support of the local 'Ride Leader' programme have since seen it being rolled out nationwide under the umbrella of Cycling NZ and the NZ Transport Agency. Jen has also subsequently established an adult cycle skills programme called 'Cycle Savvy' for adults.

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# TAKING COMMUNITIES ON THE JOURNEY

## CATEGORY WINNER – Northern Corridor Improvements Shared Use Path

The Northern Corridor Improvements (NCI) project team turned to new digital technologies to help gather a wide range of feedback on a new proposal for a major walking and cycling Shared Use Path (SUP) in Auckland. At well over 5kms long, the path will connect more than eight suburbs and form the 'backbone' of a future cycle network on the North Shore.

Online interactive maps allowed the team to illustrate the project to those who prefer more visual aids – helping people to understand and comment on the extent of the whole SUP route, as well as allowing them to 'zoom in' to their own neighbourhood to provide more local feedback on the best access points. The new survey style was promoted across a wide range of traditional and digital channels, as well as public open days.

As a result the NZ Transport Agency was able to gather over 800 comments – providing a wide range of feedback that included the best local access points. More than 12 local connections are now planned to be built as part of the NCI Shared Use Path project when it gains approval to begin construction in the next few years.

Judges said they liked the innovative approach of collecting feedback by using clickable maps as well as traditional means. *"This approach achieved broad communication with affected communities."*

Project partners: NZ Transport Agency, Aurecon, Just Add Lime

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## HIGHLY COMMENDED – Waipu Cycleway Stage One

In 2011, Waipu Primary School students identified a need for a safe, accessible connection between Waipu and the Cove. They made a successful submission to the Whangarei District Council for funding, which resulted in the formation of the Waipu Cycling and Walkway Trust made up of volunteers from the local community.

Trust volunteers have worked tirelessly to complete stage one, a 2.5m wide, 2.5km long trail from Waipu Township to Waipu River Mouth, including a new 32m bridge.

The team were outcome focused, actively solving problems by working with all stakeholders, community sectors and the Council. Beyond major sponsors, they gathered significant community funding and support including 1.5kms of gifted land, free labour and machinery to build the track.

Active public engagement and huge community involvement has enabled the Trust to exceed their expectations. The project is a credit to the Waipu Community, and is recognised by Whangarei District Council as the benchmark for community-led projects. The track has proved extremely popular, and an increase in usage is expected when planned future stages complete the connection to Waipu Cove.

Judges commended Waipu Cycling and Walkway Trust on a *“great, small community project that has generated significant goodwill towards cycling and has been executed extremely well.”*

Project partners: Waipu Cycling and Walkway Trust, Whangarei District Council

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# TAKING COMMUNITIES ON THE JOURNEY

## FINALISTS

### Karangahape Road public consultation

Auckland Transport, Auckland Council and the Waitematā Local Board are working together on a streetscape upgrade for Karangahape Road (K Road) that includes a separated cycleway. The engagement process allowed the community, who are passionate about their area, to be brought along on the project journey.

Prior to the formal consultation, the project team went to popular community locations to hear about the community's vision for their area. This feedback enabled them to develop some broad concepts for the streetscape upgrade, which were then presented to the community at the K Road Open Streets event. Feedback from the event

was compiled and used to further develop the designs, which were then presented to the local community and wider public for formal feedback.

Project partners: Auckland Transport, Auckland Council, Waitematā Local Board

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## Uni-Cycle Major Cycle Route

The Uni-Cycle Major Cycle Route, jointly delivered by Opus Consultants, Aurecon and Christchurch City Council, links Christchurch Central City, via Riccarton Bush, to the University of Canterbury and the wider residential area. Working closely with both Riccarton Bush Trust and the University of Canterbury throughout the project has ensured an integrated and practical solution supported by all parties.

Uni-Cycle travels through Riccarton House and Bush, a Heritage New Zealand Historic Place Category 1 site, consisting of ornate gardens and a tree-lined carriage drive, bordered by the Avon River. Extensive collaboration between all parties throughout the design, consenting and construction phases has ensured a design that is cognisant of the historic site, whilst ensuring a high level of service for cyclists.

The cycleway also travels through the University of Canterbury campus and playing fields. Collaboration with key university stakeholders ensured the cycleway met the University's development plans and operational constraints. The cycleway now provides a safe route for cyclists to travel through the university, following natural desire lines and enhancing accessibility to the campus.

Project partners: Christchurch City Council, Opus Consultants, Aurecon, Riccarton Bush Trust, University of Canterbury

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## NOMINEES

### **Grey Lynn Pump Track**

The Grey Lynn Pump Track is a finalist in the Big Bike Bling Award category. For further information please refer to page 12.

### **Let's Go**

New Plymouth District Council partnered with Whanganui District Council in 2016, to share the successful 'Let's Go' philosophy they developed in 2010 when they were selected as one of two model communities in New Zealand, to encourage active transport.

In just three months, and following many regular meetings with Liz, Nathaniel and Carl from New Plymouth District Council, Whanganui District Council was able to establish the 'Let's Go' programme in Whanganui. Their programme supports collaboration with key community organisations, enabling them to provide their community with the infrastructure, opportunities and information required to promote a wide range of active travel choices.

Project partners: New Plymouth District Council, Whanganui District Council

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# TAKING COMMUNITIES ON THE JOURNEY

## **Puari ki Wairewa: Little River Link city end – Christchurch City Council**

The Little River Link project team partnered with Manuka Cottage to run the community consultation process for the Little River Link cycleway. The engagement process ranged from organising community gatherings that allowed people to engage and come up with solutions for the potential routes that they considered problematic, to door knocking and helping people fill in submission forms.

Community engagement stepped up further once construction started. Isaac Construction Ltd held community barbeques to maintain enthusiasm and communication to ensure community concerns were addressed.

Project partners: Addington Community House, Christchurch City Council, Isaac Construction Ltd

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## **Regan Dooley – Island Bay Cycleway**

Regan Dooley has dedicated numerous hours of time and energy to run the Island Bay Cycleway website and social media. Regan focuses on informing people about the Love the Bay process, calling out incorrect information and improving the balance of perspectives shared. Regan's efforts to keep people accurately informed and to maintain rationality and civility in the overall conversation space is widely admired.

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