

2018

# BIKE TO THE FUTURE AWARDS

*Celebrating the people, communities and projects  
leading the way to a more bike-friendly New Zealand*





*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.*

In July 2018, New Zealand's best cycling projects were recognised at the Bike to the Future Awards, sponsored by the NZ Transport Agency and Cycling 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.

More than 60 projects were nominated for the awards and winners were announced at the 2018 2WALKandCYCLE conference dinner in Palmerston North.

2018's Supreme Winner was Christchurch City Council's Uni-Cycle Major Cycle Route, an exemplar of stakeholder consultation and engagement, and the product of a unique partnership with Aurecon, Issacs Ltd, JFC/City Care Joint venture and WSP Opus.

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.





It is my pleasure to congratulate all those recognised in this year's Bike to the Future Awards. This government recognises, more than ever before, the important role cycling plays in New Zealand's transport system. Our focus is on making our urban centres safe, accessible and most importantly liveable, and this relies on prioritising more efficient, low cost modes of transport like cycling. We know that many people want the freedom to cycle around their towns and cities but need separated, connected cycleways to feel safe. Cycling is better for the environment, better for our health, and most importantly a fast and fun way to get around. We know cycling is becoming more popular in our urban areas as people look for faster, easier, ways to cover short distances. In Auckland, 38 percent of the population rode a bike in the year up to May 2018, an increase of 3 percent from 2017. Christchurch has seen a 13 percent growth in their daily cycle count in the last year and in Wellington, the number of people commuting by bike has more than doubled over the past 20 years. We're working hard to make cycling safer and more accessible, integrating cycle paths with broader transport networks and significantly increasing funding for infrastructure, all to encourage more New Zealanders to get on their bikes. But we can't make New Zealand the most bike-friendly country in the world alone. The people and groups nominated for this year's Bike to the Future Awards are passionate about sharing the benefits of cycling with their communities. They've pedalled the extra mile - whether it's helping refugee women gain the skills and confidence to cycle on our roads, or building integral connections between existing cycle routes, these are the people who are supporting more New Zealanders to get about our towns and cities by bike. Congratulations to all those who have been recognised this year

**Hon Julie Anne Genter**  
Associate Minister of Transport



The NZ Transport Agency strives 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.

Cycling has gathered momentum over recent years. There are many reasons for this: the increasing funding and investment from the government; and a new focus on integrated multi-modal planning in central and local government; but most of all, it's the hard work and dedication of passionate groups and individuals across the country. These are the people that we're celebrating at this year's Bike to the Future Awards.

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, schools and workplaces which are contributing to making New Zealand more bike-friendly.

**Fergus Gammie**  
Chief Executive  
NZ Transport Agency



There's no doubt that biking is on the up. More and more cities are building bike lanes. Cycle trails and mountain bike parks are booming. E-bikes are attracting people drawn to the pleasure and convenience of riding a bike.

But there are challenges. How do we make it safe and attractive for children to ride to school and in their neighbourhoods? How do we find space for bike lanes on busy streets? When will riding a bike be as easy as taking a walk?

For 22 years Cycling Action Network (CAN) has been working with communities, businesses, councils and the government for better cycling. At CAN we believe people of all ages and abilities deserve the joy and ease of riding bikes.

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.

**Claire Sherrington**  
Board Chair  
Cycling Action Network

## JUDGING PANEL



### → Pippa Coom

Chair of the Waitematā Local Board, Auckland Council and transport portfolio lead



### → Richard Leggat

Chair of the New Zealand Cycle Trail, Chair of the Cycling Safety Panel and board member of Cycling New Zealand



### → Simon Douglas

National Manager Policy & Research and cycling spokesperson for the New Zealand Automobile Association

## AWARD CATEGORIES



### BIKES AT WORK AND SCHOOL AWARD

10

This category covers organisations, including businesses and schools, which have made significant efforts to encourage and support cycling for staff, customers, or students.

### BUILT EXCELLENCE AWARD

16

This category covers excellence in design, engineering, and construction of transport infrastructure which has had a significant impact on encouraging more people to cycle and create a more bike-friendly future.

### OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE AWARD

22

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

### REVOLUTIONARY AWARD

30

This category covers initiatives and events which have educated, inspired, celebrated, promoted or encouraged cycling. They will have had a positive influence on changing attitudes towards cycling, irrespective of whether a person subsequently chooses to ride a bike.

### TAKING COMMUNITIES ON THE JOURNEY AWARD

40

This category covers excellence in communication or community engagement activities related to a cycling project which resulted in a community welcoming new infrastructure.



# SUPREME BIKE TO THE FUTURE AWARD WINNER



## Uni-Cycle Major Cycle Route

*The Uni-Cycle Major Cycle Route (MCR), which opened in September 2017, runs between Christchurch central city and the University of Canterbury through Hagley Park, Riccarton Bush and the Ilam Fields.*

The project involved extensive stakeholder engagement including compromises on path design, as the route passes through university land. The final design also took into account the needs of two large high schools, maintaining the residential character of the areas the route passes through, and a rail crossing. The rail crossing is the first dual gated barrier crossing in New Zealand and at busy times has to cater for opposing school traffic coming from Christchurch Boys' High and Christchurch Girls' High.

In just 18 months the cycling usage at the entry point to the CBD has gone from 943 cyclists per day, shortly after the opening of the first section, to 1411 per day - an increase of 49 percent.

The judges felt this exemplar project was a deserving winner of the Supreme Award from a very strong field. Construction was managed extremely well through tricky and sensitive environments to work in. The judges were impressed to see how quickly the project has delivered quantifiable results in a very short time, three years ahead of estimated usage. Uni-cycle is an example of a 'build it and they will come' project extraordinaire which is leading the way to a bike-friendly future.

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# BIKES AT WORK AND SCHOOL AWARD



## CATEGORY WINNER (JOINT)

### BIKES IN SCHOOLS TAIRĀWHITI - TAIRĀWHITI CONNEXT CHARITABLE TRUST

The Bikes in Schools Tairāwhiti Project has delivered significant cycling infrastructure (tracks, cycles, helmets, storage and cycle education) to encourage and support more young people to cycle in Gisborne/Tairāwhiti.

Since its conception, the project has delivered 6200 metres of cycle track to 13 schools, supplied 700 bikes and 2000 helmets to 4050 students and built 13 secure storage units. The scale, geographic spread, timeline, and degree of collaboration involved all make this project unique. It is the largest scale implementation of Bikes in Schools in New Zealand.

*Judges' comments: The judges felt this nomination deserved to win this category for providing a wraparound experience with long lasting results. The project delivered inspiring results and had a strong impact on multiple schools in the community, with over 4000 students experiencing Bikes in Schools. Collaboration played a vital role in Tairāwhiti's success.*



#### Project partners:

Eastland Community Trust, Gisborne District Council, and the New Zealand Community Trust

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## CATEGORY WINNER (JOINT)

### TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL E-BIKE INITIATIVE

Following the launch of their new city wide cycle plan, and with a pending move to a new building with restricted parking, e-bikes presented an opportunity for Tauranga City Council (TCC) to lead the way with staff travel planning. A 'Chance to Ride an E-bike' day was set up, which generated significant buzz through the organisation about the potential for e-bikes to change people's personal travel choices. What followed was a deal to make it easier for staff to purchase e-bikes for their personal commute and to include e-bikes in the vehicle fleet.

A financial loan was offered to staff, attractive end of trip facilities were introduced, and a staff travel guide, *Keeping TCC moving*, was published ahead of the building move. Fifty-two staff bought e-bikes. Many of those staff are new to biking and have chosen to cycle to work as much as possible. Nearly 20 percent of TCC staff now cycle to work.

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*Judges' comments: The judges were impressed with Tauranga City Council taking a simple but innovative approach to achieve high impact. The e-bike initiative has set an example for other organisations to follow to achieve significant uptake in staff choosing to cycle to work.*







## FINALISTS

### Bikes in Schools & Bicycle Skills Training - Palmerston North

Cycling enthusiast Phil Stevens has delivered popular and highly rated practical cycle skills programmes to more than 1500 students over the last year, with the aim of getting more people safely riding to school and work in Palmerston North. He is a founding member of the city's People on Bikes Forum, a recently established reference and advisory group to City Council, and is Club Captain for Manawatū Mountain Bike Club.

In the past year, Phil has leveraged local cycling infrastructure, including local Bikes in Schools tracks and associated assets to oversee the training of more than 1500

students in the completion of grade 1 and grade 2 cycle skills at over 20 schools and supported over 40 teachers in co-delivery of the training.

#### Project partners:

Sport Manawatū, Palmerston North City Council, and the Bike On New Zealand Charitable Trust

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*Judges' comments: The judges were impressed with the significant impact delivered through this training initiative. The training programme has successfully leveraged community resources and is really well integrated into the community.*



### Hastings District iWay and MoveIt! School Travel Plans - Hastings District Council

To encourage the use of the growing Hawke's Bay iWay walking and cycling network, Hastings District Council has developed, refined and delivered school travels plans to nine schools to date (with a combined roll of 3666 students).

The school travel plans provide an opportunity for council, parents, caregivers, schools and the community to work together to improve safety and encourage more active travel. Benefits include (but are not

limited to) congestion reduction, improved health and attention in class, and travel cost savings.

#### Project partners:

Sport Hawke's Bay and ViaStrada Ltd

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*Judges' comments: The judges recognised Hastings District Council for delivering an innovative approach to lowering the cost of developing school travel plans. The approach has the potential to have a national impact.*



# BIKES AT WORK AND SCHOOL AWARD



## NOMINEES



### Bikes Welcome

Bikes Welcome are champions for fit-for-purpose bike parking. Their goal is to help businesses understand many of their customers do ride bikes and 'bikes mean business'. They encourage supporters to invite businesses to become a Bikes Welcome Business and be listed in their online directory of bike friendly businesses.

#### Lead agency:

Bikes Welcome Charitable Trust

#### Project partners:

Film4Change Aotearoa, Kia Ora Newtown, and the Wellington City Council Communities on Bikes Fund

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### Hawke's Bay District Health Board Travel Plan

Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB) has designed their 'Go Well' Travel Plan to make travelling to the hospital easier by growing transport choice for their almost 3000 staff.

The Travel Plan includes secure bike parking, charging for e-bikes, a guaranteed ride home scheme and showers for users of active transport. HBDHB also has pool bikes for staff to get to and from meetings and offers training through Sport Hawke's Bay for those who are less confident on bikes.

Results from their 2017 travel survey indicate they have achieved a 10% mode shift from single-occupancy vehicles to other modes including cycling which has increased by three percent over the past year.

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### Safe Ways to School Project

Cambridge Primary School adopted the Safe Ways to School pilot project with the aim of getting more children walking and biking to school and to reduce traffic congestion around school gates. The pilot included gaining an understanding of barriers and safety concerns for parents, and providing the children with facilities to learn bike handling and road safety skills.

Innovative mapping technology and geographic information service (GIS) analysis were utilised to heat spot parent safety concerns, to identify areas for improvements, parking alternatives, and to determine 'walking bus' and 'cycling train' meeting points for seven schools. The project has since expanded to cover six more schools.

#### Lead agency:

CCASM

#### Project partners:

Bike On New Zealand Charitable Trust, Cycle Action Network, Fonterra, Home of Cycling Charitable Trust, Jumble Around, Sport Waikato, and Waipa District Council

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### Bike vs Car Challenge

The Bike vs Car Challenge tested the average travel times of employees commuting to work by bike and car in five locations across Tauranga with the aim of encouraging cycling to work. The journey times from those locations to the hospital by three members of staff were recorded and compared. Multiple trips were made along each route across several months and yielded average times for both modes of transport.

For Welcome Bay the average journey time was over 11 minutes quicker by bike.

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## CATEGORY WINNER - Uni-Cycle Major Cycle Route

The Uni-Cycle Major Cycle Route was awarded Supreme Award Winner as well as the Category Winner for the Built Excellence Award. For information about the project refer to page 9.



## HIGHLY COMMENDED - Junior Road Safety Park

Complete with miniature roads, intersections, working traffic lights, a roundabout, give way and stop signs, the Manawatū's premiere Junior Road Safety Park is a family friendly, fun environment for kids to learn about basic road safety while gaining skills and confidence in a low risk setting.

The project is a community-city collaboration which started with the vision and drive of Karen Naylor (project lead) and Liz Cross (fundraising), and was sparked by an idea put forward to Pascal Street Community Trust by two young mothers, Tash Collins and Allanah Radich.

Since opening in spring 2017, the park has seen consistently high use from individuals,

family groups and school classes who can safely access the park via the sealed, shared path along the Manawatū River after a short journey from their school to the river track.

### Lead agency:

Palmerston North City Council

### Project partners:

Higgins Contracting, Jason Pilkington (Palmerston North City Council), Karen Naylor and Liz Cross (Pascal Street Community Trust)

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*Judges' comments: The judges were impressed by the partnership approach to deliver a high standard targeted at young riders to learn road safety skills in a safe environment. This nomination demonstrates the value of collaboration for creating quality infrastructure directly contributing to encouraging more people to cycle and create a more bike-friendly future.*





## FINALISTS

### Te Awa River Ride - Ngāruawāhia to Horotiu section

The Ngāruawāhia to Horotiu section of Te Awa River Ride officially opened on 2 November 2017. This section of Te Awa River Ride includes an iconic structure, the Perry Bridge, which links to the existing section at Horotiu, meaning there is now nearly 30km of walkway/cycleway from Ngāruawāhia through to Hamilton Gardens.

Delivering the infrastructure to complete this section was the culmination of years of collaboration between multiple stakeholders. The trail has been embraced by the community, with over 1000 people in attendance at the opening event.

*Judges' comments: The judges said the Te Awa River Ride (Ngāruawāhia to Horotiu section) is an outstanding example of a high quality trail delivered through a community-led approach with partnership funding. They recognised the considerable challenges in completing this section that was met with an innovative response that delivered a beautifully designed bridge.*



Counter data indicates a significant increase in cyclists using the trail. In January 2018 alone, the counter in Ngāruawāhia recorded more than 4000 users.

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### Waterview Shared Path

The Waterview Shared Path connects communities from Waterview to Mt Roskill, with 3098 average weekly users between its opening in October 2017 and April 2018. Following Te Auaunga Oakley Creek, the 3.4km path links the Northwestern and Southwestern cycleways, creating a seamless connection between the city and western suburbs, and beyond to Onehunga and Māngere.

The successful completion of such a complex project in such a short delivery timeline relied on a lot of goodwill from all parties involved. A special mention goes to Margi Watson for the long hours she put in to supporting the project from submissions to support with consents and construction delivery.

This project is now a keystone for a much broader network of parks, open spaces,

greenways, and pathways. With potential development planned for the Unitec campus, and intensification of housing around the Point Chevalier shopping district, the benefits of these walking and cycling connections will become even more obvious in decades to come.

**Lead agencies:** Auckland Council, Auckland Transport and the NZ Transport Agency

**Project partners:** Albert Eden Local Board, Boffa Miskell, Local Community Groups, Manawhenua, and the Well-Connected Alliance

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*Judges' comments: The Waterview Shared Path has been delivered to an extremely high standard that is sensitive to the ecology and landscape. It provides a critical link in Auckland's growing network of cycle routes and unlocks wider investment to benefit the community and wider region. The judges were particularly impressed with the way this project has improved accessibility to make a real difference to the local community. Although only open a short time the numbers show it is working to encourage more to people to cycle.*







## NOMINEES

### Burness Underpass

The Burness Underpass connects Taradale to Jervoistown and the wider Hawke's Bay cycling network where the Napier to Hastings Expressway dissects Burness Road.

The narrow 2.5m wide underpass with poor lighting, was upgraded by adding an element of fun to the design whilst still providing a safer solution than its previous design. The recent redesign utilised colour changing LED lights to light the ceiling of the underpass with white light LED lights at floor level.

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### He Rerenga Inanga Bridge

The He Rerenga Inanga Bridge was co-designed with iwi to 'bridge' a gap in Napier's walking and cycling network.

As part of the consultation process, the local community and iwi identified the inanga (a type of fish) which live in the drain and agreed, in order to give the project local significance, that the pathway would carry the name of 'He Rerenga Inanga' or 'a waterway of the inanga'.

The bridge design includes corten steel panels on the approaches of the bridge to capture the industrial land use, and eels to represent the inanga.

He Rerenga Inanga is a positive community asset which can be used by the community at any time of the day.

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### State Highway 2/58 Haywards 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.

During the tender process, the Transport Agency challenged the market to come up with innovative ways to improve safety for people on bikes as they pass through the area. The resulting design includes separated paths which completely removes the need for the rider to interact with motorised traffic who are using the interchange.

**Lead agency:** The NZ Transport Agency

**Project partners:** Aurecon, Downer, Opus International Consultants, and Tonkin & Taylor

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WOMEN IN URBANISM 'PUMP TRACKS ARE FOR GIRLS TOO'

# OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE



## CATEGORY WINNER – Alastair Smith



Alastair Smith has been a tireless advocate for cycling since the 1970s. He is passionate about people using bicycles and has played a major role in transforming Wellington into a bikeable city, including becoming the inaugural general secretary of the Bicycle Association of New Zealand.

In 2012, Alastair wrote *Everyday cycling in Aotearoa New Zealand*, an informative and inspiring guide which helps both beginners and more experienced cyclists ride more confidently, safely and enjoyably. In 2014, he was involved in organising the first Miramar Peninsula Ciclovía event. Alastair also coordinates Folding Goldies, an initiative for organising trips in Wellington for people with SuperGold cards and folding bikes.

Alastair continues his advocacy for cycling in Wellington today through Cycle Aware Wellington, and at a national level through the Cycling Action Network (CAN). He is a true champion for cycling and a better New Zealand.

*Judges' comments: Alastair has made a lifelong contribution to cycling since the 1970s. He has been involved in an impressive number of cycling initiatives focused in the Wellington region and beyond ranging from organising a Ciclovía event to friendly rides. Alastair has the mana of the cycling community for his tireless advocacy for a bike-friendly Aotearoa through countless volunteer hours. The judges wish to wholeheartedly thank Alastair for his outstanding contribution and to wish him well for many more years of advocacy and cycling.*

## HIGHLY COMMENDED – The Kennett brothers



The Kennett brothers (Jonathan, Simon and Paul) are synonymous with mountain biking in New Zealand. They are New Zealand's most prominent cycling guide and history book authors, with titles dating back to the 1990s. The brothers are famous for organising events, writing guidebooks, track design, and their outstanding vision and work for mountain biking.

The brothers discovered bike packing, or mixed terrain cycle touring/randonneuring in 2010 with the New Zealand Cycleway Project and the inaugural NZ brevet. Jonathan's involvement in Nga Haerenga the New Zealand Cycle Trail has since seen

them continue to migrate from their more traditional mountain biking roots towards making the best of the great rides to inspire more people to experience New Zealand's great outdoors by bike.

As the New Zealand cycling network developed, and was further linked, the first Tour Aotearoa was held. Designed by the Kennett brothers, the original tour was set to highlight the best New Zealand Cycle Trail Great Rides, Heartland Rides, and quiet back country roads. Two years on and the Tour Aotearoa is one of the world's great bike packing trips – stretching 3000km from Cape Reinga to Bluff.

*Judges' comments: Although not strictly eligible for this award because they were not nominated as individuals, the judges wish to highly commend the Kennett brothers for their immense and extensive contribution to cycling over the last 30 years. The Kennett brothers, through their combined force, have demonstrated a long time commitment to cycling in Aotearoa as volunteers, advocates, professionals, publishers and participants. They are unique and truly inspiring.*



# OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE



## FINALISTS



### Cathy Jordan

Cathy Jordan is a true community cycling champion, coordinating the Southland Bike Month and the Aotearoa Bike Challenge for Southland in 2018 while juggling two children under the age of two and advocating passionately for a Southland cycling strategy.

Cathy has also extended her passion for cycling into other areas, visiting businesses to encourage them to install new bike racks, and helping paint and revamp bike stands in Invercargill's inner city area - the purpose being to encourage people to bike into the CBD. She has also volunteered to be a ride leader in the Southland for Cycling NZ Ride Leader programme.

*Judges' comments: Cathy is a strong and effective cycling advocate for Southland. She has impressed with her willingness to volunteer and work hard to make a difference. She is a champion for cycling through an inspiring range of events, activities and community partnerships.*



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### Chris Teo-Sherrell

Chris Teo-Sherrell has made a longstanding contribution to the awareness and support for people on bikes and everyday cycling in Palmerston North, particularly through his involvement with Cycling Action Network (CAN) and Living Streets Aotearoa.

A notable recent achievement led by Chris with support from Mayor Grant Smith is the establishment of the People on Bikes forum, a reference and advisory group to Palmerston North City Council which engages with transport staff and elected members to facilitate improvement of active transport outcomes in the city.

*Judges' comments: Chris is a longstanding and committed advocate for cycling based in Palmerston North but also has made an outstanding contribution for a bike-friendly future through his involvement with Living Streets and CAN. He successfully took his cycling advocacy into an elected position to achieve significant results such as slower speeds around schools.*



### Richard Hamer

Arriving in Whakatāne from the United Kingdom 15 years ago, Richard Hamer brought with him his passion for cycling and extensive background in community development.

As the founding member of Cycle Action Whakatāne and the newly formed Bike Whakatāne Trust, and a trained cycle skills and mountain biking instructor, Richard has led the development a number of unique programmes, events and activities that engage schools, children and whānau in cycling, and can often be found delivering road safety and mountain biking workshops through his role with Whakatāne Blue Light.

*Judges' comments: Richard has demonstrated a long time commitment to bike advocacy in Whakatāne. A volunteer who has successfully led Bikes in Schools projects and a region wide advocate over a long period of time, touching a range of aspects from school training to developing bike parks, road cycling to mountain biking. Richard's passion for encouraging his local community on to a bike shone through his nomination.*

# OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO A BIKE-FRIENDLY FUTURE



## NOMINEES

### Connie Christensen

Connie Christensen started Go Cycle Christchurch in 2015 with the aim of helping more adults get onto a bike to enjoy the city.

Go Cycle Christchurch run a wide variety of short skills courses for new riders, as well as pairing them up with experienced volunteers to help find routes that which suit the rider's skills and confidence levels in their local community or commuting to work.

A keen advocate involved in many cycling groups and events in Christchurch, Connie's time is all voluntary and all of Go Cycle's expenses are self-funded by Connie.

### David Barclay

Haumoana School has been transformed into a biking school thanks to teacher David Barclay's enthusiasm, organisation, time, skill and energy.

An active cyclist, David has shared his passion with the children, staff and parents. He has liaised closely with Sport Hawke's Bay and the iWay, to provide access to new safe bike paths connecting coastal communities to the school. He has also set up and run incentive programmes to encourage children to bike to school, with the numbers of children biking (either independently or with parents) continuing to grow.

### Hugh Bootten

Hugh Bootten a.k.a. 'The Bike Man' has taken Rotorua's cycling education programme from

its infancy to a thriving programme with a positive future in just 24 months.

Hugh goes above and beyond to help those that are keen to learn. Alongside the delivery of cycle skills education, Hugh has taken an active role in all events, programmes and the monitoring of Rotorua's urban cycling programme. Hugh is an inspiring athlete and role model for our younger generation.

### Karl Hancock

Karl Hancock was a nationally respected expert in cycle planning and design and coincidentally, an avid cyclist and a passionate advocate for cycling who we tragically lost to cancer in August 2017.

Karl was responsible for developing the general access standards and cycle provisions which form part of Auckland's Unitary Plan and for researching, recommending and trialling cycle sharrow markings within Auckland. Karl's legacy will be remembered for many years to come.

*Judges' comments: The judges wish to acknowledge Karl's outstanding contribution as a transportation engineer and passionate advocate for cycling.*



### Liam Friary

Liam is the NZ Rapha Cycling Club ambassador and organises rides for the NZ based cyclists to all sorts of cycling destinations.

Liam is also the editor and publisher for the NZ Cycling magazine and the MTB magazine. His aim is to inspire people to get on their bikes and to explore this beautiful country.

### Martin Parkes

As the transportation manager for Tauranga City Council, Martin Parkes leads by example by cycling to work every day and advocating for safer cycling in Tauranga.

Martin was heavily involved in the council's 2017 Cycle Plan consultation, the most extensive community engagement exercise that the council has undertaken about cycling to date.

He also led conversations with a local provider to secure a special deal where 52 staff bought themselves e-bikes, doubling the number of council staff who ride to work.

The e-bike initiative led my Martin was named joint winner in the Bikes at Work and School award category. For information about this project see page 11.

### Rick Plummer

Rick Plummer, co-organiser of the Auckland Cycling Group, has infected many people with his love for mountain biking.

Rick has given many members improved confidence and technical riding skills by organising mountain bike courses (six weeks) for anyone interested.

Everything he does with so much attention to detail and always with a smile. He has created a fantastic bike community around Auckland in which many friendships are created and have grown.

### Robert Henderson

As Founder & Managing Director of Cycle Solutions, Robert Henderson has operated Nextbike bike share systems in Christchurch for over six years.

Robert was responsible for managing the implementation, operating and maintenance of the Christchurch Bike Share Pilot. He brought Spark on board as a lead supporter, the first time a company in New Zealand had become a title sponsor of a bike share scheme to that scale. The Bike Share Pilot launched in 2015 and, due to Robert's vision, determination and leadership, has been a huge success. The Spark Bikes (as they are known) have become a loved part of Christchurch city - with over 20,000 rides being taken, making it one of the most successful bike share trials in the world. As an additional bonus, the majority of the trips are taken by locals, on short, one-way trips.







# REVOLUTIONARY AWARD



## CATEGORY WINNER – Biketober Christchurch 2017

Biketober, a month-long celebration of cycling, was held for the first time in Christchurch in October 2017. Featuring a diverse programme of cycling events including bike rides, workshops, and social events, Biketober provided a platform to promote cycling to the general public as a legitimate, fun and healthy option for getting around Christchurch.

Cycleway openings, seminars, pedal-powered cinema, social events, and more were held throughout the month as part of the event. People could also use a 'Biketober Passport' to visit various participating local businesses by bike and collect stamps. 4000 passports were distributed, and those that were then submitted at the NZ Bike Expo were eligible to win various prizes.

Biketober relied heavily on volunteers including Spokes Canterbury, Frocks on Bikes, Go Cycle Christchurch, and Action Bicycle Club, with funding support from Christchurch City Council, the NZ Transport Agency and ViaStrada. Planning is already underway to repeat Biketober in October 2018.

### Project partners:

Christchurch City Council, Cycling in Christchurch, Spokes Canterbury, and ViaStrada Ltd

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*Judges' comments: The judges were impressed with the varied and full Biketober programme that covered the academic, the practical, the inspiring and effectively combined commercial, educational and advocacy groups. A great partnership delivered a wonderful event that has the potential to grow across New Zealand to celebrate and promote cycling every year.*



## HIGHLY COMMENDED – Tour Aotearoa

Tour Aotearoa is one of the world's great bikepacking trips, stretching 3000km from Cape Reinga to Bluff, it follows a combination of cycle trails, tracks, paths and lanes connected by the most enjoyable country roads available. The route was designed by Jonathan, Simon and Paul Kennett, New Zealand's most prominent cycling guide and history book authors.

In February 2016, Jonathan organised the first Tour Aotearoa Brevet - a long distance, self-supported adventure, following a set route. Over 300 keen cyclists took part in the inaugural brevet. Word quickly spread and a second brevet was held in February and March 2018 with 500 cyclists taking part, a third event has since been announced for 2020. To enter, participants are asked

to make a \$100 charitable donation and to offset their carbon emissions for travelling to the event, and MaProgress supplied GPS tracking to enable supporters to follow the event in real time.

Some cyclists described the 2018 event as 'life changing' and over \$150,000 was raised for charities. Remote communities located along the trail route have benefited from the boost in tourism, with people travelling from across the world to ride the trail throughout the year.

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*Judges' comments: The Kennett brothers have created a world class, amazingly unique opportunity that can be enjoyed all year round. Tour Aotearoa is an innovative and inspiring concept that builds on the significant investment in Nga Haerenga to create a 3000km cycling odyssey. The event showcases the best of Aotearoa and opens up an opportunity for a whole new kind of cycling experience for kiwis and visitors to enjoy.*







## FINALISTS

### Brett Cotter and The Big Bike Film Night

Brett Cotter is the 'film pedlar' of The Big Bike Film Night, which celebrates cycling through the magic of the moving picture.

Since its inception in 2015 there have been over 11,500 people from Auckland to Invercargill attend one (or more) of a screening of The Big Bike Film Night, a Cycle Chic Film Tour and/or The Big Bike Film Night Feature Series events, which showcase movies that celebrate the fun, adventure and inspiration that cycling enables.

What makes it unique is at its heart, the films connect with the audiences, drawing

on true stories with universal human traits – those of character, hope, courage, discovery, and much more with the humble bicycle the unifying factor throughout. The film nights have made an impact – entertaining, captivating and inspiring cyclists to step out and try something new.

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*Judges' comments: Into its fourth year and getting better each time. The Big Bike Film Night promotes cycling culture to a growing audience. A really inspiring and informative selection of films for everyone who loves, or even just likes bikes. The judges appreciated the work that has gone into providing roving locations so that Kiwis from across the country get the chance to enjoy a screening.*



### International Women's Day – Refugee Women's Cycling Instruction

A cycling instruction day was held on International Women's Day to introduce refugee women in New Zealand to safe cycling, to help them gain independence and engage with New Zealand communities and culture.

The event was run solely through donations (funding, equipment, time) and volunteer instructors. The event, now in its second year, has extended from Wellington to include Auckland and Palmerston North. In 2019 it will further extend to include Invercargill, Dunedin, Christchurch, Nelson, and Hamilton.

*Judges' comments: Refugee Women's Cycling instruction is a small-scale initiative but won over the judges for making a real difference for the people it touches. The help provided to refugees is made possible through the huge contribution from volunteers. It is great to hear future expansion is planned for this meaningful and potentially life changing experience.*

#### Project partners:

Auckland Transport, Bike Kitchen, Changemakers Refugee Forum, Massey University, Mud Cycles, ReBicycle, Revolve Cycling, Sport Manawatū and Wellington City Council

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## NOMINEES



### Cycling Without Age Selwyn Village

Greer Rasmussen and Timothée Duhamel created a Cycling Without Age (CWA) chapter in Selwyn. With the support of the local community, they purchased a Trishaw and built an army of bike volunteers supporting older people living in Selwyn Village.

The project has affected many people across Auckland but mostly older adults who in some cases, have been living in isolation and lonely.

#### Project partners:

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### Auckland Star Ride 2018

On 24 February 2018, Auckland had its first ever 'Star Ride', celebrating the connectedness of existing cycle paths by having people converge on a central point from different starting locations.

To do this, six starting points were selected, where people could travel by bike from various feeder routes and converge at a central point. At the Mt Albert hub, a festival and bike market were held, with live music, food trucks, bike skills activities, and a multitude of interactive stalls, visited by close to 500 people.

#### Project partners:

Albert's Post - Mt Albert, Auckland Transport, Auckland Bike Burbs, Bike Auckland, Cycling Without Age, EcoMatters Environment Trust, Local Board member Margi Watson, and Pt Chevalier Primary School

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### EcoMatters Community Bike Hub

The EcoMatters Community Bike Hub (New Lynn) aims to enhance and support the community of West Auckland to experience the thrill and fun of cycling by repairing unwanted bikes and providing them for free or a low cost to those in need.

The Bike Hub also provides loan bikes, 24 hour free access to a bike stand, tools and pump. The volunteer staff are a great source of knowledge on bike maintenance, places to ride and offer group rides and a host of bike related activities.

In April 2018 the Bike Hub opened a second location in Henderson, and its team of staff and volunteers also provide support to other groups looking to provide similar setups around Auckland.

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### Evolocity EV Projects in Schools

Evolocity, set up by Rob McEwen, not only promotes the whole electric vehicle (EV) range but gives opportunities to secondary schools all over New Zealand to provide and encourage student EV projects for them to learn and grow the technical skills needed for future. It is funded by the Meloyelo group of environmentally conscious bike enthusiasts to sell e-bike conversions and new e-bikes, the funds from which support Evolocity.

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## NOMINEES

### Go Cycle Christchurch

Go Cycle Christchurch encourages inexperienced adult cyclists to build confidence on the road through cycle skills sessions, confidence rides, and help with planning suitable routes. The scheme is run entirely by volunteers, with no public funding, and is free for people to take part.

The organisation has submitted written and vocal deputations to many Christchurch City Council cycle infrastructure projects over the last 2.5 years representing less confident cyclists. They have also collaborated with community trusts, other cycle projects/groups, local businesses, the NZ Transport Agency, and health projects to help thousands of adults get back in the saddle.

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### Lit Nite Ride - Palmerston North

The Lit Nite Ride saw spectacular lit floats created by Lucid Dream and Rangiwahia Environmental Arts Community Trust, towed by bikes through Palmerston North.

The ride was a brilliant success which connected art, imagination, riding and community space activation from The Square into family friendly neighbourhoods and back.

This awesome event inspired, celebrated, promoted, entertained and unleashed a sheer sense of wonderment and joy - all via

the humble bicycle and a healthy dose of energetic creativity.

**Lead agency:**

Rangiwahia Environmental Arts Community Trust

**Project partner:**

Lucid Dream

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### NZ Bike Expo

The inaugural NZ Bike Expo was held in Christchurch in October 2017 as the grand finale event for Biketober, with over 3500 attendees celebrating 'everything to do with the bicycle'.

The expo aimed to show just how popular cycling is, to boost the 'bicycle economy', to inspire people to do more by bike and to counter negativity around the building of new cycleways in Christchurch by promoting and providing an event that all can enjoy.

**Lead agency:**

Cycling Action Network

**Project partners:**

Cassels & Sons Brewing Co, Christchurch City Council, Fulton Hogan, the NZ Transport Agency, Retail NZ/BIANZ, and Spokes Canterbury

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### Pump Tracks are for Girls Too!

In April this year, Women in Urbanism Aotearoa put together 'Pump Tracks are for Girls Too!' with Olympic BMX medallist Sarah Walker to encourage girls to have a go on the Grey Lynn Pump Track in Auckland.

Research into access and play space has shown boys tend to dominate areas of play from an early age. Women in Urbanism wanted to give time and space to those who typically wouldn't get a go in this kind of space - girls around the 7 to 11 age range.

The idea being the more girls who use spaces like the Grey Lynn Pump Track, the more comfortable they'll be using these spaces, and the more welcome other girls will feel. Between 30 and 40 young girls came to the event at the pump track, along with parents and others in the community.

**Lead agency:**

Women in Urbanism Aotearoa

**Project partners:**

Auckland Transport (Walking and Cycling)

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### ReBicycle Charitable Trust

ReBicycle aims to lessen physical and mental health issues connected to poverty or low income through improving transport and recreation options. It's done this by providing bikes to over 300 people in need and holding events for hundreds more. Their core business is to collect donated bikes, 'upcycle' them, and rehome them.

ReBicycle provides opportunities for people, especially children, to learn how to ride and pick up basic maintenance skills. Their bike library is made available to schools throughout the region to assist in delivering cycle skills training to all students.

Operating with support from Wellington City Council (Communities on Bikes fund), Nikau Foundation, Tindall Foundation, Thankyou Charitable Trust and the support of our local bike shops. ReBicycle has grown from a small garage with a dozen bikes to a large organisation with a dedicated workshop and hundreds of bikes being repaired every year.

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## NOMINEES

### Saxton Field Community Velodrome and Learn to Ride Track

The Saxton Velodrome is a free-to-use outdoor cycle track in Nelson, with a purpose built learn-to-ride facility in the middle of the track. The velodrome provides a safe alternative to teach children, youth and adults cycling skills away from busy roads and inspires them to try sports cycling.

The project was a true community partnership between a community trust, the two local authorities and a consultant. Careful community engagement ensured the track and learn to ride facility is accessible for mobility impaired people.

#### Lead agency:

Tasman District Council

#### Project partners:

Nelson City Council, Saxton Velodrome Trust, and WSP-Opus

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### Team Skoda Racing

Team Skoda Racing is an elite cycling team focused on developing the next generation of cyclists to further their careers. The team is set on developing the best young talent and installing them with the experience and development opportunities to maximise their chances to be successful in their sport.

The team is run in a voluntary capacity with a focus on instilling positive and

future focused behaviour and experiences. Engaging with sponsors and the public, working on responsible riding, and being visible, active and inspiring cycling role models, as well as cycling advocates and ambassadors.

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### The Big Easy

The Big Easy is the ultimate antidote to all those serious lycra-laden cycling events throughout New Zealand, with approximately 1500 attendees at this year's event on the Hawke's Bay Trails.

The event is all about encouraging families and people to ride their bikes for fun, it's not about crossing the line first - but stopping along the way 'to smell the roses' and finishes with a fun concert at the end of the day.

#### Lead agency:

Hawke's Bay Tourism

#### Project partners:

Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Napier City Council, and Hastings District Council

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### Tour de Stroke: Julie Milne - 2500km, Stroke Hasn't Slowed Me Down

Julie Milne, who was severely disabled by strokes as a child, raised thousands of dollars for the Stroke Foundation by cycling from Bluff to Cape Reinga over 42 days on a custom bicycle.

The sole purpose of this project for Julie was to raise awareness among the stroke fraternity and the wider community that 'If, after a serious stroke, you keep doing the things that you are passionate about, to the best of your ability, you can continue to make remarkable improvements, even after several decades, which will have a positive effect on all aspects of your life.'

#### Project partner:

NZ Stroke Foundation

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### Travel Safe: Tauranga Cycle Action Plan

Fifteen schools took part in Tauranga's Travel Smart and Travel Safe competitions, by preparing engaging videos to help inspire and motivate local communities to participate in the Tauranga Cycle Plan feedback process.

In addition to the video competition, a school feedback competition was organised to gather feedback from the wider school community. The community could provide their thoughts on the draft Cycle Action Plan online or via feedback forms, with the option to register their votes with one of the 38 schools involved.

To make the feedback process easy for all, the Council developed an online mapping tool, tested by the students, to enable comments to be 'dropped by pin' onto a map to provide location specific feedback. The online tool also included an 'ideas board' with voting options and a brochure/map for both text and spatial feedback.

Fifty-two percent of all feedback received during this engagement was from people under 16 years of age.

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# TAKING COMMUNITIES ON THE JOURNEY AWARD



## CATEGORY WINNER – Buller Cycling Club – Kawatiri River Trail

Over the last year, the Buller Cycling Club has put the finishing touches on a seven year project to make Westport a better place to ride a bike. It started out with the development of the Kawatiri Beach Reserve – 3km of single track and recreation facilities at the local beach. It was decided to connect the track to the town centre with another 4km of track which followed the river, rather than the backroads – the Kawatiri River Trail.

The development of the trails has led to people making biking part of their daily routine here which, other than the road racing crew, was never seen before. Schools are putting bike racks back where they had taken them out, as students are starting to ride again. The age spectrum of track users

covers primary school students to 80+ year olds, all out sharing a space and an activity together.

The tracks have also given Westport the opportunity for some positive media.

### Lead agency:

Buller Cycling Club

### Project partner:

Buller District Council and the Department of Conservation

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*Judges' comments: A wonderful local initiative that has transformed a previously neglected part of Westport resulting in a completely changed attitude to cycling by the local community. The judges were impressed by the positive outcome achieved from volunteers investing labour and resources to build local cyclepaths. The Kawatiri River Trail has the potential to be a case study to inspire other local groups to bring the community along on a cycling journey.*



## FINALISTS – Rotorua Trails Trust

Rotorua is fortunate to have a wide range of superb trails. Walkers, runners and trampers can choose from a 10 minute stroll through giant redwoods, running the Tarawera 100km ultra marathon or tramping in some of New Zealand's best native podocarp forest in the Whirinaki Valley.

The Rotorua Trails Trust achieved IMBA Gold Status, the highest rank possible, in 2015, for the upkeep and development of these trails.

The trust works closely with the various landowners, the Department of Conservation, Rotorua Lakes Council and forest managers in the district to improve the network. They assist with the coordination of the multitude of volunteers and volunteer working bees as well as the various off-road bike clubs to ensure the trails are the best they can be.

Rotorua Trails Trust is committed to further developing Rotorua's trail network, especially linking up some of the existing trails.

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*Judges' comments: Rotorua has established a worldwide reputation for its superb trails. The forest trails led the way before the rest of New Zealand caught on to the potential of mountain biking to benefit the wider community. The judges commend the Rotorua Trails Trust for leading further development of the trails network and successfully working with a range of partners to establish Rotorua as the mountain bike capital of New Zealand.*

# TAKING COMMUNITIES ON THE JOURNEY AWARD



## FINALISTS – Draft Tauranga Cycle Plan Community Engagement

Tauranga City Council developed its Draft Cycle Plan using an innovative bottom-up approach to engagement, working closely with stakeholders, tangata whenua and schools to agree the key principles and priorities that set the direction of the Cycle Plan and inform public engagement materials.

Over seven weeks staff attended 15 local events and set up displays in shopping malls and community centres, handed out over 4500 brochures and spoke to over 3000 people. From this more than 1500 surveys were completed, 2800 pins placed on the map and 48 ideas generated. The council has already begun implementing 'easy wins' that were suggested.

*Judges' comments: This nomination demonstrated an excellent approach to community engagement activities associated with cycling. The Tauranga City Council creatively developed a Draft Tauranga Cycle Plan through new and innovative approaches that embraced community input from the grassroots up.*

The council also ran two competitions with Travel Smart Student Leaders to encourage students to provide feedback. The Travel Smart/Travel Safe initiative was nominated for the Revolutionary Award. More information about this can be found on page 39.

Council staff used feedback from key stakeholder and public engagement to develop a Draft Tauranga Cycle Plan. The plan was released for public feedback during the 2018 Long Term Plan consultation.

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## NOMINEES



### Flat White Ride

To get people excited about getting around on their bike, EcoMatters Community Bike Hub has launched a new cycle map which rounds up the region's best cycleways and coffee pit stops on a 33km route through West Auckland.

By linking cycleways with local cafes, the Flat White Ride makes it as easy as possible for people to go for a ride and take their friends or family out too. The EcoMatters Community Bike Hub also puts on guided bike rides for anyone who would rather tackle the loop with a bit of guidance.

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### Waterview Shared Path

The Waterview Shared Path was named a finalist in the Built Excellence Award category. For information please refer to page 19.

### EcoMatters Community Bike Hub

The EcoMatters Community Bike Hub was also nominated for the Revolutionary Award. For information please refer to page 35.

### iWay Napier

Since the start of the Napier iWay programme three years ago, the local walking and cycling network has grown by over 23km, in addition to on-road cycle lanes.

Over the last 12 months, the iWay programme has focused on implementing a wide ranging programme of community engagement underpinned by a programme of education and promotion, for both adults and school kids.

Monitoring and evaluation activities have shown the results of this work, with formal cordon counts showing an average of 10% increases in total cyclists year on year since the start of the project. There is also increasing community interest in the development of new routes and connections, and much wider understanding of the project benefits during public consultation.

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