

A New Action Programme for Creating Cycleways



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IMAGINE...

A complete network of rural and urban cycleways, stretching across Aotearoa, loved and used by all kinds of Kiwis and visitors to our land. Imagine too that the national network is sustained so it delivers real social, environmental and economic benefits for New Zealand far into the future. If you share this vision then read on.

ABOUT THE HIKURANGI FOUNDATION

Hikurangi is a national charity for New Zealanders who want action on solutions for a sustainable future. We care about people, the environment and economy. In the last three years we have catalysed 25 smart and practical action projects that have allowed Kiwis to experience a taste of a positive future, today. We are open-minded, resourceful and collaborative. We are independent and rely on the generosity of New Zealanders to support our work.

OUR WORK ALREADY

Since 2008, Hikurangi, alongside many other organisations and individuals, has been working for a national network of cycleways. We are convinced of the benefits it can bring to the people, environment and economy of New Zealand. We were excited when the Government announced its plans to invest in the development of new cycleways around the country, but there is still so much more to be done to realise the true potential of a national network.

Without sustained support a complete national network cannot grow and thrive. Communities need help to get behind their local cycleway and promote and use it; innovative ways are needed to fund and sustain the building and maintenance of new cycleways; locals need entrepreneurial skills to create jobs and great designs; and ideas for new facilities need seeding and incubating.

OUR ANSWER: NEW INDEPENDENT ACTION FOR CYCLEWAYS

With the support of the participants and sponsors of Tour of New Zealand, Hikurangi is launching a new independent action programme to create and sustain the cycle network for New Zealand.

The programme will support and develop partnerships and projects that get:

- more cycleways built and linked
- a long term vision for a network and a strategy to sustain it
- more local communities taking part in and benefiting from the development of their local cycleways and the national network

The action programme will work alongside and complement others who share the vision of a complete and sustainable national cycle network; like national and local government, and other businesses, organisations and individuals. We will work to sustain the programme over time – we have already proven that even a little can go a long way. Further and final details about the programme are being developed at the moment.

JOIN US, LOVE US, INFORM US

If you're thinking of registering for Tour of New Zealand, select us as your preferred recipient charity and help us on this mission. We're also keen to hear what you want for your local cycleway, and your country. Check out our Facebook page soon to share your hopes and vision for national cycleways (or if you just can't wait – please contact us now: info@hikurangi.org.nz).

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Please sign up to our newsletter via the website to hear updates on The Hikurangi Foundation, our cool partners, the work we're doing together for a thriving New Zealand, and how you can get involved: www.hikurangi.org.nz.

Hikurangi Cycling Projects To Date

KAIKOHE COMMUNITY MAKING THE MOST OF THE NATIONAL CYCLEWAY – HOKIANGA TO OPUA

Supporting the Kaikohe and surrounding community to make the most of the economic development potential that a “quick start” cycleway on their doorstep offers; through providing resources and connections to build community and Iwi enterprise, a remarkable local brand and low carbon tourism.

Partners: Kaikohe Community Trust.

THE KAPITI COAST DAY OUT – A LOW CARBON TRANSPORT PILOT

An innovative pilot by the local tourism community, which provided transport services connecting to the Wellington train and discovered new demand for days out with a lower carbon footprint. Partners built “a better Kapiti for a day” and invited a sample of Wellingtonians to use shuttles and bikes. The pilot day shuttles got a big thumbs up, and with a bit of refinement on timetables, 90% might use them in the future. Over six out of ten liked the idea of bikes too. *Partners: Nature Coast Enterprise, local tourism operators.*

A NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK: FORUMS

Hosted timely cross-sector forums to bring national cycling, tourism and economic and community development experts and practitioners together to find common ground and create ideas for action. Helped build support for the cycleways and the vision for a national network as well as to get practical advice and contacts to those who needed it.

CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND WORKSHOP BIKE TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

Bringing together the developers of five central north island cycle trails to share challenges and develop solutions and plans for marketing of the cycle trails. *Partners TRC consultants.*

MAORI ON BIKES: SCOPING

Building towards a project proposal that addresses the challenge and options for community based solutions for Maori cycling. Maori are under-represented in cycling participation and cycle businesses. We are scoping ways to address this, and to incorporate the health, wellbeing and economic development benefits in greater participation.

AUCKLAND HARBOUR BRIDGE PATHWAY

The lack of walking and cycling access across the Auckland Harbour Bridge (AHB) is a critical issue for Auckland. An iconic and high quality pathway will catalyse the growth of walking and cycling in the region, encouraging Aucklanders and visitors to experience the city without a private motor vehicle, and providing a healthy, low-carbon alternative to the car. We are working with the AHB Pathway working group to launch their exciting solution – an architecturally designed, four meter wide, shared path to go under the southbound (city-side) lanes.

... and that's just for starters



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