NZ Cycling Conference 2007



Are You A Cyclist Or Do You Cycle?

The Language Of Promoting Cycling

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What's this all About?

- SCrucial that anyone advocating for a better cycling environment is careful in how they present their case
- SCheck that others aren't furthering existing mis-conceptions about cycling
- §Yet, many times we unwittingly seem to end up "scoring an own goal"...

(read the paper for more details)

What Prompted this Presentation?



- §Some recent Chch CC staff reports:
 - S Proposed Speed Limit Changes (50 60kmh)

"It is understood that the medium support of 57% could be attributed by a campaign conducted through the **cycling fraternity** and had this not accrued the support could have been quite different."

CCC report, 30 Nov '06

What Prompted this Presentation? cont'd



- §Some recent Chch CC staff reports:
 - § Moorhouse Ave Safety Improvements

"Twelve submissions were received in support of the proposal, in particular the improved cycling facilities, including eleven from individual **cycling advocates** and one from Spokes Canterbury Inc."

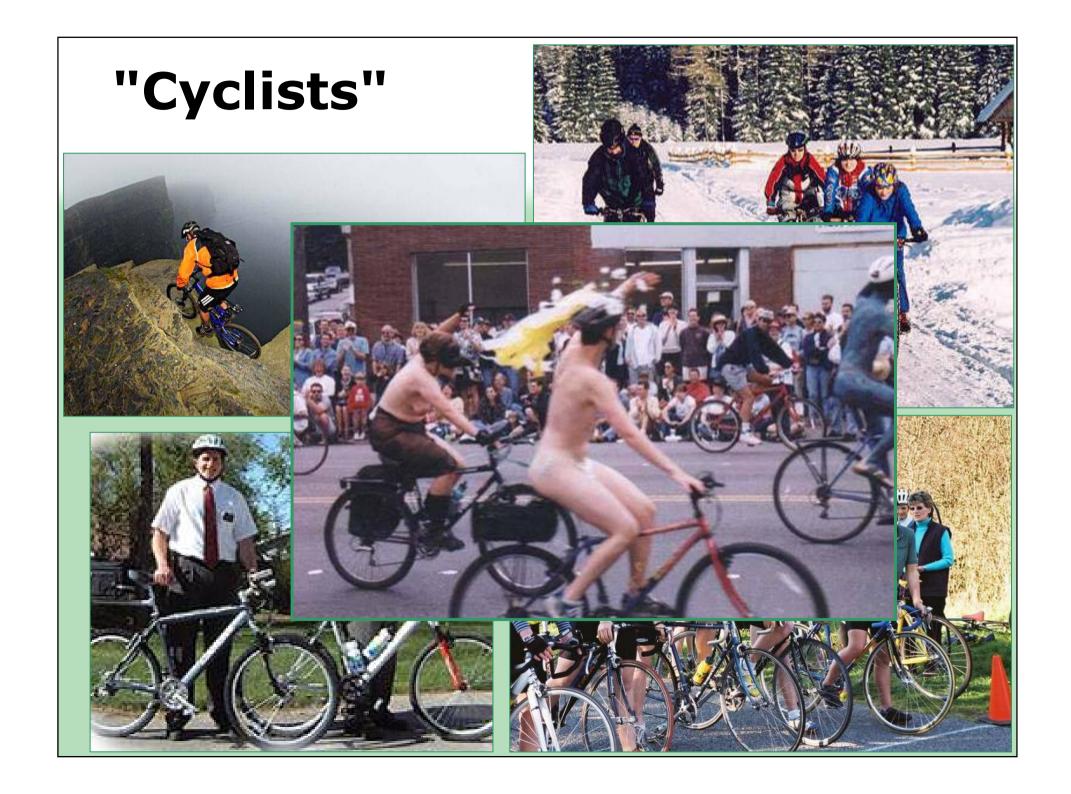
CCC report, 20 Dec '06

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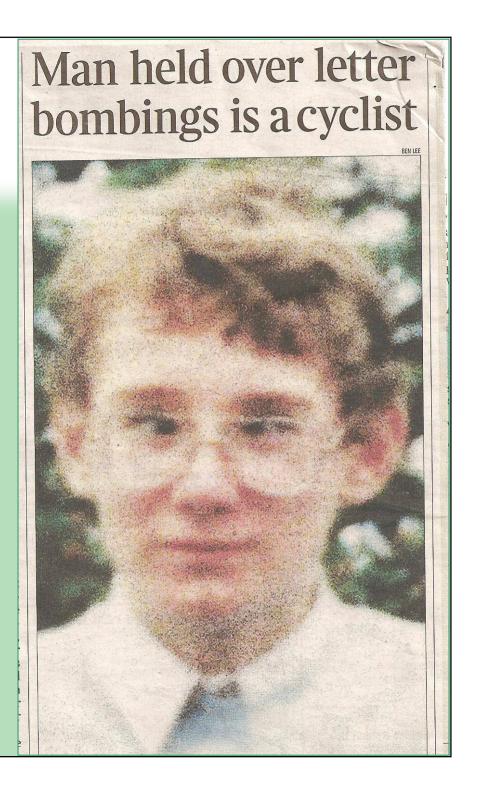


- SCycling submissions don't count as much?
 - S Although these were same proposals that Police & Comm Board had concerns with
- **SAll** people who cycle are advocates?
 - § How do they know???

No doubt unintentional slight, but...



You Can't Trust these Cyclists...







The Activity vs The People

- § Providing for cycling, not cyclists
 - S Cycling = activity that virtually anyone can do under the right circumstances
 - S Cyclists = relatively small bunch of "weird" people who only ever cycle
- § Is cycling really a niche activity?
 - S >100,000 people in Chch regularly cycle
- §Most "cyclists" also walk, drive, bus etc





- §Often a (mis)perception that
 "Providing for Cyclists" =
 "Providing Cycle Facilities"
- §IHT "5-Step Hierarchy of Treatments"
- § Promotion and Marketing of Cycling
- SOther "Cycle-friendly" Strategies and Policies



"Dangerisation" of Cycling

- SNeed to be careful about highlighting safety concerns of cycling
 - S While these need to be addressed, mustn't be main message people hear
- § Far better, **positive** reasons to encourage cycling
- §"Safety in Numbers" effect means that encouraging more cyclists is safe

Cyclists' horror weekend Two killed, three injured

Kim Thomas and Robyn Bristow

Cycling groups are pleading for more patience and respect from drivers after two cyclists were killed and three seriously injured at the weekend in a tragic end to national Bikewise week.

The cycling toll included two Rangiora brothers who were taken to Christchurch Hospital with serious injuries vesterday after being clipped from behind by a car on the Rangiora-Oxford Road (State Highway 72) in North Canterbury.
One was believed to have

suffered several fractures after straight stretch of road but near Rangiora yesterday. police said their helmets prevented more serious injuries.

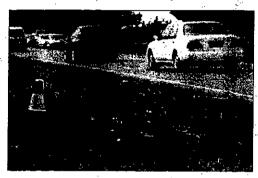
On Saturday Havelock North woman Hilary Evelyn Haward. 57, was killed instantly after being hit by a truck as she cycled through Taupo with her husband after watching the start of the international Ironman race.

On Friday night an elderly Matamata cyclist died after police said he apparently veered into the path of a car on the state highway outside the town.

The weekend's deaths come unc at the end of Bikewise week to clos promote cycling and advocates say they highlight a need for a ther change in attitude from motor-

Last year nine cyclists were lot killed nationwide and 820 iniured.

Christchurch policeman and president of the Papanui Cycling rese Club, Greg Hume, said drivers ever



being knocked off his bike on a Helmets helped: the bicycles belonging to the two cyclists injured

their attitudes and behaviour towards cyclists.

There are idiots out there who can't empathise and it gets frustrating when it happens time and time again," he said.

"It's a big responsibility to have a driver's licence and if you don't do it right you are taking other people's lives into your

in general needed to improve That attitude needs changing."

Rangiora constable Paul Lindsay said the woman driver of the car involved in the North Canterbury accident told police she was not aware of the cyclists "until she heard the bang".

The woman, who was visibly shocked, did not want to talk to The Press last night.

The accident happened yesterday.

SORTHWISE A

Several fractures: emergency service crew prepare a cyclist injured on the Rangiora-Oxford Road to be flown to Christchurch Hospital:

have veered into the path of a car on Friday night. Despite taking evasive action, the driver of the vehicle was unable to avoid hitting Sturkenboom, van de Wetering said.

Investigations are continuing into the cause of both fatalities.

• The death toll on the country's roads rose to four after a person died when a car carrying five people crashed into

a bank near Mahoenui, 50km south-west of Te Kuiti vesterday. The police have not given. the name of the dead person.

Navy sailor Iasmine Annie Bastion, 22, died after the car in which she was a passenger hit a concrete wall near the Devonport naval base in Auckland on Saturday.

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husband, Brinley Haward, were have veered into the path of a a bank near Mahoenui, 50km riding mountain bikes in Taupo when they were hit by the delivery truck about 9.15am.

Brinley Haward was admitted to Taupo Hospital in serious condition after being thrown on to a verge by the impact, Hamilton said.

police, said cyclist Gerrardus Sturkenboom, 74, appeared to carrying five people crashed into

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Nine taken to hospital as vehicles collide head on

Four young men from Gore and Mataura and a Baldutha family of five were a husband and wife, in their 40s, were taken to hospital after a horror and their three children, aged between head-on collision between two vehicles near Henley in Otago yesterday.

Sergeant Dave Scott, of Dunedin, said the crash happened about 1pm on State Highway 1 near Henley 32km south-west of Dunedin.

southbound Subaru carrying four at Dunedin Hospital yesterday afteryoung men from Gore and Mataura and a northbound Toyota four-wheeldrive vehicle carrying a Balclutha family of-five.

Acting Senior Sergeant Craig Brown, of Dunedin, who also attended the scene as a volunteer fire officer, said the four in the Subaru were taken to Dunedin Hospital for treatment, with two being flown by the Lion Foundation Rescue Helicopter. All were aged in their late teens or early 20s.

The five occupants of the Toyota 6 and 13. They were taken to Dunedin Hospital by ambulance.

The seriousness of their injuries was not known but they were not thought to be life-threatening.

The driver of the Subaru was The collision was between a transferred to an orthopaedic ward noon.

"At this stage we think driver inattention or fatigue has played a part in causing the crash," Brown said.

Both vehicles were extensively damaged and firefighters had to cut the injured occupants from the Subaru.

"They (the vehicles) were pretty badly damaged and nine people were injured, so there were a few everywhere.

"It took a while to sort out," he said. -Southland Times and NZPA A2 NEWS Monday, March 5, 2007 THE PRESS, Christchurch



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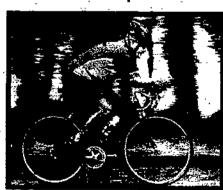
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Exercise profile



Michael Bond clocks an average of 900km a week.

At an age when many seniors are gearing down, Michael Bond is pedalling hard in the opposite direction.

The 73-year-old retiree clocks an average of 900km a week on his bike, cycling every day without exception — rain or shine.

"I hope to be doing it for another five or six years. As long as I'm fit. I'm going to keep going," he. says, with a steely look of determination.

In the past 31 years, Bond says, he has parked his bike only twice. The first time was 14 years ago when he was knocked off his bike by a car.

The second time was eight years ago after another collision with a motorist.

His day typically starts at 5:10 am. Trum the kettle on, go and pick up my (Christchurch) Press, open the garage door and unlock my gates, and have everything ready. While I'm doing my brekky. I'm cooking tonight's teaup, so everything's ready when I get back."

Bond hits the road by 7:30 am. and returns around 2:30 pm.

On rainy days, he mounts his bike on a wind trainer and cycles indoors for three hours, watching television to break up the monotory.

Bond credits cycling with keeping him trim and dealing --with the usual stresses of life. He has shed 16kg since he first took it up.

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To Put Things in Perspective...



- SAverage of **37** pedestrians and **361** motor vehicle occupants killed / year
- S~300-500 premature deaths / year in NZ due to motor vehicle emissions

2600 deaths a year can be attributed to physical inactivity.

(more than four times the death on NZ roads)

A bit of a Fuss in Christchurch...

Stalled cycleway project upsets pedallers

By Bryan Hunt

A FREEZE on cycleway projects in the city won't be lifted following a decision by the Christchurch City Council yesterday.

In June the council voted to halt tendering of all projects involving cycleways pending the outcome of a seminar to review the cycle strategy and its implementation.

Cycling advocacy group Spokes Canterbury is appalled at the decision, especially after presenting a petition calling for reinstatement of the cycling strategy and the lifting of the moratorium, signed by about 1500 cyclists.



Freeze on building cycleways to stay

voted to maintain its controversial freeze on building cycleways, which has outraged cycling advocates and the Green Party.

The council imposed the moratorium largely through concerns over cycle safety and whether the right type of cycleways were being built in the right places.

Cycling advocates reacted swiftly, with the council receiving 1400 submissions on the issue. Many

also attended a council seminar, after which Mayor Garry Moore asked staff to prepare a report recommending an end to the moratorium.

However, the report presented at yesterday's council meeting — failed to convince most council-

Cr Bob Shearing said he did want to be seen to

be against cycling, but he felt the had increased. moratorium had been put in place so the council could fully review its cycling policy — something he felt had vet to happen.

"Cycling will need more resources ... the issue is where to place our cycleways. There is a contradiction in the policy. We say Christchurch City Council wants cycling to be safe, but it's not."

Cr Carole Evans said she was certainly not against cyclists or the cycle strategy, but the city needed to

The Christchurch City Council has look closely at the hazards cyclists faced in a considered way.

> Cr Sue Wells said she was "absolutely dumbfounded" by opposition to lifting the freeze, and said councillors who wanted to keep it in place were stalling for political gain.

> The mayor agreed the moratorium had to be lifted, and said if the council maintained the freeze it would be "sweeping down the river of procrastination. Maintaining the freeze sends all the wrong signals."

> > However, councillors voted 6-3, with one abstention, to maintain the freeze.

The report presented to the council showed the number of reported cyclist crash injuries in Christchurch had dropped in recent years, while at the same time cycle use and the number of vehicles on the roads



Carole Evans

Glen Koorey, of Spokes, the Canterbury Cyclists Association, said he was appalled by the council's decision and could not fathom the thinking behind it. Koorey said he did not see why cycleway projects had to be halted while other cycling initiatives were reviewed.

Green Party co-leader Rod Donald said the council's decision was ignorant, especially at a time when petrol prices were heading towards \$2 a litre.



The "On vs Off-Road" Wars

- SCyclists' key concern wasn't about this debate, but the *process* Council used
 - § Debate on best cycle provision is healthy

§Some potential traps:

- § "What if we provide an on-road cycle facility, then a cyclist has a crash there?"
- § "Why should we provide anything for cyclists; they can't even agree on what they want?"



Name Calling...

- § "Vulnerable Road Users"
- § "Alternative modes"
- §"Slow modes"
- § "Transport disadvantaged"
- SAbsence of motor vehicle
 - = "Measure of Social Deprivation"

Try "Active Transport Users"...



A "Vulnerable Road User"?



One of these Things is Not Like the Others...





Cyclists are People Too!











Thank You!



