



PEDAL TALK

By the Cycle Strategy Team

The weather is warmer, the days are longer - time for cycle training or recreational riding!

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PROJECT UPDATE

Cycling in Taupo Brochure – that’s right! A brand new brochure on cycling in Taupo is soon to appear at the Taupo Information Centre and other strategic outlets! It will feature both road and mountain bike rides as well as cycle routes around Taupo town and other important cycling information.

Cycle Track and Lane Networks – Cycling into the Future!

- There’s word on the street that tongues are talking about a proposed cycle track from Acacia Bay to Kinloch via the lake! Keep your eyes and ears open.
- Have you noticed the gully system from Richmond Avenue up to Titoki Avenue has been cleared? Take a wander through. It will be very accessible once planting is done and a track put in!
- Also the gully beside the beginning of the Napier/Taupo Highway has been cleared for a future track to Kiddle Drive!

OUR UNIQUE BIKE RACKS

You might have seen them! Blue hoops popping out of the concrete everywhere! Locations include:

- Brumby’s -Cycle World
- Corner Shop -Fine Fettle
- Coffee Plus -Replete Café
- Paetiki Shopping Centre
- Events Centre -District Council

Read this column for updates on new locations.

BIKE TAUPO ADVOCACY GROUP inc

www.biketaupo.org.nz

Its official – Taupo has a dedicated group with a committee and solid membership of around 300 so far.

Bike Taupo is the community’s voice for leading Taupo into the future .

Their first project is the Spa Park to Huka Falls Cycleway. The first part of it is cut and further works are continuing almost daily to have it completed by summer. The track runs above and adjacent to the walking track. Check out the new sign at the Spa Park.

If you haven’t joined yet go online and enjoy free membership now!

EVENTS COMING UP:

- 11 October 2003 Day Night Thriller – Spa Park (mountain biking)
- 29 November 2003 Around the Lake Cycle Challenge (road cycling)

THE CLUB SCENE

Mountain Bike Club:

- Every Thursday evening 6pm meet at Cycle World for a ride. After Labour Weekend meeting at Helistar on Huka Falls Road.

Taupo Cycle Club:

- 28 September 10am Road Bike Race meet at AC Baths Avenue
- 12 October 10am Road Bike Race meet at Taupo Sale Yards Oruanui Road.
- Junior training at the Vellodrome Tuesdays contact Wayne Foster

T.A.R.T.S:

- 19 October 10:30am Duathlon meet at AC Baths Avenue

CYCLIST PROFILE:

Bruce Grant of The Merchant of Taupo

Many of you may know Bruce Grant but did you know he was a keen cyclist? The team was privileged to have a quick chat to him:

- Why do you cycle?** ‘I’ve always cycled. I used to cycle to work when living in Wellington because I didn’t have a car! Cycling is great for your health and it gets you going in the mornings. It’s a regular discipline that has no impact on the body and that’s good for an old battered body like mine.’
- How often would you cycle to work? Especially now the shop has moved to Spa Road?** ‘Was 3 – 4 days a week and I’m about to start again. Even though it’s a hill up to Spa Road – at least its down hill on the way home.’
- How many cyclists would you see on your travels?** ‘None’
- Do you have a warning bell on your bike.** ‘No, but I once had a horn - it didn’t go down too well!’
- Finally have you managed to get Spelt Bread in the shop??** Not yet but I’m working on it!! (What does this have to do with cycling ?? - Spelt bread is a great gluten free product which is delicious! Its healthier and converts into energy more efficiently for more cycling cycling cycling!)

FOR FUN ...

Novelty Cycle Awards

If you’ve got great mates who are dedicated cyclists and you’d like them to be noted in our column – give them a title and phone in and let us know their names. Let us start you off for this month!

- Most Colour Co-ordinated : Geoff Smith
- King of the Road: Crunchie Donaldson
- Most Enthusiastic Advocate: Pete Masters
- Secret Squirrel Cyclist : Dick Dutton
- Addicted to Ironman: Richard Neal
- Best Legs on a Cycle: The Lake Terrace Cyclist