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NZ Traffic Institute

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# THE 2016 TRAFINZ CONFERENCE
## IN TAURANGA IS NOW UNDER 2 MONTHS AWAY!

**DON'T MISS OUT**

**Conference registrations are at record levels and accommodation at the conference venue is now sold out. Alternative arrangements are being made. Don't miss out as it's possible that we may need to cap registrations due to venue restrictions.**

**Trinity Wharf, Tauranga 16-18 November 2016**

November in Tauranga is the place to be!! Tauranga is one of the fastest growing metropolitan centres in New Zealand.

The conference will centre on how New Zealand communities can successfully manage the impacts of growth into the future, while delivering a safe and efficient transport system that is well balanced to meet the needs of its diverse communities. The future for New Zealand's people, places and infrastructure will be influenced by how we plan and manage all aspects of transportation, not just the roads.

Globally, New Zealanders are known for their innovation, adaptability and all-round Kiwi ingenuity. This conference will look at how New Zealand's transportation industry is embracing and adapting to rapid and complex changes within the main urban centres but also in our rural communities.

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**Communities, Growth and Transportation.**

**Trinity Wharf, Tauranga**
**16-18 November 2016**

The programme has been finalised - see the Conference website for full details. **http://trafinz.org.nz/conferences/2016/**

Speakers include:
**Anders Eugensson** (1) from Sweden leads Volvo's team responsible for defining the long term vision for Volvo cars and the company's safety strategies. Anders in a keynote address will discuss their latest learnings from trials and technology advances particularly in the area of driverless and autonomous vehicles. We are expecting to see one of these vehicles in action at the Conference.

**Dr Sam Charlton** (2) from the University of Waikato will address the question "Are Kiwi drivers ready for connected and autonomous vehicles?" He will present the results of a nationwide survey of drivers and compare their attitudes to those of drivers overseas.

**Prof. Glenn Lyons** (3) from the University of the West of England will give a keynote on Transport Analysis in an Uncertain World and also contribute with Anders at many sessions throughout the conference.

**Hon. Simon Bridges**, (4) Minister of Transport will be sharing with us his vision for New Zealand's transport infrastructure.

**Prof. Shanti Ameratunga** (5) from the University of Auckland is a public health physician and was one of the standout speakers at the 2015 Conference. She will challenge us all with her perspective of planning for people and their transport needs.

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There is a special session on Road Safety with NZTA and NZ Police speakers and a practical workshop on Speed Management. Our kindred body SASTA has a separate session of particular interest to Road Safety Coordinators but all are welcome. Some sessions will run in parallel streams providing choices and challenging our perspectives.

There will be plenty of opportunities to catch up with colleagues and our overseas presenters during the evening social events. You can also join the Minister and local community leaders in the Road Safety 'Orange Day' Parade through the streets of downtown Tauranga, which is part of this year's conference. The parade is an amazing spectacle which celebrates the hard work of road safety champions in our schools and communities.

Having decision-makers at this year's conference is really important. We want to encourage Councils to send Councillors to join us at this premium transport event so that they can be exposed to the opportunities and latest international thinking. With the local body elections in October we realise it may be difficult to commit names at this stage; however with each staff member signing up we will offer a 50% reduction for "a Councillor".

See the website for further information and **REGISTER NOW** on **http://trafinz.org.nz/conferences/2016/**

## NETWORKING AND FIELD TRIPS

**Preconference Cycling Trip and/or Dinner**
**Tuesday 15 November 18:00 onwards**

Join Bruce Galloway, Tauranga City Council for either a 90-minute cycle tour for experienced cyclists; or a shorter loop around Waikareao Estuary. You can either bring your own off road bikes or hire one at your own cost.

Following the bike rides, there is an opportunity to join other delegates for a self-funding dinner at Harbourside Restaurant.

## FIELD TRIPS

**Thursday 17 November, 13:30 - 15:00**
There are four exciting field trips available **Click here** to download a pdf of ALL the options available.

**Urban Cycle Networks**
Cycle tour approx. 20km

**Maungatapu**
Coach & walking tour

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## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

**Tauranga Transport Op Centre**
Walking Tour

**Waikareao Estuary**
Cycle Tour 9km

## ORANGE DAY PARADE

**Friday 18 November, 09:00 onwards**
Orange Day parade is a celebration of all students from Tauranga City Council and WBOPDC Primary /Intermediate schools that work alongside Travel Safe and Police in road safety and promoting active transport.

Students dress in orange and chant road safety messages as they celebrate carrying their banners in the parade. We ask that delegates also wear orange to this event to show their support. The students have identified a road safety issue/active transport promotion in their specific community and have designed a banner with messages to their community. These banners will be used by students in 2016 to send a pro-active message to their community. To help lift the level of road safety and active transport.

## WELCOME FUNCTION

**Wednesday 16 November, 18:00 onwards**
Take this great opportunity to network with your peers. Bring your creative skills to design and make your banners for the Orange Parade scheduled for the Friday morning.

## CONFERENCE DINNER

**Thursday 17 November, 19:00 onwards**
Join us at the Classic Flyers museum. Dinner formalities wll include Trafinz and SASTA Awards plus Life Member presentations. This year's theme: late 1800s. Aotearoa/New Zealand. Take a step back in time to an era of land wars, gold mining, suffragettes, immigration schemes, the first ascent of Mt Cook and employment law reforms.

## NEWS FROM HAMILTON

## WESTERN RAIL TRAIL BEGUN

On 28 August Minister of Transport Hon. Simon Bridges joined outgoing Mayor Julie Hardaker for a special sod turning ceremony. The $5.82 million, 2.7 km shared path will provide an off road link between Hamilton's south west suburbs and Hamilton Girls High School, the Wintec City Campus and the city centre- see artists impression.

The path includes signalised crossings of 4 major roads. Hamilton has already built 150km of cycling network helping to establish cycling as an integral part of the transport network. For more information see **www.hamilton.govt.nz/bikingplan.**

## 'KIRSTY KERBS' WIN AWARD

Minister Bridges with Kirsty and her Award

At the recent 2WALKandCYCLE Conference in Auckland a special kerb design by Kirsty Horridge of the Hamilton City Transport Unit won a Golden Foot Award. Technically named 'High Kerbs' the height and design make it easier for people to use the wheelchair ramp on and off buses. The design is based on a European model adapted to suit Hamilton buses and local conditions. There are 55 of these kerbs installed around the city with an ongoing programme of 15 per year.

## CAR SHARE SCHEMES

Wellington City Council has approved a Car Share Policy which allocates to car share providers that meet certain criteria the free and exclusive use of on-street car parks. Car share schemes have become popular in many cities around the world including the United Kingdom, United States, and Australia, and there is a growing use of them in central Auckland.

People join a car share scheme to use a car share vehicle. The cars are either owned or leased by the car share provider, or by members of the car share scheme, who book them through websites, or phone and pay by the hour or km. You can arrange to use one for as little as an hour.

Car share schemes help reduce congestion and fit with aims to make Wellington a Smart Capital and eco-city. Many privately-owned cars sit idle about 95 percent of the time and evidence from overseas suggests that each car share vehicle takes between 10 and 20 cars off the road. Evidence elsewhere also shows people who car share tend to use public transport and cycle more than those who drive their own car.

Over the next three years - subject to demand - the Council plans to identify up to 100 car parks across the city that could be set aside for car share vehicles or electric vehicle charging infrastructure and other services which either reduce the need to own a car, or make it easier to shift to sustainable transport fuels.

For more information **click here** or email **carshare@wcc.govt.nz**

## AWARDS

**TRAFINZ ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Each year Trafinz recognise those organisations, individuals or communities that have made an outstanding contribution and have demonstrated leadership in transportation safety and sustainability in New Zealand.

There are two categories of Award:

- Road Safety leadership
- Sustainable transport leadership

Applications are now open.

**Click here** to download information on the application process.
Applications must be received by 25 October 2016

## NEW SECRETARY FOR TRAFINZ

Trafinz has a new Secretary, **Susan Lilley** from Dunedin City Council. Welcome Susan. She replaces Robyn Denton (Hamilton City) in that role. Robyn will continue as Treasurer, the roles having been split to help manage the workload.

## CYCLING NETWORK GUIDANCE – PLANNING AND DESIGN

What provision should be made for people cycling within our transport network, and where?

The NZTA in support of the Government's Urban Cycleways Programme and the New Zealand Cycling Safety Panel's report recommendations, have been leading the development of an innovative new online tool in collaboration with local government.

The Cycling Network Guidance (CNG) promotes a consistent, best-practice approach to cycling network planning and design throughout New Zealand. It sets out a principles based process for deciding what cycling provision is desirable, and provides best-practice guidance for cycleway design.

Try it now at **www.nzta.govt.nz/cng**

## THE HIDDEN TRAFFIC SAFETY SOLUTION? : PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

A new study published by the American Public Transportation Association shows how high quality public transit services and more transit-oriented development can increase safety for users and communities.

The Authors state:
**Public transportation is overall a very safe travel mode. Transit passengers have about one-tenth the traffic casualty (death and injury) rate as automobile passengers. This occurs because high-quality public transit helps create more compact and multi-modal communities where residents drive less and at lower speeds, and where higher-risk groups have viable alternative to driving. These benefits are large but often overlooked in conventional planning. More comprehensive safety analysis can justify significantly more support for public transit and transit-oriented development.**

For more information **click here**

## Membership Form

**New Members are most welcome.**

There is a Membership Form at the end of this Newsletteror see our website **http://www.trafinz.org.nz/about/**

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**NAME OF APPLICANT ORGANISTION:**

**NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE:**

**POSITION TITLE:**

**POSTAL ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:** **CELL:**

**EMAIL:**

**CONTACT DETAILS FOR ACCOUNTS:** / IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** / REFER OVERLEAF

### CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:

Discussions at Trafinz meetings will often involve the sharing of information by attending parties that is not yet publicly available or policy. This may include details of possible future national policies which are in the early stages of development and draft submissions on these policies is provided on the basis that there are advantages to be gained from sharing the information and gaining feedback from Trafinz as an organisation, representing the views of territorial local authorities and their communities. Confidentiality of this information is crucial and therefore any intending member must complete and abide by the following confidentiality agreement.

We (the intending member) _____ acknowledge and accept that any information relating to the development of possible national transport polices, rules and procedures becomes privy to in the course of or as a consequence of our membership shall be maintained in the strictest confidence and we shall not divulge/release or otherwise allow the information to be made known to any person/persons who otherwise are not eligible to partake of such information without first discussing the matter with the President or Vice President and where necessary gaining Trafinz Executive approval.

**SIGNED:**

**POSITION TITLE:**

Please send completed form to:
Robyn Denton, Secretary/Treasurer Trafinz
C/o Hamilton City Council, City Transportation Unit, Private Bag 3010, Hamilton 3240.

This application will be considered at the next Trafinz Executive meeting.
If application is accepted a Membership Pack will be provided along with an invoice (as appropriate).

**The NZ Traffic Institute Inc has been in existence since 1948 and has the following objectives:**

1. To provide or advocate for public mobility including the planning provision and management of roads, public transport and parking in a sustainable manner.
2. To promote the safe use of roads by all, through education, encouragement, engineering and enforcement.
3. To ensure the environmental impact of traffic movement is recognised and treated sensitively.
4. To ensure that the Ministry of Transport and New Zealand Transport Agency and their departments and partner agencies are aware of the needs of local authorities and their communities.

The Institutes membership comprises local and territorial authorities, crown agencies and consultants. The Institutes strategic partners are Local Government NZ, MOT, SASTA, NZ Transport Agency, NZ Police and ACC.

Local Government members are represented by both elected members and technical staff.

| MEMBERSHIP CLASSES AND ASSOCIATED FEES 2016 | | Cost ($) GST exclusive |
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| **Local Government Members** | 300,000 and above | 4,000 |
| Cities and Districts Authorities with Populations : | 200,000 and above | 3,000 |
| | 100,000 - 200,000 | 2,000 |
| | 50,000 - 100,000 | 750 |
| | Up to 50,000 | 500 |
| Regional Councils: | | 2,000 |
| **No charge for first the year of membership for new Local Government members** | | |
| Associates | Not-for profit organisations | 100 |
| Corporates | Consultants, contractors | 1,000 |
| Strategic Local Government Stakeholders | SASTA, Local Government NZ | exempt |
| Strategic Government Stakeholders | NZTA, NZ Police, MOT, ACC | 1,000 |
| Learning Institutions | Eg University, Polytechnic | 250 |
| Life Members | | exempt |

Trafinz financial year is 1 January – 31 December. Membership fees are billed March of each year.