



# VALLEY VOICE

TE REO HAPORI O WAIMAPIHI

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AROUND THE ARO VALLEY - DECEMBER 2013

## Christmas trees raise community funds



The annual Aro Valley Christmas tree fundraiser, selling trees out of the bunker at the back of the Aro Valley Community Centre supports the work of three key local organisations: Te Aro School, Aro Valley Pre-School, and the Aro Valley Community Council. It's open for business every week day 3.30pm - 6.30pm and weekends 10am - 6pm, until 23 December. Trees come in every height, shape and size, and deliveries are available. Volunteers please Contact: 04 384 6681 or tutt@clear.net.nz

L-R: Valley residents Alan Fairless, Cosmo (dog), Jadwyn Lowe (AVCC), and Christmas tree committee members, Rachael Griffiths (pre-school rep) and Jaqui Tutt (AVCC rep). Not pictured: Sarah Paterson (Te Aro School rep), David Ball (Christmas Tree Coordinator)

## NZTA fronts up to meetings about road widening



NZTA 'Memorial Park Alliance' Project Manager Duncan Kenderdine (pictured) and Traffic Engineer Richard Galloway fronted up to two public meetings at the Aro Community Hall on 31 October and 3 December to discuss recent developments at the intersections of Karo Drive with Abel Smith Street, Willis Street and Victoria Street.

The meetings followed commencement of work to widen Karo Drive, Willis and Victoria Streets without any direct communication with local business owners, residents, pedestrians or cyclists.

The roading representatives took away a list of questions from residents and business owners to return with answers at the following meeting. Some requests could not be answered.

Yellow cross hatching on Willis Street, to allow space for traffic to enter and exit Palmer Street was ruled out for now, on grounds that it would hold up traffic on upper Willis, but NZTA promises to continue monitoring the intersection after the fourth lane is added, with a view to possible future modification. Likewise, a 'diagonal' phase for pedestrians wishing to cross Willis Street from one corner

of Abel Smith Street to the other in a single phase, was promised for future consideration only.

Some of the concerns of cyclists were addressed, with additional 'stop boxes' included in revised designs for both the Victoria and Willis Street intersections with Karo Drive.

Questions about the status of NZTA-owned property in the area, the lack of community consultation and the effects of the new roading arrangements on waiting times for pedestrians and local traffic were also discussed.

A third meeting is promised for February. Watch for notices.

To request a copy of NZTA's presentation to the 3 December meeting at Aro Hall, contact: richard.galloway@memorialpark.co.nz

# Committee discusses constitution

**A meeting in Aro Hall in late November discussed the Aro Valley Community Council (AVCC) constitution in some depth. Members analysed the history of the AVCC and the reasons for its becoming an incorporated society.**

AVCC co-chair Roland Sapsford noted that the Law Commission have proposed changes to the requirements for incorporated societies, including how societies handle disputes, remove officers and members, and interact with government.

However, it was “very early days yet” in this reform process, he said.

Members then put forward a list of issues that should be addressed in any review of the current constitution. These included: clarifying who interprets the constitution, the reasons for having a constitution in the first place, defining who is a member of the AVCC, which sources of funding the AVCC should accept, how the AVCC makes decisions

and resolves disputes, how the AVCC provides umbrella support for other organisations, how the AVCC is meeting bicultural obligations, how the AVCC resolves the priority of its objectives, how the AVCC engages with the wider community and seeks their opinions, the AVCC’s employment and governance objectives, provisions for communication and transparency and reporting to constituents, and the process for requesting agenda items and motions for general meetings.

Members also listed areas where they felt the current constitutional requirements were not being met, including: membership rights, the meaning of representing the views and interests of the community, the election of meeting chairs other than the co-chairs, the use of consensus, the committee’s power as the governance body between general meetings, the way that the committee’s powers are bestowed, the making of rules and regulations between meetings,

notification of general meetings, the meaning of urgent general business, and recording.

Sapsford said the committee would “note” the areas and issues listed “and then as a committee work out what we do next”. That might involve setting up a subgroup to look at the constitution, he said. “This isn’t urgent but it is important.”



## LETTER OF THANKS

Ngā mihi nui *Valley Voice*,  
I’m just writing to say that Aro Valley people are awesome. A nice lady called Chrissie, round the corner from our house, found my wallet under our car tonight, knocked on doors (in the rain!) to try and find me, then phoned my bank, all before I’d even noticed the wallet was missing. I gave her cake, but now I’m writing to the *Valley Voice* to give her props, too. She really made my day. Noho ora mai rā i roto i ngā manaakitanga katoa. **Melissa Bryant**

## Aro Valley Community Council news

### AVCC finances

AVCC treasurer Mattie Timmer has encouraged the committee to get more money out of its hall hire, as revenue from it has fallen recently. This was due to fewer hires and more non-paying users. While the hall had to be as open to the community as much as possible, for the AVCC to break even each year it needed around \$30,000 in addition to its city council grants, and the hall had a big part to play in that, Timmer said. If the AVCC continued at current levels it would dip into its reserves “in about half a year”, he said, suggesting the AVCC should be “more aggressive” on matters

like Valley Voice advertising and grant applications. Community co-ordinator Kelvin Aris said he was talking with community education group Chalkle about hosting more of its meetings at the hall. The committee also agreed to increase the bond charged for parties at the hall to \$500 after a door and toilet were damaged at a recent party.

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### Constitution

Following the recent meeting on the AVCC’s constitution, the committee agreed to set up a small working group next year to consider how to act on the community’s suggestions.

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### Composting

The AVCC is acting as an umbrella organisation for a funding proposal from Kai o

te Aro to install and manage community compost bins on Epuni Street for six months. The Wellington City Council is “really interested”, AVCC and Kai o te Aro member Charles Barrie said, and discussions are ongoing.

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### Living Wage

The AVCC discussed the Living Wage campaign, which is arguing that workers should be paid \$18.40 an hour, as that is what they need to live on, rather than the minimum wage of \$13.75. Not all AVCC staff are currently receiving the living wage. Treasurer Mattie Timmer will look into the cost of paying this to all employees, and the committee will then consider its support for the wider campaign. It will also invite Living Wage Aotearoa to give a talk in the community centre.

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# Aro backs solar panel plan

**The Aro Valley Community Centre could generate almost all its power from the sun if a plan to install solar panels goes ahead.**

The Aro Valley Community Council (AVCC) committee is supporting a plan – by young environmentalists Generation Zero – to install six solar photo-voltaic panels on the roof of either the hall or the pre-school.

The cost of up to \$8,000 would be met half by the Wellington City Council and half by funding sourced from the public, according to Louise Sherrel from Generation Zero. The panels would generate all the main hall’s energy for nine months of the year and around half of it for the remaining three months.

Generation Zero is hoping to encourage community councils around the country to adopt this approach. “We think there is incredible potential for this model,” Sherrel said.

Sherrel will now meet with city council officials to explore how the plan could be developed, and may apply for city council funding early next year. If that was successful, a crowd-funding campaign would then be launched.

AVCC committee members raised concerns about the ongoing maintenance costs of the solar panels and who would own them, but supported the idea in principle.



Photo: Bobby Semau

## Aro Valley Open 2013 A massive day of table tennis was held November 2nd at the Aro Valley Hall.

Mr Liam Johnston of Abel Smith Street was the winner taking home the Ben Raikes Trophy for 2013, beating a very competitive and well-dressed field of 40 athletes.

Thanks to our wonderful local sponsors Aro cafe, Vinnies Epuni St, Aro Video, Mechanical Tempest, Mr Ron Barber, Patels Supermarket, Aro Hair Design, Skin Focus, Dirt Merchants, Karma Cola and the Garage Project - top level ping pong is thirsty work.

\$220 was raised for the Aro valley table tennis club and 3 tables and equipment have been generously donated.

Thanks Seth Hickling, and Jenny from the Hataitai Community Centre, Tom Table tennis, Rob Mayo, Solid

Gold Sound System, DJ’s Kelvinator and Steve the ska man, MC Stevie T of Levina Ave and all competitors, match officials and scrutineers. Table Tennis continues every Wednesday at the Hall 8-10pm. \$3 gets you a spot at the table.

### Resource consent sought for new Brooklyn wind turbine

Meridian Energy have applied for resource consent to remove the existing 45-metre high turbine in Brooklyn and construct a new turbine with a height of up to 77 metres (from ground to blade tip). The consent includes a new interpretive centre, access and landscaped areas.

**Public submissions by 4.00pm, 14 January 2014**

**More info: <http://wellington.govt.nz/have-your-say/public-input/public-inputs/public-notice/open/resource-consent---brooklyn-wind-turbine>**

## Workers available for gardening and section maintenance

022 137 6715 or 934 8516 rustlecanstruct@gmail.com (text or email preferred)

Energetic, and not so young, local workers with a range of skills and tools seeking small or big jobs

- Section clearing
- Slip clearing
- Weed elimination, (especially old- mans-beard and ginger control)
- Garden bed care and general gardening
- Edge and hedge trimming
- Pruning
- Tree trimming and felling
- Chimney demolition
- Gutter cleaning
- House and window washing
- Trailer loads to the tip
- Painting
- Fencing
- Firewood and kindling

We can create outdoor braziers, BBQs, wooden compost bins, planters, and furniture to suit your environment and needs. We have a trailer, weedeaters, scrub bar, lawnmower, chainsaws, skill saws, wheel barrows, fadges and bags and a range of hand tools. We can provide advice on permaculture and landscaping for your location. You can trust us to deal with the tough stuff as well as jobs that need special care! We should be able to respond within 48 hours and are interested in repeating and/or ongoing contracts. Fee by arrangement. References available.

# Stephanie's Surprise!

Photo: Lisa Thompson



**Former Holloway Road resident and Wellington City councillor Stephanie Cook got a surprise farewell party from grateful locals thanking her for 18 years' service on the city council.**

Cook, who is shifting up the coast, was moved to tears by the party, at the Aro community centre. During the speeches, her fellow councillors and locals thanked her for her hard work on behalf of the valley and the rest of the city. The party also involved some spectacular lighting effects provided free of charge by Darrell Smith. To contact Darrell about his party lighting service can email him at [djsmithdjsmith@gmail.com](mailto:djsmithdjsmith@gmail.com).

## Author with vim



**Aspiring 16 year-old author, Robert Wainwright, has just published his first book, *The Talisman of Vim*, which is the first book in the trilogy, *The Chronicles of Wick*. The book was launched at the Aro Valley Community Hall on Sunday afternoon in front of 100 family and friends.**

Robert has been writing since he was seven and has always had a love of words. The book has been in the making for nearly 3 years.

Robert is an Aro Valleyite who went to Aro Valley Pre-school and Te Aro School. In his younger years you might have tasted delicious treats from his baking stalls at Aro Fairs and in the park after school. More recently he can be spotted doing his paper run in Aro St and working at Haya cafe or juicing organic juice at the Hill St Markets on Saturday mornings. His ambition is to be a successful, well-known author. Check out his Facebook page: *Talisman of Vim* If you'd like a signed copy for \$20 contact Robert through [thorpewainwright@clear.net.nz](mailto:thorpewainwright@clear.net.nz). It's also available at the Rona Gallery and Bookshop in Eastbourne and The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie.



Kia ora koutou,

We've been making great progress up at the orchard site beside 225 Aro St. Our garlic crop is coming along well – we might have some to share at the fair – and we've really got stuck into building our raised beds.

Commonsense Organics gave us a big stack of timber pallets and we have been cutting these up for the frames of the beds, which are then lined with coreflute to keep the soil in, serve as a weed barrier and help the timber last longer. Once the frames were completed, we filled them with a brew of our homemade compost, wood mulch (thanks WCC), sheep dags (thanks Micky Stevens!) and both coffee grounds and husks (thanks Linda Beatson!!). Finally we covered the new beds with coffee sacks, and we'll do our best to keep them moist while they break down in preparation for our autumn planting.

We seem to have conquered the rat problem for now too, thanks to a new lining of core flute around the bins and a little trapping. We caught two rats, but have removed our traps for now and are going back to the drawing board on this, as we want to ensure this is done safely.

We've had some great new energy in the group recently, and 2014 looks like it's going to be a good year for Kai o te Aro. We have been doing some good work on how we manage ourselves and are trying to make more use of online tools to keep track of decisions and information.

The last garden day for the year will be Saturday December 14th from 10am at the orchard – please come along and say hi. We'll be kicking back off with our fortnightly garden days sometime in January – keep an eye out for signs around the community centre in the new year for the confirmed date.

As always if you want to get hold of us, you can email [arogardener@gmail.com](mailto:arogardener@gmail.com), find us on find our group page on facebook, or leave a message at the community centre. **Mauri ora, Charles.**



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**Labour**

# Kenneth James Tait, 1892-1918: hero of the forgotten wars

*Elizabeth Plumridge continues her survey of some of the more than 100 names listed on the World War I memorial at the corner of Holloway Road and Aro Street.*



Kenneth James Tait's military career is a reminder of our very selective commemorations of the war of 1914-1918. The emphasis on Gallipoli heroism and the ANZAC legend as the birth of nationhood has overshadowed other battles where New Zealanders fought and were killed.

Kenneth was not a pupil of the Mitchelltown School, but rather one of the 'boys of the district' remembered on the Holloway Road memorial. His father seems to have been a postmaster, and in 1897, when Kenneth would have been only five years old, the family was at Otaki and later they lived in other rural locations including Waipukurau.

But Kenneth seems to have struck out early. By the time he was 16 he was living in Wellington, probably in Taitville – the area of Aro Valley approached through Entrance Street. In 1908, Kenneth was a junior civil servant in the Department of Labour, but he also fitted in study at Victoria University over the next few years, perhaps to advance his career. He was the sporty type, excelling at cricket in the annual Christmas picnics of the Department of Labour and playing representative rugby for Victoria. He was also a very keen military cadet and won prizes for rifle shooting.

It is perhaps not surprising that with his interest in the territorials, Kenneth enlisted promptly. War was declared on 4 August 1914; Kenneth enlisted on 9 August and was sent overseas on 15 August on the first, but perhaps least remembered, of New Zealand's military exercises of World War One: the seizure of Samoa.

In the event this turned out to be a pushover: the Germans had only

20 special constables and troops, 50 ageing rifles, and orders to surrender if the British arrived. The journey across the Pacific was potentially risky, since the New Zealand troops were in unarmed ships requisitioned from the Union Steamship Company, whereas the Germans had five navy frigates roaming the Pacific. But the passage was uneventful, the troops landed peacefully, and Samoa surrendered on 29 August. Kenneth stayed only a few months and on 15 April 1915 he was discharged at his own request and returned to Wellington.

But on 25 April 1915 the Gallipoli catastrophe happened. It was suddenly clear that vast numbers of men were going to be needed to replace the dead and wounded, and for New Zealand to keep its commitment to the British War Office. The Minister of Defence said "very large demands would be made" and he "did not know how long this demand would be kept up", but 16,000 men would be needed within the year.

Kenneth Tait responded. On the 25 May 1915 he re-enlisted. This time he spent a few months in training. In September 1915 he was promoted to sergeant, in June he was made second lieutenant, and on 16 July 1916 he was sent to Palestine then to Egypt to serve with the New Zealand Mounted Rifle Brigade. In September he was put in command of the brigade, given other positions of command and then sent to the Imperial Training School at Zeitoun from January to March 1917, to be promoted to lieutenant. On the 11 November 1917 he was awarded the Military Cross, "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack he led his troop with great gallantry and skill over ground exposed to heavy machine-gun fire. He showed magnificent leadership and skill."

It was probably during this engagement that Kenneth was wounded by gunshot to the neck and throat, and the wounds turned septic. They took some time to heal but by 5 January 1918 he was reported to be convalescing. Probably sometime late in January or early February 1918 he rejoined his brigade. On 14 March he was promoted to captain.

On 23 March 1918 Kenneth Tait was killed in action.

## Give away vouchers for Culture Vultures

Valley icon Aro St Video has recently launched the 'Culture Vulture Voucher' – a unique gift voucher that the recipient can redeem for either books, films or music at birds-of-a-feather retailers Unity Books, Aro St Video and Slow Boat Records.



Andrew from Aro St Video says: "We think it's a fun, beautiful and entirely practical gift, but it's also relevant to a wider cultural conversation. You could say we're killing three birds with one stone."

The voucher taps into:

Books, Movies and Music – the three coolest things on the planet!

Local, Independent and Nostalgic – three treasured and endangered species

Three respected and long-established brands of cultural retail

Three bricks-and-mortar businesses surviving in a 'faceless' brave new world

To celebrate the launch of the Culture Vulture vouchers, Valley Voice has two vouchers, each worth \$25, to give away to the first two people to answer the trivia question below.

Answers to [aro.voice@gmail.com](mailto:aro.voice@gmail.com) or sent to Valley Voice via the community centre.

**Question:** *What famous Kiwi film had a scene filmed at the location of the store at 97 Aro Street?*

## What is happening with our transport services?

*Paul Bruce, Greater Wellington Regional Councillor*

The implementation of the Wellington City Bus Review (WCBR) has been delayed until approximately 2015, due to current work being undertaken under the newly legislated Public Transport Operating Model (PTOM) and the outcome of the Public Transport Spine Study. PTOM is a new way of tendering and contracting for public transport services introduced as part of legislation passed this year. The implementation of the new network is linked in with the drafting of the PTOM operating units and the procurement process for these.

The Public Transport Spine Study (PTSS) purpose is to recommend a high capacity mode out to Newtown and Kilbirnie to improve reliability and resolve the delays resulting from too many individual buses running through the Golden Mile. While services may not directly be linked to the PTSS operation the buses used in the network are interlinked, and need to be to obtain the best value for money for the fare payer and rate payers.

The Bus Review was budgeted as a cost neutral exercise, and it had to reduce

duplicated or under used services in order to re-invest in other areas of the city. It looked at the network as a whole and only recommended changes that were able to maintain the cost neutrality for the ratepayers. GWRC's Council has an annual budgeting process, and I will be pushing for Council to allocate additional funding for an earlier implementation of some changes.

Those of you who are disadvantaged by present arrangements, may like to consider car share or car pooling arrangements. GW has a website set up for this purpose <http://lets carpool.govt.nz>. Others may like to consider walking and cycling - Wellington City Council is now in the planning stages of a safe cycle network throughout the city.

GWRC has undertaken extensive public consultation. There were over 100 meetings with community representatives and stakeholders on the Bus Review. The PTSS consultation process has had over 250 pieces of feedback, with oral hearings concluded early this December. Information on both these projects can be viewed on the GWRC's website. However, I would be very pleased to receive your comments.

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/buses/>

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/ptspinestudy/>

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## Looking forward to 2014

*Iona Pannett, Lambton Ward councillor*

Councillors are currently working hard to get a draft budget for the city out by Christmas. Priorities already indicated as likely to be featured including a living wage for council employees, better cycle-ways, financial mechanisms to help owners of earthquake prone buildings, a rental warrant of fitness for housing and so on. Strengthening the economy will also continue to be a priority. You will have a chance to say if we have got it right after the Christmas break.

2014 promises to be a busy year with traffic in the Valley being a top priority. NZTA are still planning a second Terrace tunnel and after the insult of the expansion of the Bypass, we will need to look very carefully at this proposal. I'm sure the Aro Fair will be a highlight and some planning issues remain unresolved. Work to restore Town Belt in the Valley will hopefully commence next year as well. I look forward to working with you on these important issues in 2014.

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## 2013 has been an awesome year for record sales in the Aro Valley!!

Looking forwards to 2014 it would be great to give something back to the community.

For every Aro property listed \$500 will be donated to either Te Aro School, Aro Valley Pre-School or the Community Centre - you choose!

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# REGULAR HALL USERS

Day	Time	Activity & Cost	Contact
Monday	7.15 – 8.15am	Tai Chi Class (Koha)	Lynsey 384 5520
	6.00 – 8.00pm	Capoeira (\$10 casual /\$40 - 8 classes)	Bobby Semau 027 6961708 bobbysemau@gmail.com
Tuesday	11.15 – 12.00pm	Sit and Be Fit (\$3 per class) <b>Starts again February 2014</b>	Kathy McConville Contact AVCC 384 8499 community@arovalley.org.nz
	7.30 – 9.00pm	West Coast Fling Social Dance Group Experienced dancers only	Tim Goddard 021 207 5001 tim@goddard.net.nz
Wednesday	7.15 – 8.15am	Tai Chi Class (Koha)	Lynsey 384 5520
	4.00 – 5.00pm	Capoeira music, rhythm and movement class for kids of all ages (Koha) <b>Starts again February 2014</b>	Kelvin Aris 384 8499
	6.30 – 8.00pm	Starjam <b>Starts again February 2014</b>	Genevieve@starjam.org 212 4971 • 021 782 866
Thursday	6.00 – 7.00pm	Samba Hillary Mitchell & Fabiola Stevenson	Hillary Mitchell Hillary.Reid@vuw.ac.nz 021 230 8732
	7.30 – 9.00pm	Yoshukai Karate (\$10 a week – pay what you can afford. Includes 2 <sup>nd</sup> weekly class Northland Community Centre)	Colin Berry 027 249 5342 • 475 9985
Friday	7.15 – 8.15am	Tai Chi Class (Koha)	Lynsey 384 5520
Saturday	11.00 – 12.00pm	ZUMBA Fitness (\$15/\$10 with ID)	Rafael Ferrer 382 8232 www.cubanfusion.co.nz
	1.00 – 3.00pm (last Saturday of the month)	Capoeira	Bobby Semau 027 696 1708 bobbysemau@gmail.com
Sunday	9.30 – 2.30pm	Forward in Faith	Shadreck Mamhute smamhute@yahoo.com 021 244 6045



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St Vinnie's volunteer Sylvie Froncek repaints a mannequin that was looking "a bit worse for wear"

## Aro Valley School Holiday Summer Space Programme is counting down...

Tuesday 21 January to Monday 3 February, 8.30am to 5.30pm.

Join us for epic summer adventures for the last two weeks of the school holidays.

Our not-for-profit community programme has been running for over thirty years.

We are busy putting together an awesome programme of art, baking, bikes, drums and adventure around the Aro Valley and beyond!

The cost is \$30 per child, or \$28 per child for multiple children in the same family. It's \$28 per child (flat rate) if you pay before the 14th January. If you want to apply for Work & Income support, please let us know. Contact: community@arovalley.org.nz.

## Aro Valley Community Pre-school

**FREE early childhood education for 3 and 4 year olds for up to 20 hours per week**

We cater for children 2 to 5 years old

Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am to 2.30pm

\$5.00 per hour for 2 year olds and for 3 and 4 year olds using more than 20 hours per week

Opening for 2014 - Monday the 3rd of February

We have places available for 2014 !

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# It's a Wonderful bike!

by Sylvie Froncek



**Biking is wonderful! So wonderful that we believe everyone should have access to a bicycle. That is why we are creating Wellington Wunderbike!**

Wunderbike is a bike sharing programme much like Bixi in Montreal, CaBi in Washington D.C. or Velib' in Paris.

The programme will be run out of the Aro Valley Community Centre. Wellingtonians interested in borrowing a bike to speed up errands, take a leisurely ride along the harbour or go for a weekend bike trip will be able to use the bikes for free. To promote bike safety we

will provide riders with a helmet, lights and a bike lock.

We are in the beginning stages of the programme, but we have a lot of support and enthusiasm behind us. Our goal is to have a starter fleet of 5 bicycles available to the public by mid-December if not earlier.

We assume you have plenty of questions, so here are a few answers to satisfy you...

## How will the bikes be maintained?

Volunteers from the Mechanical Tempest, Wellington's bicycle collective, will check and repair the bikes weekly.

## What are the bikes like?

We are in the process of creating a fleet of bicycles for the programme. We would like to provide a range of bikes in order to cater to people of all shapes, sizes and skill levels. So far, we have two cruiser style bikes and a rigid mountain bike. We will offer a few bikes with rear racks to make it easy to transport goods. The bikes will be painted yellow and red so that they are easily distinguished.

## How can I get involved?

We are just starting up, and we need many things to push the programme ahead. We are currently asking for donations of bike lights, helmets and locks. Donations of spray paint (primer, yellow, red and clear coat) to transform more bicycles into Wunderbikes would also be appreciated. If you have skills that could be useful, contact us!

## Who is Wunderbike?

We are a group of people who are passionate about bikes and are volunteering our time for the sake of potential bikers. You can also be Wunderbike!

For up to date information on the progress of the programme, check out our blog and facebook page:

[www.wunderbike.blogspot.co.nz](http://www.wunderbike.blogspot.co.nz)

[www.facebook.com/wellingtonwunderbike](http://www.facebook.com/wellingtonwunderbike)



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6pm Wednesday