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**Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

# Ordinary Meeting of Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee Ngā Meneti | Minutes

9:30 am Rāapa, 24 Pāenga-whāwhā 2024

9:30 am Wednesday, 24 April 2024

Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī

113 The Terrace

Pōneke | Wellington



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## **PRESENT**

Mayor Whanau

Deputy Mayor Foon

Councillor Abdurahman

Councillor Apanowicz

Councillor Brown (Chair)

Councillor Calvert

Councillor Chung

Councillor Free

Pouiwi Hohaia

Pouiwi Kelly (via audiovisual link)

Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair)

Councillor McNulty (via audiovisual link)

Councillor O'Neill (via audiovisual link)

Councillor Pannett

Councillor Randle

Councillor Rogers

Councillor Wi Neera (via audiovisual  
link) Councillor Young

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## 1. Meeting Conduct

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### 1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting (hui) open at 9:31am and read the following karakia to open the hui.

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru,  
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.  
Kia mākinakina ki uta,  
Kia mātaratara ki tai.  
E hī ake ana te atākura.  
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.  
Tihei Mauri Ora!**

Cease oh winds of the west  
and of the south  
Let the bracing breezes flow,  
over the land and the sea.  
Let the red-tipped dawn come  
with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,  
a promise of a glorious day

### 1.2 Apologies

**Moved Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Matthews**

#### **Resolved**

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Accept the apologies received from Councillor Young and Councillor O'Neill for lateness.

**Carried**

(Councillor Free joined the hui at 9:33am)

### 1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### 1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Matthews**

#### **Resolved**

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Approves the minutes of the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 14 March 2024, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Carried**

### 1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

(Councillor Young joined the hui at 9:44am)  
(Deputy Mayor Foon left the hui at 10:56am)  
(Deputy Mayor Foon returned to the hui at 10:59am)

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## **1.6 Public Participation**

### **1.6.1 Frederick Conquer and Jackson Jebaselvan on behalf of Ride Beam**

Addressed the meeting regarding item 2.1

### **1.6.2 Nick Hyland on behalf of Flamingo**

Addressed the meeting regarding item 2.1

### **1.6.3 Patrick Morgan on behalf of Cycle Wellington**

Addressed the meeting regarding item 2.1

### **1.6.4 Adam Muirson and Daniela Maoate-Cox on behalf of Ario**

Addressed the meeting regarding item 2.1

### **1.6.5 Ellen Blake on behalf of Living Streets Aotearoa**

Addressed the meeting regarding item 2.1

### **1.6.6 Geoff Wishart and Peter Edwards on behalf of Transpower**

Addressed the meeting regarding project to replace the transmission towers running through Woodridge and Newlands

### **1.6.7 Alastair Duncan and Marie Russell on behalf of anti AUKUS Coalition**

Addressed the meeting regarding AUKUS

### **1.6.8 Franz Preddy on behalf of Climate Liberation Aotearoa**

Addressed the meeting regarding cruise ship emissions

### **1.6.9 Martin Hanley on behalf of Newtown Festival**

Addressed the meeting regarding item 2.1

## **Public participation attachments**

- 1 Beam Presentation
- 2 Flamingo Presentation
- 3 Ario Presentation
- 4 Newtown Festival Presentation
- 5 Transpower Presentation
- 6 Anti AUKUS Coalition Presentation

The meeting adjourned at 11:17am and returned at 11:32am with the following members present: Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wī Neera, Councillor Young.

## 2. General Business

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### 2.1 Public e-scooter and e-bike licence renewal

Moved Tim Brown, seconded Deputy Mayor Foon the following amended substantive

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receive the information
2. Agree to the continuation of public shared micro-mobility services in Wellington
3. ~~Agree to the commencement of a procurement process to issue new licences for the period of 1 September 2024 to 1 September 2027 (a 36-month period)~~
3. Agree to extend the existing e-scooter licences for a period of 18 Months (1 September 2024 to 1 March 2026) to allow for the Code of Practice to be monitored and further updated where appropriate.
4. Agree to commence a procurement process to issue new licences after 1 March 2026 for a period of up to five years.
5. Agree that Officers are delegated to administer the scheme and determine the number of e-bikes and e-scooters based on their use, up to a cap of no more than 1000 e-scooters and 300 e-bikes during the term of the next round of licences. This represents an increase in the e-scooter cap of 200 devices (100 per operator) and maintaining the current e-bike cap at 300.
6. Agree that future operational decision-making on minor amendments to the Code of Practice be delegated to officers.
7. Request officers continue to work with the disability community regarding potential future improvements to the code of practice.
8. Note a revised Code of Practice for Licenced operators as set out in Attachment 2

**Secretarial Note:** The motion moved differed from the recommendations in the officer's report, the changes are marked in red.

(Councillor Wi Neera left the hui at 11:42am)

(Councillor Wi Neera returned to the hui at 11:43am)

(Councillor Wi Neera left the hui at 11:44am)

(Councillor Wi Neera returned to the hui at 11:56am)

(Councillor Apanowicz returned to the hui at 11:59am)

(Councillor McNulty left the hui at 12:00pm)

(Councillor McNulty returned to the hui at 12:03pm)

The meeting adjourned at 12:24pm and returned at 12:27pm with the following members present: Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young.

(Councillor Matthews returned to the hui at 12:28pm)

**Moved Councillor Pannett, seconded Councillor Chung**

**Resolved**

9. Note and agree to a revised Code of Practice for Licenced operators as set out in Attachment 2 including requesting officers to investigate more pedestrian areas around the city where a 15km/h maximum speed would be appropriate and implement the geo-fencing to enable these restrictions.
10. Agree to investigate new sites for scooter parking around the central city that would be paid for by the revenue from E-Scooter companies.
11. Agree that the Council write to the Minister of Transport asking for an urgent change to the Land Transport Rule Traffic Control Devices 2004 to allow E-Scooters to legally use cycle lanes.

**Partially Carried**

**Secretarial Note:** Voting was taken in parts. Clause 9 was taken separately. All remaining clauses were taken together.

A division was called for under Standing Order 27.6(b), voting on which was as follows:

Clause 9:

**For:**

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera

**Absent:**

Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 7:10

**Lost**

All remaining clauses:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Councillor Apanowicz

**Absent:**

Councillor O'Neill

Majority Vote: 16:1

**Carried**

(Councillor O'Neill joined the hui at 12:48pm)

## 2.1 Public e-scooter and e-bike licence renewal

**Moved Councillor Brown, seconded Deputy Mayor Foon the substantive motion**

### **Resolved**

1. Receive the information
2. Agree to the continuation of public shared micro-mobility services in Wellington
3. Agree to extend the existing e-scooter licences for a period of 18 Months (1 September 2024 to 1 March 2026) to allow for the Code of Practice to be monitored and further updated where appropriate.
4. Agree to commence a procurement process to issue new licences after 1 March 2026 for a period of up to five years.
5. Agree that Officers are delegated to administer the scheme and determine the number of e-bikes and e-scooters based on their use, up to a cap of no more than 1000 e-scooters and 300 e-bikes during the term of the next round of licences. This represents an increase in the e-scooter cap of 200 devices (100 per operator) and maintaining the current e-bike cap at 300.
6. Agree that future operational decision-making on minor amendments to the Code of Practice be delegated to officers.
7. Request officers continue to work with the disability community regarding potential future improvements to the code of practice.
8. Note a revised Code of Practice for Licenced operators as set out in Attachment 2
9. Agree to investigate new sites for scooter parking around the central city that would be paid for by the revenue from E-Scooter companies.
10. Agree that the Council write to the Minister of Transport asking for an urgent change to the Land Transport Rule Traffic Control Devices 2004 to allow E-Scooters to legally use cycle lanes.

**Carried**

**Secretarial Note:** Voting was taken in parts. All clauses were taken separately.

For the substantive motion, a division was called for under Standing Order 27.6(b), voting on which was as follows:

Clause 1:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Majority Vote: 18:0

**Carried**

Clause 2:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 17:1

**Carried**

Clause 3:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 12:6

**Carried**

Clause 4:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Chung, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 13:5

**Carried**

Clause 5:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 17:1

**Carried**

Clause 6:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 17:1

**Carried**

Clause 7:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Majority Vote: 18:0

**Carried**

Clause 8:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Councillor Pannett

Majority Vote: 17:1

**Carried**

Clause 9:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Majority Vote: 18:0

**Carried**

Clause 10:

**For:**

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

**Against:**

Majority Vote: 18:0

**Carried**

## 2.2 Actions Tracking and Forward Programme

### Moved Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Matthews

#### Resolved

That the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receive the information.

**Carried**

The hui concluded at 1:11pm with the reading of the following karakia:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui</b>            | Draw on, draw on   |
| <b>Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua</b> | Draw on the supreme sacredness<br>To clear, to free the heart, the body<br>and the spirit of mankind |
| <b>I te ara takatū</b>                                      |  |
| <b>Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga</b>              | Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)  |
| <b>Kia wātea, kia wātea</b>                                 | Let this all be done in unity  |
| <b>Āe rā, kua wātea!</b>                                    |  |

Authenticated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

# Beam for Wellington

[ridebeam.com](https://ridebeam.com)



April 2024

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## First city in ANZ to launch Apollo Lites e-Bikes

Apollo Lite Key Statistics:

- **50%** of e-bike riders aged over 35.
- **50%** increase in trips, and **28%** increase in trip length.
- **30%** of Apollo Lite riders are between 156–165cm.
- **36%** of riders picked the greater seat range as the most impactful feature, while **36%** of riders picked the lighter frame.





## Safety through Education

### Park Kind in-app education on parking

We have launched our Park Kind campaign in Wellington to promote safe and courteous parking.

### In-app education on Wellington riding rules

Beam Safety Quiz to educate riders on the riding rules, with free credits offered to encourage rider education.

#### In-App audience

**Remember to Park Kind!**  
E-scooter Parking Rules

- 1 Park your Beam **kerbside**
- 2 Ensure your Beam is **not causing obstruction** for traffic or pedestrians by blocking roads, carparks or footpaths
- 3 Ensure your Beam is **not blocking access** to fire exits, private residences or buildings
- 4 Park at least **1.5m away from city infrastructure** such as bus stops
- 5 You won't be able to end your trip outside of a **Parking Spot**.

**Ride Kind, Wellington!**  
E-bike & E-scooter riding rules

- 1 You **must be 16 and older** to ride
- 2 Always ride your e-bike on the **road and designated bike paths**
- 3 Riding in Cuba Mall is **prohibited**
- 4 You **must only ride on the road in Golden Mile**
- 5 You **must only ride on the cycleway on Oriental Parade**
- 6 Using your phone whilst riding is **illegal**
- 7 It is **illegal to drink and ride**

#### Available to all app users

Welcome to the Beam Safe Academy Quiz

Let's get started

1> When you pass a pedestrian on a shared path you should... \*

A Ride past quickly and quietly

B If they are facing you, you can speed up, but if they have their back to you, maintain speed.

C From at least 10 metres away, slow down, ring your bell to make them aware of your presence and give them space of

Powered by Typeform



## Detection

Accurately detects pavement types and enforces correct usage - riding zones and adjusts vehicles speed.



## Detection

Higher speeds allocated on road.



## Action

Audio feedback Enforced Speed limits.

**Thank you!**

**Please feel free to ask  
any questions you may  
have.**



*Flamingo*

# E-Scooters and E-Bikes in Wellington

24 APRIL 2024





**73%**

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Agreed that electric scooter and bike sharing in Wellington makes it easier for them to not own a personal motor vehicle.



**62%**

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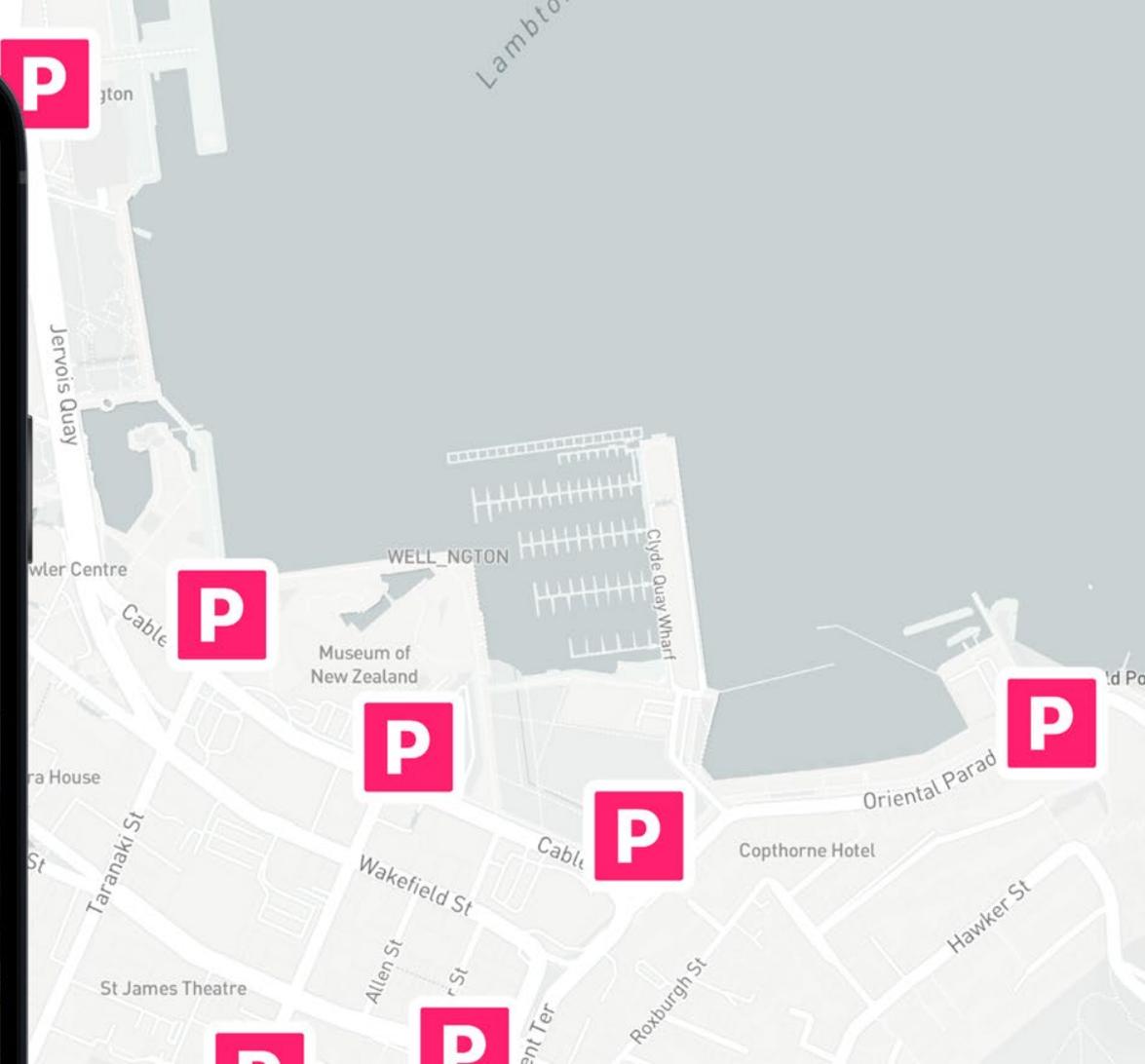
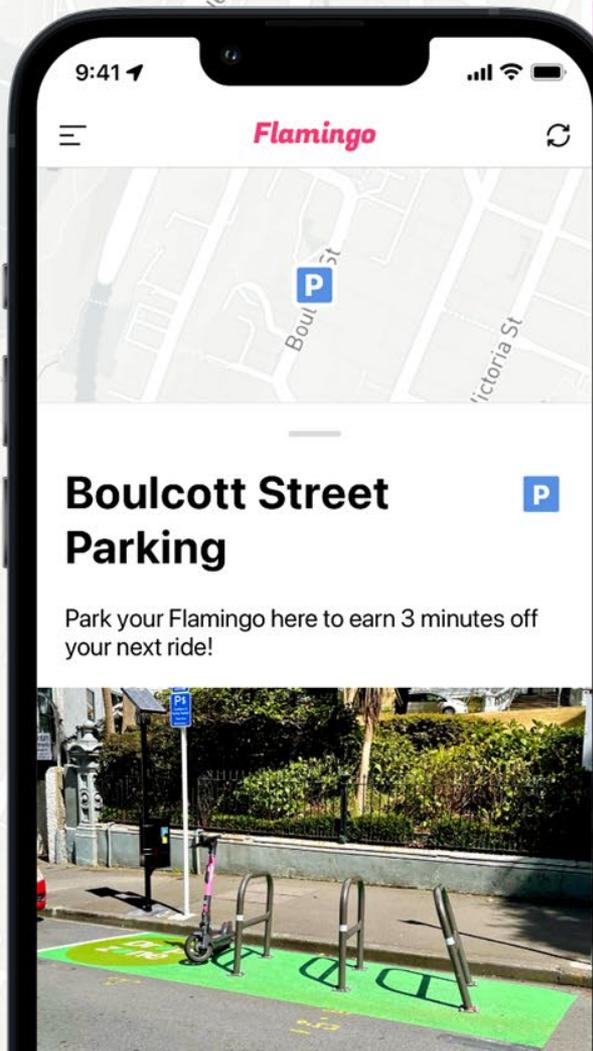
Agreed that electric scooter and bike sharing has helped them decrease how often they travel by motor vehicle.

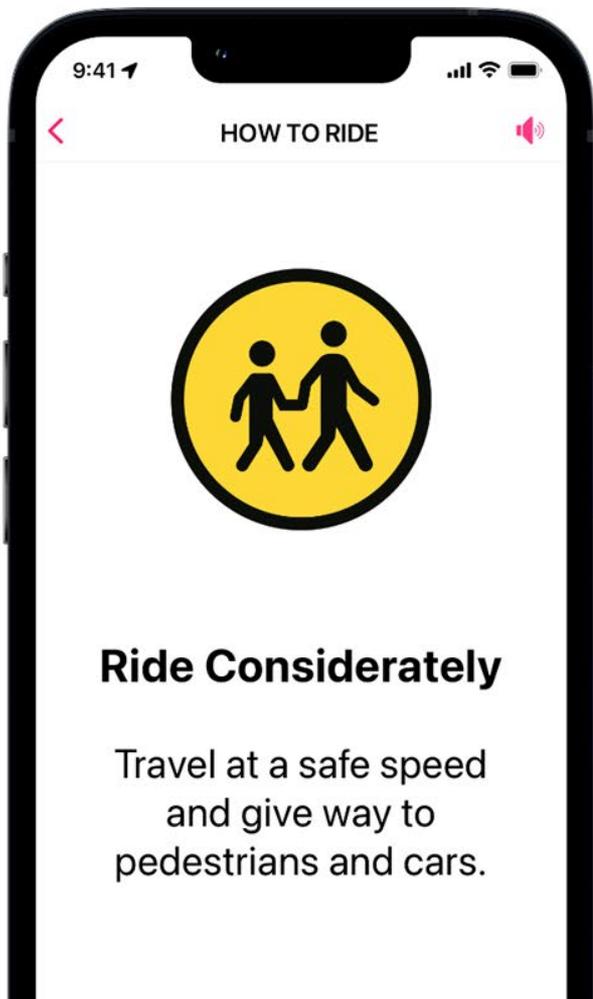


**60%**

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Had hired a Flamingo scooter or bike to make a trip they wouldn't otherwise have made.





1→ Which of these parking photos **does not meet** Flamingo's safe parking guidelines?

|   |   |
|---|---|
|  <p>A scooter is parked on a paved sidewalk next to a white building. The scooter is upright and facing towards the camera.</p> <p><b>A</b> Choice 1</p> |  <p>A scooter is parked on a sidewalk next to a metal railing. The scooter is upright and facing towards the camera.</p> <p><b>B</b> Choice 2</p> |
|  <p>A scooter is parked on a paved sidewalk next to a grey wall. The scooter is upright and facing towards the camera.</p> <p><b>C</b> Choice 3</p>      |  <p>A scooter is parked on a sidewalk next to a utility pole. The scooter is upright and facing towards the camera.</p> <p><b>D</b> Choice 4</p> |



*Newtown Festival*



*Massey University*



*E-Bike Launch*



*Learn to Ride*



*WCC Active Transport Day*



*Kiwi Class*

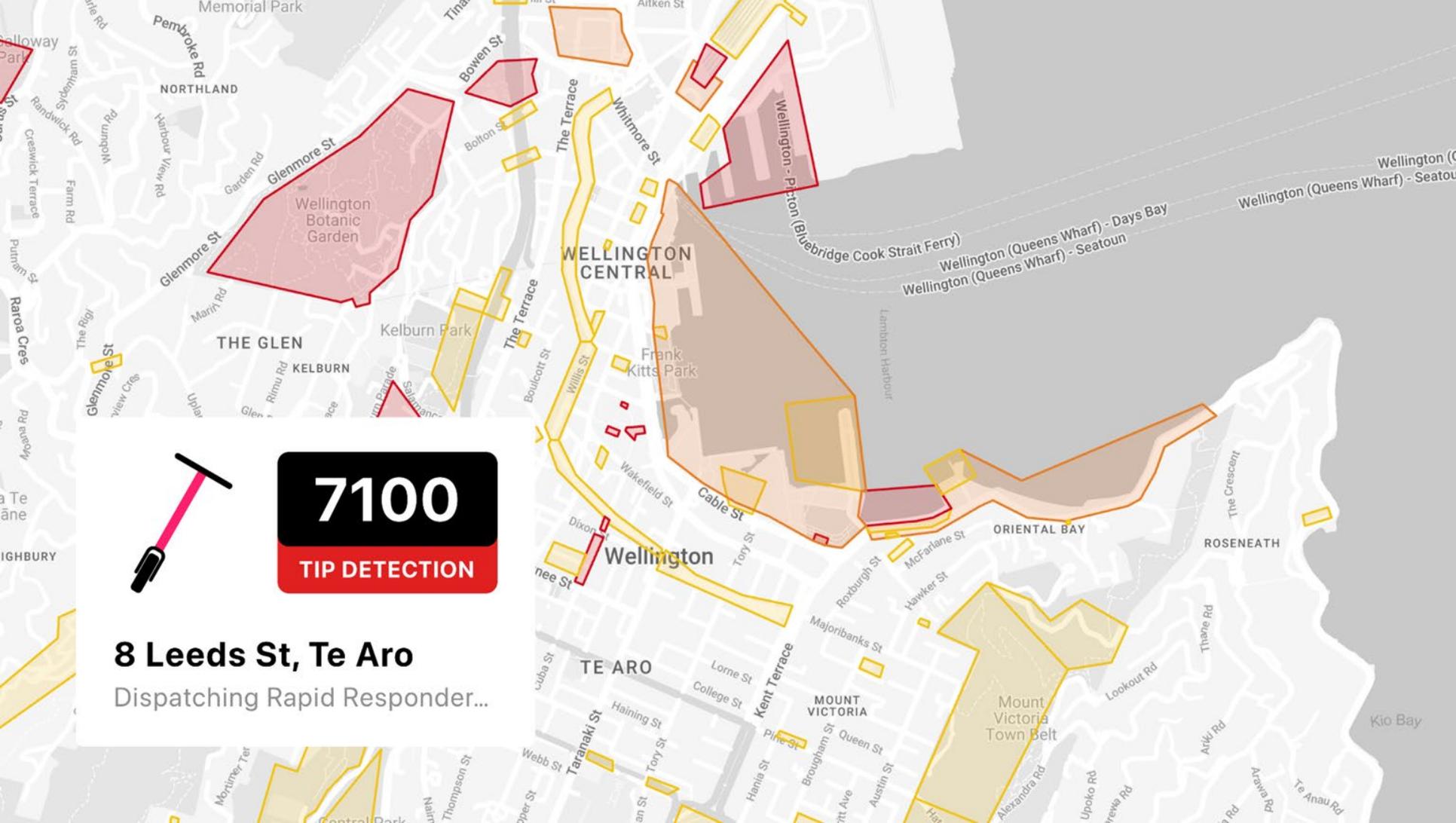


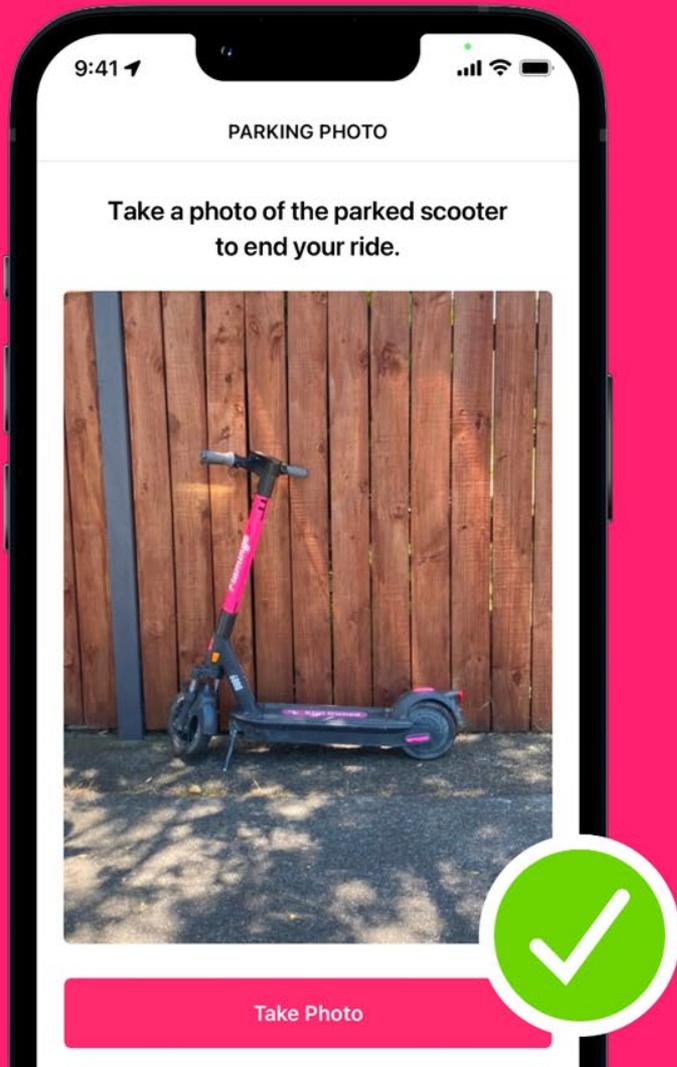
**7100**

**TIP DETECTION**

**8 Leeds St, Te Aro**

Dispatching Rapid Responder...





**Flamingo**

## Parking Photo Review

Thank you for parking  
your scooter safely.

\$

5 minutes of FREE credit  
has been applied to your  
account.

# 3

**STEP**  
ESCALATION



Email Warning



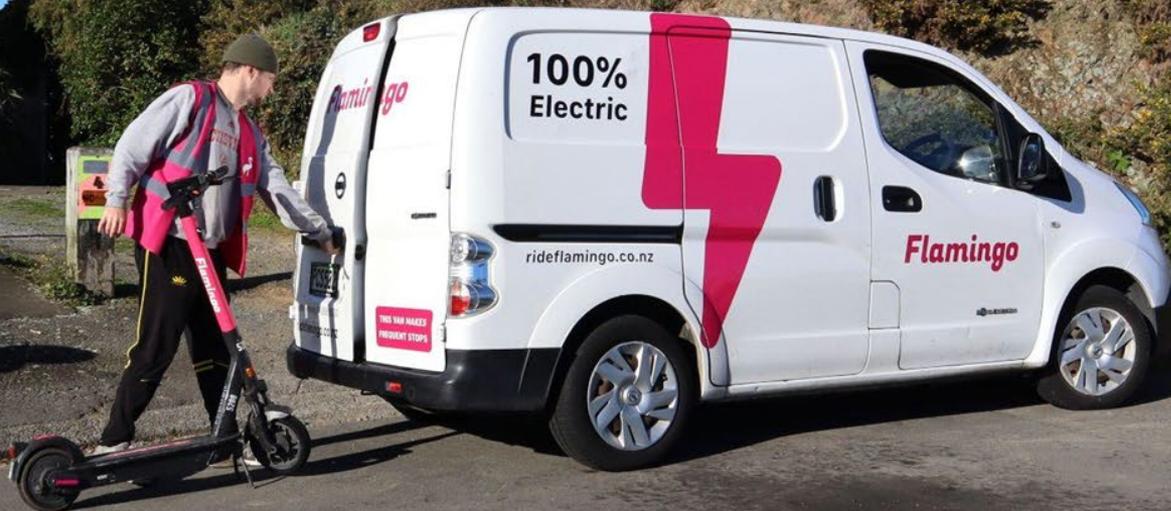
Phone Call



Fine/Ban



**30 MIN**  
RESPONSE TIME



# AI Footpath & Pedestrian Detection



**FOOTPATH  
DETECTED**



**PEDESTRIAN  
DETECTED**





## **Environmental Benefit**



Promotes sustainability by avoiding the significant environmental costs associated with introducing new operators.



## **Economic Stability**



Provides economic stability for scooter operators and their employees, safeguarding jobs and livelihoods during uncertain times.



## **Collaborative Partnership**



Current operators focus strongly on collaborative relationships with Council and the Wellington community, benefiting our city.



*Flamingo*

**Thank you!**

FLAMINGO.CO.NZ

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# Aotearoa's safest, most advanced shared e-scooter



Shared transport technology

**ARIO**

Kia ora,

# We've reimagined shared micromobility for the better

New Zealand's safest and smartest e-scooter yet, Ario presents a generational shift in hardware and IoT. The self-stabilising design and improved suspension provides a safer, more accessible ride and reduces toppling to clear blocked paths. By taking a 360° visual and depth scan we can detect poor parking or improper use, and help de-escalate antisocial behaviour before it happens. Our team can remotely detect and quickly repark scooters that are parked poorly to free up access ways in minutes.

## Advanced Features

### Better Stability

#### Increasing access, reducing falls

Ario's three-wheel design and wishbone suspension system provides riders with greater safety and better stability over bumps.

### Clearer Paths

#### Reducing blocked pathways

Ario's tech accurately detects poor end-trip parking. Our team can remotely repark in minutes, so good access is maintained.

### Keeping Upright

#### Reducing accidental toppling

Ario prevents accidental toppling. Our flexible stem self-corrects when tilted up to 45 degrees so public nuisance is minimised.

### Better Behaviour

#### Deescalating antisocial behaviour

Ario tech can immediately alert our team of antisocial behaviour. We can remotely deescalate a situation and reduce the chance of crime.

### Courteous Riding

#### Safer for pedestrians

Risky riders can be automatically detected, slowed down and warned. If the behaviour continues Ario automatically ends their trip.

### Accurate Recovery

#### Keeping our waterways clear

Ario tech alerts our team when an abandonment occurs, provides exact location and visual confirmation, keeping our waterways clear.



## Who we are

Ario is a global leader in shared mobility technology. We are launching in New Zealand and Australia in 2024. We are headquartered in Singapore and self-funded by our parent company JOYY Inc, a billion-dollar tech giant listed on the NASDAQ, giving us greater financial resilience than our other providers.

## What we do

We make short journeys the best they can be; convenient, fun, safe, affordable, and kinder to the planet. We do this by thinking smarter, and putting people at the heart of our thinking. We've engineered a scooter that significantly improves both the rider and pedestrian experience - and better delivers to councils long term vision for a sustainable transport system.

## Advanced e-scooter

Ario presents a generational shift in hardware and IoT. The self-stabilising design and improved suspension provides a safer, more accessible ride and reduces toppling to clear blocked paths. By taking a 360° visual and depth scan we can detect poor parking or improper use, and help de-escalate antisocial behaviour before it happens. Our team can remotely repark scooters to quickly free up access ways.

## Electric support fleet

A fleet of fully electric vans and a ute support our e-scooter operations - a first in our industry. It underlines our ongoing commitment to sustainability and to prove it, we are working to achieve Carbon Neutral Certification by 2025.



We're solving the big on street challenges; enabling both riders and the wider community to love having shared e-scooters as an environmentally friendly transport option.

**ARIO**

Contact Us

## Demos available

Click to email our GM Adam and book a free demo.

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### Support Letter for Flamingo Scooters

Dear Wellington City Council

Nick Hyland and his team at Flamingo Scooters have been very valued supporters of Newtown Festival since 2019. We would like to acknowledge their generosity, their community mindedness and their Kiwi can do spirit, and we would highly recommend Wellington City renew their licence to operate as a city provider of micro-mobility. Their support for the Newtown Festival team and the mahi that goes into making such a fantastic free event has been amazing. It totally transforms our ability to set up and pack down the event – an absolute lifesaver on the 18 hour day of the Festival. We couldn't do it without them. It is a brilliant community partnership that our core crew looks forward to every year. Nick and his team have been very easy to communicate with, very responsive to our needs and very kind and generous.

#### **10 weeks of Flamingo Scooters makes Newtown Festival prep manageable**

This support letter is a sneak peek behind the scenes of the Newtown Festival organising, to explain the significance of the generous collaborative spirit whereby Nick Hyland and the Flamingo Scooters team have over the years helped support us to run the event. Nick has never sought the limelight for this contribution, but for us it's been a game changer, and we feel Wellington City should know how helpful and community minded they have been.

Flamingo's generous annual donation of free scooter mobility for the festival team has become integral to the functionality of putting on Newtown Festival. The scooters they provide us with make the hard work fun. Our site covers over 2km of streets with 16 stages and 10 road closure points that all need checking by members of the core team as the festival sets up before dawn and packs down at night, as well as during the running of the event all day. It's too far to be walking back and forth, not feasible to drive up and down the site while stalls are setting up and people are thronging the streets, so scooters are a fabulous way for the team to get around the site easily and safely.

Every year since 2019 Flamingo's generous donation of 4 or 5 e-scooters begins in late January and runs right through till mid-March. Having these free scooters and the Flamingo safety helmets on tap at Newtown Festival HQ provides us with a vital tool for our core crew, making our pre-event prep and set-up, road marking, site checking and then post-event pack down, site clean-up and equipment demounting so much easier than it used to be.

Electric micro mobility helps us have a low carbon footprint and enables us to be nimble – to be readily available to local businesses, schools and residents as the community gears up for the Festival. We can easily and quickly meet anywhere on site with our tech crew and providers prepping and fine-tuning the site layout, and with our Traffic Management Contractor arranging



signage and safety barrier layouts and with WCC Officers checking the site prep or road works. And there's the added bonus that by e-scooter is a fun way to travel !

On the Friday afternoon, or Saturday morning, of Festival weekend the Flamingo electric van arrives at Festival HQ and 12 to 14 more scooters are dropped off to us. This enlarges the fleet of scooters that are free for our team to use, matching the growing needs of our crew and volunteers assembling and prepping ready for a very full-on Sunday. The very first question several regular volunteers and paid crew ask is: "Have we got those free Flamingos again this year ? followed by "Right count me in !"

### **Newtown Festival – Aotearoa's largest annual free music festival and street fair**

Throughout the entire day of the Festival our core team use the free e-scooters donated by Flamingo to keep things running smoothly. We couldn't do this without them.

**Some background about the event:** On the Sunday of the first full weekend in March every year the streets of central Newtown are closed to traffic to make room for a day-long family-friendly free street party. This much-loved fabulous event has grown over the last thirty years to become the largest free music festival, street fair and market in the country.

From 4.15am in the morning our crew and volunteer marshals use the 22 scooters to deploy themselves to a wide variety of set-up tasks. Some set-up roles require nimble mobility from one end of the road closure to the other ASAP, for which the Flamingos are ideal. Other tasks require repetitive trips back and forwards with key pieces of equipment (while power is being distributed, or recycling bases are being established, or wrongly parked vehicles are being towed....). Key stage techs use them to go from one backstage to the other. In some cases, the volunteer marshals simply use them to minimise standing and walking time, a must when you got out of bed to assist with set-up before the road closure begins at 5am. And it turns out by Flamingo scooter is a great way to deliver take away coffee to your fellow volunteers.



Looking North, the vast crowd enjoying Bic Runga on the South Stage (stage number 16),

Newtown Festival 3 March 2019

Here's why it's such a complex job for so many people: On Aotearoa Children's Day, Sunday 5 March 2023, Newtown Festival hosted 16 stages featuring both well-known and emerging Kiwi musicians from a range of genres, performance parades, cultural groups, kapa haka, street



performers and circus. During 15 hours of performance Newtown Festival's 16 stages, the Festival parades, and 8 local Newtown venues saw programmed performances by 237 acts, over 1,000 artists. The full day's Performance Programme info sign is appended here, showing the amazing talent who provided such a fabulous free show.

There were also free family focussed street sports and games, free carnival rides and balance bike and scooter skills tracks for tamariki and around 420 stalls including crafts, fashion, homewares and a huge variety of ethnic and international food from 150 food stalls. As a whanau friendly event we also host community and sports group information stalls for a token booking fee between \$25 and \$50 – and sometimes for no charge at all, so they can reach our massive crowds.

The detailed event site plan showing all the stalls, the 16 stages and free activities from this year's Newtown Festival is appended here to give you an idea of the scale and complexity of the 2 kilometres of streets transformed by Newtown Festival. Activating and managing this extraordinary transformation involved 165 volunteers along with 266 people who were paid to contribute their skills on the day.

At around 10.15am, after everything you see on the site plan has been set up in place and is running smoothly, our Marshal team hand at least 12 of our 22 e-scooters back to the Flamingo crew who then run the free Flamingo Scooter ride zone for the public. The Flamingo zone provides a whole day focussed on free skills training for the public to learn to ride safely and well.

From mid-morning on Newtown Festival day when the streets fill with the crowds there are between 25,000 to 30,000 people on site, over the course of the day around 80,000 people attend the Newtown Festival.



North - East - South Panorama, the Community Stage (stage number 8) on Riddiford St at Constable St Newtown Festival 2015  
4.49pm

You can't e-scooter inside the Festival, it's far too crowded. Flamingo geo-block their hire fleet so all except the ones they have lent to us shut down inside Newtown Festival. To assist the public and the running of the Festival the Flamingo crew spend the day curating scooter parking zones at our two busiest entrances for the public to get to and from the event by scooter.

### **Safe Road Closure for our vast crowds – coordinated thanks to Flamingo Scooters!**

The implementation and management of the Traffic Diversion Bypass and a Safe Road Closure are vital to the success of our iconic event. Throughout the entire day our core team use our Flamingo scooters to help keep this aspect of the event running smoothly and safely.

Every year, we safely close to all traffic 12 blocks of the 3 main arterial Newtown roads, a one-kilometre spine along with 14 associated side streets. We use the Flamingo scooters to nimbly check around the outside of this vast site which has more than 10 separate entry and exit points that are monitored by Road Closure Marshals and Traffic Management Crews from 5am in the morning till 9pm at night. The last road re-opens to traffic at 11.30 pm.



For the public being there, out in the street, celebrating, performing, watching, dancing, enjoying food and drink, enjoying free games and free rides all in the outdoors, in central Newtown, while the roads are closed to traffic is a key aspect of the popularity of the Newtown Festival, for both young and old.

The detailed event site plan showing all the stalls, the 16 stages and free activities from this year's Newtown Festival is appended here showing the scale and complexity of the 2 kilometres of streets transformed by Newtown Festival. The Road Closure Map, also attached, highlights the key features inside the Festival and shows the 2 kilometres of the Festival Traffic Bypass along with its temporary one-way streets and the 7 Newtown Festival temporary bus stops.

On the day of the Festival managing and overseeing all of this on site begins at 4.15am, with a very complex closure set up. Pack down ends for us just before midnight. With our Flamingo scooters we can move around easily and cope with such a long day while successfully keeping an eye on the event and the closure edges as well as checking that the Festival Bypass is running smoothly. Thanks to the ability to rapidly respond on a Flamingo scooter we even manage to take a break or two!

### **Thank you Flamingo**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to know more about New Zealand's largest free music festival and street fair, or more about the free carnival and scooter rides provided for tamariki and adults throughout the day. Since 2019 we here at Newtown Festival have been very grateful for Flamingo Scooter's fantastic support of our core team, and for the boost the free scooters give our community event volunteers on the day. The student interns love the scooters.

Newtown Festival highly recommends Wellington City renew Flamingo Scooters' licence to operate as a city provider of micro-mobility. If you require any further information about how civic minded and helpful Nick Hyland and the team at Flamingo Scooters have been over the years, please do contact us.

We rely on the free e-scooters donated by Flamingo to keep things running smoothly. We look forward to their arrival every year in late January, we really couldn't manage Newtown Festival without them.

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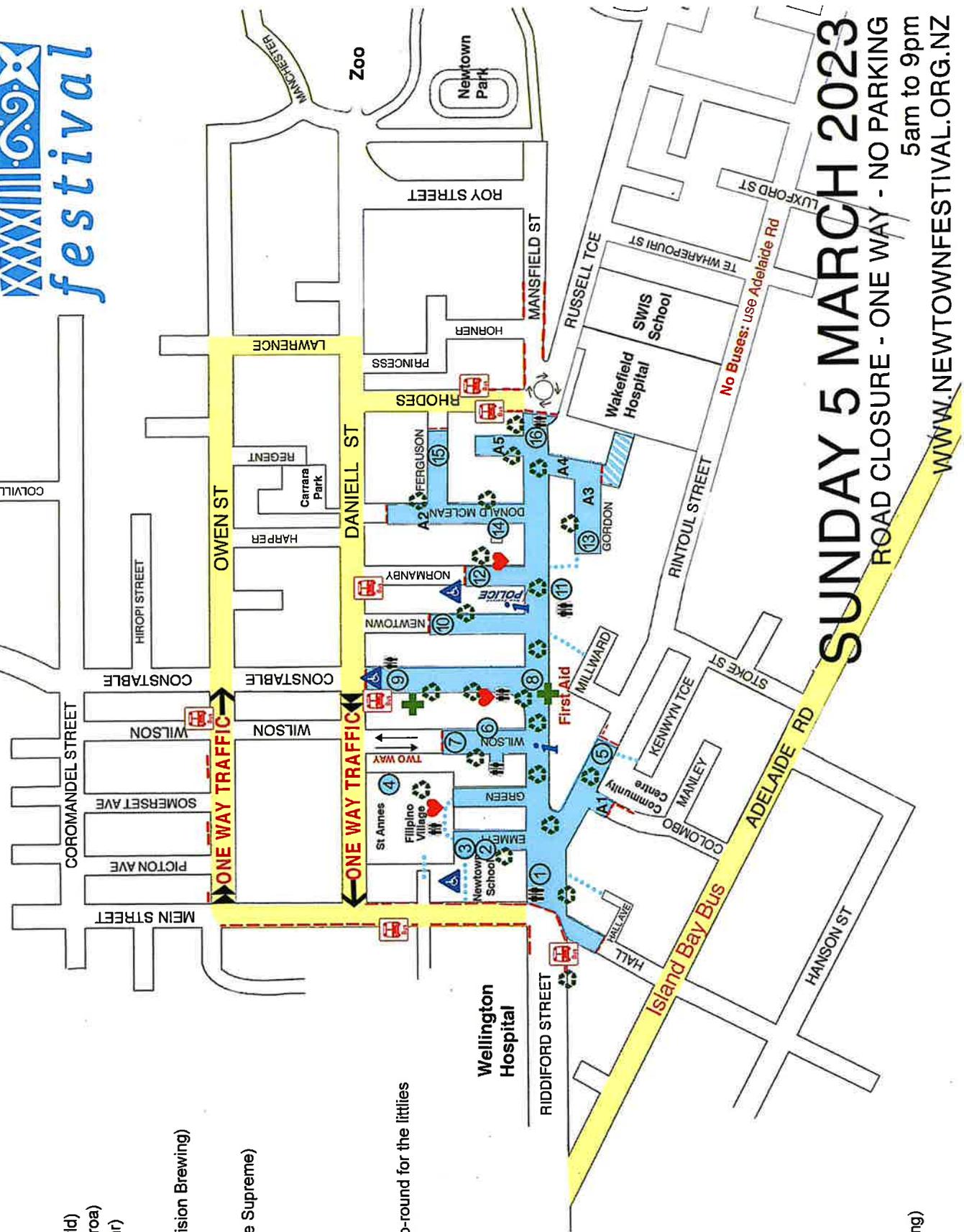
# Newtown festival



- Stages & Sponsors**
- 1 Tangata Whenua Stage (Te Māngai Pāho & Illumination+Optics)
  - 2 The Circus Hub Stage (New Zealand Community Trust)
  - 3 Songwriters Stage
  - 4 Pasifika Stage (Census 2023, Statistics NZ)
  - 5 Rintoul Street Stage
  - 6 Creeps Stage (ParrotDog)
  - 7 Wilson Street Stage (ParrotDog)
  - 8 Community Stage (Newtown New World)
  - 9 To The Front Stage (Girls Rock! Aotearoa)
  - 10 Newtown Ave Block Party (Laundry Bar)
  - 11 Buskers Pitch
  - 12 Normanby Street Stage
  - 13 Gordon Place Stage (Sets & Double Vision Brewing)
  - 14 Sounds Almighty Sound System
  - 15 Ferguson Street Stage
  - 16 South Stage (RadioActive.FM & Coffee Supreme)

- Free Activities**
- A1 Electric Bike + Electric Vehicle Rides
  - A2 Street Sports and Games
  - A3 Flamingo Scooters Practice Track
  - A4 Wishbone Balance Bikes
  - A5 Tail Tales From Old Poland & Merry-go-round for the littlies

- Newtown Festival Info
- Safe spaces, chill areas
- Recycling Station
- Toilet Truck / Public Toilet
- Temporary Police Base
- First Aid
- Temporary Bus Stop
- Mobility Parking
- No Parking
- Temporary Bus Route
- Closed Road (no access, no parking)



**SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023**  
**ROAD CLOSURE - ONE WAY - NO PARKING**  
 5am to 9pm  
[WWW.NEWTOWNFESTIVAL.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.NEWTOWNFESTIVAL.ORG.NZ)



We expect to keep the power on while this work happens.

If we do need to turn off the power to your home for a short time, we will contact you directly.

# Information Sheet

Autumn 2024

## Newlands and Woodridge - Towers to Poles



### Who is Transpower?

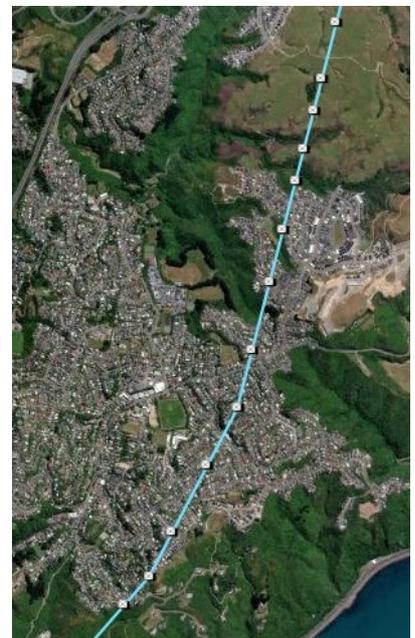
Transpower is the owner and operator of the National Grid – the high voltage transmission network made up of lines and substations connecting areas of generation with towns and cities across New Zealand.

Transpower is replacing the old transmission towers in and around Newlands and Woodridge with modern steel poles.

The old towers need an increasingly large amount of maintenance due to their age and condition. Putting in new steel poles will reduce the maintenance needs for this electricity transmission line and make it more resilient to any extreme weather or natural disasters.

Replacing the towers with poles is planned to take about 18 months, starting from winter 2024 and ending in summer 2025/26.

Before we do this, we will do one final round of maintenance on the existing towers from March to May 2024, to strengthen them and make them easier to remove.



The transmission line and tower locations in Newlands and Woodridge

Much of this work is on private land near people’s homes. We will work to minimise disruption to residents and neighbours and make sure property we work on or near is taken care of.

### When this work will happen

#### Tower strengthening work – planned for March to May 2024

This work involves attaching steel to some of the existing towers to strengthen them and may also involve some small amounts of painting. The strengthening work will also make it easier and faster to remove the tower during the replacement phase.

#### Tower replacement work – planned to begin from June or July 2024

This work involves using cranes to install new poles next to the existing towers, then removing the towers.

Indicative timeline:

- From Winter 2024 – begin work to prepare the foundations.
- From Spring 2024 – start installing the new poles. It may take up to 18 months to replace all the towers on the line in the area.



## The new poles

The new poles require less maintenance and will take up a smaller space at ground level. The images shown are taken from the same line further north where similar pole replacements have already been made. The poles shown here are taller than those that will be used in Newlands and Woodridge.

## About this transmission line

This transmission line runs from the Transpower substation on Takapu Road (near the Transmission Gully motorway) alongside Grenada North and Grenada Village, through Woodridge and Newlands to connect with Wellington Electricity's network at Ngauranga. This line operates at 33,000 Volts (33 kV) and supplies electricity to homes and businesses in Ngauranga, Johnsonville, Newlands, Paparangi and Woodridge.

## Cost

The total project to replace the towers with monopoles is expected to be around \$12 million.

## What we will do at each site

The work will involve the activities of drilling and pouring the foundations required for the new poles (from Winter 2024), erecting the new poles (from Spring 2024), and then removing the old towers. We are still designing the methodology for these activities, but it will largely require large boom cranes like the one shown on the right, and other heavy equipment. We will be working with the local community to keep our impact to a minimum while we undertake this work.

## Where can the public find out more?

We are talking directly to landowners hosting our existing towers. We also have project information on our website: [www.transpower.co.nz/projects/newlands-and-woodridge-towers-poles](http://www.transpower.co.nz/projects/newlands-and-woodridge-towers-poles) which allows people to sign up to a regular newsletter on the project. There are also Information Days being held at the Newlands Community Centre where people can pop in to find out more about the project and talk to our project people:

- Wednesday 22 May 2024 2pm–9:00pm
- Saturday 25 May 2024 9.30am–4:00pm



# Wellington declared nuclear-free

14 April 1982

WCC Environment and Infrastructure  
Committee

24 April 2024

Alastair Duncan & Marie Russell



# Nuclear-Free Wellington

30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2012



# Wellington's nuclear-free status is under threat

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- **AUKUS** is a military and nuclear pact between Australia, United Kingdom and United States of America
- **Pillar I:** Australia will get nuclear-powered submarines – in our neighbourhood
- **Pillar II:** would draw Aotearoa into a nuclear pact

# **Why WCC should be concerned about AUKUS**

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- Compromise our precious nuclear-free status
- Risks of ship visits
- Public services targeted by foreign military intelligence
- Unquantified costs at the expense of needed public services
- Reputational damage to tourism

**We ask Council to uphold,  
celebrate and promote our  
city as proudly and firmly  
Nuclear-Free...**

- Re-affirm Wellington's commitment to being a nuclear-free city
- Refresh airport sign
- Maintain large, robust and readable signs at the northern and southern entrances to the city:
  - on Cobham Drive
  - near the top and bottom of Ngauranga Gorge
  - at cruise-ship berths
  - on major Council buildings
  - at Council-sponsored events



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