

Hello Cycle Action Waiheke members and supporters,

Following the recent release of Auckland Transport's plans for reopening the Esplanade to motor vehicles there has been a considerable spike in interest in the issue.

The road has been closed to motor vehicles since the result of the official Council survey when 57% voted to make the road car free. The Waiheke Local Board has carried out no similar survey of opinion prior to supporting AT's plans.

Some concerned residents (and new CAW members) have decided to set up a public meeting on the issue. The meeting will be an opportunity for everyone to share his or her options on the new plans. The Waiheke Local board has all been invited, as have Auckland Transport representatives. Please come along and have your say.



The meeting is on Saturday 13 April at the Ostend Memorial hall between 3 and 5PM



A petition against car access on the currently restricted section of road will be circulated. Please make time to fill out a form.

Rob Vaassen and other CAW volunteers will be manning a stall at the Ostend market this Saturday - 06/14/2013 and next Saturday 13/04/2013. Information on the meeting and petition forms will be available there also. Anyone willing to share half an hour on the stall gathering support please contact Rob on 0220502233 or turn up at the stall.

There is going to be a gathering of cyclists on the 15th at 11.00 at the Ostend market when we will say a few words then go for a group ride for half an hour to focus attention on the meeting later in the day. Please come on your bikes and also try to bring your bikes to the public meeting at 3PM. Wouldn't 40 bikes parked outside send a clear message in itself?

I hope you enjoyed the photos of the car free day way back in 2009. Brownie points to anyone who spots themselves!

Tom Ransom

Press Release

Local Residents Plan Esplanade Public Meeting

Following recent reports in local press on Auckland Transports plans to reopen the Esplanade to motorised traffic concerned local residents want a greater community discussion on the issue.

Rosemary Phillimore says that since writing a letter on the subject to the Gulf News she has been approached by many similarly concerned people.

“People have convinced me that its high time the community engaged in an open discussion about the issues of the Esplanade”.

Rosemary has teamed up with another concerned resident Rob Vaassen and have following donations from others has, booked the Ostend Memorial hall from 3-5PM on Saturday 13th April.

The meeting is open to everyone and the Waiheke Local board have been invited to share their reasoning for supporting the works without carrying out any new consultation with the community. People will then have ample time for questions and to share their views.

Rosemary says “I like many others love the Esplanade the way it is now and use it regularly because it is car free. The thought that cars will be put back onto what is essentially the same road as before the closure leaves me cold. I just can't see why it's necessary, when the closure has created such a peaceful place for young and old alike”.

The public are invited to the Esplanade public meeting at Ostend Memorial hall at 3pm on Saturday 13th of April.

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