

## November 2011

The "Canterbury Cycling Development Trust" is a newly formed trust comprising of likeminded cycling enthusiasts who want to help cycling grow in Canterbury outside the normal Club systems that are already in place.

This new charitable trust has been formed with the specific aim of raising funds for all things cycling across all codes based in Canterbury. The aim is to work with the clubs in the region to develop cycling from toddlers to elite cyclists, with the prime focus on youth development.

Pre September 2010 this same group along with support from Christchurch City Council put together a strong bid for the National Cycling Centre of Excellence to be based in Christchurch; this also included a new indoor Velodrome.

Following the September quake we still thought we had a strong case, however the 22 February quake took any chance away and the Cycling Centre of Excellence has since been awarded to the Hamilton/ Bay of Plenty region for development in conjunction with SPARC.

We as a group decided not to waste what we had done in putting our bid together along with the partnerships we had formed in City Council/Central government and local business and the idea of the Canterbury Cycling Development Trust was born. We have moved forward with this idea and as a registered trust we are now exploring fund raising ideas to help promote the cause to grow funds which can be used for the good of cycling in Canterbury.

Our first Charity fund raiser will be a ride for corporate teams, registered riders and those who just want to participate in a good cause. Our focus will be on safety and as such with be organised to a very high level, with support from Cycle Clubs and local business.

Join us for the inaugural 75km **Canterbury Cycling Development Trust Charity Ride** to be held from the Cust Domain on 26 February 2012. More entry details to follow shortly.

Thanks to everyone who submitted a letter to the central city plan supporting cycling in the Christchurch rebuild. Some members of the group were also instrumental in the attached CERA submission.

Our board of trustees are: Darron Charity, Iain Ansell, Phil Williams, Syd Martin, Tracee Clayton, Jeanne Godfrey and Andrea Murray. All are respected business people in their field with a love of cycling be it BMX, MTB, Road, Track and many are already involved in cycling in the Canterbury region.

## **CANTERBURY CYCLING DEVELOPMENT TRUST TEAM**

(formerly, the Tour de Mission Working Group)

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