



lift

getting to
work differently

The *lift* programme will find ways to make travel to work more attractive, fun and user-friendly. It is about taking steps to help airport employees to better understand travel choices.

We are now four months into the lift carpooling trial, which is being extended until August. Read on for more information, cycling tips and how carpooling is working for two Customs officers.

1 Update

The Auckland Regional Transport Authority is extending the carpooling trial. The reason for this is that a couple of the participating organisations were delayed in launching their travel plans and it is important that everyone in the trial has a three-month period to implement the software and programme. What this means for Auckland Airport is that our trial will now finish in August instead of June. So unfortunately at this stage we cannot roll out the carpooling programme to the rest of the airport as planned in June, but this will still happen in August.

Over 300 people have now registered online for carpooling. This is a great start and the team at *lift* want to thank everyone for getting on board with the travel plan and joining up for carpooling.

If you haven't visited the website lately to see if you have any potential matches, make sure you do. People sign up every day and there may just be that perfect carpooling match waiting there for you. **Our goal is to get over 400 people registered by the end of July. We are going to celebrate every 50th registration, the 350th, 400th, 450th and so on with a movie voucher!**

Future events

In October, we're planning a lunch time bike ride along the country roads near the airport. There will be further information about this event available soon. Look out for details in the September newsletter and on the *lift* website too!

participating organisations



2 Cycling tips

Winter is definitely upon us, and the team at *lift* want to share some cycling tips that could prove useful for bike riders.

Cyclists should brighten up for morning, afternoon, evening, and bad weather riding. High-visibility riding gear and brighter lights are cheap and popular, and every cyclist should use them.

Drivers need to be alert for cyclists, especially at intersections. At this time of year we all need to make a special effort to look out for cyclists and give them at least one and a half metres when overtaking, and if it's not safe to pass then please be patient and wait.

The NZ Road Code says that bikes and cyclists out at night must have:

- a steady or flashing rear-facing red light
- a steady or flashing forward-facing white light
- a rear reflector on the bike
- reflectors on pedals, or reflective clothing.

Facts about cycling

- Cycling is among the 10 top leisure activities in New Zealand, and it's increasing in popularity every year
- At present over 20% of New Zealanders enjoy cycling every year – that's about 750,000 cyclists
- One million bikes have been imported to New Zealand since 2001, about one bike for every four people
- There are about 1.4 million bikes in New Zealand, about one bike for every household

Further information on sharing the road with cyclists and the rules for cyclists can be found in the official New Zealand Road Code, available at all AA Centres or online at www.landtransport.govt.nz/roadcode

3 Working group

The working group are *lift* champions who work behind the scenes to ensure you have all the information and tools necessary for successful carpooling. *Lift* champions can answer any questions you may have about the programme, so please get in contact with them if you would like more information.

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4 Carpooling works for Customs officers

It only takes Senior Customs Officer Gavin Whenuaroa 15 to 20 minutes to get to work at Auckland Airport from his home in Lynfield. But that journey can be lengthened by a frustrating 10 minutes spent looking for a park.

Not any more though! Gavin is registered as part of the *lift* carpooling scheme. Now he shares a ride with team mate Nigel Barnes who lives just round the corner from him.

"It's pretty good actually. You save on gas and car maintenance and so on. Sometimes the car park can be quite full but today we got a special park right by the front near the walkway," says Gavin.

"Nigel and his wife only have one car and she normally walks to work. But now, if it's raining, we just jimmy around so she can use their car."

Richard Richardson is the 'champion' of the *lift* scheme for Customs. Since it launched in February, he's got 60 or so people registered and is expecting more.

"It's a bit tricky for our guys as we work in shifts. But if you get people who work in the same teams, do the same shifts and live in the same suburbs, then you can make it work".

People who register for the scheme receive a permit that allows them to park in specially marked carparks around the terminal.

The benefits of carpooling include saving money on petrol, social interaction and the environment, and traffic management benefits of having less cars on the road.

So is there any fighting over the radio station between Nigel and Gavin? No, according to Gavin.

"I'm into my Motown. So I get to listen to some fresher, younger music when I go in with him. And he gets to listen to the oldies!"

Let us know if you or your colleague is a *lift* travel hero – email lift@akl-airport.co.nz and you could win some great prizes. We are looking for heroes from all parts of the region – so let us know what suburb you live in.

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