



New Zealand Cycling – benefits and opportunities for all



Scouring the land for off-road cycling opportunities





Local exploring – 1980s style!





Exploring the Mountains to the Sea, 1988.





Exploring the Old Ghost Road, circa 1990.

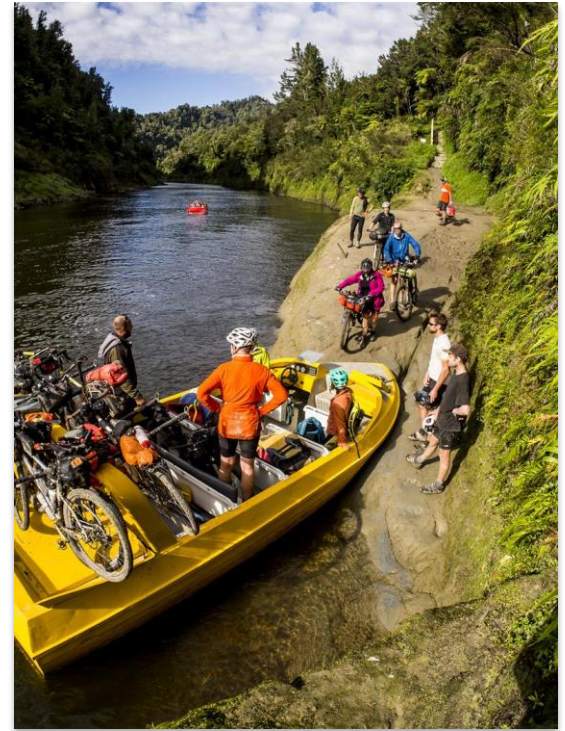




The Old Ghost Road



Rimutaka Cycle Trail



Mountains to Sea Cycle Trail





New Zealand Off-Road Bicycle Championships, 1986



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Karapoti Classic, 1996





Karapoti Classic, 2025





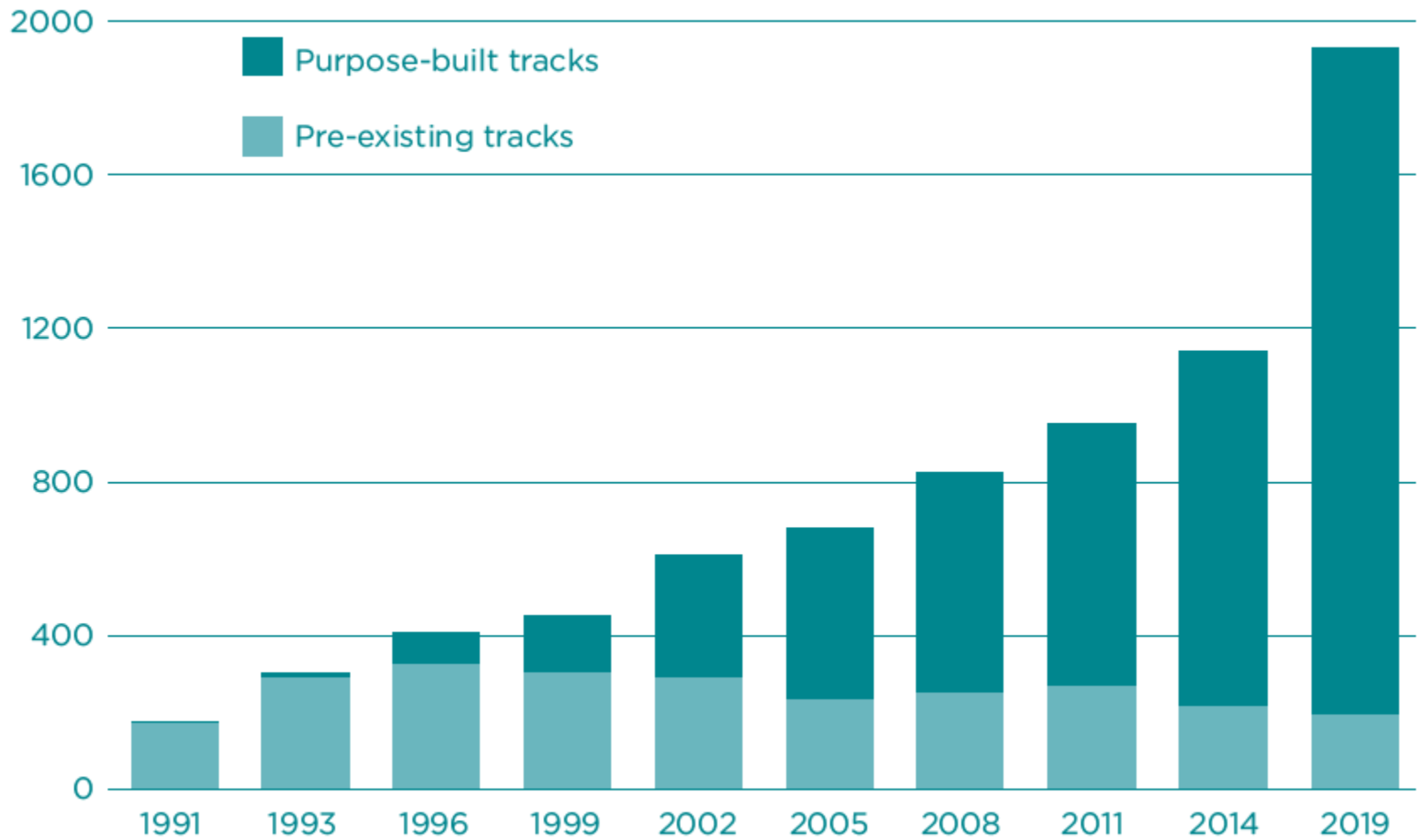
Kennett Brothers diversify into publishing, 1991 onwards





Cycling guidebooks helping promote cycling.





Growth in cycle trails = growth in cycling



Home town mountain bike park – starting 1998





A community project involving thousands of volunteers



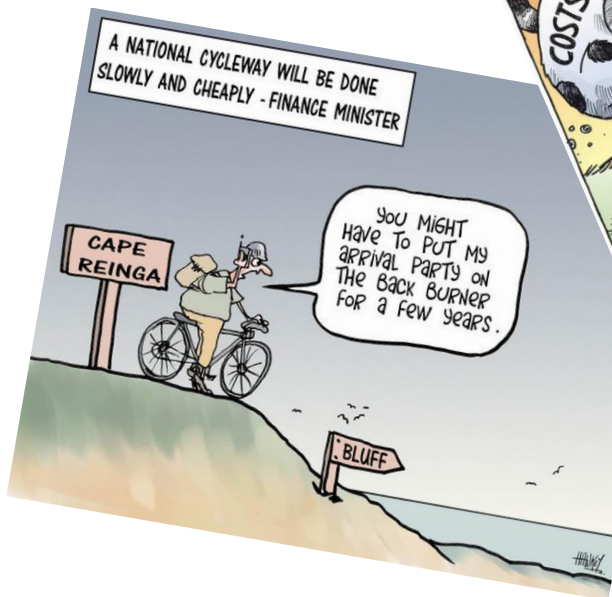
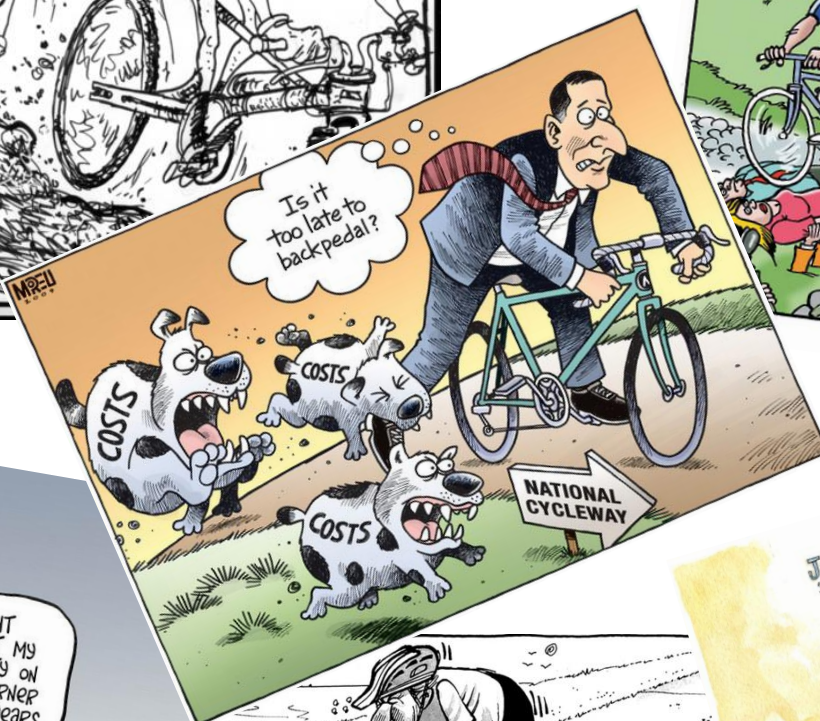
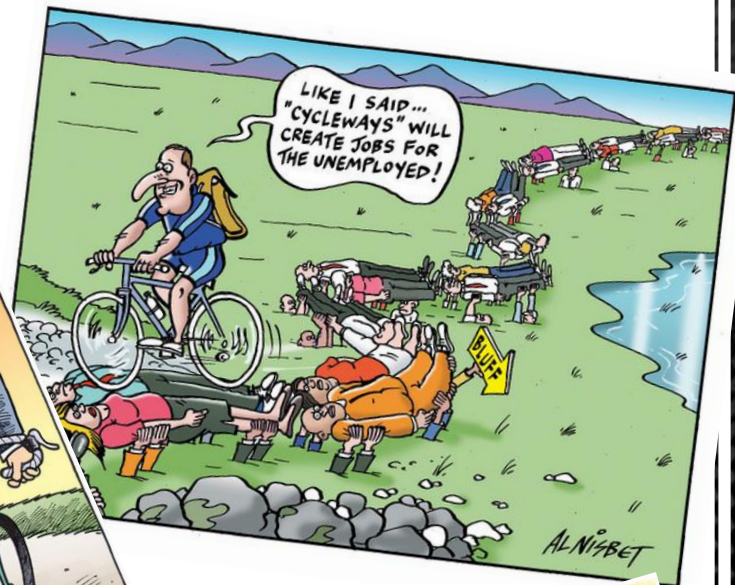
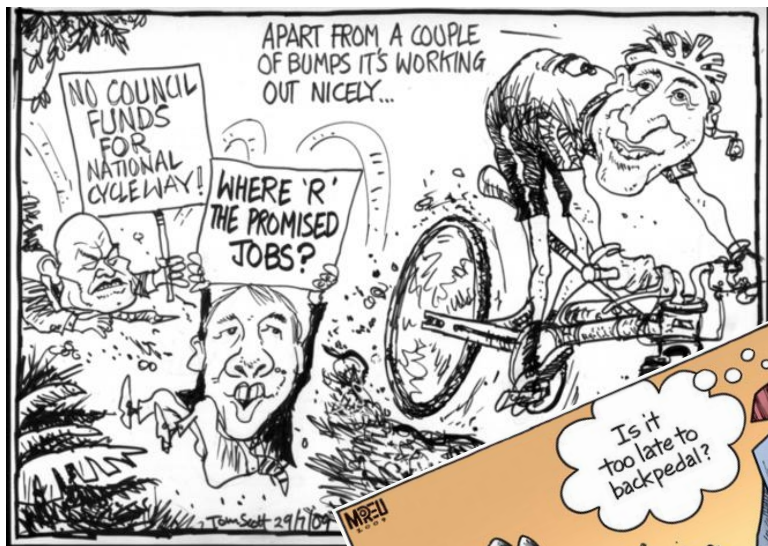


And hundreds of thousands of riders of all ages

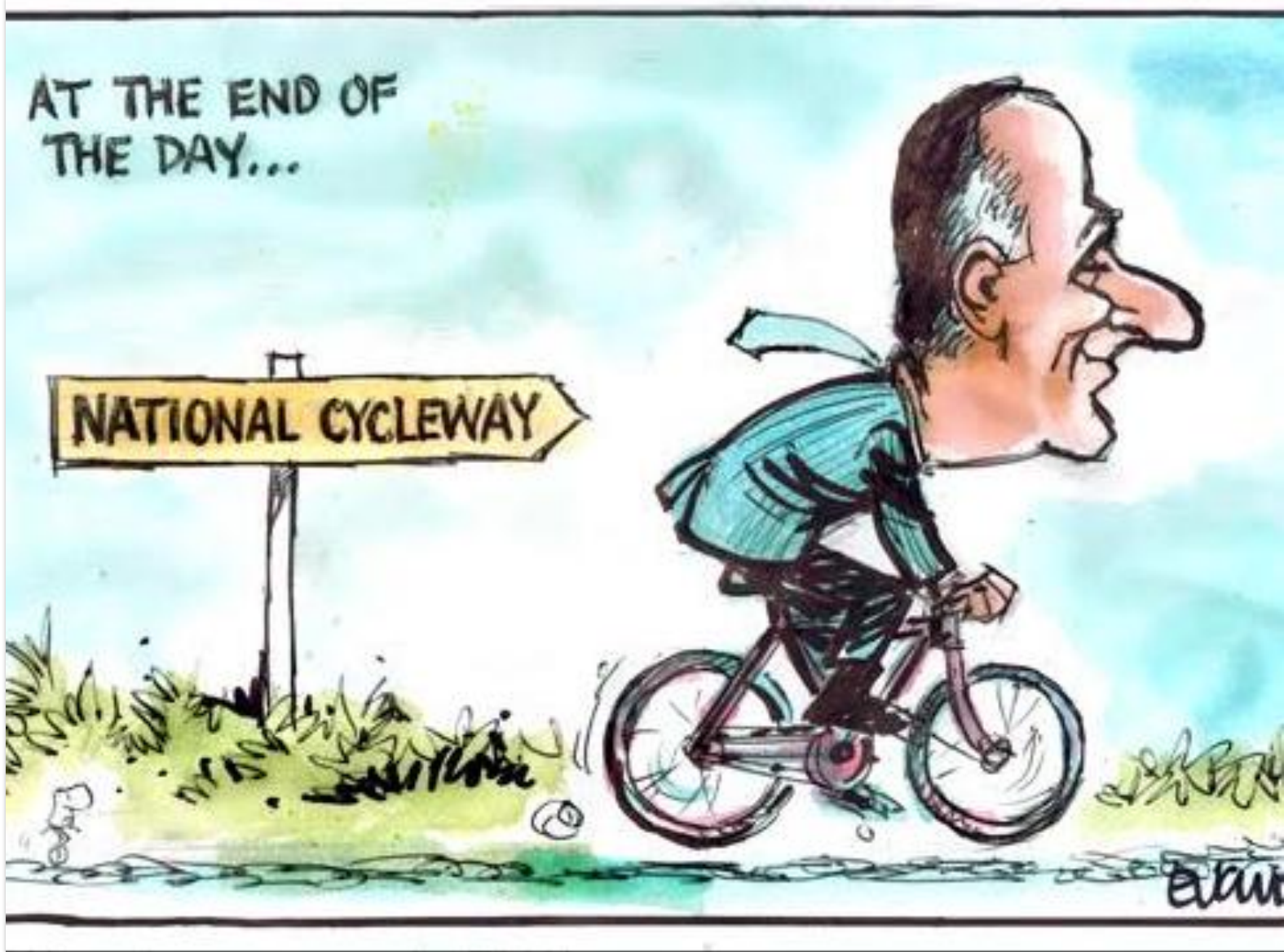




2008 economic meltdown leads to New Zealand Cycle Trails







“Failure is not an option!”



## Growing Networks Overseas

- More connectivity
- More opportunities
- More benefits

### United States Bicycle Route System



1978, 2009, and (alternative) 2012 route markers

#### System information

**Length** 13,099 mi<sup>[1]</sup> (21,081 km)

**Formed** 1978

#### Highway names

**S Routes:** U.S. Bicycle Route *nn* (USBR *nn*)

#### System links

**United States Bicycle Route System**

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# New Zealand Cycle Network

## Connecting New Zealand by Bike

### Existing and Potential Rides 2018 - 2023

- Great Ride - existing
- Great Ride - potential
- Heartland Ride - existing
- Heartland Ride - potential
- Other cycleways - existing
- Public Transport Links

**Great Rides** are premier rides, predominantly off-road, showcasing the best of New Zealand.  
**Heartland Rides** are predominantly on quiet roads with some traffic.  
**Public Transport Links** are either essential connections (i.e., ferries) or highly recommended to avoid busy roads (i.e., trains).

This map provides a snapshot of what a connected New Zealand cycling network could look like in the future. It is not definitive and will change.

A national cycling network is just one part of a long-term strategic view to provide a range of improved transport options for journeys throughout New Zealand. A particular goal is to connect Great Rides to urban centres, and other Great Rides, using predominantly on-road infrastructure (i.e., Heartland Rides).

The existing routes shown have been approved and meet NZCT Design Guide criteria.

The potential routes shown have been captured from key stakeholders including the Transport Agency, MBIE, DOC, NZCT Inc, and councils.

## The Future Network?

- Extend and Enhance the 22 Great Rides (\$16M/year)
- Create more Heartland Rides (\$3M/year)
- Build urban cycle networks (\$100M/year)

Resulting in more opportunities for more communities.



A NATIONAL CYCLEWAY WILL BE DONE  
SLOWLY AND CHEAPLY - FINANCE MINISTER

YOU MIGHT  
HAVE TO PUT MY  
ARRIVAL PARTY ON  
THE BACK BURNER  
FOR A FEW YEARS.

CAPE  
REINGA

BLUFF

HARVEY

The idea that wouldn't die...









Tour Aotearoa 2016



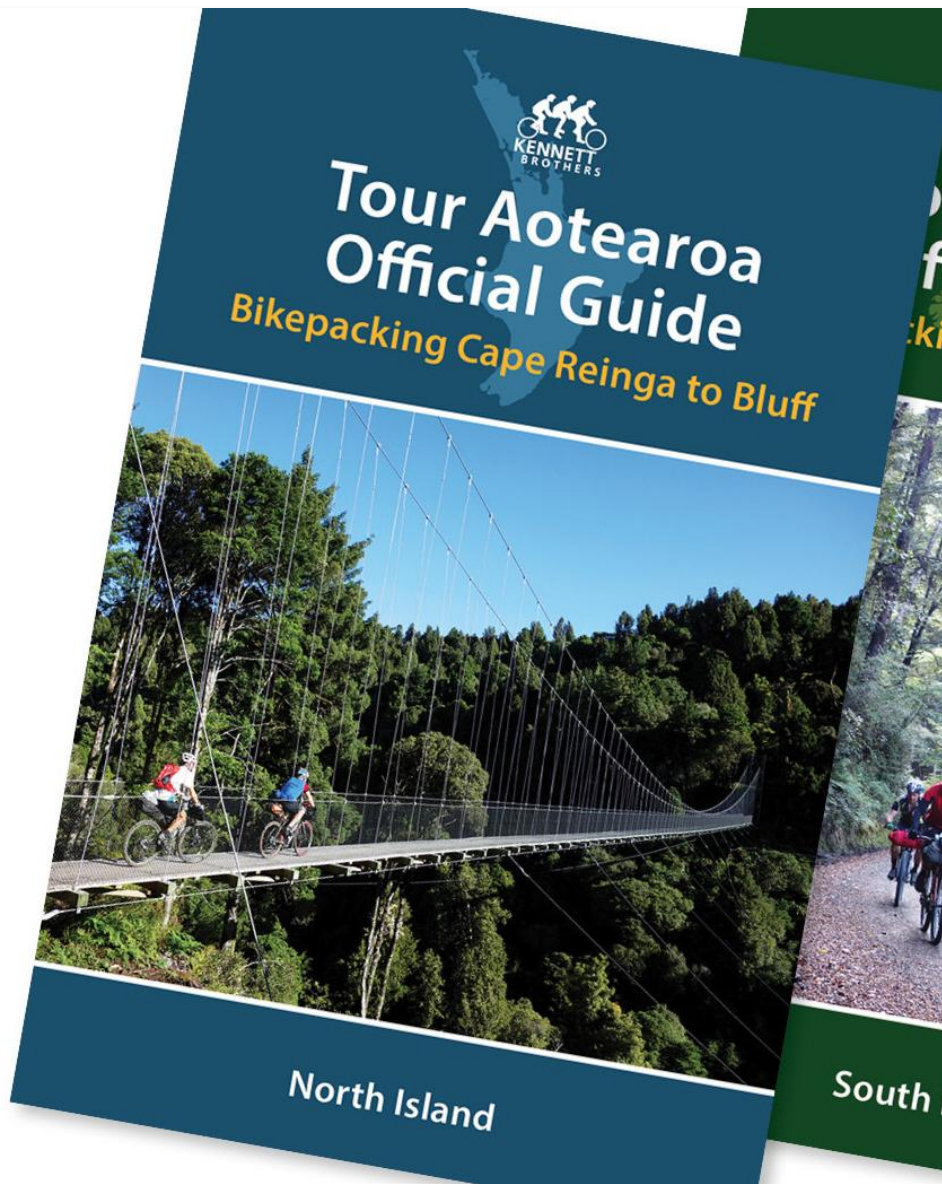


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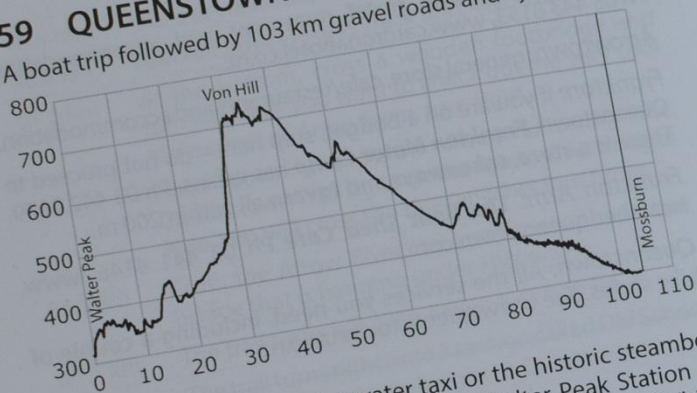


Tour Aotearoa 2018



## 59 QUEENSTOWN TO MOSSBURN

A boat trip followed by 103 km gravel roads and cycle trail.



From Queenstown, catch a water taxi or the historic steamboat TSS Earnslaw across Lake Wakatipu to Walter Peak Station (Ph 0800 65 65 01 to book in advance – \$25/person and \$5/bike). The Earnslaw will take bikes at 10am, 12pm and 2pm. A water taxi will take bikes any time of day, but can't go in bad weather.

- 0.0 km From the jetty at Walter Peak, follow the main gravel road towards Mount Nicholas Station.
- 11.0 km Veer left, along Mount Nicholas Rd, and then Von Rd.
- 26.9 km You'll pass a stand of trees, which is a good place for a rest before tackling the Von Hill.
- 37.1 km Cross the Otago–Southland border.
- 48.8 km Pass a turn-off to the left (this is where the Around the Mountains Cycle Trail will go in future).
- 51.3 km Continue straight on Mavora Lakes Rd, past the turn-off to Mavora Lakes campsites.
- 69.6 km Veer left onto Centre Hill Rd.
- 79.0 km Turn left down a 4WD track (fishing access).
- 79.9 km Turn right on the Around the Mountains Cycle Trail.
- 87.1 km Cross a farm road, next to bend in Centre Hill Rd.
- 102.1 km Turn right at a gravel road called Cumberland St.

102.4 km Mossburn. Turn left at Highway 103.1 km Mossburn has great cafes and accommodation.

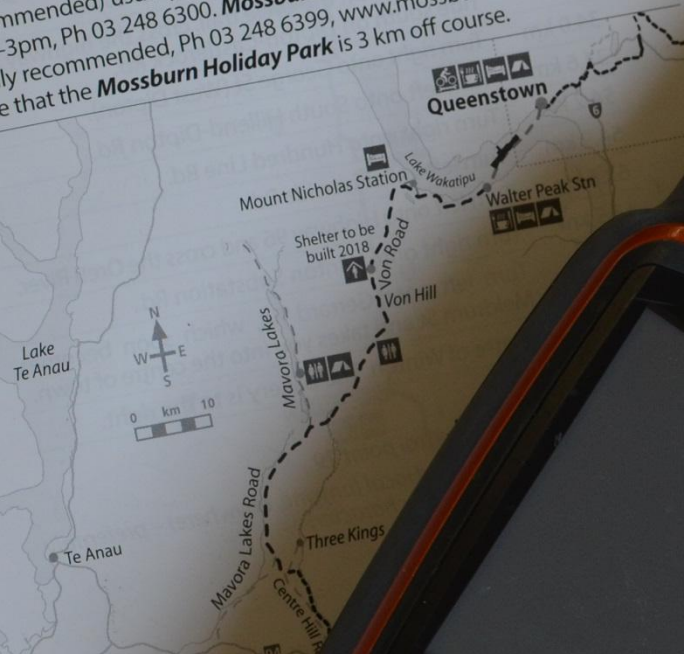
### SERVICES

Walter Peak Station: Luxury **lodge**, [www.thelodge.net.nz](http://www.thelodge.net.nz). A new camping site a few hundred metres from the wharf.

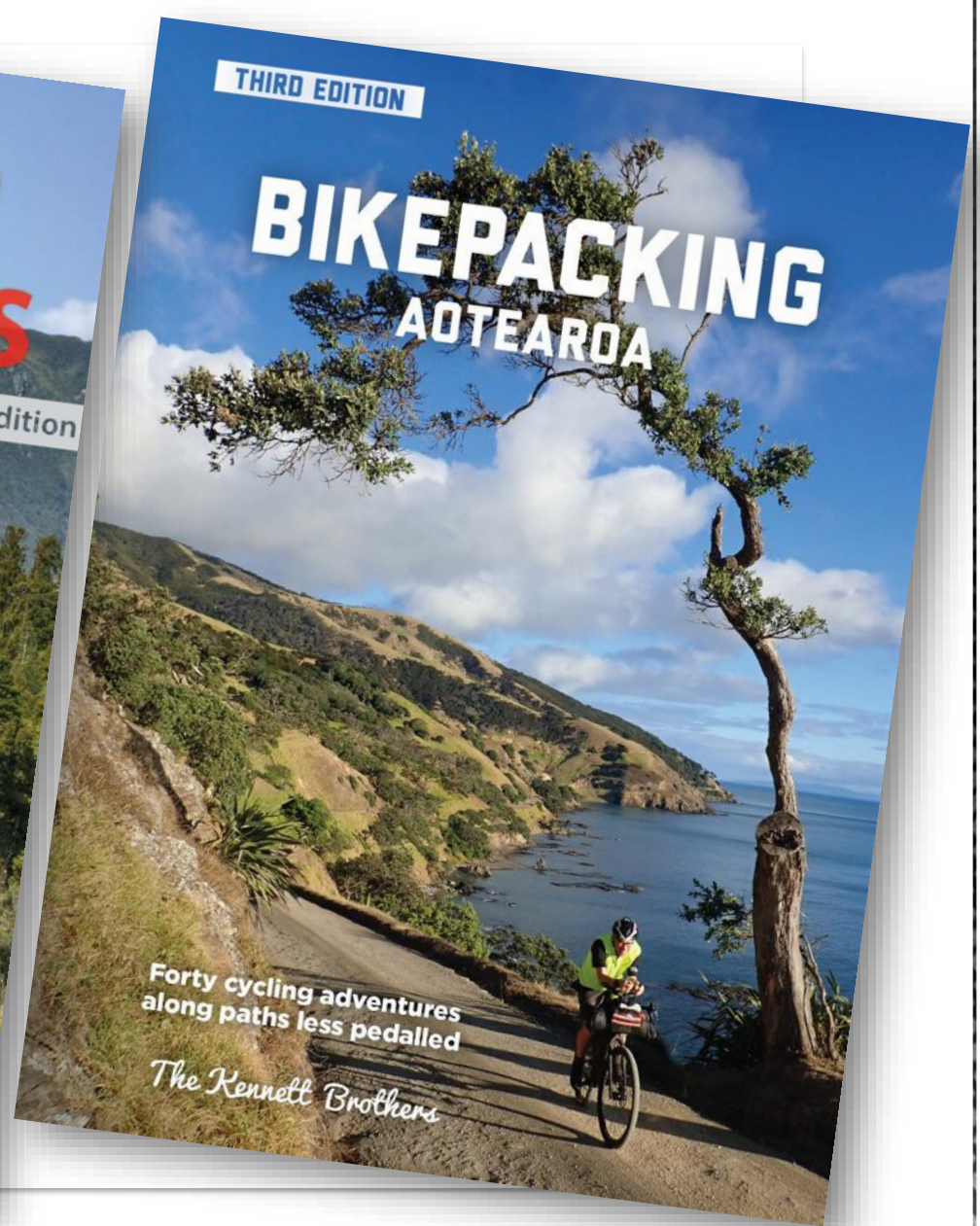
Mount Nicholas: **Lodge**, [www.mtnicholaslodge.co.nz](http://www.mtnicholaslodge.co.nz).

Mavora Lakes: **DOC campsite** with **toilets**.

Mossburn: A **general store**, **cafes**, a **garage** and a **hotel**. **Dome Cafe** (recommended) usually opens weekdays 7am–3:30pm, weekends 9am–3pm, Ph 03 248 6300. **Mossburn Railway Hotel** York St is also highly recommended, Ph 03 248 6399, [www.mossburnhotel.co.nz](http://www.mossburnhotel.co.nz). Note that the **Mossburn Holiday Park** is 3 km off course.

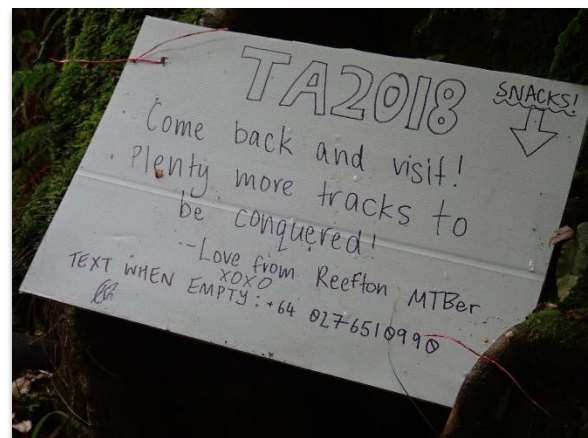






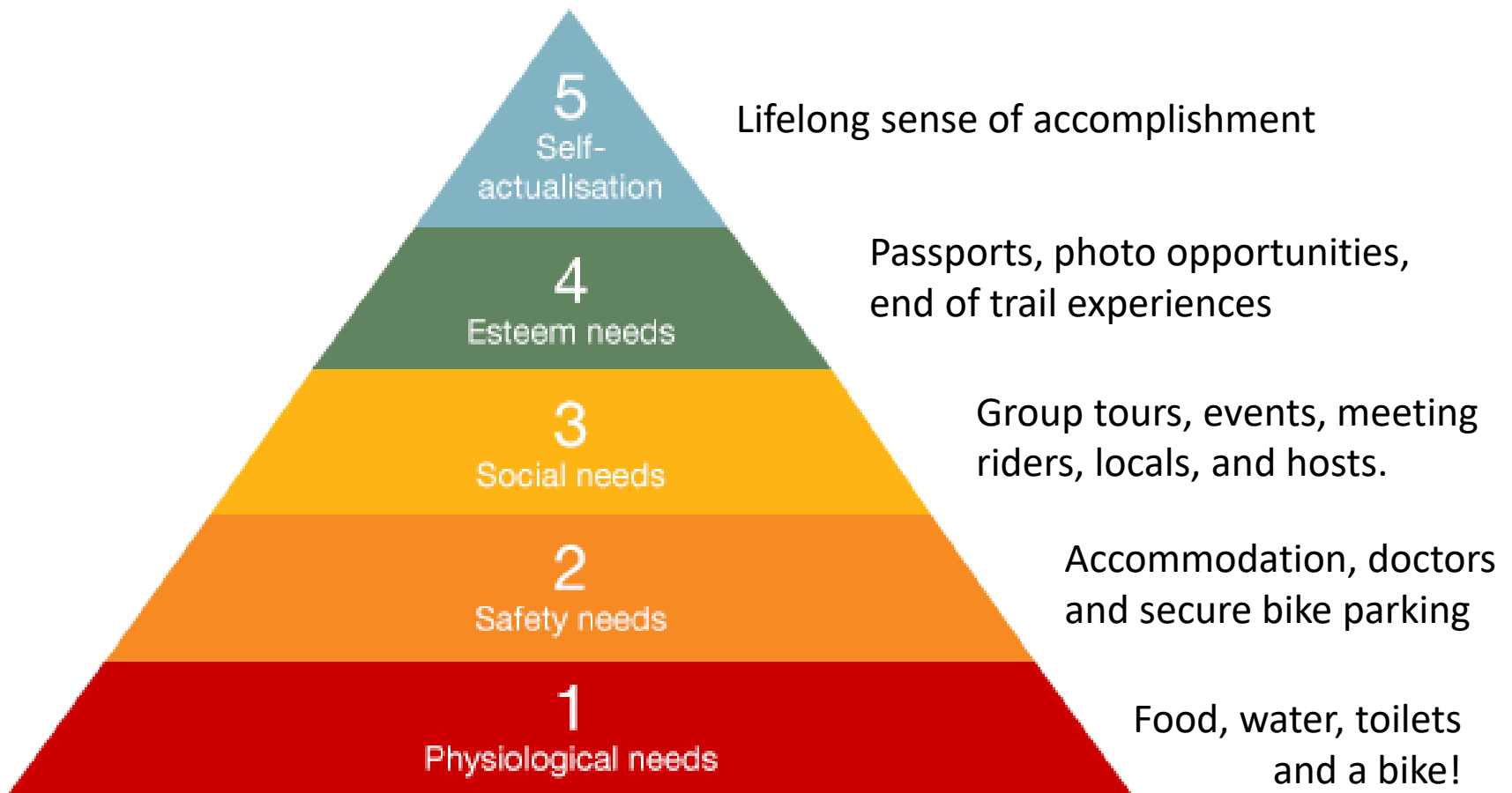
Promoting cycle tourism











## Maslow's hierarchy of cycle trail needs





Looking Ahead?