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All aglow for the runway show

Dates are now set for two high-impact runway shows – in Auckland and Wellington – for the second annual Project Glow Wear reflective fashion design competition.

Each night will see a spectacular showcase of finalists in the competition with winners of the 13 categories announced.

The competition boldly goes where no other has gone before by challenging designers to create reflective clothing and accessories that marry high fashion with high visual impact.

All entries must include retro-reflective elements that highlight the wearer as they go about their early morning or evening journeys.

Auckland Transport's Manager for Walking, Cycling and Road Safety Kathryn King says, "We are delighted to announce our Auckland show on 26 August which we are pleased will be at a new Auckland building, the Trades, Engineering and Construction facility at Unitec. The building is right next to the new Waterview Shared Path, sections of which will be open in the coming weeks, linking up key cycling and walking links in the area. This competition is a fun way to celebrate getting around on bike and on foot and I'm excited to see what people have come up with this year.

"We also have a special treat for people that come along to the show with some local faces appearing as 'real people models'. It's going to be a great night out."

Director of the New Zealand Fashion Museum Doris de Pont says, "What a fantastic creative opportunity Project Glow Wear offers designers – challenging them to come up with a design that combines utility with wearability and desirability. It was exciting to see the range of entries for the inaugural show last year and I am looking forward to seeing what illuminating entries have been created for 2017."

Designers are competing for a \$10,000 prize pool ranging from a \$500 Levi's voucher, an internship at Mandatory Menswear, a Wacom tablet, a Singer sewing machine, shearing scissors, cash prizes and more. The pièce de résistance is the Arrow Award where the winning entry will be manufactured by the winning designer during a two-month paid internship.

Designers have until Thursday 6 July to submit their final designs. A number of new categories have been introduced this year including Young Designer and a special category

for Menswear. All New Zealanders over the age of 15 are invited to enter: designers, home sewers, crafters and students.

The fashion world is beginning to explore the possibilities of retro-reflective as an untapped element to incorporate into everyday clothing and accessories. Project Glow Wear's Pinterest page contains a plethora of reflective inspiration on this front.

The transport teams at Auckland Transport, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Hutt City Council, Wellington City Council, Kapiti Coast District Council and Upper Hutt City Council are behind the competition alongside Levi's®, Arrow Uniforms, Lux Light Festival, Singer™, Mandatory Menswear, the Wellington Sewing Centre, Oversew Fashion, Vespertine NYC and Massey University School of Design.

Last year the project team was blown away by the quality, creativity and wearability of entries received. Highlights included a hot pink PVC jacket with reflective frilling and in-built rear-facing lights, trousers with reflective hems & pocket detailing, an elegant soft yellow cape with reflective detailing and a swathe of innovative accessories for all purposes.

Show details

- Wellington – Saturday 12 August, Wellington Underground Market (tickets now on sale)
- Auckland – Saturday 26 August, Unitec (tickets on sale soon)

About the design competition

See photos of 2016 finalists at the runway show: www.projectglowwear.com and www.facebook.com/ProjectGlowWear

Project Glow Wear 2017 awards are for garments and accessories in the following categories: Luminance, Streetwear, Menswear, Best Upcycled, Fabric Innovation, Young Designer (15 to 18 years). People's Choice and Commercial Viability.

Each entry will be judged according to specific criteria for each award alongside the following general criteria:

- Reflectivity: Effective use of reflective materials
- Creativity: Innovative and original design
- Quality: Cut and finish, quality of sewing
- Wearability: Ease & simplicity of wear and movement

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Forty-five thousand new riders in Auckland last year

Auckland is experiencing a biking boom with a report released today by Auckland Transport showing big numbers taking to two wheels over the past year and confidence in cycling at an all-time high.

Forty-five thousand people starting riding in 2016 and there has been a 62 percent increase in cycle trips in the city centre since 2013.

Bikes now make up 9.4 percent of inbound traffic via Upper Queen Street and on the Northwestern cycleway there has been a 27 percent increase since 2015, Grafton Gully has seen a 34 percent increase and the Mt Roskill Shared Path has gone up 16 percent.

These numbers are in part due to the network effect as Auckland's plan for high quality cycling infrastructure is rolled out across the city.

Auckland Mayor Phil Goff says, "Cycling is an important part of Auckland's transport system. It gives Aucklanders transport choice, lessens pressure on our roads, reduces carbon emissions and helps people to stay fit and healthy."

Auckland Transport's Manager for Walking, Cycling and Road Safety Kathryn King says, "We are now seeing what other cities around the world have experienced over the past decades. When you meaningfully invest in a well-planned cycling network, people will leave the car at home and take the bike to work or study."

"Unitec is a great example, being close to the Northwestern cycleway means they have 4.3 percent of students biking, rather than the average of 1.7 percent which we see across other tertiary education sites. And I'm sure next year's report will see this increase further as the Waterview Shared Path opens in the coming months."

Auckland Transport has two key measures for cycling and in 2016 beat the target for kilometres of cycling infrastructure built but narrowly missed the target number of individual trips (as measured at counters around the city). "We built 16.8km in 2016 which is well over the 7.4km target and we measured 995,000 trips against a target of 1.1million. We are really pleased with these numbers," says Ms King.

While Aucklanders still mainly use their bike for recreation, 2016 saw increases in every other category of bike use including shopping, getting to education, getting to work and to public transport. Positive sentiment is strong with 80 percent of people saying that investment in cycling is important for giving people more travel choice and 54 percent of people saying that more people cycling is better for people driving.

Ms King says, "As well as the great list of projects we completed in 2016, it was also a key year for us talking to Aucklanders and finding out what people want built to help them travel in a more active way. We had over six thousand pieces of public feedback over 12 cycling infrastructure and network consultations during the year. That's a massive response and we have carefully used that feedback as plans continue to unfold for the network."

"We could not have done this work alone, and I'd like to acknowledge the partnership between Auckland Transport, the NZ Transport Agency, Auckland Council and the local boards. Together with the dedicated special interest groups who have also collaborated with us over the past year."

Key points:

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- 995,000 recorded cycle trips in Auckland in 2016
- 80 percent of people say investment in cycling is important to provide more travel choices
- 34 percent increase in trips on the Grafton Gully cycleway since 2015
- 27 percent increase in trips on the Northwestern cycleway since 2015

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Public transport the best way to get to the rugby

The British and Irish Lions will be back at Eden Park on Saturday 24 June when they take on the All Blacks for the DHL Lions Series.

Public transport is the best way to get to Eden Park and your travel on trains and special event buses is included with your match ticket.

British and Irish Lions vs All Blacks Saturday 24 June

The second of three Auckland games in the tour kicks-off at 7.35pm, the gates at Eden Park open at 4.30pm.

Bus

Special event buses will operate to Eden Park from Northern Busway stations, Manukau, Pakuranga, Botany, Midtown, Newmarket and Mt Eden, Takapuna and return.

Special event buses will begin running at 3.30pm, except for midtown which begins at 4pm on Queen Street outside the Civic.

Train

Travel on the train is included with your pre-purchased game ticket and starts four hours before kick-off and finishes when services end that evening.

Note: You must show your game ticket for all travel on trains. If you do not present your pre-purchased ticket, standard fares will apply.

After the match customers travelling west will need to board services at Morningside Station. Customers travelling to Britomart will need to board services at Kingsland Station.

A mobility shuttle to Morningside Station will be in operation from 8pm to 11.30pm from 61 Sandringham Road (outside Papas Pizza).

[View the mobility shuttle map pick up and drop off points \(PDF 447KB\)](#)

Check the train timetables below or use the [Journey Planner](#).

- [View the Western Line train timetable for Saturday 24 June 2017 \(PDF 432KB\)](#)
- [View the Southern Line \(includes Eastern and Onehunga Line\) train timetable for Saturday 24 June 2017 \(PDF 428KB\)](#)

Ferry

Additional services are being provided on the West Harbour, Pine Harbour, Bayswater and Birkenhead ferry services, with sailings timed to connect with trains and special event buses. Half Moon Bay, Devonport and Waiheke ferry services also provide good options to get to and from the game.

The Downtown Ferry Terminal is next to the Britomart Transport Centre in Downtown Auckland. Ferry passengers can easily change to a train for transport to the game.

Normal fares/passes apply for ferry travel.

Walking and cycling

Walking and cycling is also a good option for getting to Eden Park, the ground is about a 30 minute walk from Ponsonby.

Auckland's famous Fan Trail between the waterfront and Eden Park will also be up and running: <https://www.aucklandnz.com/dhl-new-zealand-lions-series-2017/auckland-fanzones-fan-trail>

Road closures

There will be road closures and parking restrictions around Eden Park for the match: <https://at.govt.nz/about-us/news-events/eden-park-event-road-closures/>

For more information about the Lions tour go to: <http://www.nzlionsseries17.com/>

A video about taking public transport to Eden Park is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEJR_tZ4l54

For more information about travel to the game go to: <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/events/dhl-new-zealand-lions-series-2017/>

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Auckland takes out top prize for international bike challenge

Taking to two wheels for The 2017 Auckland Bike Challenge has paid off for a lucky Kiwi who will be winging her way to Croatia.

This year the challenge was bigger and better as part of the nationwide Aotearoa Bike Challenge. Not only were Aucklanders able to win local and national prizes, but participants were also entered into a global competition run by international organisation Love to Ride.

The winner of the grand prize, Gracie MacKinlay who works in marketing for Mighty Ape says she always had her eye on the grand prize.

She says, "I entered the challenge when I saw the big travel prize. I shared it around with my colleagues and friends to encourage them to join. I live only 3.5km away from work. There's a shower at work, so it was an easy decision to be part of the challenge. I usually drive between work and home including my lunch commute. These trips have been replaced with bike rides.

"By the end of the challenge, I felt so much fitter and I even achieved my fastest time in Round the Bays this year, which I've been doing for the past five years. It also helped me to better understand the impact on our environment. My bike commutes have saved an estimated 37kg of CO2 emission during the challenge. It's good for our health and environment, so others should get out and give the bike a go."

Manager of Walking, Cycling and Road Safety for Auckland Transport Kathryn King says, "Congratulations to Gracie. Being drawn out of 56,485 people from 12 countries is such luck but it's also well-deserved because she really put so much effort into this competition. We'd love for Gracie's story to inspire people who can bike to work to give it a go.

"Auckland Transport is working together with Auckland Council and the NZ Transport Agency on cycleways and cycling facilities all over Auckland, so it's a great time to leave the car at home and take the bike."

Dougal List, National Cycling Manager from NZ Transport Agency says, "We're thrilled that a Kiwi has taken out this prize and would also like to congratulate Gracie. We are already planning for next year's Aotearoa Bike Challenge in February 2018 and encourage work places to find out more so they can be ready to enter and maybe win a great prize."

Gracie's trip includes being able to choose her own flights and itinerary to either Croatia or Vancouver and also provides her with a budget towards food and activities with a total value of \$3,000US including flights.

About the Auckland Bike Challenge

The Auckland Bike Challenge is a fun, free workplace competition that encourages people to give cycling a go during the month of February. This year 324 Auckland organisations competed against each other, as well as those who signed up throughout the rest of New Zealand. A total of 3,794 Aucklanders participated, 981 were new to riding.

Run by Auckland Transport and supported by NZ Transport Agency, Sustainable Business Network, Healthy Auckland Together and Auckland Regional Public Health Service, the event supports workplaces encouraging staff to ride for at least ten minutes during the month of February.

Rides are recorded online, and businesses can compete against other similar sized businesses within the Auckland region and nationwide. The businesses who get the most of their staff riding bikes win, plus there are lots of individual prizes to be won.