

# Metlink City Safari

Sunday 15 May saw 500 people sporting Metlink vests and other weird and wonderful attire pouring onto buses, trains and harbour ferry, as part of the annual Metlink City Safari. The rogaining (that's orienteering with a twist – you can use public transport) event was made up of a six-hour course for more serious competitors and a three-hour course that's popular with families. Petone, added to the Safari course for the first time this year, proved to be a popular destination. Congratulations to winners Liam and Rachel Drew (three-hour) and Mark Wallace, Kath Allan and Ben Sutherland (six-hour).



As well as being great work-out and a whole lot of fun, Metlink City Safari is wonderful opportunity to try the different Metlink services on offer in Wellington. Make sure you're part of the action next year!

# Public transport spine study

A study of the best options for a high quality public transport network through Wellington city – from Wellington Station to Wellington Regional Hospital in Newtown – is about to begin. This will include, but is not limited to, light rail and bus-based options. The study is expected to be completed in 2013. You can find out more at [www.gw.govt.nz/ptplan](http://www.gw.govt.nz/ptplan)



# Fares increase from 1 September

Metlink bus, train and harbour ferry fares are due to increase from 1 September 2011. The increases are needed to meet increasing costs. Details are still being finalised but check the Metlink website for more information over the next few months.



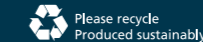
## Keeping on track

You can also view copies of Metlink News on the website.

For Metlink timetables and further information about public transport services in the greater Wellington region, visit the Metlink website or contact Metlink.

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# Metlink News

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Welcome to the June issue of *Metlink News*. In this issue you can read about the Metlink City Safari, Real Time Information, folding cycles and a Matangi milestone. We're also consulting on a number of services – so make sure you have your say.



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## Thank you

A big thank you to all train commuters who put up with temporary changes to train services and fare collection during April and May. We're very pleased to report that the capacity issues, which required the changes, have been resolved. Thank you for bearing with us.

## Matangi quarter-fleet milestone

A quarter of the fleet of new Matangi trains – 12 two-car units – is now in Wellington with the arrival of four trains at the end of May. The first six-car Matangi train began running at peak-hour on the Upper Hutt line last month so gradually more people are getting to ride on the new trains and feel the difference.

Feedback about travelling on the new trains has been very positive; people are enjoying the smooth, quiet ride and have been fascinated by the fact that you can see all the way down a two-car unit. Passengers are very quickly getting used to the manually-controlled doors, which mean you have to press the green button next to the doors to open them.

Passengers also tell us they like the screens inside the new trains which display the name of the next station. As well, the new trains have a very effective public address system so train staff can communicate better with passengers.

The new trains are expected to begin running on the Johnsonville line within the next month or two, and on the Kapiti line later this year.

*Six-car Matangi at Wellington Station, photo provided by Hugh McCracken.*



*Sweet ride – a folding bike in action in Wellington.*

## Folding cycle discount

Along with the new trains, a new policy is now in place for cycles on trains. Only folding cycles can be taken on Matangi trains travelling to Wellington in the morning peak and from Wellington in the evening peak.

Greater Wellington has a limited number of vouchers available that entitle people to a substantial discount off a Dahon Eco C7 bike. This cycle would usually sell for \$799 but it costs \$560 with the voucher. The cycle has been reviewed positively on the 'Cycling in Wellington' web blog: "Overall, the Eco C7 offers a stable, quick and pleasant ride that'll get you to and from the station and make you enjoy yourself as you go."

Folding cycles can be taken on GO Wellington and Valley Flyer buses as well as the trains. They can also be taken on buses when they replace trains.

For more information about the folding cycle voucher, email [simon.kennett@gw.govt.nz](mailto:simon.kennett@gw.govt.nz)

## RTI spreading to the Hutt Valley

Increasing numbers of bus passengers can find out through Real Time Information (RTI) when their bus will arrive as opposed to its scheduled arrival time.

RTI tells you via global positioning technology vehicle tracking, when your bus will pull up at the stop. RTI for GO Wellington (and soon Valley Flyer) is available online, at [metlink.org.nz](http://metlink.org.nz) and through smart phones. Learn more about RTI at [www.metlink.org.nz/realtimeinformation](http://www.metlink.org.nz/realtimeinformation)

On-street displays are being installed progressively over the next 12 months. Screens are up at Wellington Station and are due to be installed soon at stops along the Golden Mile, from Lambton Quay to Courtenay Place.

Mana and Newlands bus passengers should have Real Time Information from about October and it will be rolled out to trains next year.

RTI is still relatively new to Metlink so we'd appreciate your feedback, particularly if you experience any problems. Email [info@metlink.org.nz](mailto:info@metlink.org.nz) or call 0800 801 700.

*Prototype of RTI totem that will be installed along the Golden Mile.*



## Opportunities to have your say

We are consulting on a number of Metlink bus and train services over the next few months so make sure you have your say on services that you use or are interested in.



### Regional public transport plan (PT plan)

This PT plan is required to give effect to the Regional Land Transport Strategy and sets the policies for how public transport services are delivered in the region. If you are interested in the big public transport picture and how it's funded, then make sure you have your say. A draft PT Plan will be available for feedback in July 2011.

### Wellington city bus review

This is an ongoing review of bus services in the Wellington city area, south of Grenada North. The Wellington city bus review focuses on trolley and diesel bus services, including school and shopper buses.

Extensive consultation and research has been carried out for this review and a range of possible changes are now being developed. You'll be asked for feedback on these suggestions later this year.

### Otaki public transport review

This review is looking at Otaki, Peka Peka and Te Horo bus services and their connections with trains, so we can try to meet the community's needs. The deadline for initial feedback is 16 June but people will be asked later in the year for their feedback on suggested changes. Changes are due to be put in place from early next year.

### Wairarapa public transport review

This is a review of both bus and train services in Wairarapa. The review aims to improve bus and train services where necessary to meet the needs of communities as closely as possible. Check the Metlink website and Greater Wellington website [www.gw.govt.nz](http://www.gw.govt.nz) for more details in the next few weeks.