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Technical Tour 1 - e-bike: Tahitai and Wellington City

Day:	Tuesday 10 March 2026
Meet:	Look for an HC staff member with a flag downstairs on Wakefield Street. Go down escalator and turn right. You will be advised which group you are in. Please look for the following flag colours: Group 1: green flag Group 2: orange flag Group 3: purple flag
Departs:	3:00pm from Tākina Convention Centre
Finishes:	5:00pm back at Tākina Convention Centre
Leaders:	3 WCC officers to lead tour, supported by 6 pedal ready trained supporters
Please bring:	We recommend wearing sturdy, comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing (perhaps a rain jacket too).
Weather dependant:	Yes
Distance:	13kms by bike
PPE Requirement:	Bike helmet (will be provided)
Maximum number:	30: 3 groups of 10.

Enjoy a relaying guided e-bike tour from Takina to Evans Bay parade. Returning on protected bike lanes in Kilbirnie, Newtown and Cambridge Terrace.

Wellington's coast holds strong connections for mana whenua iwi (Taranaki Whānui, Ngāti Toa Rangatira). Taranaki Whānui has worked closely with Wellington City Council on aspects of the landscape design and gifted the name Tahitai (one tide, one journey) for the harbour-side walking and biking route around Akau Tangi (Evans Bay) between Miramar and the central city. The changes along the seaward side of Cobham Drive have transformed this coastal recreation area to be a safer walking and biking route and a more attractive gateway to Wellington from the east.



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Cobham Drive is the main transport route to and from Wellington Airport and is often the first glimpse of the city and its harbour for visitors. It's also home to the Meridian Energy Wind Sculpture Walk.

The new paths make things safer and more enjoyable for everyone and help to encourage more climate-friendly ways to travel. Landscaping, planting, seats and bike parking provide



places where people can enjoy the views.

As one of the city's busiest cycling commuter routes, and a popular visitor and recreational destination, the new paths form part of Tahitai and Te Aranui o Pōneke / the Great Harbour Way – Wellington region's goal to one day have a walking and cycling path all the way around Wellington

Harbour to Sinclair Head on the south coast.

Coastal protection was a big part of this project and the work we've completed has strengthened the most vulnerable section of Cobham Drive from erosion and storm damage. It will make the area more resilient to sea-level rise and the extreme weather patterns we can expect with climate change.

The 430m of new rock revetment (a sloping bank of rock) has been engineered to spread the force of the sea and help to protect this coastline of reclaimed land, the new walking and biking paths, and the state highway. The nooks and crannies in the rock bank will also provide more secure and appealing places for kororā (little blue penguins) to nest and molt.



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Newtown through to the city is a key area for growth and intensification within the District Plan. Street improvements support our growing neighbourhoods so we can cater for more people moving around in the future without our city grinding to a halt.

These improvements also support Wellington Hospital's Travel Action Plan, which

aims to provide more transport choices for the 5000+ staff travelling to the hospital, freeing up parking spaces off-street and in the surrounding area, for people who need it most.

Overall, the changes along these streets will make things safer and easier for people using this busy route and provide more options for how people can get to and from work, school, or tertiary study, drop kids at day care, visit local shops, Wellington Hospital and related health services, or sports and recreation.



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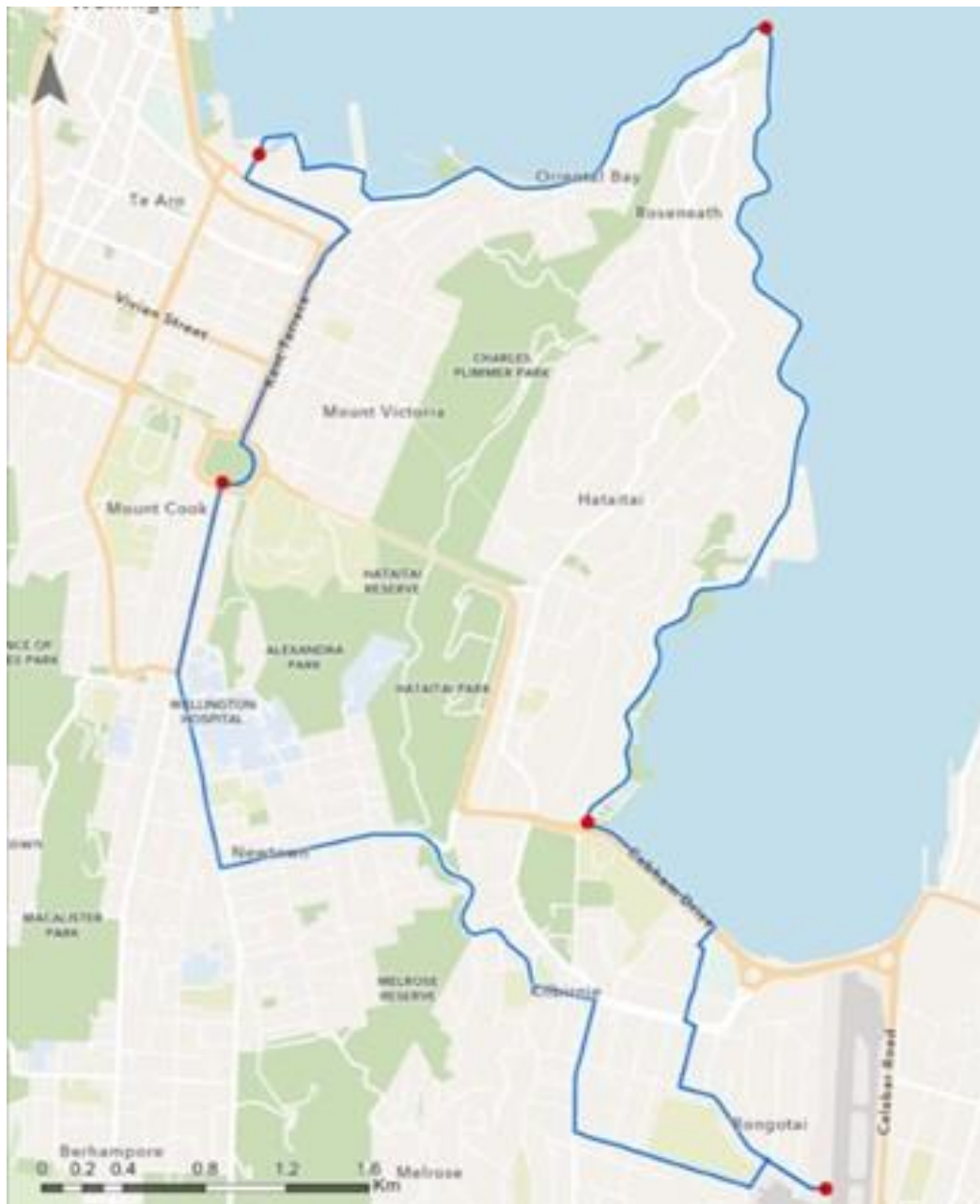
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