# BikeReady – where are we now?

|  |
| --- |
| BikeReady is New Zealand’s national cycling education system lead by Waka Kotahi and ACC. Launched in November 2018, the system aims to increase the reach, quality, depth and consistency of cycling education in New Zealand.  After two years of implementation – how far have we come and where are we hoping to go?  From a base of disparate programmes being delivered across the country, BikeReady has brought together over twenty regions, supporting councils to deliver cycle skills education as well as incorporating Bikes in Schools, Ride Leader and Share the Road.  Delivery numbers have increased, and many regions have made changes to how they deliver their programmes. This has included longer sessions, new delivery techniques, an increase in on-road training, sessions that are more active, and improvements to processes and policies.  From a national perspective, the development of a skilled and qualified workforce has been a key component to the overall BikeReady approach to Quality Assurance. We now have a team of Instructor Tutors to deliver training, including the BikeReady 3-day instructor course and bespoke courses addressing specific regional needs. Instructor resources such as videos and manuals are being continuously developed and we have worked with Skills Active, an Industry Training Organisation, to launch a new national qualification for cycle skills instructors that is tailored to BikeReady.  The key ingredient in success to date has been our partners. Through 6-monthly forums and training opportunities, a BikeReady family has formed with Councils, delivery providers and stakeholders sharing ideas, working together and supporting one another.  Our presentation will be an opportunity to share some of the changes that we have seen, what has worked (and not worked) and how we will continue to work towards the BikeReady vision of *New Zealanders with the competencies to be responsible, safer citizens, ON and AROUND bikes.* |