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Cross Valley Link put on back burner



The sight of heavy commercial trucks clogging up the esplanade is here to stay

The much talked about Cross Valley Link road to help ease congestion between Seaview & Gracefield to State Highway 2 won't be completed by Hutt City Council until 2032/2033, as outlined in the Cross Valley Connections transport programme. It shows the link road isn't likely to commence until 2027 with cycle and walking, and public transport projects now taking priority. This decision does seem a tad ironic as this council has touted

population and housing growth from the beginning of its election cycle, yet when the opportunity to make a significant change to better move traffic from east to west, it has instead chosen to re-prioritise a logical transport solution in favour of a costlier long-term 'micromobility' green approach. Council's head of transport, Jon Kingsbury, said public transport and micromobility routes for the

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Rollers travel to Levin to take on Thunder

Maungaraki Rollers Hockey development squad travelled to Levin recently for their first ever tournament, a friendly 'mixer' style event with the Levin Thunder juniors. For most of the Maungaraki Rollers team this was their first ever tournament experience.

"The team played incredibly well, and everyone had a great time" said club founder Paul Matthews. "This event was a great way to finish the year after our group had spent many hours training."

Congratulations to the Maungaraki Rollers on their inaugural season. Despite 2021 being another covid year with a lockdown, this local club has gone from strength-to-strength to gain a loyal support base of players and parents.

The future looks bright for this up and coming club on the Wellington regional roller blading and hockey scene. Congratulations Rollers! Ed.



Rollers face-off against the Levin Thunder



Taking on the defence



A shot on goal!

Delivery driver rolls car on Dowse

A Domino's Pizza delivery driver rolled his car between Maple Gr and Mulberry St on a busy Tuesday evening. No other vehicle was involved in the accident. The driver suffered minor cuts to his head and face, but was fortunate to walk away from the scene relatively unscathed. Wet road conditions most likely contributed to the crash after days of prolonged rain. Ed.



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likes of bikes and scooters would make the Cross Valley Link road more viable. "We need to give people the option of cycling and walking. [These projects] will take pressure off our roads and reduce emissions."

Given how bad the Hutt Valley's Winter and Spring weather conditions have become over recent years, I wonder just how many of cyclists and walkers will actually utilise these micromobility routes on a day to day basis. It seems bad weather conditions aren't a consideration when these decisions

are made. The Cross Valley Link would, in theory, take pressure of the Petone Esplanade where traffic from Wainuiomata, and the Seaview and Gracefield industrial areas is frequently reduced to a crawl. With Transmission Gully to be opened next year, *fingers crossed x 1.3 billion*, wouldn't it make better sense to give motorists and more importantly truck drivers the ability to access SH2 and SH1 more directly via the CVL road, whilst easing congestion along the Esplanade in the process? If this is the case, why wait 10 years for it to become a reality? Ed.

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What's on at the Dowse Art Museum

Silk Web 17 Dec - 10 Apr 2022

Silk Web brings together pop culture, op art and neo-surrealism with soft furnishings and costume. Combining the past and the present, these works challenge the senses and inspire you to view the world in a new way.

Eden Hore High Fashion/High Country 3 Dec - 20 Mar 2022

Escape into the unexpectedly glamorous world of Eden Hore, a visionary farmer who collected over two hundred couture gowns in 1970s Aotearoa.

Solo 2021 16 Oct – 20 Feb 2022

A snapshot of contemporary art practice in Te Whanganui-a-Tara right here, right now. We asked the artists what they would like to do, perhaps something they've been dreaming of making or been mulling over and help them realise their project in an entire gallery space of their own.

The Stories We Tell Ourselves

07 Aug – 23 Jan 2022

This exhibition highlights recent acquisitions to The Dowse Collection over the last four years, where artists have explored narratives around personal memories, oral traditions, social history and the environment.

Drawing on the richness of cultural expression in 21st century Aotearoa New Zealand, their works show how the stories we tell ourselves through art help to define us.



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