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**Summer Newsletter**



The Pace Car initiative is paving the way for a safer environment for all local road users including motorists, cyclist and pedestrian's throughout the Whangarei Region. Thank you for your on-going commitment and support to this safe driving initiative.



The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) picked up that our Pace Car decal size and positioning on back windscreens were not actually legal. This is due to requirements that anything stuck upon back windscreens needs to be within 100mm from the edge of the windscreen. To make sure the Pace Car decal is compliant we have re-designed our Pace Car decals to better fit the NZTA requirements.

### Hey, motorists!

Here are some tips about driving and cyclists from Bike Wise & NZTA.

- Take special care when driving near a cyclist – slow down when passing them.
- Be prepared for them to move without warning.
- Indicate clearly and in plenty of time when turning and stopping.
- Cycles are vehicles and have as much right to be on the road as you.
- Know your blind spots, especially when driving vans, trucks or buses, and check again for cyclists.
- Take another look at intersections. Cycles are smaller than other vehicles, and many drivers who hit them claim not to have seen them.
- Avoid overtaking a cyclist just before you turn at an intersection.
- Take care when passing cyclists on the open road. Slow down and ideally, leave at least 1.5 metres of space between you and the cyclist.
- Check rear-view mirrors and look over your shoulder before you open a car door at the road side.
- Don't insist on your right of way, even when the cyclist is in the wrong.
- Slow down and be alert when visibility is reduced. Cyclists are often hard to see, and are even more so in the rain or in low-light conditions.

**Do you need a new Pace Car decal?  
 If you haven't received your new decal in the post, or you need another, just contact  
 Vanessaw@sportnorth.co.nz or Ph (09) 437 9634**

## Pace Car Rewards!

**Sign up to be a Pace Car and be in to WIN a \$40 MTA fuel voucher!!**

**The latest Bi-monthly winner is:**

**Shane Goode**



**Spread the Pace Car word to your friends/family/colleagues and when they register they are automatically in the draw to win the \$40 MTA Fuel voucher!**

**The next draw will be for any new registrations within the months of November & December (drawn Jan 2012).**

### The Pace Car Pledge

- Obey the posted speed limit
- Stop and let pedestrians cross, give cyclists 1.5m when passing and be courteous to other road users
- To be extra cautious near schools, children and school buses
- When driving, avoid distractions by paying close attention to the road
- Display the Pace Car cling on your vehicle window
- Encourage others to take the Pace Car pledge
- Minimise car use by using active transportation (cycling and walking) and carpooling whenever possible

**If you wish to know more about the Pace Car Project visit  
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