



Pedal Update

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Calendar

25th Nov BISA - Business Meeting - All Welcome - Port Adelaide Council Chambers meeting room (off Nile St.) from 10.30-12

24th 25th Nov BikeAbility see page 3 & 12

10th Dec BISA Business Meeting- All Welcome

7 pm Normally business meetings are on the **2nd** Wednesday every month, at the Conservation Centre 120 Wakefield Street (Opposite Fire Station)

Join us at Fasta Pasta in Pirie Street at 6pm before the meeting. All BISA members are welcome.

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Chairperson's Report



The past few weeks have seen interesting progress for cycling in S.A. Starting with the State Budget last month we have seen an extra \$0.75M allocated to cycling, and specifically to the development of the State Government's Green Travel Corridors – 'bicycle arterials' that will one day form a convenient cross-city network for those not wanting to ride on the main roads. Look for work in the coming year on the Port-City link, the Glenelg Tramway path and the link between Anzac Highway and Goodwood Railway Station (behind the Show Grounds). With many more km to complete we hope that coming years will see even more funding towards these 'GreenLinks'. The Cycling & Pedestrian Safety Task Force has developed a set of recommendations re. lowered arterial road speed limits which have now gone to the Road Advisory Council & Government. I note that the RAA's latest SAMotor suggests that a large proportion of SA road users may favour such lowered limits. One hopes that the Government will take heed, show some leadership and further lower arterial road limits to a much safer 50km/h. The next task for the C&PSTF will be to develop a 'planning for

walking' document.

Over the past month BISA has had major input to the South Aust. Strategic Plan (SASP). We prepared a set of 'development' recommendations for the SASP 'Sustainability' working group aimed at 'bedding down' the goal of: increasing **"public transport, cycling and walking to 20% of weekday travel by 2015"**. At present public transport use in S.A. stands at about 6.8% of weekday travel and cycling at about 1.5 - 2%. As walking will be very hard to count in measuring progress towards this goal it's probably best to not try to evaluate it at present. This essentially means that to achieve this 'stretch' goal the State Government will need to oversee an increase in public transport's share of weekday travel to around 12% and cycling to around 8% - four times the current cycling numbers! Even though it is something of a 'stretch' goal, let's hope it makes it into the updated plan...

BISA had a very useful meeting with the DTEI CEO, Jim Hallion, reported elsewhere in this PU. BISA will need to follow up several issues arising from this conversation, including correspondence with TransAdelaide (improvements for bikes on trains) and increased secure bike parking in the City Centre. BISA also met with Bill Watson, CEO of TransAdelaide, again reported in this PU and we have a meeting with Heather Webster, CEO of Adelaide Metro next month. National Ride to Work Day seems to have been a bit of a fizzer in SA. BISA was not included in the planning for this event despite our best efforts from the first day it was announced! Let's hope that S.A. makes better use of the opportunity in 2007!

Maureen Merrick (BicycleSA President), Bill Gehling from Walking Australia and I also met with the Project Manager of the proposed Anzac Highway Underpass. The plans outlined raise a number of concerns for cycling, particularly for those commuters who might use South Road to come in from the South. Basically the vision is for a continuous, high speed stream of motorised traffic with none of the 'platooning' currently seen as traffic broken up by lights etc. I got no feeling at all at the meeting that the impact of this vision on cycling or walking (or even the local communities) has even begun to be considered!

BISA's Planning Day summary has been tabled at the last Committee Meeting. I hope that it will form the basis for a solid set of strategies to guide actions for 2006-07. It should be available at the web site soon. Speaking of the web site, Mike Brisco our Web Site Manager has recently resigned. His efforts in managing this demanding task have been much appreciated, particularly in the creation of the new web pages. We wish him well and will now be looking anew at the whole issue of web site management. I attended the BFA AGM in Melbourne on the 14th October and was pleased to hear that – comparatively

speaking – everyday cycling in S.A. seems to be doing quite well despite our relative lack of development funding. I was accepted onto the BFA Council and look forward to representing SA's needs at a National level a bit more.

BISA has taken the running with two BikeAbility seminar days in Nov. (see invitation this edition). This is an important training opportunity for BIG Members – please consider registering if you are at all interested – *especially those in Regional Areas!* We have also had extensive verbal & written input to the LMC's Cheltenham Racecourse Redevelopment consultations. We haven't taken sides in the redevelopment arguments, save to make the point very strongly that anything done with the site *must* ensure passage of the Port-City GreenLink down the Southern margin. We have also suggested that the redevelopment represents an ideal opportunity to institute the recovery of a monetary 'Active Transport Dividend' from the developers – a fund-for-cycling

a bit like the 20 cents-per-packet US cigarette consumers automatically put towards cancer research!

Finally it seems that our joint campaign regarding problems with the Bakewell Underpass nears its end - see mention elsewhere in this PU. A number of very worthwhile outcomes have been achieved although our major agenda item – a second shared path on the Northern side – has not eventuated. This is a salutary lesson for cycling given all of the other underpasses planned for South Road! Elsewhere in this PU you will find preliminary notice of our 2007 AGM and an invitation to stand for the Committee. I will *not* be standing again as Chair – it's time someone else had a go. There is truly a lot of work to do and a lot of satisfaction to be had. If you love cycling and have trust in the great role it must play in the life of this City & State, please consider putting your name in the hat.

Sam Powrie, Chair



FREE 'BIKEABILITY' & CYCLING DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

24 & 25 November 2006

Come and find out how you can use the **Bikeability Toolkit**, a straightforward package for evaluating the quality of local bicycle facilities & cycling infrastructure. The Bikeability Toolkit is a planning and survey tool developed by the Bicycle Federation of Australia (BFA) for the Australian Greenhouse Office.



presentations on the BFA AGM and BISA's Strategic Plan for 2006-07.

* **Light 'networking' Lunch:**
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

* **Bikeability seminar presented by the BFA: 1:00 -5:00 p.m. (inc. afternoon tea)**

- a visual presentation of the Bikeability Toolkit
- a group workshop to apply the acquired skills
- an inspection of local bicycle facilities *on bicycle*



WHO: A seminar for members of Bicycle User Groups (BUGs) and others interested in improving cycling infrastructure. The seminar will be accompanied (in the morning) by a special BISA Committee meeting with presentations on BISA's achievements in 2006 & plans for 2007.

BOOKINGS: To book a place please send your name, BUG, position, phone, email (and the city and date of the seminar) to Peter Strang at execdirector@bfa.asn.au.

WHERE: Port Adelaide Town Hall Meeting Room. Rear of Town Hall, Nile St, Port Adelaide

BUG & OTHER INTERESTED PARTY SEMINAR:
SATURDAY 25TH NOV. 12:30-5:00 PM

* **Registration & coffee: 10:00 a.m.**

* **BISA Community Committee Meeting: 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon.**

- All welcome, especially BISA & BUG members and others interested in BISA's work. Special

ENQUIRIES: Sam Powrie at 08 8348 6000 (w), 08 8449 9902 (h) or email, kabir@chariot.net.au

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To All Members

We ask any member who has knowledge of the insurance industry and of litigation and possible outcomes relating to insurance to give us your help and advice.

We have been advised that we need to consider three types of policy and make a cost benefit analysis to enable us to determine the best course of action. The types of policy are:

1. Directors and Officers Liability

2. Members and Volunteers Liability
3. Public and Property Liability

If you are able to assist with this please contact the treasurer at treasurer@bisa.asn.au or at BISA Inc GPO Box 792 ADELAIDE SA 5001. Your help would be most appreciated.

Ian Graham, Treasurer



TANDEM WANTED

Rob Manwaring wants to buy a 2nd-hand tandem.

If you have one for sale please give him a call on 0416 619 635 or email: rob.manwaring@googlemail.com

‘All Things Go’ For Cycling - BISA Meets With DTEI’s C.E.O.

On 28th September BISA met with Jim Hallion, CEO of the Department of Transport, Energy & Infrastructure (includes TransportSA) and Peter Watts, Manager of the Office of Cycling & Walking. The meeting had been suggested by Jim to outline his Department’s interest in and commitment to community cycling and to discuss the key strategies BISA has been promoting.

First on the agenda was an explanation of the budget for cycling in SA. The total State cycling budget for 2006-07 now amounts to approx. \$2.75 Million. Of this, \$2M is (thankfully) ongoing and unchanged from 2005-06. It includes the additional \$0.5M Black Spot funding Minister Conlon provided following the 4000-strong Parliament steps demonstration by Adelaide cyclists in May 2006. The other \$0.75M is new funding!

Even though SA’s spending on cycling development remains *far below* per-capita provisions interstate it seems our Government is now starting to understand the key roles cycling must play in promoting health, equity, reduction of greenhouse emissions and in ensuring a more sustainable transport system. The extra money (along with some from the ongoing budget) is being targeted to the Green Travel Corridors (see Map 1) that BISA has been promoting - we’ve called them ‘GreenLinks’ - and which eventually made it into the State’s ‘Safety in Numbers’ Cycling Strategy!

Incorporating the ‘safety-in-numbers’ principle into the Cycling Strategy was long-overdue recognition that *safer* cycling stems directly from *more* cycling! The Strategy’s additional commitment to ‘Green Travel Corridors’ (see page 10) may be an *even more* significant step forward, recognizing as it does that if the majority in the community are to make better use of cycling, they need to be encouraged by the option of dedicated and high-profile cycling routes *away* from main roads. GreenLinks could provide real connectivity and ‘arterial bike routes’ (or ‘bike freeways’) right across the Metropolitan area, and a real sense of security for all those unwilling or unable to ride in traffic on main roads.

Peter provided an outline of the \$1M+ that will be spent on the Green Travel Corridors over 2 years (see Table 1). Planning for some of this work (on the Port-City) route has already commenced – notably on a new 3 metre wide shared-use bridge over Rosetta Street at Croydon, on an improved route through McInerney Reserve at Kilkenny and on better linkages between Belmore Trc across Woodville Road to the Railway Station and surrounds. Major works are also planned for the Glenelg Tramway route (including several new roadway crossings & links) and for a new link behind the showgrounds (Keswick to Goodwood Railway Station)! More information on this Green Travel Corridor funding is available from Minister Zollo at <http://www.premier.sa.gov.au/news.php?id=658>.

Table 1:06/07 Green Travel Corridor Funding.

	DTEI Funding	Council Funding
Willunga to Marino (Coast to Vines Rail Trail)	\$431,333	\$860,000
Port Adelaide Rail Corridor	\$50,500	\$101,000
Noarlunga-Belair Corridor	\$80,000	\$120,000
Glenelg Tramline Corridor	\$500,000	\$500,000
Totals	\$1,061,833	\$1,581,000

Peter emphasized that spending on the Bike Ed. Program, the Share-the-Road campaign, the TourDownUnder, the Cycling Black Spot and Arterial Road Bikelane programs will continue undiminished. He noted that the cycling funds are now devoted *entirely* to capital works and programs (ie; they do not have to provide for salaries etc). He also outlined proposals for a significant extension of Adelaide’s on-road bike lane network including new lanes on Torrens Road, Marion Rd, Hanson Rd, Salisbury Highway and elsewhere. See DTEI’s cycling pages for details.

I raised DTEI’s role in more directly promoting cycling in SA, and in particular the Government commitment (in Safety in Numbers) to ‘leading by example’. Peter indicated that DTEI intended to spend more time on such issues in the future. Jim acknowledged the need to specifically promote the implementation of the Safety in Numbers Strategy across *all* relevant areas of Government responsibility and activity. In particular he mentioned the potential role of the ‘ExCom’ group – the regular get together of all heads of Government Departments - in ensuring integrated and effective support for cycling and active transport generally. He noted that the *great majority* of executives and CEOs attending this meeting are in fact already enthusiastic and daily cyclists! Clearly there is considerable potential for this group to take leadership roles in encouraging cycle-commuting within their areas of responsibility, again consistent with the Strategy’s aim for Government leadership by example! Jim expressed his commitment to bringing this group together to focus more on encouraging cycling and active transport.

I noted that Jim is also the CEO responsible for all

MAP 1



Government buildings. Perhaps this may lead to more secure bicycle parking in the City and elsewhere. Peter certainly indicated that DTEI are actively discussing improved use of commercial car parks ('U-Parks') in the City to better cater for cycling. I was told that the fencing of 2 parking spaces in each of the City's 14 U-Parks could provide secure bike parking for about \$1- per day and easily recover the costs involved within a year. DTEI and Adelaide City Council have formed a Strategic Transport Working group to focus on this and other key cycling issues. BISA's cycle parking portfolio convenor will follow the work of this group up.

The discussion provided a number of other important bits of information of interest to BISA Members. Newly digitized Bike Direct maps have been available in electronic form on the net for some months now and are already on their 4th update! However, many cyclists have lamented the apparent disappearance of the printed paper versions! There is now a somewhat different and more compact map printed under the TravelSmart logo, available from DTEI. Peter also provided BISA with samples of new cycling brochures including an

excellent large-format guide to 'Creating Cycling Friendly Workplaces' and a brand new version of the very useful 'Cycling and the Law'! All will be available from DTEI Regional Offices or the Office for Cycling & Walking.. The full document is also available at <http://transport.sa.gov.au> do a search for it!

I came away from the meeting encouraged that the voice of cycling is now being heard, certainly at the top of DTEI and it seems at Executive level in many other areas of Government as well! I found Jim's approach to be frank, balanced and very positive. He indicated that he is committed to open and ongoing dialogue with the community on cycling issues and I would encourage all those interested to communicate issues they may regarding cycling have directly to him at TransportSA or via the Office of Cycling & Walking.

Sam Powrie,
Chair, BISA.



Bikes on Trains - BISA Meets with TransAdelaide

In August BISA was concerned to hear from Members that 'all bikes had been banned from trains' for Show Week. This ruling appeared to have come out of the blue and would have severely inconvenienced many students and commuters. BISA contacted the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure's (DTEI's) Office for Cycling & Walking and Bill Watson, CEO of TransAdelaide. Fortunately Bill responded swiftly, reversing the ruling on proviso that his staff would still deny cyclist entry to carriages if it was felt they were too crowded with show travellers. This seemed reasonable at the time but again left us with the ongoing and increasing problem of adequate access for cyclists to train transport. It seems clear that as petrol prices rise, many more residents will make use of cycling for cross-city travel and given Adelaide's 90km length, it seems highly likely that can anticipate significant demand for increased bike access to trains in the future.

On 13th Sept. BISA met with CEO Jim Watson along with Ray Scott, President of the SA Physical Disabilities Council. Ray had suggested that BISA and his group had a number of 'issues in common' with PDC and the meeting seemed an appropriate opportunity to canvas these. It was pleasing to hear that Bill is generally supportive of the concept of 'integrated' or 'cross-modal' transport – use by cyclists on trains to extend their cycling range and activity. Bill felt that this was a source of patronage that TransAdelaide would like to encourage, in line with the Government's agenda for increasing cycling and walking, fostering Active Transport and reducing both greenhouse gas emissions and car use.

Bill was also very supportive of improved accommodation of bikes on trains and was interested to hear from BISA of innovative approaches to this overseas. He mentioned that TransAdelaide is currently rebuilding many of its carriages

with a view to increased and safer accommodation of bikes and passengers. Bill also expressed interest in improving the bike storage situation at rail stations. He acknowledged that the removal of secure storage lockers from rail platforms (on security grounds) has been inconvenient for cyclists and gave a commitment to finding better solutions.

Bill outlined a number of the difficulties that TransAdelaide faces in 'fitting in' with the expectations of both Government's and the community. For one thing, it seems obvious that TransAdelaide may need to be brought more within the ambit of DTEI's Transport Planning activities. Improved public transport facilities and greater use of the train and bus networks are central to a number of the Governments objectives in the S.A. State Plan! Public Transport is subsidised to an enormous degree and it seems logical that we get the best value out of this investment by ensuring better integration with overall transport planning, particularly with respect to facilitating more Active Transport.

This seems to be an important opportunity for redirection of some of the 'road-oriented' funding in DTEI's budget to the benefit of both public transport use and cycling! BISA will respond more formally to this brief meeting with Bill Watson and develop some materials to guide further discussions. This will also be an important opportunity to consolidate our work with other like-minded organisations such as PDC and People for Public Transport, and I hope to arrange further discussions with these and other groups over the coming months. Any comments from Members interested in 'bikes on trains' and related issues are most welcome!

Sam Powrie, Chair.



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BISA Planning Day Report - 2006

Background: On 28th Feb. the 2005-06 BISA Committee met to plan strategy and activities for the coming year. We did so with the assistance of Member and ex-Chair Mike Kokkinn as facilitator. There was of course only so much that could be covered in the course of the day & the planning process must necessarily be ongoing. We hope that you get some sense in the report below of the directions sought for BISA in 2006. Comments and further suggestions from Members are of course most welcome. Please send direct to me (chair@bisa.asn.au) or to 'Letters' via editor@bisa.asn.au.

1. Contextual Issues: We started the day identifying the current context of BISA's activities:-

- **Cycling safety issues** – both the realities and public perceptions of 'cycling safety' remain significant issues in encouraging increased cycling.
- **A Younger Membership** – organized support for cycling needs *renewal* via participation of younger generations.
- **Cycling competency** – many people are starting (or returning to) cycling with limited competencies and few (if any) options for appropriate training.
- **Community Understanding** - many drivers appear ignorant of the community's 'right to cycle' in safety - education for all road users remains a major priority.
- **Focus on Community Cycling** - the interests of community cycling remain relatively neglected and *underfunded* in S.A. compared with other States. BISA needs to find ways to strengthen its role as 'a voice for cycling', particularly in gaining increased funding.
- **Latent Demand** - most Adelaide households own bikes & there is great latent potential for more cycling. BISA needs to focus on 'cycling' (not just 'cyclists') & the community's 'right to ride'.
- **Car Dominance** – our transport system is dominated by cheap motoring - 'oil addiction' & 'cheap oil' makes us all lazy, comes at great personal and community cost and is a central challenge to the development of cycling. Perhaps it is fortunate that it appears oil will never again be 'cheap'!

2. A 'Snap Shot' View - Where are we now? Some key issues for BISA:-

- great opportunities for raising cycling's profile as car transport becomes more expensive & transport-related health costs become more obvious.
- Adelaide's Cycling Network remains incomplete, particularly for arterial road routes and cross-city commuting, 'entry points' to the City and secure cycle parking.
- Cycling has quite a high community profile at present (due to the Tour Down Under and other press coverage)
- S.A.'s Policy Context remains poor in terms of cycling development (no mention of cycling in the State Plan and no Active Transport Charter providing leadership

across all areas of Government and community).

- South Australia's vulnerability to 'oil shock' and rising fuel costs present significant opportunities for cycling advocacy.

3. Achievements for 2005: Looking back the Committee identified:-

- the ongoing development of a comprehensive BUG-Network Project
- improved Council & LGA networks and linkages
- a renewed focus on Workplace BUGs and a 'Ride Friday' Project
- our BISA 'E-News' and the commencement of an 'internet advocacy network'
- provision of an 'Electronic-PU' option to members
- a start to the redevelopment of BISA's web site.
- maintaining sound administration and financial planning.
- positive representation at Ministerial level and frequent consultation with TransportSA.
- a broader social-action profile via the 'Bikes for Refugees' project
- high profile at the 'Thinking on Two Wheels' conference (two presentations and National coverage)
- directly prompted creation of the Cycling & Pedestrian Safety Task Force (C&PSTF)
- pre-election canvassing of Political Candidates via a 'cycling initiatives' survey.

4. What opportunities do we now have?

4.1. Build Political Profile: To build awareness of key cycling issues within Government, BISA will consider:

- reviewing responses to pre-election survey & election policies
- writing to candidates & establish a 'post-election information network' of MPs for distribution of cycling action information
- develop strategies building on obvious political interest & direction.

4.2. Building Vision: To capitalize on increasing concerns regarding our transport system, BISA needs to develop a clear platform on key issues & priorities for change. We will focus on:-

- website development (including development of a website plan)
- ensuring consistent and direct contact with State and Local politicians
- developing a consistent set of vision and position statements providing guidance for both Government and community
- facilitate inclusion of Active Transport & cycling strategies in the S.A. State Plan (including the State's adoption of an Active Transport Charter)
- providing submissions to the C&PSTF (eg; re. lower speed limits) and SAPOL (re. the proposed 'dangerous-driving database') & Ministers (re. implementation of "Safety in Numbers")

- establishing regular consultation with TransportSA (Office of Cycling & Walking).

4.3. Education and Community: To ensure more cycling awareness in the Community - BISA could:-

- contribute to cycling safety discussions with Government (C&PSTF)
- communicate directly with Local Government across the State
- target student and parent education & need for ongoing broad-based 'Bike Ed' for drivers (inc. bus operators).
- provide a 'report card' on Cycling Education including Bike Ed, Cycle maintenance and all aspects of cycling.
- establish on-line resources specifically for BUG groups (eg; guides to lobby Government, cycling 'report cards', Vision Statements, Fact Sheets etc) as well as more general cycling information.
- work more closely with BicycleSA to further such goals
- finalise and adopt a BUG Development Strategy

4.4. Partnerships: BISA remains a unique community-based organization with a broad-based focus on community cycling. There are several other key organizations with somewhat more specific briefs with which BISA has the opportunity to work in partnership. These include BicycleSA, the Adelaide Mountain Bike Club and the S.A. Cycling Federation. Indeed it may also be possible to build constructive and useful alliances with other road users organizations such as the RAA, People for Public Transport, WalkSafe etc! BISA will actively develop strategy to foster and maintain such linkages to the advantage of the cycling public and cycling's future. BISA will maintain and build on its association with the Bicycle Federation of Australia, initially by developing a set of recommendations on key initiatives required at a national level.

4.5. Media: We need to improve communication channels and strategy for BISA's media contact. We could:-

- organise media workshops for BISA members & BUGs
- develop 'generic' presentations for advocacy & education activities
- develop a media contact strategy.

Summary from the Chair: BISA is a community-based cycling advocacy organization. It does not (and currently cannot) provide the comprehensive services that other advocacy organizations (eg; BNSW, BikeVic) do. What it can do is 'go where others fear to tread'! It is a community-based, voluntary entity and relies entirely on its Member's imagination, commitment and belief in the benefits of cycling as a 'better way'.

Over the past 30-odd years BISA has been highly successful in this role (witness Adelaide's BikeDirect Network, bike paths & Veloways). However, as they say, 'times have changed'! It seems fair to say that most of cycling advocacy's 'low hanging fruit' have been plucked. Traffic is getting heavier, Adelaide is getting bigger & the need for 'more people cycling more

often' & 'safety in numbers' has never been greater!

The next round of 'targets' for cycling development will require stronger arguments with much greater focus on outcomes for the *whole community* and contained within a *sustainable vision* for the future. The Committee believes that BISA now needs to find ways of operating that are:-

- more strategic (ie; influencing & guiding State planning processes)
- more opportunistic (ie; making use of incidents & opportunities as they arise)
- more community-focused (ie; focusing on 'whole of community' outcomes, not just results for 'cyclists').

If we are to provide an effective voice for cycling, we need to be *truly representing* the realities and needs of cycling as an essential component of S.A.'s transport system and the every-day activities of South Australian's.

This means our 'bottom line' or 'reference point' must be improvement of *every-day cycling* (whether for commuting, shopping, riding to school, exercise or recreation). Our partner organizations such as the Cycling Federation of SA, BicycleSA & the Adelaide Mountain Bike Association already provide a focus on sport and recreational cycling. BISA's *main opportunity* is the targeting of every-day cycling – the vision and the reality of the community's 'right to ride' with efficiency and safety!

As Chair for 2006 I will ensure that the Committee does everything within its means to ensure this is done as effectively as possible. However we need Membership support:-

- We need you to renew your Membership
- We need you to contribute your views, ideas and inspiration as frequently as you can.
- And we need you to keep riding and communicate your enthusiasm for cycling at every opportunity!

BISA members believe that cycling is indeed a powerful force for development of 'community' because it is *entirely positive*. When we ride we all engage in an active contribution to the Community's health and resiliency, even if we're just going for the paper or the milk! When children ride to school they are asserting their rights to grow strong and healthy bodies. When the Community at large is able to make the same positive decision to ride, I'm sure it will then find capacity to ensure a more positive future for all South Australians. Cities as diverse as London, Amsterdam, Ferrara and Bogota have demonstrated an acceptance of cycling as an essential component of their transport systems. It's now time for Adelaide to do the same but it won't happen without those already aware or committed to the benefits of cycling making their presence felt!

This is the opportunity that BISA Membership and cycling offer us all!

Best wishes, Sam Powrie,
Chair



Significant Gains In Bakewell Underpass Plans

Many readers will already know of the debate that BISA and a coalition of interest groups and local community members have been having with TransportSA over the design of the new Bakewell Underpass. This massive \$41M 'gateway to the West', with a projected life span of 100 years was set to be built with:

- a shared-use path on *one side only* (to the South, travelling *away* from the City)
- many associated access difficulties for pedestrians, less-able people on electric scooters, those pushing prams or with children and those who prefer not to ride on the road.

BISA and others have written many letters to Minister Pat Conlon and have met several times with the Project Managers, with Local Government and State MPs, with DTEI's CEO. The support of the Local Council and MP's Mark Parnell, Martin Hamilton-Smith and Nick Xenophon in particular has been notable. So what's the outcome?

Minister Conlon tells us that an additional Northern shared path presents insurmountable difficulties. The main problem cited is need for a student drop-off zone in the slip lane adjacent to Temple College. BISA believes that there are other quite satisfactory options for this zone that have *not* been adequately explored and that what is lacking is a sufficiently realistic vision for the future – what Adelaide's transport needs are likely to be in 20 or 30 years time! The Government still seems to believe in 'more cars' whereas the writing is clearly on the wall – the future also has pedals and lots of them!

Fortunately there have also been some significant 'wins' from this campaign. The Project Manager, Tim Warren assures us that 11 key issues of concern have now been (or will be) incorporated directly into the more detailed construction plans to be drawn up over the next 6 months, or will be included in ongoing cooperative work with the West Torrens and Adelaide City Councils.

These 'wins' include:

1. The provision of 'switch back' ramps rather than stairs at connections down to the shared path through the underpass (see picture). Wheeled access will be far easier.

2. Optimising pedestrian crossing safety over the slip lanes off James Congdon Drive
3. Provision of specific 'bike-friendly' crossing facilities West of the underpass.
4. Planned redevelopment of adjacent Council footpaths as 'shared' pathways.
5. Planning (with ACC) of a shared use path connecting the underpass site directly to Hindley Street across Park 25.
6. Planned provision of more direct access to Mile End Railway station. While this will need careful design work, it will improve both 'disability' and more general access.
7. Provision of safe cyclist access across to Deviation Road and a new route through to Port Road and the Torrens Linear Path (in conjunction with the City of Adelaide).

All in all I feel that cycling and active transport have benefited from this exercise even if the major and initial goal – a Northern-side shared-use pathway – has not been achieved. There have been some valuable lessons learned and given that this has probably been something of a 'test case', we will need to make our voices heard in the planning for other major infrastructure developments to come (notably those on South Rd).

Sam Powrie,
Chair, BISA



'New Bakewell Underpass Ramps'



Think About This. "Forty Kph Limit"

I sat down in front of the telly last weekend to watch some of the Bathurst 1000.

I was amazed to see that the speed limit in Pit Lane is 40 Kph and is strictly observed along its length. Radar guns are used at several points and drivers face penalties for speeding in Pit Lane.

To avoid the penalty of having to come back into the pits and do a Stop/GO, which could potentially lose a race, teams fit their cars with a computer controlled Rev limiting system that is engaged at the flick of a switch as the car enters Pit Lane thus limiting its speed to 40 Kph.

If the National motor sport body CAMS can see it is safer for a car to pass its officials and the pit crews at 40Kph. Why is it so hard to convince our government to reduce the speed limit in residential streets to 40 Kph?

If I have to live on a race track with hoons roaring along my street at 60 Kph plus, then please change my street name to Pit Lane.

Scott Hamon, Committee Member.



Summary of Holdfast/Marion BUG meeting Wednesday 2 Aug

A Special Presentation was made about the upcoming "Marion Celebrates Festival". The BUG may be involved in the 'Art on the MOVE' parade'. Check <http://www.marion.sa.gov.au> for more information.

Holdfast Bay Issues:

The need for more signs in Moseley Square and Jimmy Melrose -Broadway areas was discussed.

Marion Issues:

Further sealing of the Sea to Vines trail has been done from Hallett Cove Train Station.

BUG Calendar.

Next Meeting to be held at 6:30pm, Wednesday 6th of December at the Holdfast Bay Council, Jetty Road, Brighton.



Preliminary Notice: 2007 BISA Annual General Meeting

The 2007 BISA AGM will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, March 14th. The venue, agenda and guest speaker will be announced in the next PU, at our web site & via e-news. Please put this date in your diaries *now!* Attendance last year was fairly disappointing for those Committee Members who had put in enormous effort over the course of the year.

Remember BISA is a voluntary organization acting on your behalf and the only community organization in S.A. focusing directly on advocacy for everyday cycling. *And we have been getting great results!* Please support your Committee - come to the AGM on March 14th.



Mike Brisco: BISA Stalwart

Mike Brisco, who for about 4 years has been BISA's web site manager has recently resigned from that role and from his Committee position. Mike oversaw both the refinement and building of our current web pages and the development of our soon-to-be-launched new ones. Over the last 4 years Mike has also been very active in surveying the views and experiences of Members and cyclists generally regarding cycling safety. In 2005 he authored a report and discussion paper on cycling safety in S.A. and gave a presentation based on his work at the UniSA 'Thinking on Two Wheels' conference. Mike

has also managed the Bikes for Refugees Project which has now provided over 300 checked and serviced bikes to refugees new to South Australia via the Australian Refugee Association's store at Richmond. He has a keen interest in supporting the Somali community in Adelaide and has undertaken a number of projects to that end. We wish Mike all the best for the future.

Sam Powrie

(Ed - Mike also contributed many articles for PU and edited two editions in 2002 while I was overseas)



Winners Of The 2006 Bicycling Achievement Awards

Increasing the level of cycling requires action at the individual, community, business and government level. Significant momentum is being generated to advance cycling in Australia with some excellent programs and initiatives happening at the community and state level. Recognising and rewarding innovation and commitment is vital in sustaining actions.

The Cycling Promotion Fund established the Bicycling Achievement Awards in 2002 to recognise achievement and foster innovation. Since its operation the scope and quality of nominations has increased considerably which is a real testimony of the excellent work happening around Australia to advance cycling.

A South Australian received an Honourable Mention

for the Professional Category of the Cycling Promotion Award of the Year: Bill Spurr, CEO of Tourism South Australia.



To raise awareness of the good work occurring around the country, and to foster innovation, a booklet will be available later in the year detailing the Award winners and nominations. To view all the winners, go to:- <http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/content/view/184/9/>.

To order a booklet, email office@cyclingpromotion.com.au, or phone (03) 9818 5400.



Cyclovia

Cyclovia is a concept developed in South America. The objective is to bring life to the streets by turning a busy road into a non-motorised boulevard on a Sunday morning for people of all ages to ride their bikes, walk, rollerblade or push a pram. In a Cyclovia, signalized intersections remain open for cross-traffic. Volunteers (from local community groups) run the activity.

Cyclovias are much more than simply closing roads.

Boulevards, local streets, arterial roads and even highways can be used for Cyclovias.

'CycloVia's Australian Coordinator, Daniel Paez recently visited Adelaide and had talks with BISA, BicycleSA and numerous Government representatives. Following a great level of interest shown by all preliminary planning will occur for a Cyclovia event later this year. Stay tuned!

Check <http://www.cyclovia.org> for much more info.



Cycling for Pleasure Rides

November 5 A.G.M. Meet at Victoria Square at 10.00 a.m.
A short ride to a park for our A.G.M. Bring lunch.
Sue 8298 5216

November 19 Little Para River Ride
Meet at Mawson Lakes Interchange 10.00 a.m. (9.23am Train
From City to Gawler) Mainly flat and bitumen. Coffee shop
and lunch supplies available on ride. For those with energy to
spare, ride can continue back to the city
John 8356 7694

December 3 The President's Ride followed by Christmas
Lunch Meet at Helen's 28 Shelley Ave., Fulham Gardens at
10.00 a.m. A short ride to wet the appetite
Anne 8278 7321

December 17 Meet at Drage Reserve Felixstow at 10.00 a.m.
UHB 107 F10 On the linear park and enter via Briar Road,
Felixstow. BYO lunch as no delis along the route.
Lunch stop at 11 Derwent Crescent, Banksia Park, Tea,

coffee and cake supplied. Ride
continues after lunch back to
Drage Reserve.
Clive 8264 8067

December 31 New Years
Eve. Meet at Brian's 11 Bruce
Rd., Rostrevor at 8.00 a.m.
Breakfast at Brian and Judith's
and then a ride in the hills Bring lunch if still hungry after
breakfast
Brian 8337 5662

January 14, 2007 Meet in Victoria Square at 8.00 a.m. (yes
8.00 a.m.) Ride to Day's for lunch and a swim. 9 Church
Rd., Mitcham. Bring lunch but fruit, tea and coffee will be
provided
Graham & Margaret 8271 5824

Check www.cyclingforpleasure.org



Adelaide Touring Cyclists Inc.

The Rides Program for Nov to early Jan is pages long, too
much to fully include here. Please check the website for the
full program. Summarizing.

Sunday 19 Nov and 17 Dec 9am **Sunday Morning Hills
Ride** Start from Aldgate Bilo Carpark. Leader Liz Ph.
83901638

Tuesday 14, 21, 28 Nov; 5, 12, 19 Dec **The Southern Vales
Loop.** Contact Malcolm on 8276 9469 or Paul on 8277 4094
The Night Before For More Information and Meeting Point.

Wednesday 15, 22, 29 Nov; 6, 13, 20 Dec - **ATC Southern
Wheelers Ride.** Leader David Ph : 83829709 Jointly led by
Joan And Helen

Thursday 9, 16, 23 Nov; 7, 14(Xmas BBQ Ride), 26 Dec
- **Rural Ride** most start at Woodside Swimming Pool at
10.00am, various leaders!

DESERT AND LAKES TOUR November 25th to December
3rd. This pannier tour will be a undulating ride south of Little
Desert NP and around the Edenhope area. On quiet roads
with a bit of dirt starting at Bordertown. The cost should
be about \$80 for all the campsites plus a meal out. There
will be limited numbers with hopefully car sharing to get
to Bordertown and return. Carparking has been arranged.

Phone Alan on 8263 7651 or 0418
859 224 For More Info

**EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT -
THE 30-30**

Meet at 6.00 pm at Henley Beach
Square (near the Jetty). Distance
30km - Speed Fast / Very Fast;
Average of 30kph. To Semaphore and
Glenelg and back to Henley Square. Best have your racer
for this one. Insist upon sweating. Ride practises riding as a
team. May break into a slower and faster group if numbers
allow. Ph: Michael Dwyer 8294 0709.

**We are principally about loading up our bikes with
panniers and all gear for touring locally and the rest of the
world too. We do day rides: bitumen and dirt at various
paces. And weekends and extended tours, generally
unsupported. Monthly club meetings at Thebarton, 1st
Wednesday of the month, with talks and discussions on
cycling related topics. Check out activities on our web-
site at 'adelaidetouringcyclists.org' for more information
and contacts.**

ALL OTHER RIDES PLEASE SEE
WEBSITE www.adelaidetouringcyclists.org



Cycling for Pleasure Group and Adelaide Touring Cyclists are corporate members of BISA. They provide great cycling experiences. However the accuracy of this information and the safety of their ride programs are entirely their responsibility.

S.A. to Host 2009 World BMX Championships

Adelaide will host the World BMX Championships in July,
2009 at the Wayville Showground as well as an International
Supercross event in April, 2008. Tourism minister Jane
Lomax-Smith noted BMX racing has been included in the
2008 Olympics for the 2008 games in Beijing. She said "these
two events will add more world cycling disciplines to South

Australia's already successful line-up of cycling events. We
estimate more than 6,000 visitors, including competitors from
interstate and overseas, will come to South Australia". **The
State Government says the event will enhance Adelaide's
reputation as the cycling capital of Australia.**

See <http://www.bmxaustralia.com.au> for more information



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Onkaparinga	Vinh Ngo		8384 0536
Option West(Regency Park Centre)	Sam Powrie		8348 6000
Port Adelaide	Brian Acland	8242 0866	
Regency Inst of TAFE	Michael Southren		8348 4549
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**Reminder: Subscriptions fell due in May. Subscribe and help BISA work towards better cycling in SA
Do it Online, check our website**

BISA membership form:- Bicycle Institute of SA Inc., GPO Box 792, Adelaide SA 5001

Yes, I want to join BISA. My membership will include free legal advice on cycling matters, subscription to Australian Cyclist magazine and Pedal Update newsletter.			
Membership renewal (please include any corrections to your address, etc.)			
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Organisation	\$65	\$125	Phone(h) Phone(w)
Concession	\$40	n/a	Email :-
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Send cheque or money order. Overseas prices on application Other Payment option details on Web site.		Signature	
What knowledge or skills do you have that could be of use to BISA? (e.g. engineering knowledge, letter writing, political skills, etc.)			
If you would like to support BISA's advocacy efforts by making a donation, please add it to your membership payment and write the amount here: \$ _____			
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BISA's 'Open' Meeting in November

BISA's regular Committee meeting in November *will not* be held (as it usually is) at the CCSA on the 2nd Wed. of the month. Instead we will meet on Sat. 25th at the Port Adelaide Council Chambers meeting room (off Nile St.) from 10.30-12. This will coincide with the BikeAbility Workshop for BUGs and other interested cycling folk. The idea is to trial alternatives to our regular Wed. night meetings

that may be easier (and perhaps a bit more interesting) for members to attend. At the Nov. meeting there will be special presentations on the BFA AGM and on BISA's Strategic Plan for 2007. Committee member Richard Bentley is working on a more extensive program of special meetings & events for 2007. More information from Richard Bentley, Membership Secretary or Peter Sampson, Secretary.

