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Welcome to the August 2015 edition of the Bicycle Institute's newsletter.

The latest news on cycling participation

The Cycling Protection Fund (CPF) recently issued a [press release](#) lamenting that despite record bicycle sales in Australia with 1,419,825 units coming into the country in 2014/15, participation has effectively flat-lined since 2011. South Australia's participation increased from 2013, but as this just made up for the decline in the previous two years, we've made no progress meeting the State government's target of doubling cycling from 2011 to 2020. (Click [here](#) for the SA report.)

The Bicycle Institute has constantly argued for improved facilities, in fact that's our sole focus. Our recent rally to save the Frome Street Bikeway demonstrated that there is a significant ground support for good cycling infrastructure, but still the various levels of Government fail to show the courage to provide the infrastructure for which there is a huge pent-up demand.

What we have been up to ...

Frome St Bikeway

We campaigned to save the Frome Bikeway. Among other things, we:

- Emailed most councillors and the Lord Mayor
- Met with Councillors Abiad and Antic
- Interviewed on ABC 891, Channel 7 news (twice) and Channel 9 news
- Organised the ride/ attendance at the meeting (thanks especially to Katie Gilfillan for the placards)
- Thanked the ACC CEO afterward for their cooperation, especially the bike parking and extra facilities.

Portrush Road

After complaining about lack of progress we are now getting lanes added to further sections of the road. Chair Ian Radbone agreed to be part of the Minister's press release and promoted our goal of bike lanes along the whole length of the road.

Greenways

BI chair Ian Radbone also provided material for a ministerial statement to parliament about Greenways, stating that the Bicycle Institute was pleased to see more progress and that it was originally a BI concept. (Click [here](#) to see the Minister's statement.)

Meeting with ACC Councillor Simms, Adelaide City Council

Cr Simms invited BI to send him a wish list of "low hanging fruit" for cycling in the city. **Send your suggestions to secretary@bisa.asn.au by the end of August .**

Jetty Road

An RAA member who is a cyclist slipped on the tram rail and asked RAA to take the issue up. RAA approached BI about crashes and we've provided data on the accidents. (According to the police reports, cyclists for some reason become "inattentive" in this location.) We agreed on a joint campaign, once RAA have researched what to do about it.

Radio Adelaide (101.5 FM)

Ian has agreed to have a monthly spot on the breakfast program, talking about transport in Adelaide. These now occur on the first Wednesday of the month, about 8.10am. **Topics most welcome.** You can hear a [podcast](#) of the first of these, which discussed DPTI's Operation Moving Traffic. (For more about Operation Moving Traffic, see below.)

Beulah Road Bikeway

Thumbs up for Burnside Council's latest contribution to the Beulah Road bikeway. This one-way slow point has been installed near the top of Beulah Road, just west of Glynburn Road. It's designed to slow traffic and discourage rat runners from using this narrow section of Beulah Road.

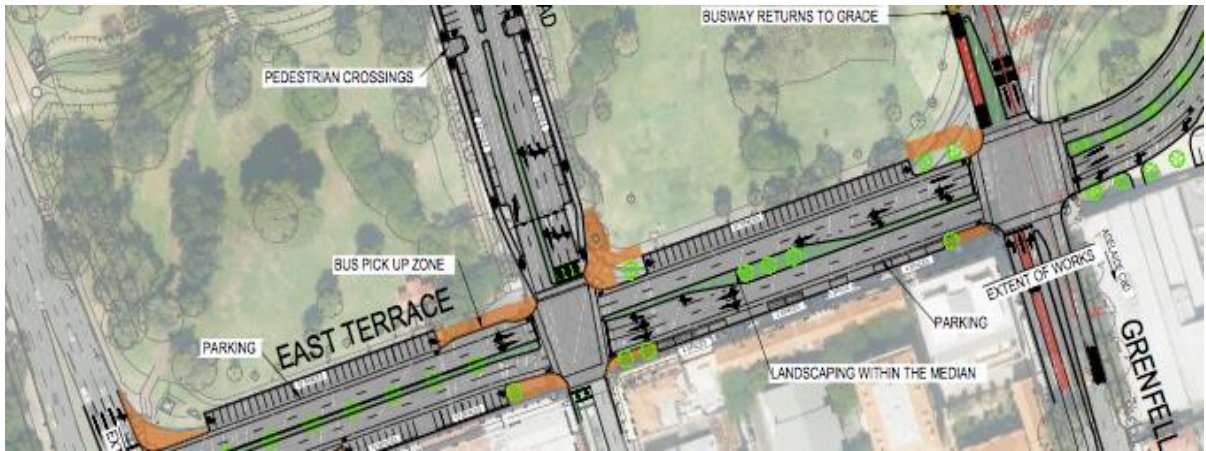
We particularly like the way that cyclists have been catered for. Instead of a bypass next to the gutter that fills with debris and gets blocked by parked cars, there is a path above the roadway level. And it's all separate from the footpath.



O-Bahn Extension – what we think.

The Parliamentary Select Committee into the O-Bahn City Access Project invited the Bicycle Institute to make a submission.

Briefly, we support the amended proposal that the committee is examining. As well as providing a better public transport service it should - on the whole - benefit cyclists.



In particular, cycling through the Park Lands down Rundle Road should become much more pleasant with the provision of separated bike lanes and with the removal of the slip lane into East Terrace. The proposal also provides for a new cyclist bridge across the River Torrens.

On the other hand we have criticised the plan to add a new slip lane from Dequetteville Terrace into Botanic Road, as well as the lack of any serious way of catering for cyclists turning right onto Hackney Road next to the Hackney Hotel.

You can read our full submission using [this link](#). Click [here](#) to see the government's plans.



It seems that the government is hoping the title of its latest transport plan will provide such an inspiration that people will join in a “partnership” with it to come up with cheap ways to help us drive faster.

The project's [brochure](#) lists the following possibilities to get us thinking:

- road prioritisation – reviewing the hierarchy of our road network to determine which arterial traffic movements should be prioritised over others
- roadworks – how far speed limits are imposed around roadworks; and financial penalties for restricting the flow of traffic unnecessarily

- towing cars parked in clearways
- better coordination of traffic light sequencing and synchronisation
- the use of new technologies to inform motorists of quicker routes to save travel time
- minimising lane restrictions caused by construction projects next to roads.

When announcing the Operation, Transport Minister Stephen Mullighan used North Terrace as an example of street where he'd like to see the traffic flowing more smoothly. This inspired BISA chair Ian Radbone to [blog](#) about whether this would encourage more rat-running through the City, at the expense of pedestrians. This was followed up with an interview on Radio Adelaide. (Click [here](#) to listen.)

Operation Moving Traffic does give you the opportunity to push for better cycling conditions. Our clearways often revert to parking lanes while there is still peak hour traffic. If you'd like to get rid of the parked cars by getting the clearways extended, use the project's [survey](#) to tell DPTI (closes 1 September).

Survey on how you've been consulted

Be Safe, Be Heard: A qualitative study of how cyclists involved in public consultations impact the implementation of bicycle infrastructure in Adelaide.

Robbie Slape, a final year student of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of South Australia, is currently completing his honours thesis and is seeking BI members input to his [survey](#). The study is looking at public consultation that has been run by the City of Adelaide about the installation of new cycling infrastructure. Specifically his interest is how well cyclists themselves feel that they have been engaged as a part of this process.

Robbie can be contacted at slare001@mymail.unisa.edu.au

Parking Day - any ideas?

The Bicycle Institute has been invited to take up a car parking space in the city as part of Parking Day. We've not responded yet. We are waiting inspiration, a good idea about how to use the space. Do you have one? Please tell us.

BISA Committee Member Wins National Award

BISA committee member Fay Patterson has recently been awarded an Excellence Award in Transport Planning by the Australian Institute for Traffic Planning and Management, for work undertaken to create exemplary walking and cycling conditions as part of the South Road upgrade at Darlington. (Click [here](#) to see for more details.)

Her work also gained her the Janet Brash Memorial Award as the most outstanding of the AITPM's Excellence Award winners.

As a 'value review' has now proposed a different design solution for Darlington, we hope that whoever is successful in the tender process for 'developing up' the new design makes reference to her transport planning process to deliver a similarly excellent proposal for pedestrians and cyclists.

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Cycling on footpaths: should it be allowed?



Should cycling on footpaths be allowed?

Encouraged in some states, banned in others. Should it be allowed?

Apparently Melbourne's freeways haven't solved their congestion problem...



Victoria 'can't build its way out of congestion', says VicRoads chief

New report predicting nine major roadways will be gridlocked by 2031 says key is public transport infrastructure, and getting people out of cars and onto bikes

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