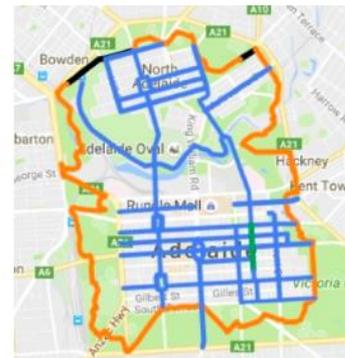


## September, 2016



The latest section of the Park Lands Trail to be completed connects the North Adelaide Railway Station and Jeffcott Street (the longest black bit on the map). The photo on the left shows the trail alongside War Memorial Drive; the right was taken from Jeffcott Street.



### In this month's issue

[More about our quiz night](#): introducing our micro-grants scheme, and how you can help.

After the good news about new separated paths in the city, this month we hear just how [keen some councillors are to rip out the existing Frome Bikeway](#).

A [new report on public bike hire schemes](#) commissioned by the Adelaide City Council leads us to question just what have the Adelaide City Council and State government got in mind with their planned \$1m expenditure?.

We will be helping out at two [events](#): Gawler's Family Fun Day, part of this weekend's cycling festival, and Adelaide City Council's Ride to Work Day.

Finally, there are links to some recent [Facebook](#) posts.

## QUIZ NIGHT, FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER

Don't forget our quiz night next month. Can you put a table together to support bicycle advocacy?

The Bicycle Institute is frugal and we can generally cover our admin costs using interest on investments. But at our May AGM, Port BUG raised the difficulty and administrative red tape BUGs have to go through to access even very modest Council grants. So we've decided to trial a micro-grants scheme to help the people helping cycling, funded through our ever-popular, ever-fun Quiz Night. Details will be released after the Quiz Night (when we know how much we've raised), but the basic idea is that we'll be able to offer small amounts of funding (e.g. \$50-\$300) with minimal red tape.

This year, Port BUG will also be organising the Quiz Night's silent auction to fund their campaigning.

If that's not a great reason to come to next month's Quiz Night, then how about a fun evening with the chance to pick up a bargain at the silent auction?

So that's why we're holding a fund-raiser this year. (But also because it's fun!)

We are looking for prizes to offer on the night. If you can help, or can suggest someone who might, please contact Katie at [Katie@bisa.asn.au](mailto:Katie@bisa.asn.au), 0411 479 458

Also, this year the cost of entry will cover all the quiz night activities, so we won't be asking you to put more money on the table. However, we will be putting on a "cake stall" selling the sorts of things that you meant to bring along to eat but were too disorganised to manage. If you can contribute some goodies for the stall (you know, quiche, cake, biscuits, pate etc.), please contact Ian Radbone at [ian.radbone@bisa.asn.au](mailto:ian.radbone@bisa.asn.au) 0402 965 929.

Tables are limited. We are keen to get 8 on each and every table. Just one or two of you? – flick Katie an email to join a mixed table.

## Adelaide City Councillors keen to rip up the Frome Bikeway

The 14 September City [Messenger](#) reveals how enthusiastic some councillors are to rip up the Frome Bikeway. "I would do it tonight if I were given an extension cord and a jack hammer" Councillor Alex Antic said at a council meeting.

Councillor Anne Moran described the Bikeway as a "Le Cornu site of a project" and apparently wants it to look just as desolate by ripping it up before the Council has plans to replace it.

The Adelaide City Council is holding a bikeways "summit" in October, supposedly to consult on the design of new bikeways. But with attitudes like these, and Council's dopey desire to have a one-size-fits-all model, regardless of the circumstances, these are troubling times.

Former BISA chair and Adelaide city resident Peter Lumb has written an excellent letter to the councillors on the matter. [We have posted it on our website.](#)

## Public bike hire scheme

Last month's announcement of \$12m to be spent on cycling in the City included \$1m to be spent on a public bike share scheme. We don't have much idea (none, really) about what the Council and State government have in mind. However, Council has commissioned a [terrific report by Dr Elliot Fishman](#) that points out that even an embarrassing public bike share scheme such as Brisbane's will need at least 10 times as much to fund.

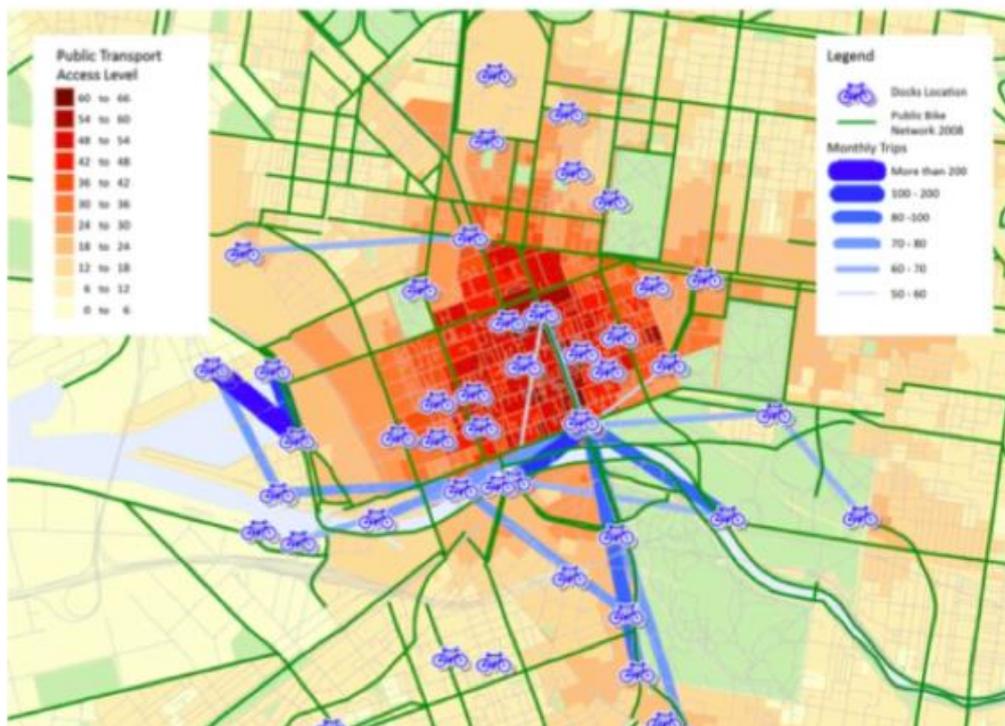
As well as the usual barriers to uptake – bike helmet laws and lack of safe cycling space – the author points out just how much the large bike share schemes

complement public transport use. A conference paper written by Fay Patterson and Ian Radbone in 2012 pointed out 80% of the bike share use in Paris and London was to complement public transport: essentially riding to and from train stations on the edge of the CBD, rather than use the expensive and crowded underground systems.

The bulk of Adelaide's public transport is by bus and all the city bus routes take you into the heart of the city, not just the edge. Add free tram and bus services and the uptake of an expanded system looks questionable.

The new report makes a similar point:

"In China, the country with the largest number of bike share programs, combining bike share with public transport is overwhelmingly the most common usage pattern. Research from Melbourne has shown that docking stations located in areas with relatively poor public transport accessibility (represented by areas of light shading) are used more heavily, as shown in Figure 3."



The report notes that "Bike share has become the *last-mile* solution to public transport" and the Melbourne's free central city tram depresses bike share use.

Besides recommending a study to consider exempting bike share users from the helmet law, the report says that for the public bike share scheme to be successful, it will need at least a network of safe cycling infrastructure and a 30kph speed limit where there is not enough space for bike lanes or paths.

To which we say, Hear! Hear!

## Events

### *Gawler Cycling Festival, 23-25 September (this weekend!)*

This cycling festival is designed to celebrate cycling in and around Gawler. It will include activities promoting cycle awareness, recreational riding, BMX racing, an individual road time trial and a film night. For more about it, see <http://www.adelaidecyclists.com/forum/topics/gawler-cycling-festival>.

BISA will be helping out at the Gawler Family Fun Bike day on Sunday 25th September. This will be a family day centred on the Gawler River paths, with activities beforehand at the park to build bike skills, road awareness and confidence.

## Ride to Work Day



We will again be at Adelaide City Council's Ride to Work Day, to be held in Victoria Square Wednesday 12 October (7am-9am). Hope to see you there.

### From our Facebook page

Here are a few of our posts from the last month. Click on the photos to link to item.



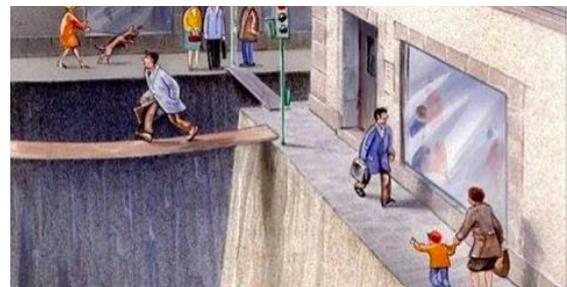
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