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Kintore Avenue, corner with Victoria Drive, city.

We don't like to see bike lanes end, but when we do it's nice to see a logo in the middle of the lane, telling motorists that cyclists are expected to occupy the lane. Hopefully, we will see this become the norm at roundabouts.

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- And the big news this month is our takeover of South Australia's chat website for all things cycling – AdelaideCyclists.

QUIZ NIGHT

Don't forget it's our fundraiser quiz night this Friday.

The cost is \$20 to raise funds for bicycle advocacy. (We don't charge membership.)

We won't be touching you further to participate in the games (they will be free, like our membership), but we will have a cake stall if you'd like something sweet. So far we have promised home-made rocky road, brownies, cakes and more. If you could add to our cake stall, please tell Ian Radbone: ian@bisa.asn.au, or 0402 965 929.

And don't forget our silent auction. If you have bike stuff that you no longer want but think someone else could use, please contact Sam Powrie, 0478 514 211. And it doesn't have to be bike stuff.

We still have room for more tables, so if you can put one together, please contact Katie Gilfillan: katie@bisa.asna.u, 0411 479 458. If you can't make up a table, don't worry. We will put you in touch with new, interesting people. Just tell Katie.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

It's been a busy month. We've:

- provided information about safe cycling and helped develop children's riding skills at the Gawler Family Fun Day.
- written a [letter to the Minister for Transport](#), complaining about the delay in the announcement of bicycle funding to councils. It's time he took bike funding for Councils seriously.
- made a [submission to the Development Policy Advisory Committee](#) complaining about the [Ministerial Development Plan Amendment](#) to allow Minister Rau to reduce the amount of bike parking required in city centre developments. (If you think this is outrageous, we encourage you to make a submission too!)
- [commented on the Draft 30 Year Plan Update](#), with its pathetic targets for increased cycling,
- [contributed to the River Torrens Integrated Strategic Asset Management Plan](#). We pushed: separated bike and pedestrian paths, an alternative safe, convenient street network for commuters and – of course – better way-finding signage!
- attended the Bikeways Summit convened by Adelaide City Council. Our Chair Fay Patterson also attended a design charrette the Council had for the separated bikeway on Frome Street. Reports on both are below.
- had a stall at the Ride to Work Day in Victoria Square. Welcome to new members and subscribers who we met on the day.
- updated our document: [What we'd like to see in the Bicycle Strategy](#)
- [finalized our top 10 infrastructure projects](#). We'll be pushing these in the months (and years ☺) ahead – and celebrating each one as they are ticked off.

ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL'S BIKEWAYS SUMMIT – REPORT BY PAUL MAY



In [last month's Pedal Update](#), we reported the very negative attitude of some Adelaide City councillors towards the existing kerb-separated section of the Frome Street bikeway, and commented on our misgivings about the planned Bikeways 'Summit' planned for October.

Well, it's early days yet, but it seems some of our pessimism may be a little premature. On the 12th of October, three of our committee joined a group of other interested parties in the town hall for the Bikeways Summit. The [program](#) featured presentations from Fiona Campbell (Manager, Cycling Strategy for the City of Sydney) and Mark Ames (Managing Director of Strategic Cities), followed by a Q & A with a diverse panel, including the speakers and representatives from Council, DPTI, the RAA, and the Property Council of Australia.

Fiona Campbell's presentation focused on the implementation of Sydney's growing network of cycle-ways, and touched on the difficulty of re-allocating road space, the battle for public opinion and examined how bikeway design can complement the streetscape. She also strongly made the point that Sydney's bi-directional cycle-ways are a product of a lack of political will to reduce space for cars, and are a far less than ideal solution in most cases.

Mark Ames' presentation was a whistle-stop global tour of some of the world's best examples of cities giving more space to people, and focussing on making cities better for all users. He also examined how cities like New York have managed to trial pedestrianisation and bike infrastructure with temporary planters and pop-up seating areas.

The Q&A was a largely positive affair, with most of the questioners and panel keen to see quality bike infrastructure that works for everyone using the city. No-one managed to exactly explain what is wrong with the existing Frome Bikeway, however. The Twitter feed from #ADLBikeSummit gives a flavour of the proceedings.

We came away from the summit feeling that the mood was positive and that the Mayor is genuine in his desire to make Adelaide a better place to ride, but that there is still a long way to go to before we can be sure what the future brings.

ADELAIDE BIKEWAYS DESIGN CHARRETTE – REPORT BY FAY PATTERSON

Given Council's attitude towards a Bikeway that an independent report characterised as successful and problem-free, why would the Bicycle Institute agree to attend a Design Charrette a week after the Lord Mayor's Bikeways Summit?

1. As well as being BI chair, I'm a traffic engineer who has specialised in cycling since 1996 and is conversant with the evidence-based research. We have the ability to influence design positively to improve cyclist safety.
2. To see whether the new design was going to be something that we were going to need to fight.

And the outcome? Well, we haven't pulled on our fighting gloves yet.

The administration, who was running the charrette, can't revisit a Council decision. Council may be insisting on slandering Frome Bikeway and wasting its money on pulling up the current infrastructure, but indications so far are that a good design outcome for its replacement may be possible. So we're willing to continue to engage with the process.

There's a fair way yet to go and a question mark over how far \$12 million (not all from Council) may stretch. Still, this is a significant commitment, and one we'll be keeping our eagle-eyes on

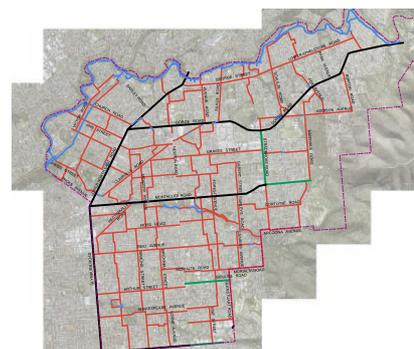
CITY OF CAMPBELLTOWN DRAFT BICYCLE PLAN

The City of Campbelltown has a draft Bicycle Plan out for consultation. The Council has been lukewarm about the Plan, to say the least, so it needs support from the bicycle community.

If adopted, the Plan will encourage joint State-local funding of many welcome features. Some of these are:

- a bicycle boulevard from Rostrevor to the City
- safer cycling around schools
- extensions of bike lanes on arterial roads, including dealing with "disappearing bike lanes"
- upgrading of paths along Third Creek and Fourth Creek to shared use standard
- wayfinding signage designed for cyclists on paths, including those on the Linear Park. (It's easy to get lost up there!)

If you would value these, please have a look at the Plan and make a submission in support. You can find the plan and how to comment it at [this link](#). We have a map of the proposed network on our website. Click on the image here to see it.



It seems that hostility to cycling among the councillors is mainly due to the experience of pedestrians using the Linear Park. Unfortunately, the Plan as drafted does not recommend that separate paths be created for pedestrians and cyclists. If you think this is important, please tell the Council.

ADELAIDECYCLISTS



No doubt many readers were as disappointed as we were when they heard the news that the popular cycling website, [AdelaideCyclists](#) was to be closed down.

Established by long-time BISA committee member Angus Kingston, AdelaideCyclists did more than anything else to give a voice to the broad range of cyclists who use our roads, paths and trails.

We at the Committee were of course keen to see what we could do to keep it going and it turned out Gus was just as keen to talk to us. Fortunately, in BISA committee member Scott Sims, we have someone with the technical skills and enthusiasm to take over as convenor.

You can read more about the change of ownership in a [press release](#). Gus will be helping us in the next few months as we learn how to run it.

Under our ownership AdelaideCyclists will continue to cater for all the various views and interests of cyclists in South Australia, not just bicycle advocacy. But we have taken on the role to raise our profile and hope to get a lot more influence and members as a result. And, of course, we hope our existing members will take the opportunity to lead and participate in discussions. It's simple enough to join, but if you have any questions, [ask Scott](#).

FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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



Dramatic moment cyclists are thrown off bikes in pile-up crash



Is this the world's most beautiful bike lane?



90-Year-Old Grandma Bikes 18 Miles To Work Everyday



Bike helmet review throws cold water on sceptics: they'll likely save your life

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