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Lockers for cyclists at Adelaide Airport

These lockers are just next door to the bike racks, located near the pedestrian crossing at the end of the drop-off zone. And the airport has free showers at ground level in the terminal.

If your trip is a short one, cycling to the airport is a cheap alternative to taking a taxi.

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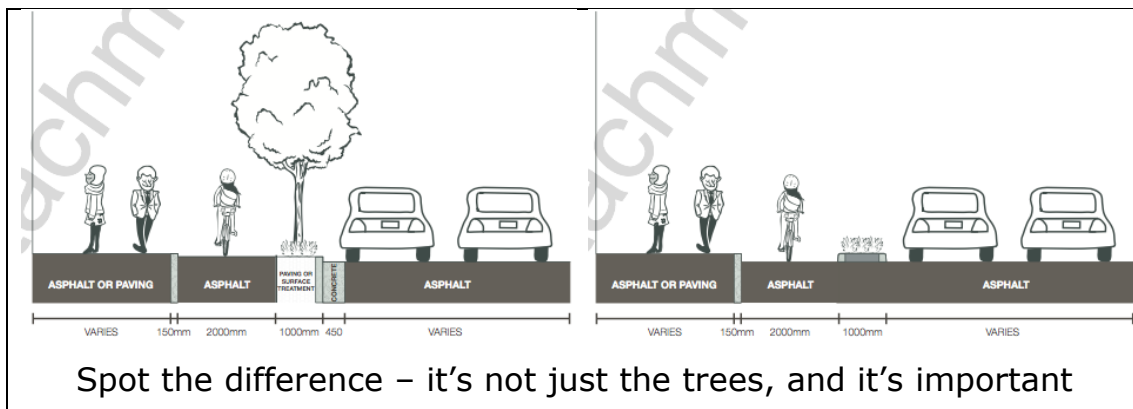
- The Frome Bikeway issue is hotting up again, as a new report goes to Council. It's not good news for the existing Bikeway.
- The quiz night was a great success, both financially and socially. It has raised money for our micro-grants scheme.
- What else we've been up to (besides quiz nights and getting annoyed about the Bikeway).
- In Profile: top 10 infrastructures project number 2 - a safe cyclist route along North Terrace.
- Some of the items on our Facebook page

FROME BIKEWAY UPDATE

Council is considering a report to put to consultation on proposals for the Frome Bikeway. It covers the route from the top of LeFevre Terrace to Carrington Street. You can [download the report](#) from our website.

Traffic is pretty heavy between North Terrace and Grenfell Street, so we could have predicted the preferred option of a "Copenhagen-style" bike lane (i.e. alongside the footpath, at a height halfway between the footpath and the road) being only two metres wide. Although two metres is hardly best practice, at least the low kerb height to the footpath and step down to the roadway means that almost all the width could be used, so overtaking will probably be possible. (For a discussion about this, see a technical paper produced by our chair, Fay Patterson. [It's on our website.](#))

What we can't understand is why the preferred option for the existing bit (south of Pirie) is also two metres wide, but at road height, meaning the high kerbs on either side will make it too narrow for overtaking. Even the Council's own report notes that it won't handle peak capacity now.



Of course leaving the height at road level would be cheaper than raising the height of the bikeway, but surely if cost is the reason, it would be more sensible to build to a decent standard now, rather than having to rip it up and rebuild it later (again). Money could be saved elsewhere – e.g. on the delaying a 3 metre-wide shared use path alongside Le Fevre Terrace, especially when the Park Lands path already provides a route to the new High School site. Or cheaper still – **leave the existing bikeway as it is!**

The Council committee meeting is on **Tuesday 22 November** and is open to the public, so come along. It starts at 5.30pm. The Frome Bikeway is high on the agenda.

QUIZ NIGHT AND MICRO-GRANTS SCHEME

Our annual fund-raiser was a great success in raising over \$1,600 for bicycle advocacy, including \$600 for the Port Adelaide Bicycle User Group through the silent auction that Sam Powrie organised.

Even better than the funds raised was the great atmosphere, thanks to all those who came along, and also thanks to some intriguing, fun questions and activities from organiser Katie Gilfillan, presented with panache by former chair Jeremy Miller. Thanks also to those who helped out with donations for the silent auction and goodies for our cake stall.

The main purpose of the fund-raiser was to support our new micro-grants scheme.

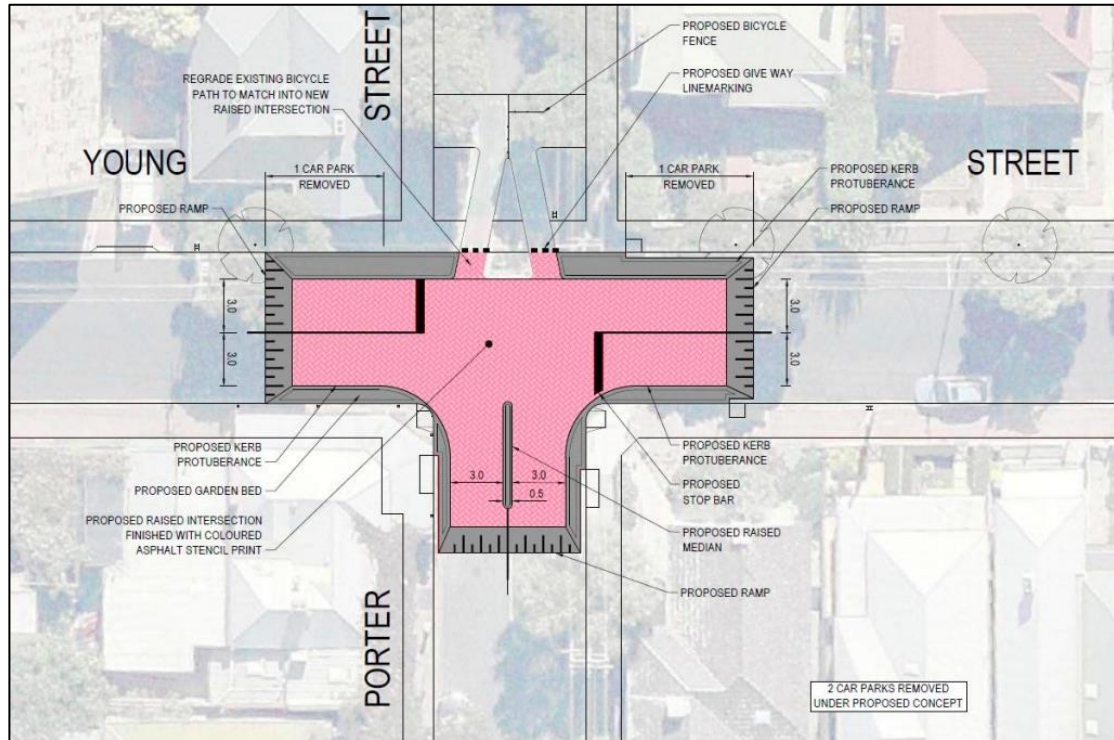
At our AGM, PortBUG raised how difficult it is for Bicycle User Groups (BUGs) to access funds to support their modest needs: Council grants require long and complex applications, then there's the acquittal forms... We agree, so if you have a great idea about something that will encourage cycling, or if your BUG is wondering where it might drum up a hundred dollars to support its activities, drop us a line! We'll ask for a description, maybe a referee if we don't know you, and if you receive a grant, we'd like to see a photo or something to show us how it went. You can also nominate your BUG as a contender to arrange and host next year's silent auction.

WHAT ELSE WE'VE BEEN UP TO

We've not just been girding our loins¹ for another battle over Frome Street.

- We [expressed support for the City of Campbelltown's draft Bicycle Plan](#), and suggested that it be improved with a strategy to separate cyclists and pedestrians on the River Torrens Linear Path.
- Our chair Fay Patterson met with shadow transport spokesman David Pisoni, establishing relations and discussing both our and his ideas for improving conditions for cyclists.
- Fay also had a meeting with DPTI officials to discuss our thoughts on a proposal to allow motorbike riders to filter to the front of queues at intersections.
- Unley City Council released design proposals to improve the Rugby-Porter route. Hopefully the Council will take [our comments](#) on board.

¹ Those of you without a biblical background will just have to look it up.



- Committee member Paul May represented BISA at a stakeholder workshop for the City of Unley's Integrated Transport Strategy. The previous version of this document is from 2002, so is well overdue for an update. [The next phase of public consultation is now open.](#)

If you ever ride through Unley, make a contribution — the consultation is in the form of a push-pin style mapping tool, so you can highlight the places where attention is needed. Even if someone else has already flagged an issue, you can 'like' their comment or add your own discussion points to the debate.

- On 1 November, we officially took over the [Adelaide Cyclists forum](#) and have been beavering away with some of the administrative arrangements that go along with this.

Fay met with representatives of one of the sponsors of Adelaide Cyclists. [Tindall Gask Bentley Lawyers](#) represent cyclists on legal matters. One topic discussed is a pet peeve of Fay's – bollards imposed without regard for engineering guidance and standards, endangering the safety of cyclists. Tindall Gask Bentley would like to hear from anyone who's been injured in such crashes, where Council might be liable for costs of rehab, etc. And if you do crash into a bollard, tell us and/or complain to the relevant council – even if you're not hurt, it'll help others avoid the same fate.

- [stop press] Fay was interviewed by Indaily for an [article on the Frome Bikeway](#). You might also have glimpsed Fay on Channel 10 news, speaking on the one-year anniversary of the 1m when overtaking law. Phew!!

TOP 10 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS — NORTH TERRACE

The top 10 infrastructure projects that we'll be campaigning for are [on our website](#). Number 2 is a safe cyclist route along North Terrace.

With at least three university campuses and all those medical facilities, North Terrace is probably the state's most important cyclist destination. And with no nearby parallel routes, cyclists don't have much choice. (In any European city textured pavement would be used to create a cycling route down the pedestrian mall. But this is Adelaide...)

As well as being the most important destination, North Terrace is also the worst city street for cycling.

Adelaide City Council did a facelift for most of North Terrace about a decade ago. Cyclists were ignored. We now have another chance, with the State Government's plans to put in a [tram route from King William Street to East Terrace at least](#).



The photo from the website doesn't look promising, but "it's for illustration purposes only" so if you get the chance, lobby your local MP to see that cyclists are not ignored again.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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



New Airless Bike Tires That Will Never Get Flat

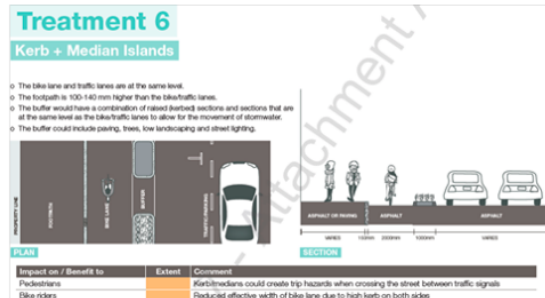
Another reason not to regard your morning commute as race training.

Are high-speed cyclists at risk from air pollution? - Health News - NHS Choices

Alexander Bigazzi, a Canadian engineer, put together a mathematical model, and his figures suggest cycling faster than 20km (12.4 miles) an hour increases exposure to pollutants.



Will pedestrians and cyclists bully self-driving cars?



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