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This piece of infrastructure has been in for some time, but we thought it still worth publicising in the hope that it can be copied elsewhere. (Please tell us if it has!) It's a bit of protected bike lane at the T-junction of The Parade West, leading into Rundle Street, Kent Town.

It's an effective way of stopping cars cutting across the bike lane!

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[New rules for the use of pedestrian crossings](#) (good news)

BISA will be at the [World Environment Fair](#) next month.

If you would like to go to the Australian Cycling and Walking Conference but lack the funds, [there's a scholarship](#) to help out.

[Super Tuesday results for 2017](#) have been released.

[Consultations](#) are out on two important north-south routes in the City.

Finally, there are [links to some recent discussions](#) on the Adelaidecyclists forum and our Facebook page.

BISA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Guest speaker

We held our AGM this month. Before the AGM David Pisoni, the Shadow Minister for Transport, talked and took questions for an hour.

He outlined the Liberal Party's policy to use existing Third Party insurance to cover cases where an uninsured cyclist's behaviour led to a claim for damages. Such claims would be an insignificant cost on the fund, he argued, while calming concerns expressed when the State Government allowed adult cyclists to ride on footpaths.

More controversial (for the audience) was the Liberals' plan to limit riding on footpaths **and shared use paths** to 10kph. They have already tried (and failed) to make this law, but remain hopeful that they will have the numbers after the next election.

Mr Pisoni was ready to listen to alternatives put up by the audience and we are hopeful that if the Liberal Party still wants to limit cyclists' speeds after the election we can come to a sensible arrangement.

We are grateful that Mr Pisoni made the time to talk honestly and frankly with BISA members and is ready to listen to us. We will put an account of his talk on our website in the coming month.

Elections for committee and office holders

Elections were held for the committee and office holders. All the existing office holders were re-elected:

Chair – Fay Patterson

Deputy Chair – Katie Gilfillan

Secretary – Brian Jenkins

Treasurer – Stephen Janes

The following members were elected to the committee: Jack Clarke, Paul May, Sam Powrie, Ian Radbone, Scott Sims, Heather (of Prospect BUG) and Andrew Waugh.

Sam, Heather and Andrew were newly elected to the committee, though of course Sam is already well-known to members as a Life Member and former Chair of BISA.

Two members of the past committee have chosen not to stand for re-election. We thank Stuart Whiting and Alan Sanderson for their support for cycling through their role on the committee.

Jeremy Miller, Life Member

The meeting also voted to honour Jeremy Miller with Life Membership of BISA. Jeremy has the distinction of being the organisation's longest-serving chair, having filled the position in 1992 to 1993, (when the pattern appears to be one of single-year office holdings) and again from 2008 to 2014.

Jeremy Miller is a lover of all things two wheels, but we in particular have benefited from his love of bicycles as a means of transport, including cargo bikes. He has maintained his enthusiasm and support for cycling, for example by being the MC at our quiz nights. He is also the current Treasurer of the Australian Walking and Cycling Conference.



RIVERBANK UPDATE

We've had one reply to our letters seeking information about future access between the River Torrens and North Terrace under the Riverbank re-development. [Adelaide City Council has responded](#), noting that the redevelopment is the responsibility of the State Government (Minister Mullighan has yet to provide a substantive response) but that the Council has been attempting to convince the Government to maintain access.

The news is not good. We will no longer have a continuous route from the River to North Terrace between Morphett Street and King William Street. It appears that the best we can hope for is a wheeling ramp alongside a set of steps. The response also refers to the use of a lift, though it is not mentioned if the lift is still the same inadequate lift that serves lost cyclists who find themselves in the car park trying to find a way to North Terrace.

This year's Super Tuesday counts have revealed just how important the River Torrens Linear Park is for cyclists. (See below.)

We will continue to advocate for better access to the City from South Australia's most popular cycling route. We have written to the Lord Mayor expressing how important the Gawler Place/ Kintore Avenue route is for cyclists.

We will also be pushing for a "green" bridge across the railway yards linking the River Torrens Linear Park with the new Royal Adelaide Hospital and the west end university campuses.

WELCOME POLICY CHANGE FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT

The State Government has clarified the situation for pedestrians and cyclists at slip lanes and marked pedestrian crossings.

Since 15 April motorists are required to give way to pedestrians and cyclists entering – not just on – slip lanes and pedestrian, children's and marked foot crossings. Until now, vehicles have had to give way to pedestrians on or entering a children's crossing, but not when they are entering other types of crossings.

Cyclists are also now able to use crossings without having to dismount. They must keep to the left unless it is impracticable to do so, and give way to any pedestrian on the crossing.

This change brings consistency to the rules in this area, with the aim of making the roads safer for pedestrians by reducing driver confusion with inconsistent rules. Permitting people to cycle across crossings is a logical extension to the rule permitting cycling on footpaths.

Read more about this road rule amendment at mylicence.sa.gov.au/road-rules/road-rules-amendments#15April

WORLD ENVIRONMENT FAIR, 3-4 JUNE

BISA will be at the Bike Hub, waving the flag for cycling, as part of the inaugural [World Environment Fair](#) at the Adelaide Showgrounds next weekend. Entry to the WEF is \$15 adult, \$10 concession, free for children.

Apart from our advocacy presence, we'll also be running (at no cost):

- A drawing competition for kids – with small bike-related prizes
- Unley bike workshops – an aid to getting your cycling kids street-safe, comprising bike checks, safety information and a guided ride on paths and quiet streets. BYO bike and helmet.
To manage ride groups, bookings will be required, so email chair@bisa.asn.au or keep an eye out on our [Facebook page](#) for 'how to book' info in the coming days.

AUSTRALIAN WALKING AND CYCLING CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

The draft program for the conference is now available. Registration for the two-day conference is \$440 (same as for the last two years) with early bird registration of \$390.

If financial conditions make the attendance at the conference difficult, you could apply for a scholarship to help with expenses.

"Eligible people should be able to demonstrate an interest and activity in areas related to walking and cycling such as liveability, public health, community building, economic development and/or environmental sustainability."

[The website provides more information](#) including how to apply.

SUPER TUESDAY 2017

Super Tuesday is an annual Australia-wide count of cyclists undertaken from 7am to 9am by volunteers. In most cities it occurs on the first Tuesday of March. However, this was the second year that Super Tuesday in Adelaide occurred on the third Tuesday in March, to avoid the disruptions of the Clipsal car race.

So, in theory we should be able to compare 2016 and 2017 figures. But this year cyclists have had to face the following barriers:

- closure of the Mike Turtur Bikeway at South Road while the bridge is being repaired
- traffic disruptions (including removal of bike lanes) on Hackney road, Dequetteville Terrace and Rundle Road due to OBahn extension works
- closure of the River Torrens Linear Park at Hackney (OBahn), Pinky Flat and Elder Park (Fringe)
- closure of the Outer Harbor Bikeway at Croydon (South Road upgrading)

All these barriers were reflected in some dramatic decreases in the counts of cyclists, particularly from the River Torrens Linear Park and Mike Turtur Bikeway. Given the situation, it was gratifying to see that numbers overall were only 1.5% down on 2016.

Numbers on the Frome Bikeway continued to increase. It was interesting to see that most of the 215 cyclists entering the Bikeway from Porter Street in Unley were female – the first time that this has been recorded on a major route.

Also for the first time, count data can be found on the [ACC website](#). The site includes data from previous counts, plus commentary.

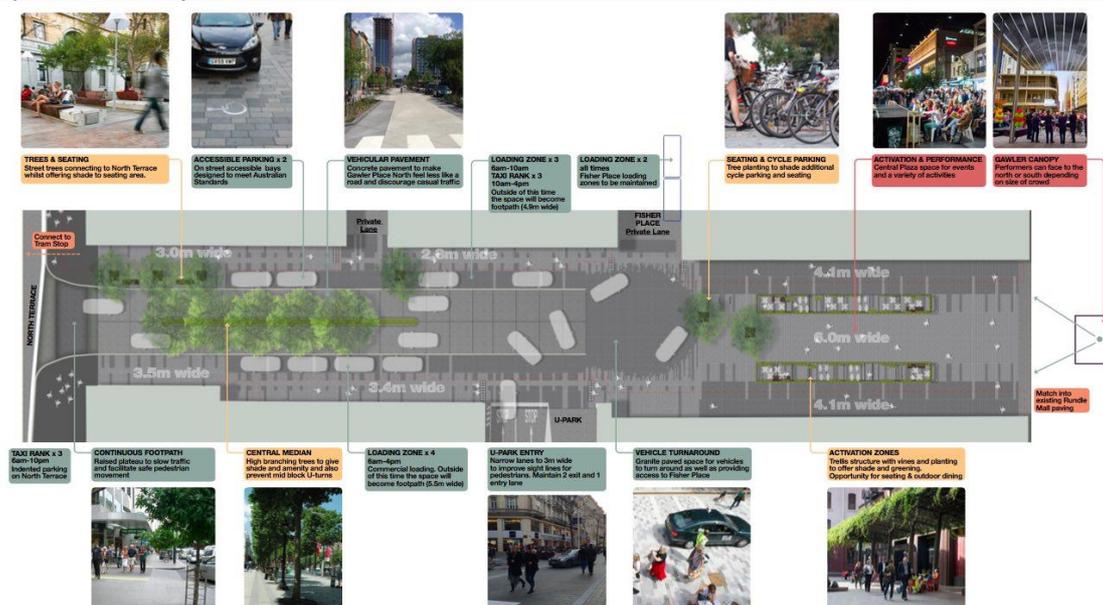


Up for a festival entirely on bicycles? The [Bohemian Bicycle Club](#) is a one-day mini-festival with a twist. You'll get a fine dining experience, a magical musical experience & more as you pedal to 3 hidden locations across the CBD. Saturday 24 June. Limited tickets available - make sure you get your invite.

Former BikeSA advocacy officer [Julian Ferguson](#) is behind the event - tell him you're from BISA and he'll give you a 10% discount.

CONSULTATIONS

Plans for Gawler Place between North Terrace and Grenfell Street are on the [YourSay Adelaide site](#). (Though ominously, the pdf's file names include "plans_final".)



Consultation is also open for the [Market to Riverbank Link Project](#) (Bank Street, Leigh Street, Topham Mall, Bentham Street and Pitt Street.)

ADELAIDECYCLISTS

Following are some of the discussions on the Adelaidecyclists forum.

[Marino Rocks Greenway changes at corner East Ave and Cromer Parade](#)

(improvements to this intersection by Unley Council)

[Cycling across pedestrian crossings](#)

(interesting in the light of subsequent rule changes)

[Tail lights](#)

(discussion about lights that will last all day for riding on country roads)

[Best Floor Pump](#)

[WITWIMB?](#)

(Where in the world is my bike? Click on the photo to see where it was taken.)



FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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



Multimillion dollar plan for cyclist-only lanes in Linear Park

For the hard-core kid: a soft-tail balance bike. In pink, of course.



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How cycling could count towards a driver's licence
Imagine if more drivers knew what it was like to ride a bike on a road that's busy...



Council in U-turn on Jetty Rd closure

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