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New cycling infrastructure (for a day)

This photo was taken on Sunday 23 September, when the Torrens to Torrens section of South Road was open to the community. We hope to compare the space the cyclists took up with the space taken up by the same number of cars when it is open to traffic.

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Because we have so much in this month's newsletter, we've introduced a new feature: In brief

Finally, there are links to some recent discussions on the Adelaidecyclists forum and our Facebook page.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Both current chair Katie Gilfillan and immediate past chair Fay Patterson gave public speeches this month: Katie to a forum held by the Prospect Council on cycling in Prospect, and Fay at a Bikeways Design Workshop held by the Transport Australia Society (a technical society of Engineers Australia).

Fay and Committee member Richard Bentley discussed the Flinders Link Project and Tonsley Greenway with staff at Marion Council. (See below.)

Committee member Ian Radbone [made a submission](#) about the draft State Government planning policies on behalf of BISA.

Katie [wrote to Minister Stephan Knoll](#) about state bike funding.

Katie was part of a news conference at the opening of the re-modelled Frome Bikeway.

Katie organised about 150 cyclists to take part in a photo on the new lowered South Road. We hope to compare the space the cyclists took up with the space taken up by the same number of cars when it is open to traffic.

Fay and Katie had a follow up meeting with Department for Industry and Skills regarding the value of the bicycle economy.

HOW YOU CAN INFLUENCE THIS COUNCIL ELECTION

Local government elections are held every four years. Ballot papers will be mailed out 22-26 October and need to be mailed back by 9 November. We will have more to say about candidates up for election in the October Pedal Update. But there are far too many candidates to cover properly so we urge you to find out how in-tune your candidates are with the needs of cyclists today.

You should use any opportunity you have to meet candidates to discuss with them what knowledge they have and plans they have to advance the interests of cyclists. Spread the word about their responses — good or bad. Bicycle riders are a minority of the population, but because voting is

non-compulsory and generally low voting rates are common in elections, a well-organised campaign by cyclists can be influential.

You can find a [list of candidates](#) by council and ward on the Local Government Association website. (Council websites have maps of the ward boundaries.) Unfortunately, the list doesn't include contact details. If they are existing councillors their contact details can be found on their council's website. Otherwise you will have to do your research using Facebook, Linked-In, white pages etc. If they really want your vote, they shouldn't be hard to find.

If you run a Bicycle User Group (and even if you don't) you could press the candidates with what you want to see. PortBUG has developed a [one-pager](#) that might inspire you.

Be sceptical about broad statements of support for cycling, unless they are unsolicited and on general (i.e. non-cycling) forums. Look for statements that suggest the candidates have specific ideas, for example, those on the [Active Transport Adelaide](#) Facebook page.

Teaspoons of Change for the Global Goals - Start with Your Bike!

By d'Arcy Lunn

From 22 Sept (4 days after getting back from China) to 10 Nov I'll be cycling 1000km from Adelaide to Mt Gambier via the Fleurieu and Coorong, and back, via Coonawarra and Murray Bridge to engage schools, businesses, councils and communities with the [Global Goals for Sustainable Development](#) through [Teaspoons of Change](#). The first teaspoon being - riding a bike!

In the past 18 years I've been to more than 90 countries and given over 850 presentations to 80,000+ people. This year I was fortunate to be on TV on [Weekend Sunrise](#) and [The Daily Edition](#), as well as a two-page spread in [The Advertiser](#) last year for a tiny home I built with volunteers in Aldinga for another initiative I have called, [Happy-simply](#). I've also given a TEDx talk in Dubai on [Teaspoons of Change for gender equality](#) and done other cycling advocacy tours in Australia and overseas.

In this trip I'd love an opportunity to interact with communities along the way as I always aim to leave the audience with personal, practical, optimistic and can-do ideas and action to contribute to the global context of the Global Goals - one ride, or teaspoon at a time!

It is not a moral bashing, guilt trip or charity, my endeavour is for us all to relate as global citizens and how to be active and effective ones!

Please see all the details of the trip, the Teaspoons of Change concept and my blurb here -

<http://teaspoonsofchange.org/index.php/contact/events/> and follow the updates while I ride on the Teaspoons of Change for South Australia Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/TeaspoonsSA/>

If you can support with connections to schools, community groups, local council, businesses and others to organise a presentation / workshop along the way or a yard to pitch a tent for the night, please get in touch!!!

I hope to grow the membership of Bike SA and Bicycle Institute of South Australia (BISA) as participating members and reconnect with country SA, where it all started for me as a kid - both cycling and as an active citizen.

STATE BUDGET AND BIKE PLANNING

We haven't seen details of State Bike Fund allocations yet, despite the fact that recipient councils have to spend the money before next July. The previous Labor Government left a legacy of the lowest per capita spending on cycling in Australia. But it looks as though the new Liberal Government has managed to make the situation worse.

[Budget Paper no. 5](#) (p. 120) explains that, in order to achieve "operating efficiencies" "lower priority" services such as bike funding will be cut. On the same page we see that \$18m will be spent on car parking at public transport nodes.

And it looks like the new Minister has no plans to revive the State Bicycle Plan. PortBUG wrote to Minister Knoll asking what is happening with the bike plan. [His response](#) ignored the question, but reading between the lines, it was clear enough – nothing.

OUTER HARBOR GREENWAY UPDATE

Our August Pedal Update noted that the final section of the Outer Harbor Greenway in Bowden was awaiting a decision about a heritage wall that is blocking the route. It's now been confirmed that [the wall is to be demolished](#).

However, that doesn't mean that the OHG will be finished any time soon. Apparently, there are contaminated soil issues, planning permits required, etc. It's not in the hands of DPTI, which presumably would like to see the Greenway finished as soon as possible, but Renewal SA.

FLINDERS LINK PROJECT

The State Bike Fund subsidises the costs of local cycling infrastructure by funding council projects. As such it is at the heart of the initiatives we advocate for. However, far more money can be spent as cycling add-ons to major projects. An example is the shared use path that is part of the [Flinders Link Project](#).

This project is a joint initiative of the Australian and South Australian Governments to extend the Tonsley rail line over Sturt Road and the South Road (freeway) to the Flinders Medical Centre and Flinders University. The existing Tonsley Station will be replaced by Flinders Station, next door to the Flinders Medical Centre.



There will be a shared cycling/ pedestrian path alongside the railway line. Cyclists will ride up a ramp at the old Tonsley Station site to pass over Sturt and South Roads, alongside the new railway. There should not be such a climb at the Flinders Station end, because the land there is already higher than Sturt and South Roads.

DPTI is hosting a Flinders Link Project Community Information Session on Wednesday 3 October 2018 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Marion Cultural Centre, Domain Theatre, 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park. If you would like to attend the session please RSVP before 5pm 2 October 2018 to dpti.flinderslink@sa.gov.au or 1300 928 345.

As mentioned earlier, Fay Patterson and Richard Bentley visited Marion Council this month to find out what was happening. The new up and over crossing of Sturt and South Roads is exciting, but planning for the greenway from Ascot Park to Tonsley is succumbing to the usual compromises with (government) land owners that render our cycling infrastructure second-rate. In this case, the governing council of a local school south of Thirza Ave refused a request for access to about 1m of their land adjacent to the railway line, citing – you guessed it – security issues. This was despite Council's offer to build a fence along the path and comply with whatever security requirements the school might want. The likely route will zig-zag back and forth across the railway, with the railway route abandoned entirely at one point.

IN BRIEF:

Linear Park: we've been told by the Torrens to Torrens Alliance that the Linear Park will be open under South Road in November.

Mount Barker BUG: The Barker BUG is up and running, covering the Mount Barker Council area. If you are interested in joining please contact Dave Hemmings on 0410 130 285 or daveh1@adam.com.au. You can also join in the discussion at the [Mount Barker Cycling Facebook group](#).

Weller Street Goodwood planned as new bike boulevard: [See article in local Messenger](#).

Mitcham BUG: see [article](#) in the 12 September issue of the Hills Valley Weekly



Charles Sturt wants your feedback: [Council are doing a review of their bike network](#). You have until 5pm, Monday 15 October. (Why not do it now?)

Cycling Without Age in Adelaide: This is a program that helps reconnect elderly people with their community by taking them out on trishaws. See article in the [September issue of The Senior](#).



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Here are some of the discussions on the [Adelaidecyclists](#) website. Register with the site and use it to contribute to the discussion - or to start a discussion of your own.

[Cycling Research Project Survey](#) (help a student's research on what would improve cycling conditions)

[Anzac Hwy black spot Gordon St to Adelphi Tce](#) (on Holdfast Bay's withdrawing support for a Dutch-style roundabout and bike lanes on Anzac Highway, despite receiving State government funding for the lanes)

[Mount Barker BUG](#) (contact Dave Hemmings if you cycle in the Mount Barker Council area and would like to see better conditions)

