



### SA Movers and Shakers

- **Stuart Clement** has left the Transport Systems Centre at Uni SA after almost 16 years investigating transport-related stuff such as traffic lights, taxis and latterly cycling. He will now have time to concentrate on projects including monitoring mountain bike trails and developing cycle tourism as he works primarily from his home. He can be contacted on 0405 702 483 and [stu.clement@live.com.au](mailto:stu.clement@live.com.au).
- Also with an interest in cycling, long association with UniSA and available for consulting work is **Peter Lumb**. The previous President of BISA and Program Director for UniSA's School of Social Work and Social Policy held a Ministerial Appointment to the SA Road Safety Consultative Committee from 1999 to 2003, and the State Cycling Council under Minister Laidlaw from 2000 to 2003. Peter can be contacted on 0410 213 990 and [peter.lumb@bigpond.com](mailto:peter.lumb@bigpond.com).
- **Graham Bradshaw** is well known as spokesman of the Retail Cycle Traders Association, in which capacity he is probably the longest serving member of the Australian Bicycle Council. In these roles, Graham has traversed the country frequently and has a good understanding not just of the retail side of the cycle industry but also each of the peak cycling groups in each state, the cycle events industry and the needs of commuter and recreational cyclists. Graham can be contacted on 0417 339 265 or [graham@rcta.org.au](mailto:graham@rcta.org.au).
- **Dr Johan Louw** has left Adelaide City Council to join ... um, it was one of those engineering company with three letters in its name... maybe someone can remind me?! Meanwhile, **Mark van der Pennen** has given up the role of Acting Manager City Design to head for the City of Salisbury.
- **Paul Anderson** commenced as Executive Director at the Office for Recreation and Sport on February 4.
- With **Prof. Mike Taylor** acting as director of UniSA's Institute for Sustainable Systems and Technologies (ISST), **Rocco Zito** is acting head of the Transport Systems Centre.

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### 1) Bicycle Research Interest Group (BRIG) Muster – a recap

Another well-organised event by Stu – so start thinking about papers for next year's event! Details TBA. As a reminder, the sessions were:

- *Pedalling the City*, Jennifer Bonham (Uni of Adl)
- *Walking and Cycling in Melbourne*, Doug Bell (Multi-modal Transport Solutions, Vic), Rita Seethaler and Tony Richardson (The Urban Transport Institute, Vic)
- *Cycling Connecting Communities - a cycling promotion research project in south west Sydney*, Chris Rissel, Carolyn New, Jenni Bindon and S Pham (Sydney South West Area Health Service)
- *Interactions between cyclists and motorists: first impressions on the road to improving safety*, Marilyn Johnson (Monash Uni)
- *Greenways and Greencities*, Garry Glazebrook (Uni of Technology, Sydney)

- *The Bendigo Bicycle Network: a vehicle for communicating the range of cycling activities to the broader community*, John Martin (Latrobe Uni)
- *Bicycle commuting by UniSA students in 2007: a review and reflection of student travel behaviour*, Andrew Allan (UniSA)
- *Changes in the sleep patterns of cyclists during training/competition*, Charli Sargent (UniSA)
- *The ECOLTT model of the environmental cost of less travel time by cars compared with bikes*, Stuart Clement (UniSA)
- *Cyclist crashes in SA: auditing cyclists' understanding of risk, and assessing what SA learner drivers learn about risk to cyclists*, Mike Brisco (Flinders Uni).

Articles based on Jennifer Bonham and Garry Glazebrook's sessions, plus plenty of lively commentary, were to be seen in The Advertiser in the subsequent days.

A list of cycling **papers and reports** prepared by the Sydney South West and Area Health Service made available at the Muster should be of interest – it certainly appears that Chris Rissel has been busy in this field!

An interesting follow-up to Mike Brisco's work can be found in Transport Engineering in Australia Vol 11 No. 1, in the paper **Adult pedal cycle casualties in South Australia** (Hutchison TP, Kloeden CN, Lond AD, CASR, Uni of Adl). This MAC-funded research looks at changes in the period 1981 to 2004, and notes a change from child involvement to adult involvement in crashes. While interesting, its diversion into footpath cycling could be of some concern given Mike's findings about crashes at driveways.

*[Graham Bradshaw has brought to my attention a further follow-up: on the day of the Hahndorf stage of the TDU, when there were cyclists everywhere and awareness should have been at a peak, a woman backed out of her driveway in Aldgate and took out a bunch of riders from the Geelong region, who were returning from watching the day's stage. – Ed]*

## 2) A new direction for the management of Torrens River Linear Park

Outcomes of the River Torrens Linear Park Trail Assessment are to be implemented by the state gov't's Public Space Advisory Committee, with input from Local Government. The committee will seek to establish:

- Clear agreements clarifying responsibilities for the trail and the park
- Clear funding regimes for priority upgrading work on the trail and the park and for future maintenance and insurance arrangements
- A Linear Park-local action plan to reflect the natural environment of the trail and park with consistency of paths and signage across Councils' boundaries.

## 3) 2008 AITPM National Conference – call for papers

The next AITPM National Conference is to be held on 3-5 September, in Perth. A call for papers has now been issued, with abstracts to be received by 7 March 2008. The theme of the conference is "Making Connections", exploring how traffic engineering and transport planning are making connections between people, places and goods and services.

See [www.aitpm.com](http://www.aitpm.com) for more details, or contact the national office on 08 8278 3424 or [aitpm@aitpm.com](mailto:aitpm@aitpm.com).

## 4) SA Grants program management simplified

The process for community groups to manage government grants has been significantly simplified, with the level at which detailed accountability for spending grant money is required being lifted from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

The doubling of the reporting threshold follows on from a review of State Government grants in 2004, which identified the need to reduce red tape and simplify grant processes and led to an increase in the grant reporting threshold from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

A copy of the revised Treasurer's Instruction 15 *Grant Funding* is available on the Department of Treasury and Finance website, [www.treasury.sa.gov.au](http://www.treasury.sa.gov.au).

## 5) Latest Open Space and People 4 Places allocations

Place for People is an urban design program available to all South Australian Councils (except the City of Adelaide) for public space improvement strategies and projects, while the Open Space scheme is aimed at providing financial assistance to local government for the purchase, development or planning of significant open space. Grants from the latest round of funding, totaling some \$1.120 million, are:

- \$300,000 for the City of Charles Sturt for the Coast Park extension to West Beach
- \$235,000 for the City of Marion for the Tramway Park at Morphettville
- \$188,000 for the City of Tea Tree Gully for Dry Creek Linear Park
- \$120,000 for the City of Victor Harbor for the Coastal Promenade
- \$61,918 for the District Council of Streaky Bay for the CBD Streetscape Redevelopment
- \$55,000 for the City of Onkaparinga for the Witton Bluff Base Trail
- \$50,000 for the City of Victor Harbor for Aboriginal Heritage Trail and Interpretive Shelter
- \$45,500 for the Mid Murray Council for the Pioneer/Heroes Park at Truro
- \$25,000 for the Peterborough Council for an open space lookout
- \$20,000 for the District Council of Tatiara for the Mundulla Township Redevelopment
- \$20,000 for the Barossa Valley District Council for the Angaston "Walk Around Town"

## 6) Tour Down Under – snapshot

What can we say? Basically, achieving UCI ProTour status has been a great success for the Tour Down Under, with the 2008 event being a record-breaker in almost every aspect.

Just one aspect is that South Australia's tourism website – southaustralia.com – received a record number of visitors in January. And during the week of the event, the Tour Down Under website was the third most visited sports cycling website in Australia, behind cyclingnews.com and farkin.net forums.

Dates for the 2009 Tour Down Under event are expected to be announced in the coming weeks; see [www.tourdownunder.com.au](http://www.tourdownunder.com.au).

## 7) Elizabeth Park Neighbourhood Renewal Project

An \$18 million community rejuvenation project for the northern suburbs has been presented to Parliament for approval for work to begin this year. The project aims to make Elizabeth Park a better place to live with quality housing and an enhanced local spirit by creating affordable housing opportunities, new public spaces and improved existing parks. 130 old public housing dwellings will be demolished, Housing SA will construct 80 new houses and the remaining land will be sold for a variety of affordable home ownership and rental housing options. 100 existing Housing SA houses in the surrounding area will be upgraded with many being offered for sale under the State Government's Affordable Homes Program.

Improved traffic management, better footpaths, lighting and street trees are part of the project, which will also involve the City of Playford.

Residents will receive a letter soon with contact details for further information and the first community forum will be held next month.

## 8) Recent Public Bike Initiatives

- London is to follow the Parisian "Velib" (free bike) example, with 6,000 bikes to be deployed in Central London in summer 2010, with provision to double this if demand is strong. This compares to the 20,000 now available in Paris, where JC Decaux, whose advertising funds the Parisian scheme, is facing criticism about maintenance and redeployment of bikes to suit cycling patterns.

The London scheme copies the French in most respects, except that Council rate payers will fund the scheme instead of advertising on bike stations. Advertising on the bikes themselves, similarly to the Copenhagen scheme, is being considered.

See [http://www.cicle.org/cicle\\_content/pivot/entry.php?id=1729](http://www.cicle.org/cicle_content/pivot/entry.php?id=1729) for a copy of the Times Online article published 12 February 2008.

- In Arnheim, Holland, Dutch commuters are now able to rent a bike from a dispensing machine. Think of a gumball machine that stores 100 fully-equipped bikes in a space-efficient manner, with a ride-and-return approach. See [http://www.citynews.ca/news/news\\_16374.aspx](http://www.citynews.ca/news/news_16374.aspx) for a copy of the CityNews.ca article, published 2 November 2007.

- The Sydney Morning Herald poll of 14 November 2007 was: "Should Sydney adopt a bike-hire system?: Of 318 respondents (not many given the size of the city!), 88% answered yes (to "It's a smart idea that will get people out of cars" or "It will help create a pleasant urban environment and safer streetscape"), with only 12% disagreeing (as "Bikes cause accidents for cars and pedestrians" and "People will buy bikes not hire them if they really want to ride them.") Independent research commissioned by the City of Sydney found that over 80% of people favour the introduction of a public bike hire scheme in the City, and 1 in 3 people say that they would use it.

## 9) Amy Gillett Foundation and other melancholy news

2008 will see the inaugural Amy's Ride SA, on 2 November, with the Amy Gillett Foundation teaming up with Bicycle SA for this event in Amy's home state. 25km, 60km and 100km options are offered for the ride along the Southern Freeway, which will be closed for the event. Registration includes lunch and festivities at the finish. Register before 24 October 2008 to avoid a \$20 late fee.

Cadel Evans has presented the Amy Gillett Foundation with a \$40,000 cheque from his \$50,000 earnings as the 2007 Sport Star of the Year.

The Amy Gillett Foundation is calling for applications from Australia's talented female cyclists for the 2008 Amy Gillett Scholarship. Selection criteria and application forms are now available from <http://www.amygillett.org.au/scholarships-amy-gillett.html>. The closing date for all applications is on Friday, 22 February 2008.

NB The Amy Gillett Foundation was granted deductible gift recipient status on 27 August 2007. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

In other news:

- Magistrate Sam Mollard found Edward James Alderton guilty of negligent driving, causing the death of Tasmanian cyclist and road safety advocate **Kate Tamayo**. The magistrate found that it was negligent to drive within a metre of a cyclist on a rural or semi-rural road, that motorists should give cyclists two metres of space, and should allow for cyclists to abruptly veer off their path.

- **Ben Mikic**, a talented 15 year old racing cyclist from Mittagong, NSW, was tragically killed in a collision with a car during a training ride in April 2007. The Ben Mikic Foundation (BMF) has been established with the goal of making Australian roads a safer place for young cyclists. The Foundation's aims are compatible with, but different to, the Amy Gillett Foundation, with a focus on young riders. See <http://benmikicfoundation.org.au/>.

- The Australian **Ride of Silence**, to remember cyclists killed and injured on our roads, will be held on Saturday 24th May 2008. Register local rides at <http://www.rideofsilence.org/resources.php> or contact Rob Eke or Chris Star at Wheels of Justice (<http://www.woj.com.au/>) for Australian support.

• What are “**ghost bikes**”? These are old bicycles, painted white and chained to locations of bicycle crashes as a memorial and reminder to take care. Will we see white bikes join black and red crosses at crash locations in the future? See <http://www.woj.com.au/2006/06/29/us-ghost-bike-drive-seeks-to-prevent-further-crashes/> for links to various ghost bike sites.

### 10) State Bicycle Fund allocations to Metropolitan Councils, 2007-08

In case you haven't seen this, the successful projects (with indicative cost, of which the SBF allocation is typically around 50%) are:

- City of Salisbury: SUP link to crossing, Waterloo Corner Rd, Salibury North/ Paralowie - \$12,500
- City of Playford: SUP, Main North Rd, link Caigmore SUP to Munno Parra - \$84,000
- DC Mt Barker: SUP, Laratinga Trail extension linking Mt Barker to Littlehampton - \$240,777
- City of West Torrens: road crossing, to link Hamra St/ Coast Park to Military Rd SUP- \$10,000
- City of Charles Sturt: shared use bridge, Rosetta St (Port Railway Strategic Bicycle Route) - \$150,000
- Town of Gawler: Review of LABP, Bike and Ped Plan - \$50,000
- ACC: SUP, Parklands Trail, Sir Donald Bradman Dr to Port Rd - \$300,000
- City of Onkaparinga: SUP, Coast to Vines, McLaren Vale, Almond Train to Field St sealing works - \$110,000
- DC Robe: Develop pedestrian and bike plan - \$14,000
- DC Yankallilla: Develop LABP - \$15,000
- City of Port Lincoln: bicycle refuge, New West Rd - \$20,000
- DC Grant: Bike lane/ sealed shoulders, extension of existing path from Smith's Rd to Cape Northumberland - \$62,000
- DC Tumby Bay: SUP, unsealed, linking the “island” residential development to the town centre - \$14,500
- Wattle Range Council: SUP, Nangwarry- adjacent to sports ground - \$30,000.

### 11) Cycling Resource Centre launched

The Cycling Resource Centre has recently been launched. The site is still under construction (notably the email newsletter bits) and is maintained by the [Australian Bicycle Council \(ABC\)](#), as part of implementing the Australian National Cycling Strategy 2005 – 2010 (NCS). The Centre is a repository for data, information and best practice relating to cycling planning, policy, programs and projects.

The Cycling Resource Centre is intended primarily as a resource for those involved in the planning, delivery, management and promotion of bicycle facilities and initiatives.

### 12) Country athlete award scheme – applications close 11 April 2008

Applications are now open for \$600 to \$800 grants to up to 50 junior athletes aged 14 to 18 who live more than 130km from the Adelaide GPO, to access elite training, coaching and competition programs.. Applicants must be involved in a State Sporting Association and have a long-term commitment to their sport. More information, including application guidelines, is available on the Office for Recreation and Sport website [www.recsport.sa.gov.au](http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au) or by phoning 8416 6677.

### 13) Some recent Road Safety happenings

- The State's first **regional road safety strategy** has been prepared for the South East region, and was adopted by the South East Local Govt Assoc at its December 2007 meeting. The strategy sets a regional target of no more than 76 serious casualties by the end of 2010 (compared with 85 and 90 in each of the last two years) and also sets an aspirational goal of achieving a fatality-free year on the region's roads.
- The State govt is to support the SE Road Safety Strategy with an additional \$70,000 over the next three years to support region-wide safety projects and coordination, and the development of a 3-year program to expand the **Safe Routes to School program**.
- A review of **speed limits on rural arterial roads** is to be undertaken during 2008 by DTEI in consultation with local councils.
- With the percentage of drink-drivers killed in crashes having increased over the last decade, SA is to join NSW and Vic by mandating **alcohol interlocks** on vehicles owned by repeat drink-drivers. (On average, 38% of those deemed responsible for an alcohol related fatal crash had previously been detected committing a drink driving offence.)
- Mandatory **carriage of licence** will be required, with a \$100 penalty for failure to produce a licence.
- From the first of March, drivers will also be required by law to ensure their passengers **belt up**, with both drivers and passengers facing penalties for non-compliance (currently, penalties do not apply to the driver if the passenger is not wearing a seat belt).
- In 2007, Metropolitan Adelaide had the **lowest number of fatalities** ever recorded with 46 deaths (compared with 54 in 2006). Motorcycle fatalities decreased dramatically to 8 (compared with 23 in 2006).

Other recent-ish road safety initiatives have included the introduction of full time mobile RBT, immediate loss of licence for drink driving above 0.08 and random roadside drug drive testing, and (over the last 2 years) expenditure of \$3.2 million on blackspot programs, \$4.7 million on shoulder sealing and over \$6 million on maintenance.

[NB the Road Safety Minister is Carmel Zollo; the Office for Cycling and Walking falls within her portfolio - Ed].

### 14) Bakewell Underpass opened

Just in case you didn't notice, the underpass has been open since mid-January. Local residents and business owners

marked the opening with a community walk-through prior to the underpass' opening to traffic. From a walking and cycling perspective, the underpass features:

- 1.8m wide on-road bicycle lanes on each side of the road.
- A 3.15m wide shared use path on the southern side at a higher level than the road.
- Two bridges carrying road traffic along James Congdon Drive and trains on metropolitan and freight lines. Both bridges also cater for pedestrian and cyclist traffic.

### 15) Call for Australian entries: Bicycle Film Festival 2008

The deadline for Australian entries to the eighth annual international film festival with a cycling focus is 7 March 2008. The BFF is held in over 15 cities around the world including Sydney, Melbourne, Tokyo, New York City, Los Angeles, Milano and London. In Sydney the festival is hosted by Bike Sydney. See <http://www.bicyclefilmfestival.com>

### 16) Federal budget submission for cycling

In response to the Hon. Wayne Swan's call for community input into the Rudd Government's first Budget, the Australian cycling sector has submitted a \$200 million bicycle infrastructure proposal known as the **Healthy and Active Transport** (HEAT) initiative.

HEAT would see the Commonwealth directly assist local government develop significant walking and cycling infrastructure projects.

The proposal has strong local government support with over 65 letters of endorsement from Mayors and Councillors around Australia, expressing concern that they are unable to keep up with the demand for improved infrastructure. HEAT is a joint initiative of the BFA, Cycle Promotion Fund, Bicycle Victoria and Cycling Australia and was developed in the lead up to the Federal election *[and would've been in PedBikeTrans e-news if I'd been able to prepare one before then – Ed]*.

See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/01/16/2139701.htm?section=business> for a media release, and the budget submission at [www.vote4cycling.com.au](http://www.vote4cycling.com.au).

### 17) Clipsal 500

The Clipsal 500 will be held from 21 to 24 February, with restrictions basically from 16 February to 27 February. *[Watch out for closures around the eastern Park Lands and removal of pedestrian islands from around traffic signals. But, hey, you can always use Britannia Roundabout instead – Ed.]*

Officially, the declared period is the time that the circuit is closed to all public pedestrian and vehicular access including bicycles. The declared period is from 12.01am Wednesday, 20 February until 12.01am Monday, 25 February 2008 (5 days). The bike track across Victoria Park will be closed during the Declared Period. These dates will be indicated by signs at each end of the bike track prior to closure.

### 18) Some Sydney happenings

There's been a fair bit of interesting news coming out of the City of Sydney since its adoption of a new Cycle Strategy earlier this year. A brief recap follows; visit the City of Sydney's media releases section on its website (<http://www.sydneymedia.com.au/html/custom/2258-all-releases.asp>) for more information.

- Construction on a 3.2 km **separated cycle way** connecting Woolloomooloo with Zetland is expected to commence later this year. City transport planners have drawn inspiration from leading bicycle cities such as New York, Copenhagen, Amsterdam and Paris for the designs, and adapted them to Sydney.
- The City of Sydney Council resolved on Monday 18 February to appoint a tenderer to design the **cycle way on Bourke Street** which will provide an uninterrupted north-south cycling corridor. *[Company "B" in the minutes - Ed]*.
- City of Sydney rangers have added **bicycle patrols** to their service around the CBD and across the Council area. Teams of two are now cycling in Sydney and Bicentennial Parks *[on separate bikes, not tandems – Ed]*, and along the Glebe foreshore to provide directions, combat littering and vandalism and provide education and enforcement on Council's Companion Animals Policy.
- **Jan Gehl's report** has been welcomed by Lord Mayor Clover Moore. The key findings include: pedestrian walking routes are unconnected; most public spaces are used to walk through, rather than to sit and enjoy; pedestrians wait too long at traffic crossings; thousands of people are using Sydney's underground pedestrian network; disruptive road infrastructure is blocking links to the Harbour; streets are dominated by cars; and young children and the elderly are poorly represented among pedestrians.
- The City of Sydney will become the first council in NSW to use new RTA guidelines to increase **car sharing** in the CBD and inner city suburbs, with a car sharing scheme launched for inner city residents to improve urban mobility in central Sydney. Dedicated on-street parking will be provided to support the scheme, while bike parking will also be provided at dedicated parking locations to enable users to cycle as well as walk to these locations. The scheme will form a 2-year trial, involving three operators.
- As alluded to earlier, the City of Sydney is investigating the feasibility of introducing a **public bike hire service**. This would initially be for the CBD area but with an objective of it being part of a network across metropolitan Sydney, as a flow-on from the introduction of the City's Cycle Strategy earlier in the year.

### 19) Bikes back on PT in Melbourne.

The state govt has listened to feedback and reversed its ban on bikes on trains, with some additional positive initiatives announced to complement this move. See

[http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/images/stories/factsheets/Victorian\\_Government\\_Media\\_Release\\_re\\_bike\\_and\\_public\\_transport.doc](http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/images/stories/factsheets/Victorian_Government_Media_Release_re_bike_and_public_transport.doc) for the media release. Salient bits:

- From 15 February 2008, bicycles will be allowed on all Connex trains at all times, provided they are stored in the area inside the last door of the last carriage to minimise discomfort to other passengers. Bicycles will also be allowed on all V-line services.
- Metlink, Connex and V-Line will work together to provide clear signage and information to assist bicycle riders and the travelling public to understand where bicycles can be taken on public transport.
- The State Government will invest \$1 million for new bicycle cages for stations throughout metropolitan Melbourne and key regional hubs, to encourage more public transport users to combine public transport and cycling.
- From April, fold up bicycles are able to be used on buses and trams, provided they are folded and contained within a carry bag.

Send an email to the Minister for Public Transport to express your appreciation at [lynne.kosky@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:lynne.kosky@parliament.vic.gov.au).

## 20) Recent-ish publications

- The Risk Management Resource, a practical guide for developing strategies for handling risk has been updated to reflect recent changes in legislation and new resources available to support clubs in developing risk management strategies. To download, visit [www.recsport.sa.gov.au](http://www.recsport.sa.gov.au).
- Sustainable Living Tasmania has made its library catalogue available on-line. See [www.sustainablelivingtasmania.org.au](http://www.sustainablelivingtasmania.org.au). It's Tas-centric and you'll need to get there to borrow a book, but could come in handy if working in the area.
- Papers of the Thinking on Two Wheels Cycling Conferences 2005-2007. See Stu Clement ([stu.clement@live.com.au](mailto:stu.clement@live.com.au)) about getting a CD.
- Bicycle Victoria have developed a useful tool to calculate the **calories consumed by cycling**. See [www.bv.com.au](http://www.bv.com.au).
- Want to know what your local bike shops are? Try the **"Find a bike shop"** webpage: <http://www.bv.com.au/find/4/2/6/>
- Interested in triumphing over adversity on two wheels? **"Spinning Tales from Downunder"** by Kerry McComish is a local story. See <http://www.onlineinteriors.co.nz/book/>
- The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of **Cycling Around Sydney** is available from <http://store.smh.com.au/web/ProductDetails.aspx?id=1304> for \$24.95 plus postage.
- The **WALK21** website has a search engine for submitted papers, at [http://www.walk21.com/paper\\_search/default.asp](http://www.walk21.com/paper_search/default.asp).
- Delegates to **Velo-City 2007** should be receiving a DVD of papers (and abstracts and a film) shortly. Others interested in receiving these can contact the organizers at [info@velo-city2007.com](mailto:info@velo-city2007.com).

## 21) PedBike Tidbits

- Adelaide City Council and the Dept for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure are joining forces to ensure more cyclists have a **secure and safe bike parking** in the City. 39 undercover and secure parks are available in the Topham Mall and Wyatt St UParks, at a cost of \$5 per week, per park. Cyclists can reserve a park by contacting ACC's Customer Centre on 8203 7203. The initiative is funded by the Australian Greenhouse Office, Dept of the Environment and Water Resources in conjunction with DTEI.
- Bicycle SA is offering a **commercial bike leasing plan for employers**. "Intra-bike" will provide 5 hybrid (comfort) bicycles, helmets, bike locks, lights and bike racks for the same cost as two modest taxi fares a day. Included in the service is a fortnightly safety check and annual major service. Bicycle SA can also offer Contact Bicycle SA ([www.bicyclesa.asn.au](http://www.bicyclesa.asn.au) or 8232 2644) for more information or to join up.
- Visit <http://www.reportahazard.com.au/> to **report pedestrian or cycle** (and other traffic) **hazards** in Wollondilly Shire, Wingecarribee Shire, Pittwater or Goulburn Mulwaree Councils. Other NSW Councils can be invited to participate in this website service; see under "contacts" on the website. (This appears to be an initiative of the Upper Hume Road Safety Partnership, but the "About us" link doesn't appear to be working.)
- The Federal Opposition spokesman on sports, Pat Farmer, says that bicycle riders should pay **registration fees** to help legitimise their place on the roads and pay for infrastructure and safety campaigns. See <http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/cyclists-should-pay-says-mp/2008/02/07/1202234066487.html> for the Sydney Morning Herald article published 8 February 2008.
- **Guangzhou** authorities are planning to roll out a series of **bicycle-friendly measures** to encourage residents to travel on two wheels. City officials will reopen or set up bicycle lanes along major urban roads where conditions allow, and bicycle lanes will be included in the designs for all new roads built in the city. The urban planning bureau will also require new residential buildings, especially those near metro stations, to set aside space for bicycle parking lots. See <http://www.china.org.cn/english/government/230077.htm>.
- Oxfam's **Trailwalker** event will be held in **Melbourne** from 11-13 April 2008. Registrations are now closed, but donations can be received at <http://www2.oxfam.org.au/trailwalker/melbourne/>. Volunteers for the event are also sought and can register on this site.
- The November 2007 Engineers Australia magazine reports that the CSIRO is developing a new process called TiRO aimed at halving the cost of producing **titanium metal components** and thus facilitating a local industry. Don't expect the cost of titanium bike frames to halve soon, but this could be an interesting development.
- A recent study commissioned by Medibank Private has put the **cost of physical inactivity** to the federal health budget at \$1.49 billion each year.

- While a Dutch car took first place in October's 2007 Panasonic World Solar Challenge, there were two other classes in the competition. As well as an Adventure Class (for vehicles that met previous but not new standards introduced in 2007), the Greenfleet Technology Class was created as a show-case for energy-efficient vehicles and automotive technologies. Amongst participants in this class was a **canola-powered tricycle** from the University of Adelaide and Hiab Australia Company.
- The NSW govt has terminated its contract for an **integrated public transport ticketing system** after the company behind the project repeatedly failed to meet targets.
- DTEI will invest \$7.2 million in **shoulder sealing** in 2007-08.
- The call for papers for the **9<sup>th</sup> annual WALK21 conference** closed 8 February, but you would probably be considered if you submitted soon. Submission should go to [papers at barcelonawalk21.com](http://papers.at.barcelonawalk21.com); contact [info@barcelonawalk21.com](mailto:info@barcelonawalk21.com) for details. The conference will be held from 8 to 10 October 2008, in Barcelona, Spain.
- The 2008 **UCI World Supercross BMX Championships** will be held at the Royal Adelaide Showground April 12-13, with the **National Championships** being held April 18th -20th.
- The 2008 **Australian Olympic Team Cycling Australia** nomination criteria were released in September 2007.
- A Felixstow property purchased by the State Government in March 2007 and gifted to the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters has now been demolished, to create open space to be added to the **River Torrens Linear Park**.
- Researchers in Italy have found that pensioners who are most active are least likely to develop **vascular dementia**, with walking, gardening or doing housework for 30 minutes most days cutting the risk of dementia by more than a third. (report in the Telegraph, London) See <http://www.ion.ucl.ac.uk/library/news.html>. A similar finding was reported in a study from Bristol University.
- Reported by the BBC: **Night-time noise** (e.g. from an airport or traffic) raises blood pressure even while people sleep. Researchers monitoring 140 volunteers in their homes near Heathrow and three other big European airports found that blood pressure increased after exposure to a noise louder than 35 decibels - whether it came from overhead aircraft, or snoring. See <http://www.ion.ucl.ac.uk/library/news.html>.
- Artistic bike parking with a message: "After Cheap Oil" (Paul Anderson) has been installed on The Parade, Norwood, in front of SoMA Gallery. The **bike parking sculpture** aims to raise issues of sustainability in an amusing and practical way. See attached pic.
- The Sax Institute ([www.saxinstitute.org.au](http://www.saxinstitute.org.au)) has tendered for the development of a framework for the provision of evidence about the costs and benefits of early intervention and prevention programs in health. The project has been titled **Costs and Benefits of Health Programs: A Framework to Assist in Informing Policy Decisions**. The Steering Group for the project includes representatives from NSW Health, NSW Treasury and the Dept of Premier and Cabinet.



## 22) Conference Summary

17-21 February 2008

3<sup>rd</sup> International Solar Cities Congress  
Adelaide, SA  
See [www.solarcitiescongress.com.au](http://www.solarcitiescongress.com.au)

5-6 March 2008

3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Road Engineering & Maintenance Conference  
Melbourne, Vic  
See [www.halledit.com.au/conferences/roads/2008](http://www.halledit.com.au/conferences/roads/2008).

11-14 March 2008

5<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Track and Trails Conference, "Passage to Progress: Developing a Collaborative Future"  
Sunshine Coast, Qld  
See [www.trackandtrails.com.au](http://www.trackandtrails.com.au), email [info@trackandtrails.org.au](mailto:info@trackandtrails.org.au), ph. 07 3369 9455

April to June (varies with city) 2008  
Green Building & Design 2008

*[It's unlikely that this will cover design for walking and cycling, but the topics include sustainable urban planning – Ed]*

Australia-wide:

Melbourne 16-17 April

Sydney 30 April-1 May

Brisbane 14-15 May

Adelaide 28-29 May

Perth 4-5 June

See [http://www.cfd.rmit.edu.au/prgrams/sustainable\\_materials/green\\_building\\_design\\_2008](http://www.cfd.rmit.edu.au/prgrams/sustainable_materials/green_building_design_2008); email [usha.iyer-raniga@rmit.edu.au](mailto:usha.iyer-raniga@rmit.edu.au) for sponsorship opportunities

June 2008

Towards Carfree Cities VIII

Portland, Oregon

See <http://www.worldcarfree.net/conference/>

3-5 September 2008

AITPM National Conference "Making Connections"

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, WA

*Call for papers close 7 March*

See [www.aitpm.com](http://www.aitpm.com)

2008

9<sup>th</sup> annual WALK21 Conference

Barcelona, Spain

*Call for papers closed 8 Feb, but you could probably squeeze one in if you're quick! Contact*

[info@barcelonawalk21.com](mailto:info@barcelonawalk21.com) for details.

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