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Movers and Shakers

- Adelaide-based architects **Swanbury Penglase** will lead an international design team for the redevelopment of Glenside Campus. The redevelopment will include the open space around the new health facilities, as well as the large open public space to the front of the campus.
- **Jon Bunker** has taken over the National President's position at the Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management, with **Paul Morris** (paul.morris@arrb.com.au; 08 9227 3035) taking over from Jeremy Woolley as SA's President.
- If you were thinking of heading south, the Tas Dept of Sport and Rec is advertising for a **Program Manager - Trails and Bikeways**, located in either Hobart or Launceston. The salary range is \$71,326 to \$73,143 p.a. [*plus the freshest air you could want - Ed*]; applications close this Fri 17 October. See <http://www.jobs.tas.gov.au/notices/index.php?type=vacancy&id=22183>.
- **Peter Smith**, currently at Families SA, will be the new Chief Executive of Adelaide City Council.
- **Bicycle Tasmania** have changed their email addresses. New contact details are available from <http://www.biketas.org.au/contact.php>.

E-NEWS

1) Open space grants announced

The latest grants from the Open Space and People 4 Places initiatives, totalling \$1.2 million, are:

- City of Charles Sturt: \$250,000 for the \$916,000 Grange Jetty precinct Stage 1 development;
- District Council of Tatiara: \$224,930 for the \$881,817 Keith streetscape project, and \$50,000 for the \$125,000 Keith entrance project;
- City of Onkaparinga: \$175,150 for the \$350,300 Jubilee Reserve Stage 1a redevelopment;
- City of Port Adelaide Enfield: \$102,500 for the \$205,500 Lefevre Community Recreation Park;
- Adelaide Hills Council: \$100,000 for the \$1.41 million Woodside redevelopment Stages 1B & 1C;
- City of Mitcham: \$60,000 for the \$120,000 Soldiers Memorial Garden project;
- City of Prospect: \$50,000 for the \$100,000 Prospect Central Master Plan;
- City of Tea Tree Gully: \$48,000 for the \$96,000 Kingfisher Reserve Bridge redevelopment;
- Northern Areas Council: \$30,000 for the \$30,000 Georgetown urban design plan;
- District Council of Mount Remarkable: \$25,000 for the \$50,000 Boleroo Centre Parklands;
- City of Burnside: \$20,000 for the \$40,000 Hazelwood Park Playspace redesign;
- City of Norwood Payneham St Peters: \$20,000 for the \$40,000 Magill Road Place project;
- District Council of Yorke Peninsula: \$16,000 for the \$31,945 Ardrossan Creek Bridge project;
- City of Unley: \$12,000 for the \$24,000 Goodwood Main Street revitalisation project and;
- District Council of Mount Barker: \$6,000 for the \$21,000 Weld Park redevelopment plan.

2) Lance to launch at the Tour Down Under

Just in case you've missed the news, yes he's coming, yes he's racing, yes it's to promote awareness of cancer. See <http://www.ministers.sa.gov.au/news.php?id=3772&page=1> for the latest news release from the state govt about the financial implications of Lance's participation in the TDU.

- Cycling fans can secure the best viewing points for the 2009 TDU with **Touring the Tour** – the event's official coach transport for spectators, which will take passengers through the 5 regional stages of the TDU at a cost of \$75 per person, per stage. Ticket sales have more than trebled since the announcement that Lance Armstrong will make his comeback to professional racing at the TDU. Book at www.tourdownunder.com.au or via 1300 655 276.

3) Varied consultations

- **Adelaide Park Lands:** closing this Friday, 17 October. See www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/aplms for a feedback form, or Council offices, libraries or community centres.
- **Adelaide City Council Development Plan review:** to determine the appropriateness to the Council area and its consistency with the State Government's Metropolitan Strategy. (See www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/consultation.) Written submissions to consultation@adelaidecitycouncil.com by Tuesday, 4 November.
- Comments on the **new NSW BikePlan** should be emailed to Bike_Plan@rta.nsw.gov.au by 31 October 2008. Registrations of interest to participate in local BUG workshops must also be submitted by 31 October, to werners@bicyclensw.org.au – include your name, street address and local BUS if known.

- The National Preventative Health Taskforce has released a discussion paper ***Australia: The Healthiest Country by 2020***, to stimulate debate on developing a National Preventative Health Strategy. Comments can be submitted until 2 January 2009. See <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/mr-yr08-nr-nr133.htm?OpenDocument>. Consultation on the paper will be held in each capital city and a number of regional areas in late 2008 and early 2009 and will involve local health professionals, consumer groups, state and local governments and industry.
- **Victoria Road upgrade** (Sydney). As a result of feedback during community consultation, the RTA has developed a proposal to improve the cyclist and pedestrian facilities in the Victoria Road corridor. See <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/constructionmaintenance/majorconstructionprojectssydney/victoriard/index.html> for information [*the ped/bike link was not working when visited: an alternative link provided is* http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/constructionmaintenance/majorconstructionprojectssydney/victoriard/pedestrian_cyclists.html – Ed]. Submissions should be received by 24 October.

4) Some ACC happenings

- Council is seeking registrations of interest for a **Victoria Square/Tarndanyangga Urban Regeneration Project**. See www.tenders.sa.gov.au, Rol number R2008/0354.
- The **Rundle Lantern** at the corner of Pulteney Street and Rundle Street is set to light up at 7:30pm on 24 October. Road closures will be in place, affecting the [*poorly marked – Ed*] bicycle lanes in Rundle Street and Grenfell Street, as well as Pulteney Street. *The City Messenger reports that:*
- ACC has given in-principle support to the plan to return the 5.5ha **SA Water depot site** to Park Lands, transforming the site into an urban forest. [*With the continuation of/ connection to the Park Lands trail – Ed.*]
- Council has approved a draft land management plan for the Elder Park and Adelaide Oval precinct which allows for the construction of a **footbridge** over the River Torrens, between Memorial Drive and the Festival Centre.
- Council will be trialling a **closure of Hindley Street** on Saturday nights, from 10pm to 6am Sunday, between Morphett Street and Rosina Street. The trial later this year is planned to enable pedestrians to spread out, as a means of reducing alcohol-fuelled violence. However, the Late Night Traders' Association would prefer to see a one-way closure and opening up to pedestrians along the entire stretch of Hindley Street. [*Perhaps they could retain a partial closure as part of a Sunday Cyclovia? – Ed*]

5) Cycling seminar – expressions of interest

In the tradition of the Thinking on Two Wheels conferences and last year's Bicycle Research Interest Group seminar, a one-day cycle seminar is being proposed for Adelaide in conjunction with the Tour Down Under in late January next year. Expressions of interest are now sought to present a paper at the event, with the opportunity to distribute 5 to 10 page papers on the topic at the seminar. The seminar will be held on the Monday rest day of the TDU, at a venue to be confirmed. Expressions of interest should be submitted to Dr Stuart Clement at stu.clement@internode.on.net; parties interested in sponsoring the seminar are also encouraged to contact Stu.

6) Some interstate ped/bike news

- **Qld:** The State Govt approved 88 new projects across southeast Queensland in Sept, to add an extra 90km to the cycle network at a cost of \$18 million as part of a commitment of \$556 million over 20 years for the development of cycle routes. The projects include \$7.2 million for the Gold Coast this year as part of a \$139 million state gov/ Council funded plan to develop cycle routes on the Coast over the next 20 years. See http://www.goldcoast.com.au/article/2008/09/23/16625_gold-coast-news.html.
- **Vic:** Premier John Brumby has moved to cut off a bid by the scooter lobby to merge into bike lanes, warning the plan may be too dangerous for cyclists. The Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce proposed the plan, being considered by Roads Minister Tim Pallas, to provide better road safety to the growing population of scooter and motorbike riders. See <http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,24428117-661,00.html>
- **Qld:** The state gov't has established a Healthier Communities Awards Program providing cash prizes for the healthiest town (\$1 million), healthiest school (\$500,000) and healthiest workplace (\$100,000). See <http://www.thepremier.qld.gov.au>.
- **NSW:** In response to submissions received during gazettal of the new Sydney Water Catchment Regulation 2008, the state gov't will consider opening up parts of Sydney's restricted catchment area to recreational mountain bikers. A review of access options will involve consultation with the Dept of Environment & Climate Change, the Dept of Health, special interest groups and bodies, and the general public.
- **Tas:** Southern cyclists have put a positive spin on an established concept, changing "Critical Mass" to "Courteous Mass". Unprecedented in Aus was the attendance: amongst the cyclists were Premier David Bartlett, Leader of the Opposition Will Hodgman, The Greens leader Nick McKim, Hobart Mayor Rob Valentine, Kingborough Mayor Graham Bury and Hobart Aldermen Bill Harvey and Helen Burnet. See <http://tasmaniantimes.com/index.php?weblog/article/so-what-is-critical-mass/> or see it in action at <http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=cRmV1OnNLU4>.
- **Tas:** The Royal Automobile Club of Tas (RACT) is introducing a new breakdown service for cyclists. Bike Assist will be offered as a complimentary benefit to all existing and new RACT Roadside Ultimate members, both in recognition of the growing popularity of cycling and to support and encourage further cycling. If the RACT cannot fix the problem at the roadside in the event that a bicycle cannot be ridden due to a crash, minor mechanical problem, or puncture, they will send a taxi to transport the rider and bicycle to their chosen destination. See http://www.ract.com.au/news_and_issues/news_archives/news/16135.

7) Adventure touring cyclists sought - for film project "Going South"

A documentary maker is looking for two teams of 2 cyclists: one to ride from Alaska to Central America, and the other from Central America to the south of Argentina, between May and December 2009. Teams will be provided with \$500 US a month towards expenses, a film camera and tapes to produce footage for a 13 episode documentary series for international television. (If you're solo but willing to cycle with others you can also apply.) Send a CV including outdoor and travel experience (max. 2 pages) and which section you're interested in cycling to goingsouth@deepee.com, plus a 1 minute film explaining why you think you should be chosen, by **30 October 2008**. See www.deepee.com.

8) Some event reminders/ info

Listed by date of earliest required action, rather than event date.

• **Track World Cup –20-22 November**

In Melbourne, at the Hisense Arena (formerly Vodafone Arena). Book tickets online to UCI Track World Cup before **Friday 17 October** and go in the draw to win a skin suit signed by the Australian track team. See <http://www.trackworldcup.com.au/>

• **The Advertiser Colliers International Trailblazer Challenge – 18 and 19 October**

Experience a walk (or run) through the Adelaide Hills and Mt Lofty Ranges over distances of 18, 34, 50 or 100km in teams of two, three and four. For more information about the fundraiser for the wilderness adventure program for youth at risk run by the Operation Flinders Foundation, and to the Two Degrees of Separation project offered by the YWCA, see <http://www.trailblazer.org.au/>. This includes registration, starting locations and starting times.

• **Around the Bay in a Day – 19 October**

Australia's biggest annual celebration of cycling is happening in Melbourne again. See <http://www.bv.com.au/great-rides/20005/>

• **Great Strides Cystic Fibrosis Walkathon – 19 October**

Great Strides is an international fundraising event that takes place in hundreds of locations world-wide to aid Cystic Fibrosis Associations. Visit <http://www.greatstrides.com.au/> to find your local walk – in SA, at Henley Beach or Stirling Oval, registration from 9am with the walk starting at 10am.

• **Buddy Walk – 19 October**

Adelaide's biggest Down Syndrome fundraiser is going national this weekend. In SA, a range of activities will be held at Elder Park, with the 3km walk starting at the rotunda at 9:30am. See www.buddywalk.ord.au.

• **Walking And Cycling Transport Training Seminar – 20 October**

In conjunction with the 9th World Congress of Metropolis in Sydney (22 to 25 October) will be a full-day training seminar for walking and cycling, and a public bikes seminar, hosted by the City of Sydney and held in conjunction with the City of Berlin. Contact Fiona Campbell at the City of Sydney, on 9246 7587 or fcampbell@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

• **Amy's Ride SA - 2 November**

This is an opportunity to ride the Southern Expressway, with four distance options to choose from ranging from 30km to 100km, while supporting and fundraising for the Amy Gillett Foundation. Register via the Bicycle SA website (www.bicyclesa.asn.au) before **24 October** for the early bird rate (\$20 late fee otherwise). Interactive maps of the route are also online.

• **Healthy Spaces and Place project workshops** are being held around Australia, by the Planning Institute of Australia. Remaining workshops will be held in Victoria on **21 Oct** and WA on **24 Oct**. For more information about the project, visit www.planning.org.au or contact the Project Officer, Anne Moroney at healthyplaces@planning.org.au.

• **Parks Alive! Saturday 25th and/or Sunday 26th October**

A South Australian state-wide program of community events and activities in

neighbourhood parks and reserves. Register an event on the website:

www.parksalive.sa.gov.au

- **Free Sydney Healthy Planning Workshop – 10 November**

The NSW Premier's Council for Active Living is hosting an all-day, free planning workshop in Sydney, demonstrating how active living principles can be incorporated into planning and design. See

http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/31177/Healthy_Planning_-_Sydney_Agenda.pdf for an agenda. Places are limited; RSVP to

emma.costain@heartfoundation.org.au before **31 October**.

- **International Bicycle Film Festival – 2008**

The festival continues with screenings in Zurich on 16 to 19 October and Paris on October 30 to 1 November. Closer to home, Australian screenings will be held in Sydney on 13-15 November and Melbourne on 19-23 November. See <http://bicyclefilmfestival.com/>

9) Recent-ish publications

- The Adelaide City Council has published a **Guide to Mixed Use Development** to demonstrate how mixed use can successfully be achieved in the City. See

http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/scripts/nc.dll?ADCC:STANDARD::pc=PC_04_01#Guide

- A series of new concept images of the **tram overpass** at South Road have been released, including the cycle overpass. See

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/09/30/2377898.htm> [this doesn't really show the images; <http://www.news.com.au/adelaidenow/story/0,22606,24421116-2682,00.html> has had these but was not accessible at time of writing – Ed.] Construction is due to commence by the end of the year.

- The discussion paper **Australia: The Healthiest Country by 2020**, recently released by the National Preventative Health Taskforce to stimulate debate on developing a National Preventative Health Strategy, can be found at <http://www.preventativehealth.org.au/>.

- The National President's summary of the recent **AITPM annual conference** in Perth is available from <http://www.aitpm.org.au/d6/aitpm%202008%20wrapup%20jon%20b.pdf>

- The results of the **2007 Australian National Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey** have recently been released. Joint funded by the Dept of Health & Ageing, the Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, and the Aus Food & Grocery Council, and undertaken by the CSIRO and the Uni of SA, various levels of results are available from <http://www.health.gov.au/nutritionmonitoring>.

- The Premier's Council for Active Living, which is overseeing development of a **new NSW BikePlan**, has established a webpage: www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/new_nsw_bikeplan_-_whats_happening_and_how_to_get_involved.

- Environment Victoria has an **interactive website** targeted at teenagers to encourage sustainable transport options. See www.urbanripper.org.au.

- **Virtuous cycle**: local and international research confirms that as cycling participation increases, a cyclist is far less likely to have a collision with a motor vehicle or suffer injury and death. This also holds true for pedestrians. See <http://www.science.unsw.edu.au/news/a-virtuous-cycle-safety-in-numbers-for-riders-says-research/>.

- Meanwhile, Sydney Uni research has found that commuters inside slow-moving cars are exposed to far higher levels of **air pollution** in peak traffic times than those using any other form of transport. See <http://www.science.unsw.edu.au/news/air-pollution-worst-inside->

[cars-research/](#).

- The Cycling Promotion Fund presented a paper at the Australian Transport Research Forum in Queensland on the potential of cycling to help address some of the nation's most pressing challenges. **Barriers, facilitators and interventions to get more Australians physically active through cycling** is available from

<http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/content/view/353/9/>

10) PedBike Tidbits

- Following the death of a pedestrian struck by a tyre from a passing truck, the State Government will contribute \$100,000 towards construction of a **pedestrian footbridge** along a section of Gorge Road at Athelstone, in Campbelltown. The proposal means that pedestrians will not have to walk along Gorge Road to enter the Linear Park.
- Tenders have been called for a Planning Study for the **South Road Upgrade**, from Grand Junction Road to Port River Expressway.
- Applications are now open under the **Capital Assistance Program** for grants of up to \$30,000 from NSW Sport and Rec, closing 14 November. The grants are for NSW Local Councils and not for profit organisations to develop community orientated local sporting and recreational facilities. See <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/>
- Planning SA's **Tramway Park** has recently received a Parks and Leisure Australia's Award of Excellence in the planning category, and will now go on to compete for the national award.
- The **ECOTV film competition** has been launched, seeking ideas for a 15 second mini-message film about how innovation has made it possible to curb the impact of climate change. Entries close 24 October. See www.ecotvc.com.
- Industrial Designer Matt Clark is taking eco-friendly transportation a step further with his **recyclable Innervision bconcept**. The concept aims to reduce costs and streamline the manufacturing process by using pre-moulded plastic components rather than tubes for the bicycle frame, producing a lightweight and affordable product for the cycling masses that could be made from, or turned into, plastic drink bottles. See <http://www.gizmag.com/the-innervision-recyclable-bicycle-concept/10116/>



- David Byrne and the New York City Dept of Transportation, with New York art gallery PaceWildenstein, have unveiled 9 items of **bike rack art** in Manhattan and Brooklyn. The designs reflect their location (e.g. a dollar sign for Wall Street and a high heel in a shopping district). View the racks and a 'rackumentary' at http://www.davidbyrne.com/art/bike_racks/index.php. [*Bike parking signage might increase their use – Ed.*]



- The recent bailout bill signed by US President George Bush expands qualified transportation fringe benefits to allow up to **\$20 per month for bicycle commuters** who use their bicycles for a 'substantial portion of travel to and from work'. The program encourages employers to provide employees with 'credit' towards bicycle commuting related costs rather than 'free' car parking space. See <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege>.
- San Francisco Ponders: **Could Bike Lanes Cause Pollution?** See http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121919354756955249.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

11) Conference Summary

16 October 2008

SA's Infrastructure Conference "*Delivering our transport structure now*"

Adelaide Showgrounds, Unley

See <http://www.saconference.com.au/programme.html>

22-25 October 2008

9th World Congress of Metropolis: "*Connecting Cities*"

Sydney, NSW

See <http://www.metropoliscongress2008.com/>

9-12 November 2008

Parks and Leisure Australia 10th Anniversary National Conference

Melbourne, Vic

See www.placonference.com.au

10-12 November 2008

Australasian Road Safety Research, Policing and Education Conference

Adelaide, SA

See www.roadsafetyconference2008.com.au

30th March - 2nd April 2009

Planning Institute of Australia National Congress

Darwin NT

See www.planning.org.au

PedBikeTrans e-news sources include:

- *PushOn! Magazine (Bicycle NSW)*
- *Cycling Promotion Fund website*
- *SA Minister's press releases.*
- *Premier's Council on Active Living (PCAL)*
- *BISA e-news*
- *Cycling Resource Centre*

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