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Ins and outs

- **Jim Hallion** has become the new CE of the Dept of Premier and Cabinet, with **Rod Hook** taking over his previous position as CE of DTEI.
 - The new Director of the Capital City Committee Directorate (previously the Capital City Project Team) is **Vicki Evans**, ph 8463 6381. The previous Acting Director, **John Mercer**, will be on leave from August for basically the rest of this year.
 - **Giles Thompson** is leaving the Integrated Design Strategy, heading o/s.
 - **InfraPlan** is moving from the City's east end to... the City's east end. From Monday, 20 June, they can be found around the corner from their old premises, with a new address of Level 1, 22-26 Vardon Ave (above the East End Cellars, behind the Universal Wine Bar). Other contact details are unchanged.
 - **GTA** has left the CBD and can now be found in Norwood at Level 1, 136 The Parade, ph 8334 3600.
 - **Deborah Taylor** is leaving the Dept of Planning & Local Govt to seek out new horizons. These will initially be outside Aus, but expect to see Deborah back in town from the start of next year.
 - New appointees to the Premier's Climate Change Council (an independent high-level body advising the Premier) include **Nicole Halsey**, Director URPS; **Tim O'Loughlin**, Commissioner for Renewable Energy; and **Verity Sanders**, Strategic Planner at the City of Port Adelaide-Enfield.
- [Please email me with comings and goings to see them in the next edition - Ed.]*

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1) Tender: George Street - Redfern to Waterloo Cycleway, City of Sydney (closes 5 July)

The City of Sydney is inviting Tenders for Design and Construction Consultancy Services on the George Street - Redfern to Waterloo Cycleway.

This Cycleway provides a significant link in the City of Sydney's Regional Bike Network from Prince Alfred Park in Redfern, through Alexandria and Waterloo to connect to the Bourke Street cycleway in Green Square. Council is seeking proposals to provide innovative and professional design services to assist with the delivery of this significant project.

For enquiries and tender documents, contact Mr Paul Brown, Tendering Officer, on (02) 9265 9364 or

[pbrown\[at\]cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pbrown@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

Hard copy tenders must be received by 11:00am on Tuesday 5th July 2011.

See www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Business/documents/Tenders/TenderN1140.pdf for the tender ad.

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2) Federal budget news

- The federal budget includes \$40M in funding of local and state authorities for the construction of bike paths, with some 170 projects approved for funding under the *National Bike Paths Project*.
- Changes in the *fringe benefits tax* rules for cars will remove the unintended incentive to drive vehicle further to get larger tax concession. A single flat rate of 20% will replace the system of linking the tax on company car use to distance driven.
- The Sustainable Communities Package includes an initial \$181.4m over 4 years for a new urban policy *Our Cities, Our Future - a National Urban Policy Framework*. While not focused on active living, \$20 million was committed to creating more Liveable Cities, funding state and territory govts and local councils to develop innovative solutions to solve poor urban design, high levels of car dependency, traffic congestion, a lack of open space and rising carbon emissions. Cars get most of the money, with a National Smart Motorways Trial receiving \$61m for co-funded projects with states and territories.

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3) Helmet use and mandatory helmet laws

[At the risk of fuelling the fire... - Ed].

- The *European Science Foundation* will fund a multidisciplinary group to research the efficacy and wearability of cycle helmets. The project is run under the aegis of the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST). The new study group will be made up of scientists from 20 countries and will focus on the engineering of bicycle helmets as well as the effectiveness - or otherwise - of mandatory helmet law. The remit for the bicycle helmet COST is broad, taking in many different angles, including helmet design, impact engineering, thermal comfort and physiological effects of heat, with working groups on traffic psychology and accident statistics. Recommendations from the study group will feed into EU standards and could help influence legislators. www.bikebiz.com/news/read/scientists-form-group-to-pool-research-on-bicycle-helmets/011375
- A recent paper has *re-analysed data* from previous studies using new techniques, and found that while there is some benefit to helmets, this is not as much as is generally assumed. Increased safety for brains is largely offset by increased injury to necks (plus other factors). www.cycle-helmets.com/Elvik2011_helmet_reanalysis.pdf.
- A campaign for *car occupants to wear helmets*: www.drivingwithoutdying.com From the website: "Studies in Australia have shown that even a simple bicycle style helmet would cut brain injuries by 50% and save at least 1 in 5 crash victims". Not surprisingly, Australia developed a motorists' helmet in the 1980s (see at www.copenhageneze.com/2009/05/motoring-helmets-for-real-high-risk.html) and the University of Adelaide developed a light-weight protective headband for car occupants (www.copenhageneze.com/2009/08/head-protection-for-motorists.html)
- The "*A walking helmet is a good helmet*" campaign for pedestrian helmets, care of Copenhageneze: www.copenhageneze.com/2009/08/walking-helmet-is-good-helmet.html
- Company Loud has been appointed by the RTA to create an *awareness campaign* for bicycle helmet safety in NSW. www.pushon.com.au/?p=685
- You may remember a report in a previous e-news about a collar that deploys an *inflated helmet* in the event of a collision. Video testing of this can be seen at <http://youtu.be/d7Oud3iGXWY>. Q: could this comply with Aus' mandatory helmet law, or the law with this?
- The "angel" bike helmet has halo lighting. www.coolest-gadgets.com/20110501/angel-bicycle-helmet/

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4) OPAL expands

Six Councils have joined SA's Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle Program, taking the total to 16. The new Councils are:

- City of West Torrens
- City of Murray Bridge
- City of Playford (second OPAL community for this council)
- Mid Murray Council

• A joint community from the District Councils of Mount Remarkable, Peterborough and the Northern Areas Council.

The OPAL program is a joint initiative between the State, Federal and local Governments to encourage children and families to live healthy, active lives, and complements the new Federal Healthy Communities Initiative focusing on at-risk adults in locations with high rates of overweight and obesity. [\(top\)](#)

5) Road safety corner

• The Motor Accident Commission, DTEI and UniSA will be trialling a new communications technology in Adelaide. *Dedicated Short Range Communications* allows vehicles to communicate with each other using a small wireless communications box inside the vehicles and external communications boxes along the roadside. The technology provides in-vehicle warnings of lane drift, potential intersection crashes and rear end collisions.

[Given the high number of right-turn/right-angle crashes involving cyclists and severity of rear-end crashes, both where cyclists are not at fault and have few means to avoid a crash, a roll-out of this technology to include bikes could have significant potential to reduce cyclist crashes - Ed.]

www.mac.sa.gov.au/article.php?id=2217

• Gelderland (Holland) provincial authorities have taken measures to protect cyclists from motorists *running a red light*. When a motorist approaches a traffic light at high speed, the green light for crossing cyclists is postponed.

www.fietsberaad.nl/index.cfm?section=repository&repository=Cyclists+protected+from+road+hogs

• Sensor Field Test first step to a *car windscreen airbag* that may save pedestrians' and cyclists' lives. Cars of a telecoms company in Utrecht and Den Haag inner cities will test the sensor system, to ensure that the airbag only deploys in case of an actual collision.

www.fietsberaad.nl/index.cfm?section=repository&repository=First+practical+tests+Utrecht+and+Den+Haag+on+road+to+cyclist+airbag.

• *Reflective pavement materials* allow lower light levels to give greater luminance to paths

www.fietsberaad.nl/index.cfm?section=repository&repository=Less+energy+use+through+reflective+pavement

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6) Interstate...

• NSW: Uni of NSW is seeking volunteers for a 12-month *cycle safety study* to learn about when, where and why people cycle, and the risks and hazards experienced while cycling. Weekly questionnaires will be used, with the results helping to inform policy and planning. Participants must be aged 18+ and cycle at least once a month. <http://safercycling.unsw.edu.au>

• Brisbane: Cyclists and pedestrians are to have *separate paths* between Toowong and the CBD with plans for an \$8 million upgrade. An additional 50 City Bike nodes will also be constructed.

<http://media.essentialbaby.com.au/news/national-news/cyclists-separated-from-pedestrians-2399395.html>.

Meanwhile, Brisbane's commute is the *most stressful* in the country.

www.couriermail.com.au/ipad/commute-fails-stress-test/story-fn6ck51p-1226007232105

• Sydney: While Kogarah and Rockdale Councils have been planning a new cycle network featuring *separated bikeways* (www.pushon.com.au/?p=652), Clover Moore is facing some of the headwinds of motorist vs cyclist animosity (www.dailytelegraph.com.au/fatal-mix-of-bikes-and-cars-on-roads/story-fn6b3v4f-1226075947631, www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/sydney-nsw/oh-for-a-car-space-in-the-city-on-your-bike-clover/story-e6freuzi-1226057937346), not helped by the UK's CTC coming out against separated bike lanes. www.streetcorner.com.au/news/showPost.cfm?bid=21468&mycomm=SC.

But with cyclist numbers increasing, Roads Minister Duncan Gay has denied reports that he wants to rip up the cycleways network, instead saying he wants it improved. www.smh.com.au/nsw/bike-lanes-granted-reprieve-20110611-1fy1c.html

• Melbourne: Now one year old, Melbourne's *bike share system* has failed to meet expectations.

www.theage.com.au/victoria/bike-share-scheme-disappointing-20110531-1fdto.html. Meanwhile, cars are set to disappear in the latest *Swanston Street upgrade*, with a dedicated bike lane and wider footpaths instead: www.theage.com.au/victoria/cars-out-in-latest-swanston-street-revamp-20110427-1dwz1.html

- Tas: The Menzies Research Institute is seeking volunteers for research into the cycling habits of regular cyclists and the risks and costs of cycling accidents. The study involves a short questionnaire over the 'phone. To volunteer, email [cycling@\[menzies.utas.edu.au](mailto:cycling@[menzies.utas.edu.au) or call Peta Hitchens (03 6226 7753).

- Qld: The Sunshine Coast's *Sustainable Transport Strategy* was given as a best practice example at the 9th Annual ASPO Conference recently in Brussels.

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7) Run-ins with the law (mainly o/s)

- NYC 1: A cyclist who received a fine for straying out of the bike lane recorded this video of his attempt to ride around town *without leaving the bike lane*. <http://boingboing.net/2011/06/09/nyc-cyclist-vs-bike.html>

- NYC 2: Meanwhile, Jasmijn Rijcken, the general manager of the VANMOOF bicycle company has been warned for being a traffic hazard while visiting NYC... because she was *wearing a skirt*.

<http://gawker.com/5811174/skirted-cycling-the-latest-in-nyc-biking-crime>

- NYC 3: Cyclists, pedestrians and motorists *behaving badly*. www.businessinsider.com/video-how-dangerous-is-it-to-cross-the-street-in-new-york-city-2011-6

- Chile 1: 7 cyclists have been arrested for '*moral offences*', after participating in the World Naked Bike Ride. <http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/world/9625903>

- Chile 2: New legislation modifying bicycle usage is provoking debate amongst cycling organizations and members of Congress. The new law proposes that cyclists only travel on *bicycle paths*, limiting cyclists' travel. The law also proposes penalties for citizens who walk on bike lanes.

- Aus 1: A Melbourne cyclist explains that not being able to trigger green lights is a key reason for *running red ones*, after a report noting high levels of *red light running*.

www.theage.com.au/victoria/red-lights-a-bloody-hindrance-cyclist-says-20110419-1dmnt.html

- Aus 2: Bicycle Industries Aus is conducting research into *bicycle purchasing habits*.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/bicycle_purchasing_habits

- Aus 3: The town of Vincent, WA, is considering *speed limits* for cyclists in its parks.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/wa/9256820/council-looks-at-cycling-speed-limits/>

- Germany: Insurance companies are pushing for laws and regulations on *e-bikes*, now that electric bikes are becoming mainstream, using a smear campaign to justify the changes. www.bike-eu.com/news/4963/insurance-companies-start-smear-campaign-against-e-bikes-in-germany.htm

- Other: Apparently breaking other fundamental laws...cycling on water, followed by walking on water

<http://urbanvelo.org/cycling-on-water/> [*Probably bonsai cat owners - Ed*]

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8) Bowden Urban Village approval

Cabinet has granted final approval for the Bowden Urban Village redevelopment of the old Clipsal and Origin sites at Bowden. Over \$264 million will be invested in the 16-ha development on the City fringe, which is planned as Adelaide's first planned TOD. Features:

- a pedestrian [*and cyclist? - Ed*] bridge over Park Terrace, linking the site to the Park Lands
- 12.5% of the site retained as open space
- mainly 3 but up to 5 storey development, delivering 2,200 dwellings for some 3,500 people
- walking and cycling friendly streets
- a new train station.

www.premier.sa.gov.au/images/stories/mediareleasesAPR11/bowden_urban_village.pdf

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9) SA grant news

- A *review* is currently underway of the Office for Rec and Sport's *grant program*. An online survey closed on 17 June but any issues can also be discussed with a local *be active* Field Officer. Background

data is available from www.recSPORT.sa.gov.au/about-us/grants-review-2011.html.

- Applications are now open for DTEI's *TravelSMART Grants* of up to \$5,000, closing 1 July. www.dtei.sa.gov.au/communityprograms/programs/travelSMART_grants
- The Mental Health Coalition SA's Rural Grants '*Open Your Mind*' funding of up to \$2,000 for mental health week events closes on 1 July. See www.mhcsa.org.au (under Mental Health Week).
- The *Move It! Making Communities Active Program* is now open for grant applications, closing 18 July. Grants of up to \$50,000 per year will be considered, for up to 3 years.
- The *Local Government Research & Development Scheme* is open for grants of up to \$25,000. Applications close 29 July 2011.
- The next round of *Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program* funding is set to open in August.
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10) TDU News

Race routes for the 2012 Tour Down have been unveiled:

- Sunday, 15 January - Down Under Classic - Rymill Park, Adelaide (51km)
 - Monday, 16 January - Rest Day
 - Tuesday, 17 January - Stage 1 - Prospect to Clare (149km)
 - Wednesday, 18 January - Lobethal to Stirling (148km)
 - Thursday, 19 January - Unley to Victor Harbor (134.5km)
 - Friday, 20 January - Norwood to Tanunda (130km)
 - Saturday, 21 January - McLaren Vale to Old Willunga Hill (151.5km)
 - Sunday, 22 January - Stage 6 Adelaide City Council Street Circuit - Elder Park, Adelaide (51km)
- 2012 marks 10 years of the recreational ride at the TDU, with the opportunity to tackle two King of the Mountain climbs for the first time. Registrations have opened; early bird closes 1 August; team registrations close 31 October (individual registrations close 6 January). www.tourdownunder.com.au
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11) Recent-ish publications

[*PedBikeTrans SA e-news is now available on-line, at www.hubtt.com.au/enews. Editions from 2008 onwards have been uploaded - Ed.*]

- *Infrastructure, programs, and policies to increase bicycling: An international review*, by Pucher, Dill and Handy (2010), identifies the success of integrated approaches to increasing cycling. (NB Notes that contra-flow lanes or access are safe).
http://policy.rutgers.edu/faculty/pucher/Pucher_Dill_Handy10.pdf NB Other papers are available on the Rutgers University website: <http://policy.rutgers.edu/faculty/pucher>; see his presentation "Cycling for Everyone" at www.sfu.ca/city/city_pgm_video020.htm [*this lasts for over an hour - Ed*].
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) has released the *Health Economic Assessment Tool* to estimate the economic health benefits from walking or cycling, as a planning or assessment aid. Access HEAT at www.heatwalkingcycling.org/index.php?PHPSESSID=aal0r1u4j2i4hjseh7323fthi5
- The NZ Transport Agency's *Benefits of New and Improved Pedestrian Facilities - Before and After Studies* (Turner et al, May 2011) looks at 8 NZ sites where new or improved pedestrian facilities increased pedestrian usage and perception of the sites. Factors such as safety, delay, and directness are analysed, and a pedestrian-usage model identified for planners and funding agents to use when planning facilities and for project evaluation.
www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/research/reports/436/docs/436.pdf
- The Florida Dept of Transportation examines whether multimodal trip planners can be developed using open-source software and open data sources in *Enabling Cost-Effective Multimodal Trip Planners through Open Transit Data*: www.dot.state.fl.us/research-center/Completed_Proj/Summary_PTO/FDOT_BDK85_977-20_rpt.pdf.
- Monash University's *Social Research in Transport* (SORT) clearinghouse www.sortclearinghouse.info aims to increase awareness of social issues in transport by making it easier to access research. Subscribe to newsletters about research, published 6 times a year, or view at www.sortclearinghouse.info/newsletter.
- Research from the Peninsula College of Medicine and Dentistry confirms it's *better out than in...*

exercise, that is. www.pushon.com.au/?p=684

- Two keynote presentations from the 2010 VeloCity Conference have been uploaded. Gil Penalosa - "How to Stop Talking & Start DOING?" www.sustainability.org.il/home/bike-news/how-to-stop-talking-start-doing-Gil-Penalosa2010. Jan Gehl - "Cycling and Global Responsibility" www.sustainability.org.il/home/bike-news/Jan-Gehl-velocity-2010. [NB Something like this may also be available from the conf website - Ed]
- Research reveals that being overweight, not just obese, causes *brains to shrink* or age prematurely www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-1390152/Junk-food-wont-just-make-fat-shrink-brain.html
- Streetfilms has posted a series of films detailing *smart and proven strategies* to reduce traffic and improve street safety for all users. www.streetfilms.org/moving-beyond-the-automobile
- Latest additions to the Dutch *Fiets Beraad knowledge centre* (in English): *video* "Cycling in the Netherlands - Learning from examples"; *reports* "Pedal power: the cycle hire scheme and cycle superhighways" and "Cycling Policy Guide: Promotion of Cycling"; *presentations*: "The communication and marketing campaign to promote cycling in the City of Munich" and "Cycling policy Odense - Denmark". www.fietsberaad.nl/index.cfm?lang=en§ion=Kennisbank
- The economics of cycling are presented on-line in *Bikenomics*, by Elly Blue. www.grist.org/article/series/bikenomics
- How did Washington, D.C., move from the bottom of the rankings to being a *top 10 bicycle-friendly city* in just 10 years? <http://sustainablecitiescollective.com/dirt/25085/how-design-bicycle-city>
- A new report from the UK Cycle to Work Alliance has highlighted the role that the Cycle to Work tax scheme is playing in encouraging people to take up cycling. It also outlines the benefits provided for their employers and the environment. <http://road.cc/content/news/30818-report-highlights-health-and-environmental-benefits-cycle-work-scheme>
- Past PedBikeTrans (Qld) *seminars* are now available to download from their fileshare site: <http://pedbiketans.4shared.com>
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12) Trick bits and cycling chic

[Limited to my top 10...ish - Ed]

- Ecouterre is giving away a men's or women's chic cycle clothing set from Nau, valued at US\$530. You have to sign up to the newsletter to enter and nominate your must-have cycling accessory. Entry closes 28 June. www.ecouterre.com/giveaway-win-chic-cycling-gear-from-nau-worth-530/
- Need to carry a *bottle of wine* on your bike? www.swiss-miss.com/2011/04/bicycle-wine-rack.html
- Access Adelaide's Cycle Instead Journey Planner via the *new mobile phone app*, which has been designed for different mobile phones. (Visit <http://m.maps.sa.gov.au/CycleInstead>. This will detect your mobile phone and redirect it to the app).
- Great *cuff links*. <http://laughingsquid.com/bicycle-cufflinks/>
- The UCI has banned the Australian-made *Bont Crono time trial shoe*, described as the "world's first time trial specific shoe". www.bikebiz.com/news/read/uci-bans-oz-shoe/011142
- Described as 'pimped out pipe cleaners', *Bike Floss* enables you to clean and polish the hard-to-reach areas on your bike. www.purpleharry.co.uk/products_display?prod=1
- Find helmet straps fiddly to use? O'neal has patented a *magnetic auto-locking system* for its full-face helmets that can be operated with one hand, even fully gloved. www.bikebiz.com/news/read/video-o-neal-introduces-magnetic-helmet-connection/010607
- A new, French, retro cycle wear brand has launched: *Cafe du Cycliste*. www.cafeducycliste.com/en
- *Just beautiful*. Saddle, bags, light, cool tool, shorts, helmet and links to more www.coolhunting.com/design/spring-bicycle-accessories.php
- An architecturally-designed *bike store* in Greece www.dezeen.com/2011/05/28/cyclist-shop-by-react-architects and bikes displayed like art in Barcelona http://inhabitat.com/pave-gorgeous-bicycle-store-in-barcelona-displays-bikes-as-art/rsz_pave-bike-shop-7
- DZR shoes are *casual shoes* that fit bike cleats, for everyday living. www.dzrshoes.com/product/tosca/
- These *cycling tweeds* combine worsted wool with retro-reflective fibres for the dapper cyclist or pedestrian www.dashingtweeds.co.uk.

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13) GDP and cycling

[Summarised and paraphrased from www.ecf.com/4474_1 - Ed.]

The European Parliament has adopted a resolution on "GDP and beyond - Measuring progress in a changing world", to include quality of life indicators in assessment of GDP.

Currently, GDP ignores economic negative externalities such as damage to the environment; while work that results from repairing harm (such as cyclist crashes) is treated as growing the economy, instead of being recognised as a cost.

Given the importance of GDP as an indicator to policy makers, this resolution is an important recognition of the limitations in the current way in which GDP is assessed. In particular, indicators that better measure quality of life in societies will better recognise cycling's cross-sector benefits; currently, the low cost of cycling often marginalises it in a policy context.

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14) Events and activities

- ACC is extending the *Park Lands trail* along the River Torrens and Bonython Park. Expect disruptions until mid-July, and a new bridge over the Torrens after that.

- Due to the recent extreme weather conditions and destruction of infrastructure across Qld and Vic, the *2011 Tracks and Trails Conference* been postponed to Wed 31 August to Fri 2 September 2011.

See www.tracksandtrails.org.au.

- *Asia-Pacific Cycle Congress*, 18-21 September, Brisbane. Early bird registration has been extended to 19 July. www.cyclecongress.com

- *Cycle expo*, 16-17 September, Brisbane Qld - preceding the Asia-Pacific Cycle Congress.

www.cyclecongress.com/index.php/events/cycle-expo

- *Amy's Gran Fondo*, Sunday 18 September. Australia's first fully closed road, mass participation road cycling event will use a fully closed 120km circuit taking in the iconic Great Ocean Road, the surf coast and Colac Otway regions. The event is a fundraiser for the Amy Gillett Foundation.

www.granfondo.org.au

- National *Walk to Work Day*, Friday 7 October www.walk.com.au/WTW

- National *Ride to Work Day*, Wednesday 12 October (registrations now open).

www.ride2work.com.au.

- Bicycle SA will be holding a 3 day *Advanced Bike Maintenance Course* on Sun 16, 23 and 30 October.

www.bikesa.asn.au/RiderInfo_Programs_BikeMaintenance_Advanced_Bike_Maintenance

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15) PedBike tidbits

- Bicycle SA President *Maureen Merrick* has been recognised for her outstanding and meritorious service to the recreational cycling sector in SA in this year's Queens Birthday Honours List.

- The Integrated Design Commission has been awarded the *Sir James Irwin President's Medal* by AIA President Nick Tridente.

- NZ's Jed Mildon has performed the *world's first triple backflip* on a bike.

www.bikebiz.com/news/read/this-week-in-videos-backflips-sprint-finishes-and-inspirational-speeches/011319

- The wood-fired *mobile bike sauna* can fit 6 people. <http://inhabitat.com/mobile-bicycle-sauna-dedicated-to-prague-cyclists-who-want-to-relax/>

- Drunk, possibly texting motorist drives into a group of 50 cyclists (or pedestrians?) in LA, hitting 11.

www.adventure-journal.com/2011/06/11-cyclists-mowed-down-in-los-angeles/

- Bell Sports has announced a voluntary *recall* of their *Exodus full-face helmets* as the plastic buckle that connects the chin straps can fail, causing the helmet to come off the wearer's head. www.bike-eu.com/news/5024/bell-recalls-helmets.html

- Copenhagen city of cyclists *music video clip* <http://vimeo.com/copenhagenize/copenhagen-city-of-cyclists-video>

- *Human bicycle* seen in an airport. www.break.com/index/human-bicycle-2057974

- What a way to park a bike! *Bike parking concept* makes use of the side of buildings.

www.archdaily.com/125832/bike-hanger-manifesto

- *Toddle Bike*, the pre balance-bike bike, for toddlers aged 18-36 months. www.toddlebike.co.uk
- From 1 June, China will adopt *EU standards* for e-bikes, giving rise to widespread fears that more than 2,000 e-bike factories will close, affecting millions of users. Around 700,000 e-bikes were exported in 2010, with Europe accounting for 70% of China's e-bike market. www.bike-eu.com/news/5027/china-to-adopt-eu-standards-for-e-bikes%3B-for-export-reasons%3F.html
- New York City's retro *New Museum Bicycle Caps* are made using a bicycle. www.ecouterre.com/bike-powered-sewing-machine-churns-out-bicycle-caps-for-nycs-new-museum
- *DIY organic bikes*. Very green. www.thelocal.de/sci-tech/20110420-34541.html
- Stevens Bikes, a leading German bicycle brand, will spec its 2012 *Pedelec* with the NuVinci N360 'infinite gear' hub, Gates chainless carbon drive belt system and a Bosch e-bike motor. The Pedelec will be the flagship model, available from Q4 2011. www.bike-eu.com/news/5023/stevens-first-to-spec-e-bike-with-nuvinci-gates-systems.html.
- Gdansk's 'Bike Fridays' campaign has been awarded *social campaign of the year 2010*. {How can you go wrong with a campaign based on the Bike as Magic, that asks girls in airy dresses to help business men find their joie de vie? - Ed} www.psw.org/palio/html.run?Instance=pswe2&PageID=4&CatID=1281&LngID=21&Checksum=355838292
- Robust but unrideable, *SplinterBike* is made entirely from wood <http://inhabitat.com/splinterbike-bicycle-made-entirely-from-wood-can-hit-30-mph>
- The City of London Police are running an '*exchanging places*' event, inviting cyclists to take a seat in a lorry driver's cab to get a better idea of their view of the road. www.bikebiz.com/news/read/london-police-continue-changing-places-series/011363
- *Bike lock concepts*: 1) Break the lock, break the bike. <http://inhabitat.com/senza-bike-lock-renders-handlebars-useless-to-bike-thieves/> 2) lock that looks like ivy. <http://inhabitat.com/bike-lock-disguised-as-beautiful-crawling-ivy/> 3) use a bank vault. www.neatorama.com/2011/04/30/for-the-ultimate-solution-to-bicycle-security-use-an-old-bank-vault/
- The UK's Carbon Trust has backflipped on *cycling for work* purposes. Founded by the previous Government in 2001 and partly funded from the Climate Change Levy, the Carbon Trust finances loan funds for companies working on carbon-saving projects and devices. HR advice about not cycling at work and not riding 'Boris Bikes' has now been reversed, after being leaked to Copenhagenize.com www.bikebiz.com/news/read/update-carbon-trust-reverses-boris-bike-ban/010009

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16) Conference summary

21-24 July 2011

BikeExpo

Munich, Germany

www.bike-expo.com [Select for English or Chinese at top right].

28-29 July 2011

Healthy Cities Conference

Outrigger Resort and Spa, Little Hastings Street, Noosa, Qld

www.healthycities.com.au

10-11 August 2011

AITPM National Conference "*Linking Communities* - growing liveability and accessibility"

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Vic

www.aitpm.com

Early bird registration closes 9 July.

18-21 September 2011

First Asia-Pacific Cycle Congress

Brisbane, Qld

Early bird registration extended to 19 July; 10% discount to attendees of Cycle Queensland (Goondiwindi to Brisbane) bike ride.

www.cyclecongress.com/

22-23 September 2011

World Cycling Research Forum
Brisbane, Qld

With Asia-Pacific Cycle Congress.

www.wocref.org

Early bird registration closes 18 July.

22-24 September 2011

4th International Urban Design Conference: "*Resilience in urban design*".

Marriott Gold Coast, Qld

www.urbandesignaustralia.com.au

3-5 October 2011

International Walk 21 Conference "*Transforming the automobile city: Walking steps up!*"

Metro Vancouver, Canada

www.walk21.com/vancouver/

12-14 October 2011

Bike Futures Conference

Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, Vic

www.bv.com.au/general/bike-futures/43715

Call for papers closes 1 July.

16-17 January 2012

4th Australian Cycling Conference

Adelaide, SA

www.australiancyclingconference.org.au

Call for papers closes 22 June.

22-24 February 2012

NZ National Walking and Cycling Conference

Hastings, NZ

2012 Velo-City Global

Vancouver, Canada

www.velo-city2012.com

31 October-3 November 2012

be active 2012, comprising

- 4th International Congress on Physical Activity and Public Health
- Australian Conference of Science and Medicine in Sport
- Australian Physical Activity Conference
- Australian Sports Injury Prevention Conference

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, NSW

<http://sma.org.au/conference/future-conferences/be-active-2012/>

2012 and 2014 Enviro Conference and Exhibition

Australia's peak environmental and sustainability event

Adelaide Convention Centre.

2013 National Rural Health Conference
Adelaide Convention Centre.

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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*
- *Bicycle SA e-news*
- *Cycling Resource Centre*
- *AITPM newsletter*
- *AusPARnet*
- *Bike Europe*
- *info forwarded by readers.*

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