



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023**

**Presented at the Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 23 October 2023**

**12 noon**

**Via Team Viewer**

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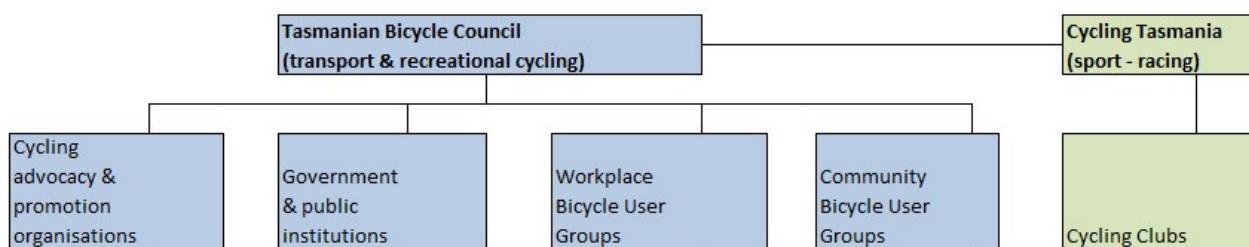
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# TASMANIAN **Bicycle** Council inc.

## ANNUAL REPORT INTRODUCTION

The Tasmanian Bicycle Council Inc was formed in 2007 to be the umbrella body for transport and recreational cycling in Tasmania. For the first time, all the various non-competitive cycling groups from around the state had a forum which enabled the sharing of ideas and knowledge, and the ability to address issues of state-wide significance for cycling. Membership is open to representatives from:

- Bicycle User Groups and social riding groups
- Cycling advocacy organisations
- Local government
- Public institutions and government agencies with an interest in active transport, health and road safety



The organisations represented on the Committee in 2022-2023 were:

<b>Bicycle Network</b> Alison Hetherington / Di Elliffe	<b>Department of State Growth</b> Dustin Moore	<b>DHHS BUG</b> Mark Johnson	<b>Tamar BUG</b> Rafael Molina	<b>AusCycling</b> Craig Notman
<b>Safer Roads for Cycling</b> Keith Price	<b>City of Launceston</b> Nigel Coates	<b>CSIRO BUG</b> Richard Atkinson Rowan Trebilco	<b>Hobart Bike Kitchen</b> Mark Parssey	
<b>CyclingSouth Inc.</b> Mary McParland	<b>Devonport City</b> Randall Stott		<b>Shredding Betties</b> Emma Heynes	
	<b>UTAS</b> Corey Peterson		<b>South Hobart SLG</b> Ben Clarke	
	<b>Waratah-Wynyard</b> Richard Muir Wilson			



## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The strategic objectives of the Tasmanian Bicycle Council Inc. (TBC) include:

- Provide input into state government policy regarding cycling as a form of recreation and transport.
- Provide representation for cycling issues on the Road Safety Advisory Council.
- Work with Cycling Tasmania and competitive cycling groups on issues that are relevant to both parties.
- Coordinate statewide programs and activities including but not limited to:
  - Promotion and coordination of statewide events such as State Bike Week and National Ride to Work Day
  - Development of road safety and awareness campaigns around cycling (in conjunction with Road Safety Advisory Committee and other relevant bodies)
  - Facilitate opportunities for road designers and engineers to advance their professional development, such as organising bicycle facility design workshops or other forums.



## CHAIR'S REPORT

### Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC)

There have been 8 serious injuries of cyclists in the past year and no deaths. Serious injuries are recorded when someone spends more than 24 hours in hospital.

CRASH_DATE_TIME	UNIT_TYPES	LOCATION_DESCRIPTION	AGE	SEX
17/08/2022 17:11	Bicycle/Heavy Vehicle	Intersection of Barrack Street and Liverpool Street, Hobart, Hobart	27	Male
12/11/2022 8:30	Bicycle/Bicycle/Bicycle	Rosevears Drive, Rosevears, West Tamar	59	Female
16/01/2023 5:15	Bicycle/Light Vehicle	Westbury Road, Prospect Vale, Meander Valley	52	Male
18/03/2023 9:25	Bicycle/Light Vehicle	Intersection of Burnett Street and Montagu Street, New Norfolk, Derwent Valley	40	Male
2/05/2023 11:15	Bicycle	Intersection of Ecclestone Road and New Ecclestone Road, Riverside, West Tamar	58	Male
2/06/2023 9:00	Bicycle/Light Vehicle	Intersection of Boland Street and Dowling Street and Henry Street, Launceston, Launceston	70	Female
15/07/2023 14:05	Bicycle/Light Vehicle	Intersection of Atkinsons Road and West Tamar Highway, Legana, West Tamar	26	Male
28/07/2023 20:55	Bicycle/Light Vehicle	Intersection of Bowen Road and Michael Street, Lutana, Glenorchy	43	Male

This compares to previous years' serious injuries:

2021–22 – 7 serious injuries, one death

2020–21 – 13 serious injuries, one death

2019–20 – 7 serious injuries

2018–19 – 5 serious injuries

RSAC sponsored the Western Tiers Cycle Challenge in March this year and offered 10 free tickets to people wanting to take part. I promoted the free tickets through the Bicycle Network social media pages and with posts on cycling group Facebook pages across the state. Five people took up the free tickets.

### Australasian Road Safety Conference

The premier academic conference on road safety for Australia and New Zealand will be held in Hobart in October 2024. I have been asked to join the Scientific Committee with a focus on vulnerable road user safety. This year's conference was held in Cairns and there were several sessions of interest to cycling concerning driver distraction, e-scooter safety and pedestrian safety, as well as one morning session and one afternoon session focusing on cycling safety.

<https://australasianroadsafetyconference.com.au/>

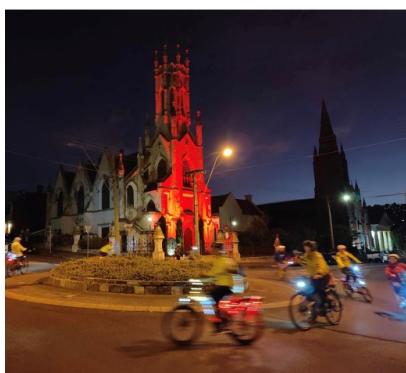
## Black Spots program

I represented the Tasmanian Bicycle Council at a meeting of the Black Spots program Consultative Panel in May 2023. This is a frustrating program to be involved with as the consultative panel don't get to see details for project applications unless we ask for them and we have very little ability to influence design by the time they get to us as the funding allocation has already been decided.

I wrote a letter to the federal Infrastructure Minister Catherine King in July 2023 expressing concern that some Black Spot applications don't use safe system designs that consider all vulnerable road users and that too often we don't get to see designs with enough detail to consider their impact on people riding.

A response was received from Assistant Minister for Transport Carol Brown saying she'd asked the department to consider the issues I'd raised in its revision of the Notes on Administration of the program.

## Bike Week



The Tasmanian Bicycle Council again coordinated the Facebook calendar for Bike Week and listed events on its website and Bicycle Network provided design support.

Bicycle Network, South Hobart Sustainable Community and the Tamar Bicycle Users Group held dedicated Bike Week events and activities in Hobart and Launceston and other groups agreed to their events being included in the Bike Week calendar, even though they hadn't been organised for Bike Week.

At the request of the Tamar Bicycle Users Group we have altered the dates slightly for Bike Week 2024. Instead of two weekends we are opting for the first weekend of March to avoid the long weekend. This means the week will start on Friday 1 March and end on Friday 8 March, this timing will capture Super Tuesday annual bike counting and International Women's Day.

These are the events that were included in the 2023 Bike Week calendar.

#### Sunday 5 March

- **Hobart Bike Kitchen** – 130 Davey Street Hobart, 1–4 pm. Come along to learn how to build and look after your bike. Free.
- Retro Bike Showcase and Ride – **TBUG**, Village Green, Latour Street, Longford, 10 am – 2 pm. BYO classic bike, lunch and chair and dress to impress in period cycling attire. Prize for best restored/maintained bike: \$100 gift voucher
- Hobart screening of the US film **MOTHERLOAD!** all about cargo bikes and how they can change the way we get around, **South Hobart Sustainable Community**, 3 pm, Wide Angle Tasmania, 6 Washington Street, South Hobart, free.
- Launceston screening of the US film **MOTHERLOAD!, TBUG**, 7 pm, Raymond Ferrall Centre at the Newnham Campus, free. Ride from Royal Park to the screening will leave at 6 pm.
- **Pipeline Track from Fern Tree or Hamlet** – Bicycle Network free social ride, 10 am – 2 pm, meet at Fern Tree Tavern car park
- **Back on your Bike** beginner MTB sessions. If you know how to ride a bike but have no idea about mountain biking this is a good taste of riding on beginner trails before you go on to skills session training. Queens Domain. 4.30–6 pm. Free but please RSVP.
- **Back on your Bike** sessions at Okines Bike Shed, 10am – 11.30am, 12pm – 1.30pm. 540 Old Forcett Road, Dodges Ferry. Free but please RSVP.

#### Monday 6 March

- **Okines Bike Shed** – Okines Community House, 11 am – 3 pm, 540 Old Forcett Road, Dodges Ferry. Learn to repair your bike, parts available. Free.
- **TBUG Bike Maintenance and pizza** – Riverbend Park, 81 Lindsay Street, Invermay, 6 pm. Free discussion with The Bike Guy and pizza – RSVP for catering.

#### Tuesday 7 March

- Bike Polo Match for newer players – **Hobart Bike Polo**, Unigym outdoor courts in Sandy Bay, 5.30–7.30, contact [tuuhbpc@gmail.com](mailto:tuuhbpc@gmail.com), \$10 one-off price, \$5 for regular players. Double vaccination required.
- **Super Tuesday** annual commuter count – **Bicycle Network**, Launceston Council, Devonport Council. Register online for Hobart count.

#### Wednesday 8 March

- **TBUG Wednesday ride** – Hazelbrae to Bracknell, 42 km, 9.15 am – 1 pm. Free.
- **International Womens Day ride** – **TBUG**, 5.45 pm, Silos car park Tamar River side. A supportive ride to the Tailrace and back for fruit punch and talk from the Women's Legal Service. Wear green and purple. Free
- **International Womens Day ride** – **Bicycle Network**, RSVP direct to ride leader Di, Sandy Bay to Taroona ride.
- **Back on your Bike** Lunchtime Skills Refresher session 12–1 pm and After Work Group Ride 5.15–6 pm. Free but please RSVP.

#### Thursday 9 March

- Bike Polo match for experienced players – **Hobart Bike Polo**, Unigym outdoor courts in Sandy Bay, 5.30–7.30, contact [tuuhbpc@gmail.com](mailto:tuuhbpc@gmail.com), \$10 one-off price, \$5 for regular players.

- **Okines Bike Shed** – Okines Community House, 11 am – 3 pm, 540 Old Forcett Road, Dodges Ferry. Learn to repair your bike, parts available. Free.
- **TBUG** Thursday night ride – Meet at 5.45 pm at the Park St entrance to Royal Park. 10–15 km. Free
- **Ranelagh River Ride** – Bicycle Network, 9.45 am – 12.30 pm, 26.7 km on bitumen and gravel roads, leaving from Summer Kitchen Bakery. Free.
- **Back on your Bike** sessions at the South Hobart Rivulet. 10–11.30 am and 12–1.30 pm. Free but please RSVP.

#### Friday 10 March

- **History Ride** – **TBUG**, 9.45 am, Silo Hotel car park to Ravenswood Bike Museum. Lunch back at the Silos. Free.
- **River to Mountain: Friday Bike Week pub lunch** – Bicycle Network, 10.30 am, Meet at upper car park at Cornelian Bay. Free.
- **Back on your Bike** session at Howrah, 10–11.30 am. Free but please RSVP.

#### Saturday 11 March

- Night Ride – **TBUG**, 7 pm. More details to come. Free. Prize for best decorated bike: \$100 gift voucher from Roll Cycles.
- **Bromptons Bike Week Rally** – Bicycle Network, 9.45 am, McVilly Drive car park, ride to Mona along the Intercity Cycleway. Free
- **Back on your Bike** social ride along the Intercity Cycleway for anyone whose been to a skills session, 10 am – 12 pm. Free but please RSVP.

#### Sunday 12 March

- Community Bike ride – **TBUG**, 11 am, Royal Park. Free. Followed by pedal powered smoothies and BYO lunch afterwards.
- **Back on your Bike** session at Royal Park before the community ride, 10–11 am. Free but please RSVP.

#### Membership of TBC

Peter Tuft notified the TBC that the Kingborough Bicycle Users Group was not operating.

Damien Blackwell notified the council that the NRE Bicycle Users Group was no longer meeting or active.

Craig Notman has left AusCycling Tasmania in the past year and been replaced by Phil Leslie as the new State Operations Manager.



Alison Hetherington  
Chair, Tasmanian Bicycle Council  
19 March 2018 – present



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Income received during the financial year 2022/23:

- Nil

Expenses for the year:

• Wordpress, renewal of Domain connection and web content (1 Year)	\$17.00
• Annual Return of Association	\$68.00

Operating result was a loss of \$85.00.

Reconciled cash at bank \$799.30.

The TBC meets the exemption requirements for financial audit since revenue is less than \$250,000 per annum. The AGM is asked to vote on the motion that the financial records not be audited.

For the last two AGMs I have foreshadowed the need for a constitutional amendment to remove the requirement for an annual audit under our own constitution. I recommend approval of the relevant motion which has been included in the agenda for this current AGM.

**Di Elliffe**  
**Treasurer**

**Tasmanian Bicycle Council Inc.**

<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b>		<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2020/21</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Contributions - PPAC		0.00	0.00	0.00
Contribution - State Growth		0.00	0.00	10520.00
Sponsors		0.00	0.00	0.00
State Bike Week events		0.00	0.00	0.00
Cycle education		0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Received		0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income		0.00	0.00	0.00
ATO reimbursement		0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Total Income</i>		<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>10520.00</i>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Advertising		0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00
Admin expenses		68.00	66.00	64.80
Prof training - Safe System Solutions		0.00	0.00	10520.00
Meeting expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00
Function & Entertainment Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance - Public Liability		0.00	0.00	0.00
Cycle education courses		0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage & box rental		0.00	0.00	0.00
Promotional flyers & brochures		0.00	0.00	0.00
Website & ADSL		17.00	58.80	0.00
Travel		0.00	0.00	0.00
ATO payment		0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>		<i>85.00</i>	<i>124.80</i>	<i>10584.80</i>
<b>OPERATING RESULT</b>		<b>-85.00</b>	<b>-124.80</b>	<b>-64.80</b>
<b>Tasmanian Bicycle Council Inc.</b>				
<b>Statement of funds</b>				
		<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2020/21</b>
Group funds				
Balance brought forward 1 July		884.30	1009.10	1073.90
Net surplus/deficit for year		-85.00	-124.80	-64.80
<b>EOY Balance</b>		<b>799.30</b>	<b>884.30</b>	<b>1009.10</b>
Cash at Bendigo Bank per statement		<b>799.30</b>	<b>884.30</b>	<b>1009.10</b>



## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Friday 4 November 2022  
12 noon**

**Via Team Viewer**

Meeting opened 12 noon

### **1. Attendance and apologies**

#### **Attendees**

Alison Hetherington – Bicycle Network  
Dustin Moore – State Growth  
Corey Peterson - UTAS  
Mark Parssey – Hobart Bike Kitchen  
Mary McParland – Cycling South  
Keith Price – Safer Roads for Cycling  
Craig Notman – AusCycle  
Rafael Molina – Tamar Bicycle Users Group  
Di Elliffe – Bicycle Network Tasmania

#### **Apologies**

Nigel Coates – Launceston City Council  
Richard Atkinson – CSIRO BUG  
Peter Tuft – KBUG  
Ben Clark – South Hobart Sustainable Community  
Damien Blackwell – NRE BUG

Noted that the Kingborough BUG is no longer operational and so withdrawing from the Bicycle Council.

- 2. Confirmation of Minutes of preceding Annual General Meeting on 14 September 2020**  
*Moved: Corey Peterson      Seconded: Di Elliffe      Carried*
- 3. Reports on the transactions of the Tasmanian Bicycle Council Inc during the last preceding financial year.**

#### **Chairs Report**

Alison gave an overview of the year and highlighted a number of things in her report which were discussed by committee members:

- RSAC is trialling 8 cameras across the state for mobile speed enforcement. A mobile phone usage trial will follow in 2022–23 once legislative change is made. There was a reduction in serious injuries and death of cyclists in 2021/22. A cycling safety campaign was developed.
- Legislative Council held an enquiry into road safety
- Bike Week – With COVID-19 in the state most groups opted for low contact, social ride type events.
- Blackspot Program – Few projects benefited cycling

Treasurers Report

Di provided an overview of the financial records. Expenses were for the website and Return of Association for maintaining incorporation. The financial records were not audited as they were below the threshold.

The reports were accepted.

*Moved: Mary McParland*

*Seconded: Mark Parseey*

*Carried*

**4. Appointment of Committee Members**

Organisation	Representative	Proxy
<b>Bicycle Network Tasmania</b>	Alison Hetherington	Di Elliffe
<b>City of Launceston</b>	Nigel Coates	
<b>CSIRO BUG</b>	Richard Atkinson	Rowan Trebilco
<b>Cycling South</b>	Mary McParland	
<b>Cycling Tasmania</b>	Emma Avery	
<b>DPIPWE BUG</b>	Damien Blackwell	
<b>Kingborough BUG</b>	Peter Tuft	Richard Langman
<b>Hobart Bike Kitchen</b>	Mark Parssey	Lance House
<b>NW Recreational Cyclists</b>	Richard Muir Wilson	
<b>Safer Roads for Cycling-Burnie</b>	Keith Price	
<b>Shredding Betties</b>	Emma Heynes	
<b>South Hobart Sustainable Living Group</b>	Ben Clark	
<b>Tamar BUG</b>	Rafael Molina	
<b>UTAS</b>	Corey Peterson	

AusCycle representative is Craig Notman

**5. Appointment of Office Bearers**

Chair

Nomination received from Alison Hetherington. Seconded Mary McParland  
Duly elected.

Deputy Chair

Nomination received from Mark Parssey. Seconded Corey Peterson  
Duly elected

Secretary/Public Officer

Nomination from Mary McParland. Seconded Mark Parssey  
Duly elected

Treasurer

Nomination from Di Elliffe. Seconded Mary McParland  
Duly elected

**6. General Business**

**Statewide**

Department of State Growth

- Dusty is filling in for Luke Middleton and works within Passenger Transport at Infrastructure Tasmania (ITAS) and is enrolled in a cycleway design course. He will review plans as consultants aren't producing fit for purpose designs.
- The Urban Mobility role is being filled and a Director Network Management has been appointed with a remit around active travel and public transport.
- Drafting a grant deed program for \$6M promised for cycleways across the state and additional \$2M for Hobart City Deal.
- Walking and Cycling strategy review – In recognition of policy gaps a new strategy with consultation is on the cards. Alison pointed out that a previous review of the strategy had been done but not released.
- Tasman Bridge – connections to both shores have been identified as main issues from the consultation

UTAS

- Third sustainable transport strategy. The 2021 survey showed a post-COVID reduction in public transport use.
- End-of-trip facilities have been installed in the old Forestry building, the EOT at School of Architecture at Inveresk will be refurbished and Burnie has a bike hub that was relocated away from the student accommodation without Corey's knowledge which has impacted on usage.
- Looking at a ride sharing platform called Liftango.

AusCycle

- Craig and Harrison Dines are employed in Tasmania and a third staff member will be appointed to assist with day-to-day activities.
- Working on a national strategy with a focus on the 2032 Olympic Games in Brisbane and amalgamating the four disciplines.
- Working through calendar of events to prevent clashes within the state and national calendars.

Bicycle Network Tasmania

- A new CEO was announced in June – Alison McCormack
- Back on your Bike Program continues to be run around the state
- Social rides program is going well

**North**

TBUG

- At the AGM new members were appointed to the committee including Mark Munnings from Breathe Velo.

- Back on your Bike sessions are being run in Launceston
- Funding was secured for 2023 Bike Week
- New sponsor – Roll Cycleway \$500 cash and \$500 in-kind which will be used to purchase safety gear for ride leaders
- Upcoming rides include Sally's Rive and Evandale music festival ride.
- Valet bike parking will be provided at Festivale which provides income for TBUG
- Bridget Archer provided \$1K volunteer grant
- Interest in starting a Launceston bike kitchen but it hasn't progressed due to lack of venue or people willing to volunteer in absence of paid position.

Launceston City Council

No report

NE Rail Trail

Dorset Council has approved the 26 km extension of the trail from Scottsdale on its land and had an appeal against it dismissed by the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal but is now waiting for the Minister for Infrastructure to give it the go ahead to pull up the rails on the corridor. A development application has been lodged with Launceston Council for the next 14km stage from Wyena to Lilydale Falls Reserve. The development application includes pulling up rail lines and sleepers, crushing the existing rail line rock ballast down to a size suitable for a trail surface, building decking and handrails over bridge crossings, signage, car parking and access into the Lilydale Falls Reserve.

**North West**

Safer Roads for Cycling – campaigning for the coastal pathway in the lead up to the local government elections.

**South**

Cycling South

- Mary attended a trails conference at St Helens which included a presentation on rail trails.
- No further report as Mary dropped out of meeting.

Hobart Bike Kitchen

- They have been busy. Paul Kennedy is president. Continue to receive donations and run Sunday sessions. Changing demographic with more women coming along.

**7. Other business**

**8. Meeting closed 12.55pm**