



## News from the Board – May 2009

### 2009 AGM Planning gets underway

This year's AGM and Board election is the first that will be held according to the constitution adopted by the members at our 2008 AGM.

Latest details re the 2009 AGM are on the AGM pages of our website at <http://www.bicyclensw.org.au/content/agm>. The management team are investigating how our new on line membership system will be used to allow on line participation and voting consistent with the new rules. Full details will be on the website soon after nominations to the Board close on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

### 2009 Board Elections

A key activity at the AGM is the ballot for election to the Board. This year members will be able to vote on line in the period leading up to the AGM or at the AGM itself. The ballot will be for at least 4 Board positions that will fall due according to clause 56.3 of the constitution.

The nomination form is now available on the AGM pages of the website. We plan, as in previous years, to complement the nomination form by providing candidates with an opportunity to publish details of relevant skills and experience and respond to a standard set of questions intended to show why they will be effective in the role of Board member.

Under the new rules, a key and early responsibility of continuing and newly elected Board members will be to appoint two new Board members "as soon as possible" in accordance with rule 56.4.

With this in mind the current Board are looking ahead and doing some thinking about what might be the appropriate criteria for choosing the two appointed Board members to help the next Board be as effective as possible.

Any member who is considering service on the Board is most welcome to contact the President Jenny Burn, in the first instance via email at [president@bicyclensw.org.au](mailto:president@bicyclensw.org.au)

### BUG Council update

The Chair of the BUG Council Graeme Edwards attended our last meeting and shared with us the excellent progress being made with the BUG Council. We were delighted to see that the hard work of the BUG Council is paying off, with 3 additional local BUGs being approved for affiliation at the meeting.

The BUG Council has also made some solid progress in setting up processes and frameworks for meetings and decision making which will help to harness the energy, ideas and experience of the BUG community. We look forward to hearing more from the Council in the coming months.



## **Brand and Membership update**

The Brand and Membership committee discussed with the Board the ideas that arose in their exploration of options for developing our Brand and Membership Strategy. Two key themes emerged.

First was about the importance of directing effort towards engaging with those interested in riding who are not yet members of Bicycle NSW, without undermining services to existing members. Second was identifying opportunities in branding that could flow from having a national presence. Two existing (and growing) examples of this are National Ride to School and National Ride to Work.

The management team have been tasked to consider these themes in the development of business and operational plans for 2009/2010.

.....and as always we welcome the opportunity for input and discussion with our members. We will endeavour to address any concerns and comments you may have. We welcome your feedback and questions to [president@bicyclensw.org.au](mailto:president@bicyclensw.org.au)

Please remember, the board exists to ensure that Bicycle NSW is well managed – we are not directly involved in day-to-day operations. You can find more information about the role we play published on the [Board page](#) of the Bicycle NSW website