

# Board Member profile 2011

<b>Name</b>	Graeme Edwards
<b>Occupation</b>	Senior Training Officer (Training Simulator Design)
<b>Committees</b>	<p>President of Bike North,</p> <p>Chair of the BUG Council 2008,2009,2010,and 2011</p> <p>Master Ride Leader for Bicycle NSW</p> <p>Bicycle NSW Ride Leader volunteer.</p>
<b>Qualifications</b>	Certificate IV assessment workplace training
<b>Awards</b>	<p>Bicycle NSW 2010 Community Volunteer of the Year</p> <p>Recipient of two Bicycle NSW Ride Leader awards</p>
<p><b>What I bring to the Board...</b></p> <p><b>Past &amp; future, in relation to BNSW</b></p>	<p>I joined Bicycle New South Wales back in the days when it was called The Bicycle Institute. That was around the same time I started commuting to work by bike and I have been riding to work on and off ever since.</p> <p>I joined Bike North in the 90's and started leading rides not long after. I became involved with cycling advocacy in 2000 and have worked continuously in this area ever since. My most recent involvement has been as a member of the M2 alternate bike route community consultation committee. As a long standing BUG member I have formed the view that nothing beats local knowledge when it comes to advocating for cycling in your local area. To help promote local bike groups I attended the inaugural BUG Advisory Committee meeting in 2007 along with a large number of other BUGs. In 2008 I agreed to take over the position of chair of the then BUG Council (now BNSW Council) as I believe that it is only through a strong network of enthusiastic cycling advocates that we can effect change. My reason for standing for the Board of BNSW is to promote the involvement of community cycling groups (BUGs) within BNSW.</p> <p>It is my belief that by combining the knowledge and expertise of BUGs with a strong state body we can achieve significant improvements for cycling throughout NSW.</p>
<b>What I stand for/hope to achieve</b>	<p>I believe it is important for BNSW to act as a strong advocate for cycling at the state level. To work to educate all members of the community as to the benefit cycling provides to everyone, not just those that ride a bike.</p> <p>I believe it is important for members and BUGs to be properly supported so that they can work in their local communities to achieve better outcomes for cycling.</p> <p>Given the limited resources of BNSW I hope that through my involvement on the Board, BNSW will be able to empower members and BUGs to act locally to achieve a better outcome for cycling in their local area. All the while working at the State and Federal level to ensure cycling is considered in all transport projects and that appropriate levels of funding are assigned to ensure viable outcomes.</p>