

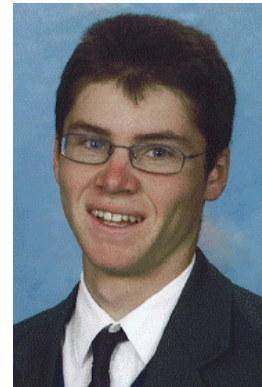
Volunteers in the Spotlight

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Why do I volunteer?

Being a serious bike rider myself, competing at state and nationals. It dawned on me that I should try and put something back into an industry which I love and given me so much.

A large reason for volunteering is the hope of gaining satisfaction. Seeing smiles on children, parents, families, and / or participants faces while getting outside and doing physical activity together as one and having fun at the same time is all I need to see to make me happy. Socializing and working with individuals from a wide range of backgrounds with similar interests. Volunteering with Bicycle NSW allows me to gain hands on experience in a field I want to enter as a career. It also allows me to learn how events are developed, organized and ran at a grass roots level giving me a better understanding of the work involved in running an event of the size of the City of Sydney Spring Cycle or Gear Up Girl Challenge.



In my time at Bicycle NSW I have never stop learning (especially about myself as a person) nearly every day has been unique and beneficial experience as early on I realized individuals do not have to compete seriously to gain satisfaction. Riding with your family, friends, and socializing with others with similar interests while riding I believe (actually seen) is more beneficial and rewarding. I have enhanced my communication, and problem solving skills and my confidence has increased considerably in my time as a volunteer as I have been put out of my comfort zone a number of times in competing tasks set for me involving Gear Up Girl Challenge, Ride 2 School and the City of Sydney Spring Cycle which is always good as it identify my strengths and weakness. I've also identified new skills and talents previously I was unaware of which could potentially open new doors for my career path in the future.