

## News from the Board – May 2010

It has certainly been a busy month at Bicycle NSW. After the overwhelming response to the advertised CEO position we are very close to announcing the new CEO after a thorough selection process which is now into its final stage.

The board completed a successful strategy review meeting earlier this month and we are in the final stages of revising the strategic priorities that will allow the new CEO to set some priorities and focus. The review is a fine tuning of the existing strategic plan to ensure we have the appropriate resources allocated across three core strategic pillars; Advocacy, Membership and Funding. This will help to ensure we maintain our position as the peak advocacy organisation for cyclists and cycling in NSW.

On Sunday 16 May the Premier of NSW Kristina Keneally launched the NSW Bike Plan in Centennial Park. The plan is a 10 year strategy to promote cycling as a sustainable and practical form of transport across the state. The Government has committed \$158million to fund a range of programs including cycling infrastructure, promotion and education cycling resources. Bicycle NSW was represented at the launch by Elizabeth Hole, I/CEO and Vice President Richard Birdsey. The Premier expressed her thanks to the many government and non-government people who had worked hard to develop the plan, and the important role Bicycle NSW played in the process.

Following the launch of the NSW bike plan, the Assistant Minister for Transport and Member for Granville, David Borger hosted a breakfast meeting to discuss the plan at Olympic Park. Approximately 30 people representing cycling advocacy groups, BUGs, the RTA and Bicycle NSW attended the event. Minister Borger provided an overview of the plan followed by a Q&A session. The importance of getting constructive input from the cyclists that use infrastructure was a common theme.

Bicycle NSW will follow up the session with meetings with Minister Borger's office on how to provide input and track progress implementing the NSW Bike Plan. Last but definitely not least the team are busy managing the logistical arrangements for both the "Parra Pedal" and "Spring Cycle" events which will be bigger than ever this year.

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