



News from the Board – September 2008

NSW Bike Plan Announcement

Matt Faber is the appointed Project Manager responsible for the Development of the next NSW Bike Plan. A copy of the [media release](#) appears on our website. At our September 3rd meeting Matt presented a brief overview on the project. Matt is well positioned to steward the development of a plan that can make a significant contribution to our purpose of “more people cycling more often”. He has considerable NSW government experience in transport related fields and was CEO of Bicycle NSW for a number of years in the 1990s. The discussions with Matt were very productive and in the coming weeks there will be further communication from Bicycle NSW on this project. This includes ways in which our extensive network of affiliated bicycle user groups can contribute to the development of the plan. Watch this space for further updates over coming months.

Bicycle NSW Annual General Meeting - 1 November 2008

Details of this year’s AGM appear on the [AGM page](#) of the Bicycle NSW website. We are looking forward to briefing members on the significant developments in the external environment and range of changes in the operations of Bicycle NSW over the last 12 months and anticipate a full agenda! We welcome input and questions from members to the floor of the AGM and for the first time this year we have provided the facility for questions to be put on notice to the Board. These questions may be lodged via email to the secretary as detailed on the [AGM page](#) of the website.

Board Nominations – ride with the Board!

With the AGM coming up it’s time for all members to consider if they want to stand for election to the Board of Bicycle NSW. There are 3 Board positions up for election this year and details of the process and nomination forms are available for download from the [AGM page](#) of the website. If this is something you are thinking about and want to know more, please have a look at the [Board page](#) on the website and if you have any further questions you are very welcome to drop us an email at president@bicyclensw.org.au .

Alternatively you may want to join us for a ride on Sunday 19th October at the City of Sydney Spring Cycle. There will be board members starting from all 3 start sites and we’ll be convening for a post ride celebration. If you want to use this opportunity to ask any questions or just have a chat please let us know on president@bicyclensw.org.au and we’ll arrange appropriate meeting places for the day.

Board Nominations from Regional NSW encouraged

One of the key changes being proposed in the Constitutional Review this year (see latest update below) is to facilitate the use of phone and video conferencing at Board and Annual General Meetings. These changes will make the involvement of members from Regional NSW more practicable and we hope that this will encourage nominations from members based outside of the Sydney Metropolitan area.



Bicycle NSW Strategy Update

The Board has now completed a review and update of the Bicycle NSW Strategic Plan developed during 2007. The updated plan, including more detail on our “policy guidelines” that inform the 6 key strategies, is available for download from the [Annual Report](#) page of the website.

Bicycle NSW Constitutional Review

The external lawyers have undertaken the detailed legal drafting of the proposed changes approved in July. During drafting, a range of “tidying up” edits together with some more material changes were identified for inclusion in the review. At the meeting this month the Board asked for drafts of the proposed constitution to be published on the website for member comment. These drafts, along with an update detailing the rationale for including the more material changes, are available for download from the [AGM page](#) of the website.

Our lawyers have also indicated that a range of specific “special resolutions” together with explanatory notes will be required to inform members in advance of the AGM. These will be published on the AGM page too, no later than Friday 10th October.

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As always we welcome the opportunity for input and discussion with our members. We will endeavour to address your concerns, comments and feedback through 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