



# Cycle Link

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## ‘Promoting a safe & fun environment for bicycle riders of the Illawarra’

With spring fast approaching its time to dust of the saddle and pump the tyres of your trusty bicycle and enjoy the spring weather. iBug have social rides on the 2nd Sunday each month Ride Dates: 9 Sept, 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec. 2nd Sunday Ride Dates: 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 Aug, 9 Sept, 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec. Meet fellow riders 9am at Belmore Basin on the northern side of the kiosk for a social ride to Bulli or Woonona and back.

If your interest is hard Road riding contact Bob on 4283 5715 for Road rides from 50 to 80 kilometres on most weekends.

Log onto the Illawarra Bicycle Users Website at <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/groups/illawarrabug/> or simply Google illawarrabug and join the iBug email group to receive automatic ride information updates

### Show Motorists Your Butt



As a motorist I'm astounded at the lack of consideration shown by us as cyclists to making ourselves visible to motorists from behind, while we go to great length in selecting cycling shirts that make us look cool in the coffee shop and for that magazine cover photo. Unfortunately when it come to making ourselves seen from behind we cover our most visible feature, yes our butts, in black Licra to blend in with the Road, even many of our favourite cycling shirts don't have bright lower panels or pockets.

Going through clothing racks in my local cycling shops there was no end to the selection of black cycling nicks but no sign of bright colours, many of the fancy cycling shirts have bright patterned fronts but are drab and colourless in the area most seen from behind, even some of the wet weather gear has drab coloured back panels.

While the high visibility clothing worn by Road workers and alike is designed for Homo-erectus where the upper torso is the most prominently seen feature, the same however doesn't apply to Homo-cyclist where our butts are our most visible asset.

Let's all remember that it's us that will feel the pain of not being seen by a motorist, so let's show motorists our butts' covered in bright colours.

Werner Steyer  
Cycling motorist

## 👍 Thumbs Up 👍👎 Thumbs Down 👎



A big thumb's up to WCC for relocating the cycle path from behind the housing at Coomaditchy reserve. The cycle path has been extended to the intersection of Parks Road and Shellharbour Road with on road cycling lanes marked on the short section of Shellharbour Road, to rejoin the existing shared path along Shellharbour Road.

The on Road section is a hazard for cyclists travelling north as they have to cross Shellharbour Road at the end of the shared path and again cross the Road to join the new section of the path along Parks Road, hopefully Council will be able to improve this by providing a shared path or a bidirectional on Road cycle lane on the east side of Shellharbour Road



Old cycleway behind housing in Coomaditchy reserve



Looking north along the on Road cycle lane on Shellharbour Rd



Shellharbour Council approved the Koona Bay foreshore shared path at their August meeting. The councillors approved option 2 (our proffered option to provide an off Road path) council will now prepare detailed engineering plans and environmental studies and report back to council for final approval.

### **Defect and improvement opportunities**

To make the Illawarra a better place for cycling its time to start looking at the condition of our cycling facilities and bring defects and improvement opportunities to the attention of councils. So please take the time to report any defects or improvement opportunities to me so I can pass the information to the relevant councils.

The Christmas influx of tourist and school children using our cycling facilities is not faraway so let's give councils some time to get the work done by providing them with our improvement suggestions now.

Please include a photo of your concerns or suggestions if possible when sending me information

Regards

Werner Steyer

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### **Date for your Diary:**

We are planing to hold our October the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in the council building and have Jason Williams provide cycling ideas for the Illawarra and a slide show on his cycling trips through Asia. More information will be available at our September meeting

**Next iBug meeting will be held at 6.30pm Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> September at the Master Builders Club.**