



# Cycle Link

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## **“Promoting a safe & fun environment for bicycle riders of the Illawarra”**

### **Koona Bay Lakeside Cycleway**

Shellharbour Council has postponed a decision on the Lakeside Cycleway due to opposition from environmentalists, local residents and a lack of support from people who would benefit from the construction of another section of the ‘around the lake’ shared path. The Advertiser reported that of the 18 submission presented to council two-thirds opposed the proposal clearly showing that we as cyclists need to be more proactive in providing our input into proposals. iBUG’s voice in favour of the proposal needs to be backed up by more individual cyclists sending letters of support.

### **iBug Cycling program**

After trialling a number of different program structures and surveying members cycling needs we have reverted back to having a regular social ride on the second Sunday of each month. The purpose of this ride is to have a social chat and link up people for other rides during the month.

If you are interested, then meet together at 9am at Belmore Basin on the northern side of the kiosk. This way people can go for an earlier ride if they wish, or ride down from the northern suburbs and link up for the return ride and we can have coffee together at Bulli or Woonona.

2nd Sunday Ride Dates: 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 Aug, 9 Sept, 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec.

The regular hard rides organized by Bob will continue, if wish to participate in hard and fast road rides please contact Bob on 4283 5715

### **Wollongong City Beach Foreshore**

With the completion of the City Beach Foreshore public access paving project, council have erected signs at the Showground end of Marine drive directing cyclists to the cycleway in Lang Park leading to Wollongong harbour and further north. ‘No cycling’ signs have also been erected along the northern section of the footpath past the kiosks, along Wollongong City Beach. The cycleways in this area are great, and the signage will hopefully help

improve safety and remove the confusion and conflicts in the area.

### **Cycling to University**

Many thanks to Wollongong council for erected signs along the route from North Gong Station and the Smith St railway underpass to the University to help guide and promote cycling to UOW.

The signage will be equally useful for guiding people to Glennifer Brae and the Botanic Gardens.



*Smith Street Rail underpass*

### **Reporting Defects and Improvements**

Both Wollongong and Shellharbour Councils have again shown that they are willing to address issues of cycleway safety if brought to their attention, so please continue sending information on cycling safety issues to me to [wernersteyer@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wernersteyer@yahoo.com.au) or post to iBug, PO Box 741, Wollongong 2500. For urgent issues please contact councils directly, with a copy to us at the above address. Wollongong Council Phone 42277111 Shellharbour Council Phone 42216111

### **iBug Email address**

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### **Black Spots.**

- High manhole on the road at the junction of Denison and Hercules St
- Slots in the cycleway pavement outside the Nth Gong surf club.
- Banner along to Wollongong Golf Course causes visual barrier.

### **Thumbs Up**

- Congratulations to WCC for installing cycling / direction signs between Swan St underpass and the UOW.
- Signs now direct cyclists to cross Marine Drive to join the cycleway and not continue past the cafes on City Beach.
- Overgrown bushes along the northern end of the Golf Course along Bank St have been trimmed well back from the cycleway.

### **Ride to Work Day 17<sup>th</sup> October**

iBUG will talk to WCC about potential support for this day. All ideas welcome.

### **WCC Cycle Limiting Strategy – Bulli / Woonona**

WCC may be developing a 'cycle limiting strategy' in response to concerns for the risk of on the Woonona/Bulli cycleway. Some suggestions include signage and line marking to separate pedestrians and cyclists.

### **IBUG**

**Next Meeting Master Builders (downstairs) 6.30pm, Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June**

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### **Invite a friend or fellow cyclist to join iBug *It's Free***

Surname:

First Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Work Phone:

Email Address:

Please send your information to [wernersteyer@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wernersteyer@yahoo.com.au) or post to iBug, PO Box 741, Wollongong 2500.

**Werner Steyer**  
**Membership Secretary**

### **Northern Distributor**

Dave Hines attended a meeting of the Community Liaison Group at the Bulli Workers Club. Members include schools, P&C, Workers Club. Main issues were safety concerns. Dates set for future meetings.

Discussed on/off ramps for cyclists - RTA rep will send Dave a line-marking plan.

Concerns about the need for a bike space lane on Nth Distributor – seems RTA decided not to proceed as it would create a precedence and the community may ask for more of these lanes!! (narrow bike lanes between traffic – especially at lights and turning lanes)

### **FYI – Bikes for Hire**

A recent request from an overseas visitor attending a conference at the UOW, to hire a bike has identified that Steel City Cycles rent out bikes. Good one Steel City Cycles!!