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Funding for Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleways announced

The NSW State Government has announced funding for new cycling infrastructure to connect the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleways creating uninterrupted, vital commuter links to CBD cycle routes.

Bicycle NSW has been working with the NSW State Government for an extended period, advocating for a solution to the stairs at the North end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Bicycle NSW welcomes the NSW State Government's announcement today of funding for the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleways with north and south bicycle connections. The Bridge is an international icon and is appreciated by millions of people every year, whether local, interstate or international visitor, by vehicle, foot or bicycle.

Bicycle NSW has been meeting with the State Government and attending workshops to identify possible routes, solutions and innovations to deliver this key piece of infrastructure while maintaining the integrity, importance and the heritage values of the area. The new infrastructure will play a major role in connecting Sydney's bicycle network of cycle routes, cycleways and shared paths and will provide greater accessibility to the vital commuter link for Sydneysiders wishing to travel between the north and the CBD.

"It's a testament to our longstanding role as the peak advocacy body for bicycle riders in NSW, that Bicycle NSW has managed to work with RMS and Transport for NSW through the plans and issues presented in the proposed Sydney Harbour Bridge cycleways, to find a solution that maintains the heritage and importance of the Bridge, while allowing more people the opportunity to experience our iconic landmark on two wheels. We have no doubt that this commitment to and investment in bicycle infrastructure will see an increase in people riding bikes for pleasure, recreation and commuting" said Bicycle NSW President, Jon Leighton.

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About Bicycle NSW

Bicycle NSW has been the peak body for recreational bicycle riding in NSW since 1976. A community not-for-profit member based organisation with over 25,000 members and supporters with the mission of 'creating a better environment for cycling'. Membership with Bicycle NSW includes personal accident and third party liability insurance when you're riding, and many other benefits of belonging. Through advocacy, recreational cycling events and public education, Bicycle NSW aims to promote bike riding as a healthy, safe, enjoyable leisure and transport choice and is working closely with government, businesses, councils and local Bicycle User Groups to collaboratively improve the infrastructure and culture for bike riding.

Bicycle NSW conducts a program of bike riding events each year, including the annual Spring Cycle ride across the Sydney Harbour Bridge; the Gear Up Girl ride to coincide with International Women's Day; and the Discovery Rides series that explore cycling throughout regional NSW. Bicycle NSW's events attract more than 12,000 cyclists of all ages and abilities, on bikes of all shapes and sizes and is supporting an active and healthy community lifestyle.

Bicycle NSW encourages respectful, courteous, responsible bicycle riding.

Find out more about Bicycle NSW and our programs to create a better environment for cycling at www.bicyclensw.org.au

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