



Darryn Capes-Davis

I am an Engineer by profession and currently work as Head of Operations at the Children's Medical Research Institute at Westmead. As well as leading the Operations team I am also Project Director of the institute's \$65M redevelopment project. Volunteer organisations that I am a Board member of include Bike North, Bicycle NSW and Alive 90.5 FM, a community radio station in the Hills. I am a member of the City of Parramatta Cycleways Advisory Committee and City of Parramatta Local Planning Panel (Community Representative).

In 2007 I took up cycling to get healthy. I was overweight and needed regular activity which I found in cycling. I bought a huffy from K-Mart and started cycling to work. Even though I had to push up the hills home for the first few weeks I persisted and managed to ride all the way up North Rocks Road after a couple of weeks. I was then hooked on cycling as active lifestyle activity and mode of transport. I now have two bikes, one which I use for commuting and the more special road bike I take out of weekends. Over the last 12 years I have ridden over 37,000km commuting and just under 20,000km social road riding.

Shortly after I started riding, I joined Bike North and Bicycle NSW. I quickly became a Ride Leader for Bike North and later on a Master Ride Leader with Bicycle NSW. I get great satisfaction from leading new riders on routes they have not travelled before. I have managed the on the day program last two Bicycle NSW ride leader training days.

In Bike North I have held Board roles of Rides Coordinator and President and currently hold the role of Communications Manager. Since 2017 I have been an active participant at the Bicycle NSW Board level, first as Chair of the Advocacy Council (BUGS). In 2019 I was appointed to the Bicycle NSW Board to fill a casual vacancy and now Chair the Board Advocacy Committee.

I am active in Advocacy for cycling. Some recent highlights are:

- Parramatta Light Rail Active Transport Submission
 - Wrote Bike North submission - <http://bit.ly/dcd-plr> (PDF)
 - Continued advocacy for Active Transport Link to continue under Adderton road which was successful
- Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway Northern Ramp
 - Continued Advocacy via both Bike North and Bicycle NSW roles
 - Bike North campaign in 2018 – <http://bit.ly/dcd-shb> (PDF) and <http://bit.ly/dcd-shb-fb> (Facebook)
- North Sydney Infrastructure Video
 - Shot and produced video for Bike North
 - Video highlighted new cycling infrastructure installed by North Sydney Council - <http://bit.ly/dcd-north-sydney> (You Tube)
- Parramatta River Cycleway
 - Short and produced video showcasing the cycleway along the Parramatta River - <http://bit.ly/dcd-vid-parramatta> (You Tube)

I am a passionate supporter of all cycling related activities. I use the voice of community radio to amplify the stories of cycling in the community. Recent community activities include:

- Policy Legacy Ride of Remembrance
 - Drove support vehicle for the 2019 Police Legacy Ride of Remembrance from Sydney to Canberra.
 - Interviewed Raff del Vecchio - <http://bit.ly/dcd-police-legacy>
- Biketober 2019
 - Interviewed Greg Williams from Live to Ride regarding Biketober 2019 - <http://bit.ly/dcd-biketober>

I also like to be active in other pursuits in life, combining activities with philanthropic fundraising. In 2018 I raised over \$3000 during the Hills Winter Sleepout. This year I took part in the Stars of Parramatta dancing the Tango and raised nearly \$6000.

I have wide skills in Engineering and Information Technology. Recently I launched the new Bike North website bringing together new and legacy code for the Bike North new and rides calendar under Wordpress. With smart organisation of news stories and events, and reengineering of the Bike North weekly news, I achieved a doubling of the traffic to the Bike North website and a halving of the bounce rate to 20%.

I believe that cycling can be an activity for everyone 8 to 80, and I apply my wide skills to support cycling in every way. The areas that I would like to focus on in a continuing role with Bicycle NSW are:

- Minimum Safe Passing distance – while we have a law we are far short of an outcome. We need a better enforcement regime by NSW Police.
- Respect for cyclists on the road – make cycling a safer activity by providing for dedicated infrastructure where possible, and when cyclists must ride on the road, to make the road a safe environment with greater respect of cyclists by other road users
- Improve cycling mapping data and get to the point that NSW Government data is top class and shared to app makers, like how transport data is shared and used by apps. This will also need a much improved way for cyclists to map and share the best routes.
- Greatly improve the infrastructure and education funding for cycling. We should be able to achieve greater than 10% mode share for cycling as a transport option.
- Bring cycling to the forefront of health promotion. This only becomes really viable once infrastructure is built, cyclists are respected, routes are easy to find, and motorists pass cyclists safely.

Bicycle NSW Board Nomination Additional Information: <http://bit.ly/dcd-bnsw> (including references).

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