

Bicycle NSW 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Monday 2 December 2019 at 6:00pm. 10 Parkview Dr, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127.

Attendance: Board: Jon Leighton, David Kelly, Royce Michael Lee, Melinda Tarrant, Peter Lee, Deanne Methven, David Maywald, Darryn Capes-Davis. Management: Alistair Ferguson (CEO), Loretta Fong (CFO).
A complete list of all other attendees was compiled as per constitutional requirements.

Apologies: John Cooper, Jenny Leong, Jennifer Long, Geoff Ashton, David Allworth, Peter Duncan, Paul Bowyer

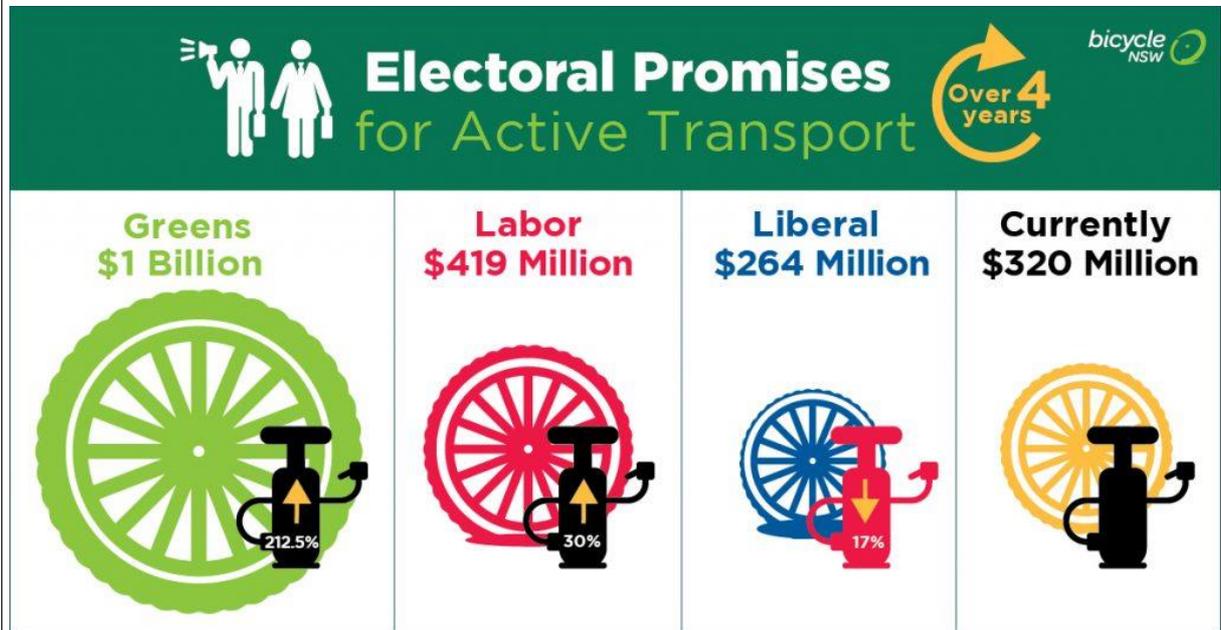
Minutes: Melinda Tarrant

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1	Welcome, apologies & housekeeping Meeting opened at 6:07pm. Apologies were noted as above.
2	Minutes of 2018 AGM (10 December 2018) Minutes of the 2018 AGM were tabled as read and the President called for amendments. Motion: David Martin moved that the minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted, Deanne Methven seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.
3	Presentations of 2018/2019 activities
3.1	President: Jon Leighton welcomed and thanked everyone who attended. He acknowledged formal apologies from former board member and life member John Cooper. He thanked our hard-working staff that are in attendance. He noted that the working relationships between the hard working executive and hard-working volunteer board has never been stronger or more effective and we have one team, one voice and one challenge to continue to improve and create a better environment for all bicycle riders. He advised that he is resolute in bringing more talent into both the executive team as we can afford it and the board through the board committees for people to cut their teeth, understand the challenges and obligations and what it means to be an effective peak advocacy body. It is a team and not about one individual, there is no grandstanding or public statements and we are getting quietly on with the job. The Board revisited our 2019 strategy at a recent meeting and remain committed to have this focus to "Creating a better environment for all bicycle riders". Our policy pillars are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Build it for everyone</i>• <i>Safe Home</i>• <i>Invest now for health</i> Whether you are an 8-year-old child riding to school or an 80 year old riding to the shops we want cycling infrastructure that supports everyone's needs. We support infrastructure for parents, commuters, couriers and businesses, recreational riders and tourists. Bicycle NSW are calling on government to invest over \$1 billion over 4 years. Society values everyone arriving home safely, no matter how we travel. Safety needs to be the priority when infrastructure is built, laws redeveloped and <u>enforced</u> to protect all bike riders from injury and death. The confirmation of the Minimum Passing Distance as law is a start, but better enforcement, police and road-user education is needed. We also need low speed zones and other laws. He gave special mention to Alistair Ferguson our CEO now into his second year and getting wiser every day about delivering on this mission. He reiterated that he promised for the last 2 years with very limited resources we would focus on a few key priorities – sustainability of the organisation, key partners and key advocacy initiatives. Our partnership with Ironman (which bought the Fairfax Nine Events Group) for the running of the Spring Cycle has completed its second year. They spent the equivalent \$1 million on promotion of this year's Spring Cycle and created a much greater awareness of Bicycle NSW. The fact that it was again a poor week of weather did not deter the thousands of riders who joined us for a terrific event.

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We continue to push for greater awareness of minimum passing distance.

In the lead up to the 2019 NSW State Election, Bicycle NSW received the biggest ever election promises. The 3 major parties promised:



Cycling infrastructure is also a great value investment and we would like to see more commitment by the current government towards bike riding. One kilometre of road costs the same as around 110km of bikeway and 1km of road tunnel buys over 300km of bikeway. Every kilometre ridden generates \$1.43 to the economy.

Bicycle NSW held the inaugural NSW Bicycle Forum on the 17th of October 2019. The main issues for people riding bikes were discussed by representatives of each of the major parties including NSW Transport Minister Andrew Constance, Shadow Active Transport Minister, Jo Haylen and Greens MP Cate Faehrmann, along with Bicycle User Groups, Councils and stakeholders with an interest in bike riding. There was a bipartisan dialogue supporting the objectives of the forum.

Bicycle NSW facilitated a discussion of the issues and actions required based on case-study of the fatalities that have occurred in 2019. For those that attended, provided input, and everyone unable to attend on the day, we have produced a report for download from our website.

Board members Jon Leighton, David Maywald and Darryn Capes-Davis participated in the NSW Police Legacy Ride by special invitation to build strong understanding of and relationships with the Police Commissioner and the men and women of the Police Force. He announced that Bicycle NSW will partner with NSW Police Legacy in 2020 and he will personally donate his time to this again.

2020 will be crucial for the Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway. NSW is in the midst of a four year \$70b investment program (over \$42b on Roads and Transport infrastructure alone) and noted that \$50m towards resolving the cycling's largest and busiest pinch point is an absolute priority for the state. The Harbour Bridge is one of the State's major Heritage items and needs to be treated with respect and therefore any new associated infrastructure for cycling needs to be sensitive, well designed and respect the bridges history (possibly leads to premium cost of solution). This is the iconic project that is crucial missing link in the active transport network. By keeping pressure on RMS and council to find a solution it could pave the way for other missing links to be completed. When the option becomes available for public comment, we need you the members to spread the word to local residents of North Sydney and others to throw their support behind the project.

Whilst Bicycle Victoria appear to have retreated, a challenge and opportunity is the current battle in NSW between Aus Cycle (CA, BMXA and MTBA) and CNSW. Whilst this is not our fight it may create an opportunity. He took a week of personal time to go to Western Australia to study their model, West Cycle, which represents all stakeholders. He met with the current EO as well as the initial President, the Office of Sport and Recreation who set this up as well as the minister responsible for the current funding. He expressed the opinion that it is an almost perfect model and one that we should consider for NSW.

He thanked the hard-working volunteer board. In order to have cut through to key decision makers at the highest level of government (who spend the money), develop the organisation and protect against threats from other groups who pretend to

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	<p>advocate in NSW we have built and will continue to refine the skills and make up of our highly skilled board. He acknowledged the individual contributions of all board members.</p> <p>He thanked retiring Board Member David Kelly and acknowledged his rigour, perspective and control over BNSW Audit and Risk committee. He also thanked Allens, Carroll O'Dea and PWC for the advice and support provided throughout the year.</p> <p>We have an election with 1 current board members and 3 new candidates competing for 2 positions. We welcome new talent and the momentum and existing skills of the 2 existing board members is critical. We are in our best ever shape with good direction and challenges. He urged all candidates for board positions to get involved with one of the committees and make a contribution.</p> <p>He reiterated that decision makers will take any excuse to take the easy route and we need one consistent voice and we will prevail. That is his commitment to members to be strong around one voice.</p> <p>Finally, he thanked everybody here for your continued support of Bicycle NSW. He acknowledged that it is important to have robust discussion around the things we can impact and then work with one voice to get it done.</p> <p>He is enjoying working on behalf of members and is excited about what we can achieve together in 2020. He requested members to reach out with any ideas and acts of support. He wished everyone safe riding over the holiday period and your ongoing support for BNSW Creating a Better Environment for all Bicycle Riders in NSW.</p>

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3.2	<p data-bbox="244 286 683 320">Chief Executive Officer: Alistair Ferguson</p> <p data-bbox="244 365 1461 521">The CEO thanked everyone for attending the 2019 AGM. He thanked the staff and acknowledged Bastien, Kim and Kirra for their dedication to creating the accessible content for our campaigns, resources and communications that members see on a weekly basis; Matt, our outgoing Membership Executive, and Angie, our new Membership Specialist, who are dedicated to providing excellent customer service; Loretta for her in depth knowledge and history of Bicycle NSW which has been invaluable when broaching new ideas and campaigns.</p> <p data-bbox="244 533 1461 600">He also thanked the board for volunteering their time over the past 12 months as well as the trust and mentorship of Jon Leighton, President, who has provided a great sounding board for the challenges we face as the peak advocacy body.</p> <p data-bbox="244 611 1461 734">He recalled that he mentioned last year our advocacy efforts would increase and is proud to say that they now have a clear direction and aim. Our #FixMyBikePath, Heavy Vehicle, Light Rail Safety, Alexandria Canal campaigns have encouraged greater debate and better outcomes for all riders in NSW. We have bolstered our resources to help our Members across the state on their local issues.</p> <p data-bbox="244 745 1461 936">With FixMyBikePath we asked members and riders to send in issues in their local area, we then posted this on our platforms and tagged in the council and MP's. We wanted MP's to start paying attention to bike riding issues in their area and ensure our Members had a voice in the 2019 State Election. It received unprecedented interaction with the bike riding community. During our pre-election campaign, we saw dozens of examples of potholes, branches, sticks, rocks and other obstructions left in cycle ways that could lead to serious injuries to riders. This campaign garnered media attention and helped to raise awareness of common issues across NSW and saw MP's start to engage with our community.</p> <p data-bbox="244 947 1461 1070">Bicycle NSW would like to applaud the efforts of the local BUGs and community members who helped stop the sabotage of the cycling network in the Alexandra Canal campaign. The NSW Government listened and changed their plans because of this advocacy. This work will help reduce congestion on roads and public transport and enable more of Sydney Airport's almost 40,000 staff who live in neighbouring suburbs to use active transport to get to work.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1081 1461 1205">This year we made multiple submissions to the National Heavy Vehicle Law Review which was going on during 2019. It aimed to create a nationally consistent legislative framework to regulate industry that better serves drivers and safety. Bicycle NSW has been calling on the NSW Government to lead on safety through setting standards on its construction projects that protect people walking, riding bikes and motor bikes.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1216 1461 1384">We sadly saw the death of Bicycle NSW Member, Danny Egan, after his bike slipped on the light rail tracks in Newcastle. Bicycle NSW would like to pass our condolences to his family, friends and fellow members of the bike riding community. In reaction to Danny's death laws are changing to ban bicycle riding in light rail corridors, but the failure to build a network of safe separated cycleways leaves everyone stuck. We'll continue to remind Transport NSW on the importance of providing a safe alternative around these vital connections, not just banning bikes.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1395 1461 1518">We are currently working on a better solution in the Inner West of Sydney on the Rozelle Interchange project that is part of Westconnex. Bicycle NSW are pleased to work with representatives of the Inner West Bike Coalition (Bike Leichhardt, Ash BUG and Marrickville BUG) to review plans and provide advice to the construction companies. We are hoping to get a better outcome for riders during and post-construction.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1529 1461 1630">He announced that we are now offering bicycle insurance. We saw the need for bike insurance and wanted to help our members by offering this additional service. Oz Bike Insurance is now available to purchase, and we are working on a marketing campaign to further push this offer throughout the bike riding community.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1641 1461 1765">Created this year, our online BUG Forum is starting to encourage discussion, brainstorming and collaboration among the BUGs. We are adding new topics to help the BUGs to converse with our end goal being the BUGs running the content on the Forum themselves. He pointed out that BUGs and Members should not wait to be heard and can contact the Bicycle NSW team if your matter is urgent or you have met a roadblock in your local area.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1776 1037 1809">Lastly, he thanked all our members for their support and on the ground advocacy.</p> <p data-bbox="244 1821 1461 1921">He thanked the many partners that have supported us: RMS, Transport for NSW, Heart Foundation, Carroll O'Dea, City of Sydney, Sydney Olympic Park and all the councils that contribute to our wonderful events in Spring Cycle and Gear Up Girl. We can do more and 2020 will be a wonderful year, to which we look forward with great enthusiasm.</p>

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3.3	<p>Convenor of Audit & Risk Committee: David Kelly</p> <p>Mr Kelly summarised the financial position of the organisation. Bicycle NSW does not exist to make money, but we need to generate profit to enable our activities. We have 3 sources of income, membership, sponsorship and events. Other area we raise funds is through the Environmental Trust, which allows charitable donations</p> <p>We have expenses in running events, insurance and the costs of the committed team, supporting membership and advocacy. He reinforced that our advocacy benefits everyone and you do not have to be a member to get benefits of advocacy. We want to continue to build membership numbers and demonstrate the benefits of supporting advocacy. The government recognise we speak for a large number of riders.</p> <p>Last year we made a change to our events structure and licenced our events to Fairfax, which was sold to Nine who then sold Spring Cycle to Ironman. Spring Cycle is now an outsourced event and as a result the year on year revenue and expenses are not comparable. It was noted this is the best possible financial return on the event.</p> <p>The financial statements cover the financial year to 30 June 2019. He was pleased to note that Bicycle NSW made a modest but healthy surplus overall. The balance sheet looks strong due to the seasonal nature of membership.</p> <p>He thanked Loretta Fong CFO and the audit conducted by Pitcher Partners.</p> <p>In response to questions from the floor,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Kelly advised that membership is strong and steady, churn is within normal levels. • Confirmed that the increase in insurance premium is not related to Cycling Without Age but due to external insurance market factors and claims in other cycling organisations. • Reiterated the benefits of outsourcing Spring Cycle and members discussed potential improvements to the event which will be passed on to Ironman <p>The Financial Report was received by members.</p>
4	<p>Board elections</p> <p>4 nominations were received for 2 open positions. Darryn Capes-Davis, Katie Banerjee, Troy Griffith and Natalie Cleary.</p> <p>The nominees were asked if they would like to make a statement.</p> <p>Natalie Cleary advised she would like to make Bicycle NSW more visible to everybody, even non riders. We need to send messages to media regularly, so they know we are here and bring in more members including children, such as through school competitions.</p> <p>Katie Banerjee discussed accessing cycling for disability and elderly for physical and mental benefits. Social groups, being a conduit of information from members about what's important in local communities, collaborate with one voice to advocate for effective change She has been a volunteer on Advocacy Committee for a year which has shown her what we can do. Our role in health is very important – it opens avenues to research, information, access to robust statistics so we can advocate for more people cycling safely when talking to government for funding and infrastructure. She is running fora position on board as we need once voice to make effective change</p> <p>Darryn Capes-Davis acknowledged Katie has been great contributor to the Advocacy Committee. He has been chairing this since being appointed to a Board Position earlier in the year. He acknowledged that less focus on events has enabled greater focus on advocacy. He spoke about minimum safe passing which is a law but not an outcome. He noted anecdotes about Police focus- e.g. campaign delivery riders on footpaths but ignoring video evidence of close passes. We want them to enforce visual identification. He believes we can shift cycling from 2% to 10% active transport mode share.</p> <p>Tory Griffith was unable to attend the AGM.</p> <p>JML thanked Darryn and Katie for what they've done, and Natalie and Troy for their interest.</p> <p>Elyse from Allens reported that the ballot was declared closed, Darryn was re-elected. There was a tie between Katie and Natalie. As the Constitution does not give a clear power to resolve the tie the default law is for it to be chosen by lot, such as a coin toss or pulling a name out of a hat. The nominees agreed with the process and to continue to support through committees if unsuccessful.</p> <p>As a result of the draw, the second elected board member is Dr Katie Banerjee.</p>

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5	<p data-bbox="242 293 448 320">Any other business</p> <p data-bbox="242 324 363 351">None raised</p> <p data-bbox="242 369 1465 427"><i>While the votes were being counted, there was discussion responding to questions, ideas or suggestions posed by members covering:</i></p> <ul data-bbox="300 465 1465 929" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="300 465 1465 562">• Sam Reich from Newcastle noted the Forum at Parliament House was a great event, it is important politicians heard from us. He also noted that the BUGS conference can be used to reinforce each other and provide feedback. He suggested we have an annual BUGs conference hosted by a different Bug every year. DCD to put to Bike North. <li data-bbox="300 566 1465 663">• Adrian Boss – noted that due to privacy restrictions Bicycle NSW is unable to share a member list with BUGS. Angie will review what can be done and noted that there is a box to tick to say you give permission to share your details with the BUGs. <li data-bbox="300 667 1225 694">• Canada Bay BUG voted a donation of \$100 to Bicycle NSW which was gratefully received. <li data-bbox="300 698 1465 763">• Adrian Boss thanked Bicycle NSW for its support of Cycling without Age and that they have raised \$10K towards \$20K goal. There is a link to this on BNSW website. <li data-bbox="300 768 1465 864">• Tim Coen (Ash Bug, Bike Leichardt) noted the work to resolve the Sydney Harbour Bridge ramp. He also that the Rail Trail at Tumbarumba is opening 3-4 April 2020. Peter Lee advised he will be there with visual impaired on tandems. <li data-bbox="300 869 1465 929">• Garry Robinson asked what other services Bicycle NSW can provide to members. Darryn Capes-Davis raised the plan to bring Bugs and COGs (Cycle On Groups) together and will explore over the next year.
6	<p data-bbox="242 958 395 985">Meeting Close</p> <p data-bbox="242 1003 687 1030">The meeting was declared closed at 8:00 pm.</p>