

As the only non-Sydney based professional on the existing board I have often brought a unique diversity of opinion to the board discussions. I offer stability and experience as the second longest serving member of the current board having served 6 years, two terms. I have been part of the board that has steered this organisation away from potential financial collapse, to a position of strength where we are once again able to focus on advocacy and we are starting to see the fruits of this work.

Advocacy experience: I am the only current member of the board that comes to this role principally from a grass roots advocacy background. My advocacy experience with BNSW goes back into the early 2000s when I represented Bugs on the RTA Bicycle Advisory council and other State Government cycling consultations. I have worked for the Wilderness Society in environmental advocacy, I have been President of Newcastle Cycleways movement for 6 years, during which we developed the highly publicised CycleSafe Network Campaign. I have been awarded for my previous volunteer contribution to my local council area and have spent the last 2 years on the Lake Macquarie Council Active Transport Advisory group, contributing to one of the most exciting any level of government cycling strategies I have yet seen.

My understanding of board governance has been very much re-enforced by some Institute of Company Directors on line courses. I see my third term on the board as an opportunity to integrate many of the lessons learnt from these courses to make our great organisation even stronger. I believe a membership based not for profit should be run differently from a for profit company. The future of cycling in NSW is bright, but our position as the lead advocacy organisation is under threat from many sides.

I have ridden alongside many of you, or seen you at/on various committees or workshops over the years. No-one who knows me doubts my commitment and enthusiasm for making NSW a great place to ride a bike.

See you on the tracks.

Peter