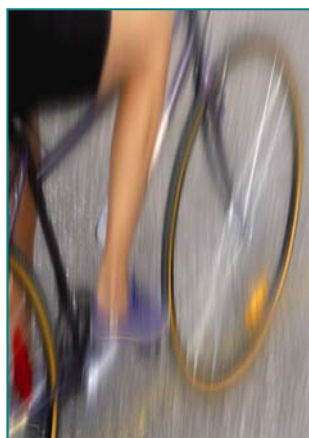


Australian Bicycle Council Report to 30 June 2007



Overview – Cycling in Australia

Cycling continues to increase in popularity in Australia and internationally. Bicycle sales in Australia have exceeded car sales each year for the past five years. The Australian Sports Commission 2005 report, Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey has shown that cycling is the fourth most popular recreation activity. It also showed that Australians aged between 35 and 44 are taking up cycling faster than any other age group. The Australian Bureau of Statistics 2007 report Participation in Sports and Physical Activity indicated that 72% of all children participate in cycling, that children's cycling has increased 9% between 2003 and 2006 with a 16% increase for girls.

Cycling is also increasingly being seen by all spheres of government in developed economies as an important element in strategies to reduce urban congestion and greenhouse gas emissions and the growing incidence of obesity and contingent health problems. Transport accounts for 34% of household carbon emissions, cycling as a zero emission form of transport can have a real, practical impact on our reducing these emissions.

Obesity is currently estimated to cost Australia more than \$20b a year or about \$1,000 per person. An estimated 20% of Australian children are overweight or obese. The World Health Organisation has shown that just 30 minutes of cycling each day halves the chance of becoming obese or diabetic.

The Bureau of Transport and Regional Economics has estimated that road congestion costs the Australian economy \$21b annually. A cyclist travelling to work uses only a fraction of the road space and is therefore an effective decongestant for our clogged city streets.

In the past decade all spheres of government, the Australian bicycle industry and non-government cycling organisations have been investing in cycling facilities and infrastructure. It is estimated that the annual expenditure on cycling infrastructure and support is in excess of \$100m annually.

About the Australian Bicycle Council

The Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) was established in 1999 to oversee the implementation of the first Australian National Cycling Strategy (NCS). The ABC consists of representatives from federal, state, territory and local government agencies with involvement in cycling as well as community groups, non-government cycling organisations and the bicycle industry. The terms of reference are Appendix A and the Membership Appendix B.

The role of the ABC is to:

- oversee and coordinate implementation of the Australian National Cycling Strategy 2005-2010
- provide a forum for the sharing of information between stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Strategy
- maintain a repository of information and resources relevant to providing for and promoting increased cycling in Australia.

National Cycling Strategy

The first NCS covered the period 1999–2004 and was oversighted by the ABC. The ABC also took a lead role in preparing the current 2005–10 NCS with input from community, non-government cycling organisations, the bicycle industry and the three spheres of government. The current NCS was endorsed by the Australian Transport Council in November 2005.

The role of the NCS is to facilitate increased cycling in Australia by developing strategies and actions to focus and coordinate the efforts of the three spheres of government towards common goals. As stated in the NCS, it is 'an agreement to collaborate, rather than a prescription as to what any one jurisdiction or sphere of government should do.' It is intended to establish strategies across spheres of government, jurisdictions, portfolios and non-government and community organisations.

It clearly sets out that it will:

'promote the integration of and commitment to actions to increase cycling in Australia, undertaken by the transport, planning, environment, health, education, sport and recreation and tourism portfolios at the Australian, state, territory and local government spheres.'

The NCS identifies six priorities:

- improved coordination
- integrated planning
- infrastructure and facilities
- road safety
- cycling support and promotion
- increased professional capacity

A number of actions are identified in relation to these priorities. Some are fairly general and ongoing. Others are quite specific with a completion date. An outline of the status on the implementation as at 30 June 2007 is provided in Attachment A. The following section provides an overview of some of the highlights of the implementation to date.

Highlights of the implementation of NCS to date

Web based cycling resource centre (action 1.5)

- The ABC has developed a proposal for a web-based cycling resource centre. DOTARS has agreed to provide \$50,000. The content has been determined and a web developer engaged. It is expected the website will be completed by October 2007.

Cycling and land use policies, strategies and planning instruments (action 2.2)

- A review was undertaken of the approaches of jurisdictions to cycling in new residential developments which indicates that most jurisdictions have guidelines or policies in place which are designed to facilitate cycling. Examples include:
 - Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling in NSW
 - Subdivision and Development Guidelines in Brisbane
 - Better Development Plan modules in SA
 - Liveable Neighbourhoods in WA.

Recognition of the health benefits (action 2.5)

- Jurisdictions have encouraged recognition of health benefits in a variety of ways, including:
 - The Department of Health and Ageing have provided funding to Bicycle Victoria for the National Ride to Work Day
 - Tasmanian Office of Sport and Recreation and the Premier's Physical Activities Council both include cycling in their programs for actions that will lead to an increase in the number of people who ride bicycles for transport, exercise and recreation.

Development of a strategic research program (action 2.6)

- A three year strategic research program related to the goal of increasing cycling has been developed with funding to be sought through a variety of sources including Austroads.

Development of cycling networks (action 3.1)

- Jurisdictions have been creating additional cycling networks through means such as:
 - In WA, full integration of cycle parking and access through nine new train stations, as part of Perth-Mandurah rail expansion
 - NSW provides Local Government 50/50 funding for bicycle plans and cycleways.
 - In SA, the State Bicycle Fund provides councils with up to 50% subsidy funding for developing and improving local bicycle networks.
 - In Queensland, a commitment over the next 20 years to find critical cycling infrastructure.

Providing for cyclists' needs on roads (action 3.4)

- The ABC has worked with jurisdictions to develop policies and procedures that consider the needs of cyclists during the construction and/or maintenance of all new and/or existing roads. Examples that are already in place include:
 - Main Roads Queensland has adopted a policy on providing for cycling on state-controlled roads which is being implemented in all relevant (mostly urban) projects
 - SA has committed to include in all new urban road projects or road upgrades safe, direct and attractive cycling facilities that are planned, designed and constructed in accordance with the Austroads guide
 - ACT has developed a "Report on the Canberra Bicycle Commuter Network" which prioritises missing links on the on and off road network.
 - RTA NSW includes shared paths on new road developments including privately funded motorways

Promoting safe cycling to school (action 4.2)

- A large number of initiatives are underway. DEWR has supported Safe Routes to School project which has been implemented by jurisdictions. The Cycling Promotion Fund has provided information and sponsorship for a teacher's resource on bicycles in the teacher's toolkit magazine which is distributed to teachers around Australia.

Use of shared paths (action 4.9)

- Austroads has published a report Pedestrian-Cyclist Conflict Minimisation on Shared Paths and Footpaths
- Jurisdictions have taken initiatives including:
 - NSW has developed technical direction for signage on share paths, and also included in RTA bicycle guidelines
 - Some SA councils have produced "Codes of Conduct" for their trails and many shared off road installations also provide on-site signage to advise users of appropriate behaviours required of a range of users.

Cycling awards (action 5.2)

- The Cycling Promotion Fund conducts the National Cycling Achievement Awards to recognise the invaluable contributions made by individuals, organisations and businesses around Australia towards advancing cycling. Quality and scope of the nominations has been increasing each year.

Marketing strategies (action 5.4)

- Jurisdictions have continued to promote cycling through a variety of marketing strategies including conducting Bike Weeks and Rides
- The Cycling Promotion Fund runs regular cycling breakfasts to raise awareness of the economic, social and environmental contribution of cycling.

Cycling Proficiency (action 6.1)

- Bicycle Federation of Australia has formed a partnership with Cycling Australia to set up a national cycling training scheme based on the recommendations of the recently completed Cycling Proficiency Training Project.

Local government survey (actions 1.11, 2.1, 3.1)

- The ABC and Australian Local Government Association jointly surveyed all local governments in Australia to determine the level of priority and action on cycling. 194 councils responded. The responses showed a high level of engagement on cycling issues, especially amongst metropolitan councils where the majority have cycle network plans and maps and have integrated cycling into their planning for road works and new developments. Many regional and rural local governments also demonstrate a strong interest in cycling. Councils that responded reported a total annual expenditure of \$37m on cycling initiatives. In the survey, councils indicated that access to information on Federal and State funding was their highest priority need.

Implementation issues

Cycling and land use policies, strategies and planning instruments

As stated in the highlights, a review was undertaken on the approaches of jurisdictions to cycling in new developments which indicates that most jurisdictions have guidelines or policies in place which are designed to facilitate cycling. However, only Victoria has cycling provisions that mandate the provision of bicycle parking and end-of-trip facilities such as showers in all new building projects. The ABC view is that there is a need for greater consistency in the application of cycle planning provisions. This needs to be considered by ministers. State jurisdictions may wish to consider mandating conditions relating to providing for cycling in new residential and building developments.

Secretariat support

Since the inception of the ABC, the secretariat to the ABC was provided by DOTARS. However, in November 2006 DOTARS agreed to fund Austroads to provide the secretariat. The secretariat is now provided through the Austroads national office in Sydney. The provision of the secretariat by Austroads is subject to continued funding from DOTARS.

The operation and maintenance of the ABC website was transferred from DOTARS to Austroads in early 2007. The look and feel of the site is similar to the old DOTARS site. The ABC secretariat is responsible for updating the website content. The website content is being reviewed to ensure it remains relevant and up to date. It will complement the new web-based cycling resource centre.

Meetings of ABC

In the past twelve months the ABC has met three times:

- August 2006 Townsville, Queensland
- November 2006 Adelaide, South Australia
- February 2007 Brisbane, Queensland

Meetings of the ABC are generally rotated between jurisdictions but may be rearranged to coincide with other cycling related events.

The meetings usually incorporate an opportunity to inspect cycling facilities and initiatives in the host location. The meetings also include a session of information exchange and knowledge sharing between ABC members which are extremely useful for participants.

Terms of reference for the Australian Bicycle Council

Role and reporting arrangements

- a. The role of the Australian Bicycle Council is to:
 - oversee and coordinate implementation of the Australian National Cycling Strategy 2005-2010
 - provide a forum for the sharing of information between stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Strategy
 - maintain a repository of information and resources relevant to providing for and promoting increased cycling in Australia.
- b. The Council will report annually to ATC, through Austroads and SCOT, on the implementation of the Australian National Cycling Strategy 2005-2010.
- c. The Council will act as a jurisdictional forum providing input to Austroads on technical matters, and will provide a cycling perspective on Austroads research and the development of Austroads publications.
- d. The Council will draw on input from road agencies, the cycling industry and bicycle users on cycling issues, and will take appropriate account of the views of the ATC and the Austroads Council.

Meeting arrangements and support

- e. The Council will meet at least two times per year
- f. The Council will be chaired by a nominee of Austroads – it is anticipated that this would be the relevant Austroads program manager (or delegate if unavailable).
- g. Austroads will supply the Council secretariat on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Transport and Regional Services.
- h. Meetings will be hosted by participating organisations. The location of meetings will vary accordingly.
- i. Meeting attendance costs will be borne by attendees.
- j. There will be no sitting fees paid to members.
- k. The Council may convene a technical committee comprised of its jurisdictional representatives to facilitate input on technical matters; it may also convene working groups, comprising members of the Council and other stakeholders, to address specific issues.
- l. The Council may invite participation from others from time to time on specific issues.

ABC membership as at 30 June 2007

A chair nominated by Austroads

- Dennis Walsh – Director, Network Operations & Performance Branch, DMR Qld

Australian Government

- A representative from the Department of Transport and Regional Services
 - David Stephens – Manager, Strategic Regional Program, AusLink
- A representative from the Department of Environment and Water Resources
 - Beth Riordan – Acting Director, Community Partnerships
- A representative from the Department of Health and Ageing
 - Ben Smith – Assistant Director, Overweight, Obesity & Physical Activity Section

State and Territory Road / Transport agencies

- A nominee of each Austroads state/territory member organisation
 - RTA NSW: John Grinsell – Policy Officer, Traffic Management Branch
 - VicRoads: Tony Barton – Manager Bicycle & Pedestrian Programs
 - DMR Qld: Doug Woodbury – Director, Smart Travel Centre, QT
 - MR WA: Jim Krynen - Cycling Integration Manager, PTA WA
 - DTEI SA: Peter Watts – Manager, Office for Cycling and Walking
 - DIER Tas: Howard Jacobson – Project Officer, Land Transport Safety Policy
 - TAMS ACT: Peter Thompson – Maintenance Co-ordinator
 - DPI NT: Ken Grattan – Manager Network Planning (Roads)

A nominee of the Australian Local Government Association

- Brisbane City Council – Alton Twine – Principal Active Transport, Transport and Traffic

Bicycle industry

- A representative of Bicycle Industries Australia Inc
 - Rosemarie Speidel – Program Director, Cycling Promotion Fund
- A representative of Retail Cycle Traders Australia Inc.
 - Graham Bradshaw – Executive Officer

Cyclist user groups

- A nominee of the Bicycle Federation of Australia
 - Warren Salomon – Committee Member, BFA

Observers

- A nominee of Transit NZ
 - Tim Hughes – Senior Road Safety Engineer, Networks, LTNZ

NATIONAL CYCLING STRATEGY 2005–2010 Implementation status as at 30 June 2007

Action		Responsibility	Target	Status
Priority 1 Improved Coordination — <i>Encourage coordination of activities relevant to increased cycling in the appropriate portfolios of Australian, state, territory and local government</i>				
1.1	Seek the support of relevant Ministers (including Planning, Sport and Recreation, Health, Environment, Tourism and Education) in recognising the benefits of increased cycling to their portfolio, in implementing the Strategy, and in giving consideration to funding particular actions.	State and territory roads and transport ministers	January 06	Jurisdictions have briefed relevant ministers and distributed copies of the strategy to key stakeholders
1.2	Develop and implement a monitoring framework for the Strategy.	ABC	December 05	Monitoring framework established
1.3	Provide a detailed annual progress report to the Australian Transport Council through Austroads.	ABC Secretariat to collate jurisdictional reports, signed off by ABC chair	Annually	Regular reports prepared for Austroads and annual report for ATC.
1.4	Collect and report compatible state and territory data and indicators in order to provide a comparative national perspective on cycling outcomes, and in particular measures of participation in cycling and the safety of cyclists.	All ABC member	Initially by December 06, then annually	Indicators have been determined and will be reported annually from December 2007
1.5	Establish a web-based cycling resource centre as a repository for data, information and best practice relating to cycling planning, policy, programs and projects (for example, projects that demonstrate good practice in: cycling-oriented integrated transport and land use planning, and cycling infrastructure and facilities).	DOTARS, with all ABC members to contribute resources and best practice items	Develop proposal June 06 Implement by June 07	Proposal developed March 2007. DOTARS have agreed to provide \$50,000. Content prepared June 2007. Web developer engaged July. Website expected to be completed October 2007
1.6	Develop an information and advice service in conjunction with the web-based cycling resource centre, to be administered by staff who would answer inquiries and provide advice through (wherever possible) a website.	DOTARS and ABC members	June 07	Will be reviewed once website is operational
1.7	Develop resources that assist local government to secure funding for cycling projects.	DOTARS and ABC members	Feb 06	Information paper prepared on all relevant Federal funding programs and jurisdictions have developed various resources to assist local government secure funding at a state and territory level as well as directly funding councils.
1.8	Identify and collate examples of benefit cost analyses and other planning resources that quantify the benefits of investment in cycling infrastructure.	ABC members	Mar 06	Austroads Guide to Project Evaluation Part 8 includes a case study for a cycling project
1.9	Investigate and report on regulatory, taxation and other fiscal impediments to increased cycling.	DOTARS	June 07	Several regulatory issues have been pursued by ABC members. No action as yet on taxation and fiscal impediments by DOTARS.
1.10	Promote collaboration between government agencies, the bicycle industry, bicycle user groups and other public and private organisations in implementing the Strategy	ABC members and other stakeholders	ongoing	Jurisdictions have sent copies of the Strategy to their relevant agencies, councils and community organisations. All jurisdictions have cycling committees in place that meet and discuss bicycle issues with representatives from their agencies and peak cycling groups.
1.11	Continue to develop cycling initiatives in the Australian, state, territory and local government spheres that will help achieve the vision of the Strategy.	Australian, state, territory and local governments	6 monthly report from Jurisdictions	A variety of initiatives of been developed including promotional campaigns, funding support for infrastructure and research projects.

Action		Responsibility	Target	Status
Priority 2 Integrated Planning — <i>Include cycling as an essential component in integrated transport and land use planning in all spheres of government</i>				
2.1	Incorporate cycling into state, territory and local government transport and land use policies, strategies and planning instruments to ensure that the needs of cyclists are considered in the course of all relevant planning and infrastructure delivery activities	State, territory and local governments	ongoing	Review of the approaches taken by jurisdictions to cycling in new residential developments indicates that most jurisdictions have guidelines or policies in place which are designed to facilitate cycling. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Liveable Neighbourhoods</i> in WA, • <i>Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling</i> in NSW • <i>Subdivision and Development Guidelines</i> in Brisbane • <i>Better Development Plan</i> modules in SA
2.2	Develop guidance to support planning for increased cycling by local government, including any local planning schemes that require the provision of off-road cycle paths, on-road cycle lanes and end-of-trip facilities as part of new subdivisions and redevelopments.	State and territory governments	2010	Jurisdictions have developed a range of guidance for local government including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Principal Cycle Network Plan for South East Queensland is currently being updated following a period of consultation with local and state government and the community. • More than 400 local government leaders from across Australia met at the 8th National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Newcastle in July, 2007. The Conference theme was sustainable transport and several presentations promoted cycling • NSW has developed the NSW Bicycle Guidelines and also provides 50/50 funding to Local Government for cycleways.
2.3	Ensure that any new Austroads publication series (and particularly road design and traffic management guides) recognise and promote best practice in the design and provision of cycling infrastructure and facilities.	Austroads	2008	ABC is represented on Austroads Traffic Management and Road Design Review Panels for the new Austroads guides. Parts of the guides are referred to members of the ABC for comment as they become available.
2.4	Develop a single document for cycling practitioners, available at no charge from relevant websites, which summarises cycling-related information in Austroads publications.	Austroads	2009	On the Austroads Program for development in 2008-09 when development of new guides should be completed.
2.5	Encourage recognition of the health benefits of cycling and identify actions that will lead to an increase in the number of people who ride bicycles for transport, exercise and recreation in all appropriate health and physical activity strategies and initiatives	Australian, state, territory and local governments	Level of exchange of details of relevant strategies & initiatives between ABC members	Jurisdictions have encouraged recognition of health benefits in a variety of ways, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Health and Ageing have provided funding to Bicycle Victoria for the National Ride to Work Day • Tasmanian Office of Sport and Recreation and the Premier's Physical Activities Council both include cycling in their programs for actions that will lead to an increase in the number of people who ride bicycles for transport, exercise and recreation.
2.6	Develop and implement a strategic research program on emerging issues that have relevance to a national goal of increased cycling.	ABC members and Austroads	December 06	A 3-year Strategic Research Program has been developed. Funding will be sought through a number of sources including the Austroads.

Action		Responsibility	Target	Status
Priority 3 Infrastructure and Facilities — <i>Create infrastructure and facilities that support increased cycling</i>				
3.1	Create integrated, effective and safe cycling networks within urban and rural communities that are consistent with national standards and support increased cycling for transport.	Australian, state, territory and local governments	Report on jurisdictional programs	Jurisdictions have been creating additional cycling networks through means such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In WA, full integration of cycle parking and access through 9 new train stations, as part of Perth-Mandurah rail expansion. NSW RTA fund bicycle initiatives which consists of the costs for bicycle infrastructure, education and promotion of cycling, and also share paths and on-road facilities as part of road construction projects. In SA, the State Bicycle Fund provides councils with up to 50% subsidy funding for developing and improving local bicycle networks.
3.2	Support work to identify cycle tourism routes, standards for cycle tourism facilities, and the development of cycle routes (such as rail trails) that support increased cycling for recreation and tourism.	ABC members	Ongoing	ABC members have supported work in this area such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victoria is continuing to develop Rail Trails through the Provincial Pathways program of Regional Development Victoria at approximately \$4 million per year NSW Department of Planning developing and implementing NSW Coastline Cycle ways.
3.3	Encourage the incorporation of end-of-trip facilities that are consistent with national standards in urban developments	ABC members	Ongoing	Initiatives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed NT Planning Scheme includes the requirement for developments to provide bicycle access, storage and shower facilities In Victoria, provision for cyclists is considered as part of the development of all new road projects and maintenance projects.
3.4	Develop policies and procedures that consider the needs of cyclists during the construction and/or maintenance of all new and/or existing roads	State, territory and local governments	2008	Several examples are already in place. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Roads Queensland has adopted a policy on providing for cycling on state-controlled roads which is being implemented in all relevant (mostly urban) projects. SA has committed to include in all new urban road projects or road upgrades safe, direct and attractive cycling facilities that are planned, designed and constructed in accordance with Austroads guide ACT has developed an "Report on the Canberra Bicycle Commuter Network" which prioritises missing links on the on and off road network RTA policy that cyclists be considered throughout the design and construction of all major projects and maintenance projects.
3.5	Develop effective and appropriate policies regarding the use of urban and rural motorways by cyclists where required.	State and territory governments	2008	Jurisdictions have or are in the process of developing policies

Action		Responsibility	Target	Status
Priority 4 Road Safety — Enable and encourage safe cycling				
4.1	Monitor and report on crashes involving cyclists, identifying type, number and severity of crashes.	Australian, state and territory governments	Report annually	The performance indicator project will report on crash involvement and is due for updating by December 2007.
4.2	Support programs and initiatives that promote safe cycling to school and higher education, addressing both infrastructure and facilities requirements and promotional activities.	Australian, state and territory governments	Report annually	A large number of initiatives are underway. DEWR has supported Safe Routes to School project which has been implemented by jurisdictions. The Cycling Promotion Fund has provided information and sponsorship for a teacher's resource on bicycles in the Teacher's toolkit magazine which is distributed to teachers around Australia.
4.3	Support developing and implementing cycle proficiency and safety programs for primary and secondary school students.	Australian, state and territory governments	Report annually	Jurisdictions have support programs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria has implemented the "Cycle Ed" and "Cycle ON" programs • In NSW cyclist safety education is provided through school curriculum and through Community and Road Safety Education Scheme (CARES) Centres and bicycle education parks where children can learn safe riding practice in controlled environment • SA provides the Bike Ed program to approximately 4,000, 11 to 12 year old children each year in primary Schools
4.4	Support developing and implementing behavioural initiatives that improve cyclist safety, such as programs to increase the conspicuity and helmet-wearing by cyclists, and general compliance with road rules.	State and territory governments	Report annually	A number of jurisdictions are running 'Share the Roads Campaigns'
4.5	Address cycling safety as a component of blackspot-funded works including the recent history of crashes involving cyclists at relevant locations	Australian, state and territory governments	Report annually	Jurisdictions have considered cycling safety in black spot projects and in some cases funding has been applied to address cycling black spots such as the Naas Bridge in Tasmania.
4.6	Support initiatives, including reduced speed limits that will support safer cycling by reducing motor vehicle speeds.	ABC members	Report on action taken	General urban limit of 50 km/h have been implemented in all jurisdictions and 40 km/h zones or other arrangements implemented in school zones and local traffic areas. Austroads has undertaken a project to review the speed limits applicable to different parts of the road hierarchy.
4.7	Promote the benefits of cycling, using effective and safe routes, to support the National Road Safety Strategy 2001-2010 aim of encouraging alternatives to motor vehicle use to reduce exposure to road trauma.	ABC members	Report on action taken	Safe Routes to School project (see 4.2) is being used as one of the ways to promote cycling using effective and safe routes
4.8	Support the development and implementation of initiatives that improve all road users' awareness of how they can share the roads with cyclists	Australian, state and territory governments	Report on action taken	A number of states are running 'Share the Roads Campaigns' See 4.4
4.9	Support the development and implementation of initiatives that improve all path users' awareness of how they can share paths with cyclists.	Australian, state and territory governments	Report on progress	Austroads has published a report Pedestrian-Cyclist Conflict Minimisation on Shared Paths and Footpaths. Jurisdictions have taken initiatives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSW has developed technical direction for signage on share paths, and also included in RTA Bicycle

Action		Responsibility	Target	Status
				<p>guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some SA councils have produced “Codes of Conduct” for their trails and many shared off road installations also provide on-site signage to advise users of appropriate behaviours required of a range of users.
4.10	Research and trial new technologies and initiatives aimed at improving safety for cyclists.	ABC members	Report on progress	To be addressed under Strategic Research Program. See 2.6
Priority 5 Cycling Support and Promotion — <i>Provide leadership, and develop partnerships, to support and promote cycling in Australia</i>				
5.1	Support the development, implementation and evaluation of cyclist-friendly workplace projects in each state and territory, which can be promoted through a National Ride to Work Day.	ABC members	Report on progress	<p>Project currently being funded by DEWR through AGO that is examining developing a National Ride to Work Day. Review of Fleet Bicycles in Australian Workplaces currently being undertaken by DEWR.</p> <p>Numerous initiatives by ABC members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCC Ride to Work Day (1000 riders riding to work and meeting for breakfast at the Brisbane Square and Corporate Ride to Work Corporate Challenge The SA cycling strategy - Safety in Numbers - has an objective of “Government leading by example” which provides appropriate end of trip facilities and appropriate information and support to employees to cycle.
5.2	Support the Australian Bicycle Industry’s Annual Bicycling Achievement Award program, as an encouragement for innovation and best practice in providing for and promoting increased cycling.	Bicycle Industry Association with ABC members	Annually	The Cycling Promotion Fund conducts the National Bicycling Achievement Awards to recognise the invaluable contributions made by individuals, organisations and businesses around Australia towards advancing cycling. Quality and scope of the nominations has been increasing each year.
5.3	Support the development and implementation of community education programs that encourage more people (particularly adults, including those new to cycling) to cycle for transport, recreation and health.	Australian, state, territory and local governments	Report on progress	A large number of programs have been developed and supported.
5.4	Develop and implement marketing strategies that promote cycling and its benefits, using existing or new marketing materials.	ABC members	Report on progress	The Cycling Promotion Fund runs regular business of cycling breakfasts to raise awareness of the economic, social and environmental contribution of cycling. Jurisdictions conduct Bike Weeks and Rides.
5.5	Establish links to state, territory and local TravelSmart programs in order to promote cycling as a travel alternative to motor vehicle use.	Australian, state, territory and local governments	Report on progress	A range of links have been established.
5.6	Support and promote the work of the Australian Centre for Excellence in Cycle Tourism.	ABC members	Report on progress	ABC member rep currently on Centre for Excellence in Cycle Tourism committee

Action		Responsibility	Target	Status
Priority 6 Increased Professional Capacity — <i>Develop skills needed to undertake actions that will increase cycling</i>				
6.1	Develop trial and implement a nationally accredited cycling proficiency training and train-the-trainer system for adults and for children.	ABC members and associated stakeholders	Report progress	'Cycle Proficiency Training' guidelines completed
6.2	Review tertiary transport and traffic courses, identifying training gaps and incorporating cycling within courses as required.	ABC members and associated stakeholders	Report progress	Bicycle Resource Pack updated and on ABC website and ABC members have contacted local universities and referred them to the bicycle resource pack
6.3	Source or develop and implement a training program, where required, for state, territory and local government decision-makers and staff, on the importance and benefits of cycling and planning principles that support increased cycling.	ABC members and associated stakeholders	Report progress	Bicycle Industries Australia through the Cycling Promotion Fund has provided funding in partnership with the Australian Greenhouse Office to run workshop on how to utilise the bike ability tool kit. Training workshops are run in four states and include workshops for local government staff and for cycling advocates and volunteers. Jurisdictions initiatives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA is running a pilot "Introduction to Traffic Management Course" for engineering, technical and operational staff to develop traffic management/engineering expertise. • Tasmania has conducted workshop for traffic engineers and traffic planners that focused on Austroads guide
6.4	Source or develop and implement a training program, for state, territory and local government staff, on designing infrastructure and facilities for cyclists.	ABC members and associated stakeholders	Report progress	Jurisdictions have undertaken several initiatives to address this including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a module on cycling in traffic engineering courses • Awarding contracts to conduct training courses for managers and road practitioners on how to provide for cyclists and pedestrians.
6.5	Promote the uptake of existing nationally accredited training for bicycle mechanics and bike shop staff.	ABC members and associated stakeholders	Report progress	Progressing