

# Newcastle Cycleways Movement Inc. Monthly Meeting

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**Tuesday 11 October 2011**

**The Adamstown Club, Brunner Rd Adamstown, Function Room 1**

**Attendance:**

Bernie Hockings, Vicki Coughlan, Ben Ewald, Jacqui Hicks, Peter Lee, David Bennett, Nick Batt, Michael Golden, Steven Fleming,

**Apologies:**

Dorothy Pinder, Daniel Endicott, Adam Milligan, Darrel Stone

Meeting opened 7.15pm

1. Agenda adopted

2. Minutes of previous meeting accepted

3. **Events: Ride 2 work Day** tomorrow, breakfasts at Wheeler place, Lake Mac and Uni.

5 & 6 November, Bike North visit.

Sydney Rides Festival is on now and next weekend. Bernie will attend as fact finder. Fact finding mission to Sydney on 13 Nov. to be confirmed.

**4. President's report:** Nick has recently been appointed as a student representative on the Vice Chancellors University Committee on Environmental Sustainability (UCES). At the next meeting on Nov 04, Nick will present Route 6 as the most direct route between the main Callaghan Campus and the expanding City Campus, as well as an important route for students to commute between various suburbs and the university. Nick will explain the significant barrier that the Maud St crossing presents and the opportunity to improve it.

**5. Secretary's report:**

Correspondence: Ben's letter re Throsby creek, date is suggested. Meeting with Tim Owen: Ben & Bernie revealed that up to \$400k per electorate is available under Community Grants Funding. Infrastructure grant. If applying with a local council, council have to meet dollar for dollar. Maud Street is a priority and is on the boundary of 3 State Electoral districts, it could be done under this funding. Could partner with uni, Nick is on Facilities Management committee, Steven will talk to Sharon Rickson at uni. RTA: Bernie will follow up. NCC: Bernie will approach. Deadline for submissions is end of October.

Bike NSW AGM soon – Omar is new CEO, move to change constitution of BNSW, difficult to change, email to be sent to all NCM BNSW members advising which way to vote in coming elections.

Safe Roads NSW is taking submissions on speed limits. Ben to do submission. Motorised bicycles review is going on. Michael Golden will do report and email.

**6. Ride Coordinator Report:** coordinator is not attending meetings but still organising rides. Cobwebs.

**7. Planning Repts report:** Peter Lee: draft bike plan to be out at end of October, survey and draft consultation report are very thorough. Rumour that it is all tourism oriented. Discussion re needs of commuters vs recreational cyclists eg Morisset station and track through bush. Bareki point – GHD consultants are doing the planning.

**8. NCC consultative meeting:** Ben: report has been done by Bernie.  
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**9. Fernleigh Track Committee:** Dave: the committee is working towards winding up. Each major unfinished action, such as Dudley and John darling spur lines, is being allocated to another section of Council to work on in future. Some issues still outstanding: bollards on Stage 4&5 to be changed or removed. Bike parking at Belmont end, heritage bridge planks are inconsistent Height. Maintenance issues to be addressed.

**10. BikesCount:** Ben: to be done 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, on 15 Oct the sites will be emailed to volunteers, more volunteers may be rounded up tomorrow at R2W at both Newcastle and LakeMac sites.

**11. Bike Festival:** Bernie: Bike NSW conference cancelled this year, could be amalgamated with the Bike Fest in Newcastle as venue for next year on Sept 21 & 22 2012. 22<sup>nd</sup> is also car free day. RTA funding, PCAL, Hunter Tourism and Heart Council to be approached for sponsorship money and seed funding. Format will be: Friday conference, Saturday festival, Sunday rides. More ideas: hill climb race in King Edward park, Honeysuckle moving festival site, temporary lights required at crossing at Hannell St. Collect armbands at different locations to redeem discounts at local businesses, can also be used to monitor attendance numbers at festival.

**12. Website development:** Bernie: still under construction but online now. Meeting next Wed night for website group.

**13. Living Smart Festival:** Jacqui: 19 November, Speers Point park. Ferry from Belmont every hour, so can ride Fernleigh to get there. Low participation rate from local bike shops. Fernleigh Café has a stall.

**14. Bikes on Buses:** Bernie Proust: meeting on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> with Newcastle Buses, Tim Owens will be there.

**Other general business:** RTA Course on Design for Cyclist and Pedestrians: Peter Lee: requested fee to attend, agreed NCM to pay 2/3 of fee. Fee is \$550.

Meeting closed: 9.20pm