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Venue:	Room 3, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde	
Date:	Monday, 12 th October 2015	
Time:	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.50pm	
Chair:	Councillor Perram	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith	
Staff Convenor:	Simon Wood	
Circulation:		

Committee Role:

The primary role of the Bicycle Advisory Committee is to:

- Advise Council on all matters relating to cycling in the City of Ryde.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Councillor Terry Perram	Chairperson	City of Ryde
		Councillor Roy Maggio	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor George Simon	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Mr Andrew Parker	Employee Experience and Transport Manager	Optus
		Mr David Ballm	RMS	RMS
✓		Mr Alf Torrisi	Community Representative	Bike North
✓		Mr Doug Stewart	Community Representative	Bike North
✓		Jill Hartley	Community Representative	
✓		Greg Holding	Team Manager – Traffic Services	City of Ryde
✓		Kevin McClain	Community Representative	Connect MP
✓		Mr Harry Muker	Section Manager – Traffic, Transport and Development	City of Ryde
✓		Simon Wood	Traffic Engineer	City of Ryde
		Penny Dillon	Sustainable Transport Manager	Optus
		Alison Wong	Community Representative	Bike North
✓		Sarah Jo Steinhoff	Admin Officer-Sustainability	Macquarie University

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Sam Cappelli	Acting Group Manager Environment and Planning	City of Ryde
John Brown	Place Manager – Macquarie Park	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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1.	Present:	Noted	
	Apologies:	Nil - As noted above.	
2.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes from 31st August 2015</p> <p>The Minutes from the meeting held on 31st August 2015 were confirmed and endorsed.</p>	Minutes confirmed and endorsed.	

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<p>3. Business Arising from Meeting held on 31st August 2015</p> <p>Update from Macquarie University.</p> <p>A response has been received from the University that it does not wish to encourage a “rat run” through the university grounds and is therefore not in favour of providing off road bike paths.</p> <p>The committee expressed its disappointment in this decision as it believes the university should be encouraging cycling to and through the site.</p> <p>M2 Diversionary route (Coxs Road – handover to COR)</p> <p>It was confirmed by audit undertaken by Bike North that no work has been carried out on the bike markings for some time. A request has been made by Council that areas such as outside the Coxs Road shops and near bus stop in Coxs Road be repainted.</p> <p>Blaxland Road Cycleway continuation – Anzac Ave construction</p> <p>It was noted that construction has been completed to Anzac Ave, but is a poor result. Ashpalt has been placed where the path has large drops.</p> <p>Bollard replacement program</p> <p>Further to information already submitted, Alf has submitted to Harry further locations such as Hawks pathway where bollard replacement is required.</p> <p>Shared User Path – Denistone Park off Terry Road</p> <p>The area of roadway where the above shared user path approaches Ryde Hospital was noted as dangerous as turning right into the path is difficult. It was requested that a wide painted median be located in lieu of the rumble bricks that are currently in place.</p>	<p>Clr Perram will raise the thoughts of this committee with reps of the university at the first opportunity he has.</p> <p>Greg Holding to arrange a meeting between Leightons, Council, Bike North and Trans Urban. Doug Stewart from Bike North advised he would be prepared to attend the meeting.</p> <p>The Benson Lane corner which is considered dangerous needs to be made wider and the gradient reduced.</p> <p>This work is still outstanding.</p> <p>Harry to action as funds are available.</p> <p>The work requested is still outstanding.</p>	

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<p>Hermitage Road project</p> <p>Bike North requested that consideration be given to painting an "on road bike marking" on Hermitage Road as the second stage of the bike path in this location in lieu of providing a separate bike path which will be very costly and difficult to provide.</p> <p>Bike Week 2015 event – program/advertising material review</p> <p>It was noted that the majority of participants at the above event were children.</p> <p>Bike North was thanked for its participation in the day.</p> <p>Promotion of the event and cycling in general is needed. Greater emphasis should be placed on cycling as an alternative way to live/work/shop in Ryde.</p> <p>Need to spread the message that COR supports cycling as a safe alternate method of transport.</p> <p>Ride to work day is a good promotion and emphasises that you not need to ride on major roads to ride to work.</p> <p>Alternative cycleway route options – Rowe Street upgrade</p> <p>The committee agreed that the best course of action was to review bike route options following the upgrade of Rowe Street.</p> <p>It is considered important that any upgrade include provision for a path from Ryedale Road to Rowe Street that is wide enough to be a shared user path and that a suitable speed limit on Rowe Street be implemented.</p> <p>Signage</p> <p>Signage markers on Blaxland Road, at Meadowbank Station and Shrimptons Creek are still required.</p>	<p>This work is still outstanding.</p> <p>Lisa Pears to be invited to the next meeting of this committee. Lisa will be collaborating with this group and running the bike week event in 2016.</p> <p>Planning for next year's event should be finalised in June 2016.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>To be further discussed at the next meeting.</p>	

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<p>4. ELS Hall Park update</p> <p>Staff are still investigating where best to place the bike path due to the need to accommodate the off leash area for dogs.</p> <p>Bike North emphasised that connectivity at both ends of the park is the critical factor to be considered.</p> <p>It is considered that the lower route provides better connectivity and linkage to Shrimptons Creek.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>5. Pittwater Road SUP funding</p> <p>A report on this matter will be submitted to Council soon.</p> <p>50/50 funding between Council and the RMS has been provided for continuation of the bike path on Pittwater Road north of Magdala Road.</p>	<p>A copy of the final proposal is to be forwarded to Alf at Bike North for comment prior to submission to the RMS</p>	
<p>6. Progress with graphing bicycle count data</p> <p>Greg Holding is to follow up on this matter with the data provider.</p> <p>It is suggested that Greg speak with other Councils, particularly Parramatta which use the same data provider in an effort to secure a reduced prior the service required.</p>	<p>Greg Holding to follow up.</p>	
<p>7. 2015-2016 bicycle budget update</p> <p>Funding from COR in 2015/16 will allow for work on Khartoum Road</p> <p>Funding from RMS for this period will allow for work on ELS Hall Park and Pittwater Road.</p> <p>Minor capital work projects to a value of approx. \$76,000 will allow for works on a transition path on Hermitage Road to the lights at Victoria Road. An on site meeting is to be held prior to works commencing to settle issues involved.</p> <p>Any additional funds are to be used to provide more bollards.</p>	<p>The figures and information provided were noted.</p>	

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<p>8. Planned temporary closure of John Whitton bridge.</p> <p>The bridge needs to be closed for a month to allow Ausgrid to lay cables.</p> <p>This committee notes the disruption that will be caused to users of the bridge during its closure.</p> <p>A request is to be made that Ausgrid reinstate the approaches to the bridge to a high quality at the completion of the works. A good quality reinstatement is required.</p> <p>Current issues include the prominence of tree roots and loose plates on the top of the bridge which tend to drift.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

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<p>9. Proposed upgrade of Shrimptons Creek parkland in Macquarie Park</p> <p>John Brown addressed the Committee.</p> <p>He advised that the State Government has provided funding of \$5m to be spent in the above area.</p> <p>Council is to submit plans of management, a network plan and bike plan for consideration.</p> <p>Further consultation will then occur between January and June of 2016.</p> <p>It is proposed to create a shared user path parallel to Shrimptons Creek – a separated path would be ideal.</p> <p>The route needs to be more clearly marked, especially the centre path.</p> <p>Funds are intended to be spent on lighting and separating riders and walkers.</p> <p>There are many blind corners with poor sight distance.</p> <p>Pedestrians currently cut corners in Wilga Reserve and this should be accommodated for in any new plan.</p> <p>The main problem is in the southern section of Wilga Reserve where visibility is poor. The path should be relocated on the western side with clear markers as to where it goes.</p> <p>A width of 4m should be standard for any new path created.</p> <p>Trees and plantings need to be kept at least a metre from the edge of the path.</p> <p>The lantana and weeds should be removed.</p> <p>It was suggested that the three open spaces, Eloura, Lachlans and Condon be linked.</p> <p>Bubblers should be provided on the route.</p> <p>It was noted a 4m path adjacent to 10 Byfield Street will create a nearly continuous path to Shrimptons Creek.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Main requests are for path width of 4m to be adopted for new pathways,</p> <p>Lighting to be provided</p> <p>Bubblers/water stations to be provided</p> <p>Clear route markings to be provided</p> <p>Vegetation to be kept away from bike paths ie 1m from edge and no more than 1/2m high.</p> <p>The importance of providing bike transport in and around Macquarie Park before the temporary removal of the train service was noted.</p>	

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<p>10. Macquarie park – Granite cycleway pavement markings trial</p> <p>John Brown advised that the paint which had been used to trial markings on the granite has stood up to heavy use well over the last six months.</p> <p>RMS has advised that it is Council’s decision where to place shared user path markings ie in high risk areas or everywhere.</p> <p>Bike North noted that consistency throughout the COR is important.</p> <p>The centre line is used for the benefit of walkers and riders.</p> <p>Currently shared used signs and markings are installed as needed.</p> <p>Either a separated lane on the road or lines on the footpath are considered necessary.</p>	<p>The feedback provided by the Committee was noted by John Brown.</p>	
<p>11. General Business</p>	<p>Nil</p>	
<p>12. Next Meeting:</p> <p>DATE: Monday 7th December 2015 TIME: 6.00pm VENUE: Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street</p>		

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