



Summer
2011

LIVEBUG NEWS

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Summer Calendar

Saturday Dec 11th CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RIDE

Grade: Easy

Start: 06:30pm from Rickard Rd, Chipping Norton (Newbridge Rd end).

A short **15km** ride, to Panania for coffee/dinner, then ride back through Milperra to check out the Christmas lights. Riders are encouraged to decorate their bikes and themselves with the festive season in mind. All riders must bring own set of working lights for bike - front & rear. **Contact:** Maree; 96025293 or 0419203379 to confirm.



Sunday Jan 9 EXTENDED PRESTONS LOOP RIDE

Grade: Easy

Start: 08:00am from Liverpool Railway Station.

This **18km** ride uses the cycle paths along Hoxton Park Rd & M7 to Camden Valley Way, check out the new cycle path along Camden Valley Way/Hume Highway to Leacocks Lane, then to Casula Shopping Centre for a coffee break. Returning to Liverpool via Amalfi and Paciullo Parks. **Contact:** Maree; 96025293 or 0419203379 to confirm.

Sunday Jan 23 WESTERN SYDNEY PARKLANDS

Grade: Medium

Start: 8.00am from Plough and Harrow Park Carpark. Liverpool (off Elizabeth Drive).

33km ride, with some hills, long stretches of unimpeded parklands cycle track and a few rural back roads, also uses sections of M7 cyclepath. Coffee in Carnes Hill.

Contact : Phillip Jackson 9720 8297 to confirm.

Saturday Feb 12 OLYMPIC PARK FLICKER FEAST

Grade: Easy-Medium

Start: 18:00pm Guildford Station

An easy **30km** night time ride to a restaurant at Newington Market Place. Route will take in RailTrail, M4 cycleway, Olympic Park and return to Guildford. Cyclists will require working lights - front & rear. Call Phil 24 hours prior to confirm you are coming and to arrange table booking. **Contact** Phil Rylatt 87950564 (H) to confirm

Sunday Feb 13 BOTANY BAY FORESHORE RIDE

Grade: Easy

Start: 9:00am from Wolli Creek Railway Station (Mt Olympus Bvd)

This **27 km** ride is suitable for all riders; it is a mixture of shared cycle ways and back streets. The ride gives excellent views of Sydney Airport, the beaches of Botany Bay and the lower Geroges River. The ride follows the Cooks River to Botany Bay near Sydney Airport then continues south along the foreshore past the beaches of Kyeemagh, Brighton-Le-Sands, Ramsgate and on to Sans Souci returning via the same route with a lunch stop at Brighton-Le-Sands. This ride

is an excellent beginners ride with only 1 small hill. **Contact:** Russell; 0434 141 810 to confirm.

Tuesday Feb 15th 6pm, LiveBUG meeting

Thomas & Rachael Moore Education Building, Seminar Room 2,
Liverpool Hospital.

Sunday Feb 27 TOUR DE LAKES

Grade: Easy

Start: 08.00am from Liverpool Station.

This ?30km ride takes in a loop around Chipping Norton Lake & Lake Gillawanna. The ride starts from Liverpool Station following bike paths along the Lansvale side of the lake; around Mirambeena & returning via Chipping Norton Side of the Lake. BYO refreshments for picnic break. Uses some roads. **Contact:** Maree; 96025293 or 0419203379 to confirm.

Tuesday March 1

Super Tuesday Bike Count

<http://www.bv.com.au/bike-futures/92039/>

Sunday March 13 LAKE ILLAWARRA - SHELLHARBOUR

Grade: Easy-Medium

Start: 9.30am from HARS Museum - Illawarra Regional Airport (Cnr Airport Rd & Boomerang Ave, Albion Park Rail - 2 minutes walk from Albion Park Station). **30km**

ride scenic ride following the lake shore and beaches to Shellharbour for morning tea and returning by the same route. the ride is mostly on cycle paths and quite back streets (Personal guided tour of aircraft museum available at end of ride - Adults \$15, Kids free). **Contact:** Russell; 0434 141 810 to confirm you are coming and for possible car pooling.

Sunday March 27 LIVERPOOL TO LAKE PARRAMATTA

Grade: Easy-Medium

Start: 09:00am Liverpool Railway Station (**50kms**). Option to start ride at Guildford (**27kms**). Mostly easy ride with a couple of short hills. Take in sights around Harris Park and Parramatta Park before heading to Lake Parramatta Reserve for a meal break. Kiosk and cafe facilities available. Return to Liverpool via RailTrail. Please call to confirm you are coming. **Contact** Phil Rylatt 87950564 (H) to confirm

Other Rides/Events/Cycling Holidays

Tathra Enduro Mountain Bike Race 27th March, 2011.

<http://www.thredbomountainbiketours.com.au/tathraenduro>

Advocacy Issues –

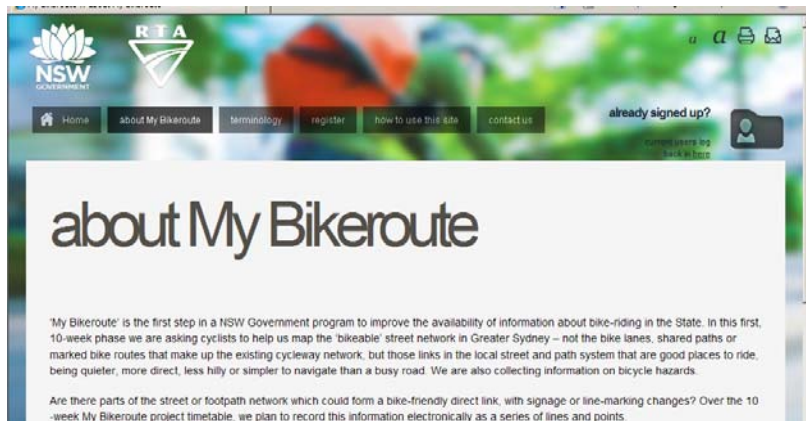
NSW State Gov / RTA

RTA announced tender for 'Strategic Concept Studies for Metro Sydney Bike Network Routes' for five routes including Liverpool to Campbelltown Rail Trail. While this is an initial quality assurance process and the tender won't close to Feb 11 it is how one step along the way to get detail design documents for this route - hopefully we will be consulted. There is no guarantee from this that detail designs will be undertaken or infrastructure funded.

In attending a bicycle planning meeting at another local council area we were aware that RTA had agreed fully fund some specific metropolitan route projects from the State Bike Plan for 2010/2011 in speaking with RTA staff at the Sydney Spring Cycle they confirmed this would be the section associated with the Casula powerhouse road, as there were already planning documents and approvals for this. Hopefully work will be March to June 2011

MY BIKEROUTE

This is an RTA project – mapping metropolitan and set as one of the priorities for implementing the State Bike Plan released this year. While the project notes that it is in the data collection phase and is asking people who ride to enter the routes they ride and know are suitable for cycling

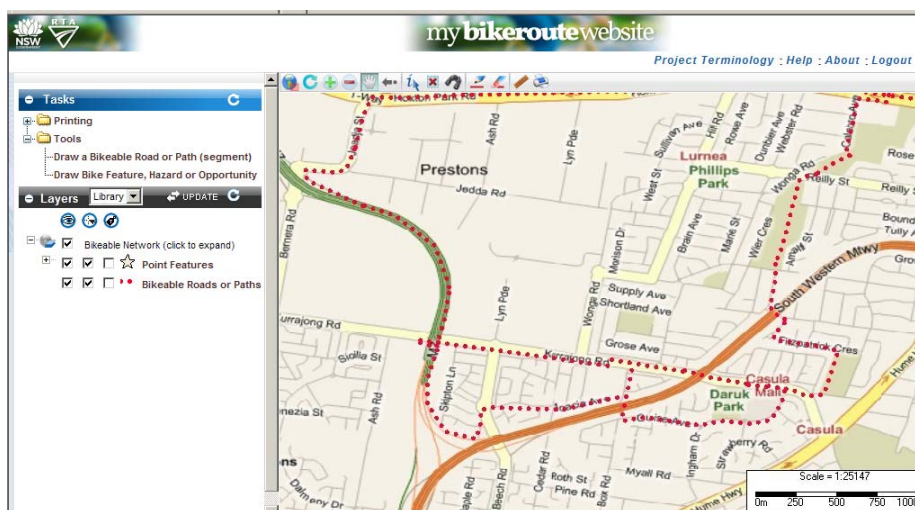


I registered and checked what was in there – no one so far has suggested any routes for Liverpool. While there are instructions – it took a while to work out the mechanism entering/ drawing routes that would be stored in the system, and not disappearing when you logged out.

The project is in 10 week development phase - while we are all for democracy in transport planning – where many people as possible having their input – this method ignored the work already undertaken by the RTA, local councils and bicycle user group in mapping good routes, it has also shifted the that collection to volunteers. The drawing tools take some effort in mastering, it is not obvious how your drawing of routes will add to the over-all mapping project.

My efforts for putting in the routes around Casula

We will continue to add the routes and features such as cycle parking we use in about south western Sydney



LINK <http://www.mybikeroute.info/>

Local Council Matters

- **Voyager Point Bridge** – management and maintenance of the bridge will be taken over by Liverpool / Bankstown Councils some time in the coming months – the bridge has been commonwealth property, minutes of recent meetings of both councils note the applications to transfer ownership.
- **Land Rezoning at Warwick Farm** – Liverpool Council Minutes show that council agreed to rezoning application for two blocks of land related to Warwick Farm Racecourse. While land rezoning may not appear to be related to cycling - rezoning may allow council to negotiate benefits to the general public in a voluntary agreement with the redevelopers – shared users paths for pedestrians and cyclists can be some of the public benefits included.

The land is currently zoned private recreation – i.e. racecourse related and so none is open to the general public

The benefit to cycling is the construction of a shared user path from the bridge past the race course main buildings and join the current section of path up to Hume Highway – this will be part of major road works

While the majority of land will be used for horse industry and other industrial uses –land along the Georges River foreshore land some other land within Coopers Paddock will be zoned public recreation and have a shared User Path built as part of the rezoning agreement.

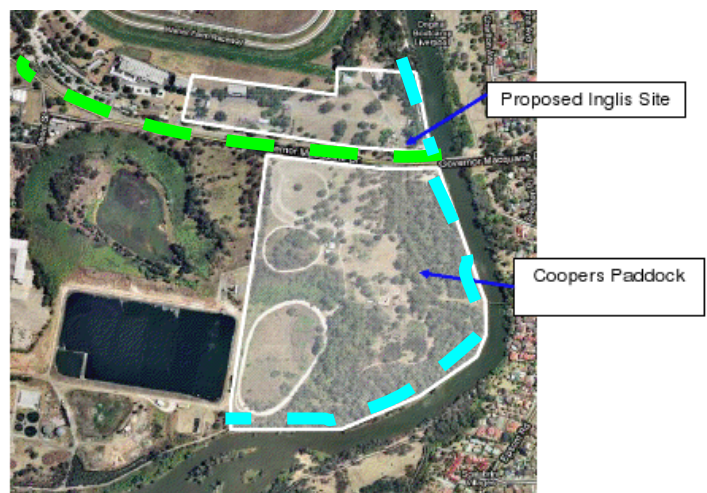


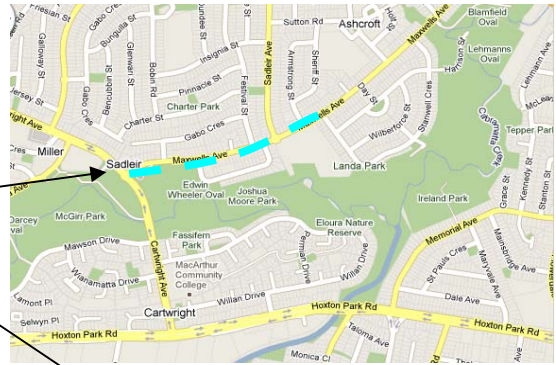
Figure 1 Location map

From Liverpool Council Meeting Agenda Papers October 2010

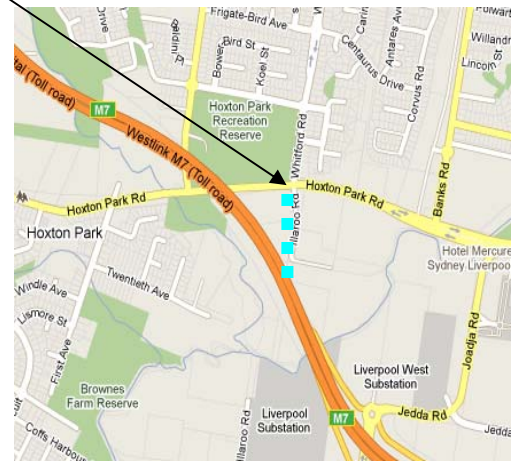
5	Construction of bike/pedestrian paths (in accordance with Annexure 2)	a) Shared Paths are to have a minimum width of 2.5 metres located adjacent to Governor Macquarie Drive on the northern side of the existing carriageway, to run the length from the existing cycle path near the William Long Bridge to the Hume Highway. This will be in accordance with the map.	Prior to the issue of a subdivision certificate for a plan that when registered would create the first (1 st) Industrial Lot.
		b) A Shared Path of a minimum width of 2.5m shall be constructed within the dedicated land along the foreshore and within the Coopers Paddock site as shown on the map. c) A shared path of a minimum of 2.5 metres shall be constructed from Munday Street to Warwick Farm Railway Station (This is to replace the proposed bus shuttle)	

Local Works for 2010/11

50/50 funding Council RTA funding for local cycle routes . Negotiations between council and RTA funding offer to construct the first stage of the Maxwells Avenue Cycleway, (between Cartwright Avenue and Stanwell Crescent in Cartwright). as well as fully fund the Illaroo Road Cycleway. The construction of these cycleways has been scheduled for early 2011.



No detail as to the design is available – ie is it on-road or off-road path is available – the BUG will be contacting council for this information



A longer term proposal for staged upgrade of Collimore Park – has a shared user path along Brickmakers Creek as part of stage 2 – the main proposal is an all day car park and resurfacing netball courts. No time frame on this is given.

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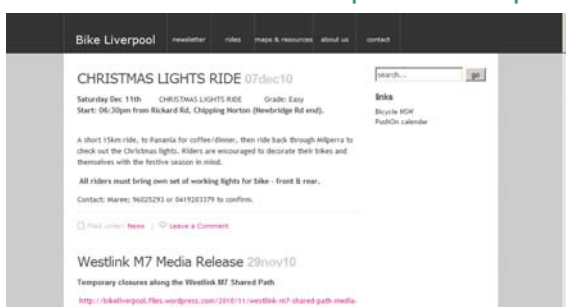
- **Incorporation** – a draft of the updated constitution required for incorporation as a non profit association will be distributed to financial members – with a special meeting to be held in January – possibly on Jan 8th ride).

- **Rides Protocols** – adopted at the last BUG meeting these are based on BNSW AND BIKE North materials.

The constitution and ride protocols will be loaded up on the web site –early next year

- Website – thanks to Russell for updating the each fortnight – so the upcoming ride is current <http://bikeliverpool.org.au/>

Ride Protocols and Policies





Cycling for School Sport

Jeanmaurice Younes, William Carey Christian School, Prestons

For the second year in a row now, William Carey Christian School has run cycling as a Tuesday sport. Whilst we don't have a large turnout from the students (due to the logistics and expense of being geared up for the ride), the 10 to 15 students that sign up are exceptionally keen and pumped for the experience.

Cycling has afforded various challenges for these students, from the novice - never ridden on the road before to the 'expert' - "just let me go once we get to the M7 cycleway and see if you can keep up sir." This group may be small in size compared to some of our other sporting groups, but for what it lacks in this area, it more than makes up for in enthusiasm and sheer drive.

The most exciting dimension of this sport is that students get to go out into the 'real world' and gain a greater understanding of their responsibility on the road. It's one thing for them to play computer games and launch themselves and their transport devices into oblivion in 'cyber world', but from the very start of the term our students realised that whilst they have rights (to whatever), they also and more importantly have responsibilities. This lesson, coupled with the sheer joy, pleasure and challenge of seeing how far they can get on their two wheels in 90 minutes make for a very rewarding 'cycle'.

We met Jeanmaurice Younes, a teacher at William Carey who leads their cycling for school sport, at one of the bike shops in Liverpool when we were dropping off the last BUGnewsletter, so he kindly sent in the photo and article for this issue.