



CYCLING STRATEGY

PERTH: A CYCLING CITY

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The Liberal Government has a comprehensive and innovative plan for cycling in Western Australia.

Our plan focuses on creating a safe and connected riding environment, encouraging healthy active transport, reducing traffic congestion and providing new ways for families and tourists to experience our State.

When combined with Perth's advantages of relatively flat topography, clean air, warm weather and exceptional natural beauty, Perth has the potential to become one of the world's great cycling cities for both locals and visiting tourists.

There are also opportunities for Western Australia to expand opportunities in adventure tourism by extending our network of mountain bike trails.

The Liberals are also committed to ensuring that cyclists are safe on the road and all road users understand their obligations in sharing the road with pedestrians, motor vehicles and bicycles.

Fast Facts

- The Western Australian Bicycle Network Plan 2014-2031 was released in 2012 – the first comprehensive review of Western Australian cycling facilities in 16 years.
- Between 2008 and 2016, the Liberal-led Government invested more than \$133m in cycling initiatives. This includes major extensions to Principal Shared Paths in rail reserves; on freeways and highways; the Gateway project and local government grants.
- Under the Liberal-led Government the State's cycle network has tripled in size, from 122km in 2008 to approximately 442km in 2016.
- This 320km of new cycling infrastructure comprises 60km of Principal Shared Paths, 186km of off road paths and 74km of on road bike lanes.
- A further \$100 million has already been committed in the Budget to expand cycling infrastructure across the State from 2016-17 to 2019-20.
- The network will expand a further 269km by 2020 under existing commitments.
- This comprises \$80 million to expand the Principal Shared Paths network along the Mitchell Freeway and the Fremantle rail line, and Principal Shared Paths facilities in the Northlink and Mitchell Freeway projects. \$20m will also be invested in grants to local governments and more bike shelters at train stations.
- Currently 23% of the Western Australian population ride a bike each week.
- The number of cyclists utilising Perth's cycle network grew by 19 per cent from 2009 to 2016 with 9,300 cycling trips undertaken each day in 2016 in the CBD area alone.

Our Commitment to Cycling Paths

A Liberal-led government will commit to further improve cycling infrastructure, support the demand for safe, off-road cycle routes and mark Perth as a cycling city for tourists from around the country and the world.

In line with the Western Australian Bicycle Network Plan 2014-2031, a Liberal Government will:

Establish better scenic cycle links in Greater Perth

A Liberal government will commit \$24 million to create five new cycle paths and a guide to cycling in WA for locals, families and tourists. This will expand the cycling network by 55km and will further highlight Perth's picturesque cityscape, beautiful coastline and WA's diverse landscapes.

Projects will comprise:

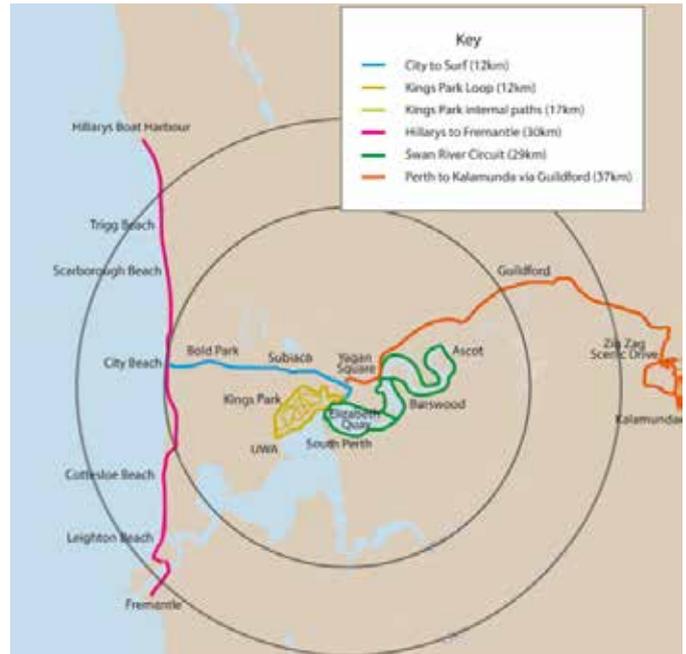
- \$15 million to create a 30km Indian Ocean Beach Ride, a world-class cycling path along the coast from Hillarys to Fremantle, incorporating existing coastal paths and new paths to fill gaps as well

as fully dedicated, separated, protected bicycle-only lanes for West Coast Drive, increasing safety for both groups and allowing for more pedestrians and cyclists to travel through the area.

- \$3.75 million to create a 9.5km City to Surf Cycle Route from Perth Arena to Haydon Bunton Drive, along Salvado Road, Alderbury Street and on Oceanic Drive to City Beach allowing locals and visitors to Perth to have access to a safe and direct route from the CBD to the coast.

The City to Surf Cycle Route – along with the Indian Ocean Beach Ride – will open up our world-class coastline and beaches to tourists staying in the city with a leisurely ride to the coast taking less than an hour. This project involves the replacement of and installation of a new cycle path.

- \$3.5 million will be committed to develop a 12km Kings Park Cycle Loop allowing tourists to cycle around and through the park to access its many attractions and take in unparalleled views of the Swan River and Kings Park. The project includes cycle paths on Thomas Street and Kings Park Road.
- \$1.5 million for the upgrade of 3.5km of path to complete the Swan River Cycle Circuit providing cycling facilities on both sides of the Swan River between East Perth and the Garrett Road Bridge, connecting to the new Perth Stadium complex. Once finalised this will create a 29km loop, with options for cyclists to complete the whole length, a 10km (South Perth only) option or a 19km East Perth option.
- \$150,000 will be provided to complete the Perth Hills Cycling Route from Guildford to Kalamunda. This route caters for the more experienced sports cyclists by way of on-road facilities shared with other vehicles. The signage and markings will provide an easy to follow route while highlighting the environment for other road users.
- \$100,000 will also be provided to WestCycle to establish and maintain a guide to cycling in Western Australia highlighting scenic routes, mountain biking and sightseeing opportunities. This will be undertaken in conjunction with the departments of Tourism and Transport.



Complete the Cycle Path Along the Mitchell Freeway

A Liberal Government will also ensure the Mitchell Freeway Principal Shared Path is a fully connected route from Joondalup to the Perth CBD.

To be funded from the partial sale of Western Power and built in stages the first priority on the Mitchell Freeway will see \$23 million allocated to construct a Principal Shared Path between Hutton Street and Glendalough Station. This 1.9km project will eliminate two freeway “crossing points” (Powis Street and Hutton Street) as well as four at-grade intersections (McDonald Street, Hector Street, Hutton Street West and Hutton Street East) and provide new grade separations at Scarborough Beach Road and Hutton Street and widen existing paths where required.

Future stages include an underpass at Karrinyup Road and the upgrading of existing paths between Reid Highway and Ocean Reef Road. Where possible these projects will be constructed in conjunction with freeway road-widening projects or from existing allocations.

Our Commitment to Mountain Bikes

Worldwide, mountain bike tourism is strong and continues to grow, providing Western Australia with a unique opportunity to expand and evolve into a world-class mountain bike destination that will support

the growth and diversification of the State's tourism and recreation economy.

Trends show a big increase in the numbers of domestic and international visitors who cycle, with growth from 139,200 in 2009/10 to 258,500 in 2012/13.

Demand for mountain bike trails and facilities across Western Australia are at a record high.

Popular trail networks exist in Margaret River, Kalamunda, near Collie, Pemberton, Dunsborough, north and south of Dwellingup, Karratha and Albany.

A re-elected Liberal Government will invest \$9.3million to:

- Develop a trail network of national significance along the Collie River and Ferguson Valley at a cost of \$4.3 million.

Renowned for its lakes and river, deep gorges, granite outcrops, vegetation diversity, wine, food, and stunning natural landscapes, the area already has significant demand for mountain bike trails and further trail development in the area will provide a major recreation resource for Greater Bunbury and Collie residents and an opportunity for increased tourism.

The Liberal-led Government will invest \$4.3 million developing 70km of purpose built single track mountain bike trails and a 25km re-alignment of the Munda Biddi Trail to route the main trail through to Collie.



In addition to Wellington National Park, trails will be developed immediately surrounding the Collie township to capitalise on its significant existing infrastructure and services.

It is anticipated that the trails could be built by 2020.

- Invest \$2.3 million delivering 45km of new mountain bike trails in the Porongurup National Park.
The Porongurups, located 48km north of Albany, are a fascinating place with great scenery, unique granite domes, remarkably diverse flora and amazing visitor facilities including the expansive Castle Rock Lookout.
These plans include a Porongurup Trail Centre which will feature a new car park, bike wash and improved signage which would be completed in 2019-20.
- Allocate \$2.7 million to deliver high quality and easily accessible recreational mountain biking destinations near Perth.

A new 40 km trail will be established in John Forrest and Beelu national parks.

A mountain bike trail network will also be developed in Neerabup National Park in the northern suburbs.

This will improve the diversity of trail types and classifications across Perth, support growth in beginner participation and progression, and provide strong family-based recreation opportunities.

Our Commitment to Cycling Safety

With more and more people riding bikes, there is expected to be more pressure on the relationship between all road users.

A Liberal Government is committed to improving safety for bicycle riders and to ensuring that cyclists, pedestrians and motorists understand their rights and responsibilities on the road. We will:

- **Develop a Cycling Code of Conduct**

WestCycle, the peak body for cycling in Western Australia, is working with the Road Safety Commission on a Cycling Code of Conduct to address safety issues and raise awareness that road safety is the responsibility of all parties, not a single group.

Funded by the Road Trauma Trust Account at a cost of \$63,000, the code aims to educate cyclists about appropriate behaviour on roads, shared paths and footpaths and also offers advice to motorists on sharing the road, what to expect from cyclists and appropriate behaviour for both parties regarding road safety.

The Code will address cycling safety from three different perspectives, single cyclists, cyclists riding as a group and motorists.

- **Support advertising campaigns**

The Liberal-led Government is committed to investing in campaigns that educate road users about cycling and promote cyclist, motorcycle, pedestrian and motorist safety.

The Liberal-led Government approved \$1.1m from the Road Trauma Trust Account for the Road Safety Commission to develop an advertising campaign to educate and build awareness of safe passing distances for vehicles passing cyclists and cyclists passing pedestrians over a 12-month period.

This campaign started in February and its impact will be closely evaluated.

- **Promote safe passing distances**

Western Australia currently has laws to protect cyclists. Under the Road Traffic Code 2000 drivers are required to keep a “safe distance” from cyclists but the regulations do not stipulate a minimum passing distance.

If a driver is found not to have kept a safe distance, he or she can be charged with the offence of ‘overtaking when unsafe’ incurring a penalty of four demerit points and \$400.

The Liberal-led Government also introduced the new offence of ‘Careless Driving Causing Death, Bodily Harm and Grievous Bodily Harm’ which also affords extra protection to cyclists if hit by a motor vehicle.

A Liberal Government will continue to invest in safer cycling infrastructure and consultate with the cycling sector to improve the visibility of existing guidance about safe cycling. This will ensure that we deliver the best outcomes for all road and shared path users.

