



## Space for Cycling Brisbane End of year roundup



Nice T Shirts – you too can own one \$20 each – contact us.

It has been a busy few months since some of Brisbane's Bicycle Groups got together and decided it was time riding a bicycle became a political issue in the next local government elections. Those elections on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 are coming around pretty quickly so the team at **Space for Cycling Brisbane** has been talking to as many people as possible about the campaign and getting the message out there.

As 2015 draws to a close we thought it was time for a quick update before we launch ourselves into what will be very busy first few months of 2016

### The Candidates

So far we have contacted or had meetings with over 30 candidates for the march elections. We have met them in their offices we have hassled them on the streets, we have talked to them at local Fetes and some of them have even come on a bike ride with us. We have been talking to them about specific issues within their wards and Space 4 Cycling BNE in general. We take every opportunity we can to talk to politicians and it is great to see a lot of your candidates support bicycle riding in general, and some of them even ride a bike



Belinda Ward from East BUG with Kerryn Loose Jones Labor candidate for Doboy - rides a tricycle and has a great helmet.



Meeting with the mayoral candidates was a priority for us from the start and we have met with Rod Harding (Labour) Ben Pennings (The Greens) and even though the current Lord Mayor was too busy to meet with us, he delegated the task to Peter Matic, Chairman of the Active Transport Committee. These meetings have been informative and productive from both sides

We are very excited that Ben Pennings and The Greens have announced protected bikeways in the city as an election promise <http://itsyourbrisbane.com/commitments/safer-cbd-roads/> and we look forward to hearing the election promises from the other parties and candidates

Space for Cycling's crack negotiating Team with Rod Harding and Helen Abrahams

## Meetings with other organisations

We also felt it was important to gain support and inform other interested organisations about our campaign and to date we have met with or contacted RACQ, The Heart Foundation, The Cycling Promotion Fund, Bicycle Queensland, and the Minister for Main Roads. We were pleased to be able to take the Minister for a bicycle ride on the north side of Brisbane to show him some of the issues facing people who ride bicycles.



North side bike riders take Hon. Mark Bailey for a tour- it was hot and they talked a lot as well as looked at the good and the bad of the north side.



Space for Cycling Team met with RACQ - they love protected bike lanes



Space for Cycling Team met with Peter Matic, Chairman of the Active Transport Committee

## Collaborative Map

The Collaborative map is going to be a great source of information. We have over 300 pins on the map from Bracken Ridge to Forest Lake and we will be using the map when we talk to candidates in the New Year. Thanks to everyone that has been dropping those pins, keep up the good work. And if you haven't started yet, the map is easy to use and helps to identify where Brisbane has great cycling space and where more work needs to be done.

<https://www.collaborativemap.com/Space4Cycling>



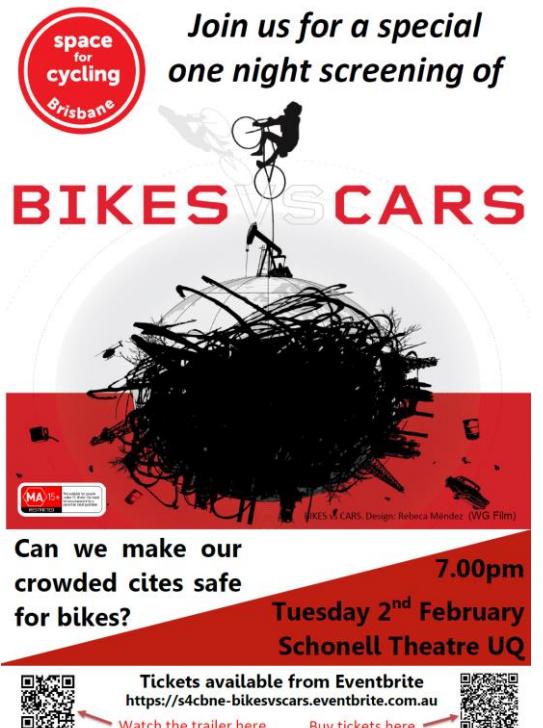
## Bikes vs Cars - February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016

Don't forget to come along to our screening of Bikes vs Cars. We are really looking forward to this event. It will be a night to celebrate our campaign and all things bicycle riding.

Style over Speed will be riding out from the city (details to follow) There will be valet bicycle parking at the Schonell Theatre. There will be t shirts to buy and prizes to be won.

So buy yourself a ticket, and then buy one for your bike riding friends, your non bike riding friends, your neighbours, your family and everyone else you know!

[s4cbne-bikesvscars.eventbrite.com.au](https://s4cbne-bikesvscars.eventbrite.com.au)



## Donations

Thanks to all the generous people that have donated to help keep our campaign going we are in the process of getting some printing organised to help us promote the campaign. As well as private donations we have received donations and support from



We hope that you can support them as well.

## Next Year

There is still a lot of work to be done and we are keen to get others on board. If you would like to join the team we are having our first meeting of the new year on **January 7<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm at The Edge**, State Library. Everyone is welcome to come along.



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