

# Port Adelaide Bicycle User Group (the 'PortBUG').



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## Summary of PA/E Candidate Statements for Cycling & Active Transport! Oct. 2018.

For your information as a voter in the coming local government elections, please find below statements regarding support for bicycle use and Active Transport from 13 Port Adelaide/Enfield candidates.

All [PA/E candidates](#) listed at the LGA site (apart from 3 who had not provided email addresses) were:

- emailed an invitation to comment and indicate their support for planning and investment in bicycle use and active transport over the coming Council term.
- provided with [a written outline](#) of some of the challenges facing Active Transport across the PA/E area.

With 4 days to go before the start of the voting period thirteen responses have been received across both Mayoral candidates and those standing across four of the Wards. If more are received prior to the start of voting they will be added to this summary!

**Note: Some particularly lengthy statements have been edited for brevity (but retaining all key points made). If you'd like to read candidate statements in full please refer to the Candidate Statement announcement at the [Port Adelaide Bicycle Forum](#).**

### 1. Mayoral Candidates (1 vacancy):

**Mr Colin Johns (joint statement with Kyall Smith & Steven Vines).** "We believe that Council's are well positioned to be able to make improvements to our active transport networks. While we are fortunate enough to live in a Council area that has completed their section of the Coast Park path, many other connections and links are incomplete and/or missing entirely. These include poor connections preventing multi-mode transport around our train stations and bus interchanges, bike lanes that just end and poor integration into the suburbs...We would support the newly elected council to review all active transport infrastructure within the council boundary to identify areas of improvement. Fund a series of bike repair and drink stations along the Coast Park, Outer Harbour Greenway and Anna Rennie loop path. Improve bike storage lockers at local train stations and bus interchanges..." Site: [Colin Johns](#)

**John Le Raye:** "As a candidate for Mayor, I will support a review of all active transport infrastructure within the council boundary. There will be a strong focus on SAFETY. All maintenance and improvements, will be done in consultation with the community and interested groups." Site: [John Le Raye](#)

**Claire Boan:** "Thanks for this opportunity! I am a recreational and family cyclist and have been an advocate for making our city an accessible city. I have been an elected member for 8 years and during this time am excited by the progress of our area in providing for cyclists and pedestrians. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to continue advocating for making our entire council area cycle friendly. Please like my FB page for continued information throughout my campaign." Site: [Claire Boan](#).

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### **2. Port Adelaide Ward (2 vacancies):**

**Joost Den Hartog:** "I have a great interest in bicycle and public transport infrastructure and believe that purposeful foot and bike traffic increases the social connectivity of neighbourhoods. My wife [Christie Anthoney](#) and I opened The Pear Neighbourhood Cafe in Alberton early this year with the purpose to give locals a place to walk/cycle to and meet each other. Since the cafe started we have met so many people who have been living around us for many years who we haven't have a chance to meet before. As an immigrant from the Netherlands, I was brought up in society that is centred around locality and bicycle use. If elected to council, I will be an advocate for this model and hopefully be able to bring some of the benefits I know so well to our beautiful council area. I would like to see a new council that is diverse and progressive and that values equality. If you want to meet me to discuss things, please come to The Pear on 49 Sussex Street, Alberton. I am there most days and would love to hear your views, or just talk about bikes (I own a few :-)) **Site:** [Joost Den Hartog](#).

**Mr Steve Vines (joint statement with Colin Johns & Kyall Smith).** "We believe that Council's are well positioned to be able to make improvements to our active transport networks. While we are fortunate enough to live in a Council area that has completed their section of the Coast Park path, many other connections and links are incomplete and/or missing entirely. These include poor connections preventing multi-mode transport around our train stations and bus interchanges, bike lanes that just end and poor integration into the suburbs...We would support the newly elected council to review all active transport infrastructure within the council boundary to identify areas of improvement. Fund a series of bike repair and drink stations along the Coast Park, Outer Harbour Greenway and Anna Rennie loop path. Improve bike storage lockers at local train stations and bus interchanges." **Site:** [Steve Vines](#)

### **3. Semaphore Ward (2 vacancies):**

**Kyall Smith (joint statement with Colin Johns & Steven Vines).** "We believe that Council's are well positioned to be able to make improvements to our active transport networks. While we are fortunate enough to live in a Council area that has completed their section of the Coast Park path, many other connections and links are incomplete and/or missing entirely. These include poor connections preventing multi-mode transport around our train stations and bus interchanges, bike lanes that just end and poor integration into the suburbs...We would support the newly elected council to review all active transport infrastructure within the council boundary to identify areas of improvement. Fund a series of bike repair and drink stations along the Coast Park, Outer Harbour Greenway and Anna Rennie loop path. Improve bike storage lockers at local train stations and bus interchanges." **Site:** [Kyall Smith](#)

**Councillor Michelle Hogan:** "I have represented residents in the Semaphore Ward for the last four years as a first term Councillor and I am seeking re-election so that I can use that experience in a further term.

We are so fortunate having such a great range of community groups working across the council area and I have really appreciated working with PortBUG members and utilising the expertise you bring to improving our active transport options - so thank you all for your great work and the community education role you play. Your input has provided us with a great Bike Plan and your yearly strategic priorities have delivered steady outcomes.

I have been especially pleased to support the Hart St redevelopment and the Causeway Rd Bikeway and to see it nearing completion. The development of the whole Outer Harbour Greenway has been a great achievement and I am very happy to keep working with you to improve promotion and signage so that we can encourage active use.

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The success with attracting the Tour Down Under into the Port offers us a continued opportunity to promote OHG and active transport options in the council area more generally. Local bike maps which feature parks and toilets and promote our waterfront bikeway and signage and better on road lanes are all important to encouraging new users and providing safe facilities for them. The defence contract will bring new pressures on our major transport routes and I look forward to working with your group in developing our bike plan beyond 2020." **Site: [Councillor M Hogan](#)**

**David Wilkins:** "Supporting active transport is a no-brainer for me, for the litany of reasons you've outlined in your letter, website and blog. We know it supports improved health and wellbeing outcomes, provides a much cheaper and more environmentally friendly transport option, creates more socially inclusive communities and the list goes on...

Of course, the key challenge is shifting people's behaviour to embrace more active transport options and this requires a genuine, partnership approach between all three levels of government. We know from examples overseas that until we make a serious and significant investment in active transport infrastructure, in comparison to our road network, we are very unlikely to see changes in people's behaviour, along with the associated benefits, as you highlight in your letter. We need to make active transport options viable, safe and attractive if we're serious about shifting people's behaviour in a meaningful way.

At a local level, things like improved lighting and signage, linking infrastructure with key destinations and other transport options (i.e. public transport) and providing practical assistance which promotes active transport (i.e. bike racks/storage areas, tool kits, water and public toilet facilities) would contribute towards making active transport options attractive to people.

In other words, you have my support - thank you for all the work you, and the PortBUG do in advocating and promoting active transport. Oh, and for the reminder to get the front tyre of my bike fixed!" **Site: [David Wilkins](#).**

**Rachel Hehir:** "I have two boys and I agree that I'd love to be able to get them to ride to school when they get older.

I'm also mortified by the rates of childhood obesity. These are big issues and I'm not about blame but about actions.

I'm running in Semaphore and you have my support.

Cheers Rachel." **Site: [Rachel Hehir](#)**

**Rachel Murphy:** "Thanks for the opportunity to comment on active travel options in the City of Port Adelaide Enfield. My family is a 'one-car' family as we try to use active transport options as often as possible. Whilst I'm not personally a great rider, we all walk, ride, scoot and catch public transport as much as possible and advocate these choices with others.

My personal interest in our council is to have safe bikeways for young people to encourage riding to school. Thanks for your great work and dedication to improved active transport. You've had a great deal of success recently and if elected I'd love to work with PortBUG on the next steps. Cheers, Rachel " **Site: [Rachel Murphy](#)**

## **4. Klemzig Ward (2 vacancies):**

**Paul Russell:** "I most certainly support the Council's Local Area Bicycle Plan 2015-2020 which was developed and finalized during the last Council. Cr Tony Barca and I were greatly disappointed with the recent State Government Budget decision not to proceed with the new OBAHN Park and Ride carpark at the Klemzig Interchange. Since the OBAHN tunnel opened earlier this year, the numbers of patrons accessing the bus service via Klemzig alone has increased to a point where more than 200 extra vehicles are parking in adjacent streets each work day. This marks the great success of the Busway and new tunnel, but the lack of appropriate parking is becoming a major issue that we will continue to work on into the future if re-elected.

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We cannot simply continue to develop transport infrastructure in such an ad-hoc fashion. Moreover, the fact that these patrons are driving to the Klemzig Interchange suggests that they have no other option either to travel to Klemzig or to their endpoint, without the use of a vehicle. In Klemzig Ward we are fortunate to have the only section of Linear Park that is within the Council area right on our doorsteps. This is a great asset. But even here we have seen, in recent times, the need for upgrading of street and place names along the track for safety and ease of access for emergency vehicles. A motion presented by Cr Barca and myself a few months ago will see additional signage rolled out in coming months. I certainly support the integration of the principles of Active Transport within Council's planning and development frameworks." **Site:** [Paul Russell](#)

**Tony Barca:** "My Co Councillor Paul Russell has responded and as you can see from his comments we have worked as team in relation to this policy. I fully support all the comments he has sent through to you. Can you please ensure that my support to the policy is acknowledged." **Site:** [Tony Barca](#)

## **5. Northfield Ward (3 vacancies):**

**Martyna Janczak:** "As a candidate and local in the Northfield Ward, I believe that supporting alternative forms of transport, including cycling is essential in all development planning. Cycling not only helps people stay fit and healthy, it also reduces pollution, and helps keep our environment clean and green. I would like to see more bike paths integrated into new and existing developments, making it safer for cyclists to use the roads, and encouraging more people to utilise cycling as another form of transport." **Site:** [Martyna Janczak](#)