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Bicycling Western Australia does not support bike registrations

Bicycling Western Australia (BWA) does not support bicycle registration. With over one million bicycles sold throughout Australia each year the cost burden of setting up and administering such a scheme would be prohibitive and would discourage people from taking up cycling, as riding a bicycle may become an unaffordable luxury, especially for families and kids.

Funds for the construction and maintenance of roads and bicycle facilities come from rates and taxes not from motor vehicle registrations. Funds raised from car registrations goes towards administration and third-party insurance.

Roads and shared paths are public resources available to anyone who wants to use them. We all contribute to their creation and maintenance and bicycle riders create less wear and tear on road facilities. Furthermore, most bicycle riders are motorists as well, so they pay their share of motor vehicle registration, licence fees and fuel tax.

Call for better education for all road users

BWA Chief Executive Officer, Jeremy Murray, has called for improved education for all road users.

“Registering bikes is not the answer. Improving people’s understanding of the road rules and the rights of cyclists is a much more cost-effective solution to improving safety on our roads,” he says.

Cyclists and motorists alike need to be aware of the road rules and the rights of those on the roads - it’s the only way to improve synergy between road users.

About Bicycling Western Australia

Bicycling Western Australia is a community based not-for-profit organisation representing over 9,000 members and friends throughout the State. Our mission is to get more people cycling more often through our cycling events, education, community initiatives and advocacy. BWA coordinates the national Ride2School and Ride to Work programs in Western Australia and campaigns for improved conditions for all road users.

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