Australian Walking and Cycling Conference

Adelaide 2026 – Program, Day 1 (15 Oct)

Registration and coffee from 8:30am ACST (9:00am AEST/ 7:00am AWST)

9:00am – 10:15am

Plenary (Main Theatre)

Opening and Welcome to Country

Keynote: *Lord Mayor Clover Moore + Fiona Campbell, City of Sydney*

Lord Mayor Clover Moore has spearheaded a major active transport transformation in Sydney over her record six terms, shifting the urban landscape from car-dominated to pedestrian and cyclist-friendly. LM Moore and "Unsung Hero" Fiona Campbell will share their knowledge and experiences in paving the path to least resistance.

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Morning Tea @ 10:20 am (25 mins)

10:45am – 12:15pm

Stream A (Main theatre)

Amy Naulls **Austroads**	From "nice idea" to "everyday choice": the road managers role in making active travel easier	learnshop
Tegan Mitchell **City of Sydney**	Case study: City of Sydney's approach to street space reallocation to accelerate delivery of the bike network	learnshop
Elliott Fishman **Institute for Sensible Transport**	Beyond the strategy: interventions that actually shift walking and cycling rates	learnshop

Stream B (Library)

Felipe Irony **Bitzios Consulting**	Implementing high-quality active transport infrastructure in regional areas	learnshop
Gina Gatarin **Urban Transformations Research Centre, Western Sydney University**	The roads that are much taken: fighting for dignified commuting in the Philippines	learnshop
Sarah Tedder **Ride Revolution Project**	The social infrastructure of cycling: creating the conditions for cycling to thrive	learnshop

Lunch @ 12:15pm (45 min)

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1:00pm – 1:30pm

Stream A (Main theatre)

Ian Woodcock **University of Sydney**	Walking and cycling are not first mile-last mile problems	spincycle
Jamie Mackenzie **Centre for Automotive Safety Research, Adelaide University**	A review of methods for measuring cycling exposure	spincycle
Jamie van Geldermalsen **WalkSydney**	Seize and crush: why the e-bike panic matters to all of us, and what to do about it	spincycle
Jessica Rivera-Villicana **Centre for Urban Research RMIT University**	Multimodal mapping of cycling infrastructure at national scale: assessing transferability of computer vision models in the Australian context	spincycle
Jerryn Zwart **Zwart Transport Planning**	Making multimodal travel effortless: lessons from Meadowbrook's mobility hub	spincycle
Joint Q&A (5min)		

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Stream A (Main theatre) cont.

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Wayde Hazelton **WaySafe**	Australia's Road Safety Drift: an architectural diagnosis and reform pathway for people walking and cycling	Roundtables (10min presentation/ 10 min discussion)
John Devney **Tonkin Consulting**	Smarter planning for walking and cycling infrastructure in the growth housing areas of South Australia	
Charlene Bordley **Addventageous Bike Community**	Meeting people where they're at: creating the path of least resistance for active transport	
Claire Graham **MRCagney**	A new tool in our toolbox to support change	
Kasia Balsam **Metafora**	Whose path of least resistance are we designing for?	

Stream B: Library

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Anthony Aisenberg **CrowdLab**	Walking the path of most resistance: a vulnerability-led approach to pedestrian network planning	learnshop
James Laing **Eukai Transport Advisory**	Severance therapy for suburban streets	learnshop
Afshin Jafari **Centre for Urban Research, RMIT University**	FASTrack: a co-designed planning support tool for cycling infrastructure scenario assessment in regional areas	learnshop

Afternoon tea @ 2:30pm (25 min) - Library

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Plenary (Main Theatre)

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3:00pm – 3:45pm

Keynote: *Ian Walker*

Professor of Psychology and Head of the School of Psychology at Swansea University (UK)
Ian will help us rethink the resistance to travel change and better understand people's thinking, to influence and advocate more effectively for better street outcomes and higher levels of active travel.

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10 min stretch, chat & changeover between streams

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Stream A: Youth (Main theatre)

4:00pm – 4:45pm	Ulfi Puarada **Walkable Bintaro/ Women on The Move Asia**	Supporting children's independent mobility through the Bike2School Serpong Lagoon Program in Indonesia	spincycle
	Dan Anderson **Adelaide University**	Young people's experiences of bushwalking	spincycle
	Luisana Perassi **Zwart Transport Planning**	Co-designing safe and vibrant streets with young people	hybrid (10min)
	Isabella ("Bella") Torres-Gomez	The 14-year old girl test: designing walking and cycling networks for independent mobility	hybrid (10min)
	Stephanie Edwards **Zwart Transport Planning**	Designing for everyone: integrating universal design and accessibility into active transport planning and design	hybrid (10min)
	Joint Q&A (5min)		
4:45pm – 5:30pm	Youth panel discussion Facilitator: Hulya Gilbert		

Stream B (Library)

4:00pm – 5:00pm	Elliott Fishman **Institute for Sensible Transport**	Which apps keep riders safe? A quantitative evaluation of navigation apps used by gig economy (food delivery) bicycle riders	learnshop
	Luisana Perassi **Zwart Transport Planning**	Making place real: how place-led thinking shapes better planning and transport outcomes	learnshop
5:00pm – 5:30pm	Emmy Heikamp **Dutch Cargo Bike**	People don't need convincing. They need a reason to ride.	spincycle
	Luci Ward **Heart Foundation**	Healthy Active by Design: connecting the policy pathways that prioritise health in land use planning	spincycle
	Sarah Bickford **Bicycle NSW**	Changing Gears: A new approach to advocacy for active transport in NSW	spincycle
	Joint Q&A (15min)		

Session chairs: Dinner meeting details, next day information, thank you & day's close

Conference dinner: The Gallery @ 30 Waymouth Street

The inclusive cycling board game (Claire Graham, MRCagney)

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Adelaide 2026 – Program, Day 2 (16 Oct)

Registration and coffee from 8:30am ACST (9:00am AEST/ 7:00am AWST)

Pre-conference: Walking SA tour and coffee (7:30am-8:50am)

Plenary (Main Theatre)

9:00am – 9:55am

Welcome

Keynote: *Terry Lee Williams*

Having worked at all levels of government and globally in consulting with the message that the movement of people – not things – is what needs to be counted, Terry will share how he has successfully overcome resistance by changing the conversation and acting with intent to benefit pedestrians and cyclists.

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5 min stretch, chat and changeover

10:00am – 10:40pm

Elizabeth Leece **Western Sydney Local Health District**	Towards least resistance: making walkability the default in local government	spincycle
Jessica Rivera-Villicana **Centre for Urban Research RMIT University**	Cool walking routes: measuring shaded walkability for heat-resilient cities using computer vision and spatial data	spincycle
Lily Harrison **University of Birmingham**	Investing in walking: The recognition of walking on the public policy agenda	spincycle
Rubin Singh Maharjan **Nepal Cycle Society**	Phase II: making Patan Durbar Square a pedestrian and cycle friendly zone: a trial implementation project funded by Lalitpur Metropolitan City under the City Pride project	spincycle
Annie Matan **City of Sydney**	Five often overlooked things Councils can do to improve walkability	spincycle
David Forward **Penrith City Council**	Road of most resistance: using constrained streets for behaviour change	spincycle
Joint Q&A (10min)		

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Morning Tea @ 10:45 am (30 mins)

11:15am – 12:45pm

Stream A: Walking (Main Theatre)

Charles Mountain **RAA**	Findings of the RAA scooters survey	learnshop
Widiyani Widiyani **Architecture Program Institut Teknologi Bandung**	Walking, storytelling, and meaning-making: exploring Jane's Walk as an experiential approach to understanding cities	learnshop
Hulya Gilbert **UNSW Sydney**	Rethinking road safety for walkers through an equity lens	learnshop

Stream B: Infrastructure (Library)

Claire Graham **MRCagney**	Inclusive access and shared corners	learnshop
Fay Patterson **Bike Adelaide**	The QPAC – kung fu for active transport?	learnshop
Vidumini Pamuditha **School of Civil Engineering University of Sydney**	Path of least resistance: evaluating the evidence for speed limit reforms as enablers of active mobility	learnshop

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Lunch @ 12:45pm (45 min)

1:30pm – 2:35pm

Stream A (Main Theatre)

Afshin Jefari **Centre for Urban Research** **RMIT University**	A national bikeability indicator for Australian cities: measuring low traffic stress cycling access to everyday destinations	learnshop
Elliott Fishman **Institute for Sensible Transport**	Follow the data: an evidence-based approach to bicycle network planning for local government	learnshop
Sundance Bilson-Thompson Freestyle Cycling Campaign	The car-owner virus: pandemics, pedal power, and PPE	spincycle

Stream B (Library)

Mayor Tanya Taylor and Nick Chapman, Resilience Specialist **Willoughby City Council**	No need to drive! The Resilient Willoughby schools active travel program	learnshop
Sarah Pilgrim **Victoria Walks**	Reducing resistance to safer speeds: values-based communication for 30 km/h neighbourhoods	learnshop
Bridgette Minuzzo **Adelaide Bike Kitchen**	Fixing bikes, building community – Adelaide Bike Kitchen	spincycle

Afternoon tea @ 2:35pm (25 min)

3:00pm – 3:45pm

Plenary (Main Theatre)

Keynote: *Prue Oswin*

Via University, competitive triathlons, as a water engineer working on strategic planning projects and now transport planner/ engineer, Prue's conviction has grown that active transport is a healthy and sustainable way for people to move. She will discuss the pivotal role of engineering and safety in making active transport the path of least resistance.

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5 min stretch and chat

3:55pm – 4:40pm

Panel discussion
A selection of our keynote and invited speakers reflect and discuss

Haigh's prize draw for evaluations, thank you and close

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