

BIKEast survey of Randwick candidates for the 4 December 2021 NSW Local Government Elections

Full name and party affiliation →	Jon Beves, Randwick Greens	Paul Cooper, Independent	Noel D'Souza, Independent	Peter Thompson, Independent
↓ Questions to candidates				
People living in or visiting your area face significant challenges that deter them from riding bikes to get around - including children and women. What steps will you take to improve cycling infrastructure in your area so that people of all ages and abilities would feel safe riding their bikes to get around?	Separate cycle paths	None. People MOSTLY use cars. I'm not pandering to WOKE minorities.	Build more designated bike paths. Request to investigate and bring a report on better ways to support cycling and walking	The topography of the Eastern suburbs has always presented a challenge to cyclists of all abilities. With ever increasing volumes of cars on the road and the challenging terrain, it is essential that dedicated paths/lanes are built to accommodate cyclists.
Transport is the largest source of Australian carbon dioxide emissions (25%). Physical inactivity is the 4th leading cause of deaths in Australia. What role do you think cycling can play in tackling the urgent climate and health crises we face?	Allowing short distance travel	There are no urgent climate issues and if people by electric cars end of emissions. Moves are underway to do this and one hope Nuclear Power will be the driver for this. See here: https://www.economist.com/leaders/2021/11/13/the-discreet-charm-of-nuclear-power	Cycling can play an important role in decreasing our Carbon emissions. Climate change is real and we should do everything we can in decreasing our Carbon emissions. Riding bikes and less use of fossil fuel burning vehicles is a good start. Look at a waterfall, it starts with a single drop of rain and look what becomes of it.	Cycling is an excellent mode of transport. Electric bikes are everywhere because of the food delivery surge. We need infrastructure to protect these essential workers.
Will you support measures, such as lowering speeds on residential and village shopping streets, and installing safe, separated bike paths to create a safer and more liveable environment for residents and visitors who want to ride bikes to get around the eastern suburbs?	Yes	None, the 50K zones are bad enough. People need to get to work. Widen the roads and get rid of light rail (fail).	Yes I will support any actions that will encourage bike riding and mitigating actions to protect cyclists and improve safety for cyclists.	Regarding speed limits it would have to depend on the street, but I'm sure it would be appropriate in many circumstances. Bike paths need to happen. Conditions for delivery riders and recreational riders need to be safer. Electric scooters and skateboards are increasing in popularity but very dangerous in traffic.
Will you vote in Council to support the planned construction of the separated bike lanes and pedestrian improvements connecting South Coogee to Kingsford (Bundock Avenue/Sturt Street), as approved by Council in June 2019 (Randwick Priority Route 4)?	Yes	No	I will vote and support any actions that are in the interest of Randwick residents.	Yes
Will you vote in Council to support the continued design and implementation process for a separated bicycle lane and walking path on Anzac Parade from Sturt Street to Fitzgerald Avenue, as approved by Council in July 2021 (Randwick Priority Route 2)?	Yes	No	I will vote and support any actions that are in the best interest of Randwick residents.	Yes
Will you vote in Council to support the design and implementation of a separated bike lane connecting Green Square to the Health and Education Precinct (Todman Avenue), as resolved by Council in December 2020 (Randwick Priority Route 3)?	Yes	No	I will vote to support all actions that are in the best interest of all Randwick residents.	Yes
Do you support taking actions to implement the NSW Government policies on walking and cycling in the Randwick LGA and, if you are elected, how will you or the group you represent support these policies? (Provide examples of projects and programs you will actively support)	Yes	Walking is all good. Bikes on main roads are a traffic hazard and this should be done away with. This is "tail wags the dog stuff."	I support the NSW Government's policies on walking and cycling in the Randwick LGA. I would Council to bring a report after consulting with residents the best ways these policies can be implemented. Safe shared bike paths would be a good start.	Transport for NSW website says no projects were approved for Randwick LGA 2020/21. Projects for 22/23 have been delayed. We need to commit to major infrastructure changes now. Bike paths need to be built, away from arterial roads, so we can ease congestion and protect our riders.

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<p>People living in or visiting your area face significant challenges that deter them from riding bikes to get around - including children and women. What steps will you take to improve cycling infrastructure in your area so that people of all ages and abilities would feel safe riding their bikes to get around?</p>	<p>I ride as does my partner and my two small children so we've seen this up close! We need more separated cycles ways, appropriate speed limits and driver education as a start. In too many places bike paths simply end with no indication of a safe pathway, and the condition of some of the roads on the cycleways need significant monitoring and work. Council's outreach activities to support new riders are also really important and should be more prominent.</p>	<p>I'll consult with cyclists to make sure their views are included</p>	<p>I always support bike riding and bike infrastructure. I am on the Cycleways and Bicycle Advisory Committee of Randwick City Council and I really enjoy being a member, because I find out first hand the difficulties that bicycle riders have negotiating our area.</p>	<p>The Arts Party NSW is all about facilitating connecting people. Cycling of all kinds should be encouraged and facilitated as much as possible. We as a party believe 2 wheels (as opposed to 4) should get precedence. In addition we believe there should be temporary bike fix stations, repair days, public bike pumps and to support the ongoing connection of cycle tracks. Priority to cycles, scooters and bikes is a no brainer.</p>
<p>Transport is the largest source of Australian carbon dioxide emissions (25%). Physical inactivity is the 4th leading cause of deaths in Australia. What role do you think cycling can play in tackling the urgent climate and health crises we face?</p>	<p>Cycling is a win win in every sense - it also reduces congestion on the roads for those who have to drive. Part of transitioning to a low carbon economy will be making small changes that reduce our impact, and cycling is also cheaper and good for you.</p>	<p>Cycling is a healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport which should be encouraged by including plans for cycle routes in all town planning.</p>	<p>A very important one.</p>	<p>We believe Randwick Council should lead the way terms of facilitation cycling as a real form of commuter and leisure time transport. We also support the introduction of bicycle training courses, road safety awareness measures and direct feedback from cyclists in terms of planning of cycleways and tracks.</p>
<p>Will you support measures, such as lowering speeds on residential and village shopping streets, and installing safe, separated bike paths to create a safer and more liveable environment for residents and visitors who want to ride bikes to get around the eastern suburbs?</p>	<p>I support all of these and the Greens have a positive record of supporting the development of active transport options for communities. I really think everyone making decisions about this infrastructure should be out there riding seeing the possibilities and the current challenges. From where we live in Maroubra it's wonderful to ride up to the pedal park at Heffron for instance, but riding with the kids on the footpath you see many obstacles to getting around some as simple as large numbers of cars parking across footpaths and others where infrastructure clearly isn't supporting where people want to go. I would be committed to actively working to fix this!</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Cycling is the very epitome of something which contributes to a safer and more liveable environment. The Arts Party NSW will support all reasonable measures to prioritise cycling . We are all about thousands of people on bikes as opposed to a few empty cars parked for short term convenience. We will encourage working with council staff and planners to figure out best case scenarios to reduce 4 vehicle traffic and encourage safe 2 wheel access.</p>
<p>Will you vote in Council to support the planned construction of the separated bike lanes and pedestrian improvements connecting South Coogee to Kingsford (Bundock Avenue/Sturt Street), as approved by Council in June 2019 (Randwick Priority Route 4)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes - already have done on a number of occasions</p>	<p>We support clever solutions in terms of the Bundock Ave / Sturt St bike lane proposals. Interconnecting of bike lanes across suburbs is an all round good idea.</p>
<p>Will you vote in Council to support the continued design and implementation process for a separated bicycle lane and walking path on Anzac Parade from Sturt Street to Fitzgerald Avenue, as approved by Council in July 2021 (Randwick Priority Route 2)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Will you vote in Council to support the design and implementation of a separated bike lane connecting Green Square to the Health and Education Precinct (Todman Avenue), as resolved by Council in December 2020 (Randwick Priority Route 3)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>If possible</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>Do you support taking actions to implement the NSW Government policies on walking and cycling in the Randwick LGA and, if you are elected, how will you or the group you represent support these policies? (Provide examples of projects and programs you will actively support)</p>	<p>Yes although noting the NSW Government lags where many in the community and even councils are at and we should not see their plans as an upper limit of what can be achieved.</p>	<p>Randwick Priority Route 4 is in East Ward and I'll support it in any practical way possible, including ensuring stakeholder involvement.</p>	<p>I will continue to support any proposals that Council officers recommend .</p>	<p>Yes all of the above.</p>

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Full name and party affiliation →	Courtney Green, Independent	Michael Olive, Randwick Greens	James Mollison, Randwick Greens
<p>↓ Questions to candidates</p> <p>People living in or visiting your area face significant challenges that deter them from riding bikes to get around - including children and women. What steps will you take to improve cycling infrastructure in your area so that people of all ages and abilities would feel safe riding their bikes to get around?</p>	<p>Defined bike paths on main roads that give allows cyclist to not have to cycle on the footpaths and roads.</p>	<p>I would like to see existing planned cycleway projects proceed, existing cycleway infrastructure that is fading or falling into disrepair fixed, and the exploration of where new separated cycleways could be built. I also think more bike riders means greater demand for cycling infrastructure; and improving the infrastructure will increase the number of bike riders. I think promotion of cycling routes to major commercial and recreational centres is and important part of encouraging local cyclists.</p>	<p>I'd widen existing bike paths a little more, and I'd make sure their are no sudden curves/turns to trip up new riders. I'd communicate a network of bike paths (North-south-east-west) so that every trip can be new, different, and safe.</p>
<p>Transport is the largest source of Australian carbon dioxide emissions (25%). Physical inactivity is the 4th leading cause of deaths in Australia. What role do you think cycling can play in tackling the urgent climate and health crises we face?</p>	<p>Having a clear route to populated work areas will incline more people to cycle to work. More bike stands around restaurants and cafes will also allow people to know they can cycle to dine out and have a secure spot for their bike.</p>	<p>Climate scientists are agreed that we need to keep global warming to 1.5 degrees of pre-industrial levels and for this we require a suite of measures to reduce emissions and this includes more active transport such as cycling. Also, cycling is great cardiovascular exercise that improves our health and reduces the overall health care cost to the nation. People in large numbers deciding to commute by cycling instead of using the car or going for fun bike rides instead of sitting improves wellbeing of the individual, the nation and globally.</p>	<p>Cycling (and other outdoor activities) are going to play a huge part in solving this problem - and during periods of lockdown we saw an increase in local recreational activity. The challenge is to make it permanent and lock in those healthy routines as we move back to the office.</p>
<p>Will you support measures, such as lowering speeds on residential and village shopping streets, and installing safe, separated bike paths to create a safer and more liveable environment for residents and visitors who want to ride bikes to get around the eastern suburbs?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>I am a keen supporter of reducing vehicle speeds around village shopping streets and of street calming measures more generally. Separated bike paths are safer for everyone, which encourages more people to participate in cycling. I would like a plan that maps existing cycling infrastructure and provides a vision for where new extensions could be built.</p>	<p>Yes, absolutely - road traffic should not be flying residential shopping streets - its unsafe for everyone else.</p>
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<p>Will you vote in Council to support the continued design and implementation process for a separated bicycle lane and walking path on Anzac Parade from Sturt Street to Fitzgerald Avenue, as approved by Council in July 2021 (Randwick Priority Route 2)?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Yes, although the design is critically important. The wrong design will set all road users back, it needs to be considered and safe and separated.</p>
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<p>Do you support taking actions to implement the NSW Government policies on walking and cycling in the Randwick LGA and, if you are elected, how will you or the group you represent support these policies? (Provide examples of projects and programs you will actively support)</p>	<p>Yes. As someone who cycles and uses it as my main form of transport I will support policies that see bike baths implemented. I'd also like to see a clear bike route and path connecting the west ward of Randwick to the east so you have a safe bike bath from Kensington to the beaches.</p>	<p>Yes, I support the key objectives of the 2020/21 Walking and Cycling Program. Our beaches have summer traffic and parking issues, yet have little dedicated cycle infrastructure. This needs to be explored further. There are places where timed vehicle parking might be appropriate so that commuter bike and e-bike riders have priority at certain times. Council should actively promote existing cycle routes to places of recreation and commercial centres though advertising campaigns and fun-cycling days.</p>	<p>The Greens have a long history of supporting BIKEast, as well as all initiatives that promote active lifestyles. This specifically includes cycling which has numerous additional benefits for our bodies and for the planet.</p> <p>On a personal note I cycle at least once on the weekend and commute on and off throughout the week. Even when I am not riding we want things to be as safe as possible for every cyclist and indeed every road user throughout the South East.</p>

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Full name and party affiliation →**Carlos Da Rocha, Independent**

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People living in or visiting your area face significant challenges that deter them from riding bikes to get around - including children and women. What steps will you take to improve cycling infrastructure in your area so that people of all ages and abilities would feel safe riding their bikes to get around?

Since becoming a Councillor I have been very supportive of seeing more bikes on the roads as alternative transport for people to get around and also have advocated my support for bike lanes, safer roads and education to ensure all bike riders professional or recreational have the road space or shared footpath for pedestrians and bikes to ensure people look after themselves and maintain a healthy lifestyle to get around.

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As an Independent Councillor I have found myself aligned with the Greens and any others who care about our environment and people's health and well being. I will continue if elected again to support your group and any others to get more people on bikes and hopefully contribute to getting less cars on our roads and as a result we will all look after our health and wellbeing.

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