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Premier on two wheels to celebrate Bike Week

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The Tasmanian Premier has led 300 cyclists across Hobart's Tasman Bridge to mark the end of Bike Week.

Before setting off from Cornelian Bay, David Bartlett congratulated his fellow riders on a successful Bike Week, saying such events helped promote a healthier community and environment.

Tim Stredwick from the Tasmanian Bicycle Council says numbers this year are well up on last year's 700 participants.

"The word about Bike Week seems to have got around in the community throughout the state," said Mr Stredwick.

"I think we're going to be well over 1,000 participants throughout the state, you know, for the whole week."

Mr Stredwick says more people are discovering the fun and benefits of riding.

"This year the Premier's Physical Activity Council has supported Bike Week and enabled it to be truly statewide for the first time," he said.

"But also there are just more people cycling and so there's that groundswell of interest throughout the community to ride, and you provide events and fun things to happen, and people will turn up."

The Premier finished his journey just over the bridge on the eastern shore.

The rest of the peloton continued on for either a 50-kilometre or 100-kilometre ride.

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David Bartlett with other bike riders at the end of Bike Week (ABC News: Michael Ockerby)

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