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Invitation to BT Future Directions Workshop

You are invited to the Bicycle Tasmania Future Directions Workshop on Sunday 20th June.

Over the past four years Bicycle Tasmania's membership has grown by an amazing 400%. However over this same period and longer, the same members have been on the committee and are close to burning out. BT has been without a president for the last year, and I (as secretary) and Linda our newsletter editor will be resigning at the August AGM. Other committee members would I'm sure be quite happy to step down after years of dedicated work.

Crunch time is upon us.

While we have continued to provide and improve upon our headline annual events, the Bike Week Century Ride, the Tour de Femme, and the BIG RIDE; and continued to provide valet bicycle parking at major events; the frequency of social rides has dropped, and our advocacy work has waned over the last few years due to limited and dwindling energy.

At the May monthly meeting it was therefore decided to have a Future Directions Workshop where the above and related issues can be canvassed and decisions made on how to move forward. Our thoughts on the workshop format are:

- Facilitation to be provided (with a limited amount of time the workshop must be focused).
- Catering to be provided and paid by BT.
- Suggested meeting duration of 2 x 1.5 hour sessions with lunch break (exact time to be decided)
- Some issues (with attendees to be invited to suggest agenda items beforehand)
 - Advantages to affiliation with Cycling Tasmania, Bicycle Victoria or Bicycle Network?
 - What areas of duplicated effort can be reduced by combining with other cycling groups?
 - It has been suggested there are more BV members in Tasmania than BT members.
 - What current workload can be offloaded, tradeoff time for money?
 - With limited volunteers what is the best use of our time? advocacy, events
 - How can we reduce volunteer effort in unnecessary areas?
 - How do we fit in with the Tasmanian Bicycle Council? How can BT work with the many Tasmanian utility cycling groups to avoid duplication of effort and increase effectiveness?
 - Can we obtain funding for a paid executive, who has the time to write a submission, is this duplicated effort?
 - How can we attract members to take up committee positions?
 - How can we avoid burning out existing committee members?
 - Should Bicycle Tasmania fold if new committee members can't be found?

Please reply as soon as possible whether you or a representative of your organization can attend, or if you require any further information. If insufficient people can attend on this date/ time then we are open to rescheduling.

Yours sincerely,

on behalf of the Bicycle Tasmania executive committee
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