



Launceston Council Candidate Statements

Danny Gibson

I am committed to a more pedestrianised Launceston, where bikes play a significant role.

Candidate for councillor and Mayor.

Hugh McKenzie

I have been a Councillor at the City of Launceston since 2011. I have been a member of Council's Pedestrian and Bike Committee since that time until it was merged into a new Transport Committee in recent times. I was Chair of the Committee from 2014 until it was wound up and now sit as Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee.

I am passionate about active transport and have been proactively engaged in the development of off-street cycle ways and safer on-street delineation for bikes during my time on Council.

We have recently had approved a separated cycle way connecting the Seaport levy to the University Trail via Foster Street which should be completed during the current financial year, which will almost give us a separated loop around the City.

I see great opportunity to increase separated bike ways with the move of UTAS to Inveresk and look forward to working with their sustainability team as the new campus evolves.

If re-elected I will continue to educate infrastructure providers away from the car centric products they continue to promote. Building more roads to put more cars on is not a sustainable strategy.

We need to promote better public and active transport options for the future of our City or risk becoming gridlocked like Hobart.

Candidate for councillor and Deputy Mayor.



Alan Harris

I'm an avid cyclist, a founding member of Sally's Ride charity ride held in November each year and I regularly ride more than 100km a week including riding my bike to Council workshops when possible.

Since being elected to Council in 2018 I have been a consistent advocate for more dedicated off road cycling infrastructure to be built in the city to encourage greater active transport participation by the whole community.

I was the Deputy Chairman of the Council's previous Pedestrian and Cycle Committee and I'm currently the Chairman of the new Transport Strategy Committee of Council. So far, we have been successful in getting a new off road path to be built along Forster St to connect the University trail to the new trail at Riverbend Park, but I recognise that we have lots more to do.

Through the new Transport Strategy Committee, I intend to ensure that cyclists and pedestrians needs are included in all new road designs in the city rather than just being an afterthought at best.

If re-elected I will lobby for more State and Federal Government funding for active transport infrastructure including building the missing link on the Northern off road bike path near Remount Road as well as a new off road recreation trail through the North Esk River valley to connect the southern suburbs to the new UTAS Inveresk campus and the CBD.

I'm keen to promote increased levels of cycling and it becoming the normal way that Launceston residents access the city by providing more secure cycle storage boxes and protected bike lanes where possible.

I'm a strong supporter of the North East Recreation Trail being extended from Scottsdale to Lilydale and ultimately I would love to see it connect through to Launceston via Cold Water Creek junction to Rocherlea and into the city.

I will lobby for funding to develop a number of world class MTB tracks in the city at Kate Reed, Trevallyn and potentially other suitable sites around the city for tourists and residents alike and to develop a number of suburban pump tracks to encourage greater levels of participation in all forms of cycling by our whole community.

I'm a keen advocate for providing ways to get more people to ride their bikes regularly and not just on Ride2School Day or Ride2Work Day, but they are at a good start.

Candidate for Councillor and Mayor.



Cecily Rosol

Cycling has benefits across a broad range of domains. On a personal level it boosts physical and mental health, it strengthens connection amongst community groups, it reduces congestion on our roads, it reduces carbon emissions and is an activity that helps address the climate crisis.

At various stages of my life I have cycled and experienced many of these benefits, and cycling has given me a great deal of pleasure. As well as the exhilaration of cycling, at times I have found it scary, particularly where there are no bike paths or lanes and traffic passes close by.

My commitment to action on cycling is based on my general belief in the value of cycling, and my personal experiences, both positive and negative.

As a Tasmanian Greens Councillor in Launceston, I will:

- Consult with cycling groups and learn more about the needs of the cycling community.
- Become familiar with City of Launceston bike plans and explore ways that cycling can be encouraged in Launceston.
- Advocate for infrastructure and support council action that makes cycling a safer and easier choice.
- Seek an update on the Rocherlea to Inveresk path and push for further progress to close the gap.



Cycling has many benefits, and I am committed to listening to the cycling community, learning and taking action that will encourage people to cycle, and make it safer when they do.

Candidate for Councillor

Jarad Murray

As someone who has lived and ridden in Canberra in my younger years and rides around Launceston now, there is a lot that we need to do to improve our city! I commute on my bike, ride with my kids and sometimes do the shopping on my bike with a trailer, so I've covered quite a bit of ground around town and out on the trails.

We need to improve the network of bicycles paths and tracks that we already have and better link the inner city to the outer areas. Parts of this network already exist but some are not connected well, are poorly maintained or hard to follow.

The City of Launceston does have a bicycle plan, but it needs some work to bring it up to date. I also feel that it says a lot without leading to a clear and simple set of goals and actions. We also seem to be missing opportunities as we rework parts of the city, such as intersections and road upgrades.

As fuel gets more expensive and e-bikes become more common, more people will move to two or three wheels for some of their movements around the city. As a Councilor I will work with others to review the Launceston Bike Strategy and bring it up to date. I will also work with the cycling community to understand what they need as road riders, mountain bikers, families and commuters.

Please consider voting for me and working with me to help encourage more bike use across the Launceston region.

candidate for councillor

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