



City of **HOBART**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Bike riders celebrate completion of stage 3 of Sandy Bay Road bike lane project**

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The Sandy Bay Road Walking and Cycling project has recently seen the completion of a further 2.5kms of on-road painted bike lanes on each side of Sandy Bay Road between Wayne Avenue Lower Sandy Bay and the City's southern boundary with Tarooma.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Sue Hickey said stage three involved on-road painted bike lanes on each side of Sandy Bay Road as well as road surface and footpath repairs, improved crossing points for pedestrians and sections of new footpath.

"We also widened some sections of Sandy Bay Road and constructed some retaining walls to ensure ample space on the road for both bikes and cars.

"The speed limit in this section of Sandy Bay Road was also reduced to 50 km/h when the bike lanes were installed. This has improved the safety of all road users, especially pedestrians, and is consistent with the greater urban speed limit across the city.

"While there has been a reduction in on-street parking in some sections of Sandy Bay Road, every effort has been made to maximise the on-street parking .

Chairman of the Council's City Infrastructure Committee, Ald Helen Burnet said the project was part of the City's Principal Bicycle Network.

"The Principal Bicycle Network was developed in line with the Council's desire to create a city that is highly-accessible for all modes of transport.

"This type of infrastructure is important to provide options to people for other modes of transport such as bike riding and walking or combining these modes with public transport.

"While it's not always possible for everyone all of the time, these options do offer economic, health and environmental benefits while also playing a role in easing traffic congestion.

“Sandy Bay Road is a key part of the City's Principal Bicycle Network as it links important recreational facilities such as Sandown Park and Sandy Bay beaches, a number of schools, the UTAS Sandy Bay campus and residential areas.

“This latest stage complements the previously completed stages from Marieville Esplanade to Fisher Avenue and also links to the Tasmanian Government bicycle lanes that extend from Taroona to Bonnet Hill , making this an important regional route,” said Ald Burnet.

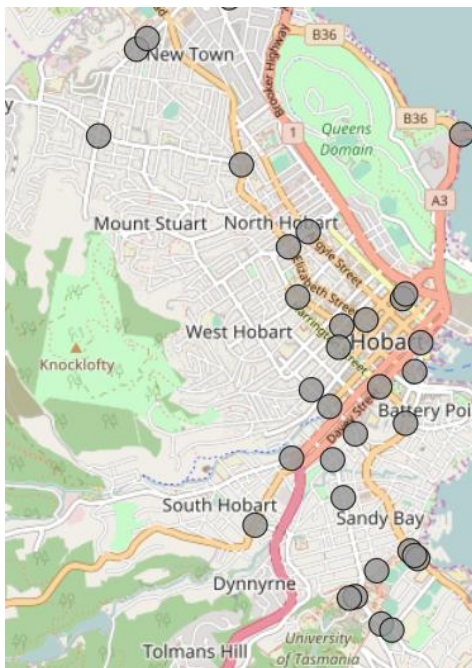
The project was jointly funded by the Australian Government’s Road to Recovery Program and the City of Hobart.

### **Super Tuesday Commuter Bike Count**

The annual Super Tuesday Bike Count is being held on Tuesday 7 March 2017.

Super Tuesday is Australia’s largest visual bike count, where volunteers count bike rider movements at key points across cities and the data collected is used by local, state and federal governments to improve cycling conditions in people’s neighbourhoods.

#### *City of Hobart count sites*



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