

# SUPER TUESDAY BIKE COUNT

**Katherine** 

2019



# About the count

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The Super Tuesday Bike Count (Super Tuesday) collects reliable annual figures of bicycle commuters and their movements on roads and bike paths.

Since 2007, Bicycle Network has conducted bicycle counts at key intersections and corridors that were selected by local governments.

This information is accurate, relevant, up-to-date, and provides a longitudinal reflection of cycling activity and trends. The data is a critical tool for councils and other agencies responsible for providing bike riding facilities for their constituents.

#### Aims and purposes

Super Tuesday is designed to complement the surveys that individual councils and other agencies run on a regular or occasional basis.

The project aims to answer some critical questions:

- How many riders are there?
- Which routes are riders using?
- What is the year-on-year growth?
- How many women are riding?
- When is the busiest hour?

#### Methodology

The Super Tuesday counters collect data from intersections along popular commuter routes, as well as subsidiary routes with lower rider volumes.

Bicycle Network coordinates the count at locations nominated by traffic engineers, transport planners, and other transport officers from participating councils.

The counts were conducted by volunteer counters who record all movements, gender of riders and their observations in fifteen minute time intervals on standardised count sheets.

Following the completion of the visual count, counters send their data to Bicycle Network by one or more of the following:

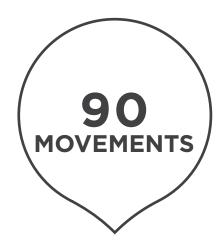
- Online: by entering the data directly via the web link
- Email: by sending completed electronic tally sheet attached
- Mail: by posting hard copy to the Bicycle Network office

The submitted data are validated, analysed and visualised by Bicycle Network, and subsequently compiled into reports for participating councils and other agencies.

# Count Summary in Katherine







## **COUNT IN 2019**

## **COUNT SITES**

## TRAFFIC FLOW

The Super Tuesday Bike Count was conducted on Tuesday 3 September 2019 for two hours from 6:30am to 8:30am.

It was sunny in Katherine on the day of the count, with gentle winds reaching 4km/h, and a maximum temperature of 25.3 degrees at 9am.

By participating in the count, volunteer counters can choose a local community group to receive a donation of \$60. In Katherine a total of \$240 went back to the local community through donations to nominated groups.

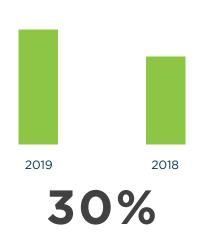
4 sites were surveyed in Katherine.

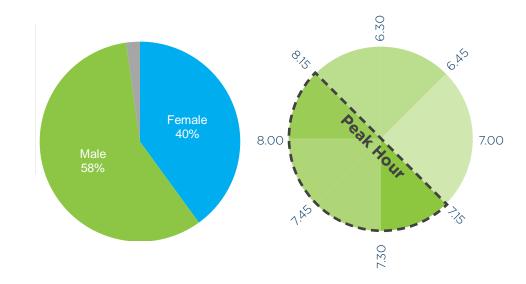
All sites were situated along the Stuart Highway/Katherine Terrace corridor. A total of 90 movements was counted at all selected intersections across the council area during the two-hour survey.

# **BUSIEST SITE**

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The busiest site was at the intersection of Stuart Hwy [SE], Victoria Hwy [S], Stuart Hwy [NW] (Site 6829 - page 11) with an average of 16.4 movements per hour.





#### **GROWTH**

Overall, usage has increased by 30% (90 movements) compared to the same 4 sites surveyed in 2018 (69 movements). New sites were excluded from this comparison.

## **GENDER RATIO**

Female represented 40% of bike riders across the municipality.

This is higher than the average female ridership across Northern Territory (30%), and the Australia-wide average of surveyed areas in 2019 (25%).

# **COUNT RESULTS**

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The summary data table and analysis on each site are included in this chapter.

Data table in Excel spreadsheet is supplied with this report.

## **PEAK HOUR**

The busiest hour was between 7:15 - 8:15am during the survey.

The average volume in 15 minute time intervals is as follows.

• 6:30-6:45am: 3 movements

• 6:45-7:00am: 2 movements

• 7:00-7:15am: 2 movements

• 7:15-7:30am: 4 movements

• 7:00-7:15am: 2 movements

• 7:15-7:30am: 4 movements

• 7:30-7:45am: 3 movements

• 7:45-8:00am: 3 movements

• 8:00-8:15am: 4 movements

• 8:15-8:30am: 3 movements

# Super Tuesday in 2019

#### THE COUNT

Bicycle Network's Super Tuesday Bike Count is the world's biggest and longest running visual bike count, where volunteers measure bike commuter flows in the morning peak across the country. The count provides quantitative surveys with figures on the movements of bike users, helping councils provide and improve infrastructure and facilities for people riding bikes.

The Super Tuesday Bike Count was conducted on Tuesday 3 September 2019 between 7:00am and 9:00am (6:30am and 8:30am in the Northern Territory). Where necessary, a recount was conducted on Tuesday 24 September.

In the 2019 count, 1050 sites were surveyed across 48 councils. This year we welcomed Brisbane and Noosa to the Counts program, and created 168 new count sites across Australia.

Just under 150K movements were recorded nationally during the two hour count. The national site results reveals a 9% increase when compared to the same locations in 2018.

Volunteer participants were thanked with a donation of \$60 from Bicycle Network to a community group of their choice. The total donation value was over \$58K.

The 2019 Super Tuesday Bike Count suggests females comprise 25% of bike riders across Australia. This is a slight increase of 1% when compared to the 2018 Super Tuesday count. The peak hour across all sites was between 7:45am and 8:45am, with over 80K movements recorded across the states during this time.

#### **RESULTS BY STATES**

#### **Tasmania**

The overall number of riders in Tasmania has decreased by 5% compared to the same sites as 2018. Females comprised 26% of all riders.

#### Victoria

In Victoria, the number of riders increased by 6% when compared to the same sites counted in 2018. Female riders comprised 26% of the total proportion of riders counted across the state, slightly higher than the national average.

#### **New South Wales**

In New South Wales, the number of riders increased by a significant 49% when compared to the same sites counted in 2018. This is due to an exceptional increase in bike rider volumes in Lake Macquarie. However, female riders comprised 19% of the total proportion of riders counted, which the lowest proportion across the states. Weather conditions were generally fine across NSW, with a warm temperature of 25.4 degrees in Sydney at 9am.

#### Western Australia

In Western Australia, the total number of riders increased by 10% when compared to the same sites counted in 2018. Female riders comprised 20% of the total proportion of riders counted across the state, 5% lower than the national average.

#### Queensland

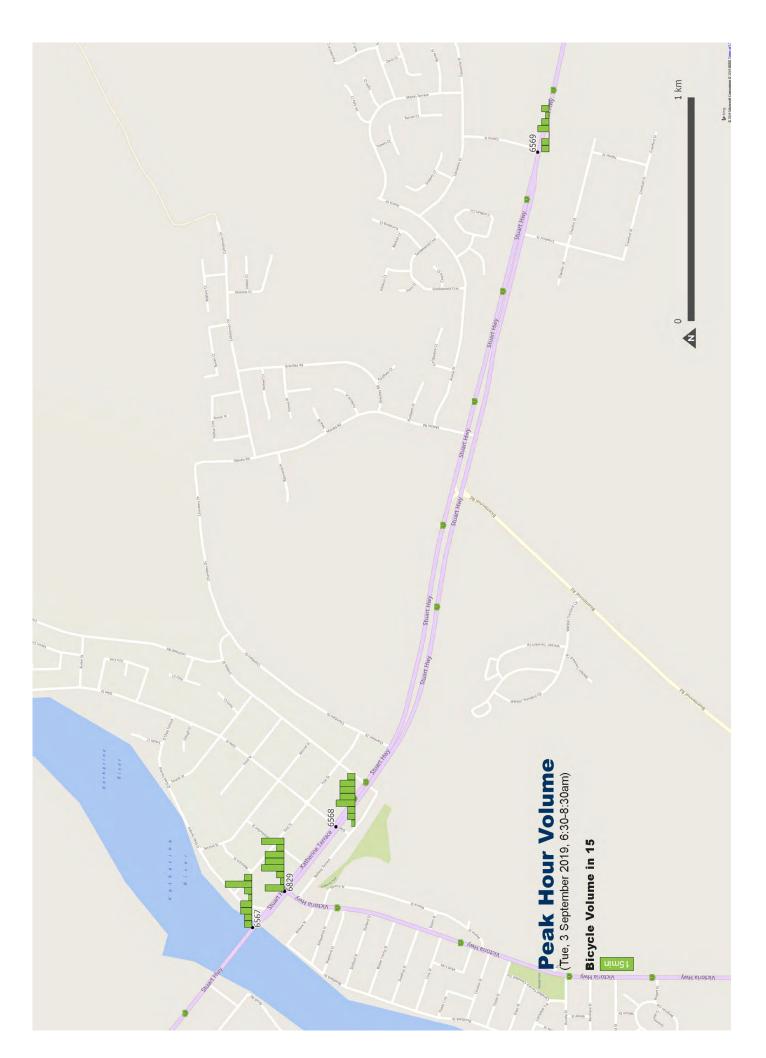
Council participation increased in Queensland this year, with the inclusion of Brisbane and Noosa; and the return of Cairns, who last participated in 2015.

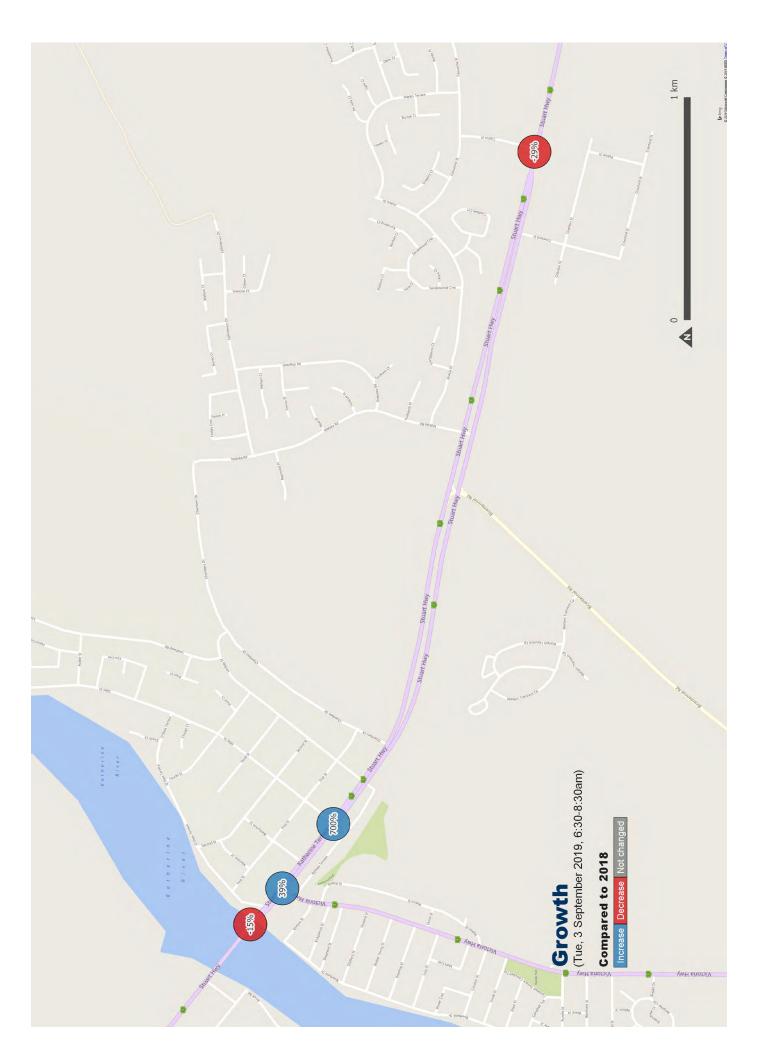
Over 8000 movements were recorded across the 168 Queensland sites, an increase of 6%. The weather was fine during both the first and second counts. Female participation was 24%, just under the national average.

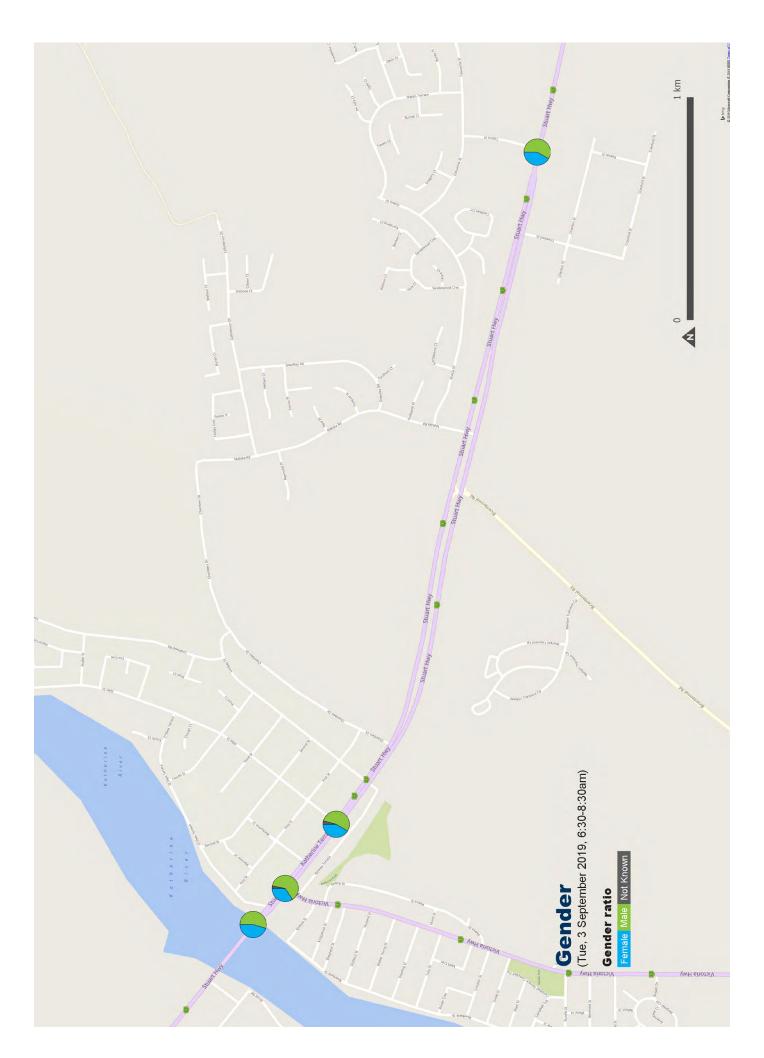
#### **Northern Territory**

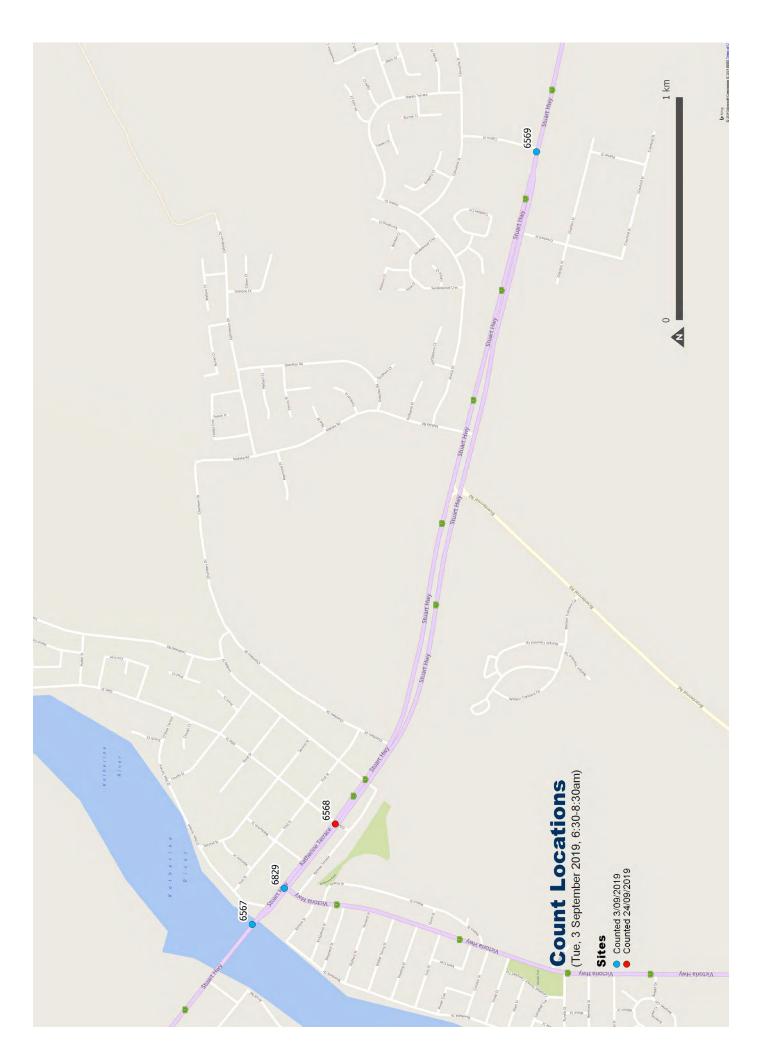
Just under 4000 movements were recorded across 75 sites in Northern Territory, a minor decrease compared to 2018. However, the state leads the country in female participation (30%), which is 5% higher than the national average. Amazing!

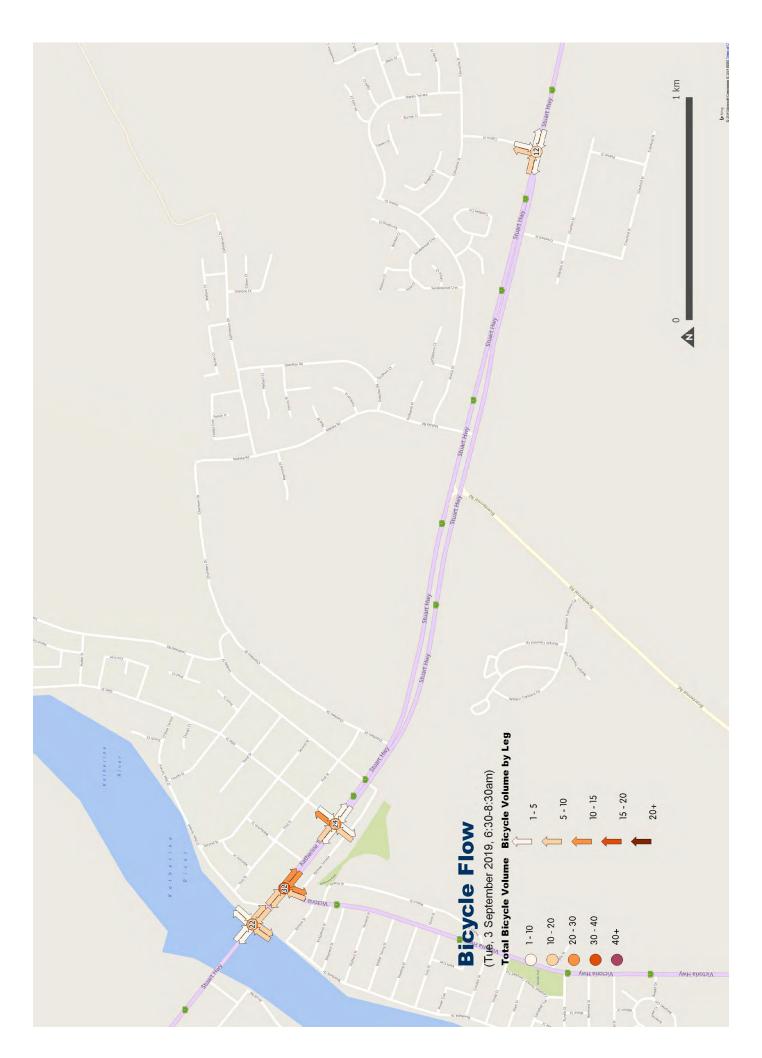












# Results

		Tota	Total Count						Volume in 15 Minute Intervals						
Site ID	Street names	Female	Male	Not Known	2019	2018	% Growth	6:30-6:45	6:45-7:00	7:00-7:15	7:15-7:30	7:30-7:45	7:45-8:00	8:00-8:15	8:15-8:30
6567	Riverside Trail [NE], Stuart Hwy [SE], Riverside Trail [SW], Stuart Hwy [NW]	10	12	0	22	26	-15%	2	2	3	3	1	2	7	2
6568	Giles St [NE], Katherine Tce [SE], Giles St [SW], Katherine Tce [NW]	10	13	1	24	3	700%	1	2	2	5	4	4	4	2
6569	Cyprus St [N], Stuart Hwy/Footpath [E], Stuart Hwy/Footpath [W]	5	7	0	12	17	-29%	2	2	0	3	2	1	2	0
6829	Stuart Hwy [SE], Victoria Hwy [S], Stuart Hwy [NW]	11	20	1	32	23	39%	5	1	2	6	5	5	2	6

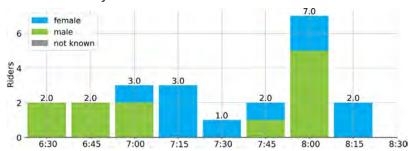
#### Riverside Trail [NE], Stuart Hwy [SE], Riverside Trail [SW], Stuart Hwy [NW]



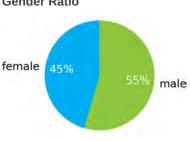
**22 bicycle riders** were recorded during the 2 hour survey. This is a decrease of 15% compared to 26 in 2018 and an increase of 29% compared to 17 in 2014. The peak period was 08:00-08:15 with 7 riders. Female riders comprised 45% of the total.

The most active thoroughfare in site 6567 was from Stuart Hwy [SE] to Riverside Trail [SW] between 07:15 AM - 07:30 AM, with 2 total riders counted during this period. Based on trend data collected over the past 5 counts, site 6567 has experienced a growth of 17.2 percent.

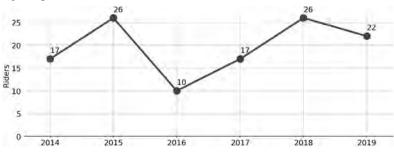
#### **Traffic Volume by Time**



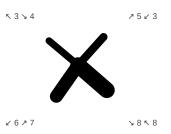
#### **Gender Ratio**



#### **Cycling Trend**



**Traffic Flow** 



Enter	1 Riverside Trail [NE]			2 Stu	2 Stuart Hwy [SE]			3 Riverside Trail [SW]			4 Stuart Hwy [NW]		
Exit	2	3	4	1	3	4	1	2	4	1	2	3	Total
Female	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	10
Male	0	2	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	12
Not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	2	0	1	4	3	4	3	0	0	4	0	22

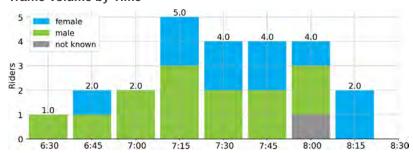
#### Giles St [NE], Katherine Tce [SE], Giles St [SW], Katherine Tce [NW]



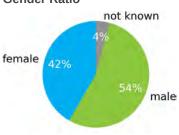
**24 bicycle riders** were recorded during the 2 hour survey. This is an increase of 700% compared to 3 in 2018 and an increase of 33% compared to 18 in 2014. The peak period was 07:15-07:30 with 5 riders. Female riders comprised 42% of the total.

The most active thoroughfare in site 6568 was from Katherine Tce [NW] to Giles St [NE] between 08:15 AM - 08:30 AM, with 2 total riders counted during this period. Based on trend data collected over the past 5 counts, site 6568 has experienced a decline of 50.9 percent.

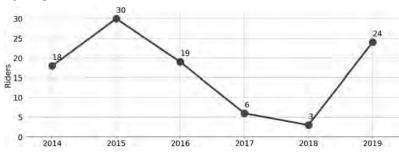
#### **Traffic Volume by Time**



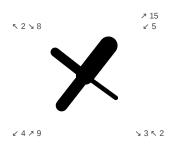
#### **Gender Ratio**



#### **Cycling Trend**



#### **Traffic Flow**



Enter	1	L Giles St	[NE]	2 Katherine Tce [SE]			3 Giles St [SW]			4 Katherine Tce [NW]			
Exit	2	3	4	1	3	4	1	2	4	1	2	3	Total
Female	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	10
Male	0	2	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	2	2	0	13
Not known	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	1	4	0	0	0	2	9	0	0	6	2	0	24

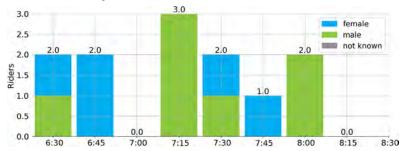
#### Cyprus St [N], Stuart Hwy/Footpath [E], Stuart Hwy/Footpath [W]



**12 bicycle riders** were recorded during the 2 hour survey. This is a decrease of 29% compared to 17 in 2018 and a decrease of 0% compared to 12 in 2014. The peak period was 07:15-07:30 with 3 riders. Female riders comprised 42% of the total.

The most active thoroughfare in site 6569 was from Stuart Hwy/Footpath [W] to Cyprus St [N] between 07:15 AM - 07:30 AM, with 2 total riders counted during this period. Based on trend data collected over the past 5 counts, site 6569 has experienced a decline of 11.4 percent.

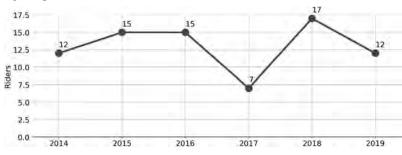
#### **Traffic Volume by Time**



#### **Gender Ratio**



#### **Cycling Trend**



**Traffic Flow** 



Enter	1	Cyprus St [N]	2 Stuart Hwy	/Footpath [E]	3 Stuart Hwy	/Footpath [W]	
Exit	2	3	1	3	1	2	Total
Female	1	0	0	0	3	1	5
Male	1	2	1	0	3	0	7
Not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2	1	0	6	1	12

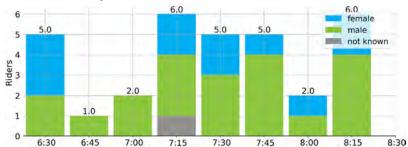
#### Stuart Hwy [SE], Victoria Hwy [S], Stuart Hwy [NW]



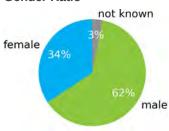
**32 bicycle riders** were recorded during the 2 hour survey. This is an increase of 39% compared to 23 in 2018 and an increase of 68% compared to 19 in 2015. The peak period was 07:15-07:30 with 6 riders. Female riders comprised 34% of the total.

The most active thoroughfare in site 6829 was from Stuart Hwy [NW] to Stuart Hwy [SE] between 07:15 AM - 07:30 AM, with 2 total riders counted during this period. Based on trend data collected over the past 5 counts, site 6829 has experienced a growth of 37.1 percent.

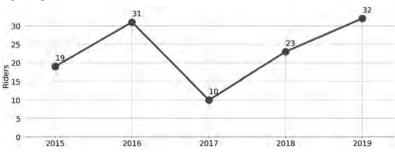
#### **Traffic Volume by Time**



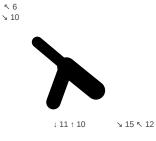
#### **Gender Ratio**



#### **Cycling Trend**



**Traffic Flow** 



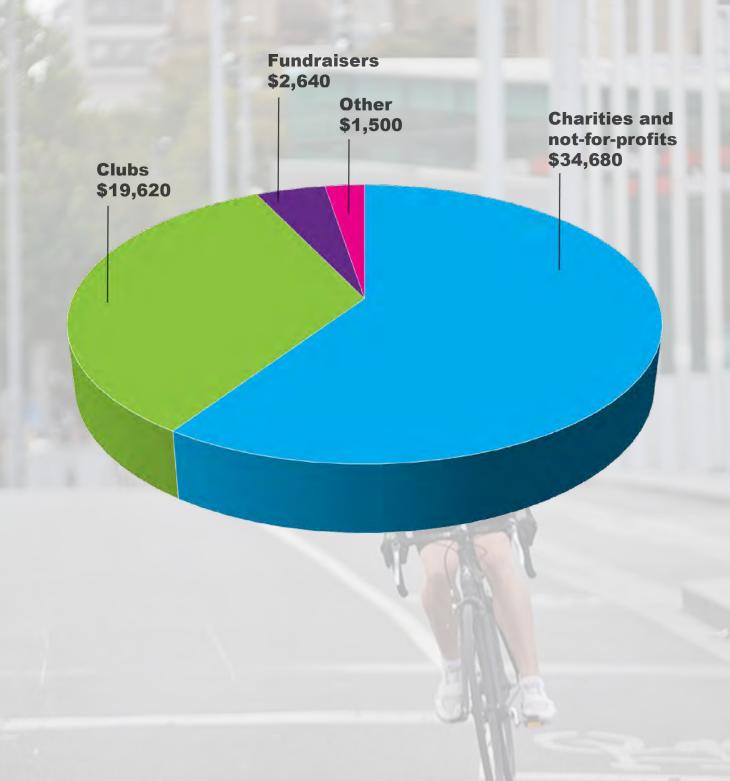
Enter	1 Stua	art Hwy [SE]	2 Vic	toria Hwy [S]	3 Stu	3 Stuart Hwy [NW]		
Exit	2	3	1	3	1	2	Total	
Female	2	0	4	1	3	1	11	
Male	6	4	3	1	4	2	20	
Not known	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Total	8	4	8	2	7	3	32	

# **Contributions**

#### **National contributions**

The Super Tuesday Bike Count is powered by local volunteers, who collect data at council-nominated locations across Australia. In return, volunteers nominate a non-profit or charity to receive a donation of \$60, or place this contribution toward a Bicycle Network membership.

The 2019 Super Tuesday count raised \$58,440 in donations nationally, strengthening local communities and building better active transport outcomes.





With nearly 50,000 members, Bicycle Network is the largest member-based bike riding organisation in Australia. At Bicycle Network, we campaign for better conditions, infrastructure and policies that make it easier and more accessible for people of all ages and abilities to ride a bike. We work closely with all levels of government to improve conditions for all people who ride.

Did you know that at Bicycle network we also do:

#### RIDE2SCHOOL

Our Ride2School team work collaboratively with schools, students and councils to help young people overcome the barriers preventing them from riding to school and getting active. Schools engaged in the yearlong program report an active travel rate of 45 per cent, nearly double the national average. Other Ride2School initiatives include:

MIND.BODY.PEDAL - a one-day program aimed at empowering and inspiring secondary school aged females. It is designed to address the unique barriers holding teenage females back from being physically active.

**ACTIVE PATHS** – is a collaborative way-finding initiative, designed to make the journey to and from school as clear, fun and easy as possible!

Find out more by visiting ride2school.com.au or contacting ride2school@bicyclenetwork.com.au.

#### ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNS

We work directly with councils to help provide expert advice on transport plans, coordinating action between all levels of government, and targeting riders in specific regions to assist in consultation and community engagement efforts.

If you want our help on a bike riding issue or active transport plan in your LGA, reach out to our Public Affairs team at <a href="mailto:campaigns@bicyclenetwork.com.au">campaigns@bicyclenetwork.com.au</a>

#### **BIKE PARKING**

Bicycle Network are the bike parking experts - we design, quote, construct and install a wide range of bike parking and end-of-trip facilities for Council's and private developments.

For more information,

visit bicyclenetwork.com.au/bike-parking-experts or email parking@bicyclenetwork.com.au (1300 727 563)

**PARKITEER BIKE CAGES** - we manage 24/7 secure bike parking cages at major transport hubs on behalf of government departments.

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#### **RIDES AND EVENTS**

We run some of Australia's biggest bike rides including The Great Vic Bike Ride (3,000+ riders), Around the Bay (10,000+ riders), the Great Outback Escape (NT), the Newcrest Orange Classic (NSW), and many more. We also coordinate regular social bike rides to help encourage riding and discuss the concerns of the riding public.

To organise events and social rides in you LGA, visit bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events

**GET IN TOUCH** - If your council would like to explore opportunities to collaborate with Bicycle Network or our members in the future, please get in touch with via bikefutures@bicyclenetwork.com.au