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# Getting around in the dry tropics

## Active Transport in Darwin

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#### Outline

- What is Active Transport?
- Why Active Transport?
- How are we travelling?
- The impact of climate
- Planning for and encouraging Active Transport





## What is Active Transport?









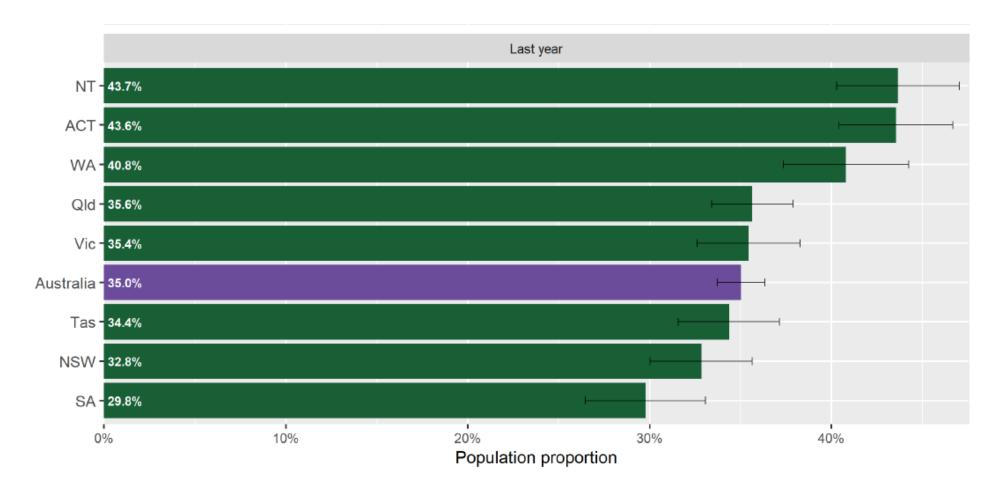
## Why Active Transport?

- Health
- Environment
- Social and economic





### National Cycling Participation Survey 2019





#### Access to a bike



70% of NT households have access to at least one working bicycle compared to 57% nationally



## Who is cycling?

0-9 years 10-17 years 18-29 years 30-49 years 50+ years 60% -Population proportion Darwin (2019) Regional NT (2019) NT (2019) Australia (2019)

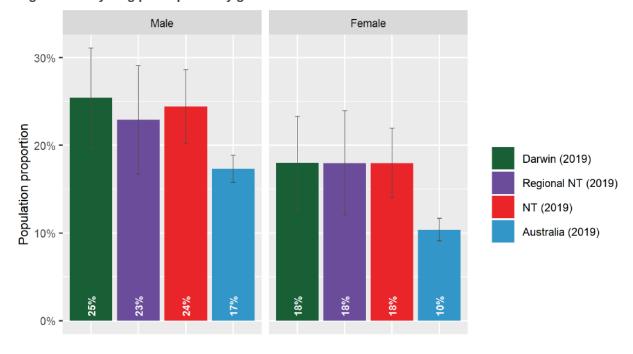
Figure 2.4: Cycling participation by age

Sample: All persons, cycling participation in past week



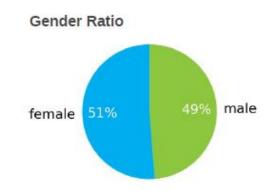
## Proportion of female riders

Figure 2.3: Cycling participation by gender



Sample: All persons, cycling participation in past week







## Cycling trip purpose

Transport Recreation 75% -Population proportion Darwin (2019) Regional NT (2019) NT (2019) Australia (2019)

Figure 2.8: Cycling for recreation in comparison to cycling for transport





## Darwin cycling trip purpose



Commuting

15%

Shopping 14%

Education

12%

Visiting

7%



## Community perceptions

79%
"comfortable or very comfortable"





#### 2016 Census: methods of travel to work

Method of travel to work: % bicycle and walked



3% bicycle

10% walk



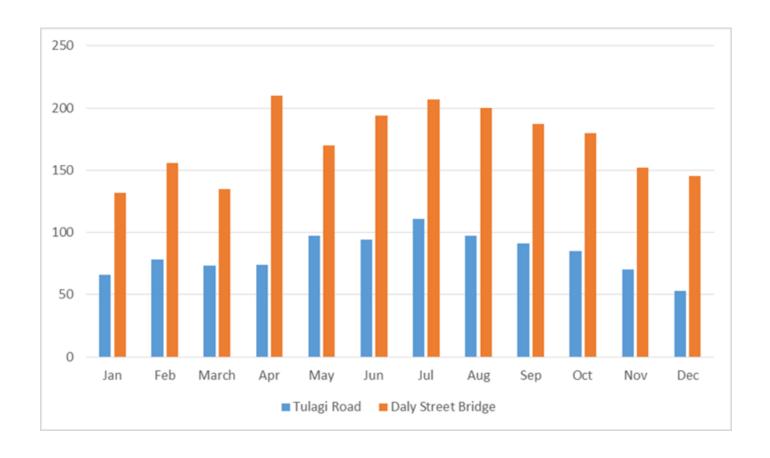
#### Factors influencing cycling and walking in Darwin

- Shorter distances
- Mostly flat terrain
- Generally a good climate
- Supportive infrastructure
- Lower average age
- Supportive policy and legislation





#### What about the climate?





## Reasons for not riding to work

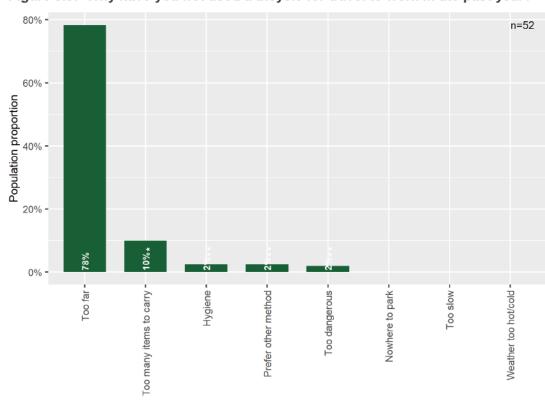


Figure 3.5: Why have you not used a bicycle for travel to work in the past year?

Sample: Persons aged 15+ who had ridden in past year



#### Integrating land use and transport planning





## Transport Planning

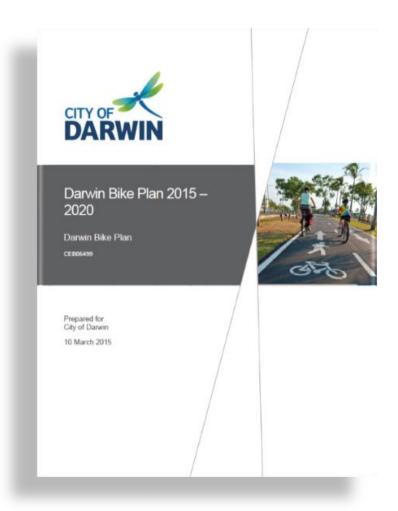
"Safe, convenient, cycling and walking to support healthy, connected communities"





## Local plans and guidelines

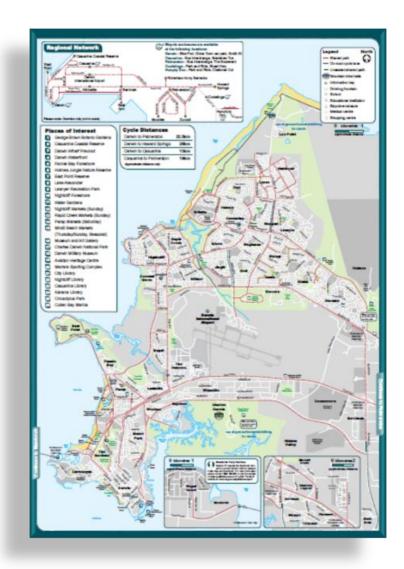






## Active transport networks

- Arterial roads
- Local roads
- Other networks





#### Infrastructure







## Connecting with public transport

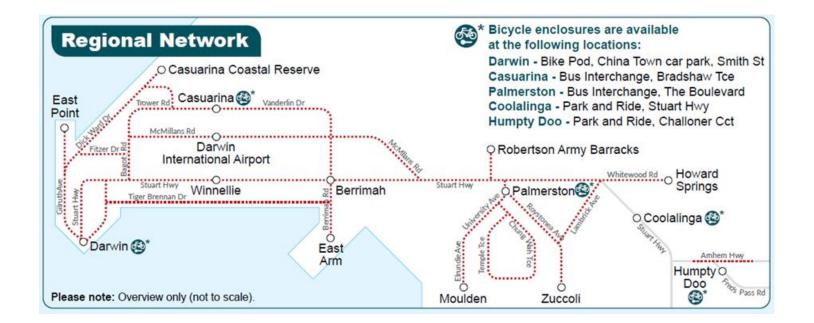






#### Network reviews

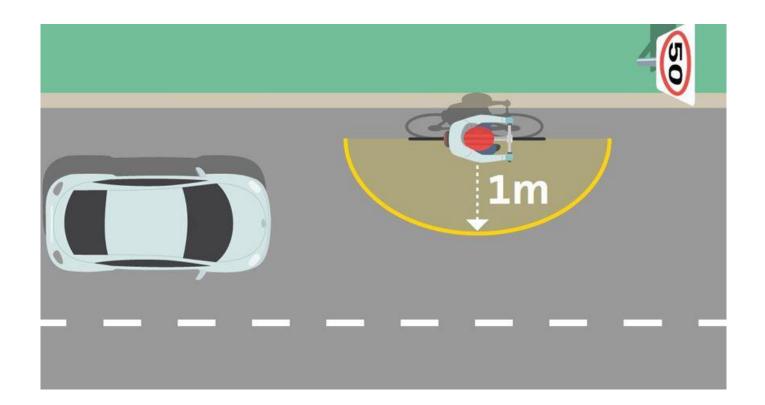
- Surveys
- Data review
- Consultation
- Network planning





## Legislation and road safety

- Driver licencing and education
- Legislation, road rules and standards
- Road safety
- Cycling policies and programs





## **Encouraging Active Transport**

- Integrating land use and transport planning
- Prioritising cycling and walking
- Convenient and connected infrastructure
- Safe and attractive environments
- End of trip facilities
- Road safety and driver education
- Legislative support
- Behaviour change programs





## Thank You



