Matt Conlan
Minister for Transport

New cycling map and paths for Alice Springs

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Cycling enthusiasts in Alice Springs can look forward to riding on more cycle paths around town with the launch of a new cycling map for the area by the Northern Territory Government.

“This new map and new path networks will make it even easier for locals to ride to work or exercise and for visitors to explore our beautiful town,” said Transport Minister Matt Conlan.

“More people cycle in the Northern Territory for transport (per head of population) than anywhere else in Australia and Alice Springs often records higher levels of cycling commuters than most other regions around Australia.

“The Country Liberals Government understands cycling is extremely popular in Alice Springs which is why we have provided $275,000 in funding for this important project and a total of $400,000 will be spent on further cycle path upgrades and improvements in 2014/15.”

The format of the new Alice Springs Cycling and Walking Map is in the same style as the NT Government’s Bus Guides so that the mapping, symbols and information are consistent.

Among the new features on the map are links to the mountain bike trails at the Telegraph Station, the planned extension of the Undoolya Road path from Spearwood Road to Eastern Kurrajong and improved accessibility of Stott Terrace for path users about to get underway.

“We’re also making these cycle paths safer for users, with lighting provided along currently unlit sections of the Larrapinta Drive cycle path from Kramer to Mparntwe Streets,” said Mr Conlan.

“The Country Liberals Government recognises the importance of cycling to our health, the environment and our communities, which is why we have committed $1.8 million in 2014/15 to improve cycling infrastructure right across the Territory.”

Local bike enthusiast James Steer tested the new paths yesterday and gave them the thumbs up.

“The maps are a great way to discover our town while enjoying the outside environment and improving your fitness,” he said.

The new Alice Springs Cycling and Walking Map will be included in the next update of the Alice Springs Bus Guide to show links between the cycling, walking and public transport networks.
The Alice map follows the update of the popular Darwin Region cycling and walking map last year. Copies of the new map can be printed in A4 or A3 format from: http://www.transport.nt.gov.au/activetransport/cycling/cycle-path-maps

Photos attached: Alice Springs residents James Steer, Jo Huyben and Eilis Black testing one of the new features on the Alice Map; the new Sadadeen link road path.

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