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On ya bike: public lecture/forum on bike transport

An upcoming forum at UTAS will examine strategies for increasing the trips made by bike in Tasmanian cities.

Dr Anne Lusk from the Harvard School of Public Health, a world leading researcher on the public health benefits of bicycle transport, is the keynote speaker at: *A Forum on Public Health, City Planning and Bicycle Transport*.

The forum will also include the launch of a new book *Cycle-Space: Architecture and Urban Design Principles in the Age of the Bicycle* by UTAS' Dr Steven Fleming.

Cycle-Space includes portraits of the many cities Dr Fleming has known as a cyclist and presents an urban design remedy to a political impasse currently facing many government departments.

Dr Fleming said there is great potential for increasing bicycle transport in Tasmania.

“The state is already famous for sports cycling and bicycle touring, we're lucky also to have followed the European model of permitting slow cycling on footpaths.

“What our cities lack are off-road arterial bike routes, servicing bicycle oriented development.”

Dr Lusk's research has focused on comfortable and safe environments that will motivate women, children, seniors, parents and individuals around the world and lower income individuals to bicycle.

She has 30 years of experience designing, permitting, and funding bicycle facilities and delivering keynotes, consulting, and conducting research on bicycle facilities.

Dr Lusk also partners with individuals in public health and related fields to explore the associations between bicycle environments and policy, behaviour, costs and health.

The event will conclude with a panel discussion giving attendees an opportunity to ask questions of the two speakers and local experts on bicycle transport.

Who: Dr Anne Lusk from the Harvard School of Public Health, Dr Steven Fleming, UTAS, members of the public.

What: *A Forum on Public Health, City Planning and Bicycle Transport*, panel discussion and book launch.

When: Friday 12 October 2012, 1-3pm.

Where: UTAS School of Architecture and Design, Inveresk campus.

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