

# **Bicycle Network Super Counts**

Australia's largest visual bike counts

2024 Council information pack



## Overview

#### Australia's largest bike riding and recreation surveys

Bicycle Network's Super Counts are Australia's largest and longest running commuter and recreational active transport data collection surveys.

Our counters collect observational data on gender, volume, direction and time from each site, providing a comprehensive dataset that can be used to inform complex decisions on active transport, infrastructure, sustainability, and healthy living strategic goals.

In the 2021/2022 financial year, Super Counts included 42 councils, 975 sites and 1000 volunteers across Australia.

Bicycle Network's data collection uses a consistent and systematic methodology that allows for longitudinal data analysis.

Super Counts are 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 \$70 (Super Tuesday) /\$120 (Super Sunday).

These community-based counts raised over \$81,000 in donations in 2021/2022, strengthening local communities and building better active transport outcomes.

Bicycle Network Super Counts advisors can help build the right count plan for you.



#### **Commuter Count**



Gender, direction, and number of riders counted

## SUPER TUESDAY NORTH (QLD, NT, WA)

First Tuesday of September 7-9am

#### SUPER TUESDAY TOP END

#### (NT)

Last Tuesday of July 6:30-8:30am

## SUPER TUESDAY SOUTH (VIC, SA, TAS, ACT, NSW, WA)

First Tuesday of March 7-9am

#### **Recreational Count**



Bike riders, e-scooter riders, walkers, runners, dog-walkers and other path users counted



#### **SUPER SUNDAY**

Second Sunday of November North: 7-10am

#### **SUPER SUNDAY**

Second Sunday of November South: 9am-12pm



## **Benefits to council**



#### **Quality Data**

Bicycle Network's Super Counts stand out for their breadth, consistency and reliability.

Bicycle Network have used a consistent methodology across Australia each year since 2007. Our data provides reliable annual figures on bike riding participation and trends across Australia.



#### **Planning**

Super Counts data informs decisions on active travel and transport infrastructure.

Count results are available as both data files and comprehensive analysis reports. Use this data to analyse commuting and recreation trends in your area and/or compare with neighbouring municipalities and national averages.

Our surveys complement other traffic surveys such as automated counters by providing a broader picture of riding trends at both a local and national scale, as well as providing demographic and directional data.



#### **Low Cost**

Bicycle Network's Super Counts are far cheaper than automated counters available on the market, which typically cost between \$5,000-15,000 per automated counter.

In contrast, Bicycle
Network's Super Counts
are \$300-\$415 per site,
meaning you can obtain
municipality-wide data on
riding and recreation
trends for a fraction of the
cost.



## **Strong Communities**

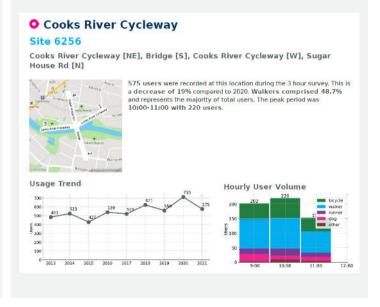
In the 2021/2022 FY, Super Counts generated over \$81,000 for local charities and non-profits through the dedicated work of nearly 1000 volunteers, strengthening local communities and social bonds



- · Councils nominate the sites they want counted
- Bicycle Network recruits local volunteers to count riders/users at each site

- Data is collected, collated and analysed by Bicycle Network
- The results are presented to councils in a comprehensive report

## Site 7533 Chapman Ave underpass [E], Shared Path [S], Shared Path [N] 6 bicycle riders were recorded during the 2 hour survey. This is a decrease of 77% compared to 26 in 2021. The peak period was 08:00-08:15 with 2 riders. Female riders comprised 67% of the total. Traffic Volume by Time Gender Ratio 1.5 not known ₹ 1.0female



SAMPLE SUPER TUESDAY SITE REPORT PAGE

SAMPLE SUPER SUNDAY SITE REPORT PAGE



## What we report on



#### Growth

Percentage growth/decline in riders/micro-mobility user volumes at each site compared with the previous count.



#### **Flow**

The number of riders/micromobility users entering and exiting each leg of each site.



#### **Time**

The number of riders/users through each site in 15 minute or 1 hour intervals.



#### **Gender**

Estimated proportion of men and women at each site.

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#### **Users**

The proportion of different types of users through each site (bike riders, e-scooter users, walkers, runners and dog-walkers).

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## **Product details & cost**

Bicycle Network offers two types of active travel surveys which can be tailored for your needs. GIS shapefiles for intergration into council GIS databases - can also be added to your counts. Contact the Super Counts team to discuss the best plan for your area.

		SUPER TUESDAY	SUPER SUNDAY
What's included:	<ul> <li>Coordination of count</li> <li>Volunteer recruitment</li> <li>Raw data (CSV format)</li> <li>Final report</li> <li>Directional trend analysis at each site</li> <li>Insights on growth/decline rates based on year-by-year data trends</li> <li>Access to on-site qualitative data captured by volunteers</li> </ul>	\$300 per site	\$415 per site
Duration		2 hours	3 hours
GIS Shapefile	GIS shapefile for all sites (optional)	\$300	\$300
Additional Counter	When required at sites with high traffic flow	\$70	\$120



#### **Key Dates 2024**

	Nov (2023)	Jan	Feb	5th Mar	June	August	3rd Sept	Sept	Oct	10 Nov
Super Tuesday South 2024	Create count plan for 2024		Confirm participation and sites	Count Day						
Super Tuesday North 2024	Create count plan for 2024				Nominate participation	Confirm participation and sites	Count Day			
Super Sunday 2024	Create count plan for 2024							Nominate participation	Confirm participation and sites	Count Day

#### **Register Now!**

Contact us to plan your counts for 2024, letting us know which events you are interested in and together we can build your Super Counts plan

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#### **Need something else?**

Bicycle Network also offers fully customisable manual observational surveys which can be created to suit your needs.

Custom Surveys give you the ability to choose the time, frequency, duration and demographics measured of the counts at a particular site. We can survey a site on perceived gender, user type, age, compliance, and a range of other demographics to suit your specific needs.

Visit our website for more information, or contact us at:

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