

Bicycle Queensland Celebrates Success of Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail Event

Brisbane, Australia - May 14, 2024 - Bicycle Queensland is thrilled to announce the successful running of the first Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail (BBIRT) event, held from May 3rd to May 6th. The event saw an impressive turnout of cycling enthusiasts from across Queensland, coming together to celebrate their passion for cycling and exploration on the Tunnels section of the BBIRT (Barrimoon to Builyan).

The Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail event offered participants an unforgettable experience filled with camaraderie, scenic vistas, and thrilling challenges. The event had it all, with a dash of rain keeping the temperatures ideal, and adding a challenge element with some wet conditions. Riders embarked on a variety of rides through picturesque landscapes, traversing the diverse terrain of the rail trail -including the iconic Dawes Range tunnels. Evenings were spent being well fed and entertained with live music, all while camping under the wide Queensland night sky.

One participant expressed their delight, stating, "Meeting other like-minded people and riding with others in a group while soaking in the fabulous scenery made this event truly special."

Another attendee shared their enthusiasm, remarking, "The riding, the challenges of the culverts, the venue, food, and drinks - it was all superb. This event brought together a great mixture of riders and bikes, creating an unforgettable experience for everyone involved."

The Honourable Glenn Butcher, Member for Gladstone, was in attendance, and clearly impressed by the experience.

"The Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail has been one of the pinnacle projects that we have done in the region, utilising an old rail track which was ripped up a number of years ago now, to turn it into what I believe is one of the best rail trails not only here in Queensland, but in Australia."

"I'm looking forward to what we can do in this part of the world. I'd like to see this end up as Australia's longest rail trail. From Gladstone all the way through heading south."

The BQ Team were in attendance for the weekend, comprising CEO Alton Twine, Advocacy Director Andrew Demack and Grants and Sponsorship Officer Paul Dalitz.

"This weekend has been a great success, in no small part due to the hard work from the Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail Association," said Alton Twine after the weekend. "The weather threw up some extra challenges, but I think the turn out and positive event

experience has illustrated just how popular this sort of infrastructure is. I'm certain the enthusiasm around the BBIRT will continue to grow from here."

Andrew Demack was impressed by the turn out – but not surprised.

"Bike riders love rail trails because they are removed from traffic. Any time a rail trail is developed – riders will come. The bike riders who visit rail trails are committed travellers, they will spend time in the region and visit local businesses. As such, rail trails are an essential tool for economic revitalisation."

"Bicycle Queensland are thrilled to have partnered with the Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail Association, and we look forward to working with them again soon."

Bicycle Queensland extends its heartfelt gratitude to all participants, volunteers, and supporters who contributed to the success of the Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail event. Their passion and dedication have played a pivotal role in fostering a vibrant cycling community and showcasing the beauty of Queensland's landscapes.

For more information about upcoming events and initiatives by Bicycle Queensland, please visit [Bicycle Queensland's website](#).

A selection of images from the weekend to be used in conjunction with this story is available [here](#).

About Bicycle Queensland: Bicycle Queensland is the peak advocacy organisation for cycling in Queensland, working to promote a safe, accessible, and enjoyable cycling environment for all. Bicycle Queensland advocates for better cycling infrastructure, policies, and programs while also organizing a wide range of events and initiatives to promote cycling across the state.

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