## **Media Release - The Hon Shelley Payne MLC**

### West Arthur set to celebrate WA Bike Month 2023

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- Highest number of WA Bike Month grants awarded in the program's history.
- Shire of West Arthur to host "Ready, Set, Ride" event during WA Bike Month
- WA Bike Month encourages people of all ages and abilities to give bike riding a go.

This year's WA Bike Month is set to be the biggest yet with a record \$75,000 in grant funding being awarded.

Celebrated annually in October, this State Government initiative aims to promote and encourage people of all ages and abilities to ride bikes for transport, fun and a healthier lifestyle.

This year's grants program is being delivered in partnership with RAC, which is contributing \$25,000.

Seventy-six local governments, organisations, schools, and community groups will share in major, local, and minor grants to host bike riding activities across the State. This includes the Shire of West Arthur who will be hosting a "Ready, Set, Ride" event on Monday 2 October 2023.

WA Bike Month is an initiative of the State Government, co-funded by the Department of Transport and RAC, and administered by WestCycle.

For more information, visit <u>www.wabikemonth.com.au</u> or follow <u>@WABikeMonth</u> on Facebook.

#### Comments attributed to Agricultural Region MLC Shelley Payne

"Bike Month is a great opportunity for friends, family and the community to come together for some fun and fitness", she said.

"This grants program is another example of how the Cook Labor Government is supporting communities all across Western Australia."

#### **Comments attributed to Transport Minister Rita Saffioti:**

"Our Government will be investing more than \$300 million over the next four years to significantly expand the State's cycling network.

"Supporting grass root events is an important way we can encourage more people to get out and use the fantastic new infrastructure our Government is delivering.

"This year we have made record funding available and with a record number of organisations being awarded grants, it is clear more and more people in our community want to get out on two wheels."

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Attachment 1: WA Bike Month 2023 grant recipients

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Grant category	Organisation
Major	City of Albany
Major	City of Wanneroo
Local	CycleSense
Local	Shire of Wongan-Ballidu
Local	City of Bayswater
Local	Shire of Murray
Local	Bunbury Town Team
Local	City of Greater Geraldton
Local	Shire of Kondinin
Local	Munda Biddi Trail Foundation
Local	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
Local	City of Stirling
Local	St Augustine's Primary School
Local	WA Historical Cycle Club
Local	Shire of Carnarvon
Local	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Local	Adventure Connections Australia
Local	City of Mandurah
Local	Town of Bassendean
Local	Shire of Morawa
Local	Shire of West Arthur
Local	Shire of Harvey
Local	Shire of York
Local	Cockburn BMX Club
Local	Cycling Without Age Australia
Local	Environment House
Local	Shire of Cuballing
Local	Green Skills
Minor	Bramfield Park Primary School
Minor	East Victoria Park Primary School P&C
Minor	Canning Sea Scouts
Minor	Shire of Augusta Margaret River
Minor	Excelsior Primary School
Minor	St Pius X Catholic Primary School
Minor	Phoenix Primary School
Minor	Kellerberrin Community Resource Centre
Minor	Telethon Kids Institute
Minor	Craigie Heights Primary School
Minor	Paraburdoo Primary School
Minor	Perenjori Primary School
Minor	Coolgardie Primary School
Minor	Shark Bay School
Minor	Spencer Park Primary School

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Minor	Albany Primary School P&C
Minor	Gibbs Street Primary School P&C
Minor	Riverside Primary School
Minor	Nannup Mountain Bike Club
Minor	Winterfold Primary School
Minor	Onslow School P&C
Minor	Charthouse Primary School
Minor	Holyoake
Minor	Siemens Mobility Australia
Minor	Oakwood Primary School
Minor	Lakeland Senior High School
Minor	Little Grove Primary School P&C
Minor	Oberthur Primary School P&C
Minor	Denmark Primary School
Minor	St Patrick's Primary School Fremantle
Minor	Kondinin Community Resource Centre
Minor	X-Speed Australia Cycle Club
Minor	Kinross Community Garden
Minor	Margaret River Coastal Residents Association
Minor	Pine View Primary School
Minor	Bibra Lake Primary School P&C
Minor	Mukinbudin District High School
Minor	Cycling Without Age
Minor	Bolgart Primary School
Minor	Kirup Primary School P&C
Minor	Beckenham Primary School
Minor	East Hamersley Primary P&C
Minor	Mount Lockyer Primary School
Minor	WA Local Government Association
Minor	Denmark Mountain Bike Club
Minor	White Gum Valley Primary School
Minor	Marmion Primary School
Minor	Women's Health and Family Services