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Everybody benefitting from Bicentennial Bikeway upgrade

The recent completion of the second stage of the Bicentennial Bikeway Upgrade project is already paying dividends for Western suburbs pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike, says the Brisbane Central Business District Bicycle User Group (CBD BUG). The work was completed earlier this month and both cyclists and pedestrians are now making good use of the upgraded path, while private motorists and public transport users can enjoy reduced pressure on Coronation Drive and other roads.

The project is almost doubling the path width along Queensland's busiest bikeway, and includes separate sections for cyclists and pedestrians. Completed earlier this month, the second stage covered a stretch between Lang Parade and Land Street, Auchenflower. Stage one was completed last year, between Cribb Street and Park Road, Milton, and planning is under way for more stages between these two sections, and either side of the Go Between Bridge. The upgrade is part of Lord Mayor Campbell Newman's \$100 million bikeway program and has been jointly funded by the Queensland Government.

The Bicentennial Bikeway carries more than 4000 people each day, and this is only expected to increase in the future. "We're continuing to see more and more people realise that cycling is a great way to get around," CBD BUG spokesperson Paul French said. "As petrol prices keep rising, Brisbane keeps growing, and people are more conscious of keeping healthy, cycling just keeps getting more and more attractive."

It's an exciting time for cycling in Brisbane, with Brisbane City Council's CityCycle bike hire scheme about to commence operation on Friday, and significant infrastructure development programs from both Council and the Government starting to bear fruit. "We're glad that cycling has been starting to gain recognition as an important part of Brisbane's transport system, and we're looking forward to more projects in the future," Mr French said. "We hope the final stages of the Bicentennial Bikeway upgrade can be delivered swiftly so the full benefits can be realised."

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