



## **Anna Boltong**

My motivation to contribute to the Bicycle Network Board is based on a yearning to make cycling the easy choice as a route to enhanced community health and wellbeing. Returning from living in London 12 years ago brought new opportunities as a commuting, leisure and touring cyclist in Australia that I had never felt previously confident to explore. Engaging with Bicycle Network at this time certainly helped to get me out on the road, on country trails, on paths and across suburbs and the CBD with the feeling of a network of people looking out for each other and wanting the same thing – to ride freely and easily - and to advocate for better conditions for riders across these great lands.

With a background in health promotion and public health policy development, I have a track record in capitalising on advocacy and planning opportunities that enable community benefits to be realised through resource development and wise choices that span:

- active transport enablers
- town planning and infrastructure
- community and workplace attitudes; and an
- ability to leverage key data sources and exemplars of global best practice.

With a future focus as well as the benefit of hindsight, my vision is to assist and support the Bicycle Network Board to continue to build and extend a vibrant and relevant road ahead, using the COVID-19 pandemic response to our advantage to extend the BN membership in new ways, making it an attractive, relevant and connecting network that sees more people cycling and keeps them safe and empowered while doing so.

As a Board member I will draw on my experience as a health professional, research, strategist, policy maker, international citizen, Melburnian and female cyclist to give generously of my time and work in collaboration with others to set strategy and provide governance that aligns with multicultural values and broadens accessibility to riding across all facets of the community.