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The Sustainable Transport Coalition is a not-for-profit organisation working for sustainable transport solutions in WA. The STC has key community groups and local councils as its members and a wide range of individual and organisational supporters. This report summarises the STC's work over the 2003-04 financial year.

Coalition for change

Transport is a vital part of our lives. It connects people with family and friends, work and educational opportunities and provides access to goods and services. In Western Australia most people rely on private motorised transport to get around, but our heavy use of the car and road freight comes at a cost. WA is left vulnerable to changes in global oil price and supply, as well as the effects of rising greenhouse gas emissions. Resultant urban air pollution, declining physical activity in the community and the financial burden of providing and maintaining the extensive road network all point to the need for change.

Sustainable transport solutions are possible. Over the past 12 months the STC has focused on developing policy options for government on what change is required and possible. By changing our transport systems we can reduce the social and environmental impacts of cars, enhance accessibility and maximise the health benefits for our community. Community attitudes and the policies of government support a shift towards more sustainable transport, the challenge for the STC is to help it happen.

The STC was formed in March 2001 to bring community stakeholders together to promote sustainable transport. The STC seeks more sustainable and liveable communities where people are less dependent on the car and have better access to travel alternatives. We seek a transport system and land use pattern that facilitates access, protects the environment and promotes community. We do this by promoting awareness, developing policy, lobbying on issues of concern and networking with others in WA and interstate.

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Convenor's Report

The past year has been a whirlwind of activities for the STC. The year commenced with events that flowed from the exciting and innovative Beyond Oil Conference in February 2003. While the Committee worked on these activities it also gave a high priority to the development of a range of policies that would underpin the STC's future campaigns. The first policies- for walking and bicycle transport- were launched in December 2003 and the *Oil: Living with Less* one followed in April 2004. We have commenced work on our sustainable transport policy and hope to launch it in the new financial year.

In many ways, the STC is a virtual organisation. It has the support of two part-time Sustainable Transport Officers and is guided by the volunteer committee members. It relies on the web for much of its publicity and communication functions. Our membership and supporter base has grown over the past 12 months, but not substantially. Transport is not as 'sexy' a campaign for the public and the media as the old-growth trees in the south-west and whale sharks at Ningaloo. A better measure of the success of the STC in its advocacy work is the number of people who have subscribed to our e-newsletter (over 220) and have attended our functions (75 at a recent transport forum). These show that we have been very successful during the 2003-04 period in bringing our message, and the need for urgent government action, to a broader transport and planning community.

Our policy work, in particular, has had an impressive impact. Similar interstate groups have modelled their policies on the STC's and we will use the forthcoming *Oil: Living with Less* Conference to deepen our interstate networks to help us campaign around the Federal election. The initiatives of the Minister for Planning & Infrastructure, Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, in responding to our proposals is another example of the impact we are having on the planning for a more sustainable Perth.

I would like to thank the STC Committee members and STOs for their support and efforts over the past 12 months. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the work of David Bennett who stepped aside as founding Convenor at the 2003 AGM, but stayed on as Deputy-Convenor and has given me great support over the past year. I would also like to thank Irina Catallini for her contribution to the STC as an STO over the previous 18 months. Finally, I would like to thank those organisations who have made a major contribution to the STC (Department for Planning & Infrastructure, Public Transport Authority, Main Roads, Cycling promotion Fund) and whose financial support will ensure the STC will have an even greater impact during 2004-05.

Dave Worth

Activities and achievements

During the past year our key achievements have been:

- developing our policies on key issues,
- putting oil vulnerability on the agenda, and
- building our support base.

A summary of our primary activities follows.

By bicycle and on foot

Walking and cycling are the most healthy, accessible and non-polluting ways for people to travel, but the share of trips made by these modes is declining as car use grows. Walking and bicycle transport need greater attention in urban and transport planning if we are to realise the health, environmental and social benefits they offer the community. To promote the need for greater action to encourage more use of these travel modes the STC adopted and launched policy statements in late 2003. The policies on walking and bicycle transport were STC's first policies and were launched at the City of Perth by Associate Professor Billie Giles-Corti of the University of Western Australia's School of Population Health. The policies have been circulated to advisory committees including the WA Bicycle Committee and Walking WA, and discussed with officials in Main Roads, the Public Transport Authority and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. Publication of the bicycle transport policy and discussion paper was supported by sponsorship from the Cycling Promotion Fund in Victoria.

One important issue raised in the walking policy is the use of parallel walk crossings in Perth. Motorists turning at an intersection must give way to pedestrians, but this traffic rule is too often disregarded. A growing number of intersections in Perth have modified parallel walk crossings where pedestrians crossing in parallel with motor vehicles are given a headstart. In practice this relies on motorists giving way so that pedestrians can complete their crossing, but many of us know from experience that this is an exception.

The STC formed a Pedestrian Working Group to progress this issue. It was chaired by Bruce Aulabaugh and involved traffic engineers and transport planners with an interest in the dangers to pedestrians from the present solutions. The STC emphasised the need for urgent action to protect pedestrian amenity and safety to the Minister for Police and Community Safety and in discussions with staff from Main Roads WA. As a result, Main Roads held a meeting of stakeholders to review the parallel walk crossing issue and proposes a greater community education and enforcement effort to ensure the safety of pedestrians. The STC also raised these concerns through the Walking WA Committee where it is represented by Ms Gail White.

To maximise people's travel options it is important to integrate transport modes. The upgrade of suburban rail stations by the Public Transport Authority and extension of the railway from Perth to Mandurah provides an excellent opportunity to encourage the greater use of public transport. During the year the STC worked with its members to advocate better pedestrian and bicycle access to train stations and along the proposed railway to Mandurah in discussions with the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and the Public Transport Authority. We commented on a draft policy on bicycle access to rail stations seeking safe and well-connected bicycle and pedestrian access to stations, bicycle storage facilities and constructive relationships between infrastructure planners and designers and community stakeholders.

Providing for people walking and cycling is fundamental to making our communities liveable said Dr Spense Havlick of the University of Colorado, Boulder, in Perth to promote physical activity and community building. He spoke at a forum organised by the STC and City of Fremantle in November 2003 that attracted over 100 people from community groups, academia and government.

Sustainable cities

During 2003 the Federal Parliament initiated an inquiry into sustainable cities. It looked at the sustainability of Australia's cities and the role the Federal Government should play. The STC made written and verbal submissions to the House of Representatives Committee on Environment and Heritage. The STC made two submissions in November 2003 and March 2004 and the STC Convenor, Dr David Worth, appeared before the committee in Adelaide on April 29. The committee is yet to report its findings however the STC's written and oral submissions are available at www.aph.gov.au (under committees).

Points raised by the STC include the need to address oil vulnerability through a national transport energy policy and the need to support sustainable travel choices through support for TravelSmart initiatives and reform of tax measures that favour car commuting. The need for the Federal government to become involved in integrated transport planning and investment was raised, and the STC urged the inclusion of funding for public transport, cycling and walking in AusLink. National leadership to address the never-ending sprawling growth of Australia's cities was also highlighted as a key role for Canberra.

Dialogue with the City

The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure has opened up planning for Perth's future through the innovative Dialogue with the City process. Several people involved in the STC took part in the Dialogue with the City forum at Fremantle on September 13, where 1,100 participants discussed how Perth should develop in the next thirty years. Reducing car dependence, containing sprawl and protecting the natural environment were identified as priorities for the process outputs. The STC was represented on a working group looking at transport and infrastructure issues for the new strategic plan for Perth (Networked City) for 2030 and representatives provided input through forums with other non-government organisations and feedback to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

The STC advocated a physical limit on Perth's sprawling suburban growth, building in travel alternatives in new developments and urban renewal projects and the extension of travel behaviour change programs to make the city less reliant on the car. Dialogue with the City offers the hope that Perth will develop in a more sustainable fashion. The outcome of this process will depend on encouraging community support for a different, more constrained city, and the effective implementation of planning proposals.

Perth to Mandurah railway

The construction of a new railway from Perth to Mandurah is a bold project that will double the passenger rail system and bring fast, frequent public transport to more people. While being initiated by the previous government, during the year it was criticised as too expensive and unnecessary. The STC supports the railway as a critical investment in a sustainable future for

Perth. The STC issued media releases and wrote letters to newspapers in support of the railway. In one we stated, "the Perth to Mandurah railway is a vital investment in our city's future. Those who say the southern rail project is too costly ignore the huge amount already spent on Perth's roads. If we want a city for people rather than cars then we must invest in the alternatives."

The STC also met with the Shadow Transport Spokesperson, Katie Hodson-Thomas, to advocate for the Coalition's support for this exciting project. The new railway needs to be accessible on foot and bicycle (see above), needs to anchor supportive land use around stations, and be well-connected by bus services to ensure that it is successful in getting people in southern Perth out of their cars. The STC is planning a forum in July 2004 to discuss these issues with stakeholders in the south-west corridor and beyond.

Oil: Living with Less

The growth of motorised transport and international trade has depended on cheap oil as its energy source. The global oil situation is changing. Demand is growing rapidly, with heavy use by affluent, western countries like Australia and increasing demand in the growing economies of China and India. We face an 'oil roll-over' within possibly two years where demand overtakes supply. This will mean escalating fuel prices and possibly supply shocks. Although the current oil price (approaching US\$50 per barrel) is not expected to be maintained for long, the experience is a portent for the future when an oil price of US\$50 will be looked upon with happy memories.

Since the success of our *Beyond Oil Conference* in February 2003 the STC has continued to draw the attention of the community and decision-makers to the vulnerability of our transport system to this oil rollover. The STC believes that this issue will be a key driver to encouraging a greater use of non-car based transport methods in WA in the next few years.

Dr David Bennett¹ represented the STC on the State Government's Transport Energy Strategy Committee to investigate transport energy futures and recommend how government should respond. We developed and promoted our policy statement, titled *Oil: Living with Less*, which urges a proactive, precautionary approach to the looming oil shortage. Reducing car use and freight transport, making vehicles more efficient and developing alternative fuels are critical measures requiring government, business and community action. The policy was launched in April 2004 by Hon. Carmen Lawrence MP, who offered to make her Federal colleagues more aware of the issues.

The STC arranged for the publisher of *New Scientist* to supply a feature edition on peaking oil supply to all State and Federal Members of Parliament. David Bennett and Bruce Robinson attended the third international workshop of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas in Berlin in May and gave poster exhibitions on behalf of the STC. Bruce Robinson gave presentations to local councils, the Institute of Public Works and Engineering Australia and others to raise awareness of this issue.

¹ The Transport Energy Strategy Committee was announced by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure in January 2003. The committee's report and the government's response to its recommendations are yet to be made public.

Rising fuel prices have frequently appeared in news headlines, but bigger changes may lie ahead. Sustained higher oil prices and less certain supply could bring profound changes. It is important that we act to minimise the impact. Extending Perth's passenger rail network, putting more freight on rail, informing people's travel choices through TravelSmart and better integrating land use and transport are a good start. The STC will keep working to raise the profile of oil vulnerability, its social implications and its importance for government to develop more sustainable transport options for West Australians. It commenced the planning of a conference in August 2004, titled *Oil: Living with Less*, on the oil vulnerability topic. The keynote speaker will be Dr Ali Samsam Bakhtiari from the Iranian National Oil Company and the conference will look at various petrol price scenarios for Perth and the implications for our economy and society.

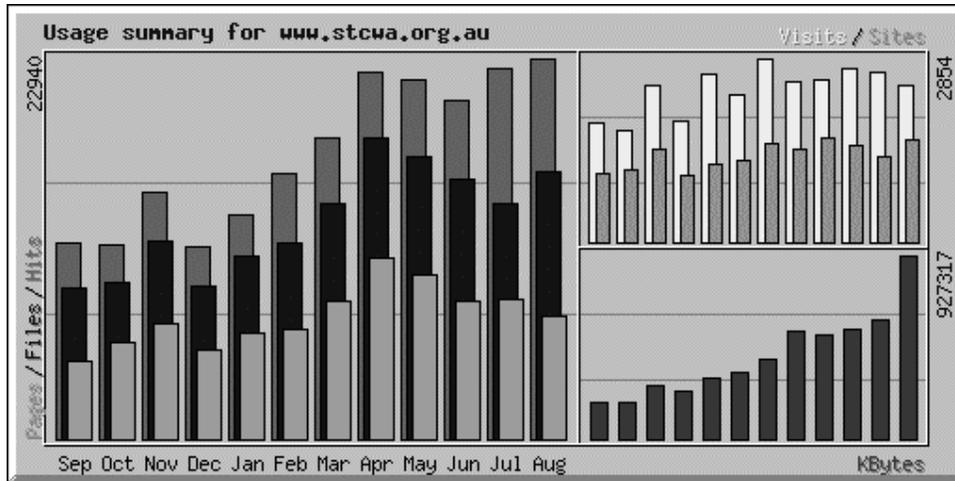
Building the coalition

The STC's support base continues to grow. Its membership includes:

Members	2004	2003
Local Councils	11	9
NGOs	16	12
TOTAL	27	21 (29% increase)

Supporters	2004	2003
Government	2	3
Companies	5	3
Individuals	66	43
TOTAL	73	49 (49% increase)

Non-government organisational members include the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and Heart Foundation. In addition, the STC counts several Members of Parliament amongst its increasing number of supporters. The STC's email newsletter is distributed to over 220 people across Australia. It provides information on current issues and activities concerning sustainable transport from a wide variety of local, national and international sources. The web site has been pivotal to the STC's operations with latest news items being sent in a cost-effective way to a wide range of subscribers. The increased usage of the STC's web site over the past 12 months (especially since January 2004) can be seen in the graph of the numbers of visitors to the site, below.



To recognise the contribution of individuals and organisations to the development of sustainable transport in WA, the STC has initiated an innovative Sustainable Transport awards program. Main Roads WA and the Public Transport Authority have generously provided sponsorship for the initial awards to an individual and an organisation. The inaugural awards will be presented later in 2004.

Significant dates

Date	Event/initiative
2003	
July 16	Annual General Meeting and General Meeting including talk on the implications of peaking oil supply for WA by Bruce Robinson
August 26	General Meeting including constitutional amendment and guest speaker from Main Roads WA on pedestrian and cycling initiatives
September 12	Travel Demand Management seminar held by Australian Greenhouse Office and UITP in Perth. STC Convenor spoke as part of panel discussion.
September 13	Dialogue with the City forum - STC members and supporters took part in discussions on the future shape of Perth
September 16	Representatives took part in Transport Energy Strategy Committee's stakeholder workshop
October 16	Submission to the Productivity Commission inquiry into first home ownership, urging consideration of housing location on household travel costs and suggesting location efficient mortgages
October 27	General Meeting including Transport Energy Strategy Committee co-chair Peter West as guest speaker on oil decline, transport and the future
November	Surveyed candidates for the RAC Council about their position on key transport issues
November 5	Took part in Carry on the Dialogue forum organised by the WA Collaboration to discuss outcomes of the Dialogue with the City event
November 14	Meeting with Opposition Transport Spokesperson Katie Hodson-Thomas MLA
November 14	STC Convenor spoke at National Physical Activity Conference at Fremantle.
November 25	Contacted Members of State Parliament drawing their attention to New Scientist article on peaking oil supply

Date	Event/initiative
November 30	Submission to House of Representatives inquiry into sustainable cities, raising oil vulnerability, travel choices, transport investment and urban sprawl as key issues
December 2	General Meeting
December 4	Launch of STC policy statements on walking and bicycle transport by Assoc. Professor Billie-Giles Corti
December 18	Letter to Federal Environment Minister about research into the impact of Fringe Benefits Tax on passenger transport use, followed by further correspondence when findings were not released
December 22	Submission to the Treasurer on transport priorities for the State Budget 2004/05, including funding for Transperth bus services, the Perth Bicycle Network and TravelSmart
2004 January	Promoted talk by Pierre Rene Bauquis on the future of oil at Society of Petroleum Engineers lunch (held February 2)
February 18	Meeting with Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, raised Transport Energy Strategy Committee, bicycle and pedestrian access to train stations and advisory committees
February 18	General Meeting including guest speaker from Curtin University's Centre for Fuels and Energy on hydrogen as a transport fuel
February 24	One of many media releases in support of the Perth to Mandurah railway project
March	Invited key stakeholders to provide feedback on priorities for social research into the impact of higher fuel prices
March 4	Convened meeting with Main Roads officials to discuss concerns over parallel walk crossings. Agreed that community awareness and enforcement are key issues.
March 29	Submission to DPI on draft policies on universal and cyclist access to train stations
March 31	Submission to WA Greenhouse Task Force on draft Greenhouse Strategy, including need to strengthen and fund measures to reduce transport emissions
April 28	STC representatives took part in stakeholder meeting held by Main Roads WA to discuss parallel walk crossings, urged action on enforcement of give way rule
April 29	<i>Oil: Living with Less</i> policy statement launched by Hon. Carmen Lawrence MP
May 24	Represented at Built Environment seminar held by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Australia, held at Fremantle
May 25-26	David Bennett and Bruce Robinson attend Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas workshop in Berlin, presented posters on WA initiatives and potential of travel behaviour change
June	Organised and promoted Transport Solutions Forum on managing urban traffic including keynote speaker Janet Rice of Melbourne Metropolitan Transport Forum (forum held July 5)
June 8	Involved in workshop to review movement network policy in Liveable Neighbourhoods code
June 14	David Bennett met with Transport 2000 in London to discuss the ways in which the two organisations can work together for a better transport future.
June 29	General Meeting including report back by Bruce Robinson on the peak oil and gas workshop

Government Committees

Committee	Representative
Freight Net work Review Implementation Committee	Dr David Bennett / Dr David Worth
Transport Energy Strategy Committee (TESC)	Dr David Bennett
Dialog with the City Planning Committee	Dr David Bennett /
Dialog with the City Transport & Infrastructure Committee	Dr David Worth
WA Railways Advisory Council	Dr David Bennett / Mr Keith Jones
Walking WA	Ms Gail White
SW Metropolitan EW Transport Committee	Mr Keith Jones / Dr David Bennett
Sustainable Transport Energy for Perth (STEP)	Dr David Bennett / Mr Bruce Robinson
Fremantle City Council Transport Advisory Committee	Dr David Bennett

Progress against priorities

Following a poll of members, the STC committee set itself the following priorities for 2003-04. Progress against these priorities is summarised below.

Priority	Action	Progress
Building the STC	Membership drive using networks, target potential members and supporters	Recruited members and supporters through e-newsletter, events and direct contact resulting in growth in support base.
	Hold General Meeting every quarter	Five general meetings were held during the year, most with guest speakers.
	Hold at least two fundraising activities	Focused on the Transport Solutions Forum and oil Living with Less conference (held in July and August 2004 respectively).
Planning Perth's future	Participate in Dialogue with the City process	STC representatives participated in the Dialogue forum on September 13, NGO meetings, the Implementation Team (David Bennett) and the Transport & Infrastructure Working Group (Dave Worth). Made submission on vision and principles for strategic plan. Encouraged community involvement through e-newsletter articles.
	Develop and promote a policy on land use and transport	Started drafting policy statement.
	Make input to the Greater City strategic plan that will follow from Dialogue with the City	As for Dialogue with the City, above.
	Support establishment of an NGO alliance to promote a sustainable city	Attended NGO networking meetings on Dialogue with the City, convened by WA Collaboration. An informal network has formed including community groups and interested individuals.
	Provide input to the proposed Metropolitan Transport Plan	Wrote to the DPI about the plan and opportunity for community input. Work on the plan will start in the second half of 2004.
	Support implementation of the Freight Network Strategy	Participated on the State Government's Freight Network Strategy implementation team (David Bennett, later Dave Worth).
Transport energy	Participate in the Transport Energy Strategy Committee	David Bennett represented the STC on the committee. STC representatives also took part in a stakeholder workshop to discuss actions. Provided Oil Living with Less policy to TESC and raised issues with the Minister and others.
	Develop and promote a policy on transport energy	Oil Living with Less policy prepared, launched April 29. Circulated to key stakeholders, media releases issued and key points included in presentations to several groups (Bruce Robinson). David Bennett and Bruce Robinson promoted the policy at the peak oil workshop in Berlin in May.
	Organise a conference to follow up WA Beyond Oil	Organised the Oil Living with Less conference (held August 9 2004).

Priority	Action	Progress
	Promote awareness and action nationally through NGO networks, including consideration of a national speaking tour	Oil Living with Less policy circulated to transport and environment organisations interstate. Speaking tour proposed in conjunction with the oil Living with Less Conference (August 2004).
Greening travel in Perth	Participate in Walking WA Committee and raise issues re traffic signals, road design and promotion of walking	Gail White represented the STC on the committee, raised parallel walk crossing issue. Pedestrian Working Group formed to progress work on parallel walk crossings and give way rule, including drafting a position paper. Lobbied Main Roads WA, Minister for Police and Community Safety and Walking WA achieving stakeholder discussion of parallel walk crossing issue and proposed for education and enforcement effort.
	Work with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) to seek increased funding for the Perth Bicycle Network (PBN) and a review of the Perth Bike Plan	Lobbied Treasurer for increased funding for Perth Bicycle Network. Liaised with the BTA. PBN funding included in STC bicycle transport policy and discussion paper.
	Lobby Main Roads and professional bodies to seek greater consideration of the needs of pedestrians and bicycle users in road design and traffic management	Concerns about pedestrian and bicycle access raised with Main Roads. Better practice recommendations included in the STC's policy statements on walking and bicycle transport - promoted to Main Roads and others. Made submissions on Main Roads draft road works and path access policy and DPI policy on access to rail stations.
	Lobby for increased funding for TravelSmart	Urged greater funding in budget submission to the Treasurer. Promoted the benefits of TravelSmart and the need to extend this initiative in numerous submissions and media releases as well as the Network City committee meetings.
	Comment on significant public transport issues and consider ways to involve public transport users, e.g. through a users group	Spoke out in support of the Perth to Mandurah rail project. Sought greater funding for Transperth bus services in State Budget submission. Included news on public transport in e-newsletter.
Shaping government agendas	Liaise with the ALP, Liberal Party, National Party and Greens re transport policy	Commented on transport policies in draft ALP national and state platforms. Met with ALP transport policy committee, Minister for Planning & Infrastructure, Opposition Transport Spokesperson and Greens Transport Spokesperson.
	Help develop the Transport Australia network to influence party policy at the national level	STC policies and media releases circulated to Transport Australia network. Liaised with groups interstate on peaking oil supplies another issues.
	Comment on the National Land Transport Plan under AusLink	Wrote to Federal Transport Minister and WA Minister for Planning and Infrastructure about the AusLink plan. Issued media release on AusLink White Paper. Urged a national approach to promote sustainable transport, including urban passenger transport, in submission to sustainable cities inquiry.

Priority	Action	Progress
	Lobby for FBT reform to remove subsidy for car commuting	Wrote to the Federal Environment Minister seeking release of findings of study into the impact of Fringe Benefits Tax on car use and fuel consumption. The Federal Government is yet to make the study report public.

STC Committee

The STC committee has been very active during the year, contributing their time and talent in developing policy, promoting awareness and lobbying politicians and government officials. Much time was spent by members outside of meetings discussing policies and media statements and organising events by email. Members of the committee in 2003-04 were:

Dr David Worth – Convenor & Treasurer

Recently completed his doctorate in sociology and manages an internet services business. Public transport commuter. Sits on the Dialogue with the City Transport & Infrastructure Working Group and Freight Network Strategy Implementation Team. Editor of the STC's e-newsletter.

Dr David Bennett - Deputy Convenor

Natural resource management consultant with experience in academia, government and business. Lives in Fremantle and cycles and uses public transport regularly. Member of the State Government's Transport Energy Strategy Committee and a number of other government committees. Attended the International Peak Oil & Gas Workshop in Berlin.

Mr Bruce Aulabaugh

Transport planner working for business and government clients. Bicycle user and member of Bayswater Bicycle User Group. Convened the STC's Pedestrian Working Group to address concern over parallel walk crossings.

Ms Anne Bennett

Economist working in the public sector. Public transport commuter and cyclist. Formerly TravelSmart Officer in Town of Victoria Park and City of Subiaco.

Mr Curtis Clark

Retired geologist and user of public transport; member of the United Nations Association of Australia and the Australia New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science. Keen to re-activate the Perth Public Transport Users Association (PPTUA).

Dr Miles Dracup

Keen cyclist (commuting, family and triathlon). Represents the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and convenes the Subiaco Bicycle Users Group. Prepared STC policy/discussion paper on bicycle transport and initiated activity to highlight and overcome problems with parallel walk phases in WA.

Mr Keith Jones

Member of the Railway Technical Society. Represented the STC on the WA Rail Advisory Committee.

Mr Gerald Kirk

Public transport commuter who is keen to see improvements made to services in Perth. Sells *The Big Issue* magazine in the city.

Mr David Rice

Transport planner in the public sector. Fellow of Institution of Engineers, Australia. Commuter cyclist.

Mr Bruce Robinson

Semi-retired electron microscopist and committed bicycle commuter. Bruce has researched peaking oil supply and promoted awareness through numerous presentations to local councils, politicians and others. Attended the International Peak Oil & Gas Workshop in Berlin.

Mr Martin Spencer

TravelSmart Officer with the City of Melville who promotes use of travel alternatives in his everyday work. Helps run walking school bus at his child's school. Public transport commuter.

Ms Gail White

Management consultant in private practice. Represents STC on the Walking WA Committee and initiated the STC's Pedestrian Working Group.

Staff

The activities of the STC during the 2003-04 period have been coordinated by the Sustainable Transport Officers employed by the Conservation Council of WA through a grant from DPI. This grant expires in early 2005 and the 3-year project has been managed by a committee made up of DPI, CCWA and STC representatives. The STOs only work part-time and have had a major impact on ensuring the STC's projects have been successful and that the support for the STC has grown through the year.

David Wake has been employed as an STC since the commencement of the grant and has combined his work with a part-time job at DPI and studies for his Masters degree. Irina Catallini completed 18 months work as an STO when she was successful in obtaining a fulltime position at CCWA in March 2004. She was replaced by Lisa Brideson who commenced work in May. Her primary task is organising the *Oil: Living with Less* Conference in August 2004.

Financial statement

In 2003-04 the STC's funds were managed by the Conservation Council of WA. The STC raised funds through subscriptions from members and supporters, donations, sponsorships and registrations for events. This report does not include the income and expenses associated with the STO grant.

Income & Expenses for the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004.

	<u>2003-04</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
Opening balance	1,773	1,110
INCOME		
Subscriptions	1,908	1,358
Donations	800	131
Function registration fees	1,527	
Fundraising income	637	
ST Awards	6,000	
Cycling Prom Fund donation	2,000	
Conference surplus		4,145
Other		
TOTAL INCOME	12,872	5,634
EXPENSES		
Advertising & promotion	1,831	745
Print	2,604	310
Function costs	437	50
Fundraising costs	385	282
Web site development	659	3,273
Subscription to CCWA		50
CCWA administration fees	718	261
Other	43	
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,677	4,710
Operating surplus (deficit)	6,195	924
Closing balance	7,968	1,773