



## CYCLING FACT SHEET No. 62

# Cycling is a great way to see Xmas light displays

Warm still evenings signal the start of summer, and a great time for getting the family together to check out the increasing range of spectacular suburban Christmas light displays.

With lucrative competitions now held in Perth and several of our larger regional centres, the displays are becoming more numerous and elaborate. In many suburbs, a dazzling surprise seems to be waiting around almost every corner and there are even instances of entire streets being lit up, with residents getting together to create a joint show.

It appears that a growing number of people are choosing to tour these displays by bicycle, instead of being crammed into a hot car.

On a bike, you can easily stop and have a really thorough look at the various lighting displays, without causing traffic jams or disturbing the neighbourhood. You will also be able to cover much greater territory than if you were on foot. After riding around your own local area and adjoining suburbs, it is easy to put the bikes on the car and tour other locations further afield

Some people like to sit down and map a formal route to follow, while others just head out as a group and see where the mood takes them. You can also turn these excursions into a fun game for the children, by having them vote on the houses with the most decorations, best layout or funniest theme.

Cruising around by bike is a great way to share the spectacle with other like-minded people you inevitably meet along the way. Before riding anywhere after dark, ensure everyone's bike has the regulation white light on the front and red light on the rear. Ideally, all riders should wear light-coloured or reflective clothing to increase their visibility.



***This fact sheet is one of a series dealing with the use of bicycles for recreation and transport in Western Australia. The series looks at a range of cycling-related topics including ride routes, touring tips, maintenance, safety, road rules, insurance and product reviews. You can find more cycling fact sheets online at [www.transport.wa.gov.au/cycling](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/cycling)***

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