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## Motorists reminded to share the road with cyclists

Drivers need to remember they share the road with cyclists who can be on the road at any time of the day or night, says the state's peak motoring body.

RACQ traffic and safety executive manager John Wikman said many crashes between motor vehicles and bikes occurred when drivers did not give enough thought to scanning the road environment for anything smaller than a car.

"We often hear of cases where a motorist fails to give way to a cyclist because he or she just didn't see the bike," Mr Wikman said.

"With Bike Week coming up it is timely to remind motorists that they should always be on the look out for cyclists.

"Our message to drivers is don't suffer from 'bike blindness' and remember you share the road with cyclists."

Mr Wikman said motorists could help cyclists by:

- Remembering that bikes are not as stable as other vehicles.
- Looking for cyclists in their blind spots and being aware of bike lanes.
- Allowing at least an extra metre when overtaking a cyclist.
- Being patient when following a cyclist.

Mr Wikman said it was equally important that cyclists ensured they complied with all traffic rules and rode with the healthy sense of self-preservation their physical vulnerability demanded.

Bike Week, Brisbane's biggest cycling festival, will take place from March 14 to 22 and will celebrate the community's growing interest in cycling.

The RACQ is a sponsor of this year's event, providing cash and roadside assistance for the Great Brisbane Bike Ride, the big day out for cycling families, on Sunday March 22.

Further information on Bike Week is available at [www.bq.org.au](http://www.bq.org.au)

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