



Fiona Campbell, Megan Webb and Dominic Hon meet at Hyde Park every evening to travel home from work.

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# Express bus service on new cycle

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THERE'S a new express bus service to the city but it's not the State Transit variety.

The Marrickville and South Sydney Bicycle Group (MASSBUG) has started a bike bus service where city workers living in the Marrickville and Newtown areas can meet and ride on the busy roads together.

Marrickville resident Fiona Campbell coordinates the bike bus. Safety and friendship were the key factors behind the initiative.

"You are packing your social interchange, exercise and commute all into the one package," Ms Campbell said.

"Sometimes it can be a bit scary and unnerving when you are riding on your own and drivers behave badly."

The cyclists leave from Marrickville, riding by The Hub in Newtown at 7.09am. They then take

the back streets to Redfern before reaching Hyde Park fountain at 7.30am.

The group reassembles at the fountain at 5.15pm to ride home.

"It is like a bus. It has a designated timetable and pick-up and drop-off points," she said.

"We are flexible to meeting people's needs. If we get enough interest, we might start a later one."

The service started from Ms Campbell 'buddying' a colleague who had never ridden to work before.

A friend decided to join in and the bike bus was formed.

There are now a dozen people in the bike bus, with up to seven riding every day.

"A lot of people want to ride and when you give them some support they are off and running and enjoying it."

To join the bike bus, email [massbug@massbug.org.au](mailto:massbug@massbug.org.au) or call/sms 0403 821 374.