

BOROONDARA

Bicycle Users Group

Newsletter April 2013

Boroondara BUG meetings are normally held on the 2nd Thursday of each month except January. Our next meeting is on Thursday 11th April. It will be held in the function room at the Elgin Inn, corner Burwood Rd and Elgin St, Hawthorn (Melway 45 B10). Optional dinner at 6.30pm, meeting starts at 7.30pm.

The Boroondara BUG is a voluntary group working to promote the adoption of a safe and practical environment for utility and recreational cyclists in the City of Boroondara. We have close links with the City of Boroondara, Bicycle Network Victoria, and other local Bicycle Users Groups. Two of the positions on the Boroondara Bicycle Advisory Committee, which meets quarterly, are assigned to Boroondara BUG members.

Boroondara BUG has a website at <http://www.boroondarabug.org> that contains interesting material related to cycling, links to other cycle groups, recent Boroondara BUG Newsletters and breaking news. Our email address for communications to the BUG is boroondarabug@gmail.com

We also have a Yahoo Group: Send a blank email to: BoroondaraBug-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to receive notification when the latest monthly newsletter and rides supplement have been placed on the web site and details of our next meeting, and very occasional other important messages.

All articles in this newsletter are the views and opinions of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of any other members of Boroondara BUG. All rides publicised in the Rides Supplement are embarked upon at your own risk.

Trail Notes

Federation Trail Works

Essential works are taking place on the Federation Trail between Fitzgerald Road and Leakes Road from Monday 18 March for four weeks.

Unfortunately in that section there's not enough space to provide safe passage to the side of the works and there are no roads suitable as detours, so the best advice to cyclists during the works is to avoid that area where possible.

The good news is that the works will be replacing asphalt in about a kilometre stretch of the path with concrete, which will mean that the surface is less prone to cracking so will last longer.

Works may be completed sooner than four weeks, but it will be dependent on a few factors, weather being a pretty significant one.

If you've any questions, contact Jay Francis, Communications Consultant, Metro North West, VicRoads

Events

Mullum Mullum Festival Bike Ride with Michael Hasset

Saturday 27th April, 10am

This ride will begin at Schwerkolt Cottage. We will ride 'upstream' along the Mullum Mullum trail to Croydon where the trail ends. After a short rest, we will return via the same route back to Schwerkolt Cottage. We will be able to observe the diverse vegetation of the Creek in this area. The total distance out and back is 14 kms.

Bring a reliable bike, helmet and a water bottle. Meet at Schwerkolt Cottage car park. Melway 49 D7. Duration 1.5 to 2 hours. Please refer to the website (<http://mullummullumfestival.org.au/>) for a map of the ride. Please confirm your intention to participate in this ride by calling 9719 7661 or 0409 519 829.

Bike Mechanics Courses

Our short consumer training courses in bicycle mechanics conducted at Kensington are growing in popularity and we have limited vacancies until the end of April. If any of your riders/members have an interest improving their mechanical skills, go to our website for full details.

Philip Watts , <http://www.bicycletrainingaustralia.com.au>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bicycle-Training-Australia/285068144944153>

Who we are -

Bicycle Training Australia Ltd. (BTA Ltd.) has been established as a not-for-profit public company, limited by guarantee, with the following objectives :

- To provide high quality, nationally recognized vocational training and education to support the bicycle and related industries in Australia and overseas;
- To develop training products and services to improve the skills and employability of individuals in, or interested in the bicycle and related industries;
- To provide high quality bicycle mechanical training to members of the general public;
- To provide bicycle retail and repair services;
- To undertake and fund the vocational education and training of disadvantaged and/or unemployed people and assist with their placement in employment; and
- To advocate on behalf of the bicycle and related industries for policies and programs that are responsive to their training and workforce development needs.

The Sweet Cycle

Event Details

A cycling adventure in the glorious north-east. Calling all chaps, dandies and bon vivants, join us for a weekend of cycling revelry and high fashion in 'vintage' Rutherglen.

Three leisurely stages of cycling through the picturesque countryside, dotted with three unforgettable epicurean experiences. The day will feature a memorable French inspired brunch, provincial 'pique nique' in the vines, and a little something to satisfy your sweet tooth to finish.

Participants are encouraged to step out in vintage style (think tweed, plaid skirts, op shop glamour) and retro bikes will be more than suitable on this gentle 25km loop.

Please note that helmets are required to participate in 'The Sweet Cycle'.

- **Date:** Saturday 18 May 2013
- **Time:** 10am to approximately 4.00pm
- **Cost:** \$90 per person

For bookings - info@rutherglenvic.com

OR

Freecall 1800 622871

My B&B has availability for one couple in a queen-bedded room with private ensuite bathroom. I am cyclist / bike friendly and well mannered dogs are welcome too. Further details about my B&B can be read at www.rutherglenlamaisonstarnaud.com or interested persons can simply ring me or email to enquire.

Kellie Briggs

La Maison St Arnaud - traditional, hosted B&B, 16 Hunter Street, Rutherglen VIC 3685

<http://www.rutherglenlamaisonstarnaud.com> ; M: 0413 896 560, E: la_maison_st_arnaud@hotmail.com

Booking enquiries and further information

visit http://www.rutherglenvic.com/accommodation/accomm_content.asp?accommID=194

General News

\$5.3 Million for Next Stage of Federation Bike Trail

Minister for Roads Terry Mulder has announced \$5.3 million will be spent on completing the next stage of the Federation Trail. The Federation Trail is a 24 kilometre shared bicycle and pedestrian path between the Maltby Bypass in Werribee and Hyde Street in Yarraville.

The first stage of the trail was from Werribee River to Millers Road in Brooklyn. This also included the section of shared path from Millers Road to 250 metres west of the Newport-Albion rail reserve, on the north side of the West Gate Bridge.

“We are announcing the next stage from Millers Road with a bridge over the Tottenham rail line and industrial land 250 metres west of the rail reserve that will lead into Fogarty Avenue, Yarraville,” Mr Mulder said. “This will be followed by a further two stages to complete the path: stage three will be Fogarty Avenue to Williamstown Road and then stage four from Williamstown Road to Hyde Street.”

Pre-construction works on the next stage of the Federation Trail will commence in April 2013 with site works to commence in early 2014.

Boroondara News

Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 14th March 2013

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Alister Huth, John Parker, Julia Blunden, David Farrow, Glennys Jones (Chair), Graham Ellis

Apologies: Alan Tonkin, David Leong, Hank Van Apeldoorn, Jenny Henty, Mick Nolan, Betty Weeks, Ken Parker

Correspondence:

In

- Package from Josh Frydenberg with *Kooyong Community News* Summer 2012 and fridge magnets
- *Kooyong community E-News* from Josh Frydenberg
- Email from Matt Dimattina re gap in AT at Camberwell High
- Responses to Darebin-Yarra link submission from Crs Addis, Mallis
- Minutes of Manningham BUG meeting 02/13
- Email from Alisha Nandani offering professional blogging services
- More issues of *The Squeaky Wheel*
- More news of reductions at Australian Bicycle Clothing
- Package from Life Circle re Life Matters seminar and expo 17/4

Out

- Letter to Minister Mulder re need to collect crash stats on shared paths
- Submission to Boroondara councillors re PP extension for Darebin Yarra link
- Email to Greg Talbot with link to drop box with BUG submission on Domestic Animals Management Plan

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** John P reported that the meeting with Boroondara councillors and Council officers on Thursday 28th February was very successful. Crs Addis, Mallis and Ross attended, as well as Phillip Storer, David Powell and Jim Hondrakis. Peter Campbell did an excellent PowerPoint presentation, and the group travelled by car to inspect several key locations. The next step will be a feasibility study.
2. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** Nil to report.
3. **Gasworks Site Redevelopment:** Glennys J indicated that she would raise the issues of the damaged retaining wall, a poorly placed railing, and poor bike access to the site at the BAC meeting.

4. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Julia B reported that discussion of the PP extension at a Council meeting has been postponed due to consultations between Council and VicRoads, who are now managing the project. Julia indicated that she would prepare guidelines for BUG members willing to be present and speak at the meeting which will now probably be in April.
5. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Nil to report
6. **Dights Falls Trail:** David F reported that he has sent off his proposal for the trail to various relevant groups and individuals. He has received favourable responses from Boroondara Cr Mallis, Banyule BUG's John Merory, and Alistair MacDonald from the City of Yarra. Heidi Marfurt is arranging a meeting between David and the Yarra Open Spaces staff prior to the May Yarra BAC meeting. Alister H suggested that another meeting with Jason den Hollander from BNV would be worthwhile.
7. **Stonnington Matters:** John P reported that expressions of interest have been called for a Cycling Reference Group.
8. **Proposed Changes to Local Laws re Riding through Parks:** The formation of the Hays Paddock Advisory Committee has been delayed until the completion of the Open Spaces Strategy.
9. **Anniversary Trail Pedestrian Refuge at Prospect Hill Rd:** Nil to report.
10. **Incorporation:** Hank V was not present but had indicated that he still hopes to identify a way of voting online for this. The issue was postponed once again.
11. **Domestic Animals Management Plan Review:** This was to be an agenda item for the BAC meeting.
12. **Invitations to Councillors to Attend BUG Meetings:** It was agreed that Cr Hurd would be invited to the April meeting, with Jim Parkes as second choice.
13. **BBAC Meeting Friday 13/12:** Minutes of this meeting were still not available.
14. **Council's Disability and Inclusion Plan:** Nil to report.
15. **Need to Collect Stats for Incidents on Shared Paths:** This was discussed at the Victorian BUGs meeting on 6th March. **Julia B** has agreed to contact Greg Barber about creating an App for this purpose.
16. **Treasurer's Report:** Malcolm Faul was not present.
17. **BBAC Meeting Friday 15/3:** John P and Glennys J indicated that they would be attending. Julia B would be attending but leaving early.
18. **Victorian BUGs Meeting Wednesday 6th March:** Alister H expressed regret that no Darebin BUG representatives have been attending these meetings. **Julia B** agreed to follow up on this.
19. **Kew Festival, Victoria Park, Saturday 23rd March:** David F reported that he will not be attending as BUG members are invited only in order to promote the HTBHT.

New Business

1. **Bollards vs Post and Rail Fences:** Glennys J said that this would be on the BAC agenda.
2. **Jacka Trail aka Gordon Barnard Reserve Path:** This is on the BAC agenda. It was agreed that BUG members attending would push for the southern route.
3. **New BUG Newsletter Editor Needed:** Julia B reported that no-one has offered to take up this role as yet.

Other Business:

1. **Short Term Works:** David F reported that he has prepared a list of small, relatively inexpensive projects such as pram ramps that Council can carry out to improve matters for both cyclists and pedestrians. Many of these works will eventually form part of larger projects such as the HTBHT and will help to build cyclist numbers and the demand for their completion. There was discussion of some of David's suggested projects and general agreement that the list was a useful one that should be forwarded to Jim Hondrakis.

2. **Council's Four Year Plan:** Glennys J had obtained the following timetable for this

22 March 2013 (next Friday)	3. Draft Plan will be presented to Council
29 April, Tuesday	4. Council to make draft Plan available for community consultation
29 May, Wednesday	5. End of one month community consultation
13 June, Thursday	6. Council hear presentations
24 June, Monday	7. Council adopt plan and budget

It was agreed that we need to look at the draft plan and check what's in it for cycling. Alister H pointed out the need to ensure that the Bike Strategy is referenced in all relevant sections

Next meeting: This is currently scheduled for Thursday 11th April.

Notes by Julia Blunden

Contacts for Rides

There are many BUGs, clubs and other organisations, several of them local, which organise rides. Below are some of their contact details. A separate supplement contains details of many of their forthcoming rides.

Ashburton Riders Club

Contacts:

Tony Landsell - email: tony@diacher.com

Justin Murphy - email: murphjj@au1.ibm.com

website: <http://www.ashburtonridersclub.asn.au/>

Banyule BUG

email: banyuleBug@yahoo.com.au

website: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~banylbug/>

contacts: Richard phone: 9459 8648, or Les phone: 9459 2701

Boroondara Bushwalkers

contact Julia Blunden

phone: 9853 5095

email: jblunden@bigpond.com

website: www.keypoint.com.au/~bbwinc

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre Bike Riding Group

Contact: Robin Kendrick, phone: 9853 3126

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Cycling Group

contact Janet Bennett

email: janpeter@bigpond.net.au or COTA,

phone: 9654 4443

website:

http://www.cotavic.org.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/1006/cota_cycling_brochure_jul-dec_2007.pdf

Darebin BUG

Rides and Events Coordinator

Doug Morffew, phone: 9499 7325 (AH)

email: dougmorf@alphalink.com.au

Download the Darebin BUG rides flyer, with details of rides (Word doc)

website: www.darebinbug.org.au

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

Phone: 9890 2467

Email: info@surreyhillsnc.org.au

Website: www.surreyhillsnc.org.au

Boroondara BUG Contacts

Membership Secretary & Treasurer:

Malcolm Faul

Phone: 9853 1369

Email: malfaul@alphalink.com.au

Address: 38 Grove Rd, Hawthorn, 3122

Media Contact: Peter Campbell

Phone: 0409 417 504

Email: <http://greenlivingpedia.org>

Hawthorn Cycle Tours

contact Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre

phone: 9815 0988

email: lexbishop@bikerider.com

website: <http://www.geocities.com/perften/Hct.html>

Knox Bicycle Touring Club Incorporated

email: Mikeaatleisure@aol.com

website: home.vicnet.net.au/~knoxbike

Manningham BUG

email: seball@netlink.com.au, H.Edwards@bom.gov.au

website: www.vicnet.net.au/~mannbug

Maroondah Bushwalking Club

To obtain details of how to book on a walk and a copy of the current walks and activities program Contact information officers:

Sandra, phone: 9728 3833, Aileen, phone: 9876 1104

website: home.vicnet.net.au/~mbush/

Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club

email info@mbtc.org.au (Note that this email address doesn't get checked every day - so don't expect an immediate response!) website: mbtc.org.au

Whitehorse Cyclists

email: ejhopper@vicnet.net.au

website: <http://www.whitehorsecyclists.org.au/>

Finbar Neighbourhood House Rides

Contact Deb in the office on 9428 7668 or 0403 028 200

YHA

contacts: Ride Co-Ordinator Kathy

rides@yhacycling.org.au or mobile 0425-792 574

or Secretary Voula on secretary@yhacycling.org.au

website: www.yhacycling.org.au has free registration

Newsletter Editor & Minutes Secretary:

Julia Blunden

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Boroondara Bicycle Users Group

Membership Application Form

Name _____

Address & Postcode _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (M) _____

Phone (W) _____

Email _____

Member of Bicycle Victoria? Please circle: Yes / No

Membership requires a payment of \$15 per household which covers 3 years. Please send cheque (made out to Boroondara Bicycle Users Group) along with this form to:

Malcolm Faul

Phone: 9853 1369

Email: malfaul@alphalink.com.au

Address: 38 Grove Rd, Hawthorn, 3122