

## **Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn**

#### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendance and Apologies**

**Present:** Julia Blunden, Gordon Macmillan, Philip Mallis, Ric de France, Alister Huth (Chair), Mark Haywood (Projector Operator!), David Farrow

**Apologies:** Glennys Jones, Mal Faul, John Parker, David Leong, Ken Parker, Peter Carter

**Minutes of the May 2017 meeting:** approved

#### **Correspondence:**

##### **In**

- Sundry emails from Manningham and Banyule BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers
- Email from Nellie Montague asking for suggestions for locations for bike parking

##### **Out**

- Nil

#### **Matters Arising:**

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Nil to report.
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Julia Blunden reported that the beam lift for the bridge over the Yarra was to take place the next day, Thursday 15/6. The Community Coalition continues to push for Farm Rd access to the trail for South Alphington residents.
3. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** Julia Blunden reported that she had a letter on this published in the Age. There was some discussion of the Doncaster Bus Rapid Transit proposal which could tie in with this. Ric de France offered to look into making the NEBC page easier to locate on our Web page.
4. **Stonnington Matters:** Nil to report.
5. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Philip Mallis reported that the shared path has now been completed from Jacka St to the Sports Complex in the Gordon Barnard Reserve and that it is of a good standard.
6. **Missing Link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Assurances were given at the May BUG Catch-up with Council staff that this project will be completed in the second half on 2018.
7. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Glennys Jones has been pursuing this. It was suggested that the BUG write to MP Fiona Richardson about this.
8. **Minimum Passing Distance Law:** The Amy Gillett Foundation continues to pursue this issue.
9. **Tacks on Kew Boulevard:** This problem persists.

10. **Web Site and Twitter Account:** Ric de France reported that our Twitter account continues to attract followers.
11. **Walmer St:** John Parker and Glennys Jones attended a meeting about the issues at the Abbotsford end of the bridge on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Yarra Council will continue to press for good pedestrian and cyclist access at the south, Abbotsford, end. At the BUG Catch-up with Council staff we learned that the land bridge on the north, Boroondara, end is getting close to the point where it can no longer be propped up.
12. **California Inn Site:** Nil to report.
13. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** There is no process in place for this as yet. It was agreed that a great deal of time and money is wasted on the preparation of bike strategies, and that we should suggest that Active Transport Victoria prepare a template that could be used by councils for this purpose.
14. **Meeting with Council Staff, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Philip Mallis, Mark Haywood John Parker, and Julia Blunden attended this meeting. Council staff present were Clare Davey, Bushan Jani, Nellie Montague and Jonathan Florent. Nellie sent out minutes of the meeting very promptly after the meeting. The BBUG suggestion that a more direct link between the Solway Bridge and Warrigal Rd along Gardiners Creek be re-investigated was well received, as were suggestions for improvements to bike lanes in Mont Albert Rd and lighting on the Yarra Trail between the Chandler Hwy and Kilby Rd. Council staff reported that progress was being made on the proposed pedestrian crossing on Balwyn Rd between the Gordon Barnard Reserve and Hislop Park. It was agreed that Julia Blunden should email Nellie Montague with a view to agreeing on a date for our next meeting in August.
15. **Promotion of BBUG at Council-run Cycling Courses:** Nellie Montague agreed to arrange for the distribution of brochures promoting the BUG at future courses. The next batch of courses will be offered in the Spring. We still need to develop an appropriate brochure. Julia Blunden agreed to circulate her revised version of the old A4 flyer and Philip Mallis offered to design a DS? (A4 folded in 3) of this. The brochure needs to include information about our subscription fee. A charge of \$20 for four years of membership was proposed. This would be renewed on a set date, eg at the end of the financial year. (Mal what say you to this proposal?)
16. **Treasurer's Report:** Mal Faul was not present but it had been agreed that financial reports are not required on a monthly basis.

#### **New Business**

1. **Need for Volunteer to Organise the July Meeting:** In his absence it was agreed that Mal Faul would be asked to do this.

#### **Other Business**

2. **Donation to Planning Alerts:** It was agreed that \$200 be donated to this organization if Mal Faul can find a way to do so.
3. **Glass Creek Trail:** Philip Mallis has developed a proposal for a bike trail linking the bridge over the Glass Creek at the southeast corner of Hays Paddock to the Anniversary Trail at Whitehorse Rd. Philip pointed out that there is little elevation gain along this route and that it would link with the Jacka Trail. Part of this trail has already been developed but some of the route is hard to follow and needs further development. It was agreed that this is a good project

which the BUG should promote with Council, and that it should go on the agenda for the next Catch-up meeting.

4. **Members Only:** The question was raised (by whom?) as to whether we should have a members only section on our web site, possibly including a blog.
5. **Bollards:** The current spate of bollard installation as a measure to prevent massacres by motorists could jeopardise cycling routes. It was agreed that we need to monitor these installations with a view to preventing problems, and possibly obtaining additional bike parking facilities.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, subject to availability of the function room.

*Notes by Julia Blunden*