

**Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**Function Room, Elgin Inn, Cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Carter, Julia Blunden, Philip Mallis, Mark Haywood (Chair), David Farrow, Ric de France, Graham Ellis

**Apologies:** John Parker, Glennys Jones, David Leong, Gordon Macmillan, Ken Parker, Alister Huth

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Accepted

**Correspondence:**

**In**

- Sundry emails from Manningham and Banyule BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers
- Email notice about Chandler Hwy closures

**Out**

**Matters arising**

1. **Darebin – Yarra link:** The grand opening is planned for 11am Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Sparks Reserve. Various rides are planned to converge at Sparks Reserve in time for the opening. David Hall is organizing one starting at Valda Avenue at 9.15am and Julia Blunden is organizing one starting at Ashburton Station at 9.30am. There will be a free barbecue and various other attractions. The question arose as to whether the riders would be able to use the still officially unopened bridge to access Sparks Reserve.

**ACTION ITEM:** Julia Blunden to check about access via the new bridge.

2. **North Eastern Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** On account of a conflict of interests, due to his new position as a transport planner at Darebin Council, Philip Mallis has withdrawn as BBUG representative on the NELA Southern liaison group. Peter Carter agreed to take his place. It was agreed that Peter is now the BUG's one voice on the NEBC. There has been so much interest from cyclists that it is possible that NELA will set up a special bike reference group. Boroondara Council is opposing Option A but realistically will be looking for trade-offs. Philip suggested that the Dunnings woodyard site could be one of these.

**ACTION ITEM:** Philip Mallis to notify NELA of his replacement by Peter Carter.

3. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** An email from the Chandler Highway Upgrade project team, forwarded to members, warned of closures on Sunday 25 March – Wednesday 29 March, 7.30pm-5.30am, and Thursday 5 April – Wednesday 9 April, 7.30pm-5.30am.
4. **Promotion of BBUG at council run cycle courses etc:** Philip Mallis brought samples of the new flyer designed to attract new members to the BUG. Those present agreed that it is of an excellent standard.

**ACTION ITEM:** Due to his car being written off, Philip Mallis still to deliver brochures to Nellie Montague, council offices and libraries, Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre, bike shops, etc.

5. **Need for a Formal BUG Committee:** Mark Haywood reported that he has prepared a number of documents relevant to formalising the BUG structure. Mark proposed that a sub-committee be formed to consider these documents and decide on the way forward. Julia Blunden agreed to be on this sub-committee along with Mark. Ric de France indicated he may be willing to join.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Mark to forward the documents to Julia Blunden.
- Julia to sound out other members about joining the sub-committee .

6. **Stonnington Matters:** Julia Blunden reported that some work was being done on the Scotchmans Creek Trail on the previous Monday.
7. **Jacka Trail:** Philip Mallis reported that all seems on track for the demolition of the North Balwyn Leisure Centre by the middle of 2018. Once this occurs then the trail can be completed to Balwyn Rd and more pressure applied for a signalised crossing.
8. **Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Nil to report.

**ACTION ITEM:** We need to raise this at our first Council catch up, scheduled for Friday 23/3

9. **Web Site and Twitter Account** – Ric de France reported lots of engagement. He has received notification about a lack of updates of information about meetings.
10. **Walmer St Bridge:** Nil to report.
11. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** Peter Carter strongly urged that the marking of shimmy routes should be included in the strategy. He also named ARUP as the consultants being used by Whitehorse for their strategy.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Peter Carter to forward details of how Whitehorse is doing this
- Another agenda item for the Council catch up.

12. **Glass Creek Trail:** - Nil to report.

**ACTION ITEM:** Another agenda item for the Council catch up.

13. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Nil to report

14. **Victorian BUGs meeting:** Julia Blunden reported that the Rose Room at the Carringbush Hotel is no longer available on Mondays and Tuesday as the hotel is closed those days. So our proposed date of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April is no longer viable. There was agreement that a venue that can support the showing of Powerpoint presentations and such is desirable.

**ACTION ITEM:** Julia Blunden to ask Victorian BUGs members for suggestions for a new meeting venue.

15. **Treasurer's report – Malcolm Faul:** Mal was not present. Philip Mallis reported that the cost of the BUG brochures was \$329.

**New Business**

1. **Heritage Bluestone Guttering:** Graham Ellis voiced concern about works being done on Prospect Hill Rd that have created a dangerous situation for cyclists, albeit temporarily. There is currently a sharp drop from the bluestone gutter to the road surface. Graham also expressed concern that changes are planned to Council's bluestone policy.

ACTION ITEM: **This needs to be an agenda item at the next BUG catch up.**

2. **Meeting with Council Officers 23/3:** Mark Haywood and Julia Blunden indicated that they would be attending.

ACTION ITEM: **Julia Blunden to check with Nellie Montague that the meeting will go ahead. Julia also to check with John Parker and Glennys Jones whether they will be attending. Julia also to call for agenda items for the meeting.**

### **Other Business**

1. **Kew Boulevard:** David Farrow reported that he had attended a consultation session on Kew Boulevard, along with Glennys Jones. There is considerable concern about speeding motorists. Plans were put forward for speed humps and wombat type crossings at intersections. It is expected that there will be strong opposition to these plans from cyclists as the Boulevard is a popular training ground for cyclists. Cycling Victoria is to be consulted.

ACTION ITEM: **This is another agenda item for the BUG catch up.**

2. **Events:** Ric de France mentioned 2 forthcoming events that may interest members. These are the Melbourne Roubaix, and a Freestyle Cyclists ride in support of repealing the compulsory helmet law.

ACTION ITEM: **Julia Blunden to forward emails about these events to members.**

Notes by Julia Blunden

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April? subject to availability of function room