

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 12th April 2017

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Julia Blunden, Gordon Macmillan, Philip Mallis, Ric de France, Glennys Jones (Chair), Peter Carter, Alister Huth, David Farrow, Mal Faul

Apologies Mark Haywood, Clive Lewis, John Parker, Graham Ellis, David Leong

Minutes of the March 2017 meeting: approved

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry emails from Manningham and Banyule BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers

Out

- Email to Stonnington Council protesting about the standard of work at the High St underpass on the Gardiners Creek Trail

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Nil to report.
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Glennys Jones had circulated a recent photo of works from Willsmere Park. She explained the background to this photo and noted that she has posted it to the Stop the Tacks Facebook page.
3. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** Nil to report.
4. **Stonnington Matters:** The BUG has expressed strong disapproval of the work carried out at the High St underpass. Glennys Jones reported that signs indicate that the section of the Scotchmans Creek Trail from East Malvern Station to Waverley Rd is to be renovated.
5. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Philip Mallis reported that a 3m wide shared use path has been constructed from Jacka St to the sports complex.
6. **Missing Link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Glennys Jones reported that it appears that works at Camberwell High are leaving space for the shared use path alongside the oval.
7. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** **Glennys Jones** said that she will speak with John Pesutto about the need for the relocation of the traffic lights at the slip lane on the Chandler Hwy to be included as part of the project to build the new bridge.
8. **Minimum Passing Distance Law:** Despite the advice of its Parliamentary Committee of Enquiry the Victorian Government has refused to mandate a minimum passing distance. Instead

there will be an education campaign. If the new Labor government in Western Australia carry out their promise to introduce such a law this will leave Victoria as the only state without one.

9. **Tacks on Kew Boulevard:** Tacking has apparently fallen off recently and VicRoads plan to reduce the frequency of sweeping.
10. **Web Site and Twitter Account:** Ric de France raised the subject of updating the BUG web site. He has done some updates but more are needed.
11. **Walmer St:** John Parker and Glennys Jones attended another meeting but suspect that it is too late for the working group to have serious input into the design. Jim Hondrakis had organized for counts of bridge users at different times and on both week and weekend days. Not surprisingly the counts showed large numbers of both cyclists and pedestrians at all survey times. The working group is to meet with the Minister's assistant regarding the planning permit.
12. **California Inn Site:** There has been a new planning permit application seeking an increase in the number of apartments. **David Farrow** agreed to lodge an objection to the PPA with a view to pushing again for a shared use path alongside the development.
13. **Proposed Community Garden on Outer Circle Trail at cnr Earl St and Willsmere Rd:** Nothing further to report. This item is to be removed from the agenda.
14. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** Work has not yet started on this. All members need to be alert for any signs that it is underway. Mal Faul and Peter Carter circulated some existing strategies. The first issue is what should be included in the strategy. The BUG needs to have input into this. Banyule, Yarra and Darebin all have good strategies that we should look at.
15. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mal Faul reported as follows:
The Financial Report for the quarter ended 31/3/17 is as follows:
Cheque account : \$1621.48
Term Deposit: \$3459.75
Interest on Cheque Account: \$0.20
One Year Term Deposit: Interest earned at maturity on 1 August 2017 at 2.85%

New Business

1. **Council's ten year plan – Boroondara Conversations:** Glennys Jones, Mal Faul, and Julia Blunden attended the Boroondara Conversation that was held at the Camberwell Civic Centre 28/3. There will be still further opportunities for input into the plan. **Julia Blunden** agreed to write to Jim Hondrakis, cc Bruce Dobson, regarding the failure to include the Bicycle Strategy and the Integrated Transport Strategy in the list of referenced documents in the workshops background booklet.
2. **Gardiners Creek Trail – High St underpass** – see correspondence
3. **Redevelopment of Markham Estate – implications for Gardiners Creek Path:** It was agreed that these works will have an adverse effect on the path in both the short and long term. This may be a good time to revisit the more direct route along the creek, in part through the golf course. **Julia Blunden** agreed to raise this with Clare Davey and Jim Hondrakis.

Other Business

- 1. Victorian BUGs meeting:** Julia Blunden reported that neither she nor John Parker had succeeded in finding a speaker for the proposed April meeting. Julia indicated that she would probably cancel it. No-one raised any objection to this.
- 2. Lighting on the Main Yarra Trail:** **Philip Mallis** reported that lack of lighting is an issue on the section between the Chandler Hwy and Kilby Rd. He agreed to email Clare Davey about this. Alister Huth said that there is a section of the Upfield Bikeway near Royal Park Station which has particularly good lighting, which brightens as cyclists approach then dims after they pass.
- 3. Mont Albert Rd bike lanes:** Philip Mallis asked if anyone knew what was happening. It was agreed that this should be an item on the agenda for our next meeting with the Boroondara Traffic Team. **Julia Blunden** agreed to contact Nellie Montague to ask if the meeting can be scheduled for May, and to add this item to the agenda.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th May, subject to availability of the function room.

Notes by Julia Blunden