

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 11th June 2014

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Alister Huth, Gordon Macmillan, John Parker, David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones (Chair), Peter Campbell, David Leong, Hedley Finger, Graham Ellis

Apologies: David Hall, Peter Carter, Hank van Apeldoorn, Ken Parker, Mal Faul

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry commercial offers
- Banyule BUG rides calendars from Maurie Abbott
- COTA rides calendar from Janet Bennett
- Email from David Hall requesting meeting between BBUG and Whitehorse Cyclist Advocates re Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail

Out

- Submission re Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy
- Submission in response to Stonnington's draft Cycling Strategy 2013-2018

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** **Peter C, John P and David F** agreed to meet with Whitehorse Cyclists Advocates to develop a joint proposal for the Box Hill to East Camberwell section of the trail. Peter has emailed all state MPs, some of whom have referred his email to Terry Mulder. There has been no response from Terry Mulder as yet. Glennys J suggested that the trail could be funded in part by developer contributions.
2. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** John P reported that this is listed in the new draft Stonnington Bicycle Strategy for a \$10,000 investigation in five years' time. Julia B offered to sound Mike Wellard out about pushing this project. Another possible action is for BBUG members to attend any meetings arranged to provide feedback on the draft strategy. Schools could also be asked to support the project. **Glennys J** agreed to contact Stonnington Sustainable Transport Officer, Tom Haysom.
3. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Julia B and David F attended a Community Coalition meeting with VicRoads which was mainly intended as an opportunity for them to get feedback on designs for the balustrade on the bridge over the Yarra. Various other groups are also being consulted. There are still some issues with land acquisition for the northern section. Perhaps more seriously VicRoads still fears that Boroondara Council will not willingly hand over the land required for the path through Willsmere Park.
4. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Nil to report.
5. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** The report of the Planning Panel hearings on the East-West Link was due to be complete on 30th May. When, or whether, it will be available to the public is still unclear. The item in BN's *In the Loop* stimulated a lot of interest, with 870 views of the presentation.

6. **Stonnington Matters:** John P, Julia B and Glennys J produced a BBUG response to this. This is now on the BBUG web site at <http://boroondarabug.org/wiki/Documents>
7. **Domestic Animals Management Plan:** Nil to report.
8. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** Glennys J wrote to Terry Mulder about this but has had no response as yet. This will be an item on the BAC agenda. The next step could be to go to the *Progress Leader*.
9. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report.
10. **Invitations to Councilors to Attend BBUG Meetings:** Cr Jane Addis was invited to the June meeting, but did not respond.
11. **Proposed ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail:** Glennys J attended a stakeholder meeting. It is planned that the ramp will be on the northwest side and will meet DDA standards. It was to be timber but the architect suggested steel as lighter. Glennys raised the issue of lighting, and Jim Hondrakis suggested LED lights on the rails. Glennys suggested that a shared path is needed to link the ramp to the pedestrian lights and this was well received. This will be an item on the BAC agenda.
12. **Meeting with Tim Smith, endorsed candidate for Kew;** It was agreed not to pursue this at present.
13. **Incorporation:** Mal Faul was not present. Nil to report.
14. **Treasurer's Report:** Mal Faul was not present.

New Business

1. **Speed hump in Ferndale Rd:** Peter C reported that he fell from his bike and broke his shoulder as a result of hitting this hump. Both the hump and adjacent roadway are in poor condition. Peter has emailed both Jim Hondrakis and Cr Kevin Chow. Jim has responded that the hump is in poor condition and of outmoded design. The roadway will be reconstructed with speed cushions and bike bypasses by the end of August. John P and Glennys J queried both the position of the hump and the need for any hump at all. This will be an agenda item on the BAC agenda.
2. **California Inn site between Barkers Rd and Hawthorn Grove:** Glennys J reported that the site has been sold again. The current planning permit has no provision for a bike path. However if the new owner seeks a new permit there may be an opportunity to secure a route through the site, which is now listed in Council's Open Spaces Strategy as a 'significant site'.
3. **BAC meeting Friday 13/6/14:** It was agreed that **John P and Glennys J** would attend as BBUG reps and **Julia B** would be an observer.
4. **Newsletter and Facebook:** It was agreed that the newsletter will cease. The BBUG minutes will be posted to the web site as soon as approved. News items will be posted to the Facebook page as soon as they arrive. The Yahoo group may be dropped in the future but will remain for now.
5. **Volunteer needed to do July newsletter, agenda and minutes in the absence of the secretary:** **David F** agreed to take on this job. **Julia B** agreed to email him a list of tasks to be done.

6. **Rushall Crescent shared path by-pass:** Glennys J had alerted BUG members that this was an agenda item at the Yarra Council meeting the previous night. Despite many objections planning for the bypass is proceeding though funding has not yet been obtained for construction. David F attended the meeting and noted that the AMCOR site was another agenda item, but while there is the possibility of a pedestrian path here it is not suitable for bikes.

Other Business

- **BN Stance on ‘A Metre Matters’:** There was general disapproval of Garry Brennan’s outspoken opposition to a campaign which has wide support in the cycling community. Several of those present had already written to BN CEO Craig Richards and to the *Age* to voice their disagreement.
- **Kew Traffic School Bike Maintenance Job:** Hedley F reported that he is quitting his part time job maintaining bikes at the Kew Traffic School and asked those present to spread the word to anyone who might be interested in replacing him.
- **Mont Albert Road:** There has been general agreement that cyclists need to be separated from motor traffic as they ride uphill towards Balwyn Rd. A footpath bypass is one possible solution. John P suggested a Copenhagen bike lane as another possibility. This is an item on the BAC agenda.
- **Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy:** David F had delayed sending his submission despite getting approval from the required three other BBUG members, because of perceived disagreement over some details. However he agreed to submit it, having already received permission for late submission, and to request confirmation that it is accepted.

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th July

Notes by Julia Blunden