

# BOROONDARA

*Bicycle Users Group*

## Newsletter August 2010

Boroondara BUG meetings are normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month except January. Our next meeting is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. It will be held in the function room at the Elgin Inn, cnr 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 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](mailto:boroondarabug@gmail.com)

We also have a Yahoo Group: Send a blank email to: [BoroondaraBug-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:BoroondaraBug-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) to receive notification when the latest monthly newsletter and rides supplement have been placed on the web site and very occasional 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

### Works on Moonee Ponds Creek/Jacana Wetlands Area

The works involve constructing a new pedestrian crossing over the Moonee Ponds Creek on the south of the M80 Ring Road bridge. These works were to take place from 3 August and were expected to take one week to complete, however rain has led to an extension of the time frame. During these works, the team will be onsite directing pedestrians and cyclists safely around the works underneath the bridge.

Temporary closure of the path is now scheduled for Thursday 12 August between 9am and 2pm., pedestrians and cyclists will not be able to access the shared user path on the east of the Moonee Ponds Creek in the south to north direction under the M80 Ring Road. Path users are encouraged to seek alternative routes on the 12<sup>th</sup> August between 9am to 2pm.

### Punt Hours to be Extended in October

The Punt is extending its hours in October to suit commuters, see

<http://www.themail.com.au/news/local/news/general/owners-take-punt-on-weekday-trial/1890960.aspx>

<http://www.westgatepunt.com/>

## Cafes

### Leaping Lizards Closed

Leaping Lizards cafe at Brimbank Park is currently closed and awaiting new tenants.

*Thanks to Jacques Fievez for passing on this information.*

# Events

## Walk Against Warming 2010 - The Great Suburban Walk

The Alternative Technology Association is supporting Walk Against Warming and will organise ATA groups at each location. Pull on your ATA t-shirt and join us!

**When:** Sunday, 15th August 2010

**Time:** 12:30pm

**Where:** 3 locations - Melbourne City Square, Boronia or Mitcham

**RSVP:** Wendy Clarke on email [wendy@ata.org.au](mailto:wendy@ata.org.au) or 9631 5407.

If you don't already have an ATA t-shirt, let Wendy know your size and you will be provided with a free t-shirt on the day.

Walk Against Warming is Australia's biggest day of community action on climate change! It is a day for individuals, families, community groups and people of all ages to join together and call for a safe climate. This year we are sending a message that we're all doing our bit on climate change and it's time for our leaders to do theirs.

The Great Suburban Walk will take place in Victorian marginal electorates and the ATA will arrange for members to meet in Melbourne, LaTrobe and Deakin. There will be a quick rally followed by letterboxing (in pairs). The leaflet will advise voters what actions our leaders must take on climate change to ensure a safe climate.

For more information on Walk Against Warming go to [www.walkagainstwarming.org](http://www.walkagainstwarming.org)

## Revolving

REVOLVING is a new concept designed for cyclists to explore Melbourne's network of bike paths. This is not a race – more like a 'treasure hunt on wheels' and the safety of competitors and members of the public is paramount.

REVOLVING is a socially oriented event and is aimed at families and recreational cyclists. The goal is to have a fun and adventurous experience, while challenging your navigation and communication skills as a team.

REVOLVING competitors are given instructions to help them determine the correct route to take on the map provided. First proceed to Checkpoint 1 then head to Checkpoint 2, then Checkpoint 3 and so on. Between checkpoints you may be required to find additional information or find answers to specific questions. Points are awarded for following the instructions accurately. At the completion the results are calculated and the winning REVOLVING team will be announced.

The next scheduled REVOLVING event is Sunday 22nd August, starting outside Gate 1 of the MCG. Competition commences at 10.00am so you need to be there by 9.30am to sign in and receive your instructions. The course is about 25kms long and can be completed in 2-3 hours. Grade – Easy.

The entry fee for a team of 2 or 3 riders is \$30. All maps and instructions are included. Entries are strictly limited to 40 teams.

If REVOLVING sounds like something you or anyone you know would enjoy, call Tim on 0401 905 777 to book-in or have your questions answered. Alternatively, email [tim@mountainmotorsports.com.au](mailto:tim@mountainmotorsports.com.au)

## 2010 Ogden Transport Lecture: Towards Sustainable Urban Mobility: Insights from Portland's Journey

**Date:** Tuesday, 24 August 2010

**Time:** 6–7 pm

**Venue:** Village Roadshow Theatrette State Library of Victoria Corner of Swanston and La Trobe Streets (Entrance 3) Melbourne

**For:** Policy makers and advisors, transport and urban planning professionals, researchers and students, academics, general public

**Format:** Public lecture

**Overview:** The Institute of Transport Studies (Monash) Ogden Transport Lecture is a free public lecture initiated in 2001 to recognise the key role which Ken Ogden played in the formation and development of the transport program at Monash University. The lecture reflects the commitment of ITS (Monash) to 'progress transport knowledge and practice' through its activities which span education, research, community and professional service. This year's lecture focuses the spot light on Portland, Oregon, a US city that has built an international reputation for its achievements in developing a more sustainable urban transport system. Portland's mixture of trams (both on the ground and in the air), buses and bicycles, along with

innovative approaches to urban land use, distinguish it from most North American cities. What factors have contributed to Portland's success? What challenges lie ahead? What lessons can we learn from Portland's journey? The 2010 Ogden Transport Lecturer, Professor Jennifer Dill, will draw insight from her research in Portland to provide answers to these questions.

**Speaker:** Professor Jennifer Dill, (Director, Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium (OTREC) and Faculty member in the Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning (USP) at Portland State University). Professor Dill is currently the Chair of the US Transportation Research Board committee on Bicycle Transportation. Her research interests focus on the interactions of transportation planning, travel behavior, health, the environment, and land use, as well as transportation finance. Prior to entering academia, she worked as an environmental and transportation planner.

## General News

### Two Cycling Surveys in Progress

1. Melbourne City Council survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9GKP882>

Note that Melbourne City Council now covers Docklands and also includes the Westgate punt.

2, Port Philip survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SSLB7G8>

Many readers no doubt ride in one or other of these municipalities and can think of improvements needed for cyclists. Both surveys offers prizes as incentives to participate.

### Mobile Bicycle Servicing by Fixbikes.

FIXBIKES offers a convenient way of servicing your bike at a time and place that suits you. By booking online at [www.Fixbikes.com.au](http://www.Fixbikes.com.au) or calling 0411 396 368 you can arrange to have your bike serviced or repaired at home or work - no drop off or pickup involved! Let us know any parts or accessories you might need and Fixbikes can supply and install them onsite.

Group or multi-bike bookings are welcome and FIXBIKES offers a 10% discount on service prices for 3 or more bikes in one booking. Regular customers get every 6th primary service free or advanced service at half price. All of our workmanship is guaranteed for a month. All work is fully insured, as are the bikes in our care.

Stop putting off that winter service, get in touch with Fixbikes now and have a smooth and reliable ride home!

## News from Neighbouring BUGs and Clubs

### Launch of Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail Proposal

On Monday 2nd August Mike Symon MP, federal member for Deakin launched the Whitehorse Cyclists Inc's, Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail (BHRRT) proposal. A very well attended meeting was chaired by Whitehorse Cyclists' President Michael Wellard with David Simms giving an excellent overview of the proposal. Michael Hassett followed with interesting detail of their probono work. The BHRRT is supported by the City of Whitehorse and is included in the 2007 Whitehorse Bicycle Strategy. The support and interest from City of Maroondah officers present was also acknowledged at the meeting.

Whitehorse Cyclists Inc (WCI) has been developing and has now published a detailed costed proposal for this project. Whitehorse Cyclists see this as a vital piece of cycling infrastructure and hope to engage the support of local representatives at all three levels of government. It was noted that the BHRRT has supporters in Whitehorse Mayor and Mike Symon MP but has yet to convince Ministers Pallas and Paluka. A list of groups it is hoped will be supportive included other BUGs and Bicycle Victoria.

In response Mike Symon MP as final speaker clearly indicated full support of the federal Government while recognizing the need for involvement of local, state and federal governments. The federal stimulus package was an example of how funds can become available for bicycle infrastructure and to have a report such as this which allows the project and independent sections to be understood makes a project more likely to attract funding.

Whitehorse Cyclists speakers drew attention to key aspects of the report including the following extracts:

The Springvale Road grade separation project, a major investment of some \$140M by the Commonwealth and Victorian is now complete but regrettably and despite vigorous advocacy, without an underpass. The principle reason ostensibly given for this unfortunate outcome was that there was no firm plan in existence for the ERT and therefore it could not be factored in to the design of the project.

The City of Whitehorse made a request to the Victorian government in March 2009 for a grant of \$40,000 to carry out a survey of the ERT within Whitehorse. This request was refused. WCI therefore resolved to conduct a survey itself on a voluntary basis to contribute to the planning effort and to show that the project is feasible.

The proposal asserts that a 9.9km rail trail linking Box Hill and Ringwood, now titled the Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail (BHRRT) is feasible. This takes account of a possible 3rd rail line to Ringwood, but notes that some relaxation of VicTrack's clearance requirements will be essential.

Michael emphasized the clear intention to develop a 'basic' concept, comprising 4.4kms on rail reserve, 2.7kms of on-road routes and the rest mainly comprising existing and upgraded paths, which can be built, they estimate for approximately \$4.9M. An 'ultimate' concept, involving additional sections on the rail reserve at Blackburn and Ringwood (and correspondingly less sections on road) can be constructed for a further \$2.3M. WCI advocates that the City of Whitehorse and VicRoads take up the broad plans contained in the report, engage with VicTrack and proceed with the necessary detailed design and planning activities to bring this project to fruition progressively within the next few years. WCI will be pleased to cooperate in any way possible to fulfil the vision of this proposal.

The full report can be viewed at [www.bhrrt.org](http://www.bhrrt.org)

*Graeme Stone*

## Boroondara News

Many projects, both large and small, to improve safety and convenience for cyclists in Boroondara have recently been completed, are currently underway, or are in the planning stages. The Boroondara Bicycle Users Group has initiated many of these projects and has also played an important role in fine tuning most of them: participating in site visits, checking plans and providing input on exactly what is needed to make projects work best for cyclists.

### Anniversary/Outer Circle Trail Improvements

#### **Laurel St Crossing**

Those of you who have ridden the Anniversary Trail recently will have been very pleasantly surprised at the enormous improvement in the road crossing at Laurel St just south of Alamein Station. Instead of emerging from vegetation onto a very steep dip, cyclists riding southwards now have an excellent view of roads to both sides as do motorists of the path. The crossing is now smooth with a very gentle grade, allowing cyclists to concentrate on the traffic rather than the challenge of getting up the other side. An added bonus is that path users have right of way over cars here. BBUG members who attended a lengthy and painstaking site meeting many months ago along with other locals and Boroondara traffic engineers are especially delighted with the high quality of works carried out here.

#### **Anniversary Trail at High St Ashburton**

BBUG members have also met with traffic engineering staff to look at some of the problems with the Anniversary Trail approaching High St Ashburton from the north and possible solutions. The new building on High St has exacerbated problems on an already unsatisfactory part of the trail. Despite BBUG's best efforts plans approved for this building included a door opening directly onto the trail as well as a café with pavement tables and chairs at High St. The ideal solution would be to re-route the trail completely to the west side of the car park and the building. While this is currently seen as impractical plans are afoot to solve some of the problems. Stage one will be to reroute the trail to the west side of the new building fronting High St. This will avoid both the door and the outdoor tables, as well as bringing the path closer to the pedestrian crossing. Stage two will be to re-route the trail to the west side of the car park for a sufficient distance to bypass the steep dip connecting with the pedestrian rail crossing. This dip has the potential for dangerous cyclist-pedestrian conflict, especially during morning peak period when many children use this route to Ashburton Primary School.

#### **New Pedestrian Lights at Toorak Rd**

Another important improvement to the Anniversary Trail is the construction of a pedestrian crossing on the east side of Summerhill Rd thus eliminating the need for cyclists using the trail to wait for two sets of lights. No doubt some cyclists will still dodge across Toorak Rd in line with the trail. But the new lights will provide a more convenient option for those who prefer to play safe. BBUG have also asked Council's traffic engineers to consider re-routing the trail to the rear of the shops on the south side of Toorak Rd but no final decision has been reached on this as yet. A further possibility is that the path could pass behind some of the shops on the north side of Toorak Rd as well, which would further encourage use of the new crossing.

#### **Willsmere Rd Crossing**

The roundabout here is undergoing various alterations to improve safety and convenience for cyclists, both those on the Anniversary Trail and those following Willsmere Rd through the roundabout. BBUG members viewed plans for the alterations and were able to have input into the final outcome.

## **Warrigal Rd Underpass**

The shared path linking the Anniversary Trail to Warrigal Rd is now complete. Only the underpass at Warrigal Rd and a new footbridge east of Warrigal Rd remain to be completed to link it to the upper Gardiners Creek Trail. Negotiations with Melbourne Water have been protracted but the underpass should be completed by the middle of next year. The Solway St bridge is due for replacement by August 2012. Hopefully BBUG will be able to convince Council's traffic engineers to re-route the trail approaching the bridge on the Boroondara side so that it is much less steep than at present.

## **Gardiners Creek Improvements**

### **Toorak Rd to the Velodrome**

Many months ago BBUG members walked this section of the trail with Boroondara traffic engineers to look at how best it could be upgraded to make it safer and more enjoyable for the large number of cyclists now using it both for utility and recreational riding. A major revamp of this section of the trail is now well on the way to completion. The path is being widened, to 3m wherever possible, in part by relocating it closer to the creek. Sight lines are being improved by removal or reduction of bends and removal or pruning of vegetation that intrudes on the path. Improvements to the Toorak Rd underpass are also planned for the future.

### **HA Smith Reserve to Glenferrie Rd**

There are a number of problems with the Gardiners Creek Trail as it passes along the southern side of the HA Smith Reserve. Redevelopment of the reserve will leave less room than desirable for this very busy commuter route. There is currently a nasty squeeze point as the trail crosses the creek using the Glenferrie Rd footpath, with a high level of pedestrian-cyclist conflict occurring at morning peak period. The new car park to be developed under the Monash freeway here to serve the redeveloped reserve has the potential to create serious conflict on the path, although as a result of BBUG representations to Council it will not open until a solution is in place.

Fortunately there is a solution. A new bridge across the creek at the eastern end of the HA Smith Reserve would divert cycle traffic along the southern side of the creek and link more directly with the Glenferrie Rd underpass. BBUG members recently attended a meeting of Boroondara and Stonnington councils and other relevant authorities which are currently working on a feasibility study for such a bridge. A final report is due to be presented this month and will be used to support an application for funding for the project.

## **Belford Rd Underpass**

Few people of the many people who ride the Yarra Trail would really enjoy the steep climb from either side to Belford Rd. The crossings at Belford Rd, Elm and Willow Groves are also dangerous, and there is great potential for pedestrian-cyclist conflict as cyclists make the steep descent from Willow Grove into Willsmere Park. Again there could be a solution, in this case an underpass. At the request of BBUG, Boroondara Council have commissioned a feasibility study for such an underpass to be completed in mid-September.

## **Leonda Link**

Some readers may not even be aware that there is a very useful boardwalk passing under Wallen Rd (the link between Riversdale Rd and Swan St) on the eastern side of the Yarra, between Morang Reserve on the north side and the Leonda function centre on the south side. This provides a very useful route for cyclists moving between Morang Rd or Reserve and Fairview Park and on to the Gardiners Creek Trail. Previously the only access from the boardwalk to the Leonda car park was via a steep garden bed and concrete kerb. After many years of discussion between BBUG and Council traffic engineers a solution to this problem has been found that satisfies all parties. A new, very swish path connecting the boardwalk to Wallen Rd Reserve, passing round the Leonda buildings, is now all but complete.

## **Hays Paddock – the Plan**

Julia Blunden is the Boroondara BUG representative on the steering committee currently looking at the future of Hays Paddock. An existing plan already has provision to rectify one of the biggest problems for cyclists – the tight squeeze in the southeast corner of the park – by means of a new bridge over Glass Creek. BBUG has made a brief submission regarding the plan which can be viewed at [http://boroondarabug.org/w/images/f/f4/Submission\\_Hays\\_Paddock.pdf](http://boroondarabug.org/w/images/f/f4/Submission_Hays_Paddock.pdf) Since this submission was prepared Whitehorse Cyclists have been contacted and have made some additional suggestions. Readers are welcome to contact Julia with their ideas.

## **Clarke St Bridge**

State government funding has been approved for the construction of a new footbridge across the Yarra at Clarke St, just downstream from St Helliers Convent and the Collingwood Children's Farm. This bridge will re-route the Yarra Trail to the

Boroondara side of the river and eliminate the need for those cycling the trail to negotiate the dreaded Gipps St steps. This project will involve the Cities of Yarra and Boroondara as well as Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water and no timetable has yet been set for the project.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of all the work on cycling infrastructure that has been done in the last twelve months or so, or that is currently in train or under consideration in Boroondara. Boroondara BUG is most appreciative of the work being done by Jim Hondrakis and his Transport Management team and of their willingness to consult with the BUG on project large and small.

**Julia Blunden**

## Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

### Attendance and Apologies

**Present:** John Parker, Julia Blunden, Graeme Stone (Chair), Glennys Jones, Gordon Macmillan, Ken Morrison, Alister Huth

**Apologies:** David Leong, Peter Campbell, Linda Rohrs, Betty Weeks, John Bales

### Correspondence:

#### In

1. Email from Gordon Young, Local Government Transport Facilitator, Victorian Local Governance Association, inviting BBUG to become involved in the Mayors on Bikes event on Ride to Work Day, which will focus on the Gardiners Creek Trail with Jim Hondrakis as guide. (**John P** expressed interest in the nature of the organisation involved and offered to research it.)
2. Follow up email from Gordon outlining program for the event and asking if a BBUG member could do a pre-ride safety talk.
3. Response from Jack Wegman indicating his inability to attend our July or August meeting.
4. Invitation to Julia B from James Williams to the first meeting of the Hays Paddock Steering Committee, Tuesday, 20th July. (**John P** asked that the issues of squeeze points, to both north and south of Hays Paddock, the possibility of making the link to the Koonung Creek Trail all off-road, and connectivity generally be raised. He offered to put a representative of the Rotary River Ride which uses Hays Paddock as its base in touch with Julia B regarding the Steering Committee.)

#### Out

1. Response to Gordon Young accepting the invitation to become involved in his event.
2. Further response indicating that John Parker and Glennys Jones and possibly Graeme Stone would participate and that Glennys would do the safety talk.
3. Invitation to Mayor Jack Wegman

### Matters Arising:

1. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** John P reported that he is lodging a complaint, in his own name, with the Minister for Local Government about the Stonnington process for budget submissions which allows no time for any serious consideration of them.
2. **East Malvern Station Bridge:** Glennys J has received a letter claiming that Metro trains regularly clear the drains at station car parks for which they are responsible. This clearly doesn't happen at East Malvern. She has also met on site with Peter Murray from Stonnington and Jason den Hollander from Bicycle Victoria. Agreement was reached that two bollards would be removed, not all bollards as preferred; that the approach path will be widened to 2m and the tree will stay; and that the shared path sign will be removed and pavement stencils used instead. Those present passed a vote of thanks to Glennys for her persistence in bringing this matter to a reasonably satisfactory conclusion.
3. **Anniversary Trail at High St and Toorak Rd:** John P, Glennys J and Julia B met on site with Boroondara Traffic and Engineering staffers Bushan Jani and Anna Haygreen on 15/6 to look into the possibility of relocating the bike path away from the rail line and to the west side of the station car park. A two stage project is planned. Stage one will re-route the bike path round the west side of the new building on High St, and stage two will move it to the west side of the car park far enough north to bypass the connection to the pedestrian level crossing.  
We learned at the BAC meeting that construction of the new pedestrian crossing at Toorak Rd on the east side of Summerhill Rd is imminent. No decision has been reached as yet on the re-routing of the Anniversary Trail to the lane at the rear of the southside Toorak Rd shops.

4. **East – West link/Donation to and participation in Yarra BUG Radio:** Peter C was interviewed on Yarra BUG radio and spoke about the link. Our \$100 donation has yet to be sent. Whitehorse Council has allocated \$75,000 for a study of the Box Hill to Ringwood section of the Eastern Rail Trail. John P mentioned that the question of air rights over rail lines may be a factor in planning for the link.
5. **Honeywell Development:** Nothing to report.
6. **Gasworks site redevelopment:** Glennys J spoke at the Planning Panels Victoria hearing on this and made a strong case in favour of widening the Gardiners Creek Trail at this location and keeping it on terra firma. A crucial point is that the Victorian Planning Scheme has recently been amended to include the Victorian Cycling Strategy as a factor to be considered. Showers and bike parking in the proposed development have been increased as a result of Cr Coral Ross's previous input. A decision is due in about ten days. Another vote of thanks to Glennys was passed for her very speedy response on this issue and her well-prepared presentation at the hearing. Glennys noted that Cr Ross has also been very supportive of the GCT.
7. **Tooronga Village development:** No further developments
8. **BAC meeting Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Julia B reported on some of the many issues that were covered at this quite lengthy meeting. Funding of \$2.5 million has been approved for the Clark St bridge which will enable the Yarra Trail's Gipps St stairs to be bypassed. A final report on off-road signage is due this month and will go on the Council web site; funding is available for implementation of the recommendations. The final report on the new bridge over Gardiners Creek in the HA Smith Reserve is due at the end of August; \$30,000 has been allocated for the study by Boroondara and Stonnington Councils. A brief for a study of the possible Belford Underpass is almost complete; a report is expected by mid September (Alister H expressed particular interest in this issue and David L is also known to be interested, Alister will contact Jim Hondrakis to offer input.). A new cyclists only crossing is being constructed across Burke Rd at the junction with Mont Albert Rd. The Warrigal Rd underpass is expected to be completed by June 2011 and the Solway Bridge upgrade by October 2012.
9. **Anniversary Trail missing link at Camberwell High:** Jim Hondrakis reported at the BAC meeting that he hopes to get plans and approval for this in the next financial year. He will be approaching the new school principal soon.
10. **Leo's Supermarket, Summerhill Rd, Ashburton:** Glennys J reported that she has had a less than satisfactory response to from Evan Bolutis which didn't address the danger to pedestrians from exiting cars. Coloured paint could help here. It appears that boom gates are being installed, probably with a view to a ticketing system for parking.

#### New Business

1. **Meeting with Ted Baillieu:** John P, Malcolm F and Julia B met with Ted Baillieu on 18/6. He gave us a good hearing and indicated that his party was generally supportive of encouraging cycling. However he failed to give any undertaking to support the Darebin – Yarra link should his party gain power.
2. **Invitations to attend meetings:** Cr Jack Wegman is not available before September at the earliest. It was agreed that Andrew McIntosh, MLA for Kew should be offered the option of attending our August meeting or having a BBUG deputation meet with him at his office. Josh Freidenberg, the Liberal candidate for Kooyong, is another possible invitee.
3. **Combined BUGs meeting:** We agreed that our preference is to postpone this meeting until October or November. **Julia B** agreed to make contact with the other BUGs to suggest this as well as asking for suggestions for agenda items for the meeting when it is held.
4. **Ride to Work Day:** It was agreed that **Julia B** will ask the new Sustainable Transport Officer, Chris Hui, to meet with BUG members to discuss this. Graeme S, Julia B and possibly Glennys J will attend this meeting, which will hopefully be scheduled on a Friday.
5. **New Development on Burwood Hwy:** Gordon M reported that the Kmart store on the Burwood Hwy is to be re-developed. The question of bike facilities for patrons and workers will be an issue. The property is in Whitehorse.
6. **Port Phillip Bikescope:** It was noted that a survey is currently being undertaken by Port Phillip and members may wish to participate. John P suggested posting notice of the survey to Vicbugchat.
7. **Boardwalk treatments:** Graeme S reported that he is currently involved in evaluating different treatments for boardwalks including recycled plastic products, timber and concrete for Bicycle Victoria. He would be very interested to hear from any cyclists about their experiences with any of these. **Julia B** agreed to send a message to her cyclist and BUG lists.
8. **Next meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August

*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

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## Boroondara Bushwalkers

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## Camberwell Downhill Gourmet Bike Riders

contact Elva Parker, phone: 9836 6392  
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## Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre Bike Riding Group

Contact: Robin Kendrick, phone: 9853 3126

## Council on the Ageing (COTA) Cycling Group

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[http://www.cotavic.org.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/1006/cota\\_cycling\\_brochure\\_jul-dec\\_2007.pdf](http://www.cotavic.org.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/1006/cota_cycling_brochure_jul-dec_2007.pdf)

## Darebin BUG

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## Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

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## Hawthorn Cycle Tours

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

## Knox Bicycle Touring Club Incorporated

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website: [www.vicnet.net.au/~mannbug](http://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/](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mbush/)

## Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club

contact Touring Secretary, Dave Cash, phone: 9817 3269  
or email [info@mbtc.org.au](mailto: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](http://mbtc.org.au)

## Whitehorse Cyclists

email: [ejhopper@vicnet.net.au](mailto: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](mailto:rides@yhacycling.org.au) or mobile 0425-792 574  
or Secretary Voula on [secretary@yhacycling.org.au](mailto:secretary@yhacycling.org.au)  
website: [www.yhacycling.org.au](http://www.yhacycling.org.au) has free registration

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# Boroondara Bicycle Users Group

## Membership Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (M) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Bicycle Victoria? Please circle: Yes / No

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

Graeme Stone  
16 Jervis St  
Camberwell  
Vic, 3124