

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Tuesday 7th November 2017
Function Room, Elgin Inn, Cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn

Minutes

Present: Julia Blunden, Peter Carter (Chair), David Hall, Ric de France, Graham Ellis, David Hall, Rus Hamilton

Apologies: David Leong, Glennys Jones, John Parker, Alister Huth, Gordon Macmillan, Philip Mallis, Mal Faul, Ken Parker, Mark Haywood

Minutes of Previous Meeting - Accepted

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry emails from Manningham and Banyule BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers
- Emails from Nellie Montague re bike courses
- Email from Nellie Montague re bike repair stations

Out

Matters arising

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail** – There was a query about the legitimacy of this agenda item. The discussion moved to the Boroondara Bike Strategy. Views were expressed that this route and others need to be agreed by the BUG and that a committee is required to do this. See also Item 10.
2. **Darebin – Yarra link** – Doubts were expressed as to whether we can plan for the opening of this link as it is likely to happen at short notice when Minister Donnellan happens to be available and in the area. Graeme Martin, as convenor of the Community Coalition, will arrange for a celebration by this group. Peter Carter reported that although works on the main Yarra bridge and the path on the Boroondara side of the river are well advanced there is still quite a bit to be done on the Latrobe Gold Club section.
3. **North Eastern Bicycle Corridor** – The current status of this project with the government is uncertain. It may depend on the route chosen for the North East Link.

ACTION ITEM: Peter Carter will draft and circulate a letter to Duncan Elliott, the NELA CEO, not endorsing Route A but asking that should it be chosen two of our projects, the NEBC and the Belford Rd Underpass, be included. When finalised the letter will be sent by Julia Blunden as BUG secretary.

4. **Stonnington matters** – Nil to report.
5. **Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High** – Nil to report.
6. **Toorak Rd Overpass** – David Hall has sent his rough design for this overpass to Clare Davey, who said it is in line with Council's thinking. David pointed out that the pedestrian crossing over the rail line north of Toorak Rd also needs redoing as it's very convoluted and out of line with the design currently being used for such crossings.
7. **Chandler Hwy bridge – Progress on Outer Circle Trail issues south of Chandler Hwy Bridge** – Peter Carter and Glennys Jones have been meeting with the responsible VicRoads people and

have been told that the traffic signal near the slip lane will be moved. There has been no further word on the option of realigning the path via the Guide Dogs service road.

8. Web Site and Twitter Account – Ric de France reported that the TAC has begun an advertising campaign on a metre matters. Rus Hamilton reported that this law has brought about real improvement in driver behavior towards cyclists in Queensland. Ric also reported that Strava data is now available for places all over the world showing the most popular cycling routes with mainly road riders. He has circulated Strava mapping for Boroondara. Ric also mentioned a Twitter follower who was taunting the BUG and cyclists generally but who has now stopped.

9. Walmer St – John Parker, Glennys Jones – Nil to report

10. Boroondara Bicycle Strategy – process for renewal – Philip Mallis has investigated the status of projects listed in the existing bike strategy and created an Excel spreadsheet showing this in various ways.

The BUG has received no information from council officers as to whether council has any plans for the new strategy, and if so whether it is to be done in-house or by consultants.

The main focus of the strategy was seen to be routes to be signed and otherwise indicated. All members are encouraged to put forward suggestions for routes.

It was agreed by those present that a committee is needed to work on the new bike strategy. The following names were put forward for this: Mark Haywood, Philip Mallis, Peter Carter, David Hall, John Parker, Glennys Jones, David Farrow. It was not seen as necessary that the committee actually meet in order to do their work.

It was seen as desirable that someone with CAD skills or similar, who can produce a map, based on the TravelSmart map, showing proposed routes is on the committee.

ACTION ITEM: Julia Blunden to circulate Philip Malis's email with spreadsheet. Julia to contact proposed committee members to seek their agreement to participate.

11. Promotion of BBUG at council run cycle courses etc – decision on printing new flyer: Philip Mallis has not yet circulated a revised version of the flyer. Nor has a decision been made on the printer to be used to print 2,000 copies.

ACTION ITEM: Philip to circulate revised version of flyer. Philip and Mal Faul to agree on printer.

12. Glass Creek Trail: - Nil to report. This project will be put forward as one of the routes in the bike strategy.

13. Treasurer's report – Malcolm Faul – Mal was not present but had emailed the following report: 'As of 6/11/17, 27 are financial members including 2 new members. I will send out a reminder notice shortly.'

New Business

1. Next BUG catch up with council traffic and transport staff: Strong views were expressed that it is not necessary to press to have these meetings on a regular basis, and that if held they should be short. A phone call could be all that is needed. No decision was reached on whether another meeting should be requested.

ACTION ITEM: Julia Blunden to contact regular BUG attendees at the catch up meetings to seek their views on this.

2. North East Link: See Item 3

3. Brixton Rise – Alan Tonkin’s comments: No views expressed on this.

4. Reserve Rd GCT connection – Alan Tonkin’s proposal: No views expressed on this

Other Business

None

Next meeting: Wednesday 13th December? subject to availability of function room