

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 8th April 2015

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Alister Huth, David Farrow, Peter Carter, Julia Blunden, Gordon Macmillan (Chair), Mal Faul, Ken Parker

Apologies Graham Ellis, David Leong, John Parker, Glennys Jones, David Hall

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry commercial offers
- Sundry emails re Manningham BUG rides and events
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- *The Squeaky Wheel*
- Enquiry from Jo Davy at *The Weekly Review* re tacks on Boulevard
- Enquiry from journalism student re anti-dooring bike lanes in Glenferrie Rd (It was agreed that a BBUG letter should be sent to both VicRoads and Council in praise of this initiative. Julia B agreed to draft this.)
- Information from MinterEllison re VCAT hearing on California Inn site PPA conditions

Out

- Nil

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** David F has devised a route for this. He explained his views about the three stages in achieving this trail. In the short term what's already there should be signed. In the medium term advantage should be taken of any railway works being done, and in the long term the route should be optimised with elevated sections etc. David intends to include mention of this route in his submission to the Sports and Recreation Strategy with a view to heading off any actions that may have an adverse effect on it. There was some discussion of the need to push for a link between Dudley and Kendall Sts near Canterbury Station. Planning Maps Online should be checked to see who owns the relevant parcel of land. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next BAC meeting.
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Two new bridges are now in place over the Darebin Creek, but it appears that there are still issues to be resolved with both Latrobe Golf Club and Boroondara Council. Some present were sure that Luke Donellan, Minister for Roads, is the minister with responsibility for this project. Julia B offered to follow up with the Community Coalition to explore what action may be needed to progress matters. Andrew Whittaker was mentioned as a key person.
3. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Nil to report.
4. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** Peter Carter, Glennys J and Alister H met with Rebecca Collins, Director, Strategic Transport Planning in the Dept of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, and three of her staff, made a presentation and asked that the project be considered for future funding. VicRoads see no insuperable problems with the project. It was

seen as a big plus that there is little need for local councils to be involved. The BUG people are expecting further feedback in early May. It seems that the proposed mayoral letter may not be needed.

5. **Stonnington Matters:** Nil to report.
6. **Domestic Animals Management Plan:** Nil to report.
7. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** There is awareness at government level of the proposal to trade this land off in return for putting the D-Y link through Willsmere Park. Several BBUG members have individually registered objections to the PPA for the proposed car park so should be informed when there is movement on this.
8. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Julia B reported that Cr Phillip Mallis spoke about this at the Glen Eira Cycling Forum. He said that the trail would pass along the south side of the Gordon Barnard Reserve. It was suggested that VicRoads could offer the Balwyn Rd pedestrian crossing as a trade-off for Willsmer Park access.
9. **Proposed ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail:** Nil to report.
10. **California Inn site between Barkers Rd and Hawthorn Grove:** The developer has gone to VCAT to dispute nine conditions imposed by Council. None of these relates to a right of way. One relates to a nearby lane which is of interest to the BUG as a possible, though inferior, alternative option for a cycle route. Glennys J has followed this up with Seuna Byrne in Council's planning department.
11. **Grade Separation Opportunities:** This was included in the BBUG response to Robert Freemantle's letter.
12. **Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy:** David F reported that he is still working on a submission. He intends making mention of Boroondara's poor safety record in this. Some present felt this could be counterproductive.
13. **New Edition of Boroondara TravelSmart Map:** This is now available and is a significant improvement on the previous edition. Chris Hui is the contact person.
14. **Minister for Cycling:** Some present expressed certainty that this is Luke Donellan, Minister for Roads.
15. **Treasurer's Report:** Mal Faul reported that seven Super Tuesday counters nominated BBUG to receive their \$50 payment and he is invoicing BN for \$350.

New Business

1. **Volunteer needed to organize and take minutes at May and June meetings:** David F agreed to do the organization, while Mal F agreed to send out the necessary emails to the BBUG members as he has the membership list. Julia B agreed to send an email with full details of required actions.

Other Business

1. **Need to legalise footpath cycling when required to access pedestrian lights to cross main roads:** There was general agreement that cyclists do need to use footpaths for this purpose. David F stated his belief that a blue line should suffice to indicate where this is permitted, rather than signs on posts as is currently required. Peter Carter expressed the view that local councils

must take responsibility for signing all shared footways and that it would be very difficult to get statewide action on this.

2. **Prospect Hill Rd kerb outstands:** Ken P reported that the kerb outstands in Prospect Hill Rd make this road less safe for cyclists than it could and should be. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the June BAC meeting.
3. **Bike lanes on arterial roads:** Peter C said that he will soon be meeting with VicRoads Metro SE to discuss which arterial roads could usefully have bike lanes created on them. The roads must be VR controlled roads and included in the PBN. Anyone with suggestions should send these to Peter asap.

Next meeting: Wednesday 13th May

Notes by Julia Blunden