

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 12th August 2015

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: David Farrow, Julia Blunden, David Hall (Chair), Gordon Macmillan, Graham Ellis, David Balding

Apologies David Leong, Alister Huth, Peter Carter, Glennys Jones, Mal Faul, John Parker

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry commercial offers
- Sundry notices of events
- Sundry newsletters and ride notices from Manningham and Banyule BUGs
- Email from Hywel Rowlands re public consultation on closing the gap in the Anniversary Trail (See **Other Business** below for response.)

Out

- Nil

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** David F has not as yet received feedback on his draft proposal nor has he revised it since the last BBUG meeting. It was agreed that David should recirculate his document and ask for feedback within two weeks. It was also agreed that the Eddington bridge is not currently part of this project. David B expressed the view that a clip on to the south side of the Hawthorn Bridge is preferable to a new bridge upstream.
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** David H reported that he has spoken with Tracey Gosby from VicRoads about this. Stage 1 is now as complete as possible with two of the bridges over the Darebin Creek completed. There are currently difficulties with compulsory acquisition. The previous time-line no longer applies. David encouraged Julia B to try ringing Tracey again.
3. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Nil to report.
4. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** David H summarised the current status of this project for the benefit of David B, including the State Government's purchase of the plans for the NEBL, an inferior version, for \$1. It was agreed that this should be raised with Aidan McGann at the Combined BUGs meeting.
5. **Stonnington Matters:** Nil to report.
6. **Domestic Animals Management Plan:** David H reported an incident with an off-leash dog on the Anniversary Trail. It was agreed that clarification of the requirement to 'control your dog' is needed.
7. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** Julia B reported that Glennys J had received a negative response from VicRoads to her suggestion for a realignment of the High St pedestrian crossing. One reason given was that this would make pedestrians less visible to left-turning motorists entering High St.

8. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report.
9. **Proposed ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail:** Nil to report.
10. **Council's Bluestone Policy:** Nil to report
11. **Grade Separation Opportunities:** David H reported that there are two or three grade separation still to be done in Whitehorse and that WC members were being encouraged to attend meetings related to these. Grade separations that have been combined with the construction of the Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail have worked well. Peter Carter tried to have input into Burke Rd grade separation on behalf of BBUG but without great success.
12. **Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy:** It was agreed that this strategy needs to cover both structured activities such as team sports, and unstructured activities such as walking and cycling. The latter are now more popular than the former.
13. **Rushall Reserve:** David H reported that he had attended the City of Yarra meeting where it was agreed to proceed with the detailed design for the new section of path through Rushall Reserve, which will do away with the need for users of the Merri Creek Path/Capital City Trail to use the Rushall Station underpass. This was in spite of vocal opposition. David's proposal for a new underpass as a better solution was not taken up. The cost, and the difficulty of dealing with VicTrack were against it. David reported that VicTrack have agreed to relax the 8m clearance rule.
14. **Review of Victorian Cycling Related Road Rules:** David F has not yet received input from Glennys J or other members on this and we still do not have agreement on a BBUG submission. The deadline for submissions is the end of August.
15. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Nil to report
16. **Tacks on Boulevard:** Nil to report
17. **Treasurer's Report:** Mal Faul was not present.

New Business

1. **Victorian Combined BUGs Meeting, Tuesday 8th September:** Julia B urged members to attend. Aidan McGann, Director, VicRoads, Metro Southeast will be a guest speaker at this meeting.
2. **Change of Date for September BBUG meeting:** This has been moved to the third Wednesday of the month to avoid having it the day after the Victorian Combined BUGs meeting.

Other Business

1. **Closing the Gap in the Anniversary Trail:** The following motion was passed unanimously: *BBUG applauds the work of the Boroondara Council to close the missing link in the Anniversary Trail between Riversdale and Prospect Hill Rds. We recommend the option to remove car parking from Riversdale Park.* It was also agreed that members should be encouraged to complete the relevant questionnaire and to attend one of the planned meetings. David F also raised the question of access from the new section of trail to the centre refuge in Prospect Hill Rd. The footpath needs to be widened and signed as a shared footway. This should be an agenda item for the next BAC meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 16th September

Notes by Julia Blunden