

# BOROONDARA

*Bicycle Users Group*

## Newsletter October 2011

Boroondara BUG meetings are normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month except January. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. It will be held in the function room at the Elgin Inn, corner Burwood Rd and Elgin St, Hawthorn (Melway 45 B10). **Note the temporary change of day.** 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 details of our next meeting, and very occasional other 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.

## Events

### Ride to Work Day – Boroondara Community Breakfast

**When:** Wednesday 12 October, 6:30am to 9am

**Where:** At the Hawthorn Velodrome.

**Who:** Anyone on a bike is welcome.

**What:** There'll be coffee, baked goods from *Bakers Delight*, fruit, smoothies, a sausage sizzle, prize draws, music... And new this year, a come and try a session with some alternative type bikes - cargo bikes, electric bikes and other commuter style bikes.

And don't forget to register at [www.ride2work.com.au](http://www.ride2work.com.au)

## Boroondara News

### Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Glenferrie Hotel, Hawthorn

#### Attendance and Apologies

**Present:** Julia Blunden, John Parker, Heather Hall, Ken Morrison

**Apologies:** Hedley Finger, Gordon Macmillan, David Leong, Graeme Stone

#### Correspondence:

## In

Email from Anna Haygreen requesting letter of support for grant application. It was agreed that Julia B would provide this.  
Email acknowledgements of letter of thanks from Stonnington Mayor Melina Sehr and Boroondara Mayor Nicholas Tragas

## Out

Letter of thanks for Warrigal Rd underpass to mayors and federal and state MPs involved  
Letter of thanks for bike parking rails to Lisa Stafford, Stonnington Transport Planner

## Matters Arising:

1. **Warrigal Road Shared Path:** nothing to report
2. **East – West link:** Peter C was not present to report. John P reported that at a meeting he attended Stonnington Mayor Melina Sehr was very much in favour of rail trails. John said that he believes that the issue of air rights over rail lines may be used to try to block such developments.
3. **Stockland Toorong Village Development:** nothing to report but those present agreed that the matter of the eastern access path must be pursued further.
4. **Gasworks Site Redevelopment:** Excavation is still in progress.
5. **Belford Rd Underpass:** nothing to report on the underpass. Jim Hondrakis is currently planning to undertake work to make the Belford Rd crossing safer. He has proposed a centre refuge, however those present agreed that kerb outstands would be more helpful to path users. This will be an agenda item at the September BAC meeting.
6. **Possible Formation of Stonnington BUG:** Hedley F was not present at the meeting and had not sent a report.
7. **Darebin – Yarra Link:** Julia B reported that the Community Coalition met on Monday 29/8. At that meeting they were shown preliminary sketches of the design for the bridge over the Yarra. Some Coalition members were not happy with this design and David Hall has prepared a document suggesting some changes.
8. **Hays Paddock Steering Committee:** Julia B reported that the committee has met for the last time. At the final meeting the proposed extension of the shared path along the northeast side of the park was deleted from the plan. A short extension to the northern edge of McCubbin St only was substituted. The plan will now go to Council for acceptance. Julia indicated that she hopes to be at the relevant Council meeting to point out that the plan is now in conflict with the Boroondara Bicycle Strategy and to speak in favour of the longer path extension.
9. **New Membership Rules:** Malcolm F was not present and had not sent a report.
10. **Ride to Work Day Community Breakfast:** It was agreed that we should distribute handouts pointing out the good work done in Boroondara and contrasting this with Stonnington's failure to rectify problems like the dangerous High St underpass and the missing link at Brixton Rise.
11. **Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September:** John P confirmed that he will attend this meeting. Julia B will not be able to attend. Julia B has sent a list of agenda items to Anna Haygreen.
12. **Combined BUGs meeting, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** Julia B is putting together an agenda for this.

## New Business

1. **Gardiners Creek Trail, High St Underpass:** Julia B reported that her letter asking for help on this had appeared in the *Waverley Leader* but not the *Progress Leader*, and maybe not the *Stonnington Leader* as yet. Julia had received a number of responses agreeing that the underpass is dangerous, though none reporting actual accidents there. It was agreed that we need more evidence and that a petition may be the way to go.
2. **Kooyongkoot Rd issues:** John P reported on measures needed to make the transition from Kooyongkoot Rd to the Gardiners Creek Trail safer for cyclists. This will be an agenda item at the next BAC meeting.
3. **Possible affiliation with bike shop:** Glennys J was not present to report on this. Julia B pointed out that we need to formalize our membership and possibly have a membership card in order to undertake such an affiliation.
4. **Next meeting:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Note that this is the first Thursday rather than the usual second Thursday of the month. This change has been made as several key members will be involved in the Bicycle Network Victoria conference on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

*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

Contacts:

Tony Landsell - email: [tony@diacher.com](mailto:tony@diacher.com)

Justin Murphy - email: [murphjj@au1.ibm.com](mailto:murphjj@au1.ibm.com)

website: <http://www.ashburtonridersclub.asn.au/>

## Banyule BUG

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website: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~banylbug/>

contacts: Richard phone: 9459 8648, or Les phone: 9459 2701

## Boroondara Bushwalkers

contact Julia Blunden

phone: 9853 5095

email: [jblunden@bigpond.com](mailto:jblunden@bigpond.com)

website: [www.keypoint.com.au/~bbwinc](http://www.keypoint.com.au/~bbwinc)

## Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre Bike Riding Group

Contact: Robin Kendrick, phone: 9853 3126

## Council on the Ageing (COTA) Cycling Group

contact Janet Bennett

email: [janpeter@bigpond.net.au](mailto:janpeter@bigpond.net.au) or COTA,

phone: 9654 4443

website:

[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

Rides and Events Coordinator

Doug Morffew, phone: 9499 7325 (AH)

email: [dougmorf@alphalink.com.au](mailto:dougmorf@alphalink.com.au)

Download the Darebin BUG rides flyer, with details of rides (Word doc)

website: [www.darebinbug.org.au](http://www.darebinbug.org.au)

## Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

Phone: 9890 2467

Email: [info@surreyhillsnc.org.au](mailto:info@surreyhillsnc.org.au)

Website: [www.surreyhillsnc.org.au](http://www.surreyhillsnc.org.au)

## Boroondara BUG Contacts

Membership Secretary & Treasurer:

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Media Contact: Peter Campbell

Phone: 0409 417 504

Email: <http://greenlivingpedia.org>

## Hawthorn Cycle Tours

contact Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre

phone: 9815 0988

email: [lexbishop@bikerider.com](mailto:lexbishop@bikerider.com)

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

## Knox Bicycle Touring Club Incorporated

email: [Mikeaatleisure@aol.com](mailto:Mikeaatleisure@aol.com)

website: [home.vicnet.net.au/~knoxbike](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~knoxbike)

## Manningham BUG

email: [seball@netlink.com.au](mailto:seball@netlink.com.au), [H.Edwards@bom.gov.au](mailto:H.Edwards@bom.gov.au)

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

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)

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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:

Malcolm Faul

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Email: [malfaul@alphalink.com.au](mailto:malfaul@alphalink.com.au)

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