

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 10th August 2016

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Gordon Macmillan, Ric de France, Mal Faul (Chair), Clive Lewis, Gary Oliver

Apologies: Peter Carter, David Leong, John Parker, Glennys Jones, David Hall, Ken Parker

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry emails from Manningham and Banyule BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers

Out

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** David Farrow has circulated a number of emails with details of projects some of which relate to this trail. He is hoping for feedback from other BUG members. See also Other Business.
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Julia Blunden said she would ask Graeme Martin to press for a Community Coalition meeting with the contractor fairly soon.
3. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** Peter Campbell has sent an email with the latest version of the NEBC presentation. David Farrow suggested several changes to this. Peter has offered to convene a working party if changes need to be made.
4. **Stonnington Matters:** Nil to report
5. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report.
6. **Missing Link in Anniversary Shared Trail at Camberwell High:** Nil to report.
7. **Review of Victorian Cycling Related Road Rules:** Nil to report.
8. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** No-one knew of any new developments. David Farrow said that he believes that there are important issues for cyclists crossing the bridge them heading west.
9. **Level crossing removals:** It is as yet undecided what will happen at the Grange Rd crossing. David Farrow said that there are important issues for cyclists, both those heading north-south and those heading east-west.
10. **Minimum Distance Passing Law:** Nil to report.
11. **Council Elections:** Julia B had circulated an email earlier in the day regarding a meeting for anyone who'd like to help the three Greens candidates for Boroondara Council. Some BUG

members will be attending, but in a personal capacity not on behalf of the BUG. It was agreed that if Peter Campbell intends standing for Maling ward he needs to nominate asap.

- 12. Tacks on Boulevard:** This problem persists. Glennys Jones is actively pushing for changes to the Crimes Act to introduce a new offence under which those who create hazards for motorists, cyclists or pedestrians, including the placing of obstacles or the throwing of missiles, can be prosecuted.
- 13. Web Site and Twitter Account:** Ric de France said that he is re-skinning the BUG web site, modelling it on the Council web site. Ric has created a Twitter Account for the BUG. This can be viewed at <https://twitter.com/BBugVic> . Ric used the data projection facility in the function room to provide a presentation on Twitter and its uses. Any members who wish to Tweet on our account can obtain login details from Julia Blunden.
- 14. Lennox St East:** Julia Blunden reported that now that the retirement facility is almost complete this has been reinstated more or less as was, with the shared path leading into the footpath and not into the road which would be better for cyclists. Julia has sent photos to Clare Davey and this will be an agenda item at the next Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting.
- 15. Box Hill to Ringwood Trail:** No Whitehorse members were present to report on this.
- 16. Capital City Trail at Rushall:** News had already been circulated that Yarra Council have decided to proceed with construction of the path around Rushall Reserve. At present it is proposed to construct a 2m bitumen path, however it was reported in the most recent Bicycle Network *In the Loop* that BN will be pressing for a wider path.
- 17. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mal Faul reported that there has been little change in the BUG's financial position. The term deposit has been renewed.

New Business

- 1. Bicycle Advisory Meeting, Friday 9th September:** Julia Blunden said that she and John Parker usually represent the BUG at these meetings but that other members are welcome to submit agenda items, to offer themselves as BUG representatives, or to come as observers.
- 2. Victorian BUGs Meeting, Tuesday 13th September:** Julia B said that all members are welcome to attend this meeting. Hopefully there will be a guest speaker from the new government body, Active Transport Victoria, most likely Tony Barton.

Other Business

- 1. Projects List for Boroondara:** David Farrow has prepared a list of actions that Council and others could undertake to assist the Hawthorn Community and bicycle riders. This has been circulated to members and David would like some feedback. There was some discussion of this list. Mal Faul pointed out that if David wishes to present this on behalf of the BUG he needs to get three other members to agree. David will be meeting with the Swinburne Corporate Director to discuss some of these matters.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14th September, subject to availability of the function room.

Notes by Julia Blunden