

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 10th September 2014

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Alister Huth, Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones (Chair), Peter Carter, David Hall, John Parker, John Piesse, Jenny Henty, Graham Ellis

Apologies: Mal Faul, Ken Parker, David Leong

Guest: Richard Bowen, Victorian Leader, Australian Cyclists Party

Correspondence:

In

- Sundry commercial offers
- Response from Council to submission re California Inn site
- Manningham BUG minutes and newsletter
- Email from Richard Bowen, Australian Cyclist Party requesting meeting
- Email from Noel Jacobs re fencing of Hawthorn Velodrome
- Email from Craig Richards re request for help with NEBC petition

Out

- Email to Craig Richards requesting help with NEBC petition
- Submission to Council re California Inn site

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** David H reported that a series of meetings is being held on the Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail and it would be helpful if BBUG members could attend one.
2. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** Nil to report
3. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Julia B reported that a Community Coalition meeting was scheduled for Thursday 11/9.
4. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Nil to report.
5. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** Peter Carter and Peter Campbell will be meeting with Luke Donellan, the Shadow Minister for Roads. They are also still pursuing a meeting with Minister Mulder or one of his staff. The petition now has close to 500 signatures. The meeting approved the spending of \$200 or so for an ad in the *Progress Leader* to promote the petition. Suggestions were made for a youtube video or BN forum to promote the project.
6. **Stonnington Matters:** It was noted that the *Progress Leader* ran a story about a Stonnington resident's dissatisfaction with the new bridge being constructed in the HA Smith Reserve. Julia B has written a letter in response to this supporting the bridge.
7. **Domestic Animals Management Plan:** Alan Tonkin has reported that a confined section of the Yarra Trail was a dogs off lead area. (It appears that this is not so.) Chris Trueman from Whitehorse Cyclists has asked that the need for uniform rules across Melbourne be an agenda item for our next VicBUGs meeting.

8. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** Alister H has created a schematic view of the proposed path and pedestrian crossing realignment which he offered to send to David F for use in his forthcoming meeting with Tim Smith. Glennys J proposed that the VicRoads land could be requested as a trade off by Boroondara Council. The small heritage brick building, most probably originally an electricity substation, would be ideal to house a new public toilet.
9. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report. The pedestrian crossing at Balwyn Rd is to be raised at the meeting with Tim Smith.
10. **Proposed ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail:** Nil to report
11. **Meeting with Tim Smith, endorsed candidate for Kew:** David F had organized this for Friday 12/9. Peter Carter agreed to be the other BBUG rep at this meeting. It was agreed that three projects should be raised: the North East Bicycle Corridor, Harp Junction and the proposed pedestrian crossing at Balwyn Rd.
12. **Speed hump in Ferndale Rd:** Nil to report
13. **California Inn site between Barkers Rd and Hawthorn Grove:** BBUG has been registered as an objector to the new planning application. Progress of the application can be tracked at <http://eservices.boroondara.vic.gov.au/EPlanning>
14. **Burke Rd grade separation:** Peter Carter has registered as a stake holder with Gavin Catto. The project is well advanced with design in the final stages. **Peter** agreed to send BBUG members a link to the latest newsletter. He reported that there is the potential for a bike corridor along the full length of the Glen Waverley rail line.
15. **Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy:** David F has put in a personal submission. Public consultation on the strategy should take place in the final quarter of this year and BBUG members need to involve themselves in these. **David** will keep members informed about this.
16. **New Edition of TravelSmart Map:** Julia B, John Parker and Glennys J met with Chris Hui and raised various issues. Several other members sent suggestions for needed changes. Jim Hondrakis has accepted our suggestion that no arterial roads be shown as informal bike routes. Those with bike lanes are shown as such.
17. **Forthcoming meetings of northern and eastern groupings of councils to discuss strategic planning of bike paths – BUG input?** John Parker reported that he had attended the meeting of six western councils to discuss their regional bike path plan and that, contrary to his expectation, it had nothing to do with Plan Melbourne. It came out of a local initiative with input from Parks Victoria. The need for coordination of the bike network in other regions is an agenda item for both the next BBAC meeting and the next VicBUGs meeting.
18. **Treasurer's Report:** Mal Faul was not present but had reported no change in BBUG finances.

New Business

1. **Richard Bowen, Victorian Leader, Australian Cyclists Party** spoke briefly about his party and its plans. The party is still to reach the membership of 500 required to be officially registered. Membership is free and the party hopes to obtain funding from corporate donations, though these will be limited to \$1,000. Their aim is to field two candidates in all the upper house regions in the forthcoming state election. They are yet to decide on preferences. Their web site is at <https://australian-cyclists-party.org/> Those present offered Richard copious amounts of advice on cycling issues. Richard's contact details are: 0402 853 499 and richard@icycleivote.com

2. **Vic BUGS meeting Tuesday 16/9 – attendance:** Several of those present indicated their intention to attend.
3. **BAC meeting Friday 12th September** – It was agreed that Julia B and John Parker would be the BBUG reps and Glennys J would be an observer

Other Business

None

Next meeting: Wednesday 8th October

Notes by Julia Blunden