

BOROONDARA

Bicycle Users Group

Newsletter November 2012

Boroondara BUG meetings are normally held on the 2nd Thursday of each month except January. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8th November**. It will be held in the function room at the Elgin Inn, corner Burwood Rd and Elgin St, Hawthorn (Melway 45 B10). 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 Network 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

We also have a Yahoo Group: Send a blank email to: 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.

Stop Press

Time to Renew the Push for the Darebin – Yarra Link

The following is an excerpt from today's issue of Bicycle Network Victoria's electronic newsletter *In the Loop*

Hit for six! Mayor's demand Darebin Bridge action

29 October 2012. Six municipalities representing three quarters of a million people have called on the Baillieu government to get moving on the construction the Darebin Bridge, Melbourne's top priority bike infrastructure project.

In an unprecedented initiative the mayors of Banyule, Boroondara, Darebin, Nillimbik, Whittlesea and Yarra have combined forces and penned a letter asking for immediate action on the long-awaited project.

The mayors, frustrated by the lack of enterprise from the government, argue that although the total project is large and complex, progress could be made now by funding the short connection of the Darebin Creek Trail in Ivanhoe to the Main Yarra Trail in Kew.

The move by the councils comes as bike-related projects across Victoria stall following the surprise decision in the State budget to reduce funding of the Bicycle Program.

The mayors say:

"This connection has been in the planning stage for 15 years and all of the preliminary requirements, including planning permits and detailed design, have been completed for this vital link, the State Government however has yet to commit to providing the necessary funding to enable the construction to occur.

"We therefore write to urge you to make the necessary funds available to enable this final stage in Darebin Creek Trail to be completed."

To read the full letter to the Minister for Sustainability and Environment [click here](#).

Timely funding and development of this trail is more important than ever, as the final link into Sparks Reserve is currently underway and the planning permits for the remaining works have already had to be renewed due to inaction from the State. It is now time to fund this project to completion.

You can also show the Minister that you support the development of this link by writing a personal letter of support - for a link to the appropriate email address [click here](#).

Trail Notes

Gardiners Creek Trail Detour – West of Toorak Rd

This detour will be put in place where the Masters (Woolworths) Hardware store is currently being constructed on the old Gasworks site.

Workmen have been sighted measuring up for the ramp which will form part of the Gardiners Creek Trail detour over the flood retaining wall onto their ring road whilst the GCT is reconstructed. They **hope to have the detour in place the week starting 12th November**. They are still working on the ring road at present and progress will be weather dependant. At present there is no information about how long the detour will be in place, but hopefully it won't be too long. The ramp to get over the flood wall (south-east corner) onto the Masters ring road will be ply board construction with anti-slip treatment.

The new path will be constructed to the standards of the section between Toorak Rd underpass and the Velodrome. The construction firm is working closely with Boroondara Council's Jim Hondrakis. Hopefully all the "Christmas bikes" and summer family rides will be able to take advantage of this new stretch of trail.

Thanks to Glennys Jones for this update

Events and Activities

Human Powered Vehicle Races come to Geelong.

On Sunday October 28 and Sunday November 11 the Belmont Gardens Criterium Track and OzHpv are hosting human powered vehicle races. We see "racing" bikes in most cycle races and on the streets all the time but it may surprise you to know these are not always the fastest bikes around. When design is not restricted, cycling speed records over most distances are held by aerodynamic recumbent cycles. The range of these distances is 200m to 15,000km/round Australia – so the recumbents have to have something going for them!

Recumbent bikes and trikes don't only appeal because of speed. They have large seats and can be comfortable over long distances, and recumbent trikes allow people who can't balance on a normal bike to have healthy outdoors exercise. OzHPV is very accepting of all human powered vehicles and we've had unicycles, roller blades, mountain bikes, racing bikes, kid's bikes, kid's trikes, fully faired trikes, pedal prix vehicles, recumbent low-racers and even runners participate in our events. The events themselves are family friendly and not all are focussed on speed. You could win our Steeplechase or Traffic Cone Race on your mountain bike.

There is lots of involvement in recumbents with several Victorian manufacturers (Greenspeed, MR Components, Trisled) and Cruzbike operating out of Geelong. As well there is a thriving 24 hour pedal prix racing scene with Phantom HPV based in Geelong.

For Entry Form, see

http://www.ozhpv.org.au/events/Geelong2012/Geelong_Race_Days.pdf

For more information including photos, contact details and profiles of some of the Torquay and Geelong participants see

<http://www.ozhpv.org.au/events/Geelong2012/Photos/>

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Mudgee 2013 Bike Muster

Hi All,

The magpies have decided to give up dive bombing (at least where we ride...) and that means it's time to start planning for the 2013 Mudgee Bike Muster! Yes, that's right, we have given the website a spring makeover and [registration is NOW OPEN](#) for 2013.

The Mudgee Bike Muster is always held at Easter and next year it will be over the weekend of March 29 to April 1. As in previous years we'll have the great family friendly program of cruisey rides, great food and great experiences so get your crew together and start planning your trip now.

Head to the website and check out the menu planned for 2013 and what's going on over the weekend including details of what's included and how to register: www.bikemuster.com.au

Register and WIN!

Register before the end of August and go in the draw to win a brand new shiny Giant bike worth \$1,399. Now wouldn't that be a great way to roll into the New Year! Just complete your registration before January 31 to go into the draw!

[Get more info including how to register online here...](#)

Answers to most questions can also be found on the Bike Muster website: www.bikemuster.com.au

If you have any questions or need more information, shoot me an email at info@bikemuster.com.au and I'll get back to you ASAP.

Keep riding and we hope to see later in the year in the beautiful lanes and byways of the Mudgee Region.

Peter Scott, Bike Muster; info@bikemuster.com.au ;www.bikemuster.com.au

Did you know?

We were awarded at the Cycling Promotion Fund Bicycling Achievement Awards with the Special Event or Initiative to Promote Cycling Award. Follow us on Facebook if you are so inclined, go to: www.facebook.com/bikemuster

News from Other BUGs

News on Cycling and Walking Matters in Moonee Valley and Surrounds

Buckley Street Study

Moonee Valley City Council is reviewing Buckley Street and its suitability for Walking and Cycling. If you walk or ride on Buckley Street or take an alternative route as you find Buckley Street unsuitable, please contact Council's Sustainable Transport Officer at KKemp@mvcc.vic.gov.au or by calling 9243 8888.

Travancore Park Feasibility and Options Study - Second Public Meeting

Thursday, 1 November 6pm-8pm Clocktower Centre 750 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

If you can't make the meeting, Council will place the draft design concept on www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/travancorepark following the public meeting.

If you would like to make a comment on the draft design concept you can email shecker@mvcc.vic.gov.au or call 9243 8888. Please provide feedback by 16 November 2012.

Comments on Draft Structure Plan for Essendon Junction invited until 2 November.

Visit <http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/Planning-And-Building/Long-Term-Planning-In-Moonee-Valley/Activity-Centre-Planning/Shaping-the-future-growth-of-Essendon-Junction.aspx> for more details

Forthcoming Community Consultation about Creating a pedestrian Plaza on Leake Street

Visit <http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/have-your-say/leake-street-upgrade.aspx> for more information.

Thanks to Frank Kinnersley for this news

Boroondara News

Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting, Thursday 10th October 2012

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

Attendance and Apologies

Present: Peter Campbell (Chair), John Parker, Alister Huth, Julia Blunden, David Farrow, Glennys Jones, Graham Ellis, Gordon Macmillan, Graeme Stone; Hank van Apeldoorn, Jenny Henty, Mick Nolan (Lighter Footprints)

Apologies: Ken Morrison, Malcolm Faul, David Leong, Alan Tonkin

Correspondence:

In

- Letter from Wadi Mati re upgrade of GCT between October and December with map showing detour just to the north of the path.
- Letter from Council re display of electoral material in our Council owned venue!
- Letter from Council in response to our submission on riding in parks

Out

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Mick N reported that as he and Peter C are both standing for Council they will have to put the project on hold until after the elections are completed. However plans are in place for a mini-bus tour of the proposed route with councillors and officers at 9am on Wednesday 28th November. A couple of BBUG/LF representatives are needed for this. A letter of invitation has been drafted and the final, approved version will be sent out after the elections. **Julia B** agreed to liaise with Adam Hall on this. Mick N asked a question about the trail at Kooyong MHR Josh Frydenberg's community forum and got a positive response from Josh. Peter C reported that he had spoken about the project at the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre and received a good reception. An article should appear soon in the *Boroondara Review*. Hank V has continued to work on an A4 brochure and invited feedback. Initially this will be sent to councillors but a version is also needed for public distribution.
2. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** As none of the Stonnington East Ward councillors is standing for re-election we can always hope.
3. **Gasworks Site Redevelopment:** Lots of work is happening on the site but still no sign of the GCT detour.
4. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Jim Hondrakis is working on this and will take it back to VicRoads. Kew MLA Andrew McIntosh has indicated his support.
5. **Darebin – Yarra Link:** Julia B reported that she is very concerned that no move has been made to extend the planning permits, most particularly Boroondara's. There has been the suggestion that extension is unnecessary as work has been happening in Banyule but this is not what has been said previously. Staff at the DSE undertook to initiate the process for extending the permits but this does not appear to have happened. November is the deadline. Suggestions for action include: a letter to Kew MLA Andrew McIntosh, contacting Maurie Abbott at Banyule BUG, a letter to Northcote MLA Fiona Richardson, asking Northern Metropolitan MLC Greg Barber to ask a question in Parliament. **Jenny H** agreed to contact Greg Barber.
6. **Dights Falls Commuter Trail:** One of the key issues at present is how to engage BNV. It was agreed that **David F and Alister H** would seek a meeting with Jason den Hollander. David has produced a draft brochure based on BNV's *Let's Build the Bridge*. Various suggestions were made for changes to this including the addition of the BBUG logo and additions to the maps. It was agreed that David should receive initial BUG funding of \$50 for printing expenses.
7. **Stonnington Matters:** John P reported that Stonnington's senior transport planner has left. Council elections could be important to cyclists' interests. Stonnington electors vote in person and Jenny H offered to provide details of Greens candidates should members wish to help with handing out How to Vote cards.
8. **Proposed Changes to Local Laws re Riding through Parks:** Julia B reported that this issue was on the BAC agenda. Assurances were given by Mark Dornau from Parks and Gardens that both BBUG and the BAC would have an opportunity to be involved in the consultation process. A letter to this effect was also received from David Powell, Director, Environment and Infrastructure, in response to our written submission.
9. **Anniversary Trail Pedestrian Refuge at Prospect Hill Rd:** Alan T was not present, but this issue was dealt with at the BAC meeting and measures will be taken to improve the situation for cyclists using Prospect Hill Rd. It was

acknowledged that BUG members had been consulted about this but were unaware of these issues, thinking purely in terms of the benefits to AT users. Graham E alerted the meeting to some improvements to the right of way through Camberwell High further to the east. There was speculation that the school is trying to reduce the pressure for running the AT along their western boundary. It was agreed that **Julia B** should query Jim Hondrakis about this, attaching Graham's photos.

10. **Incorporation:** Alan T was not present. It was agreed that we will call a general meeting to vote on this in March 2013, when the changes to the Act are in place and understood. **Mal F** has offered to book the Uniting Church Hall in Grove Rd for this meeting so that there is no danger of a last minute venue change. Note that dinner will not be available.
11. **Domestic Animals Management Plan Review:** Alan T has been working on a BUG submission with input from John P, Glennys J and Julia B. It was agreed that we should adopt a hard line about the need to keep dogs on leads on and near shared paths, and that the submission should emphasise the benefits to all path users, not just cyclists.
12. **BAC Meeting, Friday 21st September:** Minutes have not yet been circulated. It was agreed that the meeting was less satisfactory than usual due mainly to the absence of Jim Hondrakis.
13. **Use of Rumble Strips on Bike Paths:** This was raised at the BAC meeting and concerns that the strips in Boroondara could endanger cyclists were dismissed, given their minimal height.
14. **Boroondara Health, Lifestyle and Leisure Expo, Sunday 7th October:** David F and Julia B attended this at Council's request to represent BBUG. The Expo was not well attended and we did not feel that we had accomplished a great deal.
15. **Treasurer's Report:** Malcolm F reported via email that we have \$1050.82 in our bank account as well as \$3,000 in a term deposit which matures on 9/1. We have 37 financial members.

New Business

1. **Ride to Work Day, Wednesday 17/10:** Boroondara Council will once again host a breakfast at the Velodrome on the GCT with various attractions. **Glennys J, Peter C and Graham E** indicated their intention to be there. Julia B commented that Chris Hui has stopped sending information about such events to include in the BBUG newsletter and it was agreed that a reminder would be worthwhile.
2. **BNV Board Elections:** Julia B reported that online voting is now open for members and the deadline is 5pm, 26/10. She passed on some thoughts about the candidates.
3. **Super Sunday:** Julia B reported that the Super Sunday bike count will take place on Sunday 11/11. Participants in the count can earn \$120 for 4 hours counting for the organization of their choice, hopefully BBUG. Registrations open on Tuesday 16/10.
4. **Council Elections:** Those present were urged to share information about candidates with other cyclists and likeminded people. Peter C pointed out that should he be elected to Council he will need to withdraw from BBUG. There was discussion of some candidates claiming that they can't give any indication of their positions on issues for fear of being unable to vote on them in Council. It was agreed that candidates can and must give voters some indication of where they stand.
5. **Pilch Connect Seminar:** Julia B reported that *Pilch Connect*, a not for profit organization, is offering a seminar on *The Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The seminar is on Wednesday 21/11, with a repeat on Thursday 22/11, 9.30-12.30. Alan T is unable to attend but it was agreed that if another member wishes to do so BBUG will pay the \$50 fee.

Other Business.

1. **Paths to and through Gordon Barnard Reserve, Balwyn:** David F observed that cycle access to and through this reserve is very poor. There are plans for improvement in the Bike Strategy and action on these is needed.
2. **AT Crossing at Fordham Ave:** Graham E showed photos of work being done here which will endanger cyclists travelling along the road. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the December BAC but that in the meantime **Graham** should contact Jim Hondrakis.
3. **Next meeting:** This is currently scheduled for Thursday 8th November.

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

Justin Murphy - email: murphjj@au1.ibm.com

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

Banyule BUG

email: banyuleBug@yahoo.com.au

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

website: 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 or COTA,

phone: 9654 4443

website:

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

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

website: www.darebinbug.org.au

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

Phone: 9890 2467

Email: info@surreyhillsnc.org.au

Website: www.surreyhillsnc.org.au

Boroondara BUG Contacts

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Email: malfaul@alphalink.com.au

Address: 38 Grove Rd, Hawthorn, 3122

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

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

Knox Bicycle Touring Club Incorporated

email: Mikeaatleisure@aol.com

website: home.vicnet.net.au/~knoxbike

Manningham BUG

email: seball@netlink.com.au, H.Edwards@bom.gov.au

website: 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/

Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club

email 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

Whitehorse Cyclists

email: 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 or mobile 0425-792 574

or Secretary Voula on secretary@yhacycling.org.au

website: www.yhacycling.org.au has free registration

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Boroondara Bicycle Users Group

Membership Application Form

Name _____

Address & Postcode _____

Phone (H) _____

Phone (M) _____

Phone (W) _____

Email _____

Member of Bicycle Victoria? Please circle: Yes / No

Membership requires a payment of \$15 per household which covers 3 years. Please send cheque (made out to Boroondara Bicycle Users Group) along with this form to:

Malcolm Faul

Phone: 9853 1369

Email: malfaul@alphalink.com.au

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