

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 11th November 2015

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: David Farrow, Julia Blunden, John Parker, Peter Campbell (Chair), Gordon Macmillan, Alister Huth, Peter Carter

Apologies David Leong, Jenny Henty, Ben Carr, Mal Faul, Ken Parker, Glennys Jones

Correspondence:

In

- Emails re plans to update Victorian Cycling Strategy. Invitation for BUG members to register for a community consultation session – See www.economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/cycling-strategy.
- Email from Victoria Law Foundation re new publication suite: *Bikes, the law and you*. See <http://www.victorialawfoundation.org.au/publication/bikes-law-and-you>
- Sundry emails re Manningham and Banyule BUG rides and meetings
- Sundry commercial offers

Out

- Nil

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** David F reported that he has sent his submission to Jim Hondrakis. Peter Campbell reported that he has emailed all state MPs but has had little response as yet. Peter proposed that elevated sections will be needed to overcome difficulties in some sections.
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** John Parker reported on the walk through organised by Tracey Gosby. The work done so far is of a very good standard. In view of the apparent stalemate between VicRoads and Boroondara Council it was suggested that all BBUG members contact their own ward councillors to urge them to reach a resolution with VicRoads.
3. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Nothing to report. It was agreed that this item is to be dropped from the BBUG agenda though not from the Bicycle Advisory Committee agenda as Council officers continue to pursue it with VicRoads.
4. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** There was some discussion of how best to promote this project. One way is for BBUG members to attend the community forums planned as part of the revamp of the Victorian Cycling Strategy (see correspondence). These will provide an opportunity to push for both the Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail and the NEBC. It was noted that the redevelopment of the Amcor site will provide 1000s of potential users for this facility.
5. **Stonnington Matters:** John P reported that Stonnington are finally implementing the Bike Strategy. A chair has been removed from the southwest corner of the Chapel St bridge allowing better access to the Yarra Trail from Chapel St.
6. **Domestic Animals Management Plan:** Nothing to report.

7. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** Nothing to report.
8. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** The old leisure centre will now not be demolished until the end of 2017 as it will be used to house the Balwyn Library and an early learning centre while these are being renovated. It is unclear whether this necessitates a deferral of a path through the Gordon Barnard Reserve to Balwyn Road.
9. **Proposed Ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail:** Nothing to report
10. **Council's Bluestone Policy:** Nothing to report.
11. **Grade Separation: Opportunities:** It was agreed that the needs of cyclists and pedestrians are not getting due consideration in grade separations, such as the one currently in progress at Burke Rd. The suggestion was made that we seek an opportunity for a meeting of representatives of various BUGs with the VicRoads team undertaking these projects based at Mitcham. However it was agreed that **Julia B** first check with BN's Chris Carpenter to find out what input BN are having, if any.
12. **Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy:** Nothing to report.
13. **Missing Link in Anniversary Shared Trail at Camberwell High:** John P reported that he attended one of the consultation meetings at Riversdale Park and that there is a lot of opposition to the removal of the car park from the park. His hope is that the parking issue will distract attention from the path itself.
14. **Review of Victorian Cycling Related Road Rules:** David F has sent a personal submission to Aidan McGann.
15. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** There was discussion of the need to do work on the Heidelberg intersection and Grange Rd in conjunction with the bridge project. **Alister H** agreed to contact Darebin BUG's Robin Gallagher to find out what they are doing about issues north of the bridge. There were differing views on whether the bridge project should be used as an opportunity to push the NEBC. It was finally agreed that stage 1, the loop round the guide dogs and through the underpass, is in scope, and that this should be communicated to the VicRoads team. **John P** agreed to write to the relevant person. **Peter Carter** agreed to provide contact details.
16. **Tacks on Boulevard:** John P reported that a protest ride was held last Sunday. The Boulevard was swept for tacks prior to the ride but more were deposited in the small window prior to the ride resulting in 40 flat tyres. John reported that the police are doing a very thorough investigation.
17. **Bike Ed Challenge/Bike It:** Julia B reported that she had attended this event with her granddaughter. BBUG members Glennys J and David Hall were volunteers at the event demonstrating basic safety checking of bikes and the correct way to lubricate the chain. The event drew teams from 15 schools across Whitehorse and Boroondara and appeared to be very successful in promoting cycling skills and road safety as well as basic bike care.
18. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mal Faul was not present but sent an email report that there had been no changes to our bank balances.

New Business

1. **Council Elections:** Council elections occur next year, on Saturday, 22 October 2016. It was agreed that the BUG should work towards getting more bike friendly people onto the council, particularly in view of the fact that it appears that Cr Heinz Kreutz may not be standing for re-election.
2. **Update of Victorian Cycling Strategy:** It was agreed that as well as attending community consultation sessions it is important for BBUG members to submit written comments. There is a link to an online survey on the web site (see correspondence).

Other Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday 9th December, subject to availability of function room

Notes by Julia Blunden