

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 12th February 2020

29 Elgin St Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance: Peter Campbell (Chair), David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Peter Carter, Gordon Macmillan, Graham Ellis, Philip Mallis

Apologies: David Leong, Ken Parker, John Parker, Glennys Jones, Mal Faul

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Need to be resent.

Correspondence

In

- Sundry emails from Manningham, Banyule BUGs and Glen Eira BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers
- Response from Minister Jacinta Allen acknowledging ours re access to Chandler Hwy Bridge underpass from the east
- Email from MP Kat Theophanous re grants for sporting clubs for various purposes
- Email from Oliver Mihaila, Strategic Transport Engineer, re new bike strategy
- Email from Pearl asking for help for her daughter with riding from Harp Rd to Swinburne
- Email from Yahoo Groups re new member application!
- Email from Major Roads Projects re temporary lane closure on Chandler Hwy
- Email from Gael Reid about BUG-Council catch up Tuesday 18/2

Out

Matters arising

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Peter Carter reported that the four councils are now taking this to the Supreme Court in view of having their concerns about negative environmental effects largely ignored. Bidders are lining up and the question for the BUG is how to get more/better bicycle infrastructure into this process. Peter Campbell argued that a public campaign is the only answer and that the local MPs are our most likely allies. A petition might be critical. The fact that marginal electorates are involved is in our favour. Peter Carter presented a document on the NEL to Whitehorse Council. It was agreed that **this needs to be linked to our Facebook page**. A presentation to Boroondara Council was suggested.
2. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Only an acknowledgement from the Minister so far of our email about the steep approach to the underpass from the east. It was agreed that this should be in the new bike strategy.
3. **Missing link in the Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Work has still not started. This needs to be raised at the Council catch up. And if work still hasn't started it needs to be in the bike strategy. Peter Campbell undertook to put something on the Facebook page. There was also the suggestion of speaking at a Council meeting, which requires pre-approval. **Peter Campbell and Peter Carter agreed to work on this.**
4. **Walmer St Bridge:** Glennys Jones sent an email with photos relating to current access issues during construction. This needs to be in the bike strategy.
5. **Jacka Trail:** Nil to report.

6. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell met with MP Paul Hamer who said he'd get back to Peter but hasn't yet done so. There have been no new developments with the LXR's. Peter Campbell is considering the need for a public campaign. A petition has gone to Parliament but there are plans for a new online petition. Peter will consult with both Paul Hamer and the Greens. **Peter is still working on a flyer. Peter agreed to email a document to Julia Blunden to attach to the BUG submission on the new bike strategy.**
7. **Review of BBUG Structure:** Mark Haywood was not present. Nil to report. It was agreed that this agenda item should be removed from the agenda for the time being.
8. **Stonnington matters:** Nil to report.
9. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Philip Mallis reported that Metro Trains May have raised objections to the proposed new bridge.
10. **Toorak Rd LXR:** Glennys Jones attended a meeting of the Community Liaison Group on the day of the BUG meeting and sent a detailed report to active BUG members.
11. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** It has been noted in a recent edition of In the Loop that it is VicRoads policy that shared paths generally have priority over local roads. David Farrow said that the recommended treatment is raised platforms with give way or stop signs on the roads. See . This is an item for the new bike strategy.
12. **Boroondara Bluestone Renewal Policy:** Another agenda item for the Council catch up and the bike strategy. Philip Mallis suggested that the best treatment of multiple lines of bluestone laid at intersections is to lay a strip of asphalt across them for use by cyclists.
13. **BUG-Council catch-up:** This has now been scheduled for 9.30 Tuesday 18th February. Agenda items were sent for the cancelled December meeting but Julia Blunden agreed to resend these along with the names of those attending. Peter Campbell, David Farrow and Julia Blunden all agreed to attend. Glennys Jones had already accepted the invitation.
14. **Communication with BBUG members:** **Philip Mallis agreed to send information about a mailing program to John Parker and Ric de France.**
15. **Web Site and Twitter account:** Philip Mallis said there was not much happening on our Twitter account and that he had done some updating of the web site.
16. **Facebook Page:** There was some discussion of the present arrangements. Currently Glennys Jones and Peter Campbell are moderators. It was agreed that it would be useful to have two additional moderators. Philip Mallis agreed to be a moderator, and it was agreed that John Parker should be reinstated as a moderator. It was also agreed that if a moderator wishes to delete something that another moderator has posted they need the agreement of a second moderator to do this.
17. **Outer Circle Spur:** Philip Mallis said that this item can be deleted from the agenda.
18. **Council Elections October 2020:** Peter Campbell reported that he had attended a Greens meeting. We need to produce guidelines for Greens members wishing to send submissions on the bike strategy. We also need a flyer on the Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail to give Greens members and others.
19. **Kew Recreation Centre Renovation:** Philip Mallis sent through the feedback he received at our last meeting.

20. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul was not present and had sent no report. The issue of membership renewals is still to be resolved.
21. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy Workshop, Tuesday 3/12/19:** Peter Campbell added his comments about the workshop. He mentioned that Gary Brennan from Bicycle Network attended along with council staff from Banyule, Manningham and Yarra. Peter said that the workshop was very much the first step towards a new strategy and that the timeline was vague.
22. **Boroondara Sustainable Living Festival:** Julia Blunden agreed to follow up with Gael Reid regarding the proposed ride.

New Business

1. **BBUG Submission on the New Bicycle Strategy:** This is due by 1st March. Julia Blunden had sent out her first draft just prior to the meeting. She had received feedback from John Parker and David Balding and will amend the submission accordingly. Philip Mallis agreed to send further suggested amendments and some links for inclusion in the submission. Points to be added include:
 The need for a shared footbridge across the Yarra between Victoria and Hawthorn bridges, probably linking to Crown St
 Deletion of the PBN
 Deletion of kerbside lanes
 Add mention of LXR's in section on HTBHT
 Add a section on non-standard bikes, tandems, recumbents etc – the need for parking that will accommodate them, adequate turning circles etc
 More emphasis on separation of cyclists and pedestrians on GCT
 More provision of shared footways at approaches to schools making it safer for students to ride to school

 Julia Blunden agreed to resend the email to members asking them to either respond to the online survey or to send a submission
2. **Glass Creek Connection to Maud St:** Philip Mallis pointed out the need for a small section of path through the small grass reserve that connects Burke Rd to the Glass Creek Trail just south of Kew High School.

Other Business

1. **Banyule's New Bike Strategy:** Philip Mallis reported that Banyule have started work on a new bike strategy and that submissions are now open. (**Philip can you please provide a link to this?**)
2. **Inkerman Rd:** Philip Mallis reported that Glen Eira Council have made plans for the Inkerman Rd bike lanes available for comment. See <https://www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/43208/documents/129222>
3. **Darebin Creek Trail Signage:** Philip Mallis reported that there is now consistent signage from Mernda and along the Darebin Creek Trail to the Yarra and that feedback on this signage is welcome.
4. **Shared E-Bike Scheme:** David Farrow reported that Uber will be shortly be providing 400 e-bikes for hire in Melbourne, Yarra and Port Phillip municipalities. They will be dockless but there will be rules about where to park them. They will be recharged every night and helmets and GPSs will be provided with them. David expressed the view that Boroondara should join the scheme. There was general agreement amongst the other members present that we should not pursue this until the scheme has proved itself in the other areas.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11th March? Subject to availability of function room

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden