

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 12th September 2018
Function Room, Elgin Inn, Cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn

Minutes

Present: Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Ric de France (Chair), John Parker

Apologies: David Leong, Mark Haywood, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones, Peter Campbell, Ken Parker

Minutes of Previous Meeting: accepted

Time: 7.15 pm start. 8.15pm finish

Correspondence:

In - noted

- Sundry emails from Manningham, Banyule BUGs and Glen Eira BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers
- Email from Philip Mallis re Heart Foundation Grant
- Email from Nellie Montague re Draft Boroondara Disability Action Plan 2018-22
- Email from Nellie Montague re Back on the Bike session 9/9

Out - nil

Matters arising

1. North Eastern Bicycle Corridor and North East Link

BBUG has been successful in having the NEBC added to the North East Link reference design. All BBUG members involved in promoting the NEBC are to be congratulated. This is a great outcome for bike riders in Melbourne. We all look forward to seeing the Gardiners Creek Trail of the north in place.

More community consultation is to take place in late 2018.

2. Chandler Hwy bridge

Glennys Jones after her ongoing efforts in this regard; has been informed that a traffic light pole, that currently blocks the Anniversary Trail near Chandler Highway is to be moved elsewhere. A good outcome resulting from Glennys's work.

3. Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High

Still no action – JP to raise at quarterly BBUG / Council catchup.

4. Walmer St – John Parker, Glennys Jones

The Walmer St Rally was very successful with \$200,000 committed by the Richard Wynne MP, Labor State Government to produce a business case. Over three thousand signatures are yet to be presented to Legislative Assembly. Subsequently to the rally, a prelim meeting was held with VicRoads personnel at the bridge and the Walmer St group representatives, with general discussion about the bridge's future taking place.

A few years back \$50,000 was committed by Richard Wynne MP for a business case for the Gipps St bridge. This produced no outcome, so BBUG will be vigilant re: the Walmer St bridge.

5. Jacka Trail, North Balwyn – Balwyn Leisure Centre / Gordon Barnard Reserve Master plan

Still no action – JP to raise at quarterly BBUG / Council catchup.

6. Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail

Still no action – JP to raise at quarterly BBUG / Council catchup.

7. Review of BBUG structure – Mark Haywood

Nil to report.

8. Stonnington matters

Extensive rework has been done on the Yarra Trail – left bank of the river. Stonnington Council has been a lot more active in recent years (more so than Boroondara Council), now that the good advice they receive from their advisory committee is being acted on. After many years of neglect, Stonnington Council is now to be congratulated on the work they have done in recent times.

9. Victorian BUGs meeting Monday 7pm, 17th September, Dan O’Connell Hotel

Members notified.

10. Toorak Rd crossing on Anniversary Trail

Nil to report.

11. Sealing and improvement of the Yarra Trail between Burke Road and Manningham Road

It's expected nothing will happen here until work on the North East Link is completed.

12. Communication with BBUG members

RF to investigate if the BBUG's internet package, supports broadcasting emails to a list (of members).

13. Council/BUG catch up Friday 21/9 – attendance, agenda items

Shimmies to be promoted as they have been in the past.

14. Shared Path/Local Street Intersection Priorities – David Farrow

DF would like to see all crossings on the Anniversary Trail be accessed as to what traffic should receive priority ie either the trail traffic or the road traffic. Give way signs to be erected as needed, with raised platforms or yellow painted crossings to be added where possible. Peel St (near Willsmere Rd) was suggested as a case in point. An item to add to the next bike strategy.

RF questioned why many crossings don't automatically turn on the “green walking man” without having to push the “Beg button”. JP mentioned the trail that heads north to the MCG, between the soccer stadium and Gosch's paddock near Swan St. The crossing at the stadium entrance, on Swan St, is an example of where there is more bike traffic than car traffic – the “Green walking man” should always be activated.

15. Web Site and Twitter Account – Ric de France

RF has been doing excellent work on Twitter spending about 30 minutes a day on same.

16. Treasurer’s report – Mal Faul

Nil to report.

New Business

None

Other Business

None

Next meeting: Wednesday 12th October? subject to availability of function room