

# BOROONDARA

*Bicycle Users Group*

## Newsletter November 2010

Boroondara BUG meetings are normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month except January. Our next meeting is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. It will be held in the function room at the Elgin Inn, cnr 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 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](mailto:boroondarabug@gmail.com)

We also have a Yahoo Group: Send a blank email to: [BoroondaraBug-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:BoroondaraBug-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) to receive notification when the latest monthly newsletter and rides supplement have been placed on the web site and very occasional 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.

Our feature article this month is David Anderson's account of his participation in the Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Classic. Due to my very limited skills in manipulating graphics I have left this article in its original format. Ed

# Features

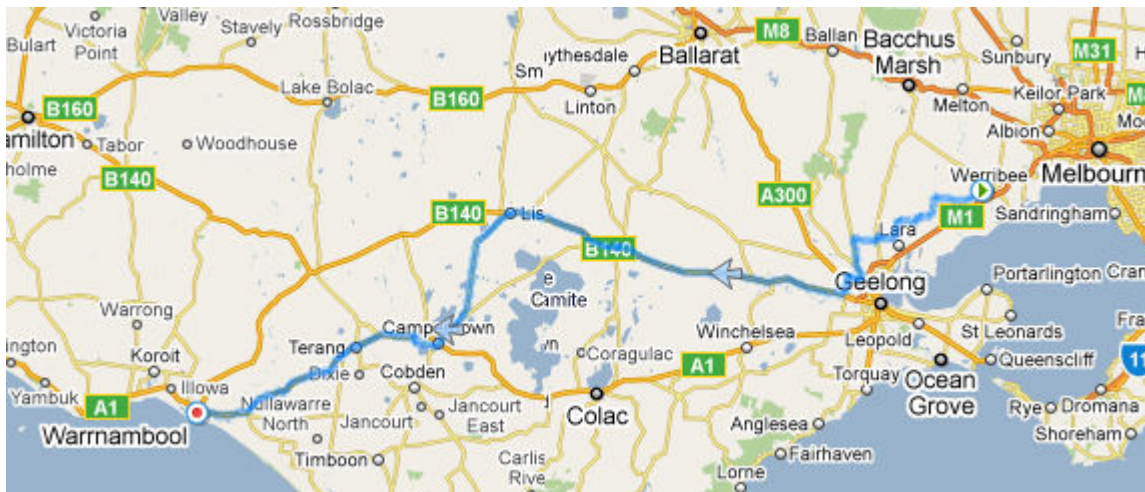
## Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Classic

Saturday October 16, 2010

Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Classic is considered to be Australia's most prestigious one-day race, and the world's 2nd oldest cycling race (behind Liege – Bastogne – Liege). It also boasted up until 2 years ago to be the longest one-day race at 299km.

Some details of the 2010 version of the race include:

- ❑ It was the 95<sup>th</sup> running of race since 1895
- ❑ Covering a distance of 262km starting from Werribee Race track & finishing along Raglan Parade Warrnambool
- ❑ 215 entrants
- ❑ 4 feed stations
- ❑ weather forecast of rain, hail & 35km S-SW westerly winds with temperature ranging from 4 to 12°C
- ❑ 1,500m of climbing (this is supposed to be a flat race)
- ❑ 50 punctures



2010 is my second go at this race. My first was in 2008 where it was the legendary 299km and the weather conditions couldn't be have been more diametrically opposed with the temperature that day heading for 35°C and little wind. In 2008 I was concerned about avoiding getting sunburnt & keeping the fluids up, whereas this year it was all about keeping warm and out of the wind.

It was raining all that morning, however miraculously about 10 minutes before the start of the race the rain had stopped and there were glimpses of blue skies. This optimistic sign persuaded me to travel as light as possible and I left the rain jacket, the boot covers, knee warmers & the long gloves in the car. It was chilly to start off, however I knew I was going to warm up in no time.

Some welcoming words from the Mayor of we were on our way. The logistics of the race incredible. The police operate a 15-minute closure and we have the full road to race on. seemed reasonable to begin with, however it desperate battle whenever we headed in a direction and had to contend with stiff cross

The crosswinds cause the peloton to string diagonal paceline formation called an



Wyndham and are quite rolling road The pace soon became a westerly winds.

out into a "echelon". The

length of the pace line is limited by the width of the road with guys on the tail hanging on in the "gutter". Gaps appear as the gutter riders fatigue and all of a sudden the peleton splits up.

The first split occurred at 15km and I thought it was race over, however I was with a small group of riders from the same team who were good enough to get organised & start swapping turns. I don't know what happened up the road, however after about 20 minutes of work, we managed to reunite with the main bunch.

This pattern repeated another 2 times & I was pretty happy that I was still with the main bunch at the Inverleigh feed station after 82km of racing.

One of the key learnings from 2008 was not to stuff around at the feed stations. Last time I had far too much food and took too much time to load up and get back into the race. The improvements this time around were:

- ❑ Carry all food from the start
- ❑ Only pick up fresh bidons and therefore make the musettes much much lighter
- ❑ Practice beforehand with my support crew being able to snatch, load up and throw the musette without stopping



The feed station was quite hectic & you need to have your wits about you to make sure you do not have an accident. I was able to spot my support person, Martin mainly due to the custom musettes my wife had made. The first feed station went perfectly.

My team mates Duke and Shawry were still close by, however the 4<sup>th</sup> member of our team, The Claw, got caught out in the cross winds and pulled out of the race after the Lismore feed station.

Duke was our number one rider and he had put in a huge preparation including a couple of 700km weeks. Just before the Lismore feed station, Duke had to call for the neutral spares van to swap his back wheel after getting tangled up with some fallen riders. Duke said, "well that's the end of my race", however 20 or so minutes later after an incredible solo effort he was back in the main bunch.



So after 160km and some 5 hours of racing, I was sitting in the main bunch which included Joel Pearson (the winner from 2009) and all the other big hitters & their teams. With 100km to go, I was expecting the race to really fire up. after hitting a rough section of road I flat. It was my turn to say "see ya later" mates as I called for the neutral spares took a minute to swap the wheel over, needed a Duke like effort to close 500m strong headwind to get back on. wasn't up to it.

I kept punching away into the head wind picked up by another bunch. I survived a front with 60k/h winds & the only riders I who had already made the call to pull out. phone to call Martin to let him know I was out of battery. Tried to put the phone pocket and I dropped it on the road. I great time. Still over 40ks to the next feed

#### Neutral Spares Vehicle:

Some races have neutral spares vehicles following the race. A rider can place spare wheels in the vehicle before the start of the race which can be called upon in case of a flat or other mechanical.

So while you are still in the race you can raise your arm, roll to the back of the bunch & swap a wheel rather than stop and fix the flat. It is a lucky dip about what wheel you get.

Given the high number of punctures on the day, the spare wheels were in demand & as it happened I scored Duke's dodgy wheel as my replacement. Lucky for me it worked.

Most of the Pro-Teams have dedicated spare vehicles with bike on top like you would see in the big pro tours.

Unfortunately scored a pinch to my team vehicle. It only however I now gap into a very Unfortunately I

hoping to get serious rain saw were those I grabbed my delayed. It was back in my was having a station.

Oh well, no other choice but to keep on going. The folks at Camperdown cheered me on as I plodded up the hills. They may have been clapping & encouraging me, but I could see in their eyes that they thought I was mad. I made it to the Terang feed station after 215k. Not many people at the feed station which meant that there weren't many riders left on the road. I was starting to worry about whether I would finish in the time limit.

I heard that Shawry was 2 minutes up there was a group about 1 minute to the Panmure feed station at 237km Shawry up ahead but no sign of the from behind. I upped the tempo ever so made it across to Shawry.

With lifted spirits and rolling turns we through the remaining km's. With 5km behind finally caught up with us with the of the official's car. We tacked on the reasons of course. However there must karma as Shawry's back wheel developed a slow leak & he wasn't going to make it without putting more air in. In the end we finished the 260k in a tad over 8.5 hours. Well within the time limit. My Garmin told me I had burnt 11, 905 calories, which is (apparently) equal to 40 potato cakes.

**What I ate & drank:**

- 2 Winner bars
- 2 Powerbars
- 1 Banana & Nutella sandwich
- Mixed bag of snakes & jelly beans
- 4 GUs
- 5 bidons of water
- 4 bidons of powerade & redbull mix
- 1 bidon of coke

the road and that behind. I made it and I can just see bunch coming slightly and finally

were getting to go, the bunch assistance of one back for safety have been bad



Duke powered on and finished 14 minutes down on the winner.

Commiserations to The Claw for the DNF.

Great stuff Shawry – we will talk about this one for a while. Of the 210 starters, only 94 of us can say we finished.

Thanks also to Martin & Rob from SystemicLogic who not only sponsor the 6amers but were my support crew for the day. I reckon my job was easy compared to what they had to endure.

**Link to additional information**

- Race History:  
<http://www.melbournetowarnambool.com/cyclingclassic/index.php?cat=2>
- 2010 Results:  
<http://tinyurl.com/272v9qo>
- Some nice Photos:  
<http://www.cyclingtipsblog.com/2010/10/2010-melbourne-to-warnambool/>

# Trail Notes

## Yarra Trail

### New Detour

Rebuilding of the weir and fishway at Dights Falls will cause minor disruption and a diversion on the Yarra Trail until the middle of next year. Significant construction activity means a change in the route of the Trail.

The Trail will remain open throughout however riders and pedestrians will experience some interruptions and short delays during the project's work hours when traffic controllers will be in place.

For more details and map see <http://www.bv.com.au/change-the-world/11087/>

The MYT between Bridge Road (O'Connell Reserve) and Victoria Street, Richmond re-opened on Friday 1 October. Please note: minor works, such as line-marking, signage and fencing, will continue along the path over the next two months. Please exercise patience and restraint by observing work zone signage and detours for your safety and the safety of construction workers.

Downstream of Bridge Road - The path is open at Melbourne Girls College but delays due to construction are expected until Christmas. Please exercise patience and restraint by observing work zone signage and detours for your safety and the safety of construction workers. This section of trail is on Melbourne Girls College land and outside the control of Yarra City Council. Further information may be obtained from the school.

Downstream of MacRoberston Bridge - the trail is closed in places due to freeway widening works by the CityLink authority. Diversions are in place through Richmond Streets and Barkly Gardens. Alternatively, pedestrians and cyclists can cross to the south bank at Toorak (Grange Road) or Anderson Street use the southbank path.

Future Main Yarra Trail closures within the City of Yarra will include:

Collingwood Children's Farm to Dight's Falls - partial closures for path works, October - December minimal disruption expected.

Delivered on time and within budget, the Main Yarra Trail works being completed by the City of Yarra have improved the amenity of the path for pedestrians and cyclists. Any disruptions are unfortunate and somewhat frustrating but the finished product has been worth the wait.

Mark Donnellan welcomes suggestions to make further improvements to the Main Yarra Trail. For further specific information about any shared trail works within the City of Yarra, please feel free to contact Mark directly on 9205 5724 or email [mark.donnellan@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:mark.donnellan@yarracity.vic.gov.au).

## New Bike Shop/Cafe

A new bicycle shop / coffee shop, the "Bike Gallery" is due to open in Camberwell, probably next week. It's located off Burke Rd in Auburn Pde opposite the Palace Hotel and Camberwell Station. Besides offering coffee, it will also service bikes and sell some of the leading brands, such as Specialised and Campagnolo.

## Events

### The Tao of City Cycling

Safe cycling through the social dynamics of the road or "in capiendis vires".

Organiser: Frank Fisher, Professor, Nat. C. Sustainability & Faculty of Design, Swinburne U.T., Inaugural Aust. Environ'l Educator of the Year; commuter cyclist.

Co-presenters: Dr. John Merory, M.Env.Sc.: Neurologist [formerly, President Victorian Bicycle Coalition]; commuter cyclist.

Kathryn Donnelly, B.Sci., Grad.Dip.Arts; Team Leader, National Centre for Sustainability, Swinburne U.T.; commuter cyclist.

Anthony James, M.Int.&Comm.Dev. & G.Dip.Sust.; Support Coordinator, CERES; commuter cyclist.

**Where:** Seminars held in room 203, Swinburne PU building, 144 High Street, Prahran.

**When:** Begins 10 November, 3 of 4 successive Wed evenings, 5:30-7:30 or earlier [to suit students].

## Content:

- Why bother with the social dynamic of the road? Fitting cyclists into the thinking of other road users! Environment, community, health, \$ & time dimensions of the “bike-rail connection”.
- Working the suburban train system. Buses – OK but, no bikes, yet ...
- Bikes in cars/esp. taxis - a workable connection, but how?\*
- Mechanical dimensions: bikes on streets, trains & in stations; the physics of two-wheelers!
- Bicycle travel techniques:
  - Safe cycling: understanding the mechanical and social dynamics of the road.
  - Mechanical: living with the instability of two wheels; lighting & the bike flag (provided with this course).
  - Social: cycling while seeing through the eyes of motorists – the strengths of limited vulnerability.
  - Weather behaviour: clothing ...
  - Dealing with the unexpected: car doors, road rage ...
  - The Bottom Line: insurance(s) and Bicycle Victoria membership.
  - Joyful cycling: from feeling fit to feeling the rain on your face & social benefits.
  - Everyday hazards: tram tracks, sand, leaves, the wind and the wet and, the sudden pedestrian.
  - Gender matters: issues of gender on the road and how to deal with them.
  - Youth matters: must the youthful accident spike persist? & ... other matters that matter.
- Equipment - what kind of: bike; carrier; safety & bike-security equipment?
- Dress & Grooming – transformation of expectations from contextless to appropriate dress & grooming.
- Parking - security; accessibility; the Southern Cross Rly. Stn. Bike lockers (a sad story – still to be resolved!).

Practical: Road/rail experience: 2 hours, fourth Wed [time to suit]. Bicycle and rail around city, including accessing The Loop exit via Flinders St. Station (requires own bike).

## Content:

1. Melbourne Inner City Area: trains basically for the long haul & for the upwind & uphill sections. The trains themselves, timetables, peak-periods, behaviour on trains with bikes ...
2. Experience with the Underground Loop: barriers, escalators, train exchanges, behaviour in this system.
3. Parking & access: general, @ stations, in the inner city, special arrangements ...

## Reading:

Bicycling Magazine, 2003, Bicycle. The Noblest Invention, Rodale, London.

Illich, Ivan, 1975, Tools for Conviviality, Fontana, Glasgow & 1976, Energy & Equity, Boyars, London.

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F.G. Fisher, 2006, Response Ability: Environment Health & Everyday Transcendence, Vista, Elsternwick.

and: Bicycle Victoria’s Ride On and the Bicycle Federation of Australia’s Australian Cyclist.

**Free to enrol: Contact Frank Fisher @ [ffisher@swin.edu.au](mailto:ffisher@swin.edu.au) or on 0428 862 693**

## Boroondara’s Free Bike Skills Training

The full day course covers safety checks, road rules, techniques for dealing with traffic, hazard recognition, and basic puncture repair.

**When:** 9.30am – 4pm Saturday 13 November

**Where:** Camberwell Council offices and car park, 8 Inglesby Rd, Camberwell

**Contact:** Sustainable Transport Officer, Anna Haygreen, phone: 9278 4542 or email [anna.haygreen@boroondara.vic.gov.au](mailto:anna.haygreen@boroondara.vic.gov.au)  
Bookings essential

## Cargo Bike Picnic

Join the Cargo Bike community at a fun, free, family picnic. Find out how you can reduce your daily carbon footprint and reduce your dependency on your car. Meet Melbourne’s cargo bike suppliers and owners and test ride some practical bicycles. (Please BYO picnic and helmet).

There will be a fenced picnic area, playground, face painting, a coffee machine cargo bike, trying all types of cargo bikes, and an obstacle course! We will also arrange shade or when it drizzles some rain protection.

**When:** 21st November. 11am-2pm,

**Where:** Garden City Reserve, Tucker Avenue, Port Melbourne 3207. Melway Ref 56/K2

**Contact:** Emmy Heikamp, (03) 95335162 / 0458 858 713

## **Stonnington's Free Bicycle Workshop**

The City of Stonnington's Active Living Program is offering a Free Bicycle Workshop. The workshop will be facilitated by Bicycle Victoria and aims to encourage local residents to pull their bikes out of their storage areas and place them back on the road and bike paths.

The workshop will also assist participants to improve their riding skills and increase their road confidence and will include a 45minute bike ride.

The intent of the workshop is also to provide an opportunity for participants and local residents to get to know their local bicycle shops.

The following topics will be covered at the Bicycle Workshop:

- How to maintain a bike and to be self sufficient i.e. what to do when you get a puncture.
- How to handle a bike in different weather conditions.
- Learning the art of defensive riding in the city – peak hour traffic, speed.
- Cornering and being aware of oncoming, behind and inside traffic.
- Understanding major roads as well as junctions controlled by traffic lights, roundabouts and tram lines.
- Understanding road user behaviour - mobile phones, loud exhausts, aggression.
- Selecting your route.
- Riding on different road surfaces.
- Understanding your limits, when to slow down or change direction.

**When:** Sunday 21 November 2010

**Where:** Basil Reserve, Basil St, East Malvern, on Sunday 21 November 2010 between 1.00 - 4.00pm.

If you are interested in taking part in the workshop, please contact Aun Pongsai, Council's Recreation Programs Officer, on phone 8290 1224 or email [apongsai@stonnington.vic.gov.au](mailto:apongsai@stonnington.vic.gov.au)

## **General News**

### **Darebin – Yarra Link**

Over a year has passed since VCAT gave the go-ahead for the Darebin – Yarra Link. Construction of the next section of path lying in Banyule has yet to begin. Banyule made a request to move the path alignment slightly to save some more trees. Parks Victoria initially opposed this but have now agreed to the change. This was resolved over a month ago and construction is due to start on 8/11. The contractor has been appointed. The section under the bridge has been delayed until February/March so that it can be done when the river flows are at their lowest. Under worksafe rules, if work were to start now flood walls would have to be built, which would add enormous costs.

# Boroondara News

## Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

### Attendance and Apologies

**Present:** John Parker, Glennys Jones, Julia Blunden, Graeme Stone (Chair), Ken Morrison, Malcolm Faul, Betty Weeks, Peter Campbell, Graham Ellis, Gordon Macmillan

**Apologies:** Alister Huth, David Leong,

### Correspondence:

#### In

- Letter from Council re Community OnBoard 2010-11 grants application workshop.

#### Out

- Letter from Graeme S on behalf of the BUG about how to make cycling attractive to patrons of Ashburton Leisure Centre

### Matters Arising:

1. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** nothing to report
2. **East Malvern Station Bridge:** Glennys J reported that there is still a problem with gravel washing onto the path, despite a letter from Minister Martin Pakula saying the necessary work has been done. Glennys has followed up and been reassured that a solution will be found.
3. **Anniversary Trail at High St and Toorak Rd:** Glennys J reported that there have been no new developments at High St. At Toorak Rd the new pedestrian lights are now in operation and there have been problems with motorists failing to realize the crossing is there until the last minute and stopping very suddenly. One measure that can be taken is the erection of a 'Changed traffic conditions ahead' sign in Summerhill Rd. If the problem persists it may be that a red arrow needs to show once the pedestrian lights have been activated.
4. **East – west link:** Peter C reported that the next step is for the BUG to ask Council to adopt this as a priority and request the State Government to undertake a study into the use of the rail easement between Hawthorn and Surrey Hills. It was agreed that **Peter** should proceed with this.
5. **Honeywell development:** nothing to report.
6. **Woolworths Gasworks site redevelopment:** nothing to report.
7. **Stocklands Tooronga Village development:** There are still problems with flooding and silt on one section of the path. Graeme S agreed to follow up on this.
8. **Anniversary Trail missing link at Camberwell High:** **Graham E** agreed to contact Jim Hondrakis to ask if any progress has been made.
9. **Leos:** Glennys J reported that she attended a ward meeting which was largely devoted to Leos. There is no sign indicating bikes may use the one-way lane in either direction, not any bike parking as yet.
10. **Ride to Work Day:** Graeme S reported that the number attending the community breakfast was similar to last year – 80-90 cyclists. Many came from outside Boroondara and were heading towards the city. It was agreed that **Graeme S** should send an email to Anna and Chris thanking them for their good work and suggesting a morning coffee meeting to debrief.
11. **Mayors on Bikes Event:** John P reported that councilors and mayors from several different municipalities attended, though Stonnington was not represented. Despite rain the ride went off without serious incident and the lunch that followed was well attended.
12. **BAC meeting Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September:** Since this meeting Glennys J has sent Jim H a list of pram ramps that need construction or improvement. Glennys noted that Council's bluestone policy is now on the web site at: [http://boroondara.vic.gov.au/your\\_council/local-laws-policies/infrastructure/bluestone-policy-kerbs-channel](http://boroondara.vic.gov.au/your_council/local-laws-policies/infrastructure/bluestone-policy-kerbs-channel) Malcolm F questioned the heritage status of bluestone strips across intersections as in Lennox St. It was agreed that we need to put together a list of big-ticket items we are pushing for. Even though the projects may already be on the web site a list would be a useful addition.



13. **Grace Park Bridge:** Julia B reported that the bridge is still closed and still represents a hazard to cyclists, though with longer daylight hours this is less of a problem than it was. **Julia** agreed to recheck the site and contact Jim H if it still appears to be a problem.
14. **Hays Paddock Plan:** Julia B reported that she was unable to attend the last meeting of the steering committee but this was mainly about planting rather than matters of direct concern to cyclists. No other BUG member offered to attend. The next meeting will be at HP on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November and Jim H will be present. This will be a key meeting for cycling issues. The steering committee has expressed serious reservations about plans for major enlargement of the main pavilion, and Julia has pushed for retention of an equivalent number of public toilets. **Julia B** reported that she intends writing a letter pointing out that a planned survey of toilet use needs to take account of occasional large groups arriving in the park.
15. **New development Glen Iris Rd, Ashburton:** The old bus depot was sold recently and PPA signs have gone up. Glennys J has alerted Jim H to the need to take into account the need for visibility for Ferndale Trail users who cross here. There may be a possibility of re-routing the trail to the north so the pedestrian lights could be used by trail users.
16. **BUG Feedback on Shopping Centres:** Glennys J reported that she is pursuing the matter of the felling of a street tree by the developers of the old Kentucky Fried Chicken site, cnr Carool St and High St, Ashburton.

### **New Business**

1. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Alister H attended a site meeting with the consultant and Wadi Madi on 19/10. Unfortunately VicRoads were not represented. John P tabled copies of plans Alister obtained. The consultants reported on two options: an underpass at freeway level and another higher up, using the existing berm. The lower, freeway-level option was estimated to cost considerably less and it was agreed by all present that this is our preferred option. **John P** agreed to write a letter of support for this option to Jim H. It was agreed that we should ask for a wind and sound barrier to be erected between the freeway and the path as part of the project.
2. **Combined BUGs meeting, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October:** **Glennys J, Graeme S, Peter C, John P and Ken M** all indicated that they intend coming. Another agenda item suggested was the setting up of a wiki style route planner for cyclists.
3. **BV Board elections:** there was discussion of the best candidates to vote for.
4. **Bicycle Skills Courses:** Anna Haygreen has cancelled the first of her planned courses due to lack of interest. The second, on 13/11, may go ahead. Suggestions as to how to make the course more attractive included: shortening it to half a day; cutting out the bike maintenance component as Goldcross Cycles offer this; incorporating a ride along a bike path into the program; and defining the target audience more clearly. **Graeme S** will pass these suggestions on to Anna.
5. **In-ground solar lights:** despite reported criticism of these lights our feeling was that they have more advantages than disadvantages.
6. **Letter from Stonnington:** **John P** reported that he had received a letter, from the Stonnington Libraries and Recreation Dept, inviting BBUG representatives to meet with them to discuss cycling issues. **Glennys J, Peter C, and Julia B** all expressed willingness to be involved in such a meeting. Julia B suggested that Mike Wellard, President of Whitehorse Cyclists, and a Stonnington resident, should also be invited. Suggestions for issues to raise at this meeting should be forwarded to John P, and Graeme S will check at BV what Stonnington issues have been reported. We agreed to request that a Stonnington traffic engineer should also attend the meeting. No decision was reached on BBUG participation in the Stonnington bike maintenance day planned for late November.
7. **Chandler Highway:** Malcolm F reported that VicRoads held a consultation with Fairfield residents last week at which four alternatives were presented for the Chandler Hwy duplication. No mention was made of the Boroondara plan for a tunnel under the highway for Yarra Trail users. **Malcolm F** agreed to write a letter to Tim Pallas supporting the planned tunnel.
8. **Invitations to attend meetings:** Josh McDougall, Environment and sustainable Living Rep on the BAC, is to be invited to the November meeting.
9. **Next meeting:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tony@diacher.com)

Justin Murphy - email: [murphjj@au1.ibm.com](mailto:murphjj@au1.ibm.com)

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

## Banyule BUG

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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](mailto:jblunden@bigpond.com)

website: [www.keypoint.com.au/~bbwinc](http://www.keypoint.com.au/~bbwinc)

## Camberwell Downhill Gourmet Bike Riders

contact Elva Parker, phone: 9836 6392

Email David & Geraldine Powell: [dgpowell@internode.on.net](mailto:dgpowell@internode.on.net)

## 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](mailto: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](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](mailto:dougmorf@alphalink.com.au)

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

website: [www.darebinbug.org.au](http://www.darebinbug.org.au)

## Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre

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## Hawthorn Cycle Tours

contact Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre

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email: [lexbishop@bikerider.com](mailto:lexbishop@bikerider.com)

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

## Knox Bicycle Touring Club Incorporated

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website: [home.vicnet.net.au/~knoxbike](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~knoxbike)

## Manningham BUG

email: [seball@netlink.com.au](mailto:seball@netlink.com.au), [H.Edwards@bom.gov.au](mailto:H.Edwards@bom.gov.au)

website: [www.vicnet.net.au/~mannbug](http://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/](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mbush/)

## Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club

email [info@mbtc.org.au](mailto: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](http://mbtc.org.au)

## Whitehorse Cyclists

email: [ejhopper@vicnet.net.au](mailto: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](mailto:rides@yhacycling.org.au) or mobile 0425-792 574

or Secretary Voula on [secretary@yhacycling.org.au](mailto:secretary@yhacycling.org.au)

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# Boroondara Bicycle Users Group

## Membership Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (M) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Bicycle Victoria? Please circle: Yes / No

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

Graeme Stone  
16 Jervis St  
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Vic, 3124