

BOROONDARA

Bicycle Users Group

Newsletter October 2010

Boroondara BUG meetings are normally held on the 2nd Thursday of each month except January. Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th October. 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

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 very occasional important messages.

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Features

Bicycle SA Annual Tour 2010

Introduction

The Overland train is a comfortable and easy way of travelling to Adelaide with a bike. Unlike travelling by air or on some interstate trains where bikes have to be transported in a box, for an additional \$40 on the Overland you're able to simply wheel your unboxed bike into the Guards Van. When travelling alone this is much easier than trying to manoeuvre luggage and a boxed bike around airports or stations.

With moderate daily distances, a total distance of 450km, and approximately 250 riders, this year's Bicycle SA Annual Tour through the Flinders Ranges looked like being relatively easy. However the weather dictated otherwise, with headwinds on most days and rain on the first 4 days.

The Ride

Day 1 – Sat. 11/09/10 – Port Augusta to Quorn (43km)

After setting out early from the Adelaide Central YHA, we loaded our bikes and luggage onto the truck then caught the bus organized by Bicycle SA to Port Augusta. The normally brown, dusty SA landscape looked greener than I've ever seen it with wildflowers along the sides of the road.

Bicycle SA's friendly, capable staff did an excellent job of transporting our bicycles fully assembled by placing squares of carpet underfelt around each bike so that they didn't rub against each other. Some of those who were cold of a night later used these underfelts as additional blankets.

Once re-united with our bikes in Port Augusta, and after a couple of short speeches by the South Australian police and a Bicycle SA staff member, we rode off to Quorn. The terrain was flat to begin with but soon a few rolling hills tested our legs as we climbed to the Pichi Richi Pass, where a little tourist steam train on the Pichi Richi Railway chugged along beside us.

Compared with some of the larger tours where there are thousands of riders, it was a pleasure and seemed relatively easy riding with a comparatively small number of cyclists. The standard of riding on this tour was higher than on some of the cycle tours I've been on, possibly due to the mature age of most of the riders. The average rider age was 52 and there were equal numbers of men and women on this ride. The youngest rider, aged 3, travelled in a 'chariot' pulled behind a parent's bike, and the oldest, a veteran of many bike tours, was 72.

The weather was cold so having dinner indoors that night in a heated school hall seated at tables was welcome. The food was cooked and served by the local communities in each of the places we stayed and was tasty and nutritious. Freshly cooked three-course evening meals were served one course at a time so weren't rushed.

Day 2 – Sun. 12/09/10 – Quorn to Hawker (68km)

It was overcast as we rode across the Willochra Plain towards Hawker. Old stone ruins beside the road stood in testament to the broken dreams of farmers who'd attempted to work this arid land in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Some cyclists explored the remains of the Kanyaka Homestead and the Aboriginal cave art at Yourambulla Caves, but I kept on riding as a headwind was making for slower progress.

I arrived in Hawker by lunchtime and quickly put up my tent as dark clouds and a big shower of rain could be seen moving across the land towards us. After a BBQ lunch and quick shower I rested in my tent reading and listening to my little portable FM Radio as the rain pattered down outside. Rain continued throughout the night.

Day 3 – Mon. 13/09/10 – Hawker to Parachilna (90km)

I managed to get my tent packed up and loaded onto the luggage truck during a brief lull in the rain. The wonderful views of the Elder Ranges and later the Flinders Ranges helped keep our minds off being soaked through as we rode into an unrelenting headwind. The damp green countryside, the tops of the ranges disappearing into 'scotch mist' and the cool temperatures made us feel we were riding in Tasmania rather than South Australia.

Rest stops had to be kept short today due to the rain and cold wind. I munched on handfuls of snacks and scroggin provided by Bicycle SA as I rode along. At times I chatted to others or sang to myself to keep my mind off the less-than-perfect riding conditions. For one 30km section I drafted on the back of a pack of cyclists which nearly doubled my riding speed. The cyclists on this tour were very friendly and helpful, and when the conditions became difficult the stronger riders would form a bunch and call out to us stragglers 'Jump on the back'.

About an hour's ride from Parachilna the rain cleared and sun appeared. The timing couldn't have been better as by the time I arrived in Parachilna my riding gear and bike had completely dried out. Parachilna is an old, tiny railway township of the Flinders Ranges. Normally harshly brown, rain had transformed the land to fresh green, with colourful wild flowers, large puddles of water and a cold wind blowing.

The old Prairie Hotel dating from 1876 had been renovated, with a very glamorous new wing added that film stars like Kate Winslet and Bryan Brown were said to have visited whilst working on films set in the Outback. After a delicious dinner served in a heated marquee, we were entertained by a talented local folk singer, John O'Dea, who writes his own lyrics and music. Listening to John singing whilst sitting on the pub balcony by the warmth of a campfire was one of the many highlights of this tour.

A sign erected in Parachilna by the SA Museum in 2005 commemorated the Ediacara as a new geological timeline. It informed us that in the Flinders Ranges it's as if we're in 'Ediacaran Time', like travelling back in time 600 million years to records of the early evolution of animal life and extreme changes in climate. The Ediacaran Period extends from 600 – 540 million years ago and preserves the oldest known animal fossils – the Ediacaran biota - in rock layers that were buckled and eroded to form the Flinders Ranges.

Day 4 – Tues. 14/09/10 – Parachilna to Blinman (Bus or 32km)

Today many options were offered by Bicycle SA who did an excellent job transporting walkers to and from their walks, and co-ordinating buses to transport those of us who chose not to ride on the unsealed road that traversed six swiftly flowing creeks.

As some of us travelled along this scenic route in the comfort of a heated bus, we watched muddy mountain bikers riding over sodden ground, ploughing up steep ascents, dashing through swollen creeks, and arriving in Blinman, tired, covered in mud, but happy. Some hardy souls even fitted in an optional 4-5 hour walk to Blinman Pools!

A sheep dog loped over to greet us as we arrived at Alpana Station, a working merino sheep farm 6km from Blinman, where we camped that night. The Heysen and ABC Ranges could be seen on the horizon. Blinman is one of the highest points in South Australia so a campfire and the heated marquee provided warmth as we ate our dinner that night.

I was grateful I'd borrowed a friend's thermal sleeping bag liner, a 'Thermolite Reactor'. This liner was made from the same fabric as are thermals and was much warmer than my thin silk liner. With temperatures dropping to near freezing at night warm sleeping gear was essential for a comfortable night's sleep.

Day 5 – Wed. 15/09/10 – Blinman to Wilpena Pound (60km)

Today the rain stopped and the sun appeared! This was a most enjoyable day's ride over scenic, undulating country – my best day's riding so far. Along the route some of us stopped at Huck's Lookout with its splendid views of the Flinders Ranges and Wilpena Pound highlighted in the sun. Soft mauves, blues and greens contrasted with the stronger orange golds of the rocks. Eagles and hawks soared above.

At Wilpena Pound Campground I managed to set up tent next to a fence so dried out my gear along the fence wires. That night we had dinner at the Wilpena Resort and enjoyed more songs from John O'Dea.

Day 6 – Thurs. 16/09/10 – Wilpena Pound Rest Day

Whilst some took 4WD tours, or flights over Wilpena Pound and Lake Eyre, I did my washing and a short bushwalk through the Flinders Ranges to Hills Homestead and Wangarra Lookouts. From the lookouts there were views over Wilpena Pound, a unique 80 square metre amphitheatre in the Flinders Ranges. Some wanted to do more riding so headed off along the Mawson Trail, a 900km long marked mountain bike trail running all the way from Adelaide to Blinman via the Flinders Ranges.

The night was topped off by a highly entertaining 'Talent Quest' where there were hilarious performances by some of the riders including poems and songs about the ride.

Day 7 – Fri. 17/09/10 – Wilpena Pound to Hawker (52km)

What a difference some downhill and a tail wind makes! After waking to a misty, cold morning, once we'd descended out of the clouds it was sunny and fine. As we were making good progress, we did an optional circuit walk to Arakaroo Rock to see the Aboriginal cave art. It was refreshing and unusual seeing and hearing so much water running swiftly in the creeks. A wide variety of purple, white and yellow wild flowers including Wattles, native Peas and Daisies were seen beside the track and in the bush.

We rode past Rawnsley Bluff and the Elder Range to our west and the Chace Range to our east. These ancient folded rocks were highlighted by curving lines of green vegetation growing along the rock faces. At times we felt as if we were in the Grampians with its prolific spring wild flowers and green vegetation.

In Hawker I was careful to set up my tent on gravel as the last time I'd camped there on the outward journey spiny burrs had become embedded in my feet and groundsheet. One of the highlights of being in Hawker was seeing Sturt's Desert Pea, the floral emblem of South Australia, in full bloom with its distinctive black and bright red flowers.

The local community had set up an informative photographic exhibition of the local wild flowers and trees and a well stocked market with tables full of home-made wares including aprons, babies clothes, chocolates, biscuits, cakes and jams. I bought a jar of Quandong jam made from an indigenous fruit, a wild plum that grows in the Flinders Ranges and ripens in September-October.

Day 8 – Sat. 18/09/10 – Hawker to Quorn (67km)

A headwind made for slow riding today. I arrived in Quorn just in time for a quick lunch before going on an excellent tour of the Powell Gardens organized by another rider, Graham. Our tour guide Geraldine, a knowledgeable local volunteer at the Powell Gardens, gave us a most interesting and informative tour and explained that the Powell Gardens had been set up to display and help preserve local native plants in a botanical setting. Many of the plants were in full bloom. The Powell Gardens are well worth visiting if you're in Quorn.

What a joy it was setting up the tent on the Quorn Area School oval with its soft green grass and no burrs!

Day 9 – Sun. 19/09/10 – Quorn to Port Augusta (40km or 75km)

I chose to ride the 'short' 48km route to Port Augusta instead of the longer 75km route via Wilmington and thanks to a wonderful tailwind, arrived in Port Augusta with plenty of time to spare.

Another rider and I decided to visit the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden on the outskirts of Port Augusta. This Garden covers 200 hectares and exhibits a range of arid zone environments. It's especially beautiful in spring when many of the flowers are in bloom. We had time to see the Erimophila Collection and the arid zone landscaped gardens set up to show local residents the potential of arid zone plants for use in the home garden.

After a picnic lunch in the Port Augusta town park, we caught the bus back to Adelaide.

Cathy Taylor, Rider, 2010 Bicycle S.A. Annual Tour 2010

Trail Notes

Bayside Trail at Spotswood

While work proceeds on strengthening the Westgate Bridge both the trail and the adjacent road (Douglas Pde/Hyde St) under the bridge next to the water are being closed intermittently to both cars and cyclists. The detour put in place at these times is both inadequately signed and dangerous for cyclists. It involves riding along Williamstown Rd and Francis St, both very busy routes, to return to the trail. If you are planning a recreational ride over to Williamstown it is strongly recommended that you use the punt if it is in operation or have a plan B. Here is the latest from the West Gate Bridge Strengthening Alliance.

Extended Temporary Closure of Hyde Street – Wednesday 29 September to Tuesday 19 October 2010, 9:30am until 2:30pm

The West Gate Bridge continues to undertake essential strengthening works commencing 29 September to 19 October 2010. These works will require the ongoing temporary closure of Hyde Street between 9.30am -2.30pm excluding Sundays.

Phase one of the works is now complete and these works will complete phase two of the carbon fibre application to the bridge and the installation of barriers onto the bridge deck. The closures are put in place to minimise any safety risks to our workers, local motorists, cyclists and pedestrians in the area.

Motorists should expect delays and seek alternative routes during this time. Motorists are advised to detour via Williamstown Road and to observe the roadside signs advising of closure times.

A full bridge closure will also be in place on Tuesday October 12 and 19 from 11pm -4.30am for the installation of four large gantries as part of the M1 upgrade's intelligent Freeway Management System. For further information and detour routes log onto www.m1upgrade.com.au

Contact – Anne Learmonth, West Gate Bridge Strengthening Alliance, Phone: 9644 2113

Check the following web site for the latest information:

http://www.mcwupgrade.com.au/roadworks/west-gate-bridge-roadworks/pages/full_closure_hyde_street.aspx

Yarra Trail

South Wharf route reopened

One of the final access barriers for the trail along the south side of the Yarra River in the City has been removed with the reopening of the path under the Charles Grimes Bridge. The new 28 metre boardwalk, constructed of heavy red gum planking, will link South Wharf to the Webb Bridge and across to the North side of the Yarra. Gone are the steps which so inconvenienced riders and people with prams.

Near Princes Bridge

Passage under Princes Bridge and past the Hamer Hall along the south side of the river is currently closed due to the renovation/desecration of the Hamer Hall. Signs direct cyclists to take an alternative route but don't indicate where this might be. The closure is scheduled to last until December.

On the north side of the river cyclists heading towards the city are now directed away from the river and around the northern edge of the Birrarung Marr. It is possible to zig zag back and use the path under Princes Bridge, but this route is not obvious.

Burnley Harbor diversion

The latest update from the consortium carrying out the Southern Link Upgrade that has had the Main Yarra Trail closed at Burnley Harbor since April, is that the closure will remain in place until March 2011. This is much longer than originally anticipated, with initial estimates putting the re-opening at late August, and recent conversations suggesting October. Bicycle Victoria was informed, but not consulted about the extension of the closure.

Temporary traffic management and some closures continue as required. Some works will be taking place between Punt Rd and Burnley Harbor between Thursday, 30 September and Tuesday, 5 October which will have traffic management in place.

Walmer Street Bridge

Now re-opened at last!

Melbourne Girls College

Work on the Melbourne Girls College facility that was blocking the Trail has progressed sufficiently to have the trail re-open. Works are continuing, so riders should all be aware of possible traffic management plans in place from time to time at the site,

but permanent closure is not expected to re-occur. The construction work is for a new facility on school land, which is not yet finished even though the trail is open again.

North of Bridge Road

The rebuilding of the Trail between Bridge Road and Victoria Street is continuing, but this section will be re-opening during the afternoon of Friday 1 October. Minor works will be continuing even though this part of the trail will be open to ride again, so be aware that workers may periodically be in the area painting lines and installing fencing and signage.

(Some of the above taken from In the Loop)

Moonee Ponds Creek Path

The temporary crossing over Moonee Ponds Creek on the south of M80 Ring Road is now complete. The bridge will be open to pedestrians and cyclists on 15 September until the end of the project, end of 2012. For a map of the detour routes to be used during this period see <http://www.bv.com.au/file/Jacana%20detour.pdf>

But

The temporary closure of the shared user paths to the north of the M80 Ring Road and underneath the freeway bridge originally scheduled from 4 October has been rescheduled to Tuesday, 12 October 2010. The project is continuing to finalise the construction of the new temporary shared user paths and installing appropriate signage prior to diverting traffic. The project will maintain access for pedestrians and cyclists by providing a temporary shared user path.

For those wishing to travel north to south, a new path is being created to the north of the M80 Ring Road. Cyclists/ pedestrians travelling southbound will need to turn right onto the newly built path, left along the site compound, and across the freeway at the John Coutts Reserve pedestrian crossing which connects back with the Moonee Ponds Creek trail southbound.

For those wishing to travel east to west, and west to east a new path has been constructed connecting Langton Street (on the south of the M80 Ring Road) to the Moonee Ponds Creek trail.

A new creek crossing has been installed on the south side of the M80 Ring Road bridge. This was completed earlier this month.

And also

Negotiations are currently under way to bring about improvements to the current detours which have a number of unsatisfactory aspects.

Merri Creek Path Re-opens

Work to repair the Murray Road bridge that has shut down the Merri Creek Trail in Coburg is complete and successful. The Trail has been re-opened and full access restored.

Maribyrnong River Trail Closed

Maribyrnong River Trail is closed from the western Canning Street entrance (near Rocks Across) at the 6km marker to Brimbank Park, Car Park C, due to recent storm damage. Rehabilitation works are being implemented and the trail will be opened as soon as possible.

New Café on Lilydale – Warburton Rail Trail

There's yet another refreshment stop now available on the Lilydale – Warburton Rail Trail. The Carriage Café, right beside the trail at Seville, offers hot and cold drinks, breakfast and light meals, served as the name suggests in an old railway carriage, or on the deck according to your preference. Opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9-3, Friday 9-5, Saturday and Sunday 8-5.30, public and school holidays. Times may change according to weather conditions. Phone: 5964 2773 or M 0408 348 122; web site <http://carriagecafe.com.au/>

Events

Ride to Work Day – Camberwell Community Breakfast

Ride to Work Day is on Wednesday 13th October. As it has done for the last couple of years, Boroondara Council is providing a community breakfast with all sorts of attractions. As well as indulging in lots of yummy free food and drinks you can have a massage, get your bike engraved by the police and collect your free TravelSmart map.

It's also a great opportunity to chat to other cyclists, including members of the Boroondara Bicycle Users Group. If you have any issues with cycling through Boroondara this is your chance to put them on record. Mark them on the TravelSmart map, write them up and put them in the suggestion box, or just tell us about them.

Where: at the Camberwell Civic Centre, 340 Camberwell Rd.

When: Wednesday 13th October, from 7-8.30am

Put it in your diary now and spread the word. As long as you turn up on your bike no one will ask if you're on your way to work!

Annual David Bland Ride for Life

This is an annual ride along the Gardiners Creek trail aiming to promote organ donation awareness.

Time: Sunday October 24, 2pm

Where: From Hawthorn Velodrome to Birrarung Marr and return (approx 17km)

Donation: \$10 for individuals or \$30 per family Website for more details and entry form:

<http://www.davidbland.com.au/ride.html>

David became one of four child organ donors in Victoria in 2006. His family and friends seek to raise awareness of the importance and benefits of organ donation in the hope that donor rates will increase. The David Bland Ride for Life is held annually to remember David and promote organ donation awareness in the community. Come along with family, friends, and an orange shirt (David's favourite colour).

Free Bicycle Skills Training Course

Take part in a FREE one day bicycle skills training course for Boroondara residents older than 12 years

Suitable for all skill levels and no tests are involved

The course includes theory and practical riding and you will learn about:

- Setting up, maintaining and adjusting your bike
- Starting, stopping, braking and gears
- Repairing punctures
- Recognising hazards
- Dealing with traffic and obeying road rules

You will need:

- A bicycle (in good condition)
- An Australian Standards approved helmet
- Comfortable, casual clothing and closed-toe, secure footwear

When: The first course is on Saturday 30 October 9:30am - 4pm or second course is on Saturday 13 November 9:30am - 4pm.

Where: Camberwell Council office and car park, 8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

Bookings are essential and places are limited.

Please call Council's Sustainable Transport Officer on 9278 4542

General News

New Provisions for Cyclist Detours

For those of you who read *In the Loop* there was recent reference to an updated *Road Management Act* – of particular interest to cyclists is Part 4 Long term works - Division 2 – Provision for Pedestrians and Cyclists

The relevant section reads as follows:

51. General

(1) Special provision should be made for pedestrians (including people with disabilities) and cyclists if they are expected to pass through, past or around the worksite. The path to be taken should be located as far as is reasonably practicable from the roadway, be smooth and free from obstructions, be of adequate width (e.g. 1.5 metres for pedestrian paths and 2.0 metres for shared paths), be well delineated and constructed to prevent pedestrians from walking through the work area, and provide clear guidance where the path changes direction.

(2) Lighting should be provided if this would assist users of the path, particularly in urban areas that have existing street lighting.

(3) If the works make it necessary for pedestrians or cyclists to cross the road within the worksite, particular attention should be paid to the crossing point to ensure that the pedestrians or cyclists are visible to both the approaching traffic and the operators of roadworks plant and equipment on the worksite.

For those who are interested in reading more or want to bookmark it, it can be found on VicRoads website, item 5 on the linked page:

<http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/Moreinfoandservices/RoadManagementAndDesign/RoadManagementActRegulationsCodes/RoadManagementActRegulationsAndCodes.htm>

It was Gazetted 31 August 2010.

Thanks to Glennys Jones for this information

New Maps

Latest TravelSmart map to be released is for Brimbank, available from City of Brimbank, phone: 03 9249 4000; info@brimbank.vic.gov.au

The City of Whittlesea has released *Bike Paths Map 2010*, obtainable by ringing 03 9217 2170 or emailing www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Boroondara News

Historic Railway Bridge Unearthed in Boroondara

The bridge, constructed around the 1890s as part of the Outer Circle Railway, (which in itself was a visionary project for its time), was discovered while Council was performing safety improvements in Willsmere Road near Earl Street to incorporate the provision of a central island.

The works include the implementation of changes to the entrance of the gravel car park on the northwest corner of Earl Street and Willsmere Road, Kew. Along with the creation of an island, key features of the project include:

- narrowing of Willsmere Road in line with the central island
- upgrade of the existing paths in the reserve
- a new driveway to access the gravel car park in Willsmere Road (currently the access is shared with the access for the bike/pedestrian path)
- bicycle lane markings on Willsmere Road and through the roundabout.

Council has undertaken a structural analysis and determined that the bridge should be preserved. However its location and loading capacity impact on the layout of the current works which require some modification. The bridge discovery will now necessitate a redesign of the project to accommodate the unique set of conditions including an alternative and secure access point for the car park.

With the exception of edge beams that have been removed, the bridge is intact and structurally sound. The century old bridge, having no functional purpose or community need since 1945 (when the East Kew Freight service ceased operation), was simply buried, hidden and forgotten with Willsmere Road having sat comfortably over it since.

Council is in discussions with VicRoads over an appropriate heritage assessment and also with Kew Historical Society for its historic design elements and importance.

Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting, Thursday 9th September 2010

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: John Parker, Glennys Jones, Julia Blunden, Graeme Stone, Ken Morrison (Chair), Malcolm Faul

Apologies: Alister Huth, Betty Weeks, Graham Ellis, David Leong, Gordon Macmillan, Peter Campbell

Correspondence:

In

- Response on behalf of Jack Wegman inviting the BUG committee to meet with him at another time as he is unable to attend our meetings. (It was agreed that Julia B should arrange this meeting, possibly on a Friday.)
- Invitation to John P and Glennys J to represent the BUG at the Mayors on Bikes event on Ride to Work Day.
- Letter from Minister Tim Pallas's office to Peter C in response to the combined BUGs letter about trail signage and other matters. (It was agreed that a letter of appreciation should be sent in response to this.)

Out

- Invitation to Mayor Jack Wegman to attend our September or October meeting.
- Letters to Council from Graeme Stone regarding bike access and parking at the renovated Kew and Hawthorn leisure centres. (**John P** will place these on the BUG web site.)

Matters Arising:

1. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** nothing to report
2. **East Malvern Station Bridge:** Glennys J reported that wheel blocks are now in place and the situation is much improved. However there is still a problem with gravel washing onto the path. Glennys will press for installation of a diversion drain or some other solution to prevent this.
3. **Anniversary Trail at High St and Toorak Rd:** The new pedestrian crossing at Toorak Rd on the east side of Summerhill Rd has been completed but is yet to be commissioned.
4. **East – west link:** Peter C was not present to report on this.
5. **Donation to Yarra BUG Radio:** Graeme S has sent a cheque for our \$100 donation towards the program, clarifying that this will be reviewed annually.
6. **Honeywell Development:** Additional time has been allocated for this hearing, until 20/9. The discovery of an Aboriginal heritage issue may help opponents of the development.
7. **Woolworths Gasworks site redevelopment:** Glennys J reported that no decision has been reached as yet. Another Woolworths planning permit application in North Geelong has been refused.
8. **Stocklands Tooronga Village development:** Action has been taken to deal with the problem of silt washing onto the Gardiners Creek Trail from the development site. The major concern for the BUG now is bike access to and from the site from both the Gardiners Creek Trail and Tooronga Rd. **Graeme S** will draft a letter to go to Stocklands and Coles pointing out the need for cycle access to the shops. John P pointed out that the redesign of the intersection of Toorak and Tooronga Rds has created an opportunity to complete the missing link in the bike lane along Tooronga Rd.
9. **Anniversary Trail missing link at Camberwell High:** nothing to report
10. **Ride to Work Day and Mayors on Bikes Event:** Items for BUG members to bring to RTW breakfast include: name badges; BUG sandwich board, with appropriate message; laminated TravelSmart map and copies of a complete list of TravelSmart maps; copies of a list of current projects, to be adapted from the article in the August newsletter. Publicity for the community breakfast is vital and should include a banner on Camberwell Rd; coverage in the Progress Leader; emails to various groups including Peter C's Greens group.
11. **BAC meeting Friday 17th September:** **John P, Glennys J and Julia B** will attend this; Graeme S will be an apology. The following additional agenda items were suggested:
 - problem of grass lying on Yarra Trail near Burke Rd after mowing
 - problem of cars parked in bike lane on Greythorn Rd at crest near school
12. **Closure of Grace Park Bridge:** This has been put on the agenda for the BAC.
13. **Hays Paddock Plan:** Julia B reported that she is attending meetings of the steering committee. The next meeting will be a visit to pavilions at Hays Paddock, Stradbroke Park and Macleay Park. Plans for redevelopment of the Hays Paddock pavilion are well advanced but some committee members query the need for such a large building.
14. **Meeting with Andrew McIntosh:** Julia B reported that she and Kew resident Janet Bennett had met with Andrew McIntosh. He gave them a good hearing and showed a good understanding of the Darebin – Yarra link and other issues along the Yarra Trail. While he did not make any promises he did indicate that he believed the VCAT decision on the environmental issues with the Darebin – Yarra link was final.

New Business

1. **New Development Cnr Glen Iris Rd and High St, Ashburton:** Glennys J reported that there are concerns about the proposed bike lane in Glen Iris Rd and about traffic congestion near Glen Iris Primary School.

2. **Draft Shopping Centres Improvement Plan for Ashburton, Hawthorn East and Solway:** Glennys J suggested that there may be issues for cycling with this plan and encouraged members to check it out.
3. **Resident Parking Permit policy amendments:** Glennys J suggested that cyclists could be affected if this leads to an increase in on-street parking
4. **Combined BUGs meeting, Wednesday 27th October:** Julia B asked members to think about agenda items for this meeting and to send any suggestions to her and Chris Star. The letter received by Peter Campbell should provide plenty of discussion material.
5. **Invitations to attend meetings:** The new CEO of the Cycling Promotion Fund, Peter Bourke, should be invited to our October or November meeting.
6. **Chandler Highway Duplication:** This needs to be raised with Jim Hondrakis. The tunnel underneath needs to be planned in advance of the duplication.
7. **Next meeting:** Thursday 14th October

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

Camberwell Downhill Gourmet Bike Riders

contact Elva Parker, phone: 9836 6392

Email David & Geraldine Powell: 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 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

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Boroondara BUG Contacts

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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

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

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