

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

Minutes

Present: John Parker, Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Ric de France, Julia Blunden, Mark Haywood (Chair), Philip Mallis

Apologies: Glennys Jones, David Leong, Peter Carter, Ken Parker, Graham Ellis

Minutes of Previous Meeting: accepted

Correspondence:

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- Sundry emails from Manningham, Banyule BUGs and Glen Eira BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers

Out

- Nil

Matters arising

1. North Eastern Bicycle Corridor and North East Link

David Farrow would like to see an underpass, under the Eastern Freeway, west of Hays Paddock linking through to the Yarra Trail. He has communicated this to Glennys Jones and Peter Carter to add to the NEL wish list but has had no response.

ACTION

David will send a very succinct email to Glennys and Peter explaining what he wants without going into lengthy justification.

2. Chandler Hwy bridge

At the Council Catch-up on 30/11 we were advised that there will need to be a Council resolution to put the new shared path bridge, across the Eastern Fwy east of the Chandler Hwy, on the list of NEL complementary projects. The view was that the shared path on the Heritage bridge across the river will not happen until the end of construction of the new bridge and until works are carried out to remove the existing footbridge section and stabilise the bridge. Philip Mallis advised that there is currently a separate shared path on the west side of the new bridge.

ACTION

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3. Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High

We were advised after the Council Catch-up that Jim Hondrakis and Scott Lipscombe would meet with us before Christmas to show us the plans for this. Julia Blunden has offered a number of possible dates for this meeting but has heard nothing further about this. The land swap will be completed by June 2019.

ACTION

Julia will follow up with Jim and Scott in the new year.

4. Walmer St – John Parker, Glennys Jones

John Parker reported that he had attended another community meeting recently which was attended by about 20 people including both developers and bridge designers. The designs for the bridge were not shown, but it is planned that the bridge will be 5m wide. John expressed concern that the path up from the river, which forms part of both the Yarra and Capital City Trails, is still very poor indeed. The best hope of improvement is that Yarra Council is now in control of the project. John expressed surprise that the power lines will not be put under the bridge and the plaza but will remain overhead.

5. Jacka Trail, North Balwyn

There was much discussion of the location of Glass Creek. It appears that both the Jacka Trail and the Glass Creek Trail designed by Philip Mallis are misnamed. No decision was made to rectify this. The underpass that David Farrow is championing, see item 2 above is actually on the Glass Creek alignment.

6. Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail

John Parker reported that he and Peter Campbell had met with members of MeBUG and that a petition is being prepared to gather support for this trail. John Parker has also spoken with Jim Hondrakis and cited examples of good road bridges on the Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail. It was agreed that the BUG need to seek meetings with the new ALP members for Hawthorn and Box Hill in the new year to promote this and other projects.

ACTION

Julia Blunden to organise meetings with John Kennedy, Hawthorn MLA and Paul Hamer, Box Hill MLA

7. Review of BBUG structure – Mark Haywood

Mark has prepared a number of new documents and will aim to call another meeting of the subcommittee in the new year.

ACTION

Mark to organise meeting of subcommittee

8. Stonnington matters

John Parker reported that works are continuing on the Yarra Trail on the Stonnington side of the river and look to be of a good standard.

9. Toorak Rd crossing on Anniversary Trail

At the Council Catch-up we were informed that stakeholders have been informed of the Council decision to go ahead with this bridge. Funding is now being sought. At this meeting Glennys Jones raised the issue of the danger to pedestrians and cyclists as they compete with turning motorists at the current pedestrian crossing. Council will work with VicRoads on this issue and Ken Parker offered to raise it with a VicRoads contact.

10. Communication with BBUG members

Ric de France and John Parker are still working on a mailing mechanism. It was agreed that there need to be options for members to receive more or fewer emails.

ACTION

Ric will follow up with John

11. Council/BUG catch up Friday 30/11 – attendance, agenda items

Many agenda items were covered at this meeting some of which are covered in items above and below.

New Bike Strategy – a communications plan has been drafted and community consultation will begin in the new year. An external consultant will be appointed. Cycling groups including BBUG will be consulted. There will be an opportunity for feedback on the draft strategy.

Eastern Trails Strategy – contains items listed in various Boroondara strategies

Balwyn Rd pedestrian crossing as part of Jacka Trail – no progress

Council Budget 18/19 – includes plans for a shared path in the Fritz Holzer Reserve. We requested an opportunity to see plans for this prior to construction.

Grant Applications – none in train at present

Date of next Catch-up – Friday 15th March, 10am

There was general agreement that while we should continue to support the Council Catch-ups the real problem is with the paucity of State Government funding for cycle infrastructure.

ACTION.

Julia Blunden agreed to make the issue of State Government funding for cycle infrastructure the key agenda item for the next Victorian BUGs meeting and to draft a submission on the topic.

12. Shared Path/Local Street Intersection Priorities

Nellie Montague indicated at the Council Catch-up that she is currently going through the list of intersections provided with a view to prioritizing them. There is no need to consult with locals about this but they need to be informed prior to the commencement of works .

13. Web Site and Twitter Account

Nil to report

Treasurer's report – Mal Faul

Mal Faul was away and had not sent a report.

New Business

1. Darebin-Yarra Link – Alphington Connection

David Farrow reported on a meeting of the committee formed to work with VicRoads on this link. \$3.2M has been allocated for the link. VicRoads have identified five possible routes for the link. The option using Farm Rd and including an overpass over the track to the practice fairway had the most support with David Hall supporting a different option. VicRoads will be including information about this link on their web site.

Other Business

2. Boulevard Tacker

Ric de France reported that tacking has resumed on the Kew Boulevard, whether by the original tacker or an imitator isn't known.

Next meeting: Wednesday 13th February? subject to availability of function room