

## Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

### MINUTES

#### Attendance and Apologies

**Present:** David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones (Chair), Gordon Macmillan, David Balding

**Apologies** David Leong, Alister Huth, David Hall, John Parker, Mal Faul,

#### Correspondence:

##### In

- Email from Tracey Gosby, VicRoads, re walk through of stage 1 of the Darebin-Yarra link, Monday 26th October. Meet at Sparks Reserve at 5pm.
- Email from VicRoads re Chandler Hwy information sessions at Northcote High School, Tuesday 13/10 and Saturday 17/10
- Sundry emails re Manningham and Banyule BUG rides and meetings
- Sundry commercial offers

##### Out

- Nil

#### Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** David F reported that he was pleased with the feedback he had received from VicRoads' Aidan McGann. He alerted the group that Plan Melbourne is currently under review, see [www.planmelbourne.vic.gov.au](http://www.planmelbourne.vic.gov.au)
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** See correspondence item one. VicRoads have decided not to open Stage 1 until Stage 2 is completed.
3. **Belford Rd Underpass:** This was discussed at the September BAC meeting. Bushan Jani reported that the feasibility study is currently being revised including costs. Once the revised version has been submitted to Council it will be resubmitted to VicRoads for approval and funding.
4. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** At the VicRoads Chandler Hwy session on 13/10 Robin Gallagher from Darebin BUG suggested a joint meeting between our two BUGs and VicRoads on this project. It seems that VicRoads already look favourably on the project, preferring the BBUG plan to the version put forward in conjunction with the East-West Link.
5. **Stonnington Matters:** It was noted that Stonnington Council put on a community Ride to Work Day breakfast this year.
6. **Domestic Animals Management Plan:** Glennys J reported that it was noted on the audit of the Anniversary/Outer Circle Trail that there are a large number of dogs-off-lead areas along the trail. Glennys supplied information to the audit team about the stricter rules applied by many other councils.
7. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** Nil to report. However it was noted that on the Outer Circle Trail audit Wadi Mati had a very good suggestion for improving the very unsatisfactory crossing over the slip road leading onto the Eastern Fwy heading east. This was to move the

pole for the traffic lights, which is currently right in the middle of the narrow northern pram ramp, outside the path with an arm on which the lights would be mounted

8. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** This was discussed at the BAC meeting. Bushan said that the submission for pedestrian signals on Balwyn Rd was being updated and when complete would be submitted to VicRoads.
9. **Proposed Ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail:** Glennys J reported that she had taken the opportunity on the trail audit to point out the need for a shared footway from this ramp to the school.
10. **Council's Bluestone Policy:** Nil to report.
11. **Grade Separation: Opportunities:** It was noted that the Burke Rd grade separation is proceeding apace.
12. **Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy:** There have been no new developments with this since March. Glennys J again mentioned the daily *Boroondara Bulletin* which is available online and which is a good way to find out about any new developments with such strategies. Glennys offered to forward a link to this to Julia B who will forward it to all our members.
13. **Rushall Reserve:** Nil to report.
14. **Review of Victorian Cycling Related Road Rules:** Glennys J reported that South Australia is set to allow footpath cycling and is planning to introduce a 1m passing rule. It was noted that there is currently a Greens private member's bill to introduce such a rule in Victoria which members are urged to support.
15. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Several BBUG members attended the first VicRoads information session on plans for the upgrade. All options appear to include major improvements for cyclists, both those travelling north-south and those using the Yarra Trail. These include a signalized intersection at the Yarra Bvd, a higher underpass for the Yarra Trail to eliminate the need to use the stairs, and a shared path from the Yarra Bvd to Heidleberg Rd. It is highly desirable that lots of cyclists provide feedback which can be done at <http://consult.vicroads.vic.gov.au/help-shape-chandler-highway-plans>
16. **Tacks on Boulevard:** Nil to report.
17. **Missing Link at Camberwell High:** Julia B reported that Jenny Henty is writing a reply to Julianne Bell's very hostile letter in the *Progress Leader*. Glennys J reported that there is to be a presentation to Council on this which should include students from Camberwell High.
18. **Bicycle Advisory Committee September meeting:** Glennys J reported that one very satisfactory outcome from this meeting is that sharrows now seem to be accepted and there should be a double page spread about them in the next Boroondara Bulletin.
19. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mal Faul was not present

## **New Business**

1. **Bike Ed Challenge, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Glennys J reported that she has agreed to run an activity at this.

## **Other Business**

1. **Draft Melbourne Bike Plan, 2016-2020:** David B raised the question as to whether BBUG has an interest in this. The system for making a submission in the name of the BUG, ie getting three other members to approve it, was explained. Individual members are also encouraged to make their own submissions. The deadline for comments is 20/11. For further details see: <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/AboutCouncil/PlansandPublications/strategies/Pages/Bikeplan.aspx>

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, subject to availability of function room

*Notes by Julia Blunden*