

**Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**Function Room, Elgin Inn, Cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Peter Campbell (Chair), Gordon Macmillan, Julia Blunden, David Farrow, Glennys Jones, Graham Ellis, Ric de France

**Apologies:** Peter Carter, John Parker, Mal Faul, Peter Carter, David Leong

**Guest:** Nicholas Bieber, Greens candidate for Hawthorn

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Accepted

**Correspondence:**

**In**

- Sundry emails from Manningham, Banyule BUGs and Glen Eira BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers
- West Gate Tunnel Project Update
- Response from Boroondara Mayor re sharrows and shimmies letter

**Out**

- Email/Letter to Boroondara Council re sharrows and shimmies

**Matters arising**

1. **North Eastern Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Glennys Jones reported that she and others are becoming extremely frustrated with NELA's consultation process. Cyclist and pedestrian representatives are virtually being ignored.

2. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Glennys Jones reported that there is a failure to accept the need to improve the link between the Chandler Hwy Bridge and the Outer Circle Trail.

**ACTION:** Glenys is now working with Bicycle Network on both the above issues. She has also written to and spoken with Minister Richard Wynne. She is not in favour of a petition at this time.

3. **Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Julia Blunden reported that she received an acknowledgement of her letter to John Pesutto shortly after sending it but has heard nothing further since then.

4. **Walmer St Bridge:** A rally was held on Saturday 4/8. Minister and local member Richard Wynne, his opposition counterpart, the Greens candidate for his seat, and the Liberal member for Kew, Tim Wilson, were all present. All three parties declared their support for replacing the bridge. Minister Wynne has pledged \$200,000 for scoping of the project, planned for the first quarter of 2019, with a view to including the full cost of replacement in the next budget. John Parker was acknowledged for his work in collecting the bulk of signatures for the petition, now standing at 3,000. There is now a question of whether to present this petition or to keep it going.

5. **Jacka Trail:** Nil to report

6. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Nil to report.

**ACTION:** It was agreed that BBUG members need to identify some east-west shimmies and to push this idea at the next BUG/Council Catch Up. It was also agreed that this is something we will push for in the new Bicycle Strategy.

7. **Review of BUG Structure:** Mark Haywood was not present and there had not been any more meetings.  
  
**ACTION:** Mark to organise next subcommittee meeting
8. **Stonnington Matters:** Nil to report.
9. **Victorian BUGs Meeting:** Julia Blunden reported that she has just had a reply from Philip Mallis indicating his willingness to speak at the meeting and will follow up on this.
10. **Cookson St:** Nil to report
11. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Glennys Jones reported that she had heard from Jim Hondrakis that Bushan Jani is currently finalising the costing of this. This will go to VicRoads with a good chance of getting TAC funding. Aidan McGann is supportive. We will hear as soon as there is any news.
12. **Sealing and Improvement of the Yarra Trail between Burke Rd and Manningham Rd:** Glennys Jones expressed the view that the best chance of getting this done is as a complementary program to the NEL.
13. **Communication with BBUG members:** Julia Blunden reported that she had been thanked by a member for including the previous minutes with the agenda and would try to remember to do this regularly in future.
14. **Web Site, Twitter and Facebook Accounts –** Peter Campbell reported that he had been in touch with Jill Young about BBUG’s Facebook Page. She had finally got back into it and made Peter an administrator. He has made Glennys Jones another administrator to avoid the same problem arising in the future. Glennys is now working on familiarising herself with FB. Julia Blunden pointed out that she forwards a lot of relevant emails to BBUG members. Ric de France chooses items to use with our Twitter Account and Glennys will do the same with FB. John Parker likes an app called Telegram, but it was agreed that this serves a different purpose from FB.
15. **Treasurer’s report:** Malcolm Faul was not present and has not reported if the donation has been sent to the Open Australia Foundation.

#### **New Business**

1. **Shared Path/Local Street Intersection Priorities:** David Farrow had sent a document proposing that there are many intersections where shared path users should have priority over road users. He listed some of these intersections and cited the Yarra Trail/Belford Rd wombat as the ideal treatment. Philip Mallis had forwarded another long list of such intersections along with some suggestions as to how we might make a case for this and other useful information. There was almost unanimous agreement amongst those present that, as a general rule, users of major shared paths should have priority over local road users. It was agreed that we should raise this at the next BUG/Council Catch Up and ask how the BUG can help to progress this. We also agreed that this will be something we’ll push to have included in the new Bicycle Strategy.

#### **Other Business**

1. **Introduction of 30kph Speed Limits in Fitzroy and Collingwood:** Peter Campbell drew attention to this recent news item. There was general but not unanimous agreement that the BUG would like to see more 40kph zones in residential streets in Boroondara. This is another policy we should push to have included in the new Bicycle Strategy.
2. **Victorian Pedestrian Framework and Action Plan:** Glennys Jones reported that Rachel Carlisle is currently working on this VicRoads plan. Glennys also reported that under Victorian law accompanying adults can now ride on footpaths with other adults who have a medical certificate permitting them to do so.

Notes by Julia Blunden

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September? subject to availability of function room