

BOROONDARA

Bicycle Users Group

Newsletter November 2008

Boroondara BUG meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except January. The next meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th November, will be at John Parker's place, 5 Fairfield Ave, Camberwell.

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, Bicycle Federation of Australia 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.

We also have two Yahoo Groups:

1. Send a blank email to: BoroondaraBug-subscribe@yahogroups.com to receive notification when the latest monthly newsletter and rides supplement have been placed on the web site and very occasional important messages.
2. Send a blank email to: BoroondaraBugDiscussion-subscribe@yahogroups.com to monitor or join in an ongoing discussion of bike related issues both local and general.

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 this newsletter are embarked upon at your own risk.

Features

Melbourne to Warrnambool – the Inside Story

Having never ridden 300km in one go, I was not exactly sure what I was getting myself into when I accepted the call to join the SystemicLogic 6amer team to participate in the Melbourne to Warrnambool race. The M2W is credited as being the longest single day at 299km, and has been going since 1895. Some famous names on the honour roll include Hubert Opperman, Russell Mockridge and local bike shop owner Barry Waddell.

One cannot go into such an event without the necessary preparation. I knew I needed to do more than my commute to work and a race on the weekend. I was told early on, the Warnie is simple, the hard bit is all the training you need to do to prepare for it. With support from work, I decided to work a 4-day week by dipping into my long service leave. So on a Wednesday morning, for the 4 months prior to the race, I would rendezvous with my father at Black Rock and would do a bunch ride to Safety Beach. Other preparation included an ergo session with Ridewiser on a Monday morning at 6am over 10 weeks. This involved riding a stationary bike with a fixed wheel gear and fan type resistance. We worked on speed, power, endurance and did a series of fitness tests to measure our progress over the 10 weeks. Weekend rides to King Lake, Yarra Valley, Dromana, through the Dandenong's were added to the program. Was this enough? Well it was as much as I and my family could fit in/tolerate. It was going have to be.

Next challenge was to work out what to drink and eat over a race of this distance. Every one had different advice. I like a feed, so rather than pick one approach, I thought I would go with a combination of all of them. This combination included 5 powerbars, 5 gus, 4 bananas, 6 honey and sultana sandwiches with the crusts off, sliced up fruit cake and 10 bidons of electrolyte, 10 bidons of water and a 600ml bottle of coke. I filled up an entire kitchen table. It was like part of the shame game for the "You are what you eat" reality TV show, without the takeaway food.

All this food was divided up into musette bags and handed out at the 4 feed stations throughout the race. I am sure you have seen the chaos of the Tour de France at the feed station. These guys grab their musette bag from their handler, load up and then

throw away the bag. I was not confident the TdF style was going to work for me, so I arranged to stop (the implication of this decision will be discussed a little later on).

Friday was very busy dropping things off, visiting bike shops, picking up the race kit from the other side of town and last minute maintenance of the bike. I so wanted an early night and good night sleep beforehand. Instead I got to bed late, mentally ticking things from the "got to do" list, and before you know it the alarm was telling me to get up. For breaky, I scoffed down a bowl of muesli, a tin of creamed rice, toast, a cup of coffee and a bidon of water. Did I mention that I like to eat? I got picked up at 5:45am which gave us plenty of time to get ready for race start at 7:30am.

The race start is at Altona at the Sanctuary Lakes Golf course. The first part of the race was under control. This is where 200 riders sit behind a lead car which sits on no more than 20kmh. Control was 7.5km which was good to get the legs moving, however it is very stressful as you navigate roundabouts, narrowing roads and dealing with the sound of carbon wheels, the smell of burning rubber and carbon, all the while bumping up against riders either side of you.

We were finally on the open road when one of the 6amers (Craig) pulled over. He had broken a spoke and needed to change the rear wheel. This was the first lesson about racing compared to a ride. The bunch does not stop because someone has had some bad luck. Craig ended up doing the entire ride pretty much on his own.

There was a crash at Werribee; 5 people were sitting on the road and drink bottles were rolling all over the place. Phew, managed to get around them. A bit of a scare, and a chase to get back onto the back of the main group. The bunch was doing 40 to 45km which, strange as it may sound, was comfortable. A couple of climbs at 60km and 75km tested the legs but I was still feeling good. I did though feel a little uncomfortable descending at 75km in such a big group.

First feed station was at Inverleigh at the 100km mark. Riders started flicking the empty drink bottles in preparation to load up with fresh ones. Not me, I was stopping, I was going to hand them over. I wasn't going to litter. I had paid good money for these and I wanted them back. I was towards the back of the main bunch still feeling strong and confident. I found my handler, stopped and started swapping bottles, picking food from the musette, packing it in my back pockets, had a drink of water. I was off. Hey... where did everyone go? 'That's OK', I thought, 'I can catch up', because supposedly they do not attack at the feed stations. Support cars were pulling out in front of me. That was OK, I could go around them. I could see the guys up ahead; they were not that far away. I tried to jump across, using the support cars as cover like in the TdF, and close the gap, but the gap was not closing. Mmm, this was not working. OK, don't panic, don't go in the red zone. Just wait for a group to come through. Hey, there were no groups coming through. Well my need for food, drink and the stopping, probably cost me 30 seconds, but the reality of it was that it changed the race into a ride. Lesson 2: at the feed station be closer to the front of the group, be more organised with the food, hang the cost of the bottle and learn to grab and run.

200km is still a long way, especially on your own. I caught one guy. We didn't even have to talk to one another, we knew what we had to do. We rolled turns and tried to take cover from the remaining support cars. We caught a third guy. Hey this was all right. We would just start forming a group. The new guy sat on for a while and then bang, he attacked us. Hey that was not in the plan! It didn't take long for him to realise that he was not going anywhere. We joined him and agreed to roll turns. The quiet first guy, without saying a word disappeared. Mmm, this was not looking good. We were about 120km now. Russell and I rolled turns, going OK, but I did raise the scenario to him about DNFing at the next stop. He wouldn't have a bar of that. We caught a third guy at about 140km. It was Rod, a mate of mine, who was involved in the fall at Werribee. He was a bit cut up and suffering from cramps. He sat in.

We made it to feed station 2 at Beac, which is at the 160km mark. My Mum and Dad were my support crew. Thinking that it was no longer a race, I stopped again. Not much time to chat. We got a message that there was a group of 10 around 7 minutes up the road. There was a slight chance we could get them. We did catch one at about 170km. Peter did a couple of good turns and Rod was starting to come good and could do the occasional turn also. Could we pull back 7 minutes? But then Peter disappeared without a word. My feet were getting really hot and sore. Next stop was Camperdown at 230km. We were at the 200km mark. Russell pulled the pin. He was cramping and called his brother to pick him up.

100km to go, Rod was not going all that well, but he was hanging tough. I did a longish turn, then let Rod have a go. Rod's signal for me to roll through again usually came after 500m with the call of "ahhh, I'm cramping up again". This was pretty much the pattern for the remainder of the ride. My feet were burning up, but we manage to get into Camperdown. I stopped, applied sunscreen, took the shoes off, while Rod grabbed and kept on rolling. Rod didn't want to stop as he didn't think he would start up again. It took me a while to catch Rod back up. And apparently the guys who were 7 minutes up the road were now 10 minutes up the road. I also found out Craig was still on the road in a small group. So I was hoping he would catch up so we could share the pain.

Last feed station was Garvoc at 270km. Finally I thought about lesson 2. I tossed the drink bottles at my Dad's feet and did my best feed station exchange of the day. I still had a heap of food so I just got the electrolyte, water and a bottle of coke. Rod and I rolled over the line after 8 hours 50 minutes. The winner did 7:18. Pretty relieved it was all over. Craig crossed the line 3 minutes behind us. A magnificent effort. His was a 300km time trial.

Post race recovery consisted of a never ending supply of fresh sandwiches with the crusts on with real fillings. They were good. Later that night, a chicken parma at the bowls club and a few quite beers with the some of the team. Out of the 12 SystemicLogic 6amer starters, 10 of us completed the ride. Four guys were in the second bunch to finish which was also a magnificent effort. Breakfast the next day was left over fruit cake, a banana, followed by sausage and eggs, a couple of coffees. On the way home I grabbed a meat pie at Camperdown. I reckon I was the only rider to do the ride and put on 2kg.

I would like to thank the following

- Bernie (aka nails), my Mum and Dad for looking after me at the feed stations
- All the 6amer support crew for the encouragement along the way
- All the 6amer team for inspiring me to enter, train and complete my first Melb to Warnie. Before I joined the team, I was quite content to do club racing and had never contemplated doing this sort of event.
- My family for putting up with my indulgences

Thanks to David Anderson for this very vivid account of a gruelling race

Trail Notes

Grants to Link Melbourne's Great Bike Trails

On Friday, 24 October 2008 the Brumby Government announced a \$2 million program to complete pivotal links on metropolitan bike trails across Melbourne. One grant which will be of particular interest to readers is that to the City of Yarra – for the Main Yarra Trail: Design of Clark St Bridge (Gipps St Stairs bypass), \$150,000.

For full details see: <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/minister-for-environment-climate-change/grants-to-link-melbournes-great-bike-trails.html>

Thanks to John Parker for this good news story

Events

SUB Women's Cycle Challenge – St Kilda

This all women's ride is on Saturday the 6th of December (day before Sussan 10km fun run). Over 700 riders took part in the ride last year and numbers look like they will exceed 1000 this year. Enter early and get a free SUB riding jersey!

Check out www.supersprint.com.au for entry details.

Surrey Hills Sustainability Festival – Phil's Ride

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre is hosting a sustainability Expo on 9th November which will be a dynamic afternoon of fun, food, demonstrations, debates, performances, and competitions involving ideas of sustainability - including bikes and cycling!

Meet Fed Square 9am. Ride approx 30km up the Yarra and Gardiners Creek trails, then via local parks and small streets to Surrey Hills. Enjoy the festival for as long as you like, then make your own way home by bike or train. BYO lunch or buy it there.

The ride will be under the auspices of Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club, which means that all participants must sign an MBTC attendance form. Once you've signed you are a temporary member of MBTC, so are covered by MBTC rider insurance, and I'll be covered by MBTC ride leader liability insurance. Please phone me on 9836 3329 to book in.

Phil Crohn.

Bicycle Swap Meet, Saturday 22nd November 2008

9.30am - 3pm

Entry by gold coin donation

Rear of Abbotsford Cycles, 27 Swan St, Richmond (under the station)

Hosted by Vintage Cycle Club of Vic courtesy of Abbotsford Cycles

A chance to BRING, BUY, SWAP, SELL precious old bicycle junk.
All eras welcome, but classic and vintage preferred.

To register as a seller \$10 fee, bookings essential - limited space available
For further info contact: Charlie Farren, email: farren@vicnet.net.au , Phone: 9827 4453

This event is held in conjunction with Bicycle Film Festival Melbourne, 19 – 23 November

Volunteers Needed for Bicycle Film Festival

The Melbourne Bicycle Film Festival is looking for volunteers to undertake a variety of activities during the 2008 BFF. Roles include Ushering, Box Office, Bicycle Valet Parking, Bar work (RSA preferred but not essential), Bussing, Merchandise Sales, Front of House.

We are also seeking a small number of production specific volunteers that will work on: Venue bump in / bump out, Transportation, Heavy Lifting and set up, Production Management.

The Bicycle Film Festival requires minimum 4- hour / maximum 7 hour shifts minimum 21-hour commitment

The BFF can offer volunteers - Invitation to VIP and Volunteer closing party on Monday 24 November - Melbourne BFF T-shirt designed by Lisa Gorman - Food on every shift - Gift from the Bicycle Film Festival - Reference from Ambiguous Horse.

About the BFF The 2008 Bicycle Film Festival (BFF) uses a cultural platform to celebrate the bicycle in its many shapes and forms. The festival's mission is to promote the role of the bicycle in society through film, music and art made by, for and about cyclists. Ultimately, the festival is about having a good time, on two wheels or two feet.

If interested please contact Julie@bicyclefilmfestival.com as soon as possible. The festival is only a few weeks away, don't miss an exciting opportunity to be a part of it!

Julie Schuck-Szollosi, Bicycle Film Festival Melbourne, phone: +61 (0) 402 011 461; julie@bicyclefilmfestival.com

General News

Council Elections

Council elections are taking place all over Victoria during November. Ballot papers will be mailed out round the middle of the month and must be returned by Friday 28th November. Boroondara BUG is surveying all candidates for both Boroondara and Stonnington councils and posting the results to their web site.

See http://boroondarabug.org/wiki/index.php/Election_2008_Boroondara and http://boroondarabug.org/wiki/index.php/Election_2008_Stonnington

Bicycle Victoria is surveying candidates throughout Victoria. See their web site at <http://www.bv.com.au/change-the-world/42016/>

Cycling Promotion Fund calls on the Government to make everyday Ride to Work day

Launched on National Ride to Work Day, the Cycling Promotion Fund has called for a bicycle infrastructure package of national significance to the tune of \$800m.

“Climate change, spiraling fuel costs, crippling congestion and the obesity epidemic are all important reasons for the Commonwealth to start investing in cycling” said Elliot Fishman, spokesperson for the Cycling Promotion Fund. Bicycle infrastructure in Australian cities is well behind best practice and community expectations. “Our infrastructure proposal is able to be rolled out quickly and will more than pay for itself through reductions in emissions, rates of obesity and diabetes, traffic congestion and fuel costs” argues Fishman. “With rising transport costs and a slowing economy, now is the right time for the Commonwealth to get behind this sustainable, healthy and affordable form of transport” said Fishman.

Australians are starting to appreciate the benefits of pedal power. In 2007, 1.47 million bicycles were sold, outnumbering car sales for the 8th consecutive year. Bicycle use to work is up 28% between Census 2001 and 2006. Research indicates that many more Australians would choose to cycle if our streets became more bicycle friendly. By providing \$200m over four years, the Commonwealth has the opportunity to respond to the community's desire to cycle and address issues of national significance including climate change, petrol prices, congestion and health.

Follow the link below to see the media release, the submission and some of the media coverage the launch received.

<http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/content/view/354/9/>

Connex confused - mixes up front of train with back of train!

<http://progress-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/connex-to-trial-carriages-with-more-standing-room-handrails/>

<http://leader-news.whereilive.com.au/blogs/story/welcome-to-the-connex-live-blog/>

Introduction:

Thanks for your questions to the Connex Live Blog. THANKS everyone for your questions this morning, even the difficult ones. It's good to have the debate and there should be more of it. I'll get back to all questions posed before 11am. Thanks again and we'll talk again soon.

John Rees, Connex chief spokesman

A question posed

Adrian writes, on 15 Oct 08 at 10:32am

What is the actual policy about bicycles on suburban trains now? There seems to be a lot of confusion about when, how and who can take their bicycle on a train. The recent supposed ban on bicycles didn't help!

John Rees replies: You can take your bike on the train, but please try to use the front carriage only and remember your fellow passengers especially if it's peak travel.

Thanks to John Parker for the above item

V/Line Opts out of Bike Transportation on Albury Line

Some readers may be aware that conversion of the broad gauge line to standard gauge has been underway between Albury and Wangaratta for many months, meaning that V/Line trains have been running only between Melbourne and Wangaratta. On 8th November work commences on the section between Seymour and Wangaratta. Buses will replace trains and carriage of bikes has been specifically banned on these buses.

This means that the only option for cyclists wishing to transport their bikes by public transport to access the very popular Murray to the Mountains Rail Trail will be the more expensive and limited service offered by the interstate XPT trains. Hard lines on all the tourism operators who have been promoting trains as the way to access the trail, with notable success, not to mention those cyclists who try to minimise carbon emissions when they travel.

Boroondara News

Highlights of the Boroondara BUG Web Site

Check out the list of You Tube videos at http://boroondarabug.org/wiki/index.php/Useful_Links#You_Tube_videos If you're not already a fan of this medium, these will definitely convert you.

Marvel at the skill of unicyclist Kris Holm, watch the magpies swooping from the safety of your desk, or delight in the ability of the bike to outpace the cars in Avenida Niemeyer in Rio. And that's just a few of the treats available.

Thanks to John Parker for assembly this feast of viewing

Boroondara Discovery Ride No 2: The East-West Link, Sunday 12th October

Fourteen riders took part in this, our second discovery ride. Starting at Box Hill Mall, we followed streets marked on the Whitehorse and Boroondara TravelSmart maps as informal bike routes, westward as far as the Yarra at Hawthorn Bridge, stopping in Glenferrie for a coffee break.

We looked at what can be done to improve connectivity of this route as well as at options for sections on VicTrack land adjacent to the Belgrave/Lilydale train line. Riding the route on a Sunday perhaps gave a false impression of the ease of crossing Boroondara from east to west, as road crossings were very much less problematic than they would be on a week day, especially in peak periods. However it certainly made for a more pleasant ride and made it possible for the group to stop at key points along the way to consider the options.

Thanks to Peter Campbell and John Parker for planning the day, for preparing the excellent handout which we will continue to distribute to interested parties, and for explaining the issues to the participants. Thanks also to Phil Crohn for leading the ride under the auspices of the Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club.

Julia Blunden

Ride to Work Day, Wednesday 15th October – Camberwell Community Breakfast

This event was highly successful, attracting around 100 cyclists, who were a mix of Council staff and members of the community. Many participants took advantage of the options for a neck and back massage and to get their bikes engraved. The very generous supplies of hot and cold foods and drinks were almost entirely demolished by hungry cyclists.

Sustainable Transport Officer Julia Smith, the main organiser, met with BUG members Graeme Stone, John Parker and Julia Blunden after the event to consider what lessons could be learnt for next year's RTW. As most of the food was consumed it was agreed that there was no need for change in this area. Even greater publicity prior to the event was considered desirable as was greater visibility from Camberwell Rd. Both could be achieved by a combination of a banner put up on the Civic Centre lawns some weeks ahead of the event, and sandwich boards and balloons on the street on the day itself. Music needs to be louder, according to some, and efforts need to be made to provide more of a central focus for participants. A map for marking in routes used for cycling to work, and a Councillor making a brief speech were two suggestions for this. It was agreed that registration sheets needed to be highlighted with a sign, and that more information could be gathered from participants.

Congratulations to Boroondara Council and especially to Julia Smith on this excellent initiative to encourage cycling in the municipality.

Darebin Creek – Yarra Trail Link

A Practice Day Hearing will take place on Friday 5th December. This will be relatively brief, no more than 30 minutes. The main hearing is listed before VCAT on 16th February and the estimated duration for this is 7 days.

Markham Victory Reserve – Revised Concept Master Plan

From the Progress Leader 4/10

In a move that delighted dog walkers, Gardiners Creek Trail through Markham Victory Reserve in Ashburton will be shifted from the officer-recommended south side, to the north.

All councillors, except Cr Heinz Kreutz, supported the move, despite a survey that found 52 per cent of residents, including many bike riders, supported the south option.

A council report found the north option could pose a conflict between the predicted 1000 cyclists who would soon use the trail and pedestrian traffic from two proposed soccer pitches and a regional playground.

Thanks to John Parker for drawing attention to this news item

Boroondara Bicycle Strategy

The Boroondara Bicycle Strategy has now been finalised and was formally adopted by Council on 6/10. The strategy can be downloaded from the Council web site at http://203.89.251.159/home/news/bicycle_strategy

A limited number of hard copies are available.

Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting Wednesday 8th October 2008

Held at Swinburne, Hawthorn Campus, Room TB218

Present: Jason den Hollander, Julia Blunden, John Parker, Glennys Jones, Graeme Stone, Alister Huth, Gordon Macmillan, Peter Campbell, Don Glasson

Apologies: Phil Crohn, Graham Ellis

Correspondence:

1. **Darebin Creek – Main Yarra Trail Link:** No further developments except for yet another failed attempt to overturn Boroondara Council's support for the link.

2. **Gardiners Creek Missing Link:** Report in the *Progress Leader* of continuing dissatisfaction in the dog walker camp. The suggestion was made that dog walkers be encouraged to direct their anger against Stonnington Council, however it was noted that the BV and BUG preferred route for the link would still cross to the Boroondara side of the creek and pass through part of Markham Reserve. John P reported that his investigations had revealed that Stonnington Council has not made a resolution to block any further bike paths on the golf course, but had rejected the BV/BUG preferred route on the grounds of danger from golf balls and flooding only. However, it was also noted that these difficulties have been satisfactorily resolved in other locations around Melbourne.
 3. **M1 Widening:** Julia B reported that there had been no response to the letter sent on behalf of the BUG to various key players. Jason D reported that the design of the replacement northern approach to the East Malvern bridge is being reconsidered and the approach width would now be 3m as per current standards for shared paths. He recommended writing to Peter Lellyet, and to John Cunningham, Project Manager for the M1 widening, expressing disappointment at the lack of response to our previous communication, and copying this to Andrew Lawson, Stakeholder Relations Manager. Julia B agreed to do this.
John P noted that the BUG had not been notified of the decision not to take up our suggestions for use of the York St footbridge. He said he intended to prepare a document with details of the planned replacement bridge approach to hand out to cyclists coming over the bridge at morning peak hour, and on our next Discovery Ride. Alister Huth undertook to use a WARBY ride he was leading on the Saturday following the meeting as an opportunity to raise consciousness about the proposed downgrading of the bridge approach.
 4. **East-West Link and Discovery Ride:** John P reported that he and Julia B had reconnoitred the ride route on the previous Sunday. Peter C had prepared a document mapping and detailing problems on the proposed route. He agreed to allow John P to add some alternative routes and BUG logo to this document, and offered to print copies of the modified document to be handed out on the Discovery Ride and also at RTW day and at the Surrey Hills Sustainability Festival. Julia B had obtained copies of the Whitehorse TravelSmart map and agreed to bring these and the Boroondara maps to distribute to ride participants. It was agreed that free coffees would be provided in Glenferrie.
 5. **Web Site Copyright/Licensing Issues:** John P has not yet implemented this.
 6. **Trail Names:** John P is still to circulate his proposed list to BUG members.
 7. **Promotion of the BUG:**
Business Cards: Jason D had printed an additional batch of business cards. Peter C agreed to arrange to get more professionally printed – probably 1,000 but 2,000 if only a small additional cost.
- Ride to Work Day, Wednesday 15/10:** Graeme S and John P reported that they had distributed 40 posters to businesses around Camberwell Junction. Notices have appeared in the last two issues of the PL. Graeme S offered to bring a card table to set up as a BUG stand. It was agreed that only non-contentious material such as business cards and east-west link hand-outs would be distributed. Julia B offered to bring printed newsletters and rides supplements for riders to look at and to try to retrieve the BUG banner from Graham E. Six or seven BUG members were expected to be present at the Camberwell breakfast. John P undertook to provide name badges for those who don't already have them. Glennys J reported that she was to be a Cycle Angel stationed near the start of the GC detour at Great Valley Rd. It was suggested that she chalk the pavement to indicate that she has TravelSmart maps to give away. Jason D reported that registration will be open for a week after RTW day and that it was important to encourage all participants to register if they haven't already done so.
8. **Family Fun Day Wattle Park, Sunday 14/9:** Graham E reported by email that it had been well worth while having a BUG presence at this event and that we should plan to repeat the exercise next year.
 9. **Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre Sustainability Expo, Sunday 9th November:** Julia B reported that she had had a call from Ken Coghill asking if a BUG member could be present at the festival demonstrating simple bike maintenance. As no-one present was available it was agreed that absentees should be contacted about this.
 10. **BAC Meeting:** Julia B reported that she had contacted Cr Heinz Kreutz about chairing the BAC meetings and had received an email from him indicating that Jim Hondrakis has agreed to this. Jim has not as yet responded to the email sent suggesting this and other changes to the operation of the BAC. The next BAC meeting is scheduled for Friday 28/11. Jason D pointed out that planning of the 09/10 council budget will start in October/November this year and we need to get our bids in before the end of the year if they are to have any chance of success.
 11. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** Several BUG members along with three other members of the public attended the final public consultation on the strategy on Thursday 18/9. John P and Graeme S have since made written submissions reinforcing points made at this consultation.
 12. **Change of Meeting day:** It was agreed that from the start of 2009 we will change our meeting day to the second Thursday of the month.
 13. **Council Elections:** Julia B has circulated her suggestions for three questions to be put to candidates and as no disagreement has been expressed those questions will be used. As the time will be very short between the close of nominations and the start of postal voting it was agreed that all existing councilors be contacted asap to ask if they are

standing for re-election, and if so for their responses to the questions, to be put on our web site. A new web page will be started for this election. All material from the last council election will be retained on a separate page.

14. **Anniversary Trail:** Glennys J reported that the problem at High St continues and appears unlikely to be resolved soon. The trail was supposed to be reinstated over the next weekend by Glennys suspected that this would be short lived. Glennys requested that members be watchful and immediately report any illegal proceedings. The people to contact are Joe Spiteri of Local Laws at Hawthorn, and possibly Pat Borg, Surveillance Officer.
15. **Christmas Break-up:** As no other offer was forthcoming Julia B will again host the Christmas break-up on Wednesday 10th December at her place. This will be a BYO barbecue dinner starting at 6.30pm followed by a short meeting at 8pm.
16. **Stonnington LAAP Funding Applications:** John P reported that the BUG had been instrumental in obtaining four submissions, in support of Stonnington Council's application for LAAP funding for works around East Malvern Station. The application has now reached the shortlist and is likely to succeed.
17. **Contact Details on Web Site:** Gordon M questioned the practice of listing personal details of contacts for other organizations on our web site and suggested that only web addresses should be provided as these are less likely to change over time. This led to discussion of related issues. It was agreed that we should consider using a gmail address rather than person email addresses on the web site and in our publications. However this would only work if the gmail address could be redirected to one or more members own email addresses as otherwise it probably would not be checked often enough. John P agreed to investigate this and to remove unnecessary personal contact details from the web site.

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

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

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

contact Touring Secretary, Dave Cash, phone: 9817 3269

or 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

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

Finbar Neighbourhood House Rides

Contact Deb in the office on 9428 7668 or 0403 028 200

Whitehorse Cyclists

email: ejhopper@vicnet.net.au
 website: <http://www.whitehorsecyclists.org.au/>

YHA

contacts: Ride Co-Ordinator Kathy
rides@yhacycling.org.au or mobile 0425-792 574
 or Secretary Voula on secretary@yhacycling.org.au
 website: www.yhacycling.org.au has free registration

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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. There is an additional charge of \$10 per annum for delivery of a hardcopy newsletter. Please send cheque (made out to Boroondara Bicycle Users Group) along with this form to:

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