

BOROONDARA

Bicycle Users Group

Newsletter April 2011

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

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 the Rides Supplement are embarked upon at your own risk.

Features

Kangaroo Island Cycle Camping Tour, 12 March to 19 March 2011

Introduction

Whilst searching the Web for information on cycle camping tours on Kangaroo Island (KI), I came across a thorough, well-written article titled 'Kangaroo Island 2003: Helen's Practical Tips for Cycling on One of Australia's Largest Islands' that gave detailed information on cycling a hybrid bike around KI. Although written nearly 8 years ago, Helen's article was an excellent source of information for the tour I had in mind - a week long cycle camping tour of approximately 400km around KI on hybrid bikes using mainly sealed roads. The latest edition of the Lonely Planet guide for Australia came in handy for tips on shop and cafe locations and the good tourist places to visit.

South Australia Kangaroo Island Visitor Guide, available at most S.A. tourist information centres, is the best guide and has the added benefit of being free. This guide is updated annually and includes a most useful coloured fold-out map of KI with distances and road surfaces marked, and locations of seal and koala viewing, wineries, honey farms and camping areas. It also includes smaller town and locality maps. Petrol and food availability and the Sealink KI ferry timetable are included.

Kangaroo Island is Australia's third-largest island. Tasmania is its largest and Melville Island off Darwin is its second largest. KI is about 350km long and 30km wide and had a somewhat brutal early European history of whalers, sealers and escaped convicts. Despite the depredations of sealers, KI's colonies of New Zealand Fur Seals and Sea Lions are recovering.

Equipment and Supplies

KI has very strict quarantine regulations so you need to wash your shoes or boots and bike tyres before catching the ferry to the island. You are not allowed to bring unwashed potatoes or honey onto KI. This is because the island has the only pure Ligurian bee population in the world and islanders want to keep their bees free from diseases. Similarly potatoes are an important export industry so islanders don't want diseases from the mainland spoiling their spuds.

You need to be relatively self-sufficient if camping on KI as once you leave the towns of Penneshaw and Kingscote on the eastern end of the island, there are not many other food shops.

My husband Ian drove a campervan as a support and luggage transport vehicle which meant we had the luxury of a fridge and storage for our food and camping gear. Kathie, the wife of one of the riders, also drove a car and transported some of the luggage. Those of us riding were grateful for their support as it considerably lightened the load on our bikes!

The Tour

Day 1 – Saturday 12/3 – Penneshaw to American River (40km)

We caught the 9am Sealink ferry from Cape Jervis on the southern tip of the Fleurieu Peninsula to Penneshaw, a small town on the eastern end of KI. The ferry ride took about 45 minutes so soon we were enjoying morning tea in the recently renovated Penneshaw Hotel with superb ocean views over the Backstairs Passage.

After a brief visit to the Kangaroo Island Gateway Information Centre for maps, we rode 40km to American River on good quality sealed roads with sea views over Eastern Cove. On the outskirts of Penneshaw a couple of short but steep hills tested our legs. After about 12km we stopped for lunch beside the turquoise waters of a white sand beach between Baudin and Brown Beaches where we saw dolphins riding the waves close to the shoreline.

A warm, fine day with no wind meant we were soon setting up camp at American River in the well-equipped camp site with views over the estuary. At \$15 per car, this camp was very good value for money with excellent new facilities including hot showers and an undercover eating area with tables, seating and gas BBQs. The warm, windless evening was perfect for dinner beside the water whilst watching Eagle Rays flapping in the shallows, flipping the tips of their fins out of the water as they hunted for crustaceans near the water's edge. A pair of Pied Oystercatchers lazily poked their bright red beaks into the wet sand searching for dinner. After sunset Ian set up his telescope and we had a look at the moon.

Day 2 – Sunday 13/3 – American River to Vivonne Bay (ca82km)

As we weren't sure whether we'd be riding 102km or a somewhat shorter distance, we set off early into a stiff headwind for the first 10km, retracing our route from American River back to Hog Bay Road. After 9km on Hog Bay Road we took a chance on riding the unsealed Wilsons Road to visit Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery & Craft Gallery where we sampled tasty home-baked Anzac biscuits with our morning coffee. This distillery is now a tourist attraction selling eucalyptus products such as lollies and cosmetics.

Just outside the distillery we spoke with a friendly local bus driver who encouraged us to ride a couple more kilometres south on an unsealed road to visit Cliffords Honey Farm, famous for its colony of Ligurian bees, honey and honey products including delicious honey icecream. The informative owner and well-organized displays about bee keeping and honey production made this honey farm a worthwhile detour.

Current local information about road conditions in invaluable on KI as, depending on when the road grader last went through, unsealed roads, notorious for their corrugations, pot holes and gravel, can vary from quite good to unrideable. After the recent rains, we were most fortunate that the grader had been through this area and given the unsealed roads a suitable surface on which to ride. To shorten our journey we rode on unsealed Wattle Grove Road, Veitches Road, West Road and Birchmore/South Coast Road until we reached the sealed section of the South Coast Road that took us south-west towards Vivonne Bay. The minor unsealed roads in this area were well signposted and possible to ride on provided we dodged the pot holes and sandy edges.

We were feeling tired by the time we reached the Seal Bay turnoff, so instead of riding an additional 24km to and from Seal Bay, we decided to treat ourselves to Devonshire afternoon tea at the Kaiwarra Food Barn, an old farmhouse with sheds dating from the early nineteenth century set in an attractive, treed location close to the South Coast Road near the Seal Bay Road turnoff. Another 13km saw us in Vivonne Bay and setting up camp at another cheap, well equipped camp ground with a modern, spacious undercover camp kitchen, BBQs and new amenities block. When finished this camp site will also provide hot showers. Revived by Dawn's delicious dinner of pork, spinach and pear casserole, we strolled along the wild, windy coast of Vivonne Bay at dusk.

Day 3 – Monday 14/3 – Vivonne Bay to Western KI Caravan Park (39km)

Welcome tailwinds, cool, fine weather and a relatively short distance today meant a leisurely start and most enjoyable ride. The scrubby bush gave way to more dense forest with larger trees as we approached the western end of the island. At Kelly Hill Caves we met up with another rider joining our group and had lunch in the attractive bushy picnic area at the caves. After lunch we did a tour of the limestone caves with their striking features such as shawls, straws, stalactites and stalagmites.

A few kilometres further on we visited the Koala Wildlife Reserve but only saw a couple of koalas in the tree tops. That night whilst camped in the Western KI Caravan Park we heard koalas growling and grunting in the trees, making their distinctive mating call that sounds like a broken down washing machine. We also heard in the distance the plaintive, shrill cry of the Bush Stone Curlews or Thick-Knees, sometimes described as the "Screaming Woman Bird" after their disturbing, penetrating shriek. Lots of Tamar Wallabies that look like miniature kangaroos were hopping around the camp ground.

Day 4 – Tuesday 15/3 – day tour of Flinders Chase National Park (52km)

The many roller coaster hills and a headwind made this a tough but most scenic day's ride with wonderful ocean views. Our first stop was the Cape du Coedic lighthouse where we did a walk to take in the views of the ocean crashing into the towering rugged cliffs. The New Zealand Fur Seal colony at Admirals Arch was fascinating to watch. The seals romped in the waves and lolled about on the rocks barking and yawning. We saw a young seal practicing its bird catching skills by trying to nip the feet of a Cormorant as it swam by. Apparently seals will eat sea birds if they are quick enough to catch them! The aptly-named Remarkable Rocks, a collection of curiously-shaped granite boulders perched on top of a huge dome 75metres above sea level, were a spectacular sight with the backdrop of the ocean. Some of these rock formations looked just like gigantic modern sculptures.

Day 5 – Wednesday 16/3 – Western KI Caravan Park to Parndana (63km)

Riding against an increasingly strong headwind, it took us most of the morning to reach our morning tea spot at the intersection of West End Road and Playford Highway. The western end of KI is quite remote and there are no shops, so Ian provided us with morning tea in the van. Dawn's delicious home-baked fruit cake and a hot drink were most welcome.

Today's country was sparse and drier than yesterday's lush forest, and at times the bush was like Mallee with sand-tolerant plants like Banksias and Grass Trees. To escape from the wind whilst eating lunch we sat on the veranda of the Roo Lagoon Gallery that displays woodwork made from local timbers.

We drafted off each other until we reached Parndana where we were pleasantly surprised by the modern, recently-renovated hotel with its free camping area in the pub grounds and \$3 hot showers. After being outdoors for most of the week, it was a real treat being indoors and out of the wind to eat dinner and relax afterwards in the comfort of leather armchairs.

Day 6 – Thursday 17/3 – Parndana to Kingscote (39km)

After a quick breakfast at camp we rode off into a gusting headwind. Farming country was interspersed with forest and native bush on the roadside verges. Some good views over the eastern end of the island greeted us at the top of the hills, and there were a couple of steep descents with tricky, tight curves. After riding past the Duck Lagoon turnoff we took a 1.5km detour to Island Pure Sheep Dairy at Cygnet River where we bought sheep's milk yoghurt to supplement our BYO sandwich lunch.

A few more kilometres took us to KI Spirits, a distillery and coffee shop that brews its own alcoholic spirits infused with piquant flavours including orange and ginger, lime and lemon. The friendly, welcoming sales staff encouraged us to sample some of their alcoholic liqueurs with our coffee. On the outskirts of Kingscote we stopped briefly at the Island Beehive, a well-stocked shop with a wide variety of types of honey for sale and many other items including children's toys and bees wax candles and soap.

We camped at the Kingscote Nepean Bay Tourist Park located on the beach about 3km south of Kingscote. It was pleasantly relaxing escape the cool, strong wind whilst eating dinner in the shelter of the campers' kitchen.

Day 7 – Friday 18/3 – Kingscote to Penneshaw (62km)

This was a tough 62km due to hills and the third day of unrelenting south easterly headwind. Before leaving camp we'd prepared a thermos for morning tea beside the road whilst sheltering behind some bushes to escape from the wind. For lunch we climbed the steep staircase to the top of Prospect Hill where views of the coast and surrounding country made the climb worthwhile.

After lunch we visited the M.B. Stonor Art Glass Studio, a small round gallery that displayed fine hand crafted glassware including ornaments, jewellery, sculptures and little glass orbs like tiny galaxies. The artist owner told us these orbs are popular with astronomers. It was such a relief to briefly escape from the strong wind into this peaceful space with its many beautiful objects. A recording of J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto softly played in the background.

We stopped briefly at Brown Beach and Baudin Beach to refuel and rest before tackling the steep but exhilarating run down the hill into Penneshaw. The caravan park located within a short walk of the ferry terminal was where we camped for our last night on KI. Dinner at the Penneshaw Hotel tasted really good with delicious locally caught seafood accompanied by local wine.

Day 8 – Saturday 19/3 – ferry back to mainland

The next morning we were up before dawn to catch the 8.30am ferry from Penneshaw back to Cape Jervis. This was the freight ferry so had a truck filled to the top with KI potatoes on board. Watching a pink dawn break over the ocean was a fitting finale to what had been a most enjoyable and scenic week of bike touring on Kangaroo Island.

Thanks to Cathy Taylor for this account of her tour

Trail Notes

M80 Ring Road Closures

Merlynston Creek bridge,

Works on the Merlynston Creek bridge as part of the M80 Ring Road Upgrade are nearing completion. Over the next couple of months works will continue in the area to complete this small section of the upgrade.

The shared user path under Merlynston Creek leading to and from Jack Roper Reserve in Broadmeadows was due to open in early 2011. Unfortunately due to delays experienced, the path will need to be closed for an extended period until mid-2011. Path users will need to continue using the detour route via the Ophir Street pedestrian bridge until the path is reinstated.

The Tulla Sydney Alliance would like to thank you for your patience throughout the duration of the works.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Maria Williams | Community Relations Officer; M80 Ring Road Upgrade Inquiry Line: 1300 297 090; Email: community@tullasydney.com.au

Additional path closure

From Monday 11 April until May 2011, the shared user path that is located adjacent to the M80 Ring Road Altona bound, between Airport Drive, Tullamarine and Melrose Drive, Airport West will be closed weekdays and reopen on weekends.

Works Near the Ophir Street Pedestrian Bridge, Broadmeadows

The Tulla Sydney Alliance is progressing with works to improve the M80 Ring Road between Calder Freeway and Sydney Road as part of the State and Federal Government's \$2.25 billion upgrade.

Works as part of the installation of a new power distribution board for the new freeway management system near the Ophir Street pedestrian bridge are now scheduled to start on the week commencing Monday 28 March and will take approximately two weeks to complete. Works will be done during the day.

Works will involve digging through the earth mound and some vegetation removal. The shared user path in the area will be temporarily affected during the works. Our crew will be on site to safely escort pedestrians and cyclists should they need to pass.

The construction team will need to deliver a small excavator to the site via Ophir Street on the first day of work. For approximately half an hour, some driveways may be temporarily blocked on between 10am – 12pm. If you have any concerns, please give us a call.

Should works be delayed due to bad weather, they will be rescheduled.

Should you have any questions please contact us on 1300 297 090 choose option 2, followed by option 4 alternatively you can email community@tullasydney.com.au.

Events

Bicycle Music Concert - Castlemaine - Saturday 9th April 2011

Bicycle Riders will meet in Victory Park, Castlemaine at 6:15pm for a 3km 'Slow Ride' to the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens where they will be treated to a World Class Performance of Moving Images and Live Looping by Australia's own bicycle riding Cellist / Looper/ Composer, Kristin Rule. As the sun sets, a mesmerized audience will journey through contrasting emotional landscapes, exploring uniquely Australian perspectives, Worldly realities, past, present and future, and places both known and unknown, real and imagined. All are welcome, with bike or without. Bring your own rug, chair and picnic delights and settle into this enchanting one hour experience celebrating the richness of life. Ride Starts 6:45pm (meet 6:15). Concert Commences at 7:30pm (finishes 8:30pm) @Castlemaine Botanical Gardens

\$10/ \$5 Tickets Available at the Venue on the Day. Bring a Picnic and Chair/Rug. Concert Supported by Aphids, Punctum, Ian Potter Foundation & Mechanarchy

More at: <http://www.kristinrule.com/gypsyife/CastlemaineFestival.html>

OZHPV Challenge & 6 Hour HPV Enduro - Saturday April 9th & Sunday April 10th 2011

The 2011 OzHPV Cycling Challenge will be held at Wodonga VIC on Saturday April 9, & Sunday April 10, 2011. Once again we have the use of a top quality Kart track at Wodonga for the weekend. 2 days of HPV fun: A day of individual races, followed by a 6hr HPV Team Race. Track located at Sheather's Road Wodonga (approx 2km West from Wodonga City)

More at: <http://www.ozhvp.org.au/>

MBTC MAD Ride - Sunday 10th April 2011

Join hundreds of other cyclists for a fantastic day cycling through the forests and fields around Woodend. As well as the classic routes from previous years, a new ride has been added. The "Start/Finish" for all options is the Buffalo Sports Stadium on the Tylden Rd, Woodend. Ample free parking is available next to the stadium at the Woodend Racecourse. A new 40km road loop ride for enjoying the countryside and historic town of Kyneton as well as the riding, suitable for all styles of bikes and riders. It incorporates an optional tweed-ride event for riders who wish to dress-up in period street clothes and promenade through historic Kyneton on their classic, retro or vintage bikes. There will be prizes for the most interesting and popular bikes and outfits.

Last year's highly successful 65km road loop which visits Carlsruhe, Kyneton and Lauriston An exciting and challenging 60km MTB loop through the scenic Wombat State Forest. The popular 120km road loop for fit riders ready for the transition from Beach Rd and other regular road routes. It visits Carlsruhe, Lancefield, Baynton, Kyneton and Lauriston. The quiet back roads are undulating with one or two hills and spectacular views as they swoop through the open country north of the Macedon Ranges and through the Kyneton district.

More at: <http://www.mbtc.org.au/>

21st BAD Ride 2011 Ballarat Cycling Tour - Sunday 1st May 2011

50km and 100km routes from Ballarat to Dean and return - all on sealed roads. Start – 9 am Pleasant Street Primary School. 25km. Scenic ride circuit from Moorabool Reservoir on sealed and gravel roads suit mountain and hybrid bikes only. Start – 10.15 am Moorabool Reservoir

More at: <http://www.badrider.com.au/>

Pink Cargo Bike Ride - Saturday May 7th 2011

The first Pink Cargo Bike Ride! Join us for a 10km tour along the beach; start with a coffee and have a picnic the end! Supporting the national breast cancer foundation... so come as PINK as you can get!

For everyone on a (cargo) bike. Saturday May 7, 2011. Start 9.00am at playground North Rd Point Brighton (pirate ship) Finish around midday at the playground in Black Rock next to the clock tower, have a picnic to end a perfect morning! Cycling is all along Beach rd on the bike track. Pink box for donations will be on site. Ticket: \$10 for a family, pay on the day.

Register at info@dutchcargobike.com.au

More at: <http://www.dutchcargobike.com.au/>

Melburn Roobaix 2011 - Hell of the Northcote - Sunday 26th June 2011

The Queen of the Suburban classics is back for 2011. Join the LIST on the MELBURN ROOBAIX page to be emailed when registration is live. For those unfamiliar with what has been a cycling cult classic over the past 5 years, Melburn Roobaix is a cycle rally based on the French spring classic 'Paris-Roubaix' which is one of the oldest cycle races in the world. Like the French version the route incorporates some of Melburn's longest and bumpiest cobbled pave sectors, dirt tracks, cycle paths and finishes at the Brunswick outdoor velodrome. Unlike the French version there are no prizes for first, second or third. It is not a race. There will be lycra. There will be long socks. There will be baggy shorts. There will be skinny jeans. No matter what sect of the cycling religion you follow, there will be fellow brethren. 100 days and counting. Internationals and interstaters, book your flights now! Select your bike, your gearing, your tyre width and pressure and start searching for every back alley, cobbled lane, dirt track in preparation for the 6th annual MELBURN ROOBAIX - Hell of the Northcote.

More at: <http://www.fyxomatos.com>

Thanks to Yarra BUG for the above items

Pedal for Japan

Join some friendly people on a 30km ride around Melbourne's Capital City Trail on Sunday 17th April to raise money for the Red Cross Japan and Pacific Disaster Appeal, it will be great fun! (To find us on facebook, search for Pedal for Japan).

When: Sunday 17th April

Time: 1:45pm for a 2pm start

Where: Front of Transport Bar at Fed Square

For more details about the route, please visit: www.bv.com.au/file/file/paths-trails/Capital%20City%20Trail%20map.pdf

You can help fundraise by forwarding the following link to your family and friends, and you can donate some money yourself at this link: www.redcrossfundraising.org.au/pedal_for_japan

If you would like your name listed on the fundraising page just email me at tori.pearce@gmail.com and I'll add you. Your email address will not show on the fundraising page, but Red Cross will email you when someone dedicates a donation to your name. It's a good idea to get me to add your name to the list so that your supporters can direct donations to you and you will know how much you have raised.

We'll be finishing the day at Pray The Music, a fundraising concert for Japan and NZ at the European Bier Cafe (120 Exhibition St), from 4pm onwards. \$10 entry, heaps of great beer, food and music (If you are one of those hipsters with facebook, search for Pray the Music for more details).

Cheers, Tori

General News

Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides

The Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides has now been released by Austroads. The publication brings together cycling related information found in various Austroads guides, primarily the *Guide to Road Design* and the *Guide to Traffic Management*. It contains key information that relates to planning, design and traffic management of cycling facilities.

The publication has been produced to ensure that this information is easily accessible by practitioners who have a specific interest in cycling issues and facilities. It provides an overview of planning and traffic management considerations, and a summary of design guidance and criteria relating to on-road and off-road bicycle facilities. *Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides* cross-references the Austroads Guides for more detailed information.

To maximise the accessibility of this publication, particularly with community and cycling user groups, Austroads is offering *Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides* for free download in electronic format which can be downloaded from Austroads Publications Online. The publication can also be purchased as a hard copy from the website: www.austroads.com.au

Quality Bike Repairs

Quality Bike Repairs has been open for about a year and half and is run by expert bike mechanic Simon Jamison. Simon does not sell bikes but instead focuses solely on quality bike repairs. The name of the business says it all. Simon will adjust everything that needs adjusting and repair what's broke on your bike. He might not have needed parts in stock but will get them in and let you how long that will take - however he certainly has all the tools ever needed. Bike covered in mud? Simon will give it a good clean and polish. Simon is also rumoured to be straight forward with women riders, avoiding the somewhat patronising attitude we occasionally see in some bike shops. Rates reflect the work done, remembering as in all things, you get what you pay for.

This business runs out of a shop front in Union Rd, Surrey hills, a couple of doors down from "Cycling & Sports Clothing". So drop off your bike for a service, say hello to "Happy" the dog, pick up some new knicks at the clothing shop a couple of doors up and perhaps some bread from the "Pure Bread Bakery" bread shop. You can take a bus or catch the train back home from the adjacent Surrey Hills station.

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The anonymous author has no financial interest in the businesses mentioned.

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Boroondara News

Bicycle Advisory Committee Meetings

The next BAC meeting is scheduled for 9.30-12, Friday 17th June. Agendas and minutes for BAC meetings can be viewed at <http://boroondara.vic.gov.au/our-city/cycling-walking/cycling/bicycle-advisory-committee>

Incorporation of the Boroondara BUG – Pros and Cons

On Thursday 17th March John Parker and I attended a workshop organised by Council on this subject. The workshop was presented by Pilchconnect a not for profit (yes!) law firm that specialises in assistance to community organisations, web site: <http://www.pilch.org.au>

I would like to foreshadow incorporation as an agenda item for the June meeting, the first I'll be able to attend after my overseas trip.

This is my perhaps somewhat simplistic summary of what we were told.

Pros

Individual members would be protected against law suits to a greater extent

The BUG could take out public liability insurance

The BUG could run its own rides – maybe not regular, recreational rides, but possibly more discovery type rides

The BUG could enter into contracts such as hire of a hall etc

The BUG would be able to have its own stall at events such as the Kew Festival

The BUG would be able to apply for grants for particular projects

Cons

We would need to have a more formal structure with a committee, and AGM, more formal financial records and an annual financial statement

The secretary and treasurer in particular would have to undertake a number of additional tasks

Membership would probably need to be formalised with an annual subscription

We would have to adopt a set of rules, either the model rules or our own

There would be certain costs, though these are not huge

The pros and cons are set out in more detail in the following fact sheet:

[http://www.pilch.org.au/Assets/Files/IncorporationDecisionFINAL\[1\].pdf](http://www.pilch.org.au/Assets/Files/IncorporationDecisionFINAL[1].pdf)

There's also lots of information on the Pilchconnect web site about how to go about the business of incorporation.

Liz Landray, the Boroondara staffer who organised the workshop that John and I attended, has indicated that the BUG could apply for a grant to cover the costs of incorporation. The 2011-12 Community Development Grants Program will open on 2 May and close at 5pm on 6 June. Application Forms will be available online about a week before this time.

Boroondara Council are running a Grant Writing Workshop on 8 April 10am to 12pm at the Kew Seniors Centre, 533 High Street Kew. I will not be attending this workshop but others may like to do so. If so please contact Liz Landray at email: Liz.Landray@boroondara.vic.gov.au ; phone: 9278 4723.

Julia Blunden

Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting, Monday 10th March 2010

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn
MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: John Parker, Glennys Jones, Julia Blunden, Peter Campbell, Graham Ellis (Chair), Ken Morrison

Apologies: Linda Rohrs, Graeme Stone, Malcolm Faul, David Leong, Betty Weeks, Gordon Macmillan, Hedley Finger

Correspondence:

In

Letter from Council inviting us to participate in a Community OnBoard workshop on incorporation 17th March.

Out

1. Letter to Robert Clark, cc'd to various others, recommending that planning for the East-West Link begin with the Box Hill to Camberwell section along with the Grace Park section.
2. Letter to Ted Baillieu in support of the new bridge at HA Smith Reserve

Matters Arising:

1. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** Glennys J reported that she has had contact with Lisa Stafford, Sustainable Transport Officer at Stonnington, and has pointed out that this is a Ride to School route for children from Malvern Valley P S when they move on to Ashwood SC. Simply signing the path as a shared footway is a low-cost option which would at least make its use by cyclists legal. Graham E offered to investigate support for this at the Holmesglen Campus.
2. **Anniversary Trail at High St and Toorak Rd:** Graeme S reported via email that some new asphalt has appeared behind the shops on the north side of Toorak Rd. However several issues remain.
3. **East – West link:** Peter C reported that he has spoken to Jim Hondrakis about priority sections: Whitehorse to Camberwell and Grace Park, as well as sending the letter to Robert Clarke and various others. April is when the new government will be making funding decisions. This will be an agenda item for the BAC meeting, 18/3.
4. **Stocklands Tooronga Village Development:** **Graeme S** is still pursuing this.
5. **Woolworths Gasworks Site Redevelopment:** Glennys J reported that work has begun on removal of the gasometer.
6. **Anniversary Trail missing link at Camberwell High:** Graham E reported that he had spoken to Jim H, who has spoken to one of the deputy principals at Camberwell HS, in the absence of the principal. Jim's proposal for using the land to the west of the tennis courts for the trail will be put to the school council.
7. **Leos:** The only advance here is that a single bike parking rail has been installed in the least suitable spot.
8. **Hays Paddock Plan:** Julia B reported that there is considerable opposition to the north-south cycling link through the park even though this is part of the bike strategy, as well as a possible move to close access to this from streets to the east of the park. The steering committee has met for the last time but there will be further community consultation which will focus mainly on locals. **Peter C** agreed to be the BUG contact person on Hays Paddock during Julia B's forthcoming absence.
9. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Nothing to report. It was agreed that this is one of our top five big projects.
10. **Warrigal Rd Underpass:** Glennys J reported that the deck is now in place on the new pedestrian bridge over Gardiners Creek. The issue of access from the trail to the footpaths on either side of Warrigal Rd was raised. It is important that adequate turning circles are provided; right angle turns are unacceptable. This will be another BAC agenda item.
11. **Possible Formation of Stonnington BUG:** Hedley F was not present at the meeting but had emailed Julia B with a request for a list of Stonnington Council contacts. **John P and Glennys J** agreed to provide these to Hedley. John P reported that he had provided Hedley with BUG records relevant to this matter.
12. **Meeting with Graham Watt, the new MLA for Burwood:** Graeme S sent notes on this and John P reported that the meeting was quite successful, with the MP's personal assistant in particular showing a good knowledge of cycling issues.
13. **Solway Bridge:** Glennys J reported that Council is carrying out an audit of assets damaged in the floods and also that the fence has finally been cleared from the path leading to the East Malvern Station Bridge. John P has asked for the issue of clearing asphalt from the creek to be on the BAC agenda. Graham E raised the issue of the secondary path at the Glen Iris Wetlands which sustained flood damage.

14. **Stand-in Newsletter editor and secretary for April and May:** As no one has offered to take on this task there will be no newsletter for May. Julia B will do the April newsletter and arrange the April meeting. A minute taker will be appointed at this meeting. If a meeting is to be held in May this will be done via email. **Julia B** will send the list of email addresses she uses to other members. It has not been possible as yet to set up additional moderators for the Yahoo group due to problems with the ownership, but hopefully these will be sorted out eventually.
15. **Combined BUGs meeting:** Julia B said that she had acceptances from ten people from various BUGs to date. Several of those present indicated that they would also attend. **Julia B** will send out an agenda a week before the meeting.

New Business

1. **Anniversary Trail logos:** It was agreed that the red railway symbols should be used with the text 'Outer Circle Trail' for the section from Burke Rd to the Chandler Hwy, and that the symbol could be used more widely on city rail trails.
2. **Incorporation:** Julia B and John P will be attending the Council workshop on incorporation on Thursday 17/3. Most of those present supported the move to incorporate. Graeme S and Glennys J have reservations.
3. **Use of BUG Funds:** Peter C stated his intention to produce a leaflet on the East-West link for the duplication of which funds will be required. This item will be revisited after a decision is made on incorporation.
4. **Revision of Boroondara Travelsmart Map:** Alan Tonkin has sent a list of suggested additions. This will be an agenda item for the BAC meeting.
5. **Invitations to councillors and others to attend BUG meetings:** It was agreed that Cr Jack Wegman should be invited to the June meeting.
6. **Next meeting:** Thursday 14th April

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

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

Website: www.surreyhillsnc.org.au

Boroondara BUG Contacts

Membership Secretary & Treasurer:

Graeme Stone

16 Jervis Street, Camberwell, Vic 3124

email: graeme_stone@optusnet.com.au

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

website: www.yhacycling.org.au has free registration

Newsletter Editor & Minutes Secretary:

Julia Blunden

phone: 9853 5095

email: jblunden@bigpond.com

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:

Graeme Stone
16 Jervis St
Camberwell
Vic, 3124