

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 9th May 2018
Function Room, Elgin Inn, Cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn

Minutes

Present: David Hall (Chair), Gordon Macmillan, Julia Blunden, David Farrow

Apologies: Peter Carter, Glennys Jones, Mark Haywood, Ric de France, Mal Faul, John Parker, Ken Parker

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

Out

- Letter to John Pesutto re missing link in Anniversary Trail

Matters arising

1. **North Eastern Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Peter Carter reported by phone that he had attended a meeting of the reference group but that discussion had been about high level, planning type issues and did not get down to details such as bike routes. David Farrow said he has written to the authority posing a list of 13 questions and is awaiting a response. It was agreed that the cycling and walking reference group is likely to be the most useful for our purposes.
2. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** David Hall and Peter Carter attended a meeting with VicRoads and were frustrated that they had not taken account of issues raised at an earlier meeting. The southbound road won't have a bike lane and the plan is to incorporate this on the heritage bridge. There are issues with heritage lobbyists wanting to preserve the look of a rail bridge. There are problems with the Heidelberg Rd intersection, especially for cyclists riding eastwards along Heidelberg Rd and wanting to turn south across the bridge.
3. **Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Julia Blunden has written to the local member, John Pesutto. An acknowledgement of this letter has been received.
4. **Walmer St Bridge:** John Parker and Glennys Jones were both at a meeting of the action group at the time of the BUG meeting. The push is now for a complete new bridge at a higher level to make for a smoother crossing for pedestrians and cyclists. John and Glennys are coming round to the view that this is desirable.
5. **Jacka Trail:** Nil to report
6. **Glass Creek Trail:** Nil to report
7. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** See New Business – Cookson St
8. **Review of BUG Structure:** Mark Haywood was not present, nor had he sent a report
9. **Stonnington Matters:** Nil to report.

10. **Victorian BUGs Meeting:** It was agreed that when Julia Blunden returns from overseas in mid-June she will investigate using Dan O'Connell's in Carlton as a venue and getting Philip Mallis as a speaker and hopefully organize the next meeting.
11. **Web Site and Twitter Account** – Ric de France was not present, nor had he sent a report.
12. **Treasurer's report – Malcolm Faul:** Mal was not present and had not provided a report.

New Business

1. **Cookson St:** David Farrow reported that he had sent a submission to Council. The response he received related only to bike parking issues he'd raised and not to bicycle passage through the area.
2. **Anniversary Trail - Toorak Rd Crossing:** Those who had so far indicated they would attend this meeting and speak are:
David Hall – engineering aspects
Glennys Jones – safety (since changed to issues with the signalised crossing)
David Farrow – poor usage of this trail in terms of numbers, relating this to the Darebin – Yarra Link
John Parker – undecided as yet
Legibility of the trail, or rather lack of it, is another point that needs to be covered
3. **Sealing and Improvement of the Yarra Trail between Burke Rd and Manningham:** David Farrow wanted BBUG to take up this cause. Others present pointed out that this is in Banyule, which has its own BUG, and that as Parks Victoria has control of this section it will be well nigh impossible to get it sealed.
4. **Sealing of the Wilson Reserve Trail and its extension south to the Darebin Link:** David Farrow would like BBUG to take up this cause too, but others present felt that again it is outside Boroondara and probably too hard to achieve.
5. **Communication with BUG Members:** Due to the small number present, and the absence of key people, it was decided to leave this to the next meeting.
6. **Croydon – Lilydale Trail:** David Hall reported that the route currently proposed for stage 2 is too steep and that a route alongside the rail line would be preferable. He will confer with John Parker on this.
7. **Boroondara Council Budget:** Those present had insufficient knowledge of this to have any useful discussion.
8. **Boroondara Traffic Policy:** Ditto
9. **Volunteer Needed to Organise June meeting;** It was agreed that Julia Blunden should ask Mal Faul if he can do this.

Other Business

Nil

Notes by Julia Blunden

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

