

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 14th November 2018
Function Room, Elgin Inn, Cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn

Minutes

Present: Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Ric de France, Glennys Jones, Peter Campbell (Chair), Julia Blunden, Peter Carter, Mark Haywood

Apologies: David Leong, Ken Parker, John Parker, Mal Faul

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

- Nil

Matters arising

1. North Eastern Bicycle Corridor and North East Link

There was a meeting of the Community Technical Discussion Group two weeks ago. David Hall has withdrawn from the group. This group's report will go to the tenderers for the project, a first. This will include the complementary projects and there will be an appendix with more detail on these. It is very important that everything we want is included in this. There should be follow up in December.

ACTION

Glennys will circulate the wish list to BUG members in case they want to make additions. The proposed footbridge over the Eastern Fwy near the Chandler Hwy will be in this list.

2. Chandler Hwy bridge

Glennys Jones reported that the traffic signal blocking the footpath has been moved allowing better access to the path and greater visibility of the signal. However the path is only 2m wide so well short of the standard. Glennys and Peter Carter met with Clare Davey to push for the new footbridge. Her advice was to contact the new mayor, Jane Addis. Glennys has emailed Phillip Healey instead to put him in the picture but has had no response as yet. Other suggestions were to contact Anthony Carbines the ALP member for Ivanhoe, all candidates, and/or Greens MLC, Samantha Dunn,

ACTION

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3. Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High

Julia Blunden reported that she had spoken with Hawthorn MLA John Pesutto about this at the Hawthorn pre-polling.

ACTION

Glennys Jones will contact Councillor Garry Thompson.

4. Walmer St – John Parker, Glennys Jones

Glennys Jones reported that Jane Waldock, who has been a key supporter of this project, has left Yarra.

5. Jacka Trail, North Balwyn – Balwyn Leisure Centre / Gordon Barnard Reserve Master plan

Nil to report. Peter Campbell queried whether this item should be dropped. The general view was that it should be retained as the pedestrian crossing at Balwyn Rd may be imminent and this will open up the opportunity for extending the trail westwards. However it was agreed that the status of the Gordon Reserve Master Plan should be checked. A search of the council web site did not bring up anything on this plan and it will be dropped from the agenda item in future.

6. Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail

The prospect of level crossing removals at Surrey Hills and Mont Albert has opened up a new, one off opportunity to push for this. Peter Campbell organised a meeting on this on Thursday 8th November. Representatives of MeBUG, WATAG and BBUG were present. It was agreed at this meeting that lobbying to date has not been effective and a community campaign is needed. The scope agreed by the three organisations is Box Hill to the Anniversary Trail at Camberwell. Social media will be used and a leaflet will be produced for letterboxing. The three organisations will aim to become stakeholders on the Level Crossing Removal Authority. Glennys Jones mentioned the Upfield line as a parallel worth monitoring.

7. Review of BBUG structure – Mark Haywood

Mark has been away and has had other matters to deal with. However he has prepared a number of new documents and will aim to call another meeting of the subcommittee before the end of November. While incorporation is not necessarily a goal it is a possibility.

ACTION

Mark to organise meeting of subcommittee

8. Stonnington matters

Glennys Jones reported that some more good work has been done on the Scotchmans Creek Trail at the Warrigal Rd Bridge.

9. Toorak Rd crossing on Anniversary Trail

Glennys Jones has noticed a Planning Permit Application for a new building in the area. She has lodged an objection to the development and brought the new shared path bridge to the attention of the planning officer. This provides a mechanism to receive updates on the development. The BUG has received no news of any funding for the bridge, or for its planning. It was agreed that the council budget should be checked for the latter.

10. Communication with BBUG members

Ric de France and John Parker are still working on a mailing mechanism. It was agreed that there need to be options for members to receive more or fewer emails.

ACTION

Ric will follow up with John

11. Council/BUG catch up Friday 30/11 – attendance, agenda items

Agenda items agreed on were the new bike strategy and an update on the Eastern Trails Strategy. BUG members were urged to consider attending.

ACTION

Julia Blunden undertook to contact Nellie Montague to confirm the date of this meeting and to call for agenda items from members.

12. Shared Path/Local Street Intersection Priorities

Glennys Jones has sent a submission to council's Disability Action Plan pushing this. David Farrow hasn't done any more work on this as yet but is considering petitions, one for each intersection. David said that money needs to be allocated in the next council budget for this work.

13. Web Site and Twitter Account

Ric reported that the BUG has 330 followers on Twitter, but the web site has had only 20 visits over the last month. Glennys Jones reported that the BUG has 110 Facebook followers.

14. Treasurer's report – Mal Faul

Mal Faul was away and had not sent a report.

New Business

Nil

Other Business

1. Alphington Link to Darebin Yarra Link

A committee has been formed to work with VicRoads on this. David Farrow has applied successfully to be on this. David Hall is also a member. David Farrow will push for a new café run by the golf club on this link. Glennys Jones reported works at the golf club which may preclude the Farm Rd route for this link. She also reported that there are now 'Dogs on Leash' signs on the D-Y link and on the Yarra Trail between there and the Chandler Hwy.

2. Djerring Trail under Sky Rail from Yarraman to Caulfield Station

Gordon Macmillan reported that he had ridden this trail on its opening day.

3. Rushall Station Path

Glennys Jones reported that Yarra Council heard an update on this project on 13/11. They have received many objections and few submissions in favour of the new path. The cost of the project has escalated due to the cost of relocating VicTrack cables. Glennys urged other members to send in submissions in favour of the project, which is still possible until the Planning Permit Application goes to Council in December.

Next meeting: Wednesday 12th December? subject to availability of function room