

**Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Function Room, Elgin Inn, Cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Glennys Jones (Chair), David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Philip Mallis, Philip Stahle, June Stahle, Mal Faul

**Apologies:** Peter Carter, Gordon Macmillan, Ric de France, John Parker, David Leong,

**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
- Email from local MP Kat Theophanous re Local Sports Infrastructure Fund which enables Councils to apply for funding

**Out**

**Matters arising**

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Panel hearings have now concluded. The Minister's response should be announced soon.
2. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** The official opening of the repurposed heritage bridge is planned for Thursday 21/11, 4-7pm. There has been no response from the Roads Minister to our letter about the unacceptable gradients on the access path to the underpass from the east side. Philip Mallis agreed to revise this letter to include more detail on the gradients and the relevant standards. The revised letter will be sent to the ward councillor, Phillip Healey, and cc'd to Clare Davey, Jim Hondrakis, the Royal Talbot and the Guide Dogs.
3. **Missing link in the Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Glennys Jones reported that the Camberwell Hockey Club is currently experiencing increased demand for car parking with the soccer now being held at Camberwell HS. She offered to email Councillors Hollingsworth and Thompson to point out that completion of the missing link may help alleviate this problem by making access by foot and bike easier.
4. **Walmer St Bridge:** There has been no recent news on this. Glennys Jones offered to email the working group and Minister Richard Wynn to ask for an update.
5. **Jacka Trail:** Hope was expressed that this may still be included in the scope of the revised North East Link. Julia Blunden suggested that a centre refuge at Balwyn Rd could be an interim solution. It was agreed that this should be raised at the next Council catch up.
6. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell was not present. Nil to report.
7. **Review of BBUG Structure:** Mark Haywood was not present. Nil to report.
8. **Stonnington matters:** Stonnington Council is currently preparing a new bike strategy.

9. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Nil to report. Another agenda item for the Council catch up.
10. **Toorak Rd LXR:** The next meeting is on 3/12. The new pedestrian crossing is in place but there are no bike lanterns as there should be. It was suggested that there should also be radar to detect people still on the crossing to delay the change of lights, as is becoming common.
11. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** Glennys Jones reported that Council is currently redoing line marking throughout the municipality. She has succeeded in having Anniversary Trail users given priority at the entrance to the Burwood Station car park. David Farrow indicated his interest in discussing this issue at the next Council catch up.
12. **Fritz Holzer Park:** Nil to report.
13. **Boroondara Bluestone Renewal Policy:** Nil to report. Another agenda item for the Council catch up.
14. **BUG-Council catch-up:** It was agreed to request a catch up on either Tuesday 3/12 or 10/12. The following agenda items were listed:
  - New Bike strategy
  - Anniversary Trail missing link
  - Intersection priorities
  - Gardiners Creek Trail underpass at Toorak Rd
  - Chandler Hwy – issues with eastern approach path
  - Anniversary Trail at Toorak Rd – what can the BUG do to progress this?
  - Walmer St bridge
  - Bluestone renewal policy
15. **Communication with BBUG members:** Nil to report.
16. **Web Site and Twitter account:** Nil to report.
17. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul reported that the BUG term deposit is now \$1,574 and the bank balance is \$3? (Can you give me this figure Mal?). It was agreed that the term deposit should be renewed. Mal raised the issue of membership fees. Most memberships are currently due for renewal. It was agreed that Mal should contact Mark Haywood about this so as not to create any problems should we decide to proceed with incorporation as per Mark's proposal.

## **New Business**

1. **Protocols for BUG meetings with politicians and others:** Glennys Jones had proposed the following:
  - BBUG members respect time allocation
  - The meeting has an agreed purpose and it is adhered to
  - The nominated spokesperson speaks on behalf of the BBUG
  - Discussions outside of the agreed agenda are to be raised by the spokesperson and only after the agenda item discussions have concluded and time permits.
  - Those present accepted these protocols as being generally reasonable, except in the case where a meeting is held for the purpose of a briefing, eg when a new politician is elected.
2. **Kew Recreation Centre Renovation:** Philip Mallis outlined a number of issues he has raised with Council regarding pedestrian and bike access to the centre and bike parking. He has received a fairly detailed response but has responded asking for further clarification on a couple of issues. It was agreed that a Parkiteer bike cage would be good for members/regular users of the centre but that additional, undercover parking not requiring a card is also desirable. It was suggested that the Kat Theophanous email may be relevant here. Julia Blunden agreed to forward this to Philip. Council may be able to apply

for funding for works at the centre.

3. **Department of Transport Structure:** Philip updated the group on new Department of Transport and transport agency reorganisation..

#### **Other Business**

1. **High St Kew pedestrian crossing at Kew High:** Glennys Jones has emailed Councillors Parkes and Sinclair about the need to widen the pram ramps here. They have contacted Jim Hondrakis, who has contacted VicRoads and been told that this is still a low priority. There was some discussion about what can be done to get action on this but no solution was arrived at.
2. **Outer Circle Trail at Burke Rd:** Philip Stahle raised the problem of the dangerous crossing of Heather Grove, just northwest of the signalized Burke Rd crossing. There is no signage here to indicate that trail users have priority over motorists exiting onto Burke Rd, which should clearly be the case. This can be raised at the Council catch up, and also on the upcoming safety audit of the Outer Circle Trail.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December? Subject to availability of function room

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden