

BOROONDARA

Bicycle Users Group

Newsletter October 2009

Boroondara BUG meetings are normally held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th October. 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, 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. 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 this newsletter are embarked upon at your own risk.

Features

Check Your Bike with the ABC Quick Check

It's time to dust off the bike that's been sitting in the shed over winter. Based on the American League of Bicyclists ABC Quick Check here's an easy to remember systematic check that you can use to ensure that bike is safe to ride. You can teach children a simplified version of this and encourage them to spend a minute or two checking their bikes before they ride. Teaching them a simple ABC Quick Check helps them to understand the workings of their bike. If you're riding an unfamiliar bike, the ABC Quick Check makes sure you've covered most bases – but add a check of the saddle – check it's properly tightened. Modify this basic check to suit your riding needs.

ABC Quick Check is an easy way to remember your basic bike safety inspection. Practice ABC Quick Check so that you can do it quickly each time before you leave on your ride. Please note: tips below with an M beside them will need some mechanical skill, and special tools. You may decide to have the problem fixed at a bike shop

"A" is for Air

Check your tyres and wheels.

- Do the tyres have enough air? Your tyres should be firm when squeezed. Inflate tyres to the pressure indicated on the side wall of your tyre (Use a pressure gauge pump to insure proper pressure) Poorly inflated tyres are more prone to puncture and make riding hard work.
- Is the tube valve sticking straight out of the rim? If not, let the air out, tug the tyre around so the valve is straight, and then pump up the tyre
- Check the tyres for damage to the tread and sidewall and wheel rim, is the tyre cut or badly worn? Replace if necessary
- Are the wheels true? True means spinning without wobbling. Check for loose or broken spokes. M
- Is there any looseness in the ball bearings in the hub? Check by holding the wheel and trying to move it from side to side. If there is any looseness you need to get the hub mechanism at the axle adjusted. M

"B" is for Brakes and Bars

Check the brakes.

- Are the brake levers far enough from the handlebars (at least two fingers' width when pulled)?
- Check the brake release on the brake mechanism is closed, particularly if the wheel was removed for transport.
- Are the levers easy enough to reach to pull hard?
- When you press the brake levers, are the brake pads touching only the rim of the wheel and not the tyre or spokes? Are the pads too worn?
- Do the brake pads grab the rim along their entire length?
- Standing beside your bike, pull the front brake only and push forward on the handlebars. The front wheel should lock up and the back wheel should leave the ground. Then pull the back brake only and walk forward, the back wheel should lock and skid along the ground.
- Are the cables worn or frayed?

Also check the handlebars.

- Are the handlebars straight or crooked?
- Is the headset loose (the headset is where the handlebars attach to the frame)? Pull both the brakes and rock the bike back and forth. If there is any looseness then the ball bearing casing needs tightening. Tighten the nut where the handlebar stem meets the head tube but don't over tighten.
- Are the handlebars loose, either from side to side or up and down? Hold the front wheel between your knees and try to twist the handlebars side to side. If loose tighten the bolt at the top of the stem. Try to twist the handlebars up and down. If loose tighten the bolt where the stem attaches to the handlebars.

"C" is for Chain, Crank and Cogs (Also for longer rides Cellphone, Camelpack & Change)

Check the drive train.

- Check to see that the chain is properly engaged on the gears by lifting the back wheel and moving your pedals forward
- Wiggle the crank arms to make sure that they are not loose – never ride a bike with a loose crank arm.
- Firmly grasp the crank arms and try to wiggle them to ensure they are tight
- inspect the chain for smooth operation. If the chain is rusty or “dry” it needs to be oiled. A “clogged” chain should be cleaned then oiled.
- If your bike has a chain guard, make sure it is not loose or bent.
- Do the pedals spin freely?

"Quick" is for Quick Release

Check the nuts or the quick release levers that clamp the wheel axles to the forks.

- Are the nuts or Quick release levers on tight?
- A quick release lever **MUST** be fully closed to be secure.
- When closing a quick release, you should start to feel some resistance when the lever is sticking straight out, and you should have to apply enough force that it leaves a dent in the palm when you close the lever.
- Adjust by using the nut on the opposite end from the lever.
- Are the levers protected from being accidentally knocked open by positioning them flush with the forks?
- If you have a quick release on your seat check it is tight and fully closed.

"Check" is for a Final Check it Over

- Lift the bike by the handle bar and saddle so the wheels are about 10cm off the ground and drop it so it bounces on its tyres, making sure not to let it fall over.
- Listen for loose parts rattling such as mudguards, carry racks, chain guards etc. Tighten as necessary.
- Test your brakes and gears as you ride off carefully.

ABC Quick Check is a smart way to keep your bike in good shape and you safe. Get into the habit before each ride!

Glennys Jones

RACV Bike Assist

The RACV recently organised a focus group, in which I took part, to provide some cyclist input into their Bike Assist product. Unlike the majority of participants I had been aware of the existence of Bike Assist prior to the focus group and had actually paid to join up, but I was still very unclear about what my entitlements were and had never made a call.

The three bike problems mentioned in the blurb about the current version of Bike Assist are: puncture; broken chain and buckled wheel. RACV undertakes to send a patrol to your location and if they are unable to repair the problem to arrange transport home for you and your bike. This is normally by taxi and there's a limit of \$50 per service and a maximum of 8 taxi trips per year.

The current cost of this insurance varies depending on your RACV membership. For those who pay for Total Care, Bike Assist is actually included. Otherwise, depending on your years of membership/card colour, you pay between \$20.80 and \$26.00 for a single membership. Family membership costs a little more.

The RACV surveyed BV members in 2003 before setting up Bike Assist, but the uptake has been a lot lower than hoped – currently only about 2000 cyclists subscribe. Usage of the service has been low, around 200 call-outs last year, meaning that renewals are low too.

Problems identified by the group included the following:

Inadequate publicity for the product – few of those attending had been aware of it before being invited to the focus group. Even those who knew of it were vague about what precisely was covered.

Uncertainty about what was being offered. Questions were raised about the ability of the RACV patrol men to carry out bike repairs. They are not bike mechanics but motor mechanics who have received some very basic training in bike repairs. The expense and difficulty of patrols carrying the range of tyres, chain links and other spare parts that might be needed was also seen as a major issue.

However the greatest hurdle appears to be the dependence of the service on taxis. Although the RACV have a contract with a particular taxi company and can guarantee that they are willing to transport bikes, wheels may need to be removed to fit bikes into taxis and drivers will generally not assist with this. This was an issue for two of the women present. Questions were also raised by recreational and touring cyclists present as to the likely availability of taxis in outer suburban and country areas.

The two RACV staff members present listened with interest to what the group had to say and seemed keen to improve the product. The manager in charge of the product is a cyclist, but of the Beach Road variety, not a touring cyclist. It will be interesting to see what changes if any come out of the session.

As a related matter of interest the group was told that the RACV is on the very short list of two to set up the new bike hire system in Melbourne's CBD. The system will have 60 bike stations and trucks will need to move bikes between these fairly constantly. The current proposal is for BYO helmets which in my view will severely limit the types of users of the system.

Julia Blunden

Trail Notes

New Footbridge Named

The shared bridge between the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre and Docklands finally has a name. Melbourne City Council considered more than 500 public submissions for a suitable title and selected the Seafarers Bridge. The name has still to be approved by government authorities.

Improvements to Bayside Trail

The quality of the bike path between St Kilda and Middle Brighton Baths has improved very considerably in recent times. Some previously very poor sections of asphalt path have now been remade in smooth and attractively coloured concrete. The previous diversions inland at both Elwood and North Road have been all but eliminated. The path now follows the coast more closely, thus eliminating a number of blind corners, and more importantly two potentially dangerous road crossings at North Road, as well as being more scenic. Congratulations to both Port Phillip and Bayside Councils.

Trying Out the New Trails

Now that Spring supposedly has sprung I decided it was time to tackle two new trails.

First was the 9km 'Wellness Trail', aka the 'Western Fwy Path', which runs alongside the new Deer Park Bypass between the Western Ring Rd Path at Fitzgerald Rd and Christies Rd, Caroline Springs. To access the trail we caught the train to Newport Station and rode from there on-road to the eastern end of the Federation Trail. This in turn links to the Western Ring Rd Path, though this intersection is totally bereft of any signage.

There are signs at Fitzgerald Rd but they are misleading. You need to turn left here and cross at the first lights to reach the start of the new trail. Signage along the way is plentiful though not always crystal clear. One of our group had previously been as far as Mt Derrimut Rd and was sure that the trail finished here. The trail is generally of a good quality, though some joins are a bit bumpy, some fences are a bit close for comfort and some sections needed a good sweep. One of our group scoffed at the claim of 'scenic views' on the board at the start of the trail, but towards the far end the scenery does improve and there are views across to Macedon. The sound barriers along the new bypass are also very striking in a brutal, modern fashion.

The trail ends at Christies Rd but segues into a shared path (not yet signed as such when we rode it but I am assured that it will be soon) that continues all the way to Lake Caroline. Here there is quite a generous amount of outdoor seating. The adjacent shopping centre offers various refreshment options and most importantly toilets.

We completed our ride by following the Kororoit Creek downstream to Sunshine, using a mixture of sealed and rough unsealed paths, and nearby streets. Another option is to ride north from Caroline Springs, mainly on-road, to Watergardens Station.

The second trail was the 12km Ted Wilson Trail alongside the new Geelong Ring Rd. We started our ride at Lara and after riding through Hovell Creek Reserve crossed via roads through Corio to reach the northern end of the trail. Signage on this trail and its approaches is as yet non-existent, however once you're on it you just keep following the Ring Rd.

This trail really is scenic, especially as it nears its southern end and a vista of the Moorabool Valley opens out. Sadly the trail simply ends here while the road continues. However it's a relatively short distance on-road to connect with the delightful paths along the Moorabool and Barwon Rivers. You could finish your ride at South Geelong, or ride down to Corio Bay and round to North Geelong, or ride all the way back to Lara. These are the stations that provide the most frequent services and I was pleased to see that both Lara and North Geelong Stations have improved enormously since last I used them. Both are now staffed and offer enclosed waiting areas and toilets.

Julia Blunden

Events

Children and Active Transport Forum

The focus of this forum is on children and active transport. Attendees will gain an awareness of the need to better engage children and their families in walking and riding in their local community, as well as an understanding of the key actions that need to be taken, and strategies that can be used, to address the issue locally.

Date: Tuesday October 6th, 2009, 9.3 am – 4.30pm, William Angliss Institute, corner LaTrobe & King Streets, Melbourne. No charge, RSVP essential by 2/10/09. Contact Sarah-Jane Blunt for more information on 8320 0105. More Info: [http://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/admin.nsf/Images/children&active_transport_agenda_aug09.pdf/\\$File/children&active_transport_agenda_aug09.pdf](http://www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au/hav/admin.nsf/Images/children&active_transport_agenda_aug09.pdf/$File/children&active_transport_agenda_aug09.pdf)

Free Public Forum: Copenhagen: on a [bike] path to sustainability

Niels Tørslov, Head of Traffic, City of Copenhagen. 7.00pm, Tuesday 13 October, Prince Philip Theatre, Architecture Building, The University of Melbourne. To register go to <http://www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/bike-futures/>

Ride to Work Day, Wednesday 14th October – Camberwell Community Breakfast

To encourage those who cycle Council will be providing a hot breakfast with healthy options as well as tasty smoothies and real coffee on the day! There will also be free massages, music, bicycle maintenance by Goldcross Cycles and bicycle engraving by Victoria Police! The Ride to Work Day breakfast will be held between 7.00 and 8.30am on the Camberwell Civic Centre lawns. Don't forget to register at www.ridetowork.com.au and go in the draw to win a \$1,999 Trek bike!

Bring, Buy, Swap, Sell Precious Bicycle Junk

Hosted by Vintage Cycle Club of Vic, Saturday 24 October 2009, 9 am - 1pm rear of Abbotsford Cycles
27 Swan St, Richmond (under the station)

SELLERS SET UP: 8 - 9 am \$10 fee

BROWSERS & BUYERS: 9 - 1 pm \$gold coin donation

A few trestle tables will be available on first come first served basis, but if poss BYO.

Interested sellers should register with Charlie:- farren@vicnet.net.au or tel 9827 4453

Gran Prix Cycles: Bicycle maintenance and repair workshop for women

Interested to gain some practical skills to look after your bike and do some basic repairs? Don't miss this great opportunity to attend this practical workshop for women run by Gran Prix Cycles in Caulfield. The next workshop is held on the 25th of October 2009.

To find our more or to register online follow the link:

<http://www.granprixbicycles.com.au/default.html?http://www.granprixbicycles.com.au/workshop/womens.html&content>

Gear Up Girl - 29 November 2009

In partnership with Bicycle NSW, Bicycle SA is delighted to run the inaugural GEAR UP GIRL SA ride. There are four ride options. 15km, 25km, 35km and more challenging 50km ride which includes a ride up to Mount Lofty via Eagle on the Hill. for more information and registrations visit

<http://www.bikesa.asn.au/servlet/Web?s=2060570&action=changePage&pageID=96657881>

Wanted to Buy'

Rear Carrier for panniers – do you have a rack no longer required? If so I would be happy to see it recycled on Jen's Mixte frame road bike. Graeme Stone 98895426

General News

Yarra Draft Bicycle Strategy

At its meeting on 22 September 2009 Yarra Council approved the draft Bicycle Strategy 2010-2015 for public exhibition. Council invites you to provide comment on the strategy - submissions about the draft strategy must be made before Thursday 22 October 2009. Please find below a link to further information and a copy of the draft strategy.

<http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Consultation/Bicycle%20Strategy.asp>

Bike Park

BikePark (www.bikepark.com.au) is establishing Melbourne's first full service Commuter Destination Centre for cyclists. The idea was initiated by cyclists. We had no access to adequate End-of-Trip (EOT) facilities at our work place.

BikePark will launch our FREE User Trials in October 2009 before Ride-To-Work day. BikePark is located on the Yarra River north bank bicycle path, at Banana Alley, 300m from the Flinders Street Railway Station. The closest street corner is Flinders and Queensbridge Streets.

Our State and local government did not provide this service in Melbourne City. As commuting cyclists, we wanted:

- 1) Secure and convenient undercover storage for our bicycles;
- 2) A refreshing shower with freshly laundered clothes in our locker;
- 3) A good size personal storage space. We wanted to wave goodbye to our heavy backpacks :-)
- 4) Small luxuries (ironing boards, hair straighteners), maybe even a neck / back massage;
- 5) Improved skills and confidence to tackle Melbourne's peak hour traffic;
- 6) Convenient, consistent, reliable and reasonably priced bicycle maintenance; and
- 7) A community meeting place with like minded commuters.

With these objectives in mind, BikePark was created. BikePark is a full service Commuter Destination Centre for cyclists traveling to the City of Melbourne. BikePark will operate from 6am to 8pm every weekday. By Summer '09, we will extend the hours to include weekends.

BikePark is electronically secured and monitored by Closed Circuit TV for our member's safety. Only registered BikePark members have access. Registration is available to any person over 18 years. BikePark @ Canal Road has parking facilities for 150 bicycles and similar number of personal lockers, separate men and women change areas with clean showers, toilets and change room facilities with hair dryers, hair straighteners, electric iron and ironing boards. Emergency spare parts and supplies (tubes, batteries, lights, tyres, spokes, etc) and air pumps are available for your convenience. A fully equipped service centre offers bike maintenance.

Casual bicycle parking starts from \$6 (including GST) per day much less than a Zone 1 Met ticket. Monthly membership with free weekend access to all amenities for under \$9** per weekday. (** Special discounts and free use parking apply for half year and full year memberships).

In the morning for less than the average cost of a single purchase Met Zone 1 daily ticket and a gym membership:

- Start your day in a great way.
- Leave your heavy backpack at home.
- Ride with friends to BikePark @ Canal Road.
- Get a hot shower, your personal sports towel, toiletries.
- Pick up fresh clean clothes from your locker.
- Sit down and have a chat with fellow cyclists.
- Take advantage of a 5 minute back, arm and shoulder massage.
- Read the daily newspaper over freshly brewed coffee or hot chocolate.
- Book in your bike for regular clean or a full professional service.
- Register for skills confidence or bike maintenance courses.
- Take a leisurely walk or ride a City Circle tram to your office.

In the evening:

- Collect your clean serviced bike.
- Have a cuppa and a chat.
- Pickup your freshly laundered clothes.
- Ride home safely with a community of friends.
- Leave your day's stress and worries in your BikePark locker.

We look forward to seeing your BUG members at BikePark @ Canal Road. BUG members are welcome to register their interest (www.bikepark.com.au) to participate in our FREE User Trials beginning in October 2009. BikePark will be collecting to support Cancer Council Pink Ribbon Day. Bicycle Victoria Members get even more benefits.

James, BikePark Team, www.bikepark.com.au

Children and Bike Riding: Tips for Parents

To assist parents to get their children on the healthy path to life through cycling, the Cycling Promotion Fund has published a new publication: *Children and Bike Riding: Tips for Parents*. Children of all shapes, sizes and abilities can ride a bicycle; there are even bicycles developed for children with disabilities. Bicycle riding is a wonderful activity that can be enjoyed by the entire family together. The level of traffic and traffic speed in today's urban environment has created greater risks for bicycle riders, particularly children, and it is vital to instil safety messages in your children from an early age without discouraging them from riding.

Children and Bike Riding: Tips for Parents (PDF file, 371kb)

http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/images/stories/factsheets/Children_And_Bike_Riding.pdf To order copies of our new publication please contact the CPF office: 03 9818 5400, office@cyclingpromotion.com.au, or use our Publication Order form: <http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au/images/stories/PublicationsOrderFormSept09.pdf>

Boroondara News

Boroondara Discovery Ride Number 3

Congratulations to all involved for a bonzer day out Sunday 6 September. For the trivia buffs, according to the Crohnometer...

- Left Maling Rd 10.25am, arrived Hays Paddock 12.35, travelled 19.4km in 2 hours 10 mins, average 9.0km/h.
- Left Hays Paddock 1.30pm, arrived Canterbury rail station 2pm, 5.9km in 30 mins, average 11.8 km/h.
- Total 25.3km in 2 hours 40 mins, average 9.5 km/h.

Phil Crohn

Surrey Hills – The New Cyclists' Mecca?

The sleepy Union Road shopping strip now boasts two bike shops - neither of which sells bikes! Australian mountain bike legend and co-founder of one of Melbourne's first dedicated mountain bike shops (East Kew Cycles now Vic MTB Centre) Simon Jamison has recently moved to Surrey Hills and set up a bike repair shop at 112 Union Road, just down the hill from Alan Tonkin's bike clothing shop. Open 10am - 7pm Monday to Friday and 9am - 1pm Saturday.

I dropped in the other day for a gossip about mountain biking in the 'olden days' and look forward to enjoying the convenience of a knowledgeable and experienced bike repairer only five minutes ride away.

More from www.qualitybicyclerepairs.com.au , service@qualitybicyclerepairs.com.au or 9830 4956.

Phil Crohn

Minutes of Boroondara BUG Meeting Wednesday 9th September

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

Attendance and Apologies

Present: John Parker, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones, Graeme Stone, Malcolm Faul, Gordon Macmillan, Hedley Finger

Apologies: Graham Ellis, John Bales, David Leong, Alister Huth, Don Glasson, Phil Crohn (belated)

Correspondence:

1. Email and letter from Catherine Olive re Council decision on HA Smith Reserve. The proposed car park under the Monash Fwy will still be constructed in Stage 1 but will not open for public use until the Gardiners Creek Path is realigned. This is listed as an agenda item for the next Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting – see below.
2. Email from Bob Ballard, President Whitehorse Cyclists, thanking the BUG for their contribution to the successful outcome of the Darebin Bridge campaign and suggesting future cooperation between our organisations.
3. Email from Bernard Barrett about parking along the Gardiners Creek Trail under Tooronga Rd. This matter was dealt with under 'New Business' – see below.
4. Email from Geoff Ovens, Stonnington, in response to our letter about the Brixton Rise bollards and other issues with the Gardiners Creek Trail. See 'New Business' below.
5. Email from Cr Heinz Kreutz to notify us of his resignation from the BUG to avoid the perception of any conflict of interest. **Graeme S** agreed to write to Heinz formally accepting his resignation.

Matters Arising:

1. **M1 Widening and Golfers Choice Shared Path** – John P reported that, although they have no legal requirement to do so, Monash Alliance are currently looking at what they can do as a parting gift to communities affected by the M1 widening project. However they prefer to work with Bicycle Victoria (BV) as the peak cycling body rather than local groups such as BBUG. A group of MA and BV people have surveyed the Gardiners Creek Trail between Warrigal and Glenferrie Rds with this in view. Hopefully both Boroondara and Stonnington Councils will be consulted. A decision is likely by the end of the month.
2. **East Malvern Station Bridge:** Glennys J reported that there is currently a 'Cyclists dismount' sign on the southern end of the bridge span, which was probably intended for the down ramp to the station platform. There is also a problem at the bottom of the southern ramp where there is a row of bollards, gravel and insufficient turning space for cyclists using routes to or from the south such as Belgrave Rd or the Urban Forest. **Glennys** will be meeting on site with a Stonnington staff member to discuss these issues on Tuesday 15/9. **John Parker** agreed to be present too.
3. **Anniversary Trail at High Street:** Glennys J reported that the path has been reinstated on the east side of the new building. Jim Hondrakis and the Planning staff at Boroondara are dealing with the issue of the entrance opening to the path. It was agreed that we should ask about this at the BAC meeting on Friday 11/9.
4. **Web Site Copyright/Licensing Issues:** Peter C was not present to report on this.
5. **Boroondara Discovery Ride Number 3:** Malcolm F reported that the ride was generally successful though he would have preferred a larger number of participants.

New Business

1. **BAC meeting 11/9:** An agenda for this meeting and minutes of the previous BAC meeting were sent out by Julia Smith shortly before the BUG meeting. **Graeme S, John P and Julia B** all said they would be attending. In addition to agenda items already forwarded and listed several additional requests for information were proposed. These included the issue of Anniversary Trail at High St; plans for Yarra Bend Park and the possible availability of display boards the BUG could use. John P also asked members to send him details of pram ramps needed in Boroondara as per an action item listed in the last BAC minutes.
2. **Parking under Tooronga Rd adjacent to the GCT:** Glennys J reported that there have been complaints to both City of Boroondara (COB) and to BV about this. It is apparently quite a longstanding problem. Bollards erected recently have not stopped the problem. COB is currently working with VicRoads towards a resolution. Initial warnings followed up by fines are likely to be the most effective measure.
3. **Community bike ride:** **Malcolm F** reported that he would be meeting with Jill Stansfield from Hawthorn Community Chest on 10/9 regarding this proposed ride. Those present suggested various issues that could be explored including: insurance cover for organizers, proposed means of promotion, possible incorporation of novelty events.
4. **Display board:** Julia B suggested that the BUG consider purchasing a sandwich/display board for use at events such as Wattle Day, Ride2Work Day or the proposed gathering of petitions on the GCT. There was general agreement on the need for some such item though not on the exact type that would be most useful. **John P** volunteered to check what is available at Office Works and others will also do some research. It was also agreed to ask at the BAC meeting if COB has any such items that are surplus to requirements.
5. **Meeting Invitations:** **Graeme S** agreed to contact Stephen Nurse who has offered to talk to us about his book on human powered vehicles and see if he is happy to come to our next meeting despite the small market for his book. The BUG may purchase one copy for our library. It was noted that the BUG does have a number of publications and that we need to make a list of these for members' information. If Stephen is unable or unwilling to attend then a representative from Yarra BUG should be invited.
6. **Brixton Rise:** In the light of the entirely unsatisfactory response to our letter it was agreed that we now need to move to preparing a petition and collecting signatures on the trail, as well as providing passing cyclists with information about who to complain to. **John P** agreed to organise this and to call on others to assist as needed. Ideally this should happen in the next few weeks.
7. **Ideas for involving inactive members:** It was agreed that this permanent agenda item should include the words 'and recruiting new members' in future.
8. **Yarra Bend Sports and Recreation Plan:** Glennys J reported that this plan will be considered by Council at the Boroondara Council meeting on Monday 19th October.

Next meeting: Thursday 8th October

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

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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

Email David & Geraldine Powell: dgpowell@internode.on.net

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

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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

Whitehorse Cyclists

email: ejhopper@vicnet.net.au

website: <http://www.whitehorsecyclists.org.au/>

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

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rides@yhacycling.org.au or mobile 0425-792 574

or Secretary Voula on secretary@yhacycling.org.au

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Boroondara Bicycle Users Group

Membership Application Form

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Address & Postcode _____

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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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