

## **Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.30pm, Wednesday 13th March 2019**

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

### **AGENDA**

**Attendance:** Peter Campbell (Chair), Ric de France, Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Malcolm Faul, Peter Carter, Julia Blunden, John Parker, Glennys Jones

**Apologies:** David Leong, Mark Haywood

**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 Oliver Yates, independent candidate for Kooyong asking for a meeting with the BUG.
- Email from Bushan Jani cancelling Friday's BUG – Council catch-up and undertaking to suggest some alternative dates

##### **Out**

- Nil

#### **Matters arising**

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** There was lengthy discussion of the report Peter Carter is currently preparing as the BBUG representative on the NELA Community Walking and Cycling Group. Peter has not included some of the projects that some BUG members would like to see in the report. There was a strong feeling that those present would like to see this report before it is finally submitted on our behalf. It was agreed that Peter Carter or Glennys Jones will send a link to Julia Blunden to be forwarded to active members.
2. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Six lanes are now open but there will be further closures in order to apply noise reducing asphalt. John Parker reported that the heritage bridge is now open for cyclists and pedestrians although some further work may be done to install sections of rail line as a reflection of its history. The underpass is almost complete but not yet open. New traffic lights are all completed. Glennys Jones has arranged a meeting with local member Tim Smith to brief him on the BUG's proposal for a new pedestrian/bike bridge over the Eastern Fwy. John Parker agreed to accompany her.
3. **Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** Peter Campbell reported that objectors had met with the member for Hawthorn, John Kennedy. Mr Kennedy accepted the assurance of BUG members that this project has already been approved by Council and should and will go ahead.
4. **Walmer St:** Nil to report
5. **Jacka Trail:** Nil to report
6. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** This is now included in the *Eastern Regional Trails Strategy* as an extension of the Box Hill to Ringwood Trail and is shown following the BUG's preferred route. The petition now has 1,800 signatures. It would be good to have 2,000. Julia Blunden agreed to send an email with the petition attached asking all our members to gather additional signatures. BUG members have already met with the members for Hawthorn and Box Hill. While John Kennedy was supportive Paul

Hamer was less so. A meeting with the member for Burwood is still to be organised.

7. **Review of BBUG Structure:** Mark Haywood was absent and has still to organise another meeting of the committee.
8. **Stonnington matters:** Stonnington Council is currently preparing a new bike strategy. BUG members have been encouraged to complete the online survey which is now closed.
9. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Glennys Jones has arranged a meeting with Hawthorn MLA John Kennedy, as a constituent, at which she will raise this issue, and will also seek a meeting with the Burwood member for the same purpose.
10. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** David Farrow said that this needs to be submitted for the Council Budget. Julia Blunden agreed to send David the list that was compiled for the Council catch-up. The list needs to be preceded by a policy statement. Hopefully this policy will be included in the new bike strategy. Glennys Jones suggested that intersections on the list need to be marked up on a map.
11. **Fritz Holzer Park:** David Farrow has prepared a submission which has been circulated to BUG members. There was general agreement that the submission needs revision both to change the aggressive tone to a more polite one, and to make it considerably shorter. Julia Blunden agreed to circulate the changes Mal Faul had suggested. The matter is quite urgent as there are many vocal opponents of a sealed shared path through the park.
12. **Meeting with Hawthorn MLA John Kennedy:** Peter Campbell and John Parker briefed John Kennedy on the Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail and felt that he seemed supportive of this. It was agreed that he should not be invited to a BUG meeting for the time being.
13. **Communication with BBUG Members:** Ric de France is still investigating automatic mailing.
14. **Web Site and Twitter account:** It was reported that the web site has been down for a couple of weeks. Ric de France agreed to investigate.
15. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul said that there have been no changes in the BUG's financial situation since he last reported.

#### **New Business**

1. **Next BUG-Council catch-up:** Julia Blunden reported that in response to a reminder email sent to Scott Lipscombe she had received an email from Bushan Jani cancelling the Friday 15/3 meeting and undertaking to suggest some new dates in due course.
2. **Meeting with Oliver Yates, independent candidate for Kooyong:** It was agreed that Oliver's invitation to meet with him should be accepted. Julia Blunden agreed to organize this. Julia also offered to speak with Greens Candidate Julian Burnside and suggest a meeting with him.
3. **Toorak Rd Level Crossing Removal:** BUG members have been emailed a link to provide feedback on the very unsatisfactory arrangements for cyclists and pedestrians to cross Toorak Rd at this point. Instead of a simple one stage crossing, cyclists and pedestrians will have to negotiate four separate stages. This project should also be seen by VicRoads as an opportunity to rectify the very unsatisfactory Gardiners Creek Trail underpass at Toorak Rd. To date they have not agreed to this. Boroondara Council is very supportive of this complementary project.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden