

## Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Function Room, Skinny Dog Hotel, Kew

### MINUTES

#### Attendance and Apologies

**Present:** Alister Huth, Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Julia Blunden, David Hall, John Parker, Peter Campbell (Chair)

**Apologies:** Mal Faul, David Leong, Hank van Apeldoorn, Glennys Jones

#### Correspondence:

##### In

- Sundry commercial offers
- Manningham BUG newsletter
- 2015 Santos Tour Down Under News
- Email re Bike Muster - Easter - April 3-6, 2015

##### Out

#### Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Chris Hui is yet to organise a meeting to plan signing part of this route. **Peter Campbell** will follow up with Chris. Those with ideas for part of route to be signed should send these to Peter.
2. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path:** This is now listed in the Stonnington Bike Strategy to be looked at in the somewhat distant future. To be removed from the agenda.
3. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Julia B reported that the contract has been awarded and work is about to begin on the northern section of the link. VicRoads have called another meeting with the Community Coalition at 5pm Thursday 27/11 and all BBUG members are welcome to attend this.
4. **Belford Rd Underpass:** Nil to report.
5. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** It was agreed that the next stage is for **Peter Carter** and **David Farrow** to put together a detailed comparison of the NEBC and the NEBL. David Hall will put this into a spreadsheet and write a summary report to accompany it and this will form the official BBUG response to the NEBL. **John Parker** will make up a list of contacts to whom this document will be sent. Promised meetings with ? will also be pursued. John P has also asked Jim Hondrakis to push Boroondara Council to voice support for the NEBC.
6. **Stonnington Matters:** Stonnington held a Ride to Work Day breakfast, they are running classes for cyclists, and have passed the new Bike Strategy. They have also done some useful works on the Gardiners Creek Trail. All promising signs!
7. **Domestic Animals Management Plan:** Nil to report. Alister H asked if Boroondara is conducting a review of all Local Law as required. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item on the next BAC agenda.
8. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** Nil to report.

9. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report.
10. **Proposed ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail:** Nil to report
11. **California Inn site between Barkers Rd and Hawthorn Grove:** Nil to report. The need for an acquisition overlay on the VicRoads site was also raised again. Another item for the next BAC agenda.
12. **Burke Rd grade separation:** Peter Carter was not present to report on this.
13. **Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy:** David Farrow reported that consultants are currently doing a study, and finalization of the strategy has now been deferred to the first half of 2015. David has put in a personal submission, in addition to the official BBUG submission [Boroondara investigation into local law re cycling in parks 2012-13](#) sent in August 2012. It was agreed that BBUG members need to be ready to participate in whatever opportunities are offered for input from the public.
14. **New Edition of TravelSmart Map:** Revision work has been completed but there has been no word as to when the new maps will be available.
15. **Cycle.org.au Round Table Saturday 18/10:** Several BBUG members attended this meeting conducted by Ed Hore and a Queenslander. The declared purpose of this national organization is to act as a broker between cycling organisations, including BN, Amy Gillett Foundation and the BUGS, and government. They claim to be very media savvy and good at networking. While impressed with the good intentions of this group those present all expressed concern about the lack of clarity about process, and disappointment at the lack of follow-up. The promised summary of proceedings has not yet eventuated. **Alister H** offered to follow up on this.
16. **Treasurer's Report:** Mal Faul was not present.

### **New Business**

1. **Donation to Australian Cyclists Party:** David Farrow proposed that the BUG make such a donation. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the BUG would compromise its ability to present itself as non-political and its dealings with Liberal and Labor politicians by making such a donation.

### **Other Business**

1. **City of Yarra and Centre Line Marking:** It is understood that Yarra's Parks Manager is opposed to centre line marking, contrary to BBUG's view that such marking is helpful on most shared paths. **Julia Blunden** agreed to write a polite letter to COY expressing our views.
2. **Progress Leader:** Peter Campbell wrote a response to Ian Hundley's letter criticising BBUG over the East – West Link but it was not published. However a letter from Graham Ellis that was published put our case very well and it was agreed to leave it at that.
3. **Julie Katz, Urban Development Manager Victoria for APP Corporation:** David Hall reported that the Whitehorse Cyclists Advocacy Group plan to meet with Ms Katz and suggested that she would be a suitable guest speaker at the next VicBUGs meeting.
4. **RACV:** There was some discussion of the need to win the support of the RACV for the NEBC and how this can best be accomplished. David Farrow suggested that Brian Negus, Head of Public Policy was the person to contact. **John Parker** agreed to add him to the list of contacts.

5. **Meeting with Luke Donnellan:** **Peter Campbell** offered to circulate the document he has received from Luke Donnellan.

**Other Business**

**None**

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 10/17<sup>th</sup> December?

*Notes by Julia Blunden*