

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 12th June 2019

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

MINUTES

Attendance: Ric de France, John Parker, Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones (Chair), Graham Ellis, Mark Haywood

Apologies: Peter Carter, Peter Campbell, David Leong, Ken Parker, David Hall, Mal Faul

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted

Correspondence:-

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- Sundry emails from Manningham, Banyule BUGs and Glen Eira BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers
- Email re 3CR/Yarra BUG fund raising

Out

Matters arising

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** John Parker noted that it is important to keep the name North East Bicycle Corridor, not Eastern Bicycle Corridor as some have started calling it. Glennys Jones said she has been pushing for this with NELA. Submissions to NELA have now closed. Glennys and David Farrow have both sent in personal submissions and requested time to speak at the public hearings. Boroondara and Whitehorse councils have both made submissions and will have speakers at the public hearings. Bicycle Network have not made a submission but plan to look at the tenderers' documents to identify opportunities for improvements to cycling infrastructure. After the public hearings a report will go to the minister.
2. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Glennys Jones has had a sneak preview of the new underpass and found it very impressive. It will be open very soon but the official opening is planned for 22nd June, 8-10am. Glennys reported that the ramp up to the Boulevard is as good as it can be, but still quite steep. The proposal for a bridge over the freeway to connect with the Chandler Hwy is currently at a standstill but Glennys has included it in her NELA submission.
3. **Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** There is \$500,000 in the council budget for this, which should be sufficient for all the required works including moving the car park. This is an agenda item for the next BUG-Council catch up.
4. **Walmer St Bridge:** John Parker reported that there is no allocation for this in the state budget. The \$1.5M allocated by the federal government is nowhere near enough Jim Hondrakis is advocating for this bridge but the council funding previously allocated is no longer in the budget. So it appears that the project is on hold for another year at least.
5. **Jacka Trail:** Nil to report. It was agreed that this project is in need of a champion to push for it.
6. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** \$370,000 has been allocated by the state government for scoping this project, which is excellent. Glennys Jones has ascertained that the Whitehorse officer in charge of this project is Idios Constantinopoulos. It appears that Whitehorse Council is not involving itself in the issue of the level crossing removals at Mont Albert and Surry Hills. Peter Campbell has called a meeting of the

HTBHT subcommittee for next Wednesday, 19/6.

7. **Review of BBUG Structure:** Mark Haywood said that he has now developed a complete set of documents on this and all that is needed now is a decision on whether a committee structure is to be put in place, and volunteers to take up positions. All members need to be offered the opportunity to vote on the proposal. **Mark** will draft an email to go to members and run this past the regular meeting attendees. If **Mark's** proposal is accepted a date will be set for nominations to positions.
8. **Stonnington matters including Toorak Rd LXR:** Stonnington Council has given a \$10,000 grant to the anti-sky rail group, even though this decision has been made. Glennys Jones and John Parker attended information sessions on the LXR. The previously dreadful pedestrian crossing plan has been greatly improved.
9. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** This project seems to have dropped off the radar. Something needs to be done to progress it. We need to raise this at the next BUG-Council catch up.
10. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** David Farrow has not done any further work on this.
11. **Fritz Holzer Park:** This will go to Council on 22/7. Thanks to lots of local objections the officers' recommendation will be to do almost nothing. However there are now plans for a number of enclosed dogs off-lead parks in Boroondara.
12. **Boroondara Bluestone Renewal Policy:** Julia Blunden has not yet done any work on this. Another item for the BUG-Council catch up.
13. **BUG-Council catch-up:** It was agreed that **Julia Blunden** should email Claire, and cc Jim Hondrakis and Gail Reid asking for a catch up after 14/7, when Julia returns from overseas.
14. **Communication with BBUG members:** Ric de France reported that he has been testing an automated mailing system but it is not yet up and running.
15. **Web Site and Twitter account:** Ric de France reported that there were no new developments but he thanked Glennys Jones for forwarding lots of good information for our Twitter account. **Glennys** said she'll put a Twitter link on the BUG's Facebook page.
16. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul was not present and had sent no report.

New Business

1. **Eastern Bicycle Corridor and Mont Albert Rd parking:** As David Hall was not present this item was deferred.
2. **Volunteer needed to organize July meeting:** In his absence this job was assigned to **Mal Faul**.
3. **Donation to 3CR for Yarra BUG Radio Show:** It was agreed that the BUG should donate \$100.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 10th July? Subject to availability of function room

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden