

Boroondara BUG Meeting, Thursday 14th July 2016

Function Room, Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

MINUTES

Attendance and Apologies

Present: John Parker, David Farrow, Glennys Jones (Chair), Julia Blunden, Gordon Macmillan, Mark Haywood, John Piesse, Rus Hamilton, Ric de France, Mal Faul, David Hall, Peter Campbell

Apologies: PeterCarter, David Leong,

Correspondence:

In

- Letter from the Minister re Walmer Street development meetings
- Letter re the BUG submission on Walmer Street development
- Sundry emails from Manningham and Banyule BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers

Out

- Submission re Walmer Street development

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** **David F** said that there are a number of laneways that need to be recognised as bike routes. He agreed to email details of these laneways to those present. It was agreed that **Peter Campbell** will convene a working party to plan further action on this project. One action will be to arrange a meeting with Federal MP Josh Frydenberg. **Glennys J** agreed to find out about funding for the project in the Council Plan.
2. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** Tenders for the last stage of construction have been called for, and the project should be completed by mid 2017. David H has been in contact with Tracey Gosby and reported that there are plans for a viewing platform from which to see the bridge over the Yarra being put in place.
3. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** Dean Steinberg and Grace McPherson, ex BN and now DEDJTR, both know about this project. It was agreed that an updated proposal needs to be put on the BBUG web site. **Peter Campbell** agreed to reconvene the former working party to do this work, using Peter Carter's cut down version.
4. **Stonnington Matters:** Nil to report
5. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** A number of the pram ramps on the list submitted to the council officers are part of this but no funding appears to have been allocated for this work as yet.
6. **Missing Link in Anniversary Shared Trail at Camberwell High:** Glennys J reported that Hywell Bennett had responded to her query re timelines indicating that negotiations with the Education Department over the land swap required will probably take some time. .

7. **Review of Victorian Cycling Related Road Rules:** Glennys reported that she had received an email with draft guidelines. **Julia B** agreed to forward this to BBUG members. The issue with disabled adults needing supervisors to ride on footpaths with them has still not been addressed and Glennys is pursuing this with VicRoads.
8. **Chandler Hwy Bridge:** Nil to report
9. **Victorian BUGs meeting Tuesday 17th May re level crossing removals:** Julia B reported that she had given Penelope Somers the names and email addresses of BUG contacts for the various level crossing removal projects planned but has heard nothing further. There was discussion of possible speakers for the next Victorian BUGs meeting scheduled for Tuesday 13th September. It was agreed that **Julia** should try to get Naomi Schwarz or another spokesperson from Active Transport Victoria. If someone from ATV is available a member of Victoria Walks could also be invited to the meeting.
10. **Minimum Distance Passing Law:** No-one present had attended the second day of hearings when the police apparently spoke against the proposed law. Advertisements, paid for by the AGF, supporting a 1m passing distance have been placed on a number of stations.
11. **Council Elections:** **Peter Campbell** said that he is considering standing again in Maling Ward. Those present expressed strong support should he decide to do so.
12. **Tacks on Boulevard:** This problem persists. So far it appears that no-one has identified the man in the photo shown vandalizing the repair station. John Piesse suggested that a reward might elicit information. It was agreed that **John** will first speak to Sergeant Standish who has been the police officer on this case, then contact Cr Phillip Healey to discuss this, and possibly follow up with a letter to Council. **Glennys J** offered to write to the State Government to obtain information about the current laws and penalties applicable to this crime.
13. **BAC meeting Friday 10th June:** John Parker and Julia B who attended as the BBUG representatives said there was not much new to report. It was agreed that Julia would circulate minutes of BAC meetings as they become available. Julia asked at the BAC meeting for the web site to be updated with the most recent minutes and this has been done. See <https://boroondara.vic.gov.au/our-city/cycling-walking/cycling/bicycle-advisory-committee> Council spending on Bike infrastructure, per capita, has dropped according to BN's BIXE. Next April is the time to push for increased expenditure.
14. **What should we do with the BUG's money?** No discussion.
15. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mal Faul presented a financial statement for the year ended 30th June 2016. This shows BBUG funds currently stand at \$5,084.47.

New Business

1. **Internet/Social Media Presence:** Ric de France said that the BBUG web site is stale and no-one disagreed. He also suggested that the BUG needs a Twitter account as a good way to share information. **John Parker agreed to work with Ric** on updating the web site, and creating a Twitter account. Ric agreed to provide a briefing on Twitter at our August meeting.
2. **Lennox Street East:** Julia B reported that work on the retirement village is nearly complete and that it appears that the shared path has been reinstated as before leading into the narrow path instead of leading into the road as the BUG has requested. **Julia** agreed to take photos and forward these to Clare Davey.

Other Business

- 1. Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail:** David H provided an update on this project. VicRoads finalized the route last year but there has been strong opposition to the route from some locals. VicRoads has organized two meetings to try to address the issues.
- 2. Capital City Trail at Rushall:** David H reported that the City of Yarra is pursuing their plan to construct a new section of path bypassing Rushall Station.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th August

Notes by Julia Blunden