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Boroondara BUG Meeting, Wednesday 13th August 2014

Elgin Inn, Hawthorn

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Attendance and Apologies

Present: Alister Huth, Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Julia Blunden, Glennys Jones (Chair), Peter Campbell, Peter Carter, Hank van Apeldoorn, Mal Faul, Graeme Stone, John Piesse

Apologies: David Hall, Ken Parker, John Parker, David Leong

Guest: Dick Menting

Correspondence:
In
- Sundry commercial offers
- Reply from Cr Heinz Kreutz
- Manningham BUG newsletter
- Minutes of Manningham BUG July meeting
- Email from Chris Hui reminding of need to update TravelSmart Map and sign part of HTBHT
Out
- Email to Cr Heinz Kreutz re Council meeting on Darebin-Yarra Link through Willsmere Park
- Submission in response to the Stonnington Bike Strategy
- Email to Stonnington Council requesting removal of the bollards at Brixton Rise and the chicane at Dunlop St, both on the Gardiners Creek Trail

Matters Arising:

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** It was suggested that it might be worth having a separate meeting with Chris Hui to discuss the signing of part of this route.

2. **Golfers Choice and Urban Bush Path**: Nil to report

3. **Darebin-Yarra Link:** No action required at present. The contract for the northern section is soon to be let.

4. **Belford Rd Underpass**: Nil to report.

5. **North East Bicycle Corridor:** Adam Carey's article appeared in *The Age* on Monday 11/8, followed up by a letter from Peter Campbell. Peter's petition is going well but needs more signatures. **Julia B** agreed to contact Craig Richards with a view to getting help from BN with this. David F has written to all his local state candidates and suggested that others present could do likewise.

6. **Stonnington Matters:** Nil to report

7. **Domestic Animals Management Plan**: Nil to report.

8. **Outer Circle Trail at Harp Junction:** Glennys J reported that Lot 6 is being leased out by a commercial agent. VicRoads is auditing properties with a view to selling some off, but as the lease is providing revenue Lot 6 may not be a candidate for sale. The terms of the lease require

only six months' notice of termination. The question is how can Council be persuaded to either lease the land or get the use of it. **Glennys** will get back to VicRoads. Alister H suggested that the line to take is that the site is currently an eyesore. The existing heritage building could be converted into a public toilet, something the local traders want. The Kew Historical Society could possibly also be interested in this idea. This will be an item on the September BAC agenda.

9. **Jacka Trail/North Balwyn Leisure Trail:** Nil to report.

10. **Invitations to Councilors to Attend BBUG Meetings:** No action at present.

11. **Proposed ramp from Mont Albert Rd to Anniversary Trail:** Nil to report

12. **Meeting with Tim Smith, endorsed candidate for Kew:** It was agreed that this should happen as soon as possible, before the election campaign gets underway in earnest. **David F** to organize, with Julia B to attend the meeting.

13. **Incorporation:** Mal Faul said as he seems to be a lone voice on this it should be dropped for the present.

14. **Treasurer's Report**: Mal Faul provided a *Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June 2014*. The BUG currently has close to $5,000 in the bank.

15. **Speed hump in Ferndale Rd:** Glennys J reported that some kind of hump/cushion may be needed as some motorists do speed at times of football matches, but it should be on the straight section not the bend.

16. **California Inn site between Barkers Rd and Hawthorn Grove:** A new provisional planning application has been lodged for this site. The site is listed in the Open Spaces Strategy. **Julia B** agreed to check this and email Cr Steve Hurd, Seuna Byrne, Chris Hui, Hywell Bennett, Jim Hondrakis and Cr Phillip Mallis pressing the need for the developer to be required to provide a bike route through the site. Glennys J offered to ring Seuna Byrne for further information. This will be an item on the September BAC agenda.

17. **Rushall Crescent shared path by-pass:** Yarra Council is to carry out consultation with residents on this.

18. **Burke Rd grade separation:** **Peter Carter** agreed to make contact with Gavin Catto at VicRoads on behalf of BBUG as per David Hall's recommendation.

19. **Donation to 3CR/Yarra BUG:** This has now been sent.

20. **Boroondara Sport and Recreation Strategy**: David F has put in a personal submission. Glennys J pointed out that provision must be made for wheelchairs and mobility scooters and this works for cyclists too. Public consultation on the strategy should take place in the final quarter of this year and BBUG members need to involve themselves in these.

New Business

1. **New Edition of TravelSmart Map:** Hard copy TS maps were distributed for those present to mark up with suggested changes and send to Chris Hui. **Julia B** agreed to ask Chris about the deadline for input.

2. **Forthcoming meetings of northern and eastern groupings of councils to discuss strategic planning of bike paths – BUG input? Alister H** offered to raise this matter at the next Darebin

BAC meeting. **Julia B** agreed to ask Hywell Bennett about this and to check with Kathleen Kemp about how the Western Metropolitan Region Trails Strategic Plan was initiated.

3. **Vic BUGS meeting Tuesday 16/9, agenda items:** It was agreed that these should include an update on the NEBC and suggestions as to what other BUGs can do to support this. A suggestion was made for a speaker to be invited from the consortium proposing the Melbourne Veloway. Port Phillip BUG need to be invited to this meeting, and invited to speak about the St Kilda Rd bike lanes.

Other Business

1. **Ashburton Pool and Rec Centre bike parking:** Graeme S reported that at present only 5 bike parking rails are proposed and that he is still pushing for a bike shelter like the one at the Kew Rec Centre. Glennys J warned to check that the bike parking rails meet the standard unlike those recently installed at the Ashburton Library.

Next meeting: Wednesday 10th September

Notes by Julia Blunden