

Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 13th September 2017
Function Room, Elgin Inn, Cnr Burwood Rd and Elgin St Hawthorn

Minutes

Present: John Parker, Alister Huth, Mark Haywood (Chair), Ric de France, Phillip Mallis, Julia Blunden, David Farrow, Graham Ellis, Gordon MacMillan

Apologies: Ken Parker, Glennys Jones, Peter Carter, David Leong

Minutes of Previous Meeting: - Accepted

Correspondence

In

- Sundry emails from Manningham and Banyule BUGs including meeting minutes and notices of rides
- Sundry commercial offers
- Emails from Nellie Montague arranging BUG catch up Friday 8/9

Out

- Emails to Nellie Montague with agenda items for BUG catch up Friday 8/9

Matters arising

1. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** - Peter Campbell has sent an email to Active Transport Victoria, cc'd to Luke Donnellan, asking if this is on the list for TAC funding.
2. **Darebin – Yarra link:** - Work is proceeding. Philip Mallis reported that some of the temporary fencing has been removed, and John Parker reported that there have been some hitches with the contactors.
3. **North Eastern Bicycle Corridor:** - Opportunities to promote this have been used by Glennys Jones and Peter Carter when meeting with the VicRoads Chandler Hwy team on matters relating to the Outer Circle Trail.
4. **Stonnington matters:** - Nil to report.
5. **Jacka Trail, North Balwyn – Balwyn Leisure Centre / Gordon Barnard Reserve Master plan:** - Philip Mallis reported that the path from Jacka St to the Boroondara Sports Complex in the GBR is now complete and of a good standard. The extension to Balwyn Rd is waiting on the demolition of the old Balwyn Leisure Centre, which should happen by the end of this year.
6. **Missing link in Anniversary Trail at Camberwell High:** - Graham Ellis reported that there is now a high black fence across the north side of the proposed track, doubtless for the school's security purposes. The BUG has been given assurances that work on the missing link will occur in the second half of 2018.
7. **Chandler Hwy bridge:** - Alister Huth reported that with the realignment of the road lanes on the north side of the bridge the use of the road across the bridge heading south has now become suicidal for cyclists. Philip Mallis reported that the temporary arrangements for cyclists on the south side of the bridge are quite good.
8. **Web Site and Twitter Account:** - Philip Mallis reported that he has made some updates on the web site.
9. **Walmer St:** - **John Parker** reported that the next meeting of the working group will be in Boroondara next week. It was agreed that **David Farrow** would also attend as a substitute for Glennys Jones who is away. John Parker reported that the focus of the group appears to have changed from Walmer St itself to looking at total replacement of the bridge. While everyone present agreed that a path on the Yarra side of the river between Walmer St and Gipps St is highly desirable, this will not be possible until Carlton and United moves out, and no date has been set for this at present. Therefore it is important to get the best possible outcome for both Walmer St and the bridge.

10. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** - Work needs to start on the new strategy fairly soon as the current strategy expires in September next year. It was agreed that there is an opportunity for the BUG to present council with our own suggested strategy. It was also agreed that this needs to contain both a statement of general philosophy and general principles to guide improvements to cycling infrastructure and encourage more cycling, but also a list of specific projects to complete. **Philip Mallis** agreed to circulate a template for such a strategy, and **Mark Haywood** agreed to make a start on our strategy. Models to be consulted include Darebin, Yarra and Moreland.
11. **Promotion of BBUG – BBUG flyer:** – A few minor changes were suggested to Philip Mallis’s draft flyer but it was agreed that in general it is very suitable and very nicely formatted. **Philip** agreed to make the suggested changes and obtain a couple of quotes for printing it in colour on semi-gloss paper and folding it. Quotes should be for a few different quantities. Inky Fingers and Office Works were two suggested printers.
12. **Glass Creek Trail:** - This was raised at the BUG catch up. As it is a relatively inexpensive project it should be able to happen relatively soon.
13. **Treasurer’s report:** - Mal Faul was not present and there was no report.

New Business

1. **Friday 8/9 Catch-Up Meeting:** This was attended by John Parker, Glennys Jones, Julia Blunden, Philip Mallis and Mark Haywood. Council staff present were Bushan Jani and Jonathan Florent. It was agreed that **Julia** email Nellie Montague and press for another meeting date in late November or early December. It was also agreed that we need to query the shorter time allocation, and to be proactive in sending agenda items for these meetings.
2. **Gipps St Ramp Proposal:** There had been some discussion of gradients by email prior to the meeting. John Parker stated that there were some inconsistencies between the artist’s impression of the ramp and the plans provided on the web site. He argued that the gradient of the ramp should be made sufficiently gradual that the flat sections proposed are not needed for DDA compliance. It was agreed that it is important that, if this ramp is built, it does not preclude continuing the path along the Yarra, right, bank of the river to Walmer St. As Yarra BUG have declined to confer with BBUG on this matter **Julia Blunden** agreed to provide Alister Huth with contact details for the Yarra Bicycle Advisory Ccommittee which may be more interested in doing so.
3. **Next Victorian BUGs Meeting:** **Julia Blunden** reported that she has had no response to her request for a speaker from Active Transport Victoria. The April meeting was cancelled for lack of a speaker and no move has been made to organise the proposed September meeting. Julia indicated that she will not be doing anything more to arrange a meeting but will email the group to ask if someone else is willing to organise something. **Philip Mallis** indicated that he may take this on.
4. **VicRoads Whitehorse/Monash cycling corridor proposals:** Gordon MacMillan received a copy of this document in the mail. Opinions as to its worth varied. The question arose as to when there would be a similar document for Boroondara. It appears that VicRoads can carry out projects to benefit cyclists without council involvement, even on local roads.
5. **Opportunity to register BBUG for Australian Cycle Alliance publication:** **Ric de France** agreed to act on this.
6. **Change of date for next BUG meeting:** Julia Blunden indicated that she may not be available on the second Wednesday in October and it was agreed that the meeting could be moved to the first Wednesday, 4/10.

Other Business

1. **North East Link:** It was agreed that our focus needs to be on option A. The NEL Authority is already in existence and Philip Mallis reported that the engineers are keen on including bike projects in and around the area of the link. **Alister Huth** said he had already compiled a list and agreed to circulate this. It was agreed that we should liaise with Banyule BUG on this and **Julia Blunden** agreed to contact Maurie Abbott.

2. **Bike Safety Report:** Alister Huth said that a report on bike safety has been released and that this received coverage on the ABC. This was followed by an article in the Herald-Sun which was very hostile to cyclists. **Alister** agreed to get more details and circulate these to those present.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 4th October subject to availability of the function room.

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden