

Minutes of BBUG Meeting held at the Elgin Hotel, Hawthorn, on Wednesday, 8th May 2019, starting at 7:05pm.

Present: David Farrow, Ric de France, Gordon MacMillan, Graham Ellis with Glennys Jones in the chair.

Apologies: Julia Blunden, John Parker, Peter Carter, David Hall, Ken Parker

Correspondence IN: Jaala Pulford (Minister) re Gardiners Creek underpass with Toorak Rd LXR. See Item 10.

Correspondence OUT: Tim Smith (member for Kew) looking for his support re Walmer St bridge

Matters arising

1 NEBC & NEL: John P, Julia B & Glennys J have met with Clare Davey (Engineer with Boroondara Council) re BBUG wishlist for NEL submission. Claire was supportive. Banyule, Boroondara and Whitehorse Councils are pooling their resources and are aiming for improvements. A BBUG submission is needed. Peter C recommends individual submissions. A future meeting should have a brainstorming session.

2 CHBridge: The underpass of Chandler Hwy bridge between the Yarra Trail and the "steps" is well advanced and should be open by the end of June. VicRoads plan to have a coffee cart at opening and will keep us advised of arrangements.

The photo on Facebook has been well received by the community.

There is still no progress on a direct link between the Outer Circle / Anniversary Trail and the Yarra Trail. It will be necessary to include this in EES submissions.

3 Missing Link CHS: Nothing to report

4 Walmer St: The Josh Frydenberg offer is \$1.5mill for the landbridge. This is only a fraction of the amount that is required so that the whole bridge is replaced to current standard. The balance must be announced in the state budget at the end of May to ensure the bridge can be delivered in a timely manner to avoid or minimise potential closure.

5 Jacka Trail ... : David reports that flooding has been presented as an impediment to his proposed tunnel under the freeway from MYT. David has mentioned that he intends to include this opportunity in his NEL EES submission.

6 HBHT: The substation (for the rail system) has been just to the east of Surrey Hills station on the north side of the tracks. It has just been moved to the south side presumably to clear space for LXR works.

7 BBUG Structure: Carried forward.

8 Stonnington: No news

9 Toorak Rd Crossing (AT): Nothing to report

10 Toorak Rd LXR: The Jaala Pulford (Roads Minister) letter was not favourable concerning the GC underpass. Minister says that the work is "out of scope" and not funded. Glennys has the view that the underpass is properly within the scope. Our letter went to Major Projects but has been handballed to

Minister for Roads. Glennys will ask for our letter and the above reply to be returned to Major Projects (Minister Jacinta Allan) for **review**. John Kennedy (Hawthorn) wrote a supportive letter to Jacinta Allen, which has not been responded to, and a copy of the BBUG's response letter has been made available to John Kennedy for his attention. . Glennys will attend a LXR drop-in session to see if this underpass can be included as a complementary project and to see what improvements have materialised via the public consultation process to date.

11 Local Street Priorities List: Council has put out tenders for preparation of the Bicycle Strategy consultation process, the first step in formulating the new Cycling Strategy. We need the BBUG priorities list included in the strategy. The meeting agreed that we need several crossings from our list to be tackled by Council in the coming FY.

12 FHPark: BBUG will be advised by Special Services Committee when the Park is being considered and the outcome of the public consultation process

13 Bluestone policy: Julia B is preparing a document with our suggested changes to the present policy. Meanwhile BBUG needs to identify problem locations with photos. Photos taken in wet conditions will best show the uneven nature of bluestone surfaces. Besides members preparing this material (to become an Appendix to our submission) we can always use "Snap, Send, Solve" to advise Council immediately of paving hazards, including brick paving.

14 Meeting with Julian Burnside: There was a productive meeting with Julian, John Parker and Julia Blunden. BBUG also met with Oliver Yates.

15 No "catch-up" meeting with Boroondara Council, other than the NEL EES meeting has been arranged yet although we have asked.

16 Communication with members: Nothing to report: Ric

17 Website, Twitter account: Ric reports that the article & photo of the ramp at Boulevard/Chandler bridge took Facebook contacts from 135 to 161. Ric stated that Melbourne CC is proposing big spending on cycling infrastructure in Melbourne. Ric has directed a Twitter comment to Boroondara Council "Where is our separated infrastructure?"

New Business

Great Valley Rd, Glen Iris: Graham E reported that at the eastern end of this road, at the end of February the trail was completely blocked by electricians' vans. He reported this with photo to Council. Eventually they replied that a No Parking sign will be installed. Glennys will inspect.

Tacks A \$50k reward has been offered to solve these incidents on the Kew Boulevard and elsewhere.

Kew Junction: 99 Bikes has opened another store just south of the Junction. By joining you can obtain keen pricing.

Scotchmans Creek Trail at Atkinson & Drummond Streets: New treatments have markedly improved conditions there.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Minutes by Graham Ellis