

## **Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**By Zoom**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Peter Campbell, Glennys Jones, John Parker, Peter Carter, Mal Faul, Kate Prest, Graham Ellis, Julia Blunden, David Farrow, Betty Weeks, Ken Parker, Cr Susan Biggar

**Apologies:** Philip Mallis, Cr Victor Franco

**Minutes of July Meeting:** Accepted.

#### **Correspondence**

##### **In**

- Sundry emails from other BUGs including newsletters, and links to surveys
- Sundry commercial offers

##### **Out**

- Email invitation to Combined BUGs meeting, 8pm, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August.
- Letter to Minister Ben Carrol about the deficiencies in the shared path proposed for the Mont Albert/Surrey Hills LXR project

#### **Matters arising**

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Glennys Jones reported that there have been delays with this project and that no contracts have been let as yet.
2. **Walmer St Bridge:** This was discussed at the Cycling Advisory Committee meeting on 19/7. Council officers hoped to lodge an application shortly for approval from Heritage Victoria to replace the land bridge. Funding is available for this and it is hoped that construction work will begin this financial year. The long-term plan is to build a parallel bridge so that pedestrians and cyclists can be separated.
3. **Jacka Trail/Balwyn Rd Pedestrian Crossing:** Nil to report
4. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell reported that he had been on a walk-through of the project with various interested parties. BBUG, MeBUG, and the Surrey Hills Progress Association all want to see detailed drawings. The SHPA are withdrawing their support for the single station solution because of the lack of consultation. Those present agreed that BBUG won't lend their name to this, but that we don't support the present plans for the shared path. A letter about this has been sent to Minister Ben Carrol. At the CAC meeting council officers showed ambitious plans for the more westerly, Boroondara, section of the HTBHT. There was mention of a letter about a bridge over one of the roads between Box Hill and Mont Albert. (Can someone please clarify this for me?)
5. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Glennys Jones reported that some of the local business people believe this is a done deal.
6. **Gardiners Creek Underpass at Toorak Rd:** This was discussed at the CAC meeting. Council are still talking about plans for raising the level of the underpass in some way. BUG members suggested that Melbourne Water should be approached again about the possibility of erecting a floodwall like those on a number of other paths. Lighting for the underpass is in the current budget.
7. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** Nil to report.

8. **Ferndale Trail – Need for widening and realignment between Summerhill and Ferndale Rds:** Nil to report.
9. **BBUG Strategic Advocacy Planning:** Glennys Jones reported that she had requested that The Ferndale Trail crossing at Ferndale Rd not be listed for reverse priority as this road is a popular cycle route. John Parker pointed out that Mal's shimmies are not listed in Philip's document. Mal agreed to email Philip about this.
10. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** This was discussed at the CAC meeting. The strategy is currently being beefed up and the draft strategy should be presented to Council in September. Further consultation should take place in October, and it is hoped that the strategy will be adopted in December.
11. **Frog Hollow to Ferndale Trail:** Nil to report.
12. **Guide dogs- change to access arrangements:** Glennys Jones raised this at the CAC meeting and will follow up with an email.
13. **CAC Meeting, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Several BBUG members attended this meeting as did councillors Susan Biggar and Victor Franco and a good number of council officers.
14. **Pop-Up Bike Lanes:** This was discussed at the BAC meeting. BBUG suggested several possibilities, including the Sackville St – Wellington Rd corridor. Jim Hondrakis agreed to look into our suggestions. However he pointed out that there was no state funding for pop-up bike lanes in Boroondara as there had been in some other municipalities closer to the CBD.
15. **Web Site and Slack:** Kate Prest apologised that she has been slack, and said she would do more work on this soon.
16. **Twitter account and Facebook:** Ric has been tweeting, and there has been some traffic on our Facebook page.
17. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul reported that there has been no change since the financial report for 2020/21 which he circulated recently. Mal was thanked for his report.

#### **New Business**

1. **Markham Reserve Dog Fencing Survey:** Bushan Jani sent a link to this which Julia Blunden has circulated to BUG members. Glennys Jones has emailed Bushan suggesting the need to offset the path near the gate to the playground. John Parker pointed out that the arrangement at the exit from the golf course onto the Gardiners Creek Trail, near Solway Bridge, could work well. Julia Blunden offered to take a photo of this next time she walks that way. It was agreed that all BUG members should respond to the survey and support Glennys' suggestion. Glennys and Julia agreed to circulate her suggestion to members.

#### **Other Business**

- **Combined BUGs Meeting, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August:** There has been a good response to the invitation that went out after our last meeting. Julia Blunden will resend the invitation to this Zoom meeting nearer the time.

**Next Meeting:** 8pm, Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden