

## **Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**By Zoom**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Glennys Jones, Peter Campbell (Chair), John Parker, Julia Blunden, Ken Parker, Betty Weeks, Mal Faul, Kate Prest

**Apologies:** Peter Carter, Cr Susan Biggar, Cr Victor Franco, Philip Mallis, Graham Ellis, David Farrow

**Minutes of November Meeting:** Accepted.

#### **Correspondence**

##### **In**

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

##### **Out**

- BUG co-signatory to Victorian BUGs letter re including Strategic Cycling Corridors in Land Use Frameworks

#### **Matters arising**

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Glennys Jones had asked for clarification re the connection across the Merri Creek at Roseneath St. She has now received a response indicating that this section of the plan will be open for public comment next year. Most of the project plans will not be at this stage until 2024. The next CLG meeting is scheduled for 28/1/22.
2. **Walmer St Bridge:** Glennys Jones reported that she had watched some of the Yarra Council meeting the previous evening where Bruce Phillips gave an update. Jim Hondrakis' application to Heritage Victoria re the Boroondara land bridge works was lodged on 16/11. This will be an agenda item at the CAC meeting. Glennys noted that it is important that Riverwalk re-opens prior to the Boroondara works as it will provide an option for cyclists to return to the Yarra Trail.
3. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell reported that there had been no new developments. The CRG has now closed down. There is an opportunity for community involvement during the design phase. Peter offered to forward information about this to members after the meeting. There has been no further news from the DoT about the Box Hill to Mont Albert section of the trail.
4. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Glennys Jones reported that she had received further favourable feedback from Will Fowles' office about the bridge and the need for rectification of the level crossing immediately to the north. Glennys noted that the line of sight at this crossing is currently very poor due to overhanging trees, which need pruning.
5. **Gardiners Creek Underpass at Toorak Rd:** Glennys Jones reported that the art work for the signs is now complete and looks to be correct.
6. **Ferndale Trail – Need for widening and realignment between Summerhill and Ferndale Rds:** Nil to report.
7. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** This should be on the agenda for the Council meeting on Monday 13/12. Hopefully Council will agree to release the draft strategy for community feedback. This will be the main agenda item at the CAC meeting.

8. **Frog Hollow to Ferndale Trail:** Glennys Jones reported that she has written to Cr Franco about the need for Council to buy some of the land in the Public Acquisition Overlay in order to maintain public access along the creek. It appears that this will be a confidential Council process.
9. **Guide Dogs- change to access arrangements:** Nil to report
10. **Pop-Up Bike Lanes:** Nil to report.
11. **Developments at Box Hill Central:** Box Hill Council has indicated that the State Government has assumed responsibility for this project. It was agreed that the submission written by Peter Carter should be forwarded to various state ministers and cc'd to the local MP Paul Hamer in the name of BBUG. Julia Blunden agreed to do this and to make any necessary amendments to the submission.
12. **Victorian BUGS Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> November:** This was a very productive meeting. It is good for BUGs and other related organisations to develop joint projects and the meetings are also an opportunity to engage with Bicycle Network. It was also agreed that we should aim for two meetings in 2022. Julia Blunden agreed to organise these.
13. **Web Site and Slack:** Kate Prest said that she has been too busy to do much BUG work in the last couple of months but will soon be on leave.
14. **Free Membership Database:** There was agreement from our IT experts that Mail Chip is a suitable platform for this. Kate Prest agreed to set this up and Mal Faul will provide his membership database as a starting point.
15. **Twitter Account and Facebook:** These continue to attract moderate attention.
16. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul reported that our term deposit will mature in January and he will roll it over.

#### **New Business**

1. **CAC meeting, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Attendance and Agenda Items:** Those indicating their intention to participate are: Peter Campbell, Glennys Jones, John Parker, Julia Blunden and Kate Prest. A number of agenda items were identified during the meeting. Julia Blunden will circulate a list and ask for any additional items.
2. **Meeting Venues/Arrangements for 2022:** It was agreed that attendance has been better with Zoom meetings, and that we will continue with these for 2022. Julia Blunden will take out an annual Zoom subscription and be reimbursed for the cost. It was also agreed to change the meeting time to 7.30pm.

#### **Other Business**

1. **Council and State Cycling Budgets:** It was agreed that we need to put together a wish list for the Council Budget for the CAC meeting. Peter Campbell agreed to contact Philip Mallis with a view to putting costs to items on the priority list. There was some debate as to whether it is better to have a separate Cycling budget or a combined Active Transport budget. It was also agreed that the State Cycling Budget should be an agenda item at the CAC meeting.
2. **Forthcoming Federal and State Elections:** There was agreement that in the new year BBUG needs to take the opportunity to seek meetings with candidates in the relevant electorates for both elections to familiarise them with the cycling issues in their patches.

3. **Signs on Path between Camberwell and East Camberwell Stations:** Ken Parker agreed to send information about unwanted signs to Julia Blunden so this can be an agenda item at the CAC meeting.

**Next Meeting:** 7.30pm, Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, by Zoom

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden