

**Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.00pm, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Upstairs Function Room, Elgin Inn**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Graham Ellis, Julia Blunden, Peter Campbell (Chair), Gordon Macmillan, David Farrow, Mal Faul, Kate Prest

**Apologies:** John Parker, Philip Mallis, Glennys Jones, Ken Parker, Cr Susan Biggar, Cr Victor Franco

**Minutes of April Meeting:** Accepted.

**Correspondence**

**In**

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

**Out**

- Email to Bushan Jani re Balwyn Rd Pedestrian crossing
- Email to Bushan Jani re Anniversary Trail Abercrombie St crossing
- Letter to MP Paul Hamer, cc'd to Ministers Jacinta Allan and Ben Carrol, Crs Garry Thompson and Andrew Munroe, re deficiencies in plans for Surry Hills and Mont Albert LXRs with regard to the shared path

**Matters arising**

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Nil to report.
2. **Walmer St Bridge:** Nil to report
3. **Jacka Trail:** Julia Blunden reported that she has had no response to her email about the pedestrian crossing from Bushan Jani. It was agreed that a follow up email should be cc'd to Jim Hondrakis.
4. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell and others have met with the communications group to protest about the defects in the current LXR plan for the shared path. The LXRP designers say that underpasses are not possible at Mont Albert and Union Roads. Peter raised the possibility of overpasses as an alternative. Boroondara Council have met with the LXRP and it seems that we may get an overpass at Union Rd. Boroondara have allocated money in their budget for liaising with the LXRP. Peter will send round a link to the letter he wrote – see correspondence.
5. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** Peter Campbell and Glennys Jones met with the local MP, Will Fowles about this. Will Fowles has put in a budget submission for the bridge for \$4M. Time will tell if this submission is successful. Will Fowles also agreed that there needs to be a recurrent budget for cycling infrastructure.
6. **Gardiners Creek Underpass at Toorak Rd:** Nil to report.
7. **Shared Path / Local intersection priorities:** Julia Blunden reported that she had not yet received any response to her email to Bushan Jani about the Anniversary Trail Abercrombie St crossing. She agreed to write a follow up email and to cc this to Jim Hondrakis. David Farrow agreed to compile a list of intersections where shared paths should have priority. All member should send their suggestions to David.

8. **Ferndale Trail – Need for widening and realignment between Summerhill and Ferndale Rds:** Nil to report.
9. **BBUG Strategic Advocacy Planning:** Philip Mallis was not present. Kate Prest reported that the priority list is now on Google drive. She agreed to resend the link to this.
10. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy:** The draft strategy has still not been released. It was agreed that we need to push hard for the new strategy to cover only a five year period, given that new strategies take such a long time to eventuate.
11. **Frog Hollow to Ferndale Trail:** Nil to report
12. **Web Site:** Nil to report.
13. **Twitter account:** Nil to report.
14. **Treasurer’s report:** Mal Faul reported that the BUG bank balance is relatively unchanged.

#### **New Business**

1. **Submission to Council Budget:** There has been no word from Philip Mallis as to whether he has written a submission on behalf of the BUG.
2. **Possibility of Using Slack rather than email for BUG Communication:** Kate Prest explained that this would enable discussion to be organized into different channels and make it easier to follow a thread. Notifications of Slack postings would still arrive by email. She offered to set up a BBUG Slack account and send links to members.
3. **Meeting with MP Will Fowles:** See Matters Arising Item 5
4. **Meeting Venue – Elgin Inn vs Library Meeting Room:** Julia Blunden reported that only Hawthorn Library has smaller meeting rooms that would be suitable, and that the BUG would need to be considered a community group to get the cheaper hire fee for one of these. The great majority of those present said that they preferred to stay at the Elgin Inn.

#### **Other Business**

1. **Possible Joint Action with the Kooyong Climate Alliance:** Julia Blunden reported that she had received call from a member of the Kooyong Climate Alliance to ask if the BUG would be interested in working with them to survey and rate candidates in the next Federal and State elections, on their climate change and active transport credentials. It was agreed that there is no urgency to make a decision on this and that one of their members may attend a future BUG meeting to discuss this.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden