

## **Boroondara BUG Meeting, 7.30pm, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**By Zoom**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Glennys Jones, Peter Campbell (Chair), John Parker, Julia Blunden, Ken Parker, Betty Weeks, David Hall, Peter Carter, Kate Prest, Heather Hall

**Apologies:** Cr Susan Biggar, Cr Victor Franco, Philip Mallis, Mal Faul, David Farrow

**Minutes of February Meeting:** Accepted.

#### **Correspondence**

##### **In**

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

##### **Out**

#### **Matters arising**

1. **North East Bicycle Corridor and North East Link:** Glennys Jones reported that the next CLG meeting was to be on Friday 11/3. The Bulleen Park design will be out for consultation in March. Glennys will be seeking further clarification about bike paths. Demolition of the swim school has begun.
2. **Walmer St Bridge:** Nil to report.
3. **Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail:** Peter Campbell had a letter published in the Age on Friday 4/3 suggesting that the \$65M federal funding no longer to be spent on car parks in the Kooyong electorate should instead be spent on the HTBHT. Peter has still not been able to arrange a meeting with the minister.
4. **Toorak Rd Crossing on Anniversary Trail:** It was noted that this project, which previously overlapped the Hawthorn and Burwood districts, will now fall in the new Ashwood district created for the next State election. The current Burwood incumbent, Will Fowles, will be a candidate for Ringwood but will assist the BUG in meeting with the new candidate for Ashwood, Matt Fregon. As residents of Ashwood Glennys Jones and Julia Blunden should seek meetings with the candidates for Ashwood.
5. **Gardiners Creek Underpass at Toorak Rd:** This silted up badly in recent heavy rain. It was agreed that a letter needs to go to Council from BBUG about the serious risks this situation presents. Julia Blunden agreed to draft a letter to circulate for approval. John Parker agreed to send photos. It was agreed that it was useful to do Snap, Send Solves about this issue, but Glennys Jones pointed out that ringing the number on the sign gets a quicker response.
6. **Ferndale Trail – Need for widening and realignment between Summerhill and Ferndale Rds:** Council has now agreed to use concrete for this path reconstruction. Council officers will be doing a walk through to consider BBUG's suggestions for improvements.
7. **Boroondara Bicycle Strategy – Stakeholder Workshop:** Peter Campbell and John Parker attended this workshop. Peter expressed the view that the draft strategy seems to overlook the important issue of making it safer for kids to ride to school. BBUG has been made aware of strong local opposition to our proposed Jacka Trail, which is included in the strategy. The project has been portrayed as a bicycle superhighway, which is complete nonsense. It is a local trail, which will encourage cycling to schools and sporting facilities in the area. It was agreed that John Parker should write a piece on this project as a community asset, to be posted on our web site and Facebook page. All members need to write to their

own councillors in support of the project. Ken Parker offered to engage with one of the locals stirring up trouble. Ken also has a connection to the Bike Gallery, which has expressed opposition to the trail.

8. **Frog Hollow to Ferndale Trail:** Glennys Jones reported that 1082 Toorak Rd was listed for confidential business at the last Council meeting.
9. **Guide Dogs- change to access arrangements:** Nil to report
10. **Pop-Up Bike Lanes:** Peter Carter had suggested the Camberwell Junction bypass route as suitable for this treatment. Kate Prest was very supportive of his suggestion. It appears that Council needs to request State government funding for this purpose.
11. **Developments at Box Hill Central:** Peter Carter reported that it appears that Whitehorse Council has not yet made any request to DoT regarding the two strategic bike corridors through this area. Peter intends writing to the Premier and hopes that a letter will also go from the Victorian BUGs. There was some discussion of the Elgar Rd crossing which presents some difficulties.
12. **Victorian BUGS Meetings 2022:** Julia Blunden reported that she has settled on Wednesday 27/4 as the date for the next meeting and an email has been sent to members asking for their suggestions for agenda items. So far two members have suggested getting a speaker from WeRide Australia as they have expertise on lobbying the federal government to fund cycling projects. Nikk Hunter from Bicycle Network has offered to do a short presentation.
13. **Web Site and Slack:** Kate Prest said that she has done some work on the web site. She has sent us a link but has had no response as yet. Julia Blunden agreed to send Kate the minutes for the last 12 months to put up on the site. Kate agreed to contact Philip Mallis and ask him to launch the new site
14. **Free Membership Database:** It was agreed that we should use the term supporters rather than members for those who sign up. There was a suggestion that the BUG gets a QR code which can be displayed on our bikes to publicise the database.
15. **Twitter Account and Facebook:** Both platforms continue to attract attention.
16. **Treasurer's report:** Mal Faul wasn't present.

#### **Other Business**

1. **DoT Focus Group on Active Transport:** Ken Parker reported that he had attended this recently. He promoted space for bikes on trains, bike parking and access.
2. **Wayfaring:** John Parker asked how many of those present supported his proposal to adopt the European system of numbering nodes on bike routes. The majority expressed support. Glennys Jones was of the view that we are not yet ready for it. David Hall suggested that John prepare a simple, clear document on the system. Kate Prest suggested that this could be put on our web site.

**Next Meeting:** 7.30pm, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, by Zoom

Notes prepared by Julia Blunden