**Boroondara Bicycle Users Group submission to Boroondara Services Delegated Committee meeting**

**11 July 2022**

Boroondara BUG has over 200 members and supporters including individuals and families with children.

Boroondara BUG requests Boroondara Councillors endorse the 28 Feb 2022 versions of the Boroondara Bicycle Strategy and Implementation Plan.

Over 335 people have now signed our petition asking Boroondara Councillors to approve this.

Boroondara BUG considers that amendments to the draft strategy and implementation plan (1 July 2022 versions) will prevent the construction of the safe cycling route for students to get to schools including Balwyn North Primary, Greythorn Primary, Balwyn High & Kew High. This route would also be used by local walkers and bike riders of all ages to access open spaces, visit and enjoy local parks and recreational reserves.

The Anniversary Trail is an example of a shared path in Boroondara that provides good amenity to both bike riders and walkers. The construction of the link between Prospect Hill Road and Riversdale road has been a notable recent success.

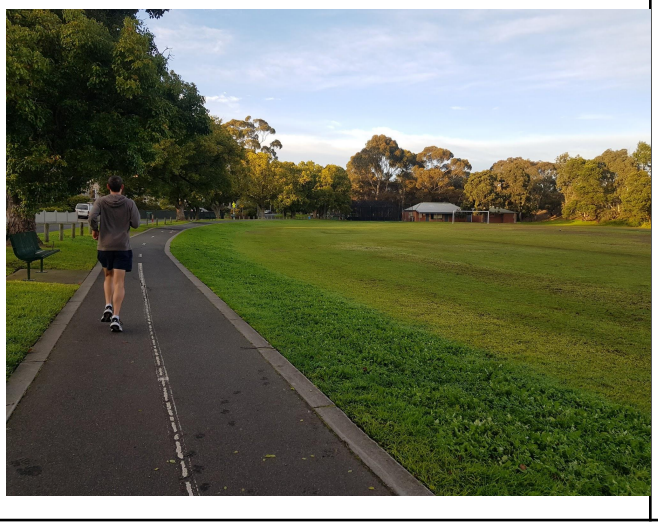
Riding a bike is healthy, emissions free, affordable and convenient for both local and longer trips.

More trips by bike will also reduce congestion on busy roads.

The Boroondara Bike strategy and Implementation Plan contains actions to improve safety for bike riders and provide a well-integrated network of bike routes in Boroondara.

**Boroondara BUG considers it vital that Boroondara Councillors approve a bike strategy for 2022-2032 without further delay.**

# Anniversary Trail Information



The Anniversary Trail provides bike riders and walkers access to several playgrounds and recreation facilities.

Users include families on bikes, joggers, walkers, dog walkers, students riding to school (e.g. Camberwell High) and occasional bike riders on longer rides.

Very few commuter cyclists use this route.