

# WHITTLESEA BICYCLE USERS GROUP INC.

## Committee of Management Meeting Minutes

27-02-2012

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### 1. Meeting Time and Venue

Meeting was opened at 6:40pm in the Waterlily Room, Whittlesea Council Offices.

### 2. Present

Peter Duncombe (President), Dave Fleming (Treasurer), Glenn Echardt, Lee Robinson (Minutes), Ashley Sutton, Robert Sutton, Ron Harvey.

### 3. Apologies

Nicola Davis, Tori Pearce.

### 4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The motion to accept minutes for the meeting of the 30-01-2012 was moved by Peter and seconded by Robert. The motion was accepted.

### 5. Business arising

#### 5.1 Committee questionnaire

Over 20 responses received. Some common comments indicate a preference for longer rides and start locations in Bundoora and Mill Park.

#### 5.2 Heritage Bike Ride

Now 7<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

### 6. Rides Subcommittee (Lee, Ron, Robert)

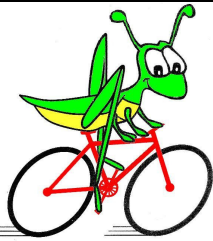
#### 6.1 Ride Reports

- 1-2-2012 Twilight Ride Ring Road Path to Greensborough Bypass roundabout (Dave). Pleasant conditions, 10 people, 21km @18km/hr.
- 7-2-2012 Twilight Ride Campbellfield (Alex). Pleasant conditions again, 6 people, 25km @18km/hr.
- 15-2-2012 Twilight Ride.
- 22-2-2012 Twilight Ride Latrobe Uni.
- 26-2-2012 Sunday ride Eltham (Lee). Due to high temperatures and gusty winds the ride was shortened from the original Old Maroondah viaduct ride. 5 starters but only 3 did the ride to Eltham. Ride conditions seemed better than expected with an enjoyable break at the Eltham Jazz Festival.

#### 6.2 Future Rides

Robert's draft schedule:

- 11-3-2012 Gellibrand Hill and Woodlands Historic Park – Ron
- 25-3-2012 Westerfolds Park – Glenn



- 8-4-2012 Unspecified – Ron
- 22-4-2012 Pascoe Vale – Robert
- 6-5-2012 Unspecified – Ron
- 20-5-2012 Darebin Ck & St Georges Rd – Torr
- 3-6-2012 Cragieburn - Peter

### 6.3 Ride Guidelines

**BUG Guideline Document** A summary of the guideline booklet sourced by Ashley was created by Lee as a guide to the things to consider for our guidelines.

The recent hot weather for the Eltham Ride prompted some discussion on what temperature limits we might want to consider for our rides. The committee resolved that if the temperature was predicted to be greater than 32°C the ride would be cancelled. This is to be included in all ride literature so that people are aware which takes the pressure off trying to contact everyone or ensuring someone was waiting at the start to let people know. People could still ride if they felt comfortable but it would not be classified as a BUG ride.

**Riding on the Footpath** Further discussion held. While WBUG should not be seen to be condoning breaking the law the reality is that in practice on our rides it does happen at times either through safety/riding ability concerns or simply convenience. The committee should consider a “Position Statement” on the issue as it is obvious that not every one is of the same view but the WBUG should have an “official” view in case the topic came up in media discussions, etc.

### 6.4 Ride Issues

Peter had a sample of a breathable hi-visibility vest to help identify the ride leader and tail-end charley on BUG rides.

## 7. Marketing Subcommittee (Maureen, Nicola)

### 7.1 Ride Marketing

No report.

## 8. Finance & Membership Subcommittee (Dave, Ron)

### 8.1 Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report was tabled at the meeting.

### 8.2 New Members

The following list of new members were accepted by the committee:  
Tori Pearce, Joshua Collins, Hume BUG, Nikki Donaldson, Rosie Donaldson, Allan Carris.

Ron said that he would be requesting mobile numbers from members so that they are more contactable.



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#### **9. IT & Website Subcommittee**

No report.

#### **10. Advocacy Subcommittee (Peter, Glenn, Nicola)**

##### **10.1 Bicycle Strategy**

Peter and Glenn reported on their meeting with the new Manager of Major Projects to discuss the Bicycle Strategy. He has worked at Banyule Council who have a bicycle strategy. Whittlesea's will take some time to develop and will be part of the overall transport strategy. We will lobby to be involved and recommend using an outside consultant, the TAC \$5k grant could be used to contribute to this.

##### **10.2 Bicycle Safety Awareness on Plenty Road**

Peter has had a good response and support from the council and the Traffic Management Unit on the idea of bicycle awareness signage.

#### **11. Committee Guidelines**

No new guidelines tabled.

#### **12. New Business**

##### **12.1 NTL Meeting**

Peter attended the NTL meeting. Transport needs in the growth areas of Mernda, Doreen and Epping Central.

##### **12.2 SMREP Bike Path**

Peter reported that he had contacted by the Whittlesea Review to comment on the Path.

The official opening was cancelled at the last minute due to weather.

Ron reported that he had ridden the path and gave it a good report. Unfortunately it doesn't quite connect to Epping station.

#### **13. Future Meetings**

##### **13.1 CoM Meetings**

The next CoM will be Monday 27-02-2012 at 6:30pm.

Future CoM meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month except December.

##### **13.2 General Meetings**

No meeting dates set.

#### **14. Meeting closed 8:00pm**