

# WHITTLESEA BICYCLE USERS GROUP INC.

## Committee of Management Meeting Minutes

27-05-2013

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### 1. Meeting Details

#### 1.1 Meeting Time and Venue

7:10 pm in the Waterlily Room, Whittlesea Council Offices.

#### 1.2 Present

Peter Duncombe (Chairperson), Lee Robinson, Glenn Echardt, Dave Fleming, Robert Sutton, Ashley Sutton.

#### 1.3 Apologies

Ron Harvey, Cr Nicola Davies.

### 2. Previous Minutes

#### 2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The motion to accept minutes for the meetings of the 29-04-2013 was moved by Peter with the correction that the Active Transport Fair was cancelled by the Active Transport people and not the Council. Seconded by Dave. The motion was accepted.

#### 2.2 Business arising from Previous Minutes

All items are covered in their appropriate sections.

### 3. Rides Subcommittee

#### 3.1 Ride Reports

- Nil.

#### 3.2 Future Rides

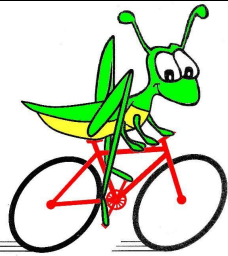
- Twilight Rides – Postponed until Daylight Savings recommences.
- Saturday Rides – No further rides planned at this time.
- Sunday Rides – Will all now start from the Thomastown Library at 9:00am. First Sunday in the month. It is planned to hold an easy ride of approximately 20km with a coffee stop to cater for newer riders or those of limited ability while the remainder will be rides of 30km – 60km.

#### 3.3 Ride Issues

- Nil

### 4. Marketing Subcommittee

- Nil



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#### 5. Finance & Membership Subcommittee

##### 5.1 Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance - stands at \$8,086.70 with the inclusion of the \$350 Super Tuesday money. We have liabilities of \$5,884.88 (unspent grant money).

##### 5.2 Finance/Fundraising Report

- Super Tuesday Bike Counts – Dave moved that we record a vote of thanks to the seven people who nominated Whittlesea BUG to receive their \$50 donation as not all of the people involved are known. Seconded by Lee and unanimously accepted by the committee.
- Grants – Peter reported that the Whittlesea NTL was disbanding and Georgianna had allocated \$3,000 to WBUG. We were also allocated \$2,000 from the Active Transport Initiatives fund making a total grant of \$5,000.

##### 5.3 Membership Report

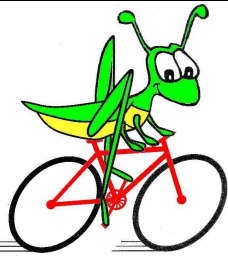
- Nil.

#### 6. IT & Website Subcommittee

- Electronic Newsletter – Ashley distributed the basic newsletter template prior to the meeting for comment, looks good.
  - Plan to send it out on the first Fri of the month (except Jan) with all information to be supplied to Ashley by the Wed.
  - Items can be submitted in Word format with any pictures as JPG format supplied as a separate file.
  - Newsletter items to be made an agenda item.
  - Peter to see if it is possible to get a monthly update from Council on cycling infrastructure and similar topics.

#### 7. Advocacy Subcommittee

- Stickers – There is approximately \$1,000 remaining from the grant money. Can we create sticker versions of the safety signs for cars, etc? Peter unable to contact the required person.
- Mernda-Whittlesea Rail Trail – Nicola has provided the following report by email on 30/04/2013: "Whittlesea/Mernda Rail Trail - I met with Rob Mitchell (Fed MP), the CEO City of Whittlesea and the Planners from City of Whittlesea to discuss updating the Rail Trail strategy and business case. Money has been requested for next years budget to fund a fauna/flora assessment and heritage assessment to make the plans ready to go if Fed Gov decide to fund. Currently looking at over \$4million to build.
- Council Budget – Nicola has provided the following report by email on 30/04/2013: "Ron & I met with council officers on 12 April. We went through the completed projects that were highlighted last year. They have allocated \$100,000 for next budget to complete minor works which will hopefully



complete all the little links that BUG has identified in the past, eg. McDonalds Rd - Meadowglen Athletics track pathway, runs out with 3 m to go to road crossing.

They gave us the scope for the next 4 years in terms of major priorities for spending:

2013 - Edgars Ck bridge, Dalton Rd links, Darebin Ck stage 1 (currently there have been no objections in the proposed budget from the other Councillors, so looks promising that we will get all \$1 million requested).

2014 - Edgars St, Cooper St, Deveny Rd link behind Epping Plaza.

2015 - Plentry Rd East shared path McKimmies and Childs Rd.

2016 -Plenty Rd shared path Childs Rd to Library.

Darebin Creek trail will be a full bike path from Wollert to Preston. Ron requested that the worse parts be done first in Stage 1. This is staged over a 5 year plan.

- Glenn informed the committee that the Council budgets contained:  
\$320,000 for the Darebin Ck path from the Western Ring Rd to Childs Rd.  
\$300,000 for Keon Pde to Spencer St (Shell Service Station).  
\$60,000 for planning for Edgars Rd.

- A Metre Matters Campaign – Nicola has indicated she has sent an email to her local Member of Parliament to ask for a one metre minimum overtaking distance to become law as requested by the Amy Gillett Foundation and Glenn.

## 8. Committee Guidelines

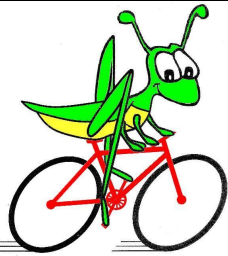
- Ride Guidelines – Ron has supplied some feedback requesting that the guidelines do not prohibit an element of exploration under the right conditions (known rider abilities, etc.).
  - Peter to send a marked up version with mainly grammatical corrections.
- Pre-ride Checklist – Can now be incorporated into the ride guidelines.

## 9. AustCycle

- No report.

## 10. Other Business

- Whittlesea BUG's Effectiveness – Peter reported that the facilitator, James Pearse, was not available to facilitate at this meeting to help us try to define our goals and direction.
- Geo-caching – Glenn reported that he had been shown a new ride activity that he thought had potential to add some variety to our rides. It was similar to orienteering with items to be located with the aid of GPS co-ordinates. Glenn to see if a demonstration ride can be organised.



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**11. Future Meetings**

**11.1 Committee Meetings**

- The next Committee will be Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7:00pm.
- Future meeting will be held on the last Monday of each month except December.

**11.2 General Meetings**

- TBA.

**12. Meeting Closed 8:20pm.**