



WHITTLESEA BICYCLE USERS GROUP INC.

Committee of Management Meeting Minutes

03-02-2014

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1. Meeting Details

1.1 Meeting Time and Venue

7:30pm Mill Park Library.

1.2 Present

Glenn Eckardt (Chairperson), Lee Robinson, Robert Sutton, Ashley Sutton, Ron Harvey.

1.3 Apologies

Peter Duncombe, Cr Nicola Davis, Michael Bates.

Glenn explained that due to health reasons Nicola would be unable to perform any BUG functions for some time.

2. Previous Minutes

2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The motion to accept the minutes for the meetings of the 28-10-2013 as distributed was moved by Robert and seconded by Glenn. The motion was carried.

2.2 Business arising from Previous Minutes

All items are covered in their appropriate sections.

3. Rides Subcommittee

3.1 Ride Reports

- Sun Rides – Ron reported that due to his foot operation he had not scheduled any ride for December and January and he is waiting on his doctor's clearance to return to riding, which he hoped would be soon. He added that he believed many of the regular riders were still meeting for informal rides with a group of about 10 riding on a semi-regular basis.

3.2 Future Rides

- Sunday 9/2 Uni Hill to Craigieburn – Ride leader Glenn. 7:30am start due to predicted hot weather. Medium pace, coffee stop at Craigieburn.
- Sun 16/2 Council Offices to Mernda – Ride leader Robert. Mostly quiet roads and paths.
- Sun 23 MS Melbourne Summer Ride – Lee to participate and BUG members to be invited to join. Whittlesea BUG being seen to support the community. Possible railway station start to reduce overall ride distance.
- Twilight Rides – Have been continuing informally on Tuesday nights while Ron has been out of action.
- National Ride to School Day – March 19th, 2014 - How can the BUG help to promote this event to local schools to become involved???



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- Organised Rides – Get a list of organised rides for the year that the BUG might like to be involved in or promote.

3.3 Ride Issues

- Marketing Rides – Glenn said that he believed the rides offered by the BUG were an integral function of the BUG's existence and that Ron has been the driver of the Ride Program. He wondered what steps we could take to market the rides better. Some of the points discussed were ensuring the BUG's website was up-to-date, possible using it to send out email reminders to members, regular distribution of posters and to keep in touch with neighbouring BUGs.

4. Marketing Subcommittee

- Whittlesea Community Festival – 16 March, do we get involved?

5. Finance & Membership Subcommittee

5.1 Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance – Michael has email a report to Glenn saying their had been no change in our money situation.
- Electronic Banking – Bendigo Bank system that allows electronic banking by allowing a second person to electronically confirm a requested transaction. Peter to see Michael to see if it is suitable.

5.2 Finance/Fundraising Report

- No update.

5.3 Membership Report

- Membership – No update.
- New Memberships – No update.

6. IT & Website Subcommittee

6.1 Newsletter Items

- Ideas for Newsletter - Theme – No update.

6.2 Other

- Automatic Email Ride Reminder – Ashley to set up but must have an opt-out facility.

7. Advocacy Subcommittee

7.1 Issues Raised for the BUG's Consideration

- Nil.



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7.2 Other

- Northern Weekly Super Sunday Article – see end of minutes for details.

8. Committee Guidelines

8.1 Constitution / Model Rules

- New Model Rules – Need to review them and have details ready to be adopted at this year's AGM.

9. AustCycle

- Nil.

10. Other Business

10.1 Focus Sessions

- Financial Plan – Michael supplied the previous financial year statement plus a rough 5 year prediction. This gave the committee a better feel for the financial requirements of the BUG as it stands. Major cost is the insurance – main reason is a council requirement but do we really need it? More work to be done. No update this meeting.

10.2 Survey

- Draft Survey – Ash reported that the draft survey was ready to be tested by the committee. Ash to send link to committee members to provide feedback by next meeting.
- Promotion – The survey could be promoted through Council Website, Mill Park library website, Facebook page, email contact list.

11. Future Meetings

11.1 Committee Meetings

- The next Committee will be Mon 24-2-2014 6:30 Council Offices.
- Ron to invite our regular riders to attend.
- Dates for the remainder of the year:
 - Monday, January 27th 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 - Monday, February 24th 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 - Monday, March 31st 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 - Monday, April 28th 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 - Monday, May 26th 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 - Monday, June 30th 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 - Monday, July 28th 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 - Monday, August 25th 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 - Monday, September 29th 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 - Monday, October 27th 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm
 - Monday, November 24th 2014: 6.30pm - 8.00pm (Possible AGM date)



11.2 General Meetings

- TBA.

12. Meeting Closed

- 8:30pm

NORTHERN WEEKLY 19 November, 2013

Bike count a pointer to path plans across Whittlesea

[http://www.northernweekly.com.au/story/1792825/bike-count-a-pointer-to-path-plans-across-whittlesea/ - #](http://www.northernweekly.com.au/story/1792825/bike-count-a-pointer-to-path-plans-across-whittlesea/)

By Lexi Cottee



Glen Eckardt. Photo: Scott McNaughton

A bevy of volunteers took to Whittlesea's bike paths and trails, counting foot and bike traffic across 10 sites in the municipality earlier this month.

This year's annual Super Sunday Recreation Count was the fourth organised by Bicycle Network in 39 councils across Australia.



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Bicycle Network's general manager of government and external relations, Garry Brennan, said the count was an important tool for councils when planning and managing their resources and spending on infrastructure.

"By establishing a regular and consistent measure of trail usage, we can show how many people are using the trails and where they are going. This further strengthens the case for investment in better shared path facilities," Mr Brennan said.

Glen Eckardt, vice-president of the Whittlesea Bicycle Users Group, agrees. The Mill Park resident takes part in the count to help gather data that supports the group's push for bicycle infrastructure upgrades.

Across the 10 counting stations in Whittlesea, 682 bikes were counted last year.

The results from that count were released in January, and came with a list of surveyor observations for the council. They mentioned riders were confused by a lack of signage on the Metro Ring Road path/overpass in Thomastown.

This was addressed in the council's budget for the future, said Whittlesea councillor Nicola Davis.