



WHITTLESEA BICYCLE USERS GROUP INC.

Annual General Meeting Minutes

27-11-2013

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1. Meeting Time and Venue

7:30 pm in the Fountain View Room, Whittlesea Council Offices.

2. Attendance

2.1 Members: Peter Duncombe (President - Chairman), Glenn Eckardt (Vice President), Lee Robinson (Secretary - Minutes), Cr Nicola Davis (Committee Member), Robert Sutton (Committee Member), Ashley Sutton (Committee Member), Nathan Duncombe, Alex Shepherd, David Stephens, Andrew Murdoch, Mark Collins, Peter Bland, Peter Patterson.

2.2 Visitors: James Kempen (Whittlesea Council Guest Speaker).

3. Apologies

Michael Bates (Treasurer), Ron Harvey (Committee Member on the Great Vic Bike Ride), Bronwyn Murdock (Member), Ryan Murdoch (Member).

4. Welcome by the Chairman

Peter Duncombe welcomed the members present to the Annual General Meeting of the Whittlesea Bicycle Users Group Inc. and gave a brief description of how we came about and our general aims.

5. Determination of Voting Members

As there were more than five (5) members entitled to vote and personally present a quorum was available to conduct the business of a General Meeting.

6. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion That the minutes of the Whittlesea Bicycle Users Group Inc. Annual General Meeting held on the 25-10-2012 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Moved David Stephens

Seconded Cr Nicola Davis.

As there were no objections the motion was declared carried.

7. Business arising

None.

8. Guest Speakers

James Kempen from Whittlesea Council gave an update on cycling related information:

- Current and planned works - Include McKimmies Rd upgrade \$184,000 to be completed Dec 2013 upgrade of Darebin Ck path from M80 to tennis courts \$300,000 starting Jan 2014.
- Spending on Cycling Infrastructure - Total spend this year \$1.06 million giving a BIXE value of \$6.00/head. Proposed for next year \$1.29 million giving a BIXE value of \$6.98/head.



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- Cyclist's Safety – Publically available VicRoads crash data indicated there had been 3 fatalities in the municipality between 2008 and 2012.
- Super Sunday – Nearly 700 bikes counted at 16 sites in 2012. Most popular site Darebin Ck at McLeans Rd.
- Super Tuesday – 2011 452 at 19 sites, 2012 462 at 18 sites, 2013 546 at 20 sites.
- VISTA – Victorian Integrated Survey of Travel and Activity indicates 52% of all Whittlesea trips are less than 5km and of these 80% were by car and 10% by bicycle.

9. Committee Reports

Presidents Report

Peter Duncombe delivers his report with the assistance of a Power Point presentation. He gave an overview of the BUG's development and achievements and mentioned the current major project of placing large temporary road safety signs on Plenty Rd and thanked VicRoads for their co-operation.

Peter gave particular thanks to Ron Harvey for his work in creating and leading the majority of our rides on Sundays and Tuesday evenings during Daylight Savings Time. He also rode with the UGA group on Thursdays creating a link between the two groups.

Treasurers Report

- **Financial Statement**
Audited and tabled, see attached.
- **Membership Fees for 2014/15**
\$10 single, \$20 family, \$5 concession.

Membership Report

None.

Rides Report

A presentation was given describing the range of rides the WBUG conducts.

Advocacy Report

Glenn Eckardt gave a presentation on the BiXe figures for 2011 and 2012 which indicated council's bicycle infrastructure spend had increased from \$2.59 per person to \$4.88.

Glenn discussed the BUG's bicycle infrastructure priorities indicating that the two top priorities are the Dalton Road Link with the issues of crossing Settlement Road and the Darebin Creek Path. Other priorities are extending the Edgars Creek Path and the Plenty Road Shared Path with an extension to Bush Boulevard being a medium term goal.

Glenn welcomed feedback from our members and the bike riding community to help shape our focus on cycling issues in Whittlesea and their connections to adjoining councils.



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Web Page / IT Report

Peter Duncombe gave his thanks to Ashley and Robert Sutton for their ongoing work in developing and maintaining our website and providing their expertise on other internet and social media technologies.

Marketing Report

None.

10. Committee Elections

All current positions are declared vacant. Nominations had been received for all positions from current committee members. A call was made for nominations from the floor for any positions but none were received and as such the following positions were declared filled:

President

Peter Duncombe.

Vice President

Glenn Eckardt.

Treasurer

Michael Bates.

Secretary

Lee Robinson.

Ordinary Members

Ashley Sutton, Ron Harvey, Robert Sutton, Nicola Davis.

Peter Duncombe thanks all the new and previous Committee of Management Office holders and requested that those present consider joining the committee as fresh ideas and a wide range of views are required if the BUG it to truly represent the people riding, or thinking of riding, in Whittlesea.

11. Other Business

- 11.1 Cycling Map - Peter Duncombe asked the meeting if the traditional cycling map was still useful in these days of the internet (Google Maps, etc), mobile technology and GPS based devices as the cost and time required to update and print maps was considerable. There was some general discussion but not every one was comfortable enough to rely completely on technology at this stage.

12. Meeting closed

Peter Duncombe thanked everyone who had made the time to attend the meeting and help support cycling in Whittlesea and closed the meeting at 9:15pm. He then invited the attendees to continue discussing cycling matters over refreshments.