1. Meeting Details 7:00 (7:04)

1.1 Meeting Time and Venue

7:00 pm, Mon 31 Aug 2026, Mill Park Leisure Centre, 33 Morang Drive, Mill Park.

2. Attendance

2.1 Committee

Glenn Eckardt (Chair), Lee Robinson (Secretary/Minutes), David Stephens (Vice-President), Helen Henry.

2.2 Visitors

None.

2.3 Online

Kevin Balaam, Mara Ferraro, Peter Duncombe.

2.4 Apologies

Keerat Singh (Treasurer), Alison and Alan Kenworthy.

3. Previous Minutes

3.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the 27-07-2026 meeting be accepted as a true record of that meeting.
Moved: Mara Seconded: David Motion: Accepted.

4. Items from Previous Minutes 7:05

4.1 (4.1) Beginners Rides Poster

Bronwyn Halfpenny, State Member for Thomastown, has offered to print our poster and display it in her office. The committee decided that it was more important to get something displayed than to worry too much about colours and design. Glenn will follow up with Bronwyn at their Sep 11 meeting and see if there is a possibility of getting some more copies done by her office and possibly some assistance from her graphic design people. Any shortfall we will print commercially.

4.2 (4.2) Availability of Previous Minutes

Kevin has provided a link to the website so that Lee can continue to store the old minutes there. It was agreed to store the older minutes as is, without adding any current branding.

4.3 (11.1) Sponsorship Proposal

The committee reviewed Keerat and Glenn's sponsorship proposal, and it has been successfully used to obtain the Hurstbridge Pastisserie sponsorship.

4.4 (11.2) City of Whittlesea's Seniors Festival 2026

Glenn has requested follow-up information on his EoI for a Senior's Ride to co-incide with our BUG BBQ during Biktober. Still waiting. Mara advised she will be available to lead a ride.

4.5 (11.4) Basic Bike Maintenance Courses

Glenn will look into the possibility of a Community Grant to fund these, as Council is funding the Ride Skills courses.

4.6 (11.5) New Jerseys

Mara has shared some new designs from Carl from Nemisis. These were discussed, and it seemed some were making the Whittlesea BUG writing less readable.

ACTION: Mara to point out our concerns to Carl.

Once we have the revised designs, we will include them with the original and send them to our members to vote on. This will help us make our decision as well as promote the new jersey order.

5. Rides 7:30

5.1 Ride Reports

Summary for August 2026

Fast and Medium rides are consistently popular. 14 rides were offered over 34 days, 5 different types of rides (including Wendy's new Social Ride format); 25 female riders and 100 male riders participated over the month.

Short Rides - 2 rides, avg. 2.5 female and 11 male riders.

2/08/2026 Two Loops Ride, RL Graeme W1, 20km, 2 female and 8 male riders,

16/08/2026 Wollert Wander to Brewer Sisters, RL David F, 29km, 3 female and 13 male riders.

Medium Rides - 3 rides, avg. 2 female and 11 male riders.

23/08/2026 Epping Stn to Preston Market, RL Alan & Alison K, 40km, 3 female and 11 male riders.

29/08/2026 South Morang Stn to Keon Park via Latrobe Wetlands. Photo Opportunity with Bronwyn Halfpenny (State Member for Thomastown) and Chaman Tiwari (Councillor for Thomastown) to promote the building of a better cycling connection between the M80 Ring Road and Keon Park Station, RL David F, 36km, 3 female and 7 male riders.

30/08/2026 Epping Stn to Lux Foundary Cafe Brunswick, RL Lee R, 50km, 1 female and 15 male riders.

Long Rides - 0 rides, 0 female, 0 male riders

Social Rides (New) - 2 rides, avg. 3 female and 3 male riders.

8/08/2026 Mernda - Humevale climb - Kinglake West, RL Wendy B, 60km, 4 female and 1 male riders.

23/08/2026 Mernda - Humevale climb - Kinglake West Joy Ride, RL Wendy B, 60km, 2 female and 5 male riders.

Fast Rides - 5 rides, avg. 1 female and 7 male riders.

1/08/2026 South Morang - Mount Pleasant Rd - Kangaroo Ground - Hurstbridge, RL Alwyn S, 60km, 2 female and 8 male riders.

8/08/2026 South Morang to Kinglake Loop anticlockwise, RL Glenn E, 85km, 0 female and 6 male riders.

15/08/2026 South Morang to Mt Sugarloaf, RL Adrian, 90km, 1 female and 9 male riders.

22/08/2026 South Morang to Sugarloaf Reservoir, RL Alwyn S, 75km, 1 female and 6 male riders.

29/08/2026 Kinglake West via Humevale, RL Alwyn S, 65km, 1 female and 4 male riders.

Weekday Rides - 2 rides, avg. 1 female and 3.5 male riders.

12/08/2026 Broardhurst Ave - Latrobe Loop, RL Mark B, 35km, 0 female and 3 male riders.

26/07/2026 Mill Park to Artiga Cafe Thornbury, RL David F, 35km, 2 female and 4 male riders.

Twilight - Rides during Daylight Savings.

Gravel rides - None.

Rail Trail Rides - None.

5.2 Incidents

None reported.

5.3 Proposed Rides

5/09/2026 Mill Park Leisure Centre Spin Class fundraiser.

25/09/2026 AFL Grand Final Eve Ride - Altona Loop Ride.

27/09/2026 Whittlesea Lions Club Ride Around Whittlesea, RL Neil Fitzgerald. Bike Station launch. May have a group ride to Whittlesea to meet up with Neil.

Rail Trail Ride - Heathcote to Axedale, RL Alison and Alan K. Lunch Axedale Tavern.

5.4 Infrastructure Updates

Toyon Road Shared User Path - Kevin’s email 28/08/2026. Glenn will raise the topic with Council at the 8/09/2026 meeting.

5.5 Ride Issues

Ride Leaders are reporting last-minute increases in ride attendance on TeamApp, which is making it difficult to plan rides and book cafes if required so that the group can remain together. Some cafes require bookings the day before. At least, if people who may come indicate “Maybe,” it would help with an educated guess.

6. Treasurer's Report 7:45

6.1 Current Financial Report

Balance at 26-07-2026:		**$3,672.05**
Plus:		
Memberships	$110.26	
Sponsor Hurstbridge Pastisserie	$500.00	
Less:		
	$0.00	
Balance at 31-07-2026:		**$4,282.31**

6.2 Liabilities

Current Liability		**$0.00**

6.3 Petty Cash

Opening balance		**$283.45**
Expenses	$0.00	
Income	$0.00	
Current Petty Cash balance		**$283.45**

6.4 Grants

A volunteer group grant of $1,000 for groups to help them communicate with their volunteer members has been applied for through the office of Andrew Giles MP. The results of the application will be available in September.

6.5 Membership Fees

It was decided to wait until we have more details about the proposed combined BUG and BN membership before we set the 2027–2028 fees.

6.6 Sponsorship

New Sponsor - Hurstbridge Patisserie and Cafe have signed up for a $500 tier sponsorship as per Keerat and Glenn's new Sponsorship guidelines. They do not wish to have a logo on our cycling gear, but they are happy to offer a 10% discount to BUG members and their families and 20% after 3pm.

Potential Sponsor - Snap Fitness Gym in Greensborough. Mara is discussing possible sponsorship with Dean from the gym, who seems keen to work with us.

BUG Member Identification - It is proposed to create something financial members can carry on their phones to enable them to obtain a sponsor's discounts.

Sponsor Support - To help ensure sponsors are getting something for their money we will need to consider rides that incorporate such things as a sponsor's cafe a minimum number of times a year.

7. Membership Report 8:00

7.1 New Members

Joe (Josian) Ocean Pacifico from Epping. Has paid his membership and has ridden with us on the Preston Market ride, which is what made him want to join. Membership accepted.

7.2 Team App Members

We have 188 people registered on Team App as of 28/08/2026 (an increase of 7).

7.3 Membership Status

Members: We have a total of 66 members, of whom 51 are fully financial; the other 15 have yet to renew their membership for the 2026/27 financial year.

Gender breakdown: 15 female, 51 male. 23% of our membership is female.

Membership Types: 37 memberships at the full rate and 29 at the concession rate. 56% of our members pay the full rate. There are currently no family memberships.

7.4 Membership Process

Keerat is investigating the possibility of incorporating the acceptance of the ambulance agreement and our policies into the TeamApp process. He will not be able to proceed with this until next month due to his other commitments.

8. Website / Social Media 8:10

8.1 Website

Currently, there is a minor display issue that is resolved by refreshing the display, but Kevin does not yet know what the cause of it is.

8.2 Team App

Documents Stored on Team App

ACTION: Lee to review the existing documents to standardise them for fonts and colour, where appropriate. On hold; may need to review/reconsider our fonts.

Financial Members Group

ACTION: Lee to provide Helen with a list of current financial members with the aim of setting up a Financial Members subgroup in TeamApp.
This will be useful for Ride Leaders and others to identify the people attending our rides and for sponsors to identify valid BUG members.

8.3 Facebook and Instagram

As some of our brand fonts are causing problems, the committee approved the use of standard fonts to replace them.

9. Correspondence 8:15

9.1 Email Correspondence:

31/07/2026

- CONTACT US: David Hombach asked who had access to his personal details on his TeamApp profile.

Glenn responded to David (1/08/2026) on behalf of WBUG. David was happy with Glenn's response, and it does not raise any issues for us.

16/08/2026

- Locky Dock - possible solution for bike parking at Westfield.
  Glenn showed the committee a brochure on this bike parking / securing / charging system from NZ. BN are involved with it as part of their bike parking solutions, and it shows promise for such things as shopping centre parking. Ian Lim from BN has put together a proposal for Westfield Plenty Valley. Glenn hopes to get an update from Russel Tricker at the meeting with Council on 8/09/2026.

24/08/2026

- Glenn to CoM - Spin for Kids fundraiser at Mill Park Leisure Centre, 5 Sep. Seems like a good cause and we should support Mill Park Leisure Centre. We will promote it on TeamApp.

10. Other Meetings 8:30

10.1 Council 8/09/2026

Glenn stated that at our next meeting with Council, he'll be discussing the budget for 2026–2027 with Russell Tricker to see the progress on various projects, like the Yan Yean pipe track.

10.2 Bronwyn Halfpenny, Andrew Giles and Others 11/09/2026

Will discuss the High St shared path and the Active Transport Fund.

11. Other Business 8:35

None

12. Future WBUG Meetings 8:55

12.1 Committee Meetings

28 Sep 2026 at 7:00 p.m., Mill Park Leisure Centre Meeting Room.

12.2 General Meetings

TBA.

12.3 Social Meetings

TBA

12.4 Ride Leader Meetings

12:00pm Sat 19 Sep 2026 at the Epping RSL.

13. Meeting Closed

9:04 p.m.