

**MINUTES 5 APRIL 2006**  
**MASSBUG**

Attendance: Fiona, Brenda, Jonathon, Jeff, John, Lindsay, Ian, Alan, Caroline,  
Scott, Robert

Apologies: Paul

**1. PRESENTATION ON TRAVEL SMART PROGRAM**

Caroline provided a summary of the SCSW Area Health Service Health Promotion Unit, Travel Smart program which is focussing on changing travel to (primary) school patterns in the central Sydney region.

Main points raised:

- Travel to school by car has increased, with decreases in walking, cycling and public transport
- This creates traffic problems, environment and health problems for children and the local community
- The project encourages participating schools to develop travel plans and to make voluntary travel changes
- The plans encourage small changes, which children will then experience as a positive experience and repeat
- Project is a joint Departmental one, regional organisation of councils are also involved
- Process involves schools setting up a working group, they collect data, prepare a strategy and action plan, there is funding for school infrastructure
- As how children get to school is often dependant on how a parent gets to work, need to encourage parents to use alternative transport
- Role for bugs could include being involved in working groups, helping with proficiency training, or one off events
- There are two schools in the Marrickville area involves, Dulwich Hill and Wilkins
- Suggestions made by members to assist included: energy stickers, practice rides on weekends, checking Council bike plan to ensure schools routes are included, information about trailer bikes, providing stories for newsletters

**2. LOCAL ISSUES**

**West Street**

This has reopened. Still requires care entering and exiting road, suggest use lights.

**Sydney Uni**

Suggest article or graphic aimed at drivers be published in student press to improve driver behaviour in back streets, other suggestions – encourage cycling, contact security staff to policy traffic on campus, contact transport

study institutes to lobby university for action, using existing graphics from other campaigns, apply for NRMA grant for education program

### **Wilson Street**

Regular contact is being made with Council staff to monitor progress of engineering works, when will work start, signage exiting car parks is also needed to indicate two way traffic

### **Alexandra Canal**

Development application for north end with council, funding now available for cycleway, Dept Planning currently causing delays,

### **Redfern St**

This has required constant follow up, latest plans, yet again have left out bike logos, advance stop boxes

### **Prince Alfred Park**

Signs regarding shared path have not been set up, rangers have been warning cyclists about path way

### **Helmets and lights**

Concern was raised about the number of cyclists travelling without lights and helmets, particularly since daylight saving has ended. Suggested action:

- ◆ local bike shops to run ads for lights
- ◆ selling lights at reduced prices
- ◆ model safe behaviour
- ◆ flashing lights on dogs

## **3. RIDES AND EVENTS**

### **Heritage Ride**

First ride of the day was very successful, larger group, counsellors attended and participants provided good feedback. At the second ride, the history presenter was becoming tired – too long a day and light was fading. Suggest if run again next year to do one longer ride with a coffee stop at Addison rd or Petersham Bowls club.

### **Youth Ride – 8 April**

Extensive work to set this up, it will show lots of facilities of interest to young people, with spokespeople at several points. People encouraged to come along to help out.

### **Cooks River Festival 9 April**

Council have paid for a stall, 12-5, need volunteers to hand out material.

### **Tour of Beauty 9 April 2-6pm**

Start at TNT tours – council offices

Bus also available. Visit local sites with commentary.

Contact: Squatspace to book seat or confirm ride. Link on Massbug website

### **Marrickville Council**

Draft bicycle plan out after next Council meeting.

### **Urban Strategy**

A number of meetings to discuss this, consultation at meetings really well done, and people encouraged to attend to make sure cycling gets on the agenda.

### **Sustainability Grant**

Should know by mid April

## **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Kellogs Grants**

Any ideas for projects due by 9 June.

### **Website**

Received feedback from user that it is extremely helpful.

### **Police parking**

Responsive to complaint, illegal parking now stopped

### **Sweep Service**

Photos of activity sweeping up glass near Stanmore station on website. Next sweep service on 25 April. Contact local journalists to gauge interest for photo story.

### **NRMA Road Safety grants**

Close 24 April – check eligibility.