

**Minutes**  
**5 March 2003**  
**7.30-9.30 pm**  
**Marrickville and South Sydney Bicycle Users Group (MASSBUG)**

Attendance: Fiona, Mathew, Lindsay, Barbara, Janet, Alan, Ian, Bruce, Gabrielle, Anni, Brenda (minutes)

### **1. Alexandra Canal**

New section is now open and the development application for the northern section has been submitted to Council.

Many problems with the maintenance of the path still remain, including repairing of surfaces, clearing rubbish, cutting back vegetation, considering modifications near driveways, removing old signage, lighting, no parking signs across pathways, clearer signage of route, replacing bollards.

#### *Action*

Bring current audit report up to date prior to meeting with RTA next week.  
Write to airport owner to fix damage to paths they own.

Note to members: secure parking is possible at Sydney airport with assistance from security staff.

### **2. South Sydney**

*South Sydney Pedestrian Access Plan* – submissions due 7 march. Chloe agreed to make a submission. She has recommended a field audit sheet which residents can use to record details of their local area.

Action: audit sheet to be placed on website.

*Redevelopment Project – Everleight St and Darlington*. This is a State government initiative. Suggestions that this include transport options for local residents.

Action: Approach project managers with suggestion to include cycling options as a way to improve transport and social inclusion.

Action: Gabrielle to include summary of suggestions on website.

#### *Bike Plan*

Summary of workshop held last year complete.

#### *Wilson Street Footway*

Members of MASSBUG met with the engineer who explained at this point that the option least favourable to cyclists is the preferred option. It was put to him that the three options, including the compromise solution from MASSBUG should be put to the Traffic

Committee. The Traffic Committee meets on 19 March and it not known at this stage what will be put to the Committee.

*Action:* contact Jill Leahy to obtain advice as soon as possible about what is being put to the Committee and whether we can brief the Chair, Tony Pooley, prior to the meeting.

*Sydney Park* – put on agenda for April meeting.

### **3. New RTA Guidelines**

MASSBUG had proposed to RTA that they hold a public workshop to discuss the guidelines but this is unlikely to occur. They consider it a finished document and are likely to make only minor amendments believing that another edition will eventually be produced.

There was some discussion about whether attempts should be made to delay the publication of the guidelines until improvements are made or find minor amendments that would improve the publication.

*Action:* individual members will make submissions to the RTA.

### **4. Greenway Project**

All brochures about the project have been delivered. Sixty replies have been received expressing interest or offering volunteer assistance.

Still problems about the design and construction of changes at Parramatta Road.

Anni is working part time on the project.

*Action:* write to RTA regarding funding, approach local councils to incorporate into their management plans.

### **5. HCAT**

Cycle map complete, to be printed in brochure format with a description on how to use the map. 10,000 maps and 500 wall maps to be printed.

Rozelle hospital is cooperating with installation of bike racks and purchase of bikes for staff to use on site.

### **6. Marrickville Council**

Council has issued a draft plan for recreational use, includes parks and cycle ways.

*Action:* interested members to meet and make comments for Council.

Many of the black spots notified to Council are fixed. Council seems to be responding quickly to notifications of problems.

### **7. Wolli Creek**

A report from a combined cyclists/conservationist group (pathfinders) was presented to the group. The proposed path is completely on road and avoids all access to the creek bed. The proposal requires a commitment from RTA and local councils to close arterial and local roads. Members were disappointed that the report considered only the RTA option of a concrete path along the creek bed and the extreme option of on-road cycle ways rather than all four options originally discussed. It is not considered likely that the RTA will agree to the closure of arterial roads. The report did not recognize the damage that had been caused by existing work by the railway and their failure to allow for a cycle way to be attached to their construction. In addition, detailed research on property ownership of the proposed on road cycle way that was provided to the group was not passed on and used by the group. Costings of this proposed route were not provided.

*Action:* members to meet with the pathfinders group to ride the proposed route and consider. Details of this trip to be posted on the web site.

### **7. RPA Fair**

Organisers believe it went well and was worthwhile doing.

### **8. Other business**

The ALP has made an election commitment to construct a Sydney to Melbourne coastal cycle way. Reliant on shared funding with local councils.

*Kids ride:* 10 am 16 March, Macki Park, assistance needed.

*Next meeting:* Wednesday 2 April