

Minutes
2 April 2003
7.30-9.30 pm

Marrickville and South Sydney Bicycle Users Group (MASSBUG)

Attendance: Fiona, Dan, Ian, Gabrielle, Anni, Brenda (minutes)
(sorry I didn't take a note of names)

1. Marrickville Council

Local recreational map

Council has issued a draft plan for recreational use, includes parks and cycle ways. Ian provided a detailed list of changes to improve the map.

Action: Fiona will type up Ian's notes and pass on map together with Bruce and Leichhardt map to Gabrielle for comment. It will then be forwarded to Marrickville Council.

Staff information day: 29 April

Day promoting healthy options to staff between 10 and 4.00.

Action: Gabrielle and Ian to staff a stall. More MASSBUG volunteers to help on stall wanted – contact Gabrielle.

Air Action Plan

Plan currently available for public comment. Plan includes role of cycles and is generally very positive.

Action: Fiona to write a letter of support.

Complaints about Livingstone Rd

Marrickville Council notified of potholes, Roger to follow up on progress.

2. Alexandra Canal

New section, stage 2, is now open and the development application for the northern section has been submitted to Council. Members met with RTA on site and listed problems and whether agreement was reached on correcting the problem. Land has been acquired outside the Qantas building for a cycle path.

Action: List of actions to be followed up with RTA.

Stage 1, Development application has been lodged and is open for public comment. There are a few minor problems, such as bollards needing to meet standards for safety. These will be listed in the MASSBUG response to the application.

It is important to support this application. Members were provided with flyers about the project to distribute to neighbours in South Sydney and cyclists. An additional flyer from

MASSBUG was drafted which encourages people to support the plan by writing to South Sydney Council.

Action: Members are asked to write to South Sydney Council by 28 April 2003, quoting the application number 161/03 supporting the application.
AND copy the flyer, which will be emailed to everyone for neighbours, cyclists and supporters to do the same.

3 South Sydney

Bike Parking

The Council are working on a plan to install 80 bike racks in the next few months. Gabrielle has been in contact with the Council to insist on consultation with cyclists to ensure the racks are in locations which will be used by cyclists.

Wilson Street Footway

The Traffic Committee meet on 19 March and agreed to the Council recommendation which was based on the MASSBUG compromise. The Council amended the plan to remove a marked cycle lane. They were unable to agree to removing a center line or reducing the speed limit as the police and RTA (respectively) vetoed this amendment.

Action: consider further action to remove the center line.

4 Sydney Park

The 1995 Plan of Management for the park is currently under review. Contact has been made with the landscape architect, further advice to be provided when draft plan is available.

5 Central Sydney Health

Tanya Bosch has been engaged to develop and trial a three session program for people interested in learning how to cycle. First session is on 28 April 3.30-5.30. This is open to the public.

Action: advertise on website and keep informed of outcome of evaluation of sessions.

6 Other Business

EVENTS

9am Saturday 5 April, café opposite Erskinville station, visiting speaker.

12 April, airport ride, 10 am Tempe station, assessing access to the airport

13 April Wolli Creek inspection

3-4 May – Nowra weekend to discuss advocacy, RTA guidelines among other things

MAY AGENDA ITEMS

2003 Ride Plan

Managing MASSBUG issues

Changes to website: remove the word 'young' under organisations activities. We support inexperienced riders regardless of age.
Include a joining form that can be printed and posted.

Next meeting: Wednesday 7 May