

MASSBUG
Meeting Notes 7 January 2004

Attendance: Ian, Jonathan, Chloe, Brenda, Fiona
Apologies: Gabrielle, Bruce, Amy

1. Membership questions arising from last meeting (see below)

Agreed to discuss members needs arising from the last discussion as part of work plan on the 17th Jan working day.

Minor amendments to be made to agendas, first item to identify local issues of concern. Matters raised will either be dealt with quickly, referred to later agenda items or added to future agendas.

2. Local issues of concern to members

Members wanting to report dangerous pot holes in roads are advised to call RTA 131 700 to report the site. RTA then refers on to appropriate Council.

3. Progress report on web hazard reporting system

Jonathan is doing an excellent job producing a form for the website which individuals can complete when reporting a road hazard. Next steps for next meeting:

- Review final draft of form
- Appoint an administrator to manage information (volunteers needed)
- Decide on how the information will be forwarded to appropriate Councils and other bodies.

It was pointed out that the analysis of information from these reports might reveal systemic issues such as problems with council work practices.

4. Upcoming openings: O'Dea Reserve, Hercules Reserve, CARES facility

O'Dea Reserve opening 15 February

Hercules Reserve opening 21 March

It was agreed that an information stall should be held at this event. The option to run rides to visit HCAT site will be passed on to Bruce and Gabrielle.

CARES

Further information about opening and access is being sought.
See Fiona's email about opening in February.

5. RTA MAPS

Fiona has written to RTA requesting an update of the two maps covering the Cooks river path to the east and west. Current maps are out of date and out of print. The

response was not favourable. Fiona will pursue this with RTA before approaching the Minister and taking other action.

6. Current submissions

South Sydney Sustainability Action Plan

Chloe is doing a great job keeping track of submissions, including this one. She will be preparing a short submission and arranging a meeting with Andrew Thomas. Others welcome to attend.

Senate Inquiry on adopting the Kyoto Protocol

Chloe to write a letter supporting the protocol.

Marrickville Developer Contributions (s94) Plan

Draft plan out now, Fiona to follow this up. Anyone interested can view plan on www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au

Parking Levy Review

State Government charges a levy for car spaces for commercial use. Fiona to write to support levy, suggest an increase to make levy more expensive than planned increases to public transport, and incentives for meeting specific requirements in the workplace for cyclists traveling to work and suggest funds be spent on greater security at rail stations, including security lockers.

7. Council election strategy(s)

Elections 27 March. Further discussion required.

Members asked to keep watch for public meetings etc that members could attend.

8. News from South Sydney & Marrickville Councils

South Sydney Bike plan to go to Council in February. Fiona to write a short piece for next issue of Push On.

Both Council's traffic committees are held the third Wed of each month. Ian, the rep for South Sydney will be asked to email when he receives the papers to meet with interested members to go through the papers. Inquiries are still being made to receive Marrickville papers before hand. Rachel is following up to make arrangements to meet with staff.

City of Sydney- issue of how relevant BUGs can input to be discussed on the 17th. The bike plan was approved on 2 Dec including MASSBUGs recommendations.

9. Wilkins School Bike Track feasibility

Vacant land on school site. School considering uses for site including bike track. Meeting on site soon, others welcome to attend.

10. Other Business

HCAAT counting to occur again mid March. Volunteers needed.

Application has been made to Environment Trust for grant of \$6.5m over three years for Greenway and HCAT.

‘Our Transport’ publication for anyone interested in public transport put together by transport unions and community orgs.

Natalie – Treasurer will be asked if she can provide a financial and membership report for next meeting (17th if possible) so that we can make some decisions about our debts and future commitments. Brenda to follow up.

MASSBUG strategic planning meeting on Sat 17th January

12.30 – bring food to contribute to lunch if possible, but not essential.

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