

MASSBUG Meeting, Wed 4th May 2005

Present: Matt C, Brenda, Robert, Nick D, Ian, Gilbert, Paul B, Fiona, Phuong, Bruce, Liz
Apologies: Kendall, Chris V

1. Roles

Today's chair is Paul Boundy. Minute taker is Fiona.

Also agreed that each meeting will allocate backups for rides in the following month.

2. Local Issues

- Along King St, between Eliza St and Bedford (past the Hub): narrow gap near Eliza beside medical centre. Suggest pedestrian fencing and remove street furniture and signs to reduce contention. Draw to attention of MV landscape officer? (Paul B)
- Stanmore Station, northside, contention on shared path due to poor sight lines near traffic lights. Solution should be considered for new bike plan. (Paul B)
- Miller Lane road closure at Frazer St (on bike route L10) poorly done without room for bikes on one side, but KC says can't be improved. Seek review. (Ian)
- Southbound on West St at Railway Terrace: pleased to hear RTA will fund gap for bikes next year. Suggestion to improve safety with advanced stop box on West St bridge (but not too advanced as semis turn right onto bridge). (various)
- Railway Terrace between West St and Old Canterbury Rd – poor surface along railway line and narrow lane with refuge squeeze. Possible solutions: move refuge 30m east to other side of Toothill intersection to avoid squeezing at the narrow point, then move centreline south to allow for bike lane on uphill section from Old Cant. to West St. Also: better signage for longer alternative route (L4) from Longport St approach. (Phuong)
- UPDATES: email was circulated prior to meeting with progress on current Marrickville issues.

Fiona to write to Kendall, KC and consultants to advise of existence of our hazard website. Also update website to give a couple of examples of "hazards".

3. Wheels of Justice Ride on Saturday

Phuong gave details of ride to commemorate cyclist and father, Ian Humphrey, and to protest his killer's lenient sentence. Wear black armband, starts 9:30am Saturday at Hyde Park.

4. Calendar Promotion

People are hearing about the ride from a wide variety of sources. Massbuggers encouraged to think of bakeries, gyms, pubs, bus stops, take-aways etc where you could place a brochure holder with calendars, or an A4 poster. Web statistics show big increase in hits on the website calendar since (and just before) calendar launch. Promotion of Bicycle NSW membership at rides seems worthwhile. Members took bunches of calendars for distribution. Contact Brenda for more.

5. Photo shoot

Bruce to organise photo shoot day to gather collection of photos for various uses in different settings (Wilson St, Cooks River, local landmarks). Paul's partner Fiona can also hopefully come along as a photographer. Themes: safe, fun, no traffic, age range, less lycra, shopping, artistic, locations, towing, kids, dogs, not speed, social element (café?), Sydney Park Chimneys. Bruce will notify date & time via email list.

6. Ride review: Bayside, Chocolate

Chocolate Ride evaluation circulated. Bayside Ride saw a fall with a rider on an unfamiliar bike braking too hard. Value in first aid knowledge & equipment. **Brenda** to bring or handover

first aid kit for each ride. **Fiona** to contact Marrickville Council to suggest first aid training. All **members** encouraged to do first aid training, either through work or directly (details circulated by Paul) and to report back at next meeting on success. **Paul** to compile a checklist for rides.

Gilbert displayed some examples of CD ride kits which could be given away at festivals etc. General support for concept.

7. Upcoming Events & Rides

- 🚲 Thu 12th May 6pm Council community meeting on draft Management Plan
- 🚲 Thu 12th May 6pm Greenpeace "Cambodia Cycling Challenge" information evening
- 🚲 Mon 16th May 5-7:30 Marrickville Bicycle Strategy – stakeholder workshop 1
- 🚲 Tue 17th May 6pm Twilight Ride from Town Hall
- 🚲 Sat 21st May 12:30-4pm MASSBUG special meeting: Council budget response (see below)
- 🚲 Sa/Su 28-29 May Bicycle NSW Regional BUGs workshop, Richmond – highly recommended
- 🚲 Wed 1st Jun MASSBUG meeting
- 🚲 Sat 4th Jun, 8:45 Fresh Fish & Veg ride, starts Stanmore Station.

8. Marrickville Bicycle Strategy

First stakeholder workshop on Monday 16th May. Consultants will train massbuggers in technical review and monitoring. Some discussion about value of monitoring and how it should be done. **Bruce** to follow up with Kendall (and consultants and Chris Rissel) on monitoring.

9. Parks & Reserves news

- 🚲 Route L2 change (via O'Dea Reserve) discussed & supported
- 🚲 Cooks River audit ride sounds great – separation of ped & bike paths raised in discussion
- 🚲 Jack Shanahan Skate Park discussion on reducing vandalism: add BBQ area; improve car parking; better signposting from station; use graffiti style wall art to sign park on Ewart St railway wall; improve access through site so not a "cul de sac"; implement Greenway route through there to increase (bicycle & pedestrian) traffic past & through the site; weekend native plant markets. Strong support for Greenway route implementation as best way to solve park problems. Commendations to Council for going to the effort to create a good youth facility.

10. Marrickville Council draft Management Plan & Budget

Draft Management Plan released and on the Council website. Special MASSBUG lunch & meeting to develop response to budget to be held on Saturday 21st May at **Fiona's** place. All welcome. Please take a look at the document beforehand if possible.

11. Greenway

- 🚲 Grant for \$90,000 for masterplanning/place manager being submitted Friday by Kendall.
- 🚲 Bridge under Parramatta Rd study complete but probably overpriced at \$600,000
- 🚲 Longport St refuge going ahead with MASSBUG preferred design (**Bruce** to provide signage suggestions to Council)
- 🚲 Old Canterbury Road refuge being considered by RTA – we may need to lobby.
- 🚲 Cadigal Reserve being held up by external issues

12. Other business

- 🚲 Wilson St contra-flow: will celebrate opening; **Bruce** to prepare map; Buckland St trial
- 🚲 Gilbert to propose work bike ride to demonstrate differing bikes & trailers.