

## **Massbug Meeting. 5 October 2005.**

Attending meeting: Fiona, Robert, Paul, Lindsay, Brenda, Ian, John, Paul/s  
The meeting started with Robert displaying some astonishing photos of his trip to Lord Howe Island. What an interesting destination!

### **1.LOCAL ISSUES Fiona.**

#### **Fiona: Tree removal, Wilson Street/ Burren Street MacDonalddtown.**

It is proposed that the existing bicycle path is to be completed, passing through what is presently a traffic island area with a Jacaranda growing in it. As a result of the design changes; the traffic island will be widened and a cycle space created between the street curbing and the widened traffic island.

Benefits:

Firstly, preventing traffic from turning up Wilson Street against the traffic. Secondly, a safer passage for cyclist in a dedicated 'green' lane.

Resident objections:

The Residents oppose total tree removal. A successful meeting was arranged with Clover Moore on-site.

Meeting outcome:

Some magic words and Clover can see the benefits far outweigh the cost of losing the Jacaranda. Whiz-bang improvements!

### **2.PRINCE ALFRED PARK Fiona, Robert.**

2003 Bikeplan shared use of existing pedestrian footpath in Prince Alfred Park has been signed-posted for pedestrian use only.

Problem for cyclists:

Cyclists will be forced off a relaxing stretch of city parkland onto dangerous and congested Cleveland Street...pot holes and all.

Solutions:

Use of the existing path with educational signs for pedestrians and cyclists.  
(More dangerous/Low-cost?)

Use of the existing route with separated pathways for pedestrian and cyclists.  
(Safer/Moderate cost?)

Completely new cycle path behind Prince Alfred Park, parallel with railway lines. (Safer/Higher cost?)

Robert: Our thinking behind maintaining existing and future cycle paths is about linking villages. I will organise a letter and be speaking with Clover Moore.

### **3. DULWICH HILL BICYCLE CLUB Lindsay.**

Lindsay: Social aspect; Dulwich Hill' want to get the *social aspect* of our clubs activities increased. Our website is **[www.dhbc.org.au](http://www.dhbc.org.au)**

Paul Y: I will be able to put a link on massbug site.

Lindsay: Evandale Tasmania *Penny Farthing* event. Victorious outcome!  
Fixture, 2006 track nights at Canterbury Velodrome...

Brenda: It would be good if we could get an audience together.

Ian: With massbug, a lot of riders may not have ridden on a velodrome. Is there a meeting space at the velodrome?

Fiona: A Cafe?

Lindsay: There is a space, we will talk about it.

Ian: To get onto the velodrome you need a licence, \$30~\$40.

Paul s: Can you hire bikes at the velodrome?

Lindsay: The bikes are different, they have a very high bottom bracket.

#### **4. MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL ISSUES**

##### **New Bike Plan**

Fiona: There has been no response so far regarding the new bike plan.

John: Bike routes...

Fiona: We have had some remarkable success (Edinburgh?) that we would not have happened 2 years ago.

##### **Other not specified issues at this time of the meeting, need clarifying.**

Lindsay: Parramatta M5. Same rights..?

Ian: Just past the toll gates.

Paul/s: What are the requirements of cyclists to use the cycle paths provided ?

Fiona: Where the bike lane logo is sign-posted, unless you have a practical reason not to use the cycle path, the cyclist is required to use the path.

#### **5. STALL SIGNAGE**

Fiona: Flute material, Ian, would you be able to see if we can get some together?

Ian: To check out signage.

Fiona: Mention of cyclist approaching open door.

Brenda: Posters can work to get people to come to the stalls.

##### **Brenda: Addison Road Markets**

Weekly could be too much. Crowd not very big. Not known well enough.

Robert: The Addison Road markets is not a great demographic.

Brenda:Should not put too much into it.

Gen conv.What about the Glebe Markets?

Gen conv. They are impossible to get into and too expensive.

## **6.CALENDER FOR 2006 Fiona**

Fiona: For more challenging rides we could put a link to Dulwich Hill website.

John:Ride: Balmain Working Harbour ride was beautiful, really enjoyed it.

## **7.CHARTER Robert.**

Robert:My feedback is that Fiona's suggestions enhanced our charter.

John: Suggestion to shorten word bicycle to 'cycle' in document where appropriate.

## **Questions of Sponsorship for Massbug.**

Paul Y:We are not incorporated.

Brenda: Any corporation who is interested in sponsoring us, and is in keeping with massbug's aims/objectives/mission; and we respect their aims/objectives/mission, then their sponsorship is ok.

Robert:I have made some notes and will make amendments. "Sources of Money Outside Membership Fee.

Lindsay:If Massbug want freedom, it is very much more complicated with endorsements. (There are some strict rules and conditions. Examples:)

Cycling NSW takes a cut, and riders have to cut up their old cycle shirts with previous sponsors names on them.

Brenda: Sections 8 and 9, where we have used the RAT summary could be a separate document.

Brenda: It is not set in concrete. We can have 'Sunset' clauses where necessary.

Fiona: Congratulations to Robert for all the hard work he has put into writing the Massbug's Charter.

## **8.MASSBUG T-SHIRTS Brenda.**

Brenda has been knocking on doors trying to get the best possible deal for our Massbug T-shirts. Thanks for all the work Brenda.

Some of our intrepid team have 'road tested' the merchandise, we had a first-hand look at different options...Texture/Comfort /Style and many Colour combinations on White...*we are shoppers!* ). A modest unit cost is important too.

BRIEF: We wanted the shirt to feel good (Cotton), be comfortable (suitable for men and women) sweat friendly (Cotton), attractive, and of a colour that most of us preferred.

Lots of thinking behind the colours.. dark blue, the local football colours (Paul Y); standing out in traffic, yellow/white; something a bit more esoteric, purple/white (Paul /s)...but choice will come down to Brenda's feedback on cost and judgement on either blue/white or purple/white. We have arrived at...

- cotton,
- blue or purple on white,
- Collarless, in two styles: short sleeve (men) and sleeveless (women),
- The **logo** will be black or single color on left chest (And back?).

Future Meeting Resolution: to have the meeting running by 7.30pm; and finish at an earlier time if possible..between 8.30 and 9.00pm.

Paul Y: Has suggested a meeting member nominate to keep an eye on the clock for us all!

Any feedback about the content / accuracy/ layout/ grammatical improvements any improvements welcome at paul9557 (at) hotmail.com

THANK YOU EVERYBODY