

**MASSBUG
MINUTES
1 FEBRUARY 2006**

Attendance: Helen, Fiona, Robert, Bruce, Paul B, Paul, Brenda, Gilbert
Apologies: Chris

1. Charter

Agreed: Charter with following amendments to be posted on website with an explanatory note that further comments and review are welcome from members. Any comments made will be considered at a MASSBUG meeting.

Amendments:

Aims – refer to office bearers (article 7 second par, first line) as an example of the informal structure of the group and add ‘...*promote and encourage cycling...*’ and ‘...*within and sometimes*’ beyond...

Spell check and format – to be done and incorporate minor editorial changes

2. Local Issues

Exit from Technology Park at Mitchell and Henderson travelling towards Sydney Park. Difficult to access, need bollards moved and access ramps. Helen to take photos and check route. Fiona to mention at Sydney traffic committee.

George St Redfern, needs ramp at McEvoy St. Noted in Sydney bike plan

York Crescent Petersham and Stanmore, laneway access dangerous as fence blocks vision. Requires lower fence, cyclone fence or mirror.

Surface of Gordon Crescent is dangerous.

Wilson and Little Everleigh St: bollards and curb difficult to see, bikes forced to cross to wrong side of road due to placement of ramp.

Wilson St, cateyes, white line and pavement markers and other improvements still need to be completed. Followed up with Mayor of Sydney.

Improvements: no stopping sign at Holt and Station sts, Livingstone rd at Moncur/Jersey Sts has traffic island. Responses from Council tabled.

3. Desalination

The desalination plan requires a tunnel which could destroy part of the Cooks River cycle path. Submission in response to assessment report to be made expressing opposition to destruction of any existing cycle facilities or obstruction of planned facilities.

4. Ride Report

Salt Pan Creek

Successful ride, with a group of around 10 people. Route description on website. This ride is worth repeating.

Next Ride: 19 Feb. 7 pm Centennial Park Moonlight Cinema. Suggest tickets be purchased on line in advance.

5. Launch

Saturday 11 February
Alex Trevallion Plaza on Marrickville Rd

Program

- set up by 9.30 (sound system will be available)
- music, display and mingling between 10 and 10.15,
- Possible trumpet fanfare at 10.15
- Mayor and cake cutting by 10.30 and photos
- Competition quiz TBC (while cake is being cut) to 10.40
- Handing out cake, looking at display etc to 11am
- Pull down at 11.30 or when people are ready.

Planning is complete, need volunteers to:

- Turn up between 10 and 11 to make a crowd to impress mayor.
- Help with handing out brochures and cake
- Bikes for a display – particularly if you have a trailer, children's carrier or something a bit different – also need someone to watch over bikes
- People with cameras – need photos of mayor and people with bikes that we can use during the year
- Help setting up and pulling down

6. Addison Road Market Stall

**Sunday 12 February
9-2pm**

Please turn up if you can help out by handing out brochures. Coming along for an hour will give someone a break.

7. Greenway

The grant for the master plan was for \$30,000 (not 50) and requires Councils to match the amount. Negotiations with Councils are underway.

A Steering Committee will be established in April or May and MASSBUG is invited to send a representative. Meetings should be quarterly. Gilbert agreed to join Committee.

Bike Plan – issue regarding rail bridge crossing at Old Canterbury Road. RTA refusing to make permanent changes for future capacity. Policy change required at Ministerial level.

8. Bike-It – now out

Purchasers should return postcard and they will receive fold up A3 wall map. Those who send postage will receive wall map.

9. Sustainability Grant

Proposal to purchase a trike with trailer for display, demonstration and possibly commercial use (to make its ongoing use self funding). Submission nearly complete. Time for comments before 3rd March.

10. Banking arrangements.

Members agreed that the Commonwealth account should be closed and that the Treasurer should open an account with Westpac. Signatures required: Ian, Gilbert and Natalie.

11. Classifieds etc on website

Occasionally people ask at stalls where they can obtain second hand bikes etc. It was suggested that we offer advice to direct questions posted to the massbug forum.