

**MASSBUG
MINUTES
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Local Issues

Cahill Reserve, Tempe (Rockdale Council)

A raised square plate on the top of a bollard presents a hazard.
Notify council and St George BUG

Glass (all areas)

Glass is a continual hazard for cyclists.
Sydney Council – recommend that they introduce wheelie bins, so that recyclers don't leave broken glass on road.

RTA are responsible for hazards on the M4, and cyclists should report on 131 700.

Proposal – select an area of road and clean up glass, possibly Gordon Crescent near Stanmore station. This could create good will in the community. Need to be aware of safety issues, need to document collection for media and council.

Proposal needs to be developed with road options, dates and times. Seek interest among members.

Canal road and L13 Princess Hwy:

Poor and dangerous road surface.

Cooks River cycle way:

Poor surface in some areas (Mackey Park) but Canterbury Council is working towards fixing sections.

Stanmore rail:

Needs wheeling ramp for bikes. Difficult for children going to primary school. Write to local member.

T-shirt

A screen will be made up, and orders made as necessary. Send designs to Fiona.

Marrickville Council

It may be possible to get engineering works completed before the end of the year. Suggestions welcome. Anyone who can take a photograph of what is needed – please send to council.

Sustainability Grant

An application has been finalised and will be submitted this week. The application is for the purchase of a multiple use SUV and Trailer. Thanks for Gilbert for following this through.

Correspondence

Marrickville Council

Media release – release of calendar

Urban Strategy –

Request for comments on direction of planning for area, community meetings will be held. Separate email to go out about meetings. MASSBUG may organise separate meeting with planning staff.

Leisure Forum –

To launch the women and girls booklet, 8 March. Does anyone want to attend.

AHS new TravelSmart officer

Is Caroline New. She is working on a schools project which includes the Marrickville area. She has been invited to the April meeting to discuss this project.

Marrickville Youth Resource Centre –

Has asked MASSBUG to support a request to Council for bike racks. Ian will contact them advising that we will support their request.

Events

Chocolate ride - 4 March

Leichhardt Active day – 12 March.

Paul will take brochures to LBUG stall.

Sculpture Competition – 26 March.

Applications opened. They will provide a stall for our information. Suggest we attend with brochures between 12 and 4. Need volunteers to help out.

Heritage ride – 2 April.

Listed in Heritage Week brochures. Ian and Brenda to test ride on 26th March.

Cooks River Festival - 9 April

Youth Week (1-9 April) Ride (8th?) -

Sites visited include: Supre store, Addison Road (Circus skills, Sidetrack theatre, etc.), Marrickville Library, Jarvie Park, Trinity Church, Skate park, Steel Park.

Ride should be put on BNSW on line list, also Active Sydney and ABC event list. Marshalls required.

Wilson St

Sydney Council CEO is working on getting this work complete. This work is becoming urgent as drivers continue to cross over into bike lane.

Safety Project

The situation on Wilson street and the number of injuries caused by cars, resulted in a discussion about options for a safety project. Suggestions included:

- education campaign for drivers
- raising the issue at Council forums
- constructing a 'no overtaking' sign
- working with others already working in this area to do something locally as part of a state wide campaign
- involving police in surveillance
- applying for an NRMA safety grant
- increasing cyclists use during peak hour to slow down traffic
- attracting more media coverage