

## 20 OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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**1. Attendances:** Michael Hansford, Doug Morffew, Norm Appleby, Louise Nelson, Che Sutherland, Robin Gallagher, Ray Davis, Lorraine Davis, Jon McLeod, Zeina McLeod, Pam Stiles, Kathleen Kemp, Kerry Nice, Julie Mischke, Paul McKay, Kathy Brunning, Roger Parris.

**Apologies:** Lee Robinson, Bruce Jager, Yannick Vergou.

**2. Guest speaker: Paul McKay re the O’Hea Bike Town project,** a Moreland BUG initiative that gave away in excess of 500 bikes to local residents who:

- Didn’t already own a bike
- Committed to ride their new bike twice a week and to document it
- Were available for a health check prior to receiving the free bike
- Were available on assembly day to learn how to assemble their bike

The BUG led a few rides and participants were given free entry into Around the Bay in a Day. , To date, 10,000 trips have been made on the bikes; 5,000 of those (50%) have replaced car trips. Enough kilometres have been ridden on these bikes to go around the world several times. The bikes technically still belong to Moreland BUG. An ownership ceremony is coming up where the bikes will legally change hands.

<http://www.oheabiketown.org/home>

**3. Previous Minutes:** weren’t circulated. To be followed up.

**4. Business Arising from previous minutes:** see above

### 5. General Business

**5.1 Finance Update:** Lee an apology, but it is known that we are ‘in the black’.

**5.2 Campaigns Update:** Robin reported that many of his ideas were included in the Northland Structure Plan that has sustainable transport as a key feature.

Ray reported on the Community Coalition link the Darebin and Yarra Trails. The Coalition has existed for approx. 15 years and includes 3 BUGs. Darebin Parklands is holding its annual Parklands Discovery Day on Sun 13 Nov: 2.30-5.30pm. Please come along to give your support and visit <http://www.darebinarralink.org/> and state how you would use the link if it is completed. .

**5.3 Merchandise Update:** we have technical t-shirts for sale for just \$25.

**5.4 Ride Reports and Upcoming Rides:** The Progressive Lunch is coming up on 6 November, \$6 per person. Note: often short on mains; so please consider bringing a main if you come along.

Mid-week riders have lots of rides planned till end Dec. Norm is stepping back from his role of coordinating mid-week rides. There was a round of applause for his long-term and fabulous commitment.

Pam and Kathleen are considering a ride of Melbourne’s laneways and art installations on Sunday, 4 December; meet 10am.

Also coming up are the Xmas lights ride and the Darebin BUG Xmas BBQ.

Ride leaders meeting is on at 6.30pm, 4 November at the RSL.

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### 6. New Business

Norm:

- Approximately 40 BUG members attended Jack Spicer's funeral
- Hurstbridge is a beautiful area for cycling without much traffic. Catch the train to Hurstbridge then ride to Arthur's Creek – virtually all valleys.
- Congratulated Darebin City Council for the Ride to Work breakfast. It had everything from quiches, to bike blender smoothies, to roving musicians. Lorraine reported that it was impressive, well organised, and had mostly younger people, as well as parents with kids on way to school. There was a round of applause for Che, one of Darebin's Sustainable Transport Officers, who organised it. She stated up to 400 people attended, though approximately two-thirds of those riding past kept riding (didn't stop for breakfast).

**Next general meeting:** Thurs 17 Nov; Katrine and Marian will be guest speakers and will talk about their European trip – with lots of slides.