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Minutes – General Meeting
6:15 pm Wednesday, 6 December 2023
By Zoom and in person
Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden;

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.

Present:

Cr Tom Melican	City of Banyule
Khan Nguyen	City of Boroondara
Paul Bezemer	City of Brimbank
Kevin DeLeeuw	City of Darebin
Isuru Thilakaratne	City of Frankston
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Augustus Brown	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jodi Jackson	City of Hume
Tim de Ruijter	City of Hume
Jillian McQuade	City of Hume
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Emma Steele	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Shieda Roskankhah	City of Melton
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr Antonella Celi	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Sarah Race	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Cr Richard Stockman	Shire of Nillumbik
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Karen Roche	City of Port Phillip

Douglas Rowland	City of Stonnington
Cr Amanda McNeill	City of Whitehorse
Chris Hui	City of Whitehorse
Cr Edward Crossland	City of Yarra
Philip Mallis	City of Yarra
Associates	
David Stosser	PBA Associates
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Geoff Oulton	MAV
Cana Kuyucak	MAV
Duane Burtt	Victoria Walks
Guest	
Ms Alison McCormack	Bicycle Network
MTF	
Jane Waldock	MTF
Greg Day	MTF

Apologies

Councillors	Officers
Cr Victor Franco – Boroondara	
Cr Bruce Lancashire– Brimbank	Melissa Falkenberg– Wyndham
Cr Julie Williams – Darebin	
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos – Glen Eira	
Cr Simon Crawford – Maribyrnong	Elias Lebbos – Travellers Aid
Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	
Cr Davydd Griffiths – Melbourne	
Cr Adam Pulford– Merri-bek	
Cr Stuart James – Monash	

2. Acceptance of Minutes of November meeting

The minutes from the November meeting were adopted.

Moved: Cr Jodi Jackson

Seconded: Cr Richard Stockman

CARRIED.

3. Presentation: Ms Alison McCormack – CEO – Bicycle Network.

Ms Alison McCormack, CEO of Bicycle Network presented to the members on their ambition to bring bikes into the transport mainstream. Ms McCormack described Bicycle Network's pragmatic approach aiming to achieve permanent infrastructure changes that will result in more riders, more women riders, and more younger and older riders.

Bicycle Network is about advocacy for riders and is building its community connectedness through working with BUGS. Ms McCormack spoke about the place of E-bikes in the mobility sector, and that E-Bikes out sell E-vehicles 5:1.

Ms McCormack pointed to the variable gap between policy and implementation across Melbourne on State infrastructure projects, noting that while policies are delivered in some cases, there are many where the outcome for cycling is sub-optimal. She noted that areas with more riders have fewer crashes.

Ms McCormack fielded questions ranging from current BN policies on helmets, shared paths and how it is adapting to be a more inclusive membership profile, to corridor prioritisation.

4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

4.1 Ambassador Roles

No Ambassador reports were provided this month – they will resume in 2024.

4.2 – Strategic Advocacy

Members participated in a discussion about potential events which could be held in 2024, from a Cyclovia, to celebrating that we now have a Minister for Active Transport. These ideas will be considered by the 2024 executive.

Mr Day presented the results of the survey conducted during Bus Awareness Week, noting that there was strong participation from Manningham and Melton residents with strikingly different results reflecting the divergent quality of the bus services to the two councils.

The full report is attached to the minutes.

5. Council Information Sharing

Nillumbik

Cr Stockman provided an update on active transport projects and strategy work occurring in Nillumbik including the development of a new Integrated Transport Strategy in 2024, noting that Nillumbik has a strong emphasis on active transport.

Port Phillip

Ms Roach advised of transport related projects within Port Phillip including the Inkerman Road safety improvement project, the review of Port Phillips ITS, the Anzac and Domain stations, the continuing E-Scooter trial, and council's car share policy.

Whitehorse

Mr Hui spoke about the major state transport projects which are impacting on Whitehorse including Suburban Rail Link, North East Link, and final aspects of some Level Crossing Removal projects. He noted Whitehorse's point of view that these projects deliver few benefits to the residents of Whitehorse, but incur considerable costs including loss of vegetation and amenity loss.

Mr Hui noted that the precinct around Box Hill will be part of a speed reduction project (lowering speeds to 40kph), which will commence around the hospital precinct. Whitehorse is also working on various trails projects, connecting active transport with tourism opportunities, particularly along the Melbourne to Warburton Trail

6. Regular Reports

6.1 Treasurer's report

The September and October Treasurer reports were presented.

Invoices approved in November 2023:

- Yarra Bookkeeping - Inv 1762 – Nov bookkeeping \$ 242.00 (inc GST)
- JW Urban Inv 202306 – EO secretariat services – Sep-Oct 2023
\$ 9955.00 (inc GST)
- Edunity – inv 3658 Bus Forum October \$ 6646.20 (inc GST)
- MAV invoice M000004759 - catering bus forum \$ 285.00 (inc GST)

MOTION: That the 4 invoices approved for payment in November 2023 be noted.

Proposed: Mr Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Amanda McNeill

The motion was: CARRIED

7.2 Upcoming events of interest

- Nil.

7.3 MAV

Ms Cana Kuyucak provided an update on MAV transport matters.

- The Kids Active Travel Program is aimed at primary school age children. Councils are encouraged to apply for funding (applications close 19 January).
- The Local Streets Program which provides \$2m per council continues – aiming to build capability and capacity in councils..
- The State government has passed legislation concerning E-Scooters.
- The MAV Walking and Bicycle Riding Hub has been updated - and the MAV welcomes feedback on the materials.

7. Correspondence

Nil

8. Up Coming Meeting Topics

9. General Business

The Chair noted that the VLGA had made a pod cast on the Grattan Institute's report on the condition of local roads.

Cr Marsden noted that this would be his last meeting as chair, and warmly thanked the members for their support over his time as Chair.

10. Meeting closed 7:58 pm