



Metro East Bicycle User Group Inc.

Working for better cycling facilities

Dear Members of the Metro East Bicycle User Group,

Once again, it has been a very busy year for us at MeBUG. First of all, I would like to thank the committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the year and their striving to help improve conditions for us riding out there. It is great to see a couple of major projects that we have long fought for are well under construction and getting close to completion. This is always gratifying and it is good to see rewards for our efforts and to know that we are making a positive difference to the community. In addition to the physical infrastructure, we are now seeing our recommendations being incorporated into council strategies and the long-term planning and consideration for project work. Our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/478282779215660> and MeBUG website

<https://mebug.org.au/> once again are generating significant interest on a range of topics and has provided a very useful portal for people to be able to interact with our group and our efforts in writing to councils, politicians and decision makers are yielding positive results.

This year, MeBUG has provided significant feedback to:

City of Manningham

- Draft Active Transport Strategy
- Draft Recreational Bike Facilities Plan

City of Maroondah

- Draft Active Transport Strategy – we had 9 recommendations, 8 of them were accepted and incorporated into their final strategy

City of Monash

- Active Transport Strategy
- Request to link Service Lanes to provide connectivity across the municipality.
- Connecting the Gardiners Creek Trail to Mt Waverley via the Ashwood Wetlands.

City of Whitehorse

- Draft budget for FY27.
- Tally Ho Activity Centre Structure Plan
- Whitehorse Integrated Transport Strategy – of which several of our recommendations have now appeared in the last update to the document.
- MeBUG has called upon the City of Whitehorse to apply for the TAC Local Government Grant Program
- Mt Scopus College Plans – highlighting a potential corridor to link the Burwood Brickworks to the Gardiners Creek Trail.

City of Knox

- Mowbray Drive Intersection Upgrade
- Integrated Transport Strategy

City of Boroondara

- Support for their Greenways Plan.

Bicycle Network

- Support for their Give me 5 Campaign ahead of the State Election

MeBUG has also Attended:

Whitehorse and Box Hill Transport Forum



Eastern Transport Coalition – Transport Forum and Election Platform Launch



Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail

- Campaign Meeting – Aug 2026

A screenshot of an event page for the 'Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail community meeting'. The top image shows two people cycling on a path. Below the image, the event title 'Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail community meeting' is displayed. The event is organized by 'Boroondara Bicycle Users Group' (BBUG), which has 0 followers and 0 events. The location is 'Kew Seniors Centre, Kew, VIC' and the date is 'Thursday 27 August • 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM'. There is a 'Reserve a spot' button and a 'Follow' button. The event is free and on Thursday, 27 Aug, at 6:30 PM.

- Meeting with the Boroondara and Whitehorse Councils gaining their support for the project Oct 2026.

Projects under Construction or recently completed:

The Waverley Rail Trail section from Mt Waverley to Jordanville is moving steadily along, with this final section moving close to completion which will link Glen Waverley on an unbroken link to the Gardiners Creek Trail and on to the Melbourne CBD. Additional work near Syndal and Glen Waverley has been performed on this trail.



Also in Monash, the connection along Atkinson St is a pleasure to ride along and it provides a wonderful connection between the Scotchmans Creek and Djerring Trails



In Whitehorse, the Ngarrak Nakorang Wilam Park (Healesville Freeway Reserve) Trail is also nearing completion with just the connection to the Eastlink/Dandenong Creek Trails to be done.



This trail has taken years of work to get to this stage. From the initial housing proposals on the land and attending the information sessions at the Whitehorse Club through to involvement on committees, community reference groups, letterboxing, petition signature collecting, leading rides on the Open Day, attending photo shoots with politicians even being involved with community tree planting on the reserve to help deliver this wonderful facility. The challenges remain now to get this wonderful trail joined on the Western side to the Syndal to Heatherdale Pipeline trail which will then form part of an unbroken network between the City of Knox and the Melbourne CBD.

Associated with the North-East Link works, the new Heyington Bridge is a wonderful place to ride your bike:



Meanwhile in the City of Knox, the first Stage of the Liverpool Rd Trail is now complete:



In the City of Maroondah, the Bedford Rd link to join the Box Hill to Ringwood Trail to the Ringwood to Belgrave Rail Trail is nearly finished:



Finally, in the Yarra Valley, work on the next 1.5km of the Yarra Valley trail is under way!



Moving forward our goals coming up shall be to close more gaps in the networks and provide people with the safety that they deserve. I look forward to seeing what we can achieve in the next few years and I thank you all for your support.

Regards,

David Blom (President) MeBUG.



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