

# CBD BUG Meeting

Wednesday 15 Feb 2006

1pm – 2pm

BCC Library Theatre

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**Meeting called by:** CBD BUG

**Type of meeting:** CBD BUG Business

**Facilitator:** Paul Murdoch

**Note taker:** Sebastian Tauchmann

**Attendees:**

Paul French; John Lister; Sebastian Tauchmann; John Nightingale; Kate Yeomans; Lindsay Fawdry; Paul Murdoch; Ian Skinner; Stephanie Edwards; Nina Wright; Justin Fenton; Leslie Martin.

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## Minutes

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**Agenda item:** Apologies

**Presenter:** Paul Murdoch

**Discussion:**

Apologies received from:

Ilan Ivory (running a second ride-to-work session at Education House), Bruce Macgregor; Peter Whittle; Deanna Hebst; Peter Berkeley; Paul Kanowski; Amanda Smith; Elizabeth Catchpole; Justin Kerr; Liam McCarthy; Mark Stanley.

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**Agenda item:** Announcements/Correspondence

**Presenter:** Various

**Discussion:**

- Free double-passes to movie "Overcoming" – Paul Murdoch received almost 20 responses within a half hour of sending out the email notice offering the tickets, and a number of new contacts and completed surveys were received. The lucky winners were Bruce MacGregor and Michael Cahill. The film runs until this Thursday at the Schonell cinema at UQ.
- Request for volunteers (Stephanie Edwards) – volunteers requested to help the BCC Active Transport Unit (ATU) with a bike user survey during Bike Week (March 4 – 12). Bodies are needed for around 2 hours on a weekday, either 7 to 9am or 4 to 6pm at various CBD and other sites and there will be two ATU staff in addition to any volunteers. Surveys will need to be handed out, maybe some other goodies to entice people to stop and fill in the survey. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Any members interested in volunteering/participating should contact Stephanie on [Stephanie.edwards@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:Stephanie.edwards@brisbane.qld.gov.au)
- Paul Murdoch reported on a recent meeting with Councillor Helen Abrahams (Chair, BCC Environment and Sustainability Committee), following representations regarding problems and deficiencies with the current city plan and provisions for cycle facilities. Specifically, pointed out that the current provisions in the plan for cyclists don't meet the demand that's currently there, much less likely growth in that demand; that there are certain gaps in the plan so that some types of facilities aren't covered (e.g. that development applications require cycle facilities to be provided for employees but not for casual non-employee cyclists (see also Queens Plaza, where there is public parking, but no public change facilities)); that there may be loopholes in the plan where developers put in facilities, then get the certificate of occupancy, and then proceed to remove the cycle facilities (see also Queens Plaza, where employee facilities were removed and air conditioning units installed)(this loophole is currently being investigated). H.A. then went on to criticise building owners and employers who do not do the right thing by cyclists. It was suggested that awareness training be given to compliance officers to help them spot such behaviour. The BUG has been put on the pedestrian-bicycle reference group list, partly in order to boost cyclist numbers there. More news is expected.
- Further CBD Bike Facility Tour – the tour of CBD bike facilities for Housing, Health, DVA, DPI&F, and BCC undertaken in December, enabled BUG participants to gain new knowledge, inspiration and ideas (and bad ones) and have a better idea of what works in a bike room and what just doesn't. If there is sufficient interest in another tour of either these or other facilities (e.g. Qld Transport, the new BCC facilities when it's opened, EPA), a further tour will be organised - contact Paul Murdoch [Paul.Murdoch@dva.gov.au](mailto:Paul.Murdoch@dva.gov.au)



considerably – some 130 entries when first circulated, but it's much bigger now. Keep the info coming in to Mark.

Pedestrian Crossing Conversions (Paul Murdoch) – will formally request that the Normanby and Somerville House pedestrian crossings be converted to ped/bike crossings.

Anti-Bike-Theft Initiative (Stephanie Edwards) – Qld Police seem quite keen to get involved with bike engraving at Ride to Work day and at the Great Brisbane Bike Ride. (Will the use of the Copperplate font slow down the engraving process?). Mark Stanley wants to organise some signage to warn people of bike theft at CBD bike racks and give Crimestopper contact details.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Lodge a submission re Smart Travel Choices: <a href="http://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au">http://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au</a>	All	Feb 28
✓ CBD BUG web page	Sebastian Tauchmann	Mar 4
✓ Adding to the on-street bike parking spreadsheet	All	ongoing
✓ Contact BCC re: Normanby and Somerville House crossings	Paul Murdoch	Mar 15

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**Agenda item:** Bike Week Activities

**Presenter:** Paul Murdoch

**Discussion:**

Paul has brought heaps of posters and pamphlets, and distributed. More available from him.

Some discussion of whether CBD BUG wants to get stall space, hand-out leaflets to attendees, or maybe even have a banner to advertise the BUG's existence. Suggestion that the Transport stall might be willing to host some leaflets for us, and that info be given to the Ride-to-Work group leaders to give to people.

There is a chance that work on the Inner Northern Busway will close KGS. If that happens, Queens Park (cnr George and Elizabeth Streets) is, apparently, Plan B. There is lots of stuff going on, check a BQ pamphlet for more details. Or the BQ website: [www.bq.org.au/bike-week](http://www.bq.org.au/bike-week)

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Draft CBD BUG flyer for Bike Week	Paul Murdoch	March 6
✓ distribute bike week publicity material & publicise activities (especially ride to work day)	All	March 6

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**Agenda item:** Bike Buddy Scheme

**Presenter:** Paul Murdoch

**Discussion:**

The discussion was fairly brief, due to running out of time. Paul Murdoch reported that we now have two volunteer co-ordinators: Justin Kerr and Elizabeth Catchpole. Justin's work will prevent him attending BUG lunch-time meetings, while Elizabeth should be available after doing the BV WA bike ride. He also advised that CBD BUG and its activities had been added to the BQ insurance policy, and distributed a number of documents relating to bike buddy schemes developed by counterpart BUGs in NSW

Some fairly major policy decisions needed, including whether we required BQ membership (on principle and/or for insurance purposes; what will be our protocol for contacting buddy-ees and buddy-ers; how do we deal with privacy issues.

Points raised:

- How much need is there for such a scheme?
  - How popular are the Ride-To-Work group meeting points?
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- The scheme is a good idea for people to find their way to the city, which can be tricky from some regions.
- Buddy requests should go through the co-ordinators, possibly via on-line registrations
- Maybe have more than a single accompanied ride?
- People who had contacted BQ in past in response to advertising of a buddy scheme received no response, and became quite disillusioned – mustn't let that happen with CBD BUG scheme.

**Conclusions:**

- will insist on BQ membership (at least for the new cyclists requesting buddy);
- will require completed application form;
- no decision re publicising the scheme at this stage (word of mouth amongst friends and workplaces at this stage);
- we will attempt to match needs/attributes;
- we will carefully contact potential buddies and liaise before releasing any personal/contact details.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ publicise bike buddy scheme to friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues (contact Paul <a href="mailto:Paul.Murdoch@dva.gov.au">Paul.Murdoch@dva.gov.au</a> for publicity leaflet)	All	On-going

**Agenda item:** Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held **Wednesday March 15, 1pm to 2pm** in the BCC Library Theatrette. This will be the week after Bike Week, so it may be quite busy. We hope.

**Attachment 1**

**CBD BUG**  
**Correspondence list since January 2006 meeting**

<b>INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
<b>Date of letter</b>	<b>Letter received from</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>CBD BUG action required?</b>
24 January 2006	Mark Stanley, BCC ATU [email]	CBD Bike theft initiative	Note – follow-up request for volunteer assistance with engraving
30 January 2006	Simon Killen, Acquisitions Manager Aztec International [email]	Free tickets, and publicity flyers, for movie 'Overcoming'	Enjoy
3 February 2006	Greg Withers, Director (Transport Policy Office), Queensland Transport	Acknowledgement of CBD BUG submission re Transport Green Paper	No
8 February 2006	Stephanie Edwards BCC ATU [email]	Bikeway user survey – request for volunteer assistance	Note – follow-up request for volunteer assistance with cyclist surveys (Bike week)
9 February 2006	Bicycle Queensland [email]	BQ Events Update	Consider CBD BUG involvement & support for Bike week (March 4-12)
<b>OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
<b>Date of letter</b>	<b>Letter addressed to</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action required?</b>
2 February 2006	Smart Travel Choices, Queensland Transport	CBD BUG submission re Smart Travel Choices Green Paper	