



CBD BUG meeting # 5

Date Wednesday 28 September 2005 **Time** 12:30pm – 1:30 pm
Place BCC Central City Library Theatrette
Chair Paul Murdoch
Minute taker Paul Murdoch

Attendees

Paul Murdoch	Bruce Macgregor
Wendy Saville	Paul French
Liam McCarthy	Malcolm Brown
Sebastian Tauchmann	Amanda Smith
Peter Berkeley	

Apologies

John Nightingale	Robyn Davies
Nigel Cox	Ilan Ivory
Siggy Nowak	Rodney James

Task owner	Action item / Discussion	Date due
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Items arising from last minutes

Minutes of meeting #4	Agreed	
Survey of BUG members	Discussed as agenda item 5	
Establishment of web group (Michael Strasser)	In the absence of Michael Strasser, no report available on the establishment of a yahoo group. Peter Berkeley offered to set up a blog spot	Peter to undertake prior to 26 October (next meeting)
Meeting with BCC councillors	discussed as agenda item 6	
Survey of CBD street parking facilities	discussed as agenda item 7	

Agenda item 3 Announcements/correspondence

BQ Wilson HTM Brisbane to Gold Coast Cycle Challenge	The date of this inaugural event, entry forms and the availability/option of on-line entries were advised	
CBD Master Plan	Public submissions close on 30 September 2005 - submissions encouraged.	
BFA Post- Conference Workshop	A workshop entitled <i>Best Practice in Bicycle Facilities Design</i> was to be held after the BFA Conference, on Saturday October 8. Paul advised that he was attending, and advised that an additional discounted entry could be arranged if anybody else wished to attend.	
Discounts for CBD BUG members	An email offer of a 10% discount for all CBD BUG members had been received from <i>totally spoked</i> bikeshop in Ipswich – offer and details to be circulated to all members. The desirability of approaching CBD bike shops, to distribute the BUG flyer and survey, as well as seeking similar discount offers for members was agreed. No-one at the meeting volunteered – volunteers to be sought.	Circulate bikeshop offer asap All to consider taking on task of liaising with bikeshops (all)
Queens Plaza	Following criticism of an apparent recent tendency for bike parking facilities to be omitted from high-trip generating developments such as shopping centres, BCC's Active Transport Unit (ATU) had advised by email that the Queens Plaza development included caged facilities for employees, and 55 parking spaces within the public carpark (P1). Copies of the email, and accompanying photos were circulated and considered, and discussion of the design, location, possible security (video surveillance?) and need for improved signage publicising the facilities ensued.	Discuss further with ATU (when next meeting)

Agenda item 4 Brisbane Central City Masterplan

Paul Murdoch	A draft submission was considered, and discussed. The focus on provision of end-of-journey facilities, parking facilities, routes to and through the CBD and cyclist safety was agreed. A number of changes and re-wording were discussed. Paul to finalise and lodge. Copies of submission to be sent to BCC Active Transport Unit and BQ.	30 September (closing date for submissions)
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Agenda item 5 Survey of CBD cyclists

<p>Paul Murdoch</p>	<p>The BUG’s survey, to obtain information from BUG members/contacts, had again been distributed. More than 40 returns had been received, and much useful data and issues had been included. It appeared that unless cyclists worked for a large organisation prepared to install facilities, they faced inadequate/no facilities and ‘made do’, which limited opportunities to increase numbers cycling to work. The possibility of lobbying for a Council subsidy scheme which employers & building owners could access for assistance in retro-fitting facilities now mandated in development approval was discussed as a possible solution, as well as the mooted commercial bike-parking facility in King George Square.</p> <p>The large number of respondees prepared to act as a ‘buddy’ to new cyclists, from a wide range of suburbs/locations was encouraging.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding means to advance such a scheme. Options discussed included publicity on the BCC website; BQ website; advertising in local newspapers; and publicity in individual worksites.</p> <p>Paul undertook to electronically circulate a recent article by Fiona Campbell on the subject in <i>Australian Cyclist</i> to people who had expressed an interest in buddying.</p>	<p>Complete survey if haven’t already done so (all)</p> <p>All to explore and consider options for progressing (on-going)</p> <p>Circulate asap</p>
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Agenda item 6 Meeting with BCC Councillors

<p>Meet with relevant councillors</p>	<p>A date for the requested meeting with Councillor Hinchliffe had yet to be advised or set.</p> <p>BUG representatives would introduce the group, explain major focus (facilities, routes & CBD safety) and identify examples of issues of concern/positive solutions. Justin Fenton, Paul Murdoch and any other interested CBD BUG representatives to attend, focusing on information in Masterplan submission and survey responses.</p>	<p>Follow-up response</p> <p>26 October (next meeting)</p>
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Agenda item 7 Survey of CBD street parking facilities

Amanda Smith	<p>Amanda outlined the survey, map and explanatory table prepared by her of on-street bike parking facilities in the CBD area, and circulated a copy of a similar map prepared for the Melbourne CBD.</p> <p>The information has been forwarded to BCC Active Transport Unit, with a request/suggestion that it be included on Council's website and publications (eg Brisbane Bicycle Experience Guide).</p> <p>General discussion of the pros and cons of the various options for bike-parking, including on-street, off-street and private (including commercial car parks). The need for publicity and signage was emphasised, to avoid the "but they never get used" argument from developers in future. Other examples discussed included the possible future use of the old tram stop in William Street; the need for the proposed commercial parking facility in King George Square to proceed; and the replication of conversion of car-parking spaces to multi-bike spaces as has occurred in West End (thereby avoiding conflict with pedestrians on already crowded pavements).</p> <p>Agreed to high-light issue in meeting with councillor(s) and ATU.</p>	
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Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th October 2005, 12:30- 1.30 pm at the BCC Library Theatre.