

Release of CARRS-Q helmet report

After several months the report on the effect of mandatory helmet laws commission by the Department of Transport and Main Roads has been released to the BUG in response to our application under the Right to Information Act, and is available from the BUG web site. The release of the report has sparked some media interest, including newspaper and radio interviews and coverage.

There was some discussion of the significant limitations of the report, and expression of disappointment in its failure to seriously consider or substantially address significant issues such as the effect on CityCycle, the cost in terms of number of people cycling, or plausible options for segmented laws.

Vacant co-convenor position

Aaron Wray has recently resigned from his position as co-convenor. The meeting agreed we should send him a letter of thanks for his work during his time in the role.

The remaining two co-convenors (Paul French and Ian Lister) advised they intended to leave the third position vacant until the next AGM. They reminded members the BUG always needs more willing volunteers, and any members interested in specific tasks or being more involved in general issues should let the co-convenors know.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
✓ Thank Aaron for his work	Paul French	27 July 2011
✓ Advise convenors of interest in volunteering	Members	Ongoing

Upcoming Council elections

There was some discussion about the upcoming Council elections and the apparent lack of vision for cycling of any of the lord mayoral candidates. It was generally agreed the BUG needs to get all parties to make their cycling policies and positions clear as early as possible. To this end we will invite the candidates to a public debate.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
✓ Invite candidates to debate	Paul French	27 July 2011

Other business

Residential street treatment

Helen Sutherland advised she was continuing to try to get BCC to improve the BAZ on her street, and requested advice on specific options she should be seeking.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
✓ Provide advice	Ian Lister	27 July 2011

Hale Street East upgrade commencement

The next stage of the Bicentennial Bikeway upgrade has commenced. It involves a total closure of the path east of the Go Between Bridge as far as the Makerston Street ramp, and a detour across the Go Between Bridge and via South Brisbane.

There was some discussion of significant safety and signage issues along the detour. As the detour will be in place until some time next year it is worth attempting to get the issues fixed. Some of the issues are pre-existing and need fixing regardless.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
✓ Describe issues and send to Ian	All members	30 June 2011
✓ Compile issues and send to BCC	Ian Lister	27 July 2011

Next meeting

Wednesday 27 July 2011, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm.

All meetings this year are in the tiered theatrette, Brisbane Square.