

Banyule Bicycle User Group Inc

2025 AGM Minutes

20th August 2025, 7:00 pm

Community Meeting Room, Watsonia Library

1. Welcome: Peter Gurney, BBUG President, opened the meeting with an acknowledgment of the Wurundjeri people, traditional custodians of the surrounding lands on which we meet and ride.

2. In attendance: Don Astbury (minute taker), Colin McKnight, Irene Gerrard, Jim Connor, Chris Stewart, Elaine Rees, Les Bennett, Rob Drummond, Michael Dunlop, Terry Makin, Jean Mehrrens, Ralph Nardella, John Pietka, Maurie Abbott, Peter Gurney, John Perkins, Ron North, Shirley Lashem, Allen Peacock, Glenda Williamson, Tony McKittrick, Virginia McKittrick, Roger Simon, Jenny Beech, John Mazza, Arnold Wheeler, Robyn Moore

2.1 Apologies: Chris England, Meg England, Hannah Ruffe, Sue Griffith, Tom Melican, Lou Torelli

3. Confirmation of the minutes of 2024 AGM (21/08/24)

It was moved that the minutes be accepted and confirmed.

Moved: Terry Makin, seconded: Michael Dunlop. Carried.

3.1. Business arising from 2024 minutes: Nil

4. Annual reports:

4.1 President's report (copy attached): Peter Gurney presented the President's report for the final time. Peter thanked the executive members, committee members, ride leaders and club members for their support and assistance during his time as President.

There are over 120 members in the club and the finances are in a sound state.

The club has a newsletter produced by Allan Garbutt, a web site curated by Colin McKnight and a Facebook page administered by Ariana Fabris. A new trifold club brochure has been produced by John Perkins.

It was moved that the President's report be accepted.

Moved: John Perkins, seconded: John Pietka. Carried

4.2 Secretary's report (copy attached): All reporting requirements for 2024 to Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) were uploaded to the CAV website. The current email address for the club is now banyulebug@gmail.com .

It was moved that the Secretary's report be accepted.

Moved: John Perkins, seconded: Jean Mehrrens. Carried

4.3 Treasurer / Membership Secretary's report (copy attached): John Perkins presented the Treasurer's and Membership Secretary's report. The club is in a healthy financial situation with \$8789 in the bank on 30/06/25; the insurance premium which is \$2400 (approx.) needs to be paid out of this. Membership was 121 on 30/06/25.

It was moved that the Treasurer / Membership Secretary's report be accepted.
Moved: Robyn Moore, seconded: Colin McKnight. Carried.

4.4 Banyule BUG History sub-committee - Irene Gerrard reported on behalf of the sub-committee (Elaine Rees, Maurie Abbott, Les Bennett and Irene Gerrard); that the compiling of the information necessary to write a club history is complete. Elaine Rees will require the support and assistance of the new office bearers and committee to turn the information into a readable format.

4.5 Banyule BUG Cycling Interconnectivity sub-committee - Jean Mehrtens reported on behalf of the sub-committee (Gerard Adrien, Nicole Koeck and Jean Mehrtens). The subcommittee have used various approaches to improve amenities for bike riding in our neighbourhood, including surveying candidates for the 2024 Banyule City Council elections regarding attitudes to cycling and walking. The subcommittee is advocating for e bikes complying with Australian design rules to continue to be allowed on passenger trains. Jean is a member of the Banyule City Council Sustainable Living Advisory Committee which meets four times a year. The Interconnectivity subcommittee will continue to review and update its advocacy priorities in consultation with club office bearers and committee.

5. Election of new committee:

President – Chris England. Nominated: Peter Gurney, seconded: Jean Mehrtens.

Vice President – Vacant. John Pietka has retired. The nomination of a vice president will be held over until the next committee meeting which is on Wednesday, 17th September 2025.

Secretary – Michael Dunlop. Nominated: Michael Dunlop, seconded: Rob Drummond.

Treasurer / Membership Officer – John Perkins. Nominated John Perkins, seconded: Peter Gurney.

General committee members:

Jean Mehrtens continuing, nominated Peter Gurney, seconded Don Astbury.

Colin McKnight continuing, nominated Peter Gurney, seconded Don Astbury.

Sue Griffith continuing, nominated Peter Gurney, seconded Don Astbury.

John Pietka continuing, nominated Peter Gurney, seconded Don Astbury.

Jenny Beech nominated Sue Griffith, seconded Peter Gurney.

Glenda Williamson nominated Sue Griffith, seconded Peter Gurney.

6. Confirmation of other roles:

- Lycra ride program coordinator – John Perkins continuing
- Latte ride program coordinator – Colin McKnight, Peter Gurney continuing
- Newsletter Editor – Allan Garbutt continuing
- Website - Colin McKnight continuing
- Events bike parking coordinator - Rob Drummond continuing
- Facebook Administrator - Ariana Fabris continuing

7. Life Memberships:

Leigh Jukes was nominated by Peter Gurney, seconded by Irene Gerrard. Carried
Alan Preacher was nominated by Peter Gurney, seconded by Maurie Abbott.
Carried

8. Note of Appreciation for Peter Gurney's service as President

Michael Dunlop thanked Peter for his services as President for four years, his advocacy for cycling and relationship building with people and statutory authorities. A bottle of Heathcote shiraz was presented to Peter.

Close of formal meeting

Virginija and Tony McKittrick provided an excellent PowerPoint presentation describing their bike riding adventures in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.