

Introduction

These Newsletters track a new campaign – which started in June 2006 – to substantially increase the emphasis on sustainable forms of transport including walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing.

In parts of Australia, the transport sector accounts for around 25% of our greenhouse gas production, so it is therefore essential to expand public transport infrastructure and at the same time encourage healthy exercise options.

Innovative solutions are required such as cost-effective rail-based transport for lower density developments, ferries on Port Phillip Bay and better design of our cities around transport corridors.

Ferry Update

It is likely that any proposed Bay ferry service will centre on a hub (possibly Port Melbourne) and be linked to the CBD by efficient overland commuter transport. This will be the most effective way due to the speed and wash restrictions on the Yarra River. There are also issues with low bridges and the multitude of other river traffic on the Yarra. The hub would be linked to ferries plying the Yarra including those already in existence.

The City of Melbourne is meeting on August 1st to discuss their new Transport Strategy.

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Discussions with Kingston Council have included linking ferry services to:

- Mordialloc, Moorabbin Airport (road link) and the Red Orbital Bus Route.
- Carrum (and in turn to the National Water Sports Centre) and the Green Orbital Bus Route.
- Frankston Line trains at both places.

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Discussions with Wyndham Council have included linking ferry services to a proposed new commercial marina at Werribee South. The Scoping Study would investigate sustainable transport that could also link Werribee Station, the Green Orbital Bus Route, Werribee Park Tourism Precinct (Open Range Zoo, State Rose Garden, and Equestrian Centre), Werribee South, and the Marina, with the ferry service. It is anticipated that a ferry service would attract more business to Werribee and reduce traffic and congestion issues.

News

A proposed underground north-south tunnel was mentioned in The Age on 20/7/06. This will need to be built sooner rather than later and the Ferry Scoping Study will certainly be looking at ways to integrate ferry services with that project.

Profile

Stephen Ingrouille, the convenor of the campaign for a Sustainable Transport Authority and for ferries on Port Phillip Bay was born in Melbourne in 1955 but grew up near Manly in Sydney.

He is well acquainted with the Manly Ferry services including the hydrofoils, Jetcats and the various inner-harbour river vessels and routes.



In the mid-seventies he moved back to Melbourne working at both Ripponlea (TV) and Lonsdale Street (radio) before establishing Going Solar following the first 'oil crises'.

Going Solar, established in 1978, is now divided into a Products Supply Division and a Consulting Division, the latter focusing on the sustainable aspects of offices, housing, commercial & community buildings, renewable energy, international development, urban design and transport.

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Stephen is a candidate for the 2006 Melbourne Awards (Environment Category). The winners of the awards will be announced on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August.



## Know Your Bay?

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