

**GreenWay Community Forum**  
**Monday 12 February 2024**  
**Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)**

**Minutes**

Meeting commenced at 5.46pm and concluded at 7.27pm

**1. Present**

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts		Magda Jansen (GW Engagement Officer)
Alice Hickey (online)		Thomas Hyun (GW Project Manager)
Suzy Carter		Ken Welsh (Transport Planning)
Bruce Ashley		Kate Matthews (Living Arts) (online)
Colin Jones		Sara Guan (Transport Planning)
Jennifer Kent		
Bronwyn Holland		
Jo Blackman (online)		
Mary Osborn		
Nick Chapman		Other/observers:
Danielle Capon (online)		Terry Freshwater (AshBUG)

**2. Acknowledgment of Country**

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

### 3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

Light rail in-carriage announcements already include the GreenWay at Taverners Hill station.

### 4. Apologies

Apologies: Clr Tim Stevens, Clr Dylan Griffiths

### 5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

A quorum was achieved.

### 6. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes formally moved (MO) and accepted (JK). Moved by AL. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes:

- NC and BA to provide dot points re Ness Ave and southern GreenWay connection → upcoming
- Cross council collaboration with CBC → MJ to update Minutes to clarify

### 7. Officer updates and reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Thomas Hyun, GreenWay Project Manager	Project Management update presentation	TH provided project progress report of last quarter in a presentation, including construction milestones. Presentation will be shared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BA: historical asbestos in north-eastern area of Johnson Park. TH: was made aware by Magda and this has been noted.</li><li>• MO: on budget? TH: Yes. There are risks and contingencies are allocated. There are talks with funding partners to secure more contingency funding.</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NC: Lords Rd bridge over Hawthorne Canal, pillars are rusted, can we repair that and perhaps include a wider bridge? TH: thanks for putting this on the radar.</li> <li>• BH: is there a possibility of an artist impression of the area between Constitution Road and New Canterbury Road? TH: all artist impressions have been completed; there won't be any additional ones.</li> <li>• JK: can the public be informed about any delays and reasons? Especially re Constitution Rd bridge opening? TH: must come straight from Council.</li> <li>• JB: what about dust mitigation at Hercules Street Parklands during construction? TH: this has not been needed yet. Contractor Gartner Rose is responsible for this.</li> </ul>
Kate Matthews, Living Arts	Public Art on the GreenWay	<p>Presentation update about public art on GW. First announcement of artists and artwork selected, still under embargo until official announcement late March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lewisham West site: selected artist is open to suggestions to add local representations. BA: longnose bandicoot</li> <li>• NC: thank you to Kate for putting this together, many GW elements have been captured. How about graffiti deterrent? KM: Graffiti deterrent is part of detailed design and a big part of selection criteria, also maintenance. Lords Rd tunnel artwork need better maintenance plan and team is working on this.</li> <li>• NC: how was the selection panel convened? Kate: approved by Director Community, and contains a representative from Create NSW, a community member, a cultural adviser, and council staff members.</li> <li>• JB: How many of the selected artists are local? 5 out of 8 are Inner West locals. 6 out of 8 are in NSW.</li> <li>• JB: Railway Heritage local knowledge contacts can help -&gt; send to Magda</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BH: manufacturing of light windmills (sustainable energy), is this incorporated in GW art? KM via Teams chat: yes, in the Lewisham West site</li> <li>• BA: can you put motifs on the GW pathway? KM: thank you for the suggestion</li> <li>• JB via Teams chat: will there be a mural under Parramatta Road? KM via Teams chat: No, there will not be a mural underneath the rail bridge at Parramatta Rd. Due to the structural complexities of painting on a TfNSW rail bridge it was no longer deemed good value for money in terms of public artworks.</li> </ul>
Ken Welsh, Team Leader Transport Planning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Inner West at 40' exhibition is now completed and going to Council for adoption in March. It will then require TfNSW support prior to implementation. The study proposes reducing speed limits in all local streets to 40km/hr, but does not include state and regional roads.</li> <li>• Iron Cove Creek Masterplan (walking and cycling path between the Bay Run and Ashfield Aquatic Centre) exhibition is completed and will go to Council for adoption in April.</li> <li>• The Inner West Cycling Strategy identified the North Ashfield area for more detailed analysis to determine appropriate cycling routes. A study brief is currently being prepared for this area and will consider the viability of including Haberfield which may provide an opportunity for a link to the GreenWay from Croydon, Ashfield North or even Iron Cove Creek.</li> </ul>

## 8. Items from Forum members

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Jennifer Kent & Nick Chapman	The current timeline for the art exhibition & status update. Venue?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GreenWay ArtPrize status update? NC: Postponed because venue was unavailable.</li> <li>NC update: bus museum is unavailable. Council arts team staff has met with Placemaking NSW about series of events in White Bay Power Station in Sep/Oct 2024. Talk about including GW ArtPrize in this event series and venue. JK: let sponsors know.</li> </ul> <p><b>AGREED ACTION:</b> JK/NC will inform Petersham Bowling Club president of change of venue and delay of event.</p>
Jennifer Kent	The future of the GreenWay Library when Johnson Park is revamped.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stress that street library is rebuild when Johnson Park is revamped. JK would like to have a say about where it's going to go, need safe well-lit spot. TH: Council will be responsible for this, not part of current Gartner Rose scope of works.</li> </ul>
Jennifer Kent	Courtesy of construction staff at Constitution Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big praise to Mitch, site manager at Constitution Rd for being an excellent communicator with the local community.</li> </ul>
Bruce Ashley	Developing a GreenWay GIS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interactive GIS: BA has provided a draft proposal</li> </ul> <p><b>AGREED ACTION:</b> all Forum members to send feedback to BA by end of the week if they have any.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CJ: needs sponsor/champion within council, for example Ken Welsh</li> <li>NC: exciting idea, resourcing can be an issue. BA: can explore state government funding. This can also assist IWC. (KW suggests Active NSW funding).</li> </ul> <p><b>AGREED ACTION:</b> Forum members can suggest funding opportunities to BA.</p>
Bronwyn Holland	GreenWay mulch and asbestos contamination	<p>What does GreenWay Community Forum need to do to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure that Contractors at all stages of development and ongoing future maintenance of GreenWay use certified clean, asbestos-and-contaminant-free mulches, and</li> </ol>

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		<p>ii) are required to test/replace (as necessary) any contaminated mulches now in situ at any GreenWay locations</p> <p>iii) get a Certificate of Analysis. Resource Recovery Order under Part 9, Clause 93 of the Protection of the Environment, Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014. The mulch order 2016: <i>However, as noted in this order, the mulch must not contain any asbestos, or preservative treated or coated wood residues</i></p> <p>TH: sensitive topic in the industry. In corridor works: no sourced mulch until late this year. Hopefully be then, this issue will be resolved in industry. Certificates are already supplied in the GreenWay, using reputable suppliers.</p> <p>BH: existing legacy sites with asbestos. TH: Gartner Rose is responsible for discovery and asbestos removals on their sites. JK: this contaminated mulch is from one supplier.</p> <p>JB: laboratories also need to be looked carefully in current asbestos industry landscape.</p>
Bronwyn Holland	Guiding Principles for Greenway in Corridor Works	<p>Specifically, landscaping, bushcare, asbestos removal and maintenance principles. Can we ask to whom this advice was distributed, and the actual response to the document from all recipients?</p> <p>MJ: Distributed to GR, T&amp;T and IWC.</p> <p>TH: contractor has done their responsibilities, some parts are outside GR domain.</p> <p>BH: concerns of ongoing maintenance concerns are still there. TH: Gartner Rose has 12 months maintenance in their contract.</p> <p>BH: would be good to have formal/authoritative response.</p> <p><b>AGREED ACTION:</b> TH to organise response.</p>
Nick Chapman	GreenWay video	Some 'before' video footage has been done for GreenWay promo video(s) when GreenWay is completed.

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		<b>AGREED ACTION:</b> MJ to check with IWC comms team if engagement with Forum is possible in creation of video.
Nick Chapman	Tracking items raised by Forum	<i>Moved to next meeting</i>
Nick Chapman	Schools Active Travel	<p>NC: Schools Active Travel was a program promoting walking and cycling to school with local schools around GreenWay. Motion from Clr Shetty going out tomorrow to revisit this program; there is \$10m funding available for Schools Active Travel through the Get NSW Active funding program. KW: looking at seed funding for road safety audits, then use that as leverage for funding application.</p> <p>BA: been talking to Mayor, Director Infrastructure and General Manager about 'mode-shift' program, to coincide with GreenWay opening; we can involve schools at this time as well.</p>

### 9. Reports from Forum members and community groups

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
NIL		

### 10. Other Reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
NIL		

### 11. Items/questions on notice

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
NIL		

## 12. General business

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Jennifer Kent	Verge gardens	Street Sustainability Officer (Jennifer Fernandez) at IWC assists with verge gardens and approvals. Verge gardens help with greening of the area and in creating a 'green trellis'. Maybe we can get her to speak at GCF?
Alex Lofts	TOR (Terms of Reference) update	Forum may run as is, until Council elections in mid-September.

## 13. Next meeting date for 2024

Petersham Service Centre Level 3 Function Room (Ngara) or online via Teams

**Monday 8 April 2024**

5.45pm-7.15pm