

GreenWay Community Forum
Monday 14 August 2023
Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.48pm and concluded at 7.24pm

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff	Other
Alex Lofts	Clr Timothy Stephens (online)	Magda Jansen (GW)	Chris Goldsworthy (community observer)
Alice Hickey (online)	Clr Dylan Griffiths (online)	Ken Welsh (transport planning)	
Bronwyn Holland		Stuart Hull (capital works) (online)	
Bruce Ashley		Thomas Hyun – (project manager) (online)	
Jennifer Kent			
Jo Blackman			
Mary Osborn			
Nick Chapman			<i>GW = GreenWay</i>

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

4. Apologies

Danielle Capon

Suzy Carter

Colin Jones

Sarah Guan (strategic transport planning)

Tealia Scott (urban ecology)

Vikki Woods (living arts)

Absent:

Adam Ward (urban ecology)

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

A quorum was achieved.

6. Minutes from last meeting

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

General comments:

- AL: Bay Run works progressing well. Construction beginning on GW missing links this month.

Business arising from Minutes:

- BA: Bay Run planting disappointing re biodiversity outcomes.
- BA: Canterbury-Bankstown Council reply re safety issues down to Cooks River received, and action will be taken.
- JK: Lewisham West street library is now removed, due to continued vandalism.

7. Officer updates and reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Thomas Hyun, GreenWay Project Manager	Project Management update presentation	<p>TH provided project progress report of last quarter in a presentation. TH will share presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MO: Cadigal Reserve closure? Closed from September 2023 and completion expected by October 2024. • BA: Cadigal Reserve diversion: is it possible to put a temporary path rather than use Grosvenor Crescent? TH: need to review site conditions again with contractor. Major plant needs to go in via construction access. TH will review. • BH: Between Constitution Rd and New Canterbury Rd: when is planting screening planted? Towards end of works in the area to prevent damage to newly planted trees, Feb-Mar 2025. When is consultation about permanent fence? Take on notice and will get back. When will high voltage works resume? Completed by end of year, coordinated with GW contractor, needs to be during light rail track possession in November. • AH: what is social media strategy? Pass on to Magda: social media posts are coming and working with comms team on more. What are engagement hotspots? Where major road closures are occurring and where construction access is needed. • NC: consultation: general tenor? Varied, April consultation highly positive, challenging questions from residents now that it comes down to constructions and access. Internal consultation: how was response rates? Great, hundreds of comments. Contractor responding and adopting where possible. • NC: Details about Lords Rd pedestrian bridge closure? Only the bridge will be closed, not the tunnel. • NC for Stuart: Counter on Cadigal Reserve to count bike/pedestrians? Not been able to do this. BA: older counter may have information. BA can forward this to Magda. • BH: 1-3 Williams Pde dilapidation report? Will be done prior to construction. General dilapidation survey has been done prior to early works. Another more detailed dilapidation survey will be done prior to construction.

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Vikki Wood, Acting Manager Living Arts	Written report	<p>There is a new Acting Living Arts Manager, Vikki Woods. She has a new project manager on the team, who is working closely with Turner&Townsend (Thomas and Lillian), ASPECT (the GreenWay landscape architects) and CreateNSW. They have met onsite to review the GreenWay public art sites. Artists will be contacted to reaffirm their interest and resubmit budgets, which means Stage 2 EOI will be completed soon, and artists will be contracted for delivery in Stage 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JK: too much public art on northern end of GW, will there be more art in southern end? NC: tunnels will have public art. Concept designs show more detail about art locations.
Stuart Hull, Senior Manager Capital Works		<p>Lot of work going on over various teams in the background, lots of good will also from Executive level to get this moving. Looking forward to it.</p> <p>Bay Run: opening event will be held in September for the community.</p>
Ken Welsh, Team Leader Transport Planning		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electric Vehicle strategy has been adopted. 2. Cycling Strategy has been adopted and budgeted, recommends that cycling counts be conducted every two years, however locations for counts have not been determined yet. 3. New 'How we move, Why we move' study will go to Councillors in September. 4. The InnerWest@40 Study, looking at opportunities to reduce speeds on local streets, will go to Councillors in September. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MO: thank you for dealing with illegally parked caravan: KW will follow up re adding boulders. • BA: Bay Run planting: consultation with bushcare groups and urban ecology team? TH: will need to go back and find out as he came on board later in the project. JB: UTS fountain grass was blown in, not planted.

8. Terms of Reference review

AL: ToR review was due in June this year. AL has asked for review by Council's Governance team. MJ indicated that requested changes can be reviewed by Governance team as well.

Membership:

AL: All our term periods come to an end in March 2024: we will all have to re-apply. Do we need to get new members? Gone from 13 to 11 members. Current ToR: go back to original list for community members?

- TS: odd that they are out of synch with a council 4-year term. Copy TS into email to governance team. JK: maybe new members could apply and be on the committee for 6 months, until the next election in Sep 2024.
- BA: existing situation is tricky and existing members should not select the next members. BA prefers informal process over formal process. We should get great advancing ideas for the GreenWay.
- AL: we are not selecting new committee; this will be done within council. BA: maybe a panel can do this? AL: this protocol sits within council. KW: review is happening to sit better within councillor term timeline. Applications go into matrix and goes through senior executive team to sign off. DG: Forum is not Local Democracy Group. LCG applications go through councillor reference committee.

ACTION: How do we make suggestions for change of ToR? Start via email and then meet via Teams or in person to come to consensus about suggested changes of ToR.

- AH: what is the difference between general community members and community group members? Some members represent community groups, and some were selected as a general community member.
- BA: suggest dropping community group member option and have that weighted in the application instead. AL: put this through in the email chain discussing this.
- NC: what counts is people who are interested and passionate and advocates for the GreenWay.

Meeting practice:

AL: We need a more formal structure at times. Required to be a united Forum for the GreenWay. Maybe Chair can move into a more formal structure when needed?

Council officer contact list:

AL has asked this from governance team. JK agrees. AL: we cannot transgress into sensitivities of operational matters.

9. Reports from Forum members and community groups

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Jennifer Kent	GreenWay street libraries	Concern about state of library at Arlington light rail. JK proposed new library with seat as part of the Johnson Park upgrade. JK has provided info re history of council maintaining and paying for maintenance of libraries to council. JK proposes to maintain current library and then build new library for new Johnson Park. JB: maybe get Addison Rd Community Centre to build. NC: use of some GreenWay budget for street libraries would be great. Issue of ongoing maintenance libraries and of GW corridor in general. MJ to raise street library maintenance with Living Arts team and Director Community.
Jennifer Kent, Nick Chapman	GreenWay Art Prize	NC: none this year, likely next year. JK: need to let Petersham Bowling Club know about the delay, as they have agreed to sponsor the photography prize. ACTION: AL to write formal letter to Petersham Bowling Club to advise about the delay. NC to keep Forum informed about GreenWay Art Prize next year.

10. Other Reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
NIL		

11. General business

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Alice Hickey	Weston St GreenWay planting removal and replanting	Big resident gardening effort and now plants have been removed. Some residents are happy because they can see better in traffic, but no biodiversity planting. No communication with residents about this happening and why. AL: all plants should be endemic. JK: native violets that have been planted need shade and moisture, will be tricky in hot summers. BA: what is happening with meeting with senior management and GM re GW planting and maintenance? ACTION: AL will follow up re this meeting.
Jo Blackman	Bird update	JB: two spotted pardalotes and golden whistler were spotted along the GreenWay.

12. Next meeting date for 2023

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

5.45pm-7.15pm

Monday 13 November 2023