

GreenWay Community Forum
Monday 14 October 2024
Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.45pm and concluded at 7.27pm

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts		Magda Jansen (GW Engagement Officer)
Bronwyn Holland		Ken Welsh (Transport Planning)
Bruce Ashley		Lillian Luxon (GW Project Manager)
Colin Jones		Thomas Hyun (GW Project Manager)
Suzy Carter		
Jennifer Kent		
Jo Blackman		
Nick Chapman		Other/observers:
Mary Osborn		Terry Freshwater

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

4. Apologies

Apology: Alice Hickey
Absent: Danielle Capon

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

Quorum reached

6. Minutes from last meeting

Moved by JB, seconded by JK, accepted AL

Follow up:

- BA: Ryan Jones presentation > GCF involved in Biodiversity Strategy?
- BA: IWEG history > JB: no update yet

Items to track from previous meetings:

- BA: Google doc for tracking issues (discuss in general business)

7. Officer updates and reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Lillian Luxon, GreenWay Project Manager	Project Management GreenWay missing links construction progress update	AL: Is OCR tunnel design in process? LL: Yes, and procurement process needs to take place. AL: funds should be available soon. NC: when will the OCR tunnel be built? TH: approx. 9 months of work, plus 3 months for procurement. NC: Detailed design already done? TH: finalising now, other design areas were prioritised.

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		<p>MO: Area Parramatta Rd to Cadigal Reserve floods? LL: path is designed to 1 in 100-year flood level and head heights under Parramatta Rd.</p> <p>JB: Johnson Park rocket, anything done to stop kids climbing rocket? LL: procured separately.</p> <p>JB: still raised boardwalk between Davis St and Terry Rd? LL/TH: yes</p> <p>NC: Sydney Water working on top of bridge over Parra Rd. What are they doing? TH: Not GW related works. JB: was told there was a gas leak, and Sydney Water needs to do work before gas leak can be fixed.</p> <p>NC: anti-throw screens? LL: only where absolutely required by TfNSW, directly above light rail station at Dulwich Grove.</p> <p>JK: Johnson Park difficult site? When is it going to be finished? LL: Construction for area south of Constitution Rd is through tunnel under Constitution Rd and through Johnson Park, and this will be finished last.</p> <p>BA: OCR traffic lights, any success on smart lights? LL: plans are with TfNSW to approve, but in negotiation between IWC and TfNSW, no conversation about smart lights had just yet. BA advises contact person.</p> <p>TF: smart lights are installed on Bourke St bike path. TF: will they have cycle lanterns? LL: noted to raise with TfNSW</p> <p>BA: Terry Rd access, will all palisade fencing be removed? LL: need to double-check but do think so.</p>
Ken Welsh		<p>'Active Transport to Schools' study completed by GHD, is being reviewed by senior staff. KW will send copy to GCF when available.</p> <p>Clr Fergusson has initiated an active travel/mode shift public forum, by invitation (BA as driving force) on 16 May. BA: mode shift demonstration area in Dulwich Hill may include GW.</p> <p>NC: can you give us a highlights presentation? KW: yes of course.</p>

8. Items from Forum members

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<p>Bronwyn Holland</p>	<p>4.1.1 Update from 1-3 Williams Pde, Dulwich Hill DP270052</p>	<p>4.1.1. BH summarised the issues.</p> <p>Oct-Feb:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onsite Meeting 11/10/24 with Gartner Rose, Transdev concerned damage from works since April 2023 to cement Sound Attenuation Wall (represents est.40% of complex's boundary with GreenWay and described as 'To be retained and protected' on Plan LA 213). Onsite Meeting GreenWay corridor 23/10/24 with Gartner Rose. Representatives learnt from arborist report of July 2024 that one mature native Tallowwood has to be felled for 'reduced biomechanical stability' and four others must be monitored for 48 months. <p>These impacts on 'boundary assets' have demanded significant volunteer effort since April 2023 by DP270052 to get recognition and responsibility for redress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onsite Meeting GreenWay corridor: 12/02/25 with Gartner Rose with IWC requested. Objectives to get understanding of location of new fencing wrt boundary, GreenWay paths, and Tallowwood trees and who will be parties responsible for fencing maintenance and tree management. <p>Comet Windmills at Williams Pde: It's welcomed that the GreenWay will share this industrial history with users. The company founded by Sidney Williams in 1879 continues to build its iconic and highly efficient windmills on the mid-north coast of</p>

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		NSW for domestic and global customers. They are able to produce parts for mills in continuous operation, using wind power to pump water, for more than one hundred years from an archive of original drawings.
Nick Chapman	<p>4.2.1 GreenWay Art Prize – how to keep it going post ArtEst</p> <p>4.2.2 Long-term arrangements for GreenWay governance and corridor management post Missing Links construction</p> <p>4.2.3 Temporary enhancement (light touch) of missing link from Ness Av, Dulwich Hill through Canterbury-Bankstown territory to Cooks River</p> <p>4.2.4 Community celebration of completion of missing links</p> <p>4.2.5 Video of the story of the GreenWay – 1998 to 2025</p> <p>4.2.6 Update re: Lords Rd mural</p>	<p>4.2.1 Art Est is closing down, future of GreenWay Art Exhibition is in jeopardy, NC has said some words publicly to offer thanks for all the work Art Est has done for the GreenWay Art Exhibition. Curator (Tara) is willing to continue. Two questions: 1. Should we try to continue the GW Art Exhibition? 2. What can we do as a Forum?</p> <p>JK: we could ask IWC to provide additional funds to pay for someone to organise/assist curator. AL: venue is always going to difficult to find. NC: maybe get Create NSW involved. AL: or other local exhibition options? JB: Town Halls or Stirrup Gallery/big hall in Addison Rd community centre, Suzy: maybe get a sponsor involved? NC: next step would be to talk to Council's Creative Communities team or Director Communities. JK: let's see what Council's reaction is. NC: start a letter to Director Communities and AL can send it from the GCF. NC: there is \$35k promised, but more is needed in in-kind and support from Council. MO: Governments are very reluctant to fund any art projects, citing cost-of-living-crisis. BA: can we involve schools and use whole corridor as art show? NC: this may be difficult, but open to further discussion.</p> <p><u>Agreed action: NC to compose letter to Director Communities</u></p> <p>4.2.2 AL: have had convo with Mayor and he is aware of need of budget for ongoing governance and maintenance costs. May relate to \$6.2m grant from Australian Government.</p> <p><u>Agreed action: AL to write to Mayor to summarise discussion.</u></p>

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		<p>4.2.3 AL: brought this up with Ryan Midei at dog park opening event. NC: Canterbury-Bankstown Council has said no. BA: maybe follow through at officer level.</p> <p>4.2.4 <i>insufficient time to discuss</i></p> <p>4.2.5 AL: this should be part of GW archive. Suggest we contact Council Officers to head this up as part of GW archive. AL can organise this. NC: documenting this 25-year history as a video would be great and all Forum members can be involved. AL: historical society can assist too with how to approach and assemble. NC: knows a person who is a journalist and communication professional and is willing to contribute with his expertise (former Friends of the GreenWay member).</p> <p>4.2.6 AL: wrote to Minister of Transport to alert of mural issues (brickwork and other safety issues etc). NC: tagging is getting worse, and mural is deteriorating.</p>
Jennifer Kent	4.3.1 Future of Arlington and Bones Café street libraries	<p>4.3.1 Met with Beverley from Café Bones Library and she also has issues with library maintenance taking too long. Johnson Park/Arlington street library: books are being dumped in the street library and takes a very long time and effort to sort out. JK has put this up on Dulwich Hill Facebook group and got a lot of support from the community for the street library. AL: can you get assistance? JK: JB is assisting when I'm away. MO: Can we get a new Lewisham West Light Rail street library? AL: Flour Mills strata didn't want it. Council doesn't want it. MO: maybe ask Mayor?</p>

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Bruce Ashley		Can we write a letter of support to keep the GreenWay Engagement Officer's position after construction completion? AL/JK: yes. NC: also refers to general post-construction planning.

9. Reports from Forum members and community groups

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IWEG	Written report via email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to everyone who supported the campaign to save the Bushcare site at Cadigal reserve. I particularly wish to thank the bike lobby for their support and in particular Bike Marrickville. The plan is being revisited and further community consultation is being sort. • IWEG's Community small grant - we have been able to extend the areas of planting at Pigott St (Hoskin's Park) and to extend the area at Hawthorne Reserve along the canal. Sand stone capping has commenced at Hawthorne and planting to commence in April, depending on the weather. We thank council for their assistance in providing the sandstone blocks. • Conversation of Hill St land into Bushcare site. This is currently being negotiated with Sydney trains and Light Rail over fencing off the existing electrical infrastructure situated at the end of the area. • IWEG has very pleased to be able to help Council with weeding the Heritage terracing at Hoskin's Park in readiness for the reopening of the Park. • We are very concerned at the lack of watering and weeding at the new plantings at Lewisham West and at Hoskin's Park. A member recently pulled out over 60 small castor oil plants in the new Dog Park • IWEG has been approached by the library to help give a presentation on Bird surveys at the Haberfield Library in April • We were very pleased to supply additional GreenWay Bird Guides to Council for distribution at Council "pop up" information booths.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The local Scout troop has expressed interest in joining our Sunday Bushcare days

10. Other Reports

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NIL		

11. Items/questions on notice

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BA	Google doc for tracking issues	<i>insufficient time to discuss</i>

12. Next meeting dates for 2025

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

TBA via email