

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.40pm and concluded at 7.23pm

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts	Kerrie Fergusson	Magda Jansen (GW Engagement Officer)
Bronwyn Holland		Ken Welsh (Transport Planning)
Bruce Ashley		Thomas Hyun (GW Project Manager)
Colin Jones		Ryan Jones (Senior Planner and Policy Officer)
Danielle Capon		
Jennifer Kent		
Jo Blackman		
Nick Chapman		
Mary Osborn		Other/observers:
Suzy Carter		Mark O’Ryan (selected artist for GW public artwork)

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

4. Apologies

Apologies: Tealia Scott, Lillian Luxon, Alice Hickey

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

Quorum reached

6. Minutes from last meeting

Business arising/tracking from Minutes: NIL

Moved by JK, seconded by SC, accepted AL

7. Officer updates and reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Thomas Hyun, GreenWay Project Manager	Project Management GreenWay missing links construction progress update	BA: RMR keep left signage possible? no keep left signage is answer from Council. TH: correct. BA: directive to not have this? TH: yes, this has been communicated from traffic planning team. BA: is oversight, strongly urge to reconsider on wayfinding signage. AL: can this be added later? TH: yes could be possible at a later stage. TH to follow up with wayfinding design team. NC: there is logic for not having sign markings. BA: but funding was for regional cycle connection.

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		<p>NC: great news that state approvals have been put through after in-principle approval (BA). Lords Rd pedestrian bridge: will this be re-used or can there be a new wider bridge? TH: still looking at this upgrade and other areas, is in discussion with Council and budget concerns need to be addressed. Bridge is in good state at first inspection.</p> <p>BH: thank you for consideration given to 1-3 Williams Pde residents.</p> <p>BA: blue wrens using some existing vegetation at western side of Lewisham West. Can we replant on eastern side before removing these scrubs. TH: will confirm with Gartner Rose.</p> <p>Mark O’Ryan: 43 Hercules Street house demolition, can there be saving/recycling rather than a few floorboards only? TH: this is up to contractor. Floor board of two rooms are being recycled into public artwork.</p> <p>Clr KF: will take on board wayfinding comments (urging path users to keep left) from BA</p>
Ryan Jones	IWC Biodiversity Strategy update, Q&A biodiversity on the GreenWay	<p>AL: does the GreenWay planting strategy conform with this strategy? RJ: yes.</p> <p>BA: can we add GreenWay Community Forum to collaboration opportunities? RJ: will consider. JK: also Landcare and others could be considered.</p> <p>MO: do we get report by 2036 to see if we achieved the targets? RJ: annual internal reviews. MO/RJ: just passed over 100 registered verge</p>

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		<p>gardens. BA: huge gain can be made with planted verges. Current verge policy is too car focussed.</p> <p>JB: can this strategy be incorporated in new LEP? RJ: working on this to expand in DCP to begin with. Further than this can be difficult with current state government guidelines.</p> <p>JB: education within Council to protect verge gardens? RJ: has a proposed action relating to this about Council training.</p> <p>JK: how can we help you to encourage Planning Director to be more biodiversity sensitive? AL: this will be difficult regarding high density housing.</p> <p>NC: can the GW be a case study in the strategy? RJ: yes, has been mentioned a few times already,</p> <p>NC: does the biodiversity strategy extend to aquatic biodiversity and how is the stormwater challenge incorporated? Yes, for example rainwater harvesting, investigating new wetlands and more.</p> <p>NC: endangered species education, who is this targeted to? RJ: still open to details, for example residents and school children. NC: work to schools' curriculum.</p> <p>BA: interactive GW GIS, biodiversity could be a major interactive element.</p>
Mark O’Ryan	Selected artist for public artwork in Hercules Parklands	<p>AL: does this artwork have a life expectancy? Mark: have chosen the toughest wood/outdoor timber, but it will age. AL: termite protection? Mark: raised of the ground and treated. It would need to be inspected</p>

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		<p>and maintained by Council if insect hotels, bird houses etc are incorporated.</p> <p>NC: where is your work located? Mark: near 43 Hercules Street between path and creek line.</p> <p>NC: maintenance is key. And artworks have deteriorated after 10-20 years. Do you feel you have connected to the right people at Council? Mark: yes, have met with project management and would like to get in touch with person around environment/planting and maintenance of wildlife habitats. NC: Dulwich Hill Public School is on location of historical timber yard. Check with bushcare volunteers about finding pieces of wood to repurpose.</p>

8. Items from Forum members

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Jennifer Kent	<p>4.1.1 The Art Competition - pleasing to see a lot of local entries</p> <p>4.1.2 The library in Johnson Park - appreciation of how quickly the doors were fixed</p> <p>4.1.3 Jennifer Newman's death</p>	<p>4.1.1. Impressive number of local artists; some artworks difficult to find and see. Funding confirmed for next year.</p> <p>4.1.2. noted</p> <p>4.1.3. She used to be a member of the GreenWay Steering Committee, this forum's predecessor, and an active aboriginal community member.</p>

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Jo Blackman	<p>4.2.1 Inadequate off-sets Johnson Park by extending the Bandicoot corner up to the new path and the Johnson Park bushcare site extended/widened to the existing path. Land at 1A Hill Street.</p> <p>4.2.2 1A Hill Street: discussed with Urban Ecology and Adam - very over committed with the Biodiversity Strategy. Awaiting a reply from Jo Haylen on behalf of IWEg, as Minister for Transport.</p> <p>4.2.3 IWEg small grant from Summer Hill electorate (an election promise), seeking quotes to extend the site at Hawthorne remove weeds and dead trees at the Pigott st site. Plants to be supplied for Loftus Street and equipment for Johnson Park sites.</p> <p>4.2.4 IWEg (as opposed to the GreenWay) have been approached by a third year University student to do a small</p>	<p>4.2.1 <i>not discussed due to time constraints</i></p> <p>4.2.2 Have heard back from Minister and has directed TfNSW to liaise with Council.</p> <p>4.2.3 Bushcare sites extended through grant funding (\$10,000)</p> <p>4.2.4 <i>not discussed due to time constraints</i></p>

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	History project on IWEG. Meeting held with Bruce and other members.	
Nick Chapman	<p>4.3.1 GreenWay Art Exhibition – feedback</p> <p>4.3.2 GreenWay trellis</p> <p>4.3.3 GreenWay video</p> <p>4.3.4 Primary school active travel</p>	<p>4.3.1 see above, smaller collection of Art Prize on exhibition at Art Est until 27 Oct.</p> <p>4.3.2 <i>deferred to next meeting.</i> How can we progress this? Focus is currently on the spine and need to plan for regional active transport access. BA/JK: also includes planting.</p> <p>MO: what happened to damages artwork at Lords Rd pedestrian bridge? AL: waiting to hear back from state about ownership confirmation. NC: this is still deteriorating.</p> <p>4.3.3 Can we have contact with comms people? MJ ask again.</p> <p>4.3.4 KW: workshops with schools planned for 22 Oct, observations completed by consultants.</p>

9. Reports from Forum members and community groups

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
NIL		

10. Other Reports

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NIL		

11. Items/questions on notice

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BA	Google doc to track issues raised by Forum	Did a trial; difficult to participate in meeting as well as live tracking at the same time. Maybe we can take turns. BA to showcase in next meeting.

12. Next meeting date for 2025

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

Monday 10 February 2025