

GreenWay Community Forum
Monday 19 August 2024
Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.45pm and concluded at 7.10pm

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts		Magda Jansen (GW Engagement Officer)
Alice Hickey		Ken Welsh (Transport Planning)
Bronwyn Holland		
Bruce Ashley		
Jennifer Kent		
Jo Blackman		
Nick Chapman		
Mary Osborn		Other/observers:
Suzy Carter		Terry Freshwater

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

4. Apologies

Apologies: Colin Jones, Alice Hickey, Lillian Luxon, Thomas Hyun, Brigid Kelly, Tealia Scott, Sarah Guan (will only attend if KW can't make it in future meetings)

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

Quorum reached

6. Minutes from last meeting

Business arising/tracking from Minutes:

- 1A Hill St development: suggestion to do planting for opening GreenWay and then make it a bushcare site. JB spoke to Urban Ecology team, and they have time to try and make this happen. JB to follow up with Council. BA: could be a few different sites. JB: we could do this over the course of a month or so. AL: let's suggest some ideas for the GreenWay opening event(s)
- BA: items 8.2 and 8.3 still to be responded to. Concerns about traffic signalisation and pedestrian waiting times. MJ to follow up with T&T.

Moved by JB, seconded by JK, accepted AL

7. Officer updates and reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Lillian Luxon, GreenWay Project Manager	Project Management GreenWay missing links construction progress update	<i>Apology from presenter, progress update to be emailed to members.</i>
Ken Welsh, Active Transport	Active Schools project update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JK: how about parents and big cars? KW: the project will also address parents.• JK: how about 'walking trains' and 'cycling trains'? KW: we are looking at this, insurance can be an issue.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA: have targets or KPIs been set? KW: not yet but will be included. Baseline needs to be established first. • BA: we need to also involve the Mayor and Councillors, and set targets for them. Can we use the Active Schools program for this? KW: working on this and have targets for active transport and mode-shift. • MO: anticipated number of kids to take part in active transport? KW: not sure yet. Brigid is running this. And thanks to NC for instigating this program back in 2015. • BH: if they're doing this in Melbourne, why is insurance a problem here? KW: Victorian system for Council insurance works differently. • BH: what triggers pavement repairs? AL: audits for risk and resident complaints/notifications. There is a works schedule. KW: this is not based on someone hurting themselves, Council is proactive. • NC: great to see this come back to life. This is now being implemented at Willoughby Council, which caused a 11% increase in active transport to schools. This being led by teachers may not work. Resourcing can be very challenging. You need a go-between between teachers and Council to keep pushing this forward. KW: using teachers was identified by another agency. Council may not go that way. More funding is needed. NC: Video available from Willoughby Council. • TF: is this GW focussed or multi-directional? KW: the trial is the GreenWay. Whole program is multi-directional and connect schools to different active travel 'spines'. BA: concerned about loss of momentum to build whole trellis, not only one GW corridor; we need links to the GreenWay,

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC: in the GW MasterPlan there is a diagram that shows the 'ribs' of the GW trellis. BA: should we make a resolution? AL: Council is in caretaker mode. BA: can we agenda this for our next meeting? AL: yes, we'll put it on the agenda.

8. Items from Forum members

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Bruce Ashley	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fountain grass and landscaping along the GreenWay 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fountain grass is not native to Sydney. Is there is GW biodiversity plan in place? What is guiding what we are planting in the GreenWay? AL: the Biodiversity Strategy was up for Council in the last meeting, but the meeting had been abandoned. JB: this is all in the MasterPlan, and it has a list of plantings for the GW. Sydney Light Rail and TransDev are difficult to work with and convince to remove/manage fountain grass. BH: diligent planting gets trashed by contractors often in the past. AL: not enough local knowledge. JK: happens in other areas too. MO: for example, Fred Street. BA: there is no process for GW ecology management. But we need this and further GW management plans. JB: Council doesn't have a weeds policy. JK: this is a problem with TransDev and they are going to be there for a long time. Can we contact them? BA: needs to be a policy for anyone with GW maintenance responsibility. NC: maybe ask for urban ecology to come in and give an update on their interactions with TransDev.

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		MJ to invite urban ecology team to provide update on this in next meeting.
Nick Chapman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Status of IWC biodiversity strategy 2. Richard Murden Plan of Management – staff briefing for Forum? 3. Mural at Lords Rd. Leichhardt 4. Outcomes of meeting with Ryann Midei (Director Infrastructure) on 23 July 5. Potential land acquisition – 1 Canal Rd (Café Bones) 6. 2024 GreenWay Art Exhibition – update 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AL: meant to be considered at last Council meeting, but meeting was abandoned due to safety reasons. These items are to be revisited in meeting on 3 Sep. Then biodiversity strategy draft will go out on exhibition. 2. Can we have a briefing at the next meeting, plan and implications on the GW? MJ to organise. 3. Site meeting took place with arts team and NC, AL and SC. NC: If artwork decline continues, graffiti may come back. AL: restoration of mural would be difficult due to damp, root invasion and loose bricks. Other issue is that the agreement between Council and Transport for NSW from 2008 cannot be found. Council needs to sight the agreement before taking any action. AL: Council have had onsite expert review and site was deemed too damp and repair of painted mural not possible. It is going to be very costly in a limited budget and many other murals need attention/budget. BA/AL: clarified that art mosaic inside tunnel is in good condition. AL: Council explained that budget is an issue and other murals need more urgent attention. SC: first need assessment for repair of actual brick wall. This is the next action item by Council. 4. Raised 3 things: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. We need to liaise with CBC (as previously raised by BA), Ryann agreed and will do this. II. Lack of integrated cross-corridor approach and need for place manager, Ryann acknowledges this III. Ongoing issues of maintenance and concerns for future, acknowledged and need plan for maintenance

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		<p>5. Triangle land of 1 Canal Rd, now been reworked and used for truck parking, In MasterPlan is the idea for Council to purchase part of this land for GW. NC has written to Simone Plummer and this may be possible. NC to keep following up.</p> <p>6. Written update shared and will be emailed to members. JK: please urge everyone to submit art, deadline is 25 Aug.</p>
Jo Blackman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land in front of 1A Hill Street. 2. Possible community planting day, at 1A Hill St to celebrate opening of the GreenWay. 	<i>Covered in Business Arising</i>

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

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NIL		

12. Next meeting date for 2024

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Mon 14 Oct 2024

5.45pm-7.15pm