

GreenWay Community Forum
Monday 8 April 2024
Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Meeting Notes

Meeting commenced at 5.47pm and concluded at 7.26pm

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts		Magda Jansen (GW Engagement Officer)
Nick Chapman		Sara Guan (Transport Planning) - online
Bruce Ashley		
Colin Jones		
Jo Blackman		Other/observers:
Danielle Capon		Terry Freshwater

2. Acknowledgment of Country

DC provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

AL notes that reference to 'boats' in the Agenda should be 'dragon boats'

4. Apologies

Apologies: Jennifer Kent, Suzy Carter, Alice Hickey, Bronwyn Holland, Mary Osborn , Thomas Hyun (T&T), Lillian Luxon (T&T), Kate Matthews (IWC), Ken Welsh (IWC)

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

6 members present, no quorum

6. Minutes from last meeting

Acceptance of Minutes from last meeting referred to next meeting, as there is no quorum

Business arising/tracking from Minutes:

Date raised & item description	Date & update	Date & update
Nov '23: NC and BA to provide dot points re Ness Ave and southern GreenWay connection	Feb '24: dot points upcoming	Apr '24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-road GreenWay connection/ Ewart Street/Tennent Parade/Cooks River cycleway engagement with Canterbury Bankstown Council: NC/BA dot points to KW on how to make final physical missing link ready for opening GW: completed. Suggested teams meeting with GCF and IWC, waiting for reply from KW. Relationship IWC & CBC > viewed as out of scope by IWC Capital Works team? BA suggest MoU between both Councils by Mayors as a top-down approach. MoU was signed between 2024-19 by four Councils. NC to raise this issue with Director Infrastructure (via MJ), as per agreed action from previous meeting.
Feb '24: JK/NC talk to Petersham Bowling Club re GW Art Prize location	Apr '24: completed by JK	
Feb '24: GreenWay Guiding Principles by GCF forwarded to IWC	Apr '24: response received from IWC Senior Manager Capital Works	

Feb '24: Forum feedback to BA re GIS Proposal	Apr '24: GIS Proposal submitted to IWC. MJ has update to share via email	
Feb '24: GW promo video – can GCF be involved? MJ to ask IWC comms team.	Apr '24: MJ asked, but no reply. MJ to ask again.	
Apr '24: GW wayfinding design – no update		

7. Officer updates and reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Thomas Hyun, GreenWay Project Manager	Project Management update written report (see email)	
Sarah Guan, Graduate Transport Planning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Active Travel Schools – request for quotation has been released and forwarded to GCF. BA: great news and thank you. SG: also, thanks to NC for input.

8. Items from Forum members

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Nick Chapman	GreenWay art exhibition & status update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GW Art Prize is now at White Bay Power Station and part of Sydney Biennale series of events. It's a high-profile venue.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB: difficult venue to get to with public transport. NC: it's a long way from the GW • Call for entries has gone out and closes on 28 August • GreenWay Art Prize exhibition will be 19-22 September. 19 September is opening night. • 7 prizes on offer, total value \$12,500. • BA: what can be done to promote the GW at this big exhibition? This is an opportunity for GW promotion! <p>AGREED ACTION: BA to put ideas together regarding promotion of GW and share with Forum members</p>
Jennifer Kent	Design Johnson Park GreenWay Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss design in next meeting • NC: can we discuss a new street library in Lewisham West? <p>AGREED ACTION: AL to follow-up with Little Big House Foundation in Lewisham West regarding potential street library on western side of light rail station</p>
Bruce Ashley	Dragon boat storage Bay Run/GreenWay: Council's in-principal agreement to allow dragon boat group(s) access to Canal Rd boat ramp/with shipping container storage placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AL: have checked with IWC today; this was a unanimous decision by Councillors. • BA shared a document with his notes on this (see email) • BA: cycling and pedestrian movements are busy in this area. What can the GCF do? Contact IWC to inform them to consult with Forum on anything on the GW. • AL: this is an in-principal agreement and issues raised by BA will be open for discussion before implementation. • BA: one or two storage shipping containers: visual impacts if by the water, but safer for traffic if not crossing the road. We need more information and details. • NC: how long is this agreement for? NC: in principle this is a suitable activity for GW

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		<p>Two main issues: visual issue and traffic, on top of that is consulting GCF.</p> <p>AGREED ACTION: BA to send document with issues to Director Planning, and mention that it was discussed in the GCF.</p>
Bruce Ashley	Notifying Forum	<p>BA: heard about the dragon boat agreement after it was already agreed to. How can this happen and why was GCF or community not consulted?</p> <p>AL: I have sent this to Councillors who have forwarded this to officers.</p> <p>BA: officers should also consult GW Masterplan</p>
Bruce Ashley	Pedestrian and cyclist access on eastern side of canal	This area hasn't been considered.
Bruce Ashley	Resident using driveway and pathway in Weston St cul-de-sac to work on 4WD vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC to forward photos to MJ and keep lodging Council request • BA: this also relates to bigger issue of monitoring regulations on the GW (signage and education/collaboration) • NC: opening of GW is opportunity for campaign to promote considerate behaviour, and actively sharing the path. • BA: find out how issues raised by residents are dealt with within IWC (what is the process once a complaint is made?) • CJ: can we get all dogs on leash on GreenWay
Nick Chapman	Tracking items raised by Forum	<p>NC: How can be track items raised by the Forum? Resourcing is needed.</p> <p>BA: use Google docs as interim?</p> <p>DC: will set up samples in Google Doc to share with Forum members</p> <p>AGREED ACTION: Forum members to send items for tracking to DC</p>
Nick Chapman	Public art update: maintenance of existing art – Lords Rd tunnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC: GW path outside Lords Rd tunnel gets flooded with dirt every 2-3 months, caused by a blocked storm drain on Lords Rd Leichhardt. This relates to the bigger issue of GW maintenance. TF: suggests reporting this via NSW Bicycle Coalition. NC to send documentation to TF.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TF: Does Hawthorne Canal Flood management Plan affect the GW? AL: Yes mainly from overland flows. Flood analysis was taken into account in detailed design. • NC: Lords Rd tunnel art is suffering from deterioration and graffiti. NC has raised this with IWC. MJ to follow-up with IWC arts team.
Nick Chapman	Update Primary Schools active travel program	<i>See 7. Officer Updates</i>
Jo Blackman		<p>Questions on notice JB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of 1A Hill Street Dulwich Hill: has a condition for 'GreenWay' types of plantings to be included in the landscaping. Who is checking this? - Archives: community photos etc. AL to approach historical society. BA: does council have designated GW archive officer? - 'Mud Crabs' grant application for history of 'Mud Crabs'. This group applied for grant, maybe GCF can also apply for grant to archive history of GW? - Concerns about moving bat roosts discussed.

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
Bronwyn Holland	via email	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Feedback on GreenWay public art selections and response- Response to letter from IWC Senior Manager Capital Works regarding GCF's 'Guiding Principles'

12. General business

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
BA		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toxic tree weed species in Jack Shanahan, near Waratah Mills light rail station and Lewisham West• Constant issue with plants overgrowing on path at Richard Murden Reserve between basketball courts and netball courts

13. Next meeting date for 2024

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

Date TBC via email

5.45pm-7.15pm