

**GreenWay Community Forum**  
**Monday 11 July 2022**  
**Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)**

**Minutes**

Meeting commenced at 5:30pm and concluded at 7:05pm.

**1. Present**

Community members	Councillors	Staff
Alex Lofts	Clr Da Cruz	Kate Jackson
Alice Hickey (online)		Ken Welsh (online)
Bronwyn Holland		Quinn Ritchie
Bruce Ashley		
Colin Jones (online)		
Jed Finnane (online)		
Jennifer Kent		
Jo Blackman		
Nick Chapman		
Suzy Carter (online)		
Timothy Graffen		

**2. Acknowledgment of Country**

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

### 3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

### 4. Apologies

Danielle Capon

Mary Osborn

Clr D'Arienzo

Clr Griffiths

Ryan Hawken

### 5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

A quorum was achieved.

### 6. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes formally moved (AL) and accepted (JK).

### 7. Project updates and reports

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions
In-corridor works	<p>Council received a revised works deed from TfNSW in June.</p> <p>Based on the revised works deed, updated prices and programs were sought from prospective contractors and received on 30 June.</p>	<p>RH to provide update on funding shortfall and contingencies if grant funding is unsuccessful</p>

	<p>Council staff are now considering the submissions and associated funding arrangements.</p> <p>Pending agreement from Councils executive it is intended to engage a Contractor under delegation in line with Council's March 2022 resolution, with Stage 1 to include design and construction of the Central Links and design (only) of the Southern Links; and Stage 2 to include construction of the southern links subject to successfully receiving grant funding.</p> <p>Pending timely engagement of a contractor the initial consultation on the Johnson Park playground upgrade is planned around late August, with consultation on the broader Greenway design planned around late October.</p>	
Bay Run path and lighting upgrade	<p>Contractor Regal Innovations was engaged in February 2022 to undertake the Bay Run Upgrade works. Works are planned from May 2022 to January 2023.</p> <p>The project team have worked with the contractor to reach in-principle agreement to modify the design and the construction method to enable access along the Bay Run throughout the works, with 'minor' diversions in place throughout this period via either the northern end of Richard Murden Reserve and via Canal Road to the Bay Run, or across Lilyfield Road bridge and via Canal Road to Richard Murden Reserve.</p>	
High Voltage Feeder	Contractor Laing O'Rourke was engaged in November	

relocation	<p>2021 to undertake the High Voltage Electricity works.</p> <p>Works were anticipated to be completed in May 2022 but have been suspended indefinitely until such time as industrial action at Sydney Trains is resolved and required permits can be issued again</p>	
Local streets	<p>Practical completion has been achieved.</p> <p>Landscape maintenance under the contractor will run till September.</p> <p>Council is aware of poor performance on landscape maintenance, and the Contractor has engaged a new landscape maintenance subcontractor for the remaining 3 months.</p>	<p>RH to provide update on the plan for the end of the landscape contract.</p> <p>RH to provide details on quality control measures in place for both local streets and in-corridor landscape contracts.</p>

## 8. Reports from forum members and community groups

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Update on bike path from Iron Cove to Ashfield Aquatic Club – flow on effect for the GreenWay	<p>KW provides update on Iron Cove Creek Master Plan: Civile awarded contract in March. Have undertaken consultation with the Friends of Iron Cove Creek. Currently working on consultation with other key stakeholders in June/July. Broader community consultation to happen in August/September.</p> <p>Civille will work on developing preferred alignment and detailed survey work in October/November.</p> <p>The challenging area is from Croydon Road south to</p>	None

	<p>Ashfield Aquatic Centre.</p> <p>Intention of the upgrade is to allow people to travel from the Bay Run to Ashfield Aquatic Centre.</p>	
Damage to verge planting on Weston St	JB reiterates concerns with damage to plantings along the GreenWay by contractors, main issue is lack of follow up/acknowledgement by GW Engagement Officer.	GW Officer must acknowledge and follow up on complaints/queries from the forum.
Council resourcing of Forum actions	<p>QR update: new GW Engagement Officer will be starting in mid-July.</p> <p>Resourcing of the GW Officer doesn't allow for more than operational works (2 days a week allowance) – especially when in-corridor works start back up. Questions regarding operational works should go through RH, where do other issues go?</p> <p>Note that the new Terms of Reference state that the GCF takes more responsibility for actions than in the past.</p> <p>Suggestion to draft a formal response to Council about resourcing. Key message is that the GW is not just about operational works, more about ongoing engagement and management.</p>	AL/NC/BA to prepare briefing paper for next meeting.
GreenWay schools sustainability education program	NC update: Observatory Hill Environmental Education Centre (OHEEC) is running a GW excursion for Leichhardt Public School. OHEEC (funded by Department of School Education) helped develop the original GW School's Sustainability Program.	<p>NC to work with OHEEC to expand GW program to high schools.</p> <p>QR to pass on contacts from schools to NC.</p>

	<p>QR notes: have been approached by two other schools including one high school. Need suggestions on activities for high schools.</p> <p>Suggestions: IT projects e.g. wayfinding, signage, QR codes, mapping. Could do planting on bushcare sites, supply Birdos pamphlet. Can build and install nesting boxes along corridor.</p> <p>KJ notes that the IWC schools network is more focused on knowledge sharing between schools – doesn't run education programs.</p> <p>Urban Ecology team have worked with high schools through bushcare.</p>	
2022 Art exhibition	13 <sup>th</sup> GreenWay Art Exhibition submissions are currently open with more prize money available this year than ever in the past.	
Funding of public art on the GreenWay	<p>Query about a \$800,000 line item for public art in the capital works program – is that money still allocated for public art?</p> <p>JK: there was a grant round in 2021 for art along the GW, don't know what happened about that.</p> <p>Clr da Cruz: public reporting on expenditure should include a detailed breakdown of costs, including the arts funding allocation</p>	RH/Bronwyn Tuohy: what happened with the arts grant funding? Is the art funding within the in-corridor contract or separate?
Federal funding opportunities	AL notes that federal budget will be very tight, unlikely to	

	<p>be any opportunities.</p> <p>BA notes that there may be other federal programs to apply for. Successful application relies on monitoring and proof of success of the GW.</p>	
GreenWay archiving/storage of reports/public facing access to material	<p>Need to determine whether the archive will be for public or private use. Simple first step would be to reinstate the archive section from the old website.</p> <p>QR notes that IWC uses SharePoint for file storage, but that is not linked to public website. GW Officer is responsible for uploading content and basic edits to the GW website. Any technical questions about compatibility, storage etc. should go to Council's website administrator.</p> <p>Clr Da Cruz notes that the Library Local History team may be able to assist.</p>	BA to develop briefing paper on intention for archive – public vs. private, how much to be stored and how it should be organised.
Greenway Icons podcast	<p>BA notes that the GW Icons podcast did not paint a full picture of the works/history. A complete oral history of the GW would be a good project – how do we get these recorded? How to get more involved in these projects?</p> <p>Clr Da Cruz: Library Local History team has a community oral history section. Suggestion that local history groups could write a story/book.</p>	
GreenWay street libraries (JK)	Condition of street libraries is deteriorating as they were made poorly. Books are being thrown out due to water damage, safety issue at Lewisham West due to broken door took too long to action.	<p>GCF to check with Bronwyn Tuohy RE: budget for re-building street libraries.</p> <p>AH to look after Lewisham West. JK will</p>

	<p>Question of whether there is scope to re-build them.</p> <p>JK needs someone to look after Lewisham West while they are away.</p>	share dates.
Cleared trees in GreenWay corridor (BH)	<p>Photos shared of tree clearing along the corridor near 1-3 Williams Parade, Dulwich Hill. No notice was given of the clearing or who was conducting it.</p> <p>JB notes that this happens on both sides of the corridor.</p> <p>History of Ausgrid clearing trees in the area (don't require permits).</p>	TG followed up with Transdev RE: clearing – see Attachment 1.

## 9. Discussion items

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Design details for active transport (JF)	<p>Question over who is in charge of design details for active transport elements of the in-corridor works, especially the rail underpass at Trafalgar Street.</p> <p>Understanding is that nothing is going to progress with Regional Route 7 until the GreenWay has been resolved.</p>	

## 10. General business

None.



## **11. Next meeting**

Monday 12 September 5:30pm

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