

# GreenWay Community Forum

Monday 14 April 2025

Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.40pm and concluded at 7.12pm

### 1. Present

| Community members | Councillors | Council staff                        |
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| Alex Lofts        | Liz Atkins  | Magda Jansen (GW Engagement Officer) |
| Bronwyn Holland   |             | Ken Welsh (Transport Planning)       |
| Bruce Ashley      |             |                                      |
| Colin Jones       |             |                                      |
| Suzy Carter       |             |                                      |
| 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

Alice Hickey, Jennifer Kent, Lillian Luxon (GW Project Manager). Absent: Danielle Capon

## 5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

Quorum reached

## 6. Minutes from last meeting

Moved by BA, seconded by JB, accepted AL

### Business arising:

- SC: NC written to Council to purchase land from NSW government near Café Bones, answer from Council was not at this time, focussing on GreenWay missing links. BA: could be worth finding out who makes decisions about this at NSW government. SC: some of the land is Transport for NSW, other part is Create NSW.
- SC: 1A Hill Street extra bushcare land: IWC successfully liaised with TfNSW to use this for bushcare.
- LA suggested asking the member for Balmain re land purchase near Café Bones.

BH added update to points in the minutes:

- no further repairs to sound wall will be done by IWC
- the tree is not removed yet, waiting on date

## 7. Officer updates and reports

| Name(s)                                       | Item   | Comments/questions   |
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| Lillian Luxon,<br>GreenWay Project<br>Manager | Project Management GreenWay<br>missing links construction progress<br>update | <i>No representative from T&amp;T in attendance, written progress report to be<br/>provided via email.</i> |
| Ken Welsh                                     | 'Active Transport to Schools' program  | <i>See 4.4.5</i>   |

## 8. Items from Forum members

| Name(s)     | Item  | Comments/questions   |
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| Jo Blackman | <p>4.1.1 Update on the Biodiversity Strategy</p> <p>4.1.2 Ausgrid plans to clear part of the Loftus St bushcare site for a new pole and access road</p> | <p>4.1.1. <b><u>MJ to follow up</u></b> with Ryan Jones, Policy Officer at IWC.</p> <p>4.1.2. Works taking place regularly, now Ausgrid wants to place new light pole in middle of tall trees, some trees and vegetation will need to come out, also for a new access road. Can we approach local member about this?</p> <p><b><u>AL can follow up. JB will also follow up</u></b> with urban ecology and councillor Koby Shetty.</p>  |
| Alex Lofts  | 4.2.1 GreenWay Art Prize and Exhibition   | <p>4.2.1. AL will set a meeting with Forum members and IWC. To attend: AL, NC and SC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Councillors and Mayor are aware, possibly should be taken in house, but budget restraints may challenge this. Next financial year may be more realistic.</li> <li>- Venue is still a problem; Council venues are not large enough for an art exhibition. Town Halls not very suitable because of lighting and use by other community groups. NC: bus museum doesn't have enough room. MO: how about private art galleries? NC: would need to be big enough and commercially attractive. MO: or Dulwich Hill High School? NC: also very small, max 30 art works, same with Bankstown Art Centre. Large venues allow to display a lot of entries (more than 300) and attract larger crowds. BA: does it need to be an indoor venue, or can it be outside in the GreenWay corridor? NC: yes is possible, but need suitable budget.</li> <li>- SC: where are we up to since ArtEst closed? Is the PowerUp Festival still happening this year? NC: no funding for PowerUp from Council next year. NC: we had large sponsorship from Australian Cultural Fund last year, but I have no details about this funding. Report from last year</li> </ul> |

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|                     |  | <p>gives a good overview of finances from submissions and sponsorships. In kind sponsorship from ArtEst is an important factor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AL: we may need to do grant applications as a Forum, I can assist. NC: we need someone in IWC to drive this. SC: events team would need to be brought in.</li> <li>- SC: what is timeframe for organising? NC: about 9 months, so no art prize this year.</li> <li>- MO: can we get student art curators involved? NC: I have strong links with students at UTS and UNSW, but this is too large for a student.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Action points:</u></b></p> <p>AL: re-contact local councillor and Mayor, write to Michael Daly and Ruth Callagan to organise meeting. Subgroup to meet before that to write a plan of action.</p> <p>LA: can approach the venue issue with Ruth and urge to organise meeting with Forum and Council to discuss this. We need: venue, budget and someone who can drive this.</p> |
| <b>Bruce Ashley</b> | <p>4.3.1 GreenWay Links</p> <p>4.3.2 IWC Mode Shift Forum</p> <p>4.3.3 Celebrating works completion</p> <p>4.3.4 Foxtail grass</p> <p>4.3.5 Dragon Boats</p> | <p>4.3.1. No documents available around entry/exits to and from the GreenWay. BA has written to Active Transport Planning team but need more details on connections than in the Masterplan. KW: no further action regarding this. Cycling action plan review can involve GreenWay trellis. This does not involve immediate action. <b><u>KW to follow up internally.</u></b></p> <p>CJ: Gartner Rose presented plans at Local Traffic Committee around Smith Street roundabout for improved pedestrian and cycling safety. This is part of the GreenWay missing links construction.</p>   |

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|         |      | <p>BA: NCR stairs don't have wide wheel ramp. <b><u>KW and BA to follow up.</u></b></p> <p>4.3.2. BA: I have been talking to Councillors to have big picture thinking around mode shift.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KW: mode shift event will take place on 16 May, BA to represent GCF. Looking at what barriers are to achieving mode shift away from private cars to active transport and public transport. Identify steps to overcome barriers, then set targets.</li> <li>- BA: Idea of Dulwich Hill activation zone for all mode shift initiatives, better than piecemeal actions all over. NC suggested to review 'Tomorrow's Dulwich Hill Project' (2011-2013).</li> <li>- MO: please consider personal safety on shared paths. BA: active sharing is important, especially around e-bikes and e-scooters. MO: no reliable data on accidents on shared paths. BA: not sure if the mode shift forum can tackle this. MO: dogs on long leashes are also a safety issue. BA: will raise this as part of pro-active engagement in sharing paths.</li> <li>- KW: there is a Council resolution to hold an e-bike and e-scooter forum.</li> </ul> <p>4.3.3. BA: what is happening for the GreenWay launch? Idea: band with bikes. JB: open day at 1A Hill Street.</p> <p><b><u>Action item:</u></b><br/>Forum members send items to BA to collate, then send to MJ to pass on within IWC.</p> <p>NC: opening event may be an opportunity to revive GreenWay Edge event.</p> |

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|              |   | <p>4.3.4. Fountain grass has been declared a weed, but this is not managed. Lots growing in the new wetlands.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> BA and AL to write to Council to remove these on behalf of Forum, JB seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JB: Mayor has promised extra funding for maintenance, but what is happening with this? It is important to educate maintenance teams about native species. BA: working group with IWC would be good.</li> </ul> <p>4.3.5. Containers have already been placed, but no engagement with Forum has been initiated.</p> <p><b>Action item:</b> AL to write to Simone Plummer about this.</p> <p>MO: boulders at Blackmore Oval are a problem. KW: will follow up</p>  |
| Nick Chapman | <p>4.4.1 Lords Road mural – update</p> <p>4.4.2 Acquisition of land at 1a Hill St and Café Bones</p> <p>4.4.3 Lords Road Industrial Estate – status of planning approval + Lords Rd link</p> <p>4.4.4 Southern missing link on City of Canterbury Bankstown land – update</p> | <p>4.4.1. NC: Kobi Shetty wrote to Transport for NSW and received a reply, that TfNSW is aware of maintenance issues, and they will be addressed. TransDev have inspected brickwork and are planning to repair in Oct–Nov 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AL: council will probably remove mural after brick repairs and work on new artwork. NC: now that brickwork will be fixed, we could also restore current mural. May be worth putting a sign up saying ‘remediation works are in progress’.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>AL to write letter of thanks to Cllr Shetty</u></b></p> <p>4.4.2. <i>reported above</i></p> <p>4.4.3. NC: new planning proposal for set of apartments 6 to 8 stories, likely to be approved. Includes tree removal. Main concerns raised by council</p> |

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|               | <p>4.4.5 Schools active travel program – update</p> <p>4.4.6 Old Canterbury Road tunnel – timing etc</p> | <p>previously: was employment generating land, design too overbearing, additional traffic, community uses, impact on Kegworth Public School.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Lords Road is an important link onto the GreenWay. We need to do a submission on how this relates to the GW, this can be an opportunity for the GW. Submissions are due on 16 May.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NC to do submission on behalf of Forum</u></b></p> <p>4.4.4. NC: previous answers from CBC was to not do anything, as no budget available. NC wrote to CBC and KW followed up. KW had meeting with CBC officers and IWC engineers. Commitment made to look at this link to do some counts, and either look at a shared path, slow street, or separated path. Should get their answer to IWC before end of May. IWC to support any grant funding applications. CBC was very supportive.</p> <p>4.4.5. KW: GHD's study/report is with executive to be discussed and considered at next executive meeting in May.</p> <p>4.4.6. Traffic lights will be completed before the opening of the GreenWay.</p> |
| Jennifer Kent | 4.5.1 Johnson Park street library upgrade progress   | 4.5.1. <i>moved to next meeting</i>  |

## 9. Reports from Forum members and community groups

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| IWEG    | Written report via email | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An additional 400 bird leaflets delivered to Council for distribution at mobile office events. Council reports they are very popular</li> </ul> |

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|         |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawthorne Reserve bushcare site. Additional crushed sandstone has been delivered to the site. IWEГ plans to hold a planting event on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, everyone is welcome. This will close off the Communities small grants project.</li> <li>• IWEГ met with Council to discuss the renovation of the Green shed at Hoskin's park. IWEГ will retain the "Ladies" as storage area; the middle section will be used for Parks staff and the "Mens" will be converted into a unsex toilet opening onto the park. Geoff, Adam and Jo cleaned the middle storage area. Many thanks to Adam for his help.</li> <li>• IWEГ has put in a submission on the draft Urban Forests Policy, expressing our disappointment in the document and at the lack of measurable aims, objectives and targets. No mention of understory nor measures to increase urban forest coverage</li> <li>• Conversion of Hill St land into Bushcare site. Contacted Luke Murtas for an update but as yet no response</li> <li>• Local Scout group given a tour of the Pigott St bushcare site on clean up Australia Day. The Troop did a quick clean up along the canal fence within the site, with many thanks</li> <li>• Mary and I have spent another pleasurable hour clearing away the weeds at the "Cadi the Clansman" sculpture at Hawthorne reserve. More work needed.</li> <li>• Historical photos of the GreenWay, I have looked through Clare's back up files and selected a few for the GreenWay video</li> <li>• IWEГ was very pleased to see Mark O'Ryan (from our Friday group) sculpture in place in Hercules Street</li> <li>• On a personal note, Clare Felton passes on her kindest regards. She is looking forward to walking the GreenWay very soon. She has very recently moved into residential care in Wahroonga.</li> <li>• Geoff, Chris and I spent a very pleasurable dinner with Deb Auchinachie, former IWEГ President and champion. Deb is moving to Culburra in the next few months.</li> </ul> |



## 10. Other Reports

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| JB      | Cadigal carpark | Thanks to everyone who rallied to have the Cadigal carpark not extended. |

## 11. Items/questions on notice

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| BA      | Additional link from Dulwich Hill light rail to Hurlstone Park train station (see map in Agenda) | KW: could be integrated in proposed Dulwich Hill activation zone.<br>AL: Dulwich Hill station platform works are going to be completed soon.   |
| BA      | Future of GreenWay Forum   | BA: is the Forum going to stay and what is our function? AL: should be agenda item in next meeting.  |
| NC      | Kamay GreenWay in Bayside Council area   | NC: went on walk with Kamay GreenWay people, lots of talk about education and schools. They are where we were ten years ago.   |
| BA      | GreenWay GIS   | BA: meeting about GreenWay GIS. Software is in place, but not many interactive elements now. Can be built on later. Comms team is also very interested. QR codes could be included. CJ raised potential issues with QR code and fake stickers. |

## 12. Next meeting date

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

Monday 2 June 2025