

GreenWay Community Forum

Monday 2 June 2025

Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.49pm and concluded at 7.24pm

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts		Magda Jansen (GW Engagement Officer)
Bronwyn Holland		Hanno Kahn (GIS)
Bruce Ashley		
Colin Jones (online)		
Suzy Carter		
Jo Blackman		
Nick Chapman		
Mary Osborn		Other/observers:
Jennifer Kent		Terry Freshwater

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

4. Apologies

Lillian Luxon (GW Project Manager), Ken Welsh (Transport Planning). Absent: Danielle Capon, Alice Hickey

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

Quorum reached

6. Minutes from last meeting

Moved by JB, seconded by MO, accepted AL

Business arising:

- AL: future of this Forum and discussion. AL to formulate questions and send via email to members to start this potentially large discussion.
- JK: Johnson Park street library future. Work is progressing well and would like update on progress with street library upgrade with bench seat. Future could maybe include a community notice board? Would also like a yellow bin.
- NC: action item to approach Koby Shetty re land purchase from 1 Canal Rd next to Café Bones, have emailed, no reply yet.
- NC: submission to proposed DA to Lords Rd industrial estate: missed deadline, but did forward points to Clr Shetty, who would include them in her submission.

Addendum:

- Page 4: 4.3.4: change 'Foxtail grass' to 'Fountain grass'

7. Officer updates and reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Lillian Luxon, GreenWay Project Manager	Project Management GreenWay missing links construction progress update	<i>No representative from T&T in attendance, written progress report to be provided via email.</i>

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Hanno Kahn	Interactive GreenWay map presentation of GreenWay mapping tool sample to see what we can do: sites on map, before & after photos, sliders with photos for before and after, videos, nearby features etc.	<p>All Forum members: please provide information, points of interest and before & after photos to Hanno, via Magda.</p> <p>BA/JK: can you live track yourself as a user? HK: Yes we can incorporate that later, to press a button and see where you are.</p> <p>BA: What map base are you using? HK: Arctis Software/Storymap. BA: can we show a topographical map with contours etc? HK: not yet, is an added feature. Storymap is around story-telling.</p> <p>HK: I need to know from you, what you want me to include. HK: another option is nearest things, such as toilets, bus routes</p> <p>BA: can we show canopy cover or bushcare sites? HK: yes bushcare sites. BA: I think Council has tree cover imagery; we can show the GreenWay as an actual green corridor.</p> <p>NC: how about all the art, history and green items, too much all in one? HK: yes agree, I think we can do several themed maps. BA: can we stay on one map and have colour coded icons, or different layers that can be hidden/viewed?</p> <p>MO: can we walk around with this? HK: yes, this is mobile phone compatible.</p> <p>BA: can we show water/rain catchment information? HK: yes if we have the information.</p>

8. Items from Forum members

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Alex Lofts	<p>4.1.1 Meeting with Director Community, Ms Ruth Callaghan and officers (Nick Chapman, Jennifer Kent, Suzy Carter, Alex Lofts- not in particular order)</p> <p>4.1.2 Search for venues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ArtSite Camperdown ▪ Petersham Town Hall ▪ other possibilities? 	<p>4.1.1. Had a meeting and tried to save the Art Prize, but Council has made a firm decision not to continue funding the GreenWay Art Prize. Council wants to fund artists rather than event costs. Shifting towards other art activities, no more art prizes in present form.</p> <p>JK: Ruth mentioned that GreenWay art component needs to be incorporated in a different way, to benefit artists.</p> <p>AL: there has been some miscommunication about not further funding the GreenWay Art Prize. There may have been an email which did not arrive.</p> <p>SC: Focus is on symposium to benefit and support local artists. Upcoming symposium in July this year.</p> <p>BA: can something arty be incorporated into the GreenWay opening? AL: yes they're looking at this.</p> <p>JK/AL: GreenWay Art Prize had focus on community, this focus may not be met with the change in policy. BA: disappointing from Council is the lack of support for community engagement. We could find a private sponsor.</p> <p>4.1.2. no longer applicable with no further funding. Council does not want to go to a commercial gallery, NC: ArtSite is not focussed on community art.</p>
Suzy Carter	<p>4.2.1 Improving dog on/off leash signage In Leichhardt between Bones Cafe area and Blackmore oval.</p>	<p>4.2.1. Conflicting interest: this is supposed to be on leash area, this is dangerous. Need extra signage. BA: GW signage has gone in and includes 'dog on leash' sign. SC: let's see if it makes a difference. JK: need a dog fence.</p> <p>NC: we can get rangers around there. And this is about managing conflict, Council needs to plan for this. BA: shared path usage is not ideal, but it is managed as a recreational resource, not an active transport corridor.</p>

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		BA: we/Council need to get ahead of this conflict that will come with the opening of the GreenWay and the sharing of the path.
Bronwyn Holland	4.3.1 Tree clearing and fencing boundary update 1-3 Williams Pde	<p>4.3.1. The 20m Tallowwood on DP 270052 land most damaged by works is not yet removed, advised this will take place early June.</p> <p>DP270052 has been waiting on confirmation of boundary and package of photos etc as basis for deciding permanent fencing.</p> <p>Works on south section have resumed and a GreenWay team inspected perimeter May 7 and marked a blue line 2.36 meters inside temporary fence, and so 2.36 meters closer to 3 Williams Pde. Trees adjacent to blue line have been marked with paint.</p> <p>On querying what the blue line is, we were advised to have 'low expectations'. This is already well practised.</p> <p>Privacy and Noise impacting 41/3 Thus (sic) is how close the walkway is to my bedroom! I have lost all privacy and the noise at the moment as trying to work from home, is impossible.</p> <p>Why is this happening? Indeterminacy with regard to the boundary of DP270052 on the western perimeter of the corridor for the GreenWay project has aggravated numerous issues including: the loss of original bush barrier for DP270052 by wholesale clearing; the conservation of 5 native Tallowwood trees damaged by works; the responsibility for repairs to damaged cement Sound Wall at 40% of the shared perimeter, and now, by the vexed varying location of the permanent replacement fencing to give security and screening privacy to residents of</p>

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		<p>this community. Further impacts to resident rights of 'peaceful enjoyment' are posed by the apparent significant increase in the height of the GreenWay platform in this south section from plan documents.</p> <p>This demonstrates beyond doubt the deficit in genuine community consultation and engaging with resident concerns about conservation of canopy and impacts on security, privacy, noise and their mitigation. This should have preceded and informed the planning and design process with any of the inevitable variations that arise. Adhering to the intention of this requirement under the law would have averted the compounding shock of so many externalised costs onto this GreenWay 'host community'.</p> <p>Action item: BH to send email to council to ask clarification about blue line.</p>
Bruce Ashley	<p>4.4.1 Fountain grass weed</p> <p>4.4.2 Wheeling ramps for bikes on any set of stairs</p> <p>4.4.3 Events to celebrate opening of the in-corridor works</p> <p>4.4.4 Possible activation zone for active transport around Dulwich Hill</p> <p>4.4.5 New inclusive playground at RMR: bike racks needed</p> <p>4.4.6 Dragon boats at Canal Rd</p>	<p>4.4.1. has done detailed survey and study of Fountain grass in and around the GreenWay, BA has shared the report with Forum and Adam Ward from Council's Urban Ecology team and has done many hours of weeding. This is an invasive weed and can be a future problem. Anyone willing to assist with weeding?</p> <p>4.4.2. has asked question, heard nothing back yet.</p> <p>4.4.3. BA: would be good to get community involved, and Forum involved too, Action item: AL to approach Mayor.</p> <p>4.4.4. Needs coordination, maybe approach Mayor? AL: LEP submission could also work.</p> <p>4.4.5. BA to email Magda and submit Council request online.</p>

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	4.4.7 Report from the Inner West “Shifting Gears: GreenWay & Beyond” (mode shift forum)	<p>4.4.6. Shipping containers and racks now in place –consultation promised but lacking. Action item: BA/AL to email Simone Plummer. Maybe the bushcare teams can get involved in this as well, e.g. Fountain Grass is present there. BA to contact dragon boat group? This can be part of consultation. AL: mention this in email to Simone Plummer.</p> <p>Broader issue of Canal Rd route being downplayed/ignored as part of the GreenWay works. Also, we need recognition that this area is part of GreenWay route; the boats are long and can close off the path from cyclists/pedestrians. AL and BA to work together to express concern about the risk to Simone Plummer.</p> <p>4.4.7 Forum held 16 May this year. Forum was going to come up with vision, targets and actions. A very tentative start was made with this. No senior Council staff was in attendance. No clear outcomes or summary items for actions. Consultant’s report will be sent to Ken Welsh who will take it to Council to be incorporated in 2026 strategies. An online forum may be established.</p>
Nick Chapman	<p>4.5.1 Update re: southern missing link across CBC land to Cooks River</p> <p>4.5.2 Update re: schools active travel report and actions arising</p>	<p>4.5.1. Follow-up meeting had in April. GW signage has gone in that area as well (Ewen Park), which is a good sign for inter-Council dialogue.,</p> <p>4.5.2. no update. TF: education material to schools about GreenWay? NC and TF to discuss this after meeting. NC: geography lessons are developed for schools.</p>

9. Reports from Forum members and community groups

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JB/IWEG	Johnson Park bushcare site damage	<p>Johnson Park new fence, damage to bushcare site very disappointing. JB has sent letter to T&T to express disappointment in their practice,</p> <p>BA: has had similar issue with no reply from T&T.</p> <p>BH: Guiding Principles took a lot of work and have been distributed to all parties, and it was said this was all already in the contract. They seem now to have disregarded both our Guiding Principles and the contract!</p> <p>JK: Site Foremen change a lot.</p>
IWEG	IWEG update via email	<p>Written update from IWEG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A very successful planting day held on Sunday 25 May. Over 150 plants were placed in small extension of the Queen's Jubilee area. Many thanks to Karen and Geoff Wicks for their huge amount of help. Invitation sent to Jo Haylen so see where her grant money was spent now grant money has been spent. • Approached Kobi Shetty's office for an appointment to discuss Ausgrid's proposal to place a pole in the Loftus St bushcare site. Awaiting access to Kobi's diary. • Emails sent to Transdev about weeds and in particular fountain grass and castor oil plants in the rail corridor. Maps sent and request for onsite meeting with Bruce and myself. Will follow up.

10. Other Reports

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BA	media	Great articles in The Guardian and TimeOut.
BA	Davis Street bridge thermal crossing markings are peeling off	This is a major environmental issue.

11. Items/questions on notice

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SC	Opening/launch idea	Community volunteer stands (IWEG, bushcare etc)

12. Next meeting date

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

Monday 11 August 2025