

GreenWay Community Forum
Monday 5 June 2023
Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.46pm and concluded at 7.25pm

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts	Clr Dylan Griffiths (online)	Magda Jansen (GW)
Danielle Capon (online)		Ken Welsh (transport planning)
Bronwyn Holland		Sarah Guan (transport planning)
Bruce Ashley		
Colin Jones		
Jennifer Kent		
Jo Blackman		
Mary Osborn		
Nick Chapman		
Suzy Carter		<i>GW = GreenWay</i>

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

4. Apologies

Thomas Hyun (GW project manager)

Alice Hickey

Dep. Mayor Jessica D'Arienzo

Clr Mat Howard

Clr Mark Drury

Clr Zoi Tsardoulis

Sarah Guan (strategic transport planning)

Kendall Banfield (council staff, transport) – *only attends if Ken Welsh can't make it*

Helen Knowles (council staff, urban ecology) – *only if Adam Ward can't make it*

Absent:

Adam Ward (urban ecology)

JK moved Apologies, JB accepted. Minutes moved.

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

A quorum was achieved.

6. Minutes from last meeting

Minutes formally moved (JB) and accepted (CJ). Moved by AL. Carried.

7. Items/questions from forum members and community groups

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Jennifer Kent, Bruce Ashley, Mary Osborn	Weston Street median planting clearing	<p>BA had been doing weeding in Weston Street, making the median verge healthy with native planting and grasses. His careful work has been radically cleared. BA made complaint and received email from Rachel McKnoulty. This email did not recognise the lack of awareness of council staff on the grounds.</p> <p>AL: need discussion on what is GreenWay and what is not, with Council. Weston Street is part of GreenWay and need to apply GreenWay principles. Need bushcare trained council staff to work together with streetscape staff. NC suggests signage at Weston Street declaring this is a bushcare site. On GreenWay completion, maintenance is important and council/GCF needs to plan for this.</p> <p>JB and BA both have a motion in relation to this.</p> <p><u>JB's motion:</u> The GCF urgently requests a meeting with Council (including Capital Works, Landscape Services and Urban Ecology) to discuss recent maintenance of the GreenWay verge gardens and other native verge gardens within the surrounding streets and Council's plans for ongoing maintenance of these areas and for enter GreenWay once completed.</p> <p>Areas for discussion to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of contract staff verses inhouse staff. How will the quality of any contract works be monitored? • Staff/contractors to have appropriate training in native plant identification. • Hand weeding is at times required. • Communication with stake holders eg GCF, bushcare groups. • Long term strategy on how to maintain the GreenWay plantings

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How often will weeding be done and plants replaced. • How to engage the community to help look after the plantings • How will communication between the group occur • Quality management and checking of the quality of the work done <p>JK has addition to motion: all relevant IWC staff will have to be informed of where GW is and associated verges/streetscapes. AL suggests getting this into a regulation.</p> <p>MO: Fred Steet was also decimated and should be included in GreenWay area.</p> <p>KW: suggests GCF comes up with motion on green grid, and all streets on green grid have these same principles. Including recommendation that all relevant principles be made known to relevant IWC staff.</p> <p><u>BA's motion:</u> GCF wants meeting to present GreenWay principles to council.</p> <p>AGREED ACTION: BA, JK and AL to draft principles and seek meeting with suggested discussion points. AL to send request to Magda to forward to Director Infrastructure.</p> <p>Suggested items for discussion/principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate staff training in native plant identification. • Communication with stake holders/groups and how this will occur. • How often weeding is to be done and plants replaced. • When hand weeding is (at times) required. • Long term strategy/method to maintain GreenWay plantings • Plan for division of responsibilities regarding different areas of planting.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of Local Area Traffic Management Gardens to ascertain better compliance with GreenWay objectives and not simply traffic management. • Interactive GIS for 'live' reporting.
Jennifer Kent	The GreenWay Edge Festival	<p>JK: Opening was well attended. Edge festival itself was poorly attended, due to difficulties with council organisation and promotion. Art Est did their own art activity and 300 people were in attendance.</p> <p>BA: would like to see schools' involvement, too concentrated on the Canal Rd side of the GW, not the whole GreenWay. JK agrees and saw a real lack of promotion.</p> <p>NC: also disappointed in attendance numbers. Suggests getting schools involved, e.g. lantern making and lantern parade. NC suggests collating feedback for council. NC to follow up with Ruth Callaghan (council's Director of Communities) to ask how they want this presented.</p> <p>AGREED ACTION: SC and NC to draft feedback about GreenWay Edge Festival to present to Council.</p>
Jennifer Kent	Lewisham West Library - door repair	<p>The street library door has been fixed by council, but now the perspex window has been vandalised. Do we keep this, move it or find a volunteer for upkeep? Victoria Johnston looks after them in council. JK suggests moving to within Flour Mills area. AL: close temporarily until permanent solution? JK: we can keep it half open.</p> <p>AGREED ACTION: AL to draft letter to management of Flour Mills, EG Properties. JK to contact Victoria about moving it.</p> <p>NC: better to move to council park near McGill Street and Hudson St park, near the ping pong table. AL: might know volunteer in the area.</p>
Nick Chapman	GreenWay Art Prize follow up	<p>Email exchanges with Ruth Callaghan, \$25k for exhibition locked in, looking for in-kind support from council (staff), but council declined. NC: explained further in email, need council staff member from council arts team to be involved.</p>

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Suzy Carter, Jennifer Kent	Petersham Bowling Club potential sponsorship of GreenWay Art Prize	President of Petersham Bowling Club Club (George) has been asked if Petersham Bowling Club Club could support photography prize. Last year total prize money was \$1.8k, a donation towards that would be appreciated. AGREED ACTION: JK to contact George urgently asking for sponsorship. AL and NC to review draft before sending.

8. Other Reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Alex Lofts	GCF Annual Report	Annual Report has been sent, Clr Dylan Griffiths and Clr Timothy Stephens will move it at next council meeting, AL will attend in person and outline what GCF is doing.
Bronwyn Holland	GW early works 1-2 April	Early works between Constitution Rd and New Canterbury Rd: met with shock by residents > not enough warning and consultation. Also, no artist impression for the area. Response has been received around loss of security on eastern boundary of 1-3 Williams Pde. Residents sought advice from police around security and issue was recognised. Now residents have received proposal for temporary fencing, which will be replaced by permanent fence in due course (on boundary). AGREED ACTION: BH to circulate fencing proposal from Gartner Rose to GCF.
Bruce Ashley	Changes to GreenWay plans	Any changes to GW plans need to be brought to GCF as well. MJ to assess if this is resident-specific or is relevant for all GW users. If unsure, contact AL to discuss.

9. General business

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Bruce Ashley	Canterbury-Bankstown southern end of the corridor: safety issues, future share path enhancement, better engagement	AL/NC to raise with Stuart Hull in meeting
Bruce Ashley	How to boost engagement between IWC officers and forum re initiatives and planning that relate to the greenway issues. E.g. IWC Active Inner West Portal, and Map vs interactive GIS; ecological sites vs landscaped median areas, and how best to raise minor, local/specific issues.	GIS: 'Active Inner West' map has been released with community activities via QR code, can this be further progressed to include GreenWay. GCF needs to liaise with this.
Bruce Ashley	Path use: current status and plans for monitoring of use of the GreenWay shared paths and road/footpath network. Engagement/interaction with groups which have large numbers that use the corridor: such as Birdos, Greenway Park Run, sporting groups, IWEG.	Hawthorne Canal has monitoring. BA to find out if monitoring will happen with GreenWay.
Bruce Ashley	Funding and maintaining momentum for tunnel crossing under Old Canterbury Rd and mart traffic lights.	<p>What is the current status? Have any grants been sought? GCF to lobby new minister. BA: wants to push this now, maybe motion from GCF to push council to pursue this?</p> <p>Motion BA: that GCF contacts council to encourage to pursue funding with NSW Government for tunnel. JK Second.</p> <p>NC: needs to be carefully nuanced/worded. AL: ask about status of grants and which grants will be sought to complete all the missing links of the GW</p>

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		<p>including Old Canterbury Rd tunnel. And if there are no grants presently being sought, urge council to seek grants with NSW State Government.</p> <p>In favour: 7 Against: 3 Abstain: 0 <u>Motion passed.</u></p> <p><u>Motion JB:</u> motion to expresses concern about loss of habitat in construction of a tunnel under Old Canterbury Rd. Second MO Favour: 5 Against: 2 Abstain: 3 <u>Motion passed.</u></p>
Bruce Ashley	Replacement of the two forum members who have left: agreeing on method and timetable.	<p>Add to beginning of next meeting for discussion? Go back to previous applications or new expressions of interest? JK expressed concern about this process.</p> <p><u>AGREED ACTION:</u> add to beginning of next meeting for discussion on method for seeking new members.</p>
Colin Jones	GW progress reports	CJ would like to see a GW progress report as standing item. If the GW project manager can't attend, then provide a one page update in writing.

10. Next meeting dates for 2023

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

5.45pm–7.15pm

Monday 14 August 2023

Monday 13 November 2023