

**GreenWay Community Forum**  
**Monday 6 February 2023**  
**Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)**

**Minutes**

Meeting commenced at 5.45pm and concluded at 7.40pm

**1. Present**

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts	Clr Timothy Stephens (online)	Magda Jansen (GW)
Alice Hickey	Clr Dylan Griffiths	Ken Welsh (transport planning)
Bronwyn Holland	Clr Kobi Shetty	Sarah Guan (strategic transport planning)
Bruce Ashley	Clr Justine Langford	Katie Miles (infrastructure planning)
Colin Jones		Adam Ward (urban ecology)
Jennifer Kent		Thomas Hyun (Turner & Townsend)
Jo Blackman		
Nick Chapman		
Suzy Carter		
Danielle Capon (online)		GW = GreenWay

**2. Acknowledgment of Country**

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

### **3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair**

Introductions

### **4. Apologies**

Bronwyn Thuoy

Dep. Mayor Jessica D'Arienzo

Clr Mat Howard

Clr Mark Drury

Clr Zoi Tsardoulis

Timothy Graffen (resigned from GCF)

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:

Jed Finnane

JK moved Apologies, NC accepted.

### **5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)**

A quorum was achieved.

### **6. Minutes from last meeting**

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

## 7. Project updates and reports

Item	Summary	Questions
Katie Miles	Acting Team Leader Infrastructure Planning at Inner West Council – presentation on how the council's Contributions Plan relates to the GreenWay and 'Planning Proposals and the GreenWay'	<p>Katie will share presentation and handouts with forum members</p> <p>JB: Voluntary planning agreements/contributions, are they different? Yes, they are an offer to council (e.g. works in kind) in lieu of payment. JB: Is it wise for council to rely on these income sources? Only works for new growth, so if no growth, no needs. JB: How can we provide new greenspace in Gadigal area? Best way is to look at streets (land acquisition is expensive), partner with developers to provide this. NC: major developments can be an opportunity; how can we communicate this to planners? Can we be briefed when planning proposals are being submitted? Yes, in community engagement plan. Planning Proposals are noted in council reports, once Gateway determinations have been made. Yes, Katie can take this to manager, but plans can vary greatly between initial plan and Gateway phase, so it may be more useful to review plans at Gateway phase.</p>
Thomas Hyun (Turner & Townsend consultancy)	GreenWay Project Manager – presentation on overview of the GreenWay design and an update on the progress	<p>BA: Who is contact in active transport for council? Stuart Hull, Senior Manager Capital Works. Ken Welsh is also involved for Brigid Kelly, Senior Transport Planner.</p> <p>JK: Any issues with TfNSW re approvals and delays? Ryan Hawken (previous project manager) has put all processes in place with TfNSW. We can now take lots of practical steps, e.g. fortnightly meetings with TfNSW, so approvals are ready for when construction starts. Also, an executive</p>

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		<p>meeting group will be in place. We're on track now with design and engineering reports.</p> <p>JB: When will community consultation take place?</p> <p>It is expected to commence in March, with the draft detailed design plans presented to the community.</p> <p>JB: When will the Hercules St triangle be built?</p> <p>Thomas to review construction program. Most likely towards the end of program.</p> <p>JB: Can urban ecology person from council attend building site?</p> <p>Extensive tree management plan will be in place, contractor will need approval for removal.</p> <p>NC: Is T&amp;T holding the fort until new project manager is engaged?</p> <p>Yes, for project delivery, not for council aspects of the job.</p> <p>NC: Does the Council's PCG still exist?</p> <p>Yes, still exist, meetings on monthly basis, with council directors.</p> <p>MO: What risk management is in place for biodiversity?</p> <p>For example, microbat management: construction program around breeding times and design of tunnel.</p>
Adam Ward	Comments on GreenWay design plans	<p>Adam is concerned about biodiversity loss and a shift in language from past practice and is voicing his advice with GW project management. Adam notes that the creek line in Hercules St is the last natural creek line in the Inner West. The community consultation period is coming up and feedback is important. Adam suggests putting biodiversity plans in community engagement materials. It's better to protect what we have, rather than re-build.</p> <p>NC: can we receive a briefing about how experts within council are invited to give their feedback? BA: especially active transport?</p>

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		Thomas: All relevant teams/departments had 2 weeks' notice to give written feedback. T&T is having separate meetings with each department to discuss their comments.
Green-Blue corridor consultation	Do we want dedicated workshop or join more general workshop?	Specific workgroup please. Magda to suggest a Monday in March around same time as this meeting.

## 8. Terms of Reference Report – Annual Report to Council

Annual Report to council is part of GCF ToR. Needs to be completed by next meeting. Strategic Plan will become part of this.

**Agreed working group members:** Alex, Nick, Jo, Jennifer.

Others: please send feedback to Alex

## 9. Strategic Planning

Not discussed due to time constraints.

## 10. Items/questions from forum members and community groups

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Alice Hickey Jo Blackman, Bruce Ashley	Weston St community verge maintenance and weeding	AH: garden beds have struggled from not being maintained, so residents' working bee took place to remove many weeds and other plants. Residents

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		<p>are willing to do maintenance but have questions about if council should do this. Or maybe a bushcare team?</p> <p>BA: need council and community involvement</p> <p>JB: points to problem with council's contractors</p> <p>AH: Can Thomas please take this on board for GW handover, maybe with leaflet with instructions for residents? Thomas: Yes.</p>
Jennifer Kent, Nick Chapman, Suzy Carter	GreenWay Art Prize/Council funding	<p>NC: concerns about future funding and need for permanent venue. Letter has been sent to council with meeting request and received reply: 3 or 10 March at 10.30-11am via Teams.</p> <p>JK: letter of appreciation sent to Tara (curator) and was much appreciated</p>
Bruce Ashley	Biodiversity Plan and Active Transport	<p>BA: net gain biodiversity plan proposed in Sep/Oct '22. But plan went into one direction, that was far away from what BA envisaged. BA wants to look at other direction too, such as offset areas.</p> <p>AL: acted on forum decision and had to make a difficult call.</p> <p><b>Agreed action:</b></p> <p>Write new guide for contractor (BA, JB, MO, BH, NC, CJ) to have win-win situation for biodiversity and active transport. MO to convene the meeting.</p>
Bruce Ashley	Interaction Of Forum with IWC Regular Face to Face Meetings with IWC Staff	Not discussed due to time constraints.
Bruce Ashley	Effectiveness of Forum in Pathway Design and Construction	Not discussed due to time constraints.
Bruce Ashley	Design and Operation of GreenWay in Canterbury-Bankstown LGA	Not discussed due to time constraints.

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Jo Blackman	Railway Heritage conservation	Not discussed due to time constraints.

## 11. Follow up on project groups

Not discussed due to time constraints.

## 12. General business

NIL

## 13. Next meeting dates for 2023

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

5.45pm-7.15pm

**Monday 17 April 2023**

**Monday 5 June 2023**

**Monday 14 August 2023**

**Monday 13 November 2023**