

Meeting Minutes

Transport LDG

2 July 2025

Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

Meeting commenced at 6.00pm and concluded at 7.35pm.

Attendees

Community members	Council officers	Councillors
Ben Cebuliak (Chair)	Ken Welsh	
Alan Finlay	Sarah Guan	
Angelo Arunlanandam		
Brett Andrews		
Col Jones		
Graham Hall		
Fred Gennaoui		
Jesse Rowlings		



Chairperson

Ben Cebuliak

Acknowledgement of Country

Apologies and membership changes

Lauren Handelsman and Lyall Kennedy were absent

Disclosures of conflicts of interest

No new conflicts of interest were disclosed

Endorse previous meeting minutes

Endorsed



Discussion Items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Agenda item outcome/action (as required)
Review of challenge questions	<p>Committee members were notified of the specified Challenge Questions that were adopted at the June Council Meeting.</p> <p>Committee members were asked to keep these questions in mind as we progressed through the briefings and study reviews.</p> <p><i>Challenge Questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. How can we better connect to public transport to further facilitate sustainable travel and reduce road congestion and parking reliance?</i><i>2. What strategies can we implement to reduce the demand for private vehicle parking in the Inner West?</i> <p><i>Discussion:</i></p> <p>Committee members would like to continue dealing with the Challenge Questions as high-level, long-term challenges that can be kept in mind as with other studies are considered. Members felt that the</p>	<p>Members will keep the Challenge Questions in mind as they consider further studies.</p>

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	questions could not be dealt with effectively at a Local Democracy Group level.	
Great Inner West Walk	<p>Members were provided with a briefing on The Great Inner West Walk Study and were invited to provide early feedback for consideration in the draft Study.</p> <p>The briefing overview provided identified missing links, key benefits and objectives.</p>	<p>Council staff will consider the group's comments and relay them to the consultants to integrate into the draft Study as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing link identified on Unwins Bridge Road. As a whole, the south of the LGA requires a more attention. • Lilyfield Road and its parallel streets have steep gradients. Other forms of transport should be considered for this section of the walk. • Sydenham Station area upgrades should be integrated as part of the Great Inner West Walk • Intersection crossings are the main barriers to walking. The Study should focus on more difficult intersections which may require higher level support and/or intervention, and to consider replacing signalised crossings with zebra crossings on less busy streets. • Walking speed should be considered throughout the development of the Study, particularly on how long a walk should be. • Bus stops are traditionally along former tram lines and are a good determinant for walking • Wayfinding is crucial as part of this project • For residential areas, consider linking them with the Active Travel to Schools project for safer routes and potential educational walks <p>Members agreed to another round of engagement with the consultants at the next meeting on 17 September 2025.</p>

Reminder of current Council Projects	<p>A general overview of current and anticipated future projects that the group may be requested to assist with was provided including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inner West Parking Strategy and Public Domain Parking Policy • Great Inner West Walk Masterplan • Active Travel to Schools Study • Public Transport Position Statement • Integrated Transport Strategy Update • Electric Vehicle Strategy Update • Kerbside EV Private Charging Policy • EV Kerbside Charging Policy • InnerWest@40 implementation 	<p>N/A</p>
General business	<p>The Chair asked members to raise additional topics they would like considered at future meetings. The following were raised:</p> <p><i>InnerWest@40</i> Implementation</p> <p>Alan Finlay raised that there were issues with the rollout including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unclear VMS messaging that did not mention the rollout was only for local streets • Some signages were unbagged prior to the enforcement date • Inconsistencies between speed limit signages and on-road stencilled speed limits. <p>Our Fairer Future Plan LDG Engagement Session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council officers will discuss <i>InnerWest@40</i> inconsistencies with Council's Traffic team. • Council officers will send the presentation slide deck to members. • Council officers have requested members to inform them of their dietary requirements to assist with future catering.

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	<p>The chair requested a de-brief of the engagement session on the night of 26 June 2025. Alan Finlay and Angelo Arunlanandam shared the following for those who were unable to participate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, slightly disappointing turn-up resulting in a smaller engagement than anticipated • Parking was the most contentious topic at the engagement • It was considered that re-zoning was not the sole answer, it is essential that a fully integrated approach be applied across the LGA and Sydney as a whole (including public and active transport improvements) • Consideration needs to be given to mechanism to encourage and maintain affordable housing • Supporting land uses must also be provided (eg schools and community/social infrastructure) <p>Footpath Renewal</p> <p>Members raised a question on why relatively new footpaths were being renewed rather than ones that required attention.</p>	
	<p>Future Meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 September 2025; and • 26 November 2025 	N/A



Next meeting

17 September 2025