

# **GreenWay Community forum meeting – Agenda Monday 13 April 2026**

**5.45pm - 7.15pm**

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

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

**Introductions**

**Apologies**

**1. Minutes from last meeting:** Business arising/Agreed actions follow up

**2. Items to track from previous meetings**

**3.1 Thank you to Magda for her service and engagement**

**3.2 The forum and the future (Chair and all)**

3.2.1 Governance officers and the Forum position paper

3.2.2 Frank retrospective and reflection/ achievements disappointments

3.2.3 Relationship and communications with Council officers

3.2.4 Options

3.2.5 Report to Council

**4. Officer updates and reports** (Depending on attendance this item may be moved before 3.2 above)

**5. Items from Forum Members** (note items are listed in the order received)

**5.1 Suzy Carter**

5.1.1 Meeting with living Arts team and the GreenWay Art Exhibition

**5.2 Bruce Ashley**

5.2.1 A new methodology needed for future decision making and management of the GreenWay - takes into account community, expert and elected representative views? The current backwards and forwards between the Forum and IWC staff isn't working. Need a system of keeping track of issues and responding to the GreenWay as a multi-faceted vision and geographical place, not dot-points in a jumbled mix of officers list of responsibilities.

5.2.2 Latest on Weed-free by '33, and latest re inability of IWC and contractors to effectively manage weeds post construction. Where has the GreenWay GIS got to? It could play a major part in Weed-free by '33 corridor

5.2.3 Suggestion that the GreenWay should have a listing on the Rail Trails Australia web site now that it is open and significant parts of the trail are within an operational rail corridor.

5.2.4 Report from Better Streets panel forum on the Greenway held at Little Big House Sunday 29 March

### 5.3 Jo Blackman (photos below)

5.3.1 Placement of guards around planting edges/boarders, especially around corner to stop people creating desire lines. Successfully used in Jubilee Park/Federation Park in Glebe. (I recently saw a runner dashing diagonally across Old Canterbury Road and plough straight through the plantings.)

5.3.2 Creating of dog sand box toilets. Not as big as pictured of course. They are used extensively in London.

5.3.3 Creation of GreenWay Maintenance Manager's position:

- Not a comms, desk bound or PR position someone who knows the Greenway intermittently.
- Hands on position person with good Bushcare skills, maintenance skills, good contacts within the community, and within Council, good people skills.
- Can set up small groups of weeders, coordinate with all the groups and train them in weeding and planting skills.
- Could co-ordinate the correct plants that are needed. This person could also co-ordinate the grant for the Hercules Creek line.
- Someone to facilitate timely/immediate action without a process hierarchical decision making.
- Many people have asked both Jo and Bruce about joining weeding groups. (At the moment Urban Ecology, just don't have the resources to organise.

### 5.4 Nick Chapman

5.4.1 Weston Street

5.4.2 State Government interest in Greenways and the Greengrid

## 6. General Business and Community Groups and Representative's reports

Photos for item 5.3:

