

# GreenWay Community Forum

Monday 9 February 2026

Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.39pm and concluded at 7.23pm

### 1. Present

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

### 2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country

### 3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

### 4. Apologies

Ken Welsh (IWC), Aleksandar Spasenovski (IWC)  
No longer attending: Stuart Hull (IWC), Thomas Hyun and Lillian Luxon (Turner & Townsend)

### 5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

Quorum reached

### 6. Minutes from last meeting

Moved by BA, seconded by SC, carried AL

Business arising: NIL

Items to track: NIL

AL:

Idea for future meetings: change this section to 'items to note from previous meeting and sent to Council' to streamline the meetings.

NC: may be an issue with IWC getting back to Forum members. AL: some items in this meeting for example, may already been resolved or at least in progress.

BA: Have already made a Google doc last year to track issues. AL: Let's revisit at end of meeting.

### 7. Officer updates and reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
NIL		

## 8. Items from Forum members

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Alex Lofts	<p>4.1.1 Future of the GreenWay Community Forum position paper (revised)</p> <p>4.1.2 Email to all Councillors supporting Weed Free By '33 (see item 4.3)</p> <p>4.1.3 Weston Street</p>	<p>4.1.1 Revised position paper comments? NC: maybe add explicit reference to 'risk'. AL: please send comment to me for inclusion</p> <p>4.1.2 BA: hoping for in-principal support from Councillors. JK: need accountability from IWC on how funding is spent</p> <p>4.1.3 AL: GW is successful and impact on Weston Street is noticeable. MO: busses with Asian tourists. AL: large group of cyclists going through, but it has died down during the week with schools starting. MO: businesses can also capitalise on the GreenWay traffic. SC: concerns on how getting in and out of driveways. AL: maybe we need extra signage for 'slow' NC: have had two resident conversations; they are concerned about bins and footpath being too narrow. Letter of complaint will come from residents. Maybe conduct resident survey? JK: wayfinding can be tricky, and maybe have a mobile ranger on the GreenWay, early morning noise is also a concern. NC: we need to tell residents that we are not ignoring their concerns. BA: people react to change, we can do some practical things, but it's a learning experience and it will improve with time. Also, good things, such as families being able to ride on the street. TF: comes down to separation; we are still supporting a dividing line. JB: wonder if this is the same in Ness Ave.</p>
Mary Osborn	<p>4.2.1 Submission for 'Claire Felton Way' (circulated plus photos of plaque in Gadigal Reserve)</p>	<p>4.2.1 AL: IWC reluctance to name things after a person. Will have to go through formal process.</p> <p>MO: <b>Motion:</b> the 'old' pathway in Gadigal Reserve to be named Claire Felton Walk, she lived near the area and was a very involved GreenWay advocate and Gadigal Reserve in particular. She planted many trees. Also support from local residents. JB: Claire bushcare involvement for more than 50 years and starting first bushcare group in the 70s, part of IWEG from the beginning and other local community groups. There are other places named after people in</p>

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		<p>IWC. BH: Claire's guidance helped teens creating a lifelong love of bushcare. Community involvement is best recognised while the person is still alive.</p> <p>BA: worthwhile cause to recognise someone's contribution, but there were others involved as well, and Claire was only peripheral to the GreenWay, Here name and credit is already on a plaque in Gadigal Reserve, as only name mentioned on the GreenWay. Would prefer it called the Wangal Way, recognising the aboriginal people in the area.</p> <p>JK: the GreenWay and bushcare is/was a community project and not one individual, must continue to be recognised as a community project. Any Aboriginal naming would have to go through appropriate channels.</p> <p>NC: we are all fond of Claire, but not one single person should be singled out, as the GW is a broad community effort over many years. Her name on the sign in Gadigal Reserve should be enough.</p> <p>SC: do we put this forward as a recommendation to IWC as a group? Or does it go individually from MO/JB/BH?</p> <p>AL: this should be an individual/group submission, not a Forum submission, as we do not have agreement on this.</p>
<b>Bruce Ashley</b> (with Jo Blackman, Jennifer Kent)	4.3.1 Weed-Free by '33 – latest on the vision. Detailed position paper to come; current issues: re contractor. Management of in-corridor works weed control.	4.3.1 BA: few revisions of Weed-Free by '33 vision, also created a position paper 20-30 pages, this should be able to support funding applications for 2026-27 financial year. GW contractor is in charge of GW weeding/planting maintenance with varying results, no care taking about weed seeds spreading, need more coordination. Get in touch with BA for more info. We need a vision of a weed-free corridor, but we also need a strategic management plan. JB: can we apply for environmental trust grant, or other

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			grant options? BA: grant applications are another step, especially once Councillors are on board.
Jennifer Kent	4.4.1  4.4.2  4.4.3  4.4.4	Need for new or updated Master Plan? The construction of the GreenWay is an ongoing process. Safety issues. Need for mobile rangers. State of toilet near Lang Rd Bridge. Library issues	4.4.1 JK: Need Plan of Management for the GreenWay, and what is maintenance budget? Need more detailed commitment from IWC.  4.4.2 JK: saw a ranger on Gadigal secondary path, but need rangers on bikes.  4.4.3 JK: Ewen Park is part of CBC, this toilet is used a lot more with opening of GW. Can we question CBC as a Forum? AL: yes  <b>Agreed action:</b> JK to draft email and share with AL  4.4.4 JK: JP street library has 4 shelves but would prefer 3 shelves. A lot of usage, especially in the weekend.
Nick Chapman	4.7.1  4.7.2  4.7.3	The first 2 months for the extended GreenWay – round table Forum discussion of impressions, reflections, feedback from the community etc. Conflict with residents along Weston St and maybe Ness Ave? (as above) Pedestrian/cycle conflict generally – how best to manage it and promote sensible, equitable and considerate use of the shared path by all?	4.7.1 <i>not discussed</i>  4.7.2 <i>see item 4.1.3</i>  4.7.3 NC: shared path conflicts. SC: can we create speed limits? BA: may not be very effective. We need more ‘active sharing signage’: sharing is how we can all work together to share a path. BA: people like the recreational informality of the GW, without many signs/lines/etc. NC: promote equitable, sensible and considerate path use by everyone: how can we assist as a Forum? Standing item. TF: similar issues in Centennial Park, can ask for their long-term plan.  4.7.4 CBC link has seen some encouraging progress. NC to circulate email from CBC. JK: issue with wayfinding in this area.

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	<p>4.7.4 Getting the southernmost link along Ness Av to Tennant Parade sorted with Canterbury Bankstown Council.</p> <p>4.7.5 Compiling a collection of media reports &amp; social media mentions before/after the opening.</p> <p>4.7.6 Before/after pedestrian and cycle counts – how to access existing data and collect new data? A video of the community vision for the GreenWay.</p> <p>4.7.7 Litter management along the GreenWay.</p> <p>4.7.8 2025 GreenWay Art Exhibition – feedback, reflections, next steps.</p> <p>4.7.9 Ongoing management/maintenance and status of access agreements with 3rd parties e.g. TransDev, Sydney Trains, Sydney Water.</p>	<p>4.7.5 <b>Magda to check with comms team</b></p> <p>4.7.6 BA: there is preliminary data but need new data to compare. <b>Magda to follow up with traffic team.</b></p> <p>4.7.7 see PowerPoint presentation</p> <p>4.7.8 moved to next meeting</p> <p>4.7.9 <i>not discussed</i></p>
<b>Bruce Ashley</b> (further items)	4.8.1 Brush turkey mound partially blocking the GreenWay pathway at	4.8.1 BA: Can this be managed rather than not touching at all? AL: NSW state law applies; brush turkeys are protected species.

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	<p>Hercules St. What is IWC actions/policy on this? Needs to be managed to ensure full path width. Suggested action to place low shade cloth barrier between mound and shared path.</p> <p>4.8.2 Follow-up audit on path works – issues have noted since opening (apart from signage). Email to be sent to Magda separately.</p> <p>4.8.3 Signage – lack of GreenWay-branded navigation signage and comments from path users since opening. How can the Forum help push things along?</p> <p>4.8.4 Path usage monitoring/count. What is the latest? IWC over a year ago stated in writing that all was in hand but appears there has been no new monitoring of path usage since the opening.</p>	<p>4.8.2 <i>email reply coming</i></p> <p>4.8.3 <i>Council is working on additional signage</i></p> <p>4.8.4 <i>See 4.7.6</i></p>

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AL	Walk in May on history of the GreenWay by Ashfield History Society	

### 9. Reports from Forum members and community groups

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Bronwyn Holland	Written report – see end of Minutes	<p>BH: how to weed steep area north of New Canterbury Rd? BA: needs a coordinated approach with TransDev. JB: needs maintenance from GW contractor. BA: could use GIS system to identify all areas and see who's responsible.</p> <p>BH: more trees promised for area outside 1-3 Williams Pde. How can we create more shade for this area north of New Canterbury Rd?</p>
IWEG	IWEG update via email	BA: is there scope to extend Waratah Mills bushcare site on other side? JB: this may happen, working with IWC, some access challenges as access is via light rail platform

### 10. Other Reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
NIL		

## 11. Items/questions on notice

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MO	Weston St pump station partial nursery/public area update?	AL: no update yet. BA: some drilling was done, not sure if this was related. Magda to follow up within Council

## 12. Next meeting date 2026

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

**Monday 13 April 2026**

### Item 9 Written Community Report Bronwyn Holland

*South section between Constitution and New Canterbury Rd bridges*

*1. Embankment below 553 New Canterbury Rd apartments was planted out after early clearing but is now infested with weeds. Suggest planting for shade needs to be a priority. See attached photos.*

#### *2. GreenWay and safety issues*

*The GreenWay is proving to be wildly popular with a diversity of walkers, runners and riders throughout the week and at any hour. Users may be pushing prams, carrying infants, or relying on walking aids. They may be cycling solo or with passengers and trailers. They ride tricycles, bikes, scooters and skateboards, non-powered and electric, legal and otherwise.*

*Many users on foot have expressed alarm about the hazard of the speed and proximity of bike and scooter riders and the proximity of runners. There's often no sound to warn of approach.*

*Example 19.01*

*Taverners Hill to Marion on the flat below the GreenWay intersection, where path seems narrower, a 'drafting Peloton' file of 5-6 riders sped north between the walkers (2x2) approaching from opposite directions. This was a threatening experience for walkers.*

*3. Update 1-3 Williams Pde*

*Following October Council motion requiring consultation with community to resolve outstanding issues including privacy, there has been valuable exchange with engineer A. Spasenovski. Community is waiting on proposals for screening infrastructure and remediation of impacts.*