

GreenWay Community Forum

Monday 10 November 2025

Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.39pm and concluded at 7.11pm

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts		Magda Jansen (GW Engagement Officer)
Bronwyn Holland		Thomas Hyun (Turner & Townsend, GW Project Manager) - online
Bruce Ashley		
Colin Jones		
Suzy Carter		
Jo Blackman		
Nick Chapman		Other/observers:
Jennifer Kent		Terry Freshwater (AshBUG)
Mary Osborn		David Rollins

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

Introductions: David Rollinson, observer with interest in item 4.4.1

4. Apologies

Alice Hickey

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

Quorum reached

6. Minutes from last meeting

Moved by JB, seconded by CJ, accepted AL

Business arising: NIL

Items to track: See agenda items

7. Officer updates and reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
Thomas Hyun, GreenWay Project Manager Turner & Townsend (T&T)	Project Management GreenWay missing links construction progress update	AL: thank you to TH for presentations over the last years and clear communication BA: wheeling ramps on stairs NCR? TH: take on notice NC: Traffic lights OCR: who's building? TH: Gartner Rose is constructing these now NC: license and maintenance agreements with asset owners: who is leading this as it includes various teams within Council? TH: Agreements sit with Council

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		<p>as a whole (and TfNSW/Sydney Water etc). Council then distributes over several teams who are responsible for which elements. Asset owner walks are already taking place regularly. TH: Council legal team is working with asset owners' legal teams.</p> <p>BH: 1-3 Williams Pde loaned a strip of land for works which has been returned, some sections of fence were taking off site and replaced, but there are still some adjacent areas of fence that need improvements. Can these be repaired and painted? TH: send photos or records to MJ and we will review.</p> <p>JB: Terry Street, large rocks to stop vehicles, where are they? TH: on notice</p> <p>CJ: south of Parramatta Road: how much is open now? TH: all closed until Old Canterbury Road crossing is completed and the GreenWay is open</p> <p>NC: Public art update? TH: all nearly completed, except for the mural in the Constitution Road tunnel, which is a few weeks away from completion.</p>
Adam Ward	Urban Ecology team update re getting bushcare sites ready for GreenWay opening	Written update via email

8. Items from Forum members

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Alex Lofts	<p>4.1.1. Future of the GreenWay Community Forum position paper</p> <p>4.1.2 Questions for Councillors and staff re post construction GreenWay budget</p> <p>4.1.3 Meeting with Council archivist/community history office</p>	<p>4.1.1. AL: want to send this out in 2025 and again in early 2026, to remind Council that we exist</p> <p>4.1.2 AL: would be good to have GW specific budget. Will send all questions to all Councillors. Have spoken to Mayor who is positive towards this idea. Council has received significant amount of funding from NSW Government for future maintenance in general.</p> <p>4.1.3 AL had meeting with Council's Archive and Local History Officer to create a framework to create a GreenWay archive. AL has put in freedom of information request. The archive is a work in progress and may be around different themes.</p> <p>NC: 2011 GreenWay Governance Report by Macquarie Uni could be useful for future of GreenWay governance/Forum. Linear shape of the GreenWay is a unique feature. NC to send report to AL for consideration.</p>
Jo Blackman	<p>4.2.1 Offsets for loss and damage to bushcare sites</p>	<p>4.2.1. Brought forward by Geoff Pollard: no offset area for loss of bushcare site in Johnson Park, which was promised. Where are the offsets? None have been eventuated.</p> <p>AL: which areas would be suitable? JB: for example, Johnson Park and other areas have been discussed in the past.</p> <p>JB: can we ask Council where is this promised offset bushcare area? AL: discuss further in item 4.4.1</p>

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		<p>JK: there is a piece of land near Longport Street on the eastern side of the light rail. CJ: land is very steep. JB: Council said land is too steep to work on NC: how close to the GreenWay or Waratah Mills would a new site need to be? JB: ideally somewhere close.</p>
Suzy Carter	4.3.1 Callan Park Plan of Management	<p>4.3.1. SC has made personal submission and would like a submission on behalf of the Forum. Especially in regards to past issues finding space for the GreenWay Art Prize.</p> <p>Action item: SC and AL draft letter on behalf of Forum. NC also happy to help.</p> <p>NC: can we add request for space for environmental education?</p>
Bruce Ashley	<p>4.4.1 "Weed-Free by '33!" a vision for the GreenWay - update</p> <p>4.4.2 GreenWay branded wayfinding signage</p> <p>4.4.3 Celebration of opening with bike event</p>	<p>4.4.1. Weston Street Sydney Water site public park idea:</p> <p>DR: local resident and town planner by profession. Sydney Water pumping station site would be nice for rest park or pocket playground. Has support from local Weston Street residents, including CEO of Little Big House Foundation. DR has spoken to Jo Haylen about it and another 'sister site' in Newtown (Station Street), back in 2013. Raised the Weston St park idea in 2020 and 2025 with Councillors. Sydney Water is not keen, as it is essential infrastructure and it is unsafe. Letter of support for this from Simone Plummer (Director Planning), but no movement from Sydney Water. Sydney Water is doing some works in 2026 (on their Station Street site in Newtown) and is willing to review public use of their areas afterwards and will contact Council. BA: thank you and great to hear.</p> <p>JK: this was in the GreenWay Masterplan as an option for a community garden, again shows community support for public access to this parcel of land.</p>

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		<p>Weed Free by 33:</p> <p>BA: Weeding actions need to be coordinated, otherwise it is a constant cycle of regrowth. A coordinated approach can manage the GreenWay corridor in terms of eradicating weeds. TransDev, Council, Sydney Water etc all need to be included, to better manage what is there. Not only separate GreenWay and light rail corridor because weeds cross over.</p> <p>A GreenWay GIS could include interactive elements about this as well. Have contacted Clr Kerry Furgenson and Council's urban ecology team, who are supportive of the idea. TransDev could see long term positive financial gain. A community nursery or garden in Weston Street could support this idea and further include the community.</p> <p>AL: we need to correspond with Council that the Forum can support grant applications.</p> <p>NC: will finish the report and then seek meeting with Mayor. Has mentioned to Jo Haylen's Office for state government support. AL: also mentioned this to Jo Haylen</p> <p>4.4.2. BA: in contact about this with Kerry Fergusson and can see issues with no GreenWay specific wayfinding. KW: suggests contacting Public Domain team. BA: this has been done, but no success. NC: can be branded as a stage 2 improvement?</p> <p>4.4.3.</p> <p>BA: early in the new year, organise cycling event with music. TF: opening day could be chaotic, maybe riding event to the GreenWay for the opening and do a tour after Christmas. AL: add as agenda item for next meeting</p>

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		BA: Remove timber bollards at Hercules Street?
Nick Chapman	<p>4.5.1 Update re: southern missing link across CBC land to Cooks River</p> <p>4.5.2 Update re: schools active travel report and actions arising</p> <p>4.5.3 Lord Street mural</p>	<p>NC: Weston Street park idea: do we want to write a letter of support? AL: Yes we all work together and write a letter to Sydney Water. JB: this was identified as community garden in the Masterplan. NC: any letter should address the principle of all Sydney Water land and waterways along the GreenWay to be opened as public space.</p> <p>NC/AL: GreenWay Art Prize exhibition opening event on Friday 5 December 8pm at Chrissy Cotter Gallery.</p> <p>NC: Getting TransDev to think strategically once Metro opens; more people will use light rail and GreenWay corridor. We should use this to try and engage TransDev.</p> <p>4.5.1. KW: CBC proposed GreenWay on-street upgrades went to community engagement and was objected to (loss of four car spaces on Garnett St), now CBC is going back to re-design the area. KW is in contact with CBC to find a way around this.</p> <p>4.5.2. KW: Active Schools report has been accepted by Executive team in Council, but needs attention to: budget, resources and responsibilities. NC: suggests applying for funding from Get Active grants (TfNSW). KW: there is a resolution that the findings need to be applied to all schools in the LGA, but this is expensive.</p> <p>4.5.3. not discussed</p>
Bronwyn Holland	<p>1-3 Williams Pde update re security and privacy concerns</p>	<p><i>See written report below</i></p>

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		BH: Verbal indication only that new fence will be installed at the southern end, which is good news. Ongoing dialogue with Council and residents regarding privacy concerns and mitigation.
Colin Jones		CJ: post-implementation review/audit should incur and engage with Forum and the public. Action item: CJ to write a note to share with Forum to send to Council.
Jennifer Kent		JK: Johnson Park plants have been planted, but don't look healthy, especially around the library. Concerns about lack of protection for the plants, as dogs have access.
Jo Blackman		JB: work has commenced on the toilet block in Hoskins Park
Ken Welsh		KW: Has done a site visit and reports that the GreenWay is looking fantastic!

9. Reports from Forum members and community groups

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IWEG	IWEG update via email	<p><i>IWEG written report:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to Rockdale Senor Citizen Club on bird watching along the GrenWay • Email discussions with Willoughby Council on setting up a Bird Watching Citizen Science Group • Email discussion with <i>The Australian Harmony Centre for Ecosystem Resilience</i>. They are interested in are interested in Artificial light and the effect on Wildlife and are interested in the GreenWay. Referred by Member for Summer Hill • Two hours (2 x 1) weeding around the Grass Tree Sculpture at Hawthorne Reserve • Two secessions held for the Sydney Bird Fest (bird walk and Bushcare). Well attended

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to Dulwich Hill Scouts group on Clean up Aust Day (Chris and Glenda) at Hoskin's Park • Work is to begin on renovation of the Hoskin's Park Toilet Block in late October. IWEG working bee to temporarily clean out our section with Councils help. There will be one unisex toilet (opening onto the park for safety), storage area for IWEG and storage for Parks officers. This an election promise from Council D'Arienzo. Hope to be finished by Christmas • Tour of Bushcare sites with Maggie Rosenwax. • IWEG is keen to have access to the Waratha Mills Bushcare site as soon as possible to start removing the weeds. Little progress to date on access. • Letter of support written for Urban Ecology's grant application for Hercules Creek line • Ongoing discussion with Transdev, Bruce and Tori re weeds in the Light Rail corridor • Trish Young (ex Fleet St) and I visited Clare in her new home, in Wahroonga. She sends her kindest regards to everyone. She was very excited to hear about the progress on the GreenWay.

10. Other Reports

Name(s)	Item	Comments/questions
NIL		

11. Items/questions on notice

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NIL		

12. Next meeting date 2026

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

Monday 9 February 2026

Written report Bronwyn Holland: 1-3 Williams Pde update re security and privacy concerns

Update from 1-3 Williams Pde since August 11 GCF

1. IWC and Transport for NSW agreed to maintain original location of construction fencing to the south of Sound Wall and not require it to be relocated closer to building 3 involving destruction of more trees, 16.08.
however,
2. Temporary construction fence of May 2023 would now become the permanent fence
(not to be replaced by a new 1.8m fence with safer 25mm bore to deter climbing, as installed at north end).
3. Updated Security Assessment by Crime Prevention Inner West obtained (2nd since April 2023), sent to IWC 11.09
4. Privacy impacts campaign by number of residents affected and unprepared for, the close proximity and lines of sight into their homes from the GreenWay platform. First onsite visit to 1-3 Wms Pde of the GreenWay project by senior IWC engineers and GreenWay Liaison 2.10.
5. Ryann Midei, IWC Engineer joint email to concerns of Community Committee on Security and of Privacy campaigners 16.10

6. Community Committee response 27.10 on Security, agreed to all measures except 2. retention as 'permanent' of temporary construction fence that is not Crime Prevention (CPTED) compliant.

7. IWC Councillor's Motion to IWC passed, requiring Council to consult with 1-3 Wms Pde wrt 'potential safety and noise impacts' and 'acute privacy issues' to research and cost measures to mitigate impacts and report back.

Reflection

May the (truly exhausting) efforts of the community to simply reinstate their security and privacy (not for it to be discounted for the greater good) now be matched by the resource, skill, capabilities and political savvy of Council. Then we can all be ready to celebrate and enjoy the GreenWay.