

GreenWay Community Forum

Monday 11 August 2025

Petersham Service Centre L3 Function Room (Ngara)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at 5.45pm and concluded at 7.19pm

1. Present

Community members	Councillors	Council staff
Alex Lofts	Clr Vicki Clay (online)	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 (online)		Maggie Rosenwax (Student)

2. Acknowledgment of Country

AL provided an Acknowledgment of Country

3. Welcome and housekeeping from the Chair

4. Apologies

Lillian Luxon (GW Project Manager), Ken Welsh (Transport Planning). Absent: Danielle Capon, Alice Hickey

5. Quorum (minimum 7 members)

Quorum reached

6. Minutes from last meeting

Moved by BA, seconded by NC, accepted AL

Business arising:

NC/BA: Clarifying what 'thermal markings' are.

Items to track:

BA: wheely ramps on stairs – New Canterbury Road > answer received via email (not in scope to be installed), additional questions can be put to Thomas Hyun from T&T

7. Officer updates and reports

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Thomas Hyun, GreenWay Project Manager Turner & Townsend (T&T)	Project Management GreenWay missing links construction progress update	AL: is there wet weather delay? > no added costs, but has caused some delay, continues to be a challenge and is out of our control. Doing everything we can to complete the GW by late spring. After contractor's completion, IWC will also need time to prepare for opening.

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		<p>BA: wheeling ramps on stairs NCR is that possible? > will pose the question and there may be technical issues.</p> <p>BA: No link to Parramatta Road from new raised path > wayfinding is in place, additional stairs rejected by Sydney Water.</p> <p>BA: Bike repair station in southern section? > yes in Hercules Parklands, there are several bike repair stations along the GW.</p> <p>JB: Interface with urban ecology? > number of site meetings were held, around for example weeding, footpath alignments, Johnson Park bushcare fencing and Lewisham West vegetation.</p> <p>JB: Potential tricky situation where new raised path meets existing path on the northern side of Parramatta Rd > all sightlines reviewed and validated from building guidelines perspectives. Also path markings.</p> <p>JB: new drain at Constitution Road, why? > this has been adjusted, as it was installed in a slightly off position. JB: there seem to be sediment issue. > this is being mediated with Sydney Light Rail.</p> <p>NC: Tunnel under OCR progress? > huge challenge, funding received, but dealing with budget constraints re procurement, progressing with design and approvals with TfNSW, not delivered this year.</p> <p>NC: Lords Rd footbridge, can it be replaced with a wider bridge? > bridge is going to be restored but not widened.</p>

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		<p>NC: Existing path through Cadigal Reserve, will the condition be improved? > has been looked at closely and deemed in suitable condition. BA: is important link to Parramatta Rd.</p> <p>NC: Kate Matthews has moved on, who is the new contact? > new public art officer has taken over Kate's role at Inner West Council.</p> <p>NC: GW freed up '7 hectares of new public space', do you have more exact figure? > will need to be recalculated.</p> <p>NC: ongoing maintenance and management regime with TransDev and TfNSW? > in conversation with TfNSW around access, and generally it is IWC maintenance team doing GW maintenance.</p> <p>BH: 1-3 Williams Pde, strata commissioned own boundary survey, and 10sqm of land is taken by GW.</p> <p>TF: wayfinding coming into the GW, is there a list or map of where signs are going to located? > yes, there is a detailed plan from Bay Run to Cooks River. Not sure if this can be shared.</p>

8. Items from Forum members

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Alex Lofts, Jo Blackman, Suzy Carter,	4.1.1. Future of the GreenWay Community Forum – edited text distributed	4.1.1. AL: will form everyone's responses into a paper, but there are some concerns about relevance of the GCF in the future. With some items we have pushed as far as we can go, and we have to accept Council's stance, as a

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<p>Nick Chapman, Jennifer Kent, Bronwyn Holland</p>		<p>Forum. Members are in general agreement about vision of the GreenWay and that we need to get more of the community involved.</p> <p>JK: main issue is the ongoing maintenance and budget. Council needs to have a continued point of contact for the GreenWay.</p> <p>AL: renewal of this group is also an issue to address.</p> <p>BA: with the missing links construction finishing, the GreenWay is not yet finished; maintenance, continued community engagement and the other elements in the Masterplan are continuing.</p> <p>NC: lots of common ground in everyone's comments.</p> <p>NC: Council departments focus on their own bit and don't integrate. We need to remind Council staff that the GW is not finished; it's a living breathing entity.</p> <p>BA: can we create a motion/statement with congratulations and our ideas for way forward, with the rest of the Masterplan?</p> <p>SC: northern end of GW, Masterplan plans haven't been realised yet and this needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Agreed action: AL will formulate a motion/paper/report to circulate to Council and Councillors. AL to draft and send to members for feedback.</p> <p>CJ: new shared path near Iron Cove Creek, maybe we can invite 'Friends of Iron Cove Creek' group to attend our next meeting?</p>

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Jennifer Kent, Suzy Carter, Alex Lofts, Nick Chapman	4.2.1 Meeting with Director Community Ruth Callaghan and Michael Daly re GreenWay Art Prize	4.2.1. AL: see notes distributed SC provided summary of notes JK: Council team had little knowledge of previous Art Prize organisation but were quite cooperative. JK contacted previous curator. JK: Chrissie Cotter Gallery is quite small, only 30 selected artworks displayed NC: is there a Council staff member organising this? AL: yes NC: will there be continued GreenWay Art Prizes in the coming years? AL: not sure yet.
Jo Blackman	4.3.1 Notice to residents a GreenWay Construction noise in early July/ relocation Grove St section of drainage. Recently installed. Why is new construction necessary? 4.3.2 IWEG Report	4.3.1. <i>see above</i> 4.3.2. written report provided via email: <i>see note in agenda</i> <i>Addition:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IWEG met with Clr Koby Shetty re bushcare sites - Hoskins Park toilets plans are drawn up and will go out to tender. One section for IWEG for storage.
Bruce Ashley	4.4.1 "Weed-Free by '33!" a vision for the corridor/a community and Council project 4.4.2 Weeds in rail corridor – latest progress at Arlington and contact with Transdev. No response after 6 months from Gartner Rose re	4.4.1. BA: prompted by weed management not being long term, just slashing weeds; but then it keeps coming back. Vision for a sustainable longer term weed management plan: 'Weed free by 33'. This would involve residents and community. A strong alliance between all parties, including community. AL: great plan and ongoing positive vision for the Forum to take on. Maybe get Mayor and Councillors on board.

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	<p>removal of fountain grass weeds at Lewisham West.</p> <p>4.4.3 Terrible outcome for way finding and “branding” for the GreenWay – simple solution. See images attached. Forum support?</p> <p>4.4.4 Ness Ave – it’s the Achilles heel of the GreenWay. Forum support for a better outcome.</p>	<p>NC: we must appeal to broader community. Weeding may not be so exciting, maybe this can be broadened. Maybe ‘weed and litter free’? BA: we should keep focus on weeds that grow. AL: ‘litter free’ could be another project. JK: probably better as two separate projects, as to not dilute interest in both those issues. SC: can have pop-up events and align with Clean-up Australia Day for example.</p> <p>Agreed action: BA to write up vision, and share with Forum members for feedback, then discuss in next meeting.</p> <p>4.4.2. BA: making progress</p> <p>4.4.3. BA: GreenWay directional blade signage does not have GreenWay branding. This has been rejected by Council officers. BA will contact Councillors to take this further. BA to share Council’s Public Domain team’s response with Forum members for review and feedback. CJ: don’t know where you are on the GreenWay. AL: the plinth path signage will do that.</p> <p>4.4.4. BA: dangerous situation in Ness Ave. Have raised it with Council, but response is not satisfactory. CJ: contact Councillors and ask to bring it up in Council meeting,</p>
<p>Nick Chapman</p>	<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>4.5.1. Meeting with IWC and CBC about southern link. Looking forward for update from Ken Welsh. MJ to ask Ken for written update.</p> <p>4.5.2. <i>Moved to next meeting</i></p> <p>4.5.3. Green Infrastructure Lab, small UTS research unit has been set up. One researcher is interested in doing an evaluation of GreenWay works for the last</p>

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	<p>4.5.3 UTS research and evaluation of the social, environmental and economic return from public investment in the GreenWay</p> <p>4.5.4 Lord Street mural</p>	<p>20 years, focussing on economic impact. Benefits of investment of green infrastructure is research topic, with GreenWay as case study.</p> <p>4.5.4. <i>Moved to next meeting</i></p>
Bronwyn Holland	<p>4.6.1 1-3 Williams Pde Tree felling Boundary location: boundary survey July 2021 of 2014 letter to IWC GreenWay Project, letter to Ryan Hawken and Strata manager. Differences between temporary fence and boundary line. We were advised that for any other approach we should contact owner of land on which GreenWay is built, Transport for NSW. Impact on residents. Communication with Transport for NSW</p>	<p>4.6.1. BH: Boardwalk in southern section was planned and built without confirmation of boundary line. AL: this involves all parties including TfNSW. BH: the boundary line location has not been made a priority by all parties.</p>

9. Reports from Forum members and community groups

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IWEG	IWEG update via email	<p>IWEG Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce and I meet with Peter Wang and Jane Drobysheva from Transdev to discuss the problem of weeds in the corridor. Peter is the Civil & Facilities Maintenance

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		<p>Manager including weed management. We have since made email contact with Tori from Dulwich Hill who has similar concerns. Many thanks to Bruce who since done wonders in removing the fountain grass and other weeds from the Light rail stops. We hope to work more closely with the Transdev team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IWEG is wrapping up their small communities grant and was very pleased to accompany the Hon Jo Haylen on a tour of the bushcare sites • IWEG was very pleased to co-sign a letter of support for the roll out of reduced speed limit of 40kph • We are also pleased to participate in the upcoming audit of nest boxes audit • IWEG was approached by IWC and CRA to see if we were willing to make contact with the Sydney Bird Club who are holding a bird watching and Arts festival in the Inner West in September. IWEG is pleased to be able to assist with the festival. • Further discussion with Council about the renovations of the Green Shed in Hoskin's Park • Dogs of leach continues to be an issue at Richard Murden and Hawthorne Reserve. • I was encouraged to send a "report it" to Council about weeding in Weston Street. I did this on the 5th June. I received the following reply on the 16th July. A little disappointing <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Hi Jo, Hope this email finds you well! We're writing regarding the above customer request. Thank you for the feedback, it's appreciated. This will be forwarded on to the area of IWC that looks after this service and taken into consideration.</p>

10. Other Reports

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NIL		

11. Items/questions on notice

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NIL		

12. Next meeting date

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

Monday 27 October 2025