

Meeting Minutes

Date: 16 September 2026
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Burwood Precinct Reference Group (PRG)
Meeting Number: 20
Chairs: Noel Jones, GHD
 Matt Fregon, Member for Ashwood
Minute Taker: Jo Price, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)

Attendees	Apologies
- Adam Melino, SRLA - Dharma Rogers, Terre Verde - Graham Ross, PRG member - Jo Price, SRLA - Kelsey B Southwood, SRLA - Tony Zhang, SRLA - Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council - Madi Walters, Deakin University - Matt Fregon MP - Noel Jones, GHD - Rob Mair, Terre Verde - Roselli Hedditch, Deakin University	Tanya Tescher, PRG Member

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	Welcome and housekeeping - Noel Jones (NJ) welcomed attendees, responded to previous actions and confirmed approval of previous minutes. Previous actions - SRLA noted the Burwood precinct concept image is still underway. - GR enquired if the concept image can show maximum heights. - SRLA advised it is a concept image only and will not necessarily show maximum heights across the neighbourhood. Action: SRLA to provide further information on proposed heights immediately east of the station. - Terra Verde advised spoil from the first 600m of the tunnel has been designated and will be sent to Scoresby. Updates will continue to be provided to the PRG as works progress.	KS
2.	Project update SRLA provided a project update including Start of tunnelling in Burwood.	RM

	- Changes to the scope of SRL East as announced by the Premier including not proceeding with Burwood pedestrian overpass - Progression of Stations South package to preferred contractor. Discussion - Graham Ross (GR) asked whether the proposed naturalisation of Gardiners Creek was affected - SRLA advised the proposal remains unchanged.	
3.	Works update Terra Verde provided a works update including - Construction of the capping beam and ground anchors is ongoing. - Excavation of the station box and northern tunnel boring machine (TBM) launch site is continuing, including a spoil conveyor system. - Installation of the second level of struts in the northern TBM launch site is underway. Discussion - Matt Fregon (MF) asked how long it would take for the TBM to be fully assembled and underway. - Rob Mair (RM) advised early 2027.	RM
4.	Engagement update SRLA provided an engagement update including - Recent community engagement events - Upcoming events	KS
5.	Other business MF commented positively on the project's progress. - GR advised that a strategic plan for Gardiners Creek had been launched. Funding has been provided by DEECA to investigate biodiversity within the catchment. Enquired whether studies had been undertaken, or were proposed, into the station's potential impact on biodiversity in the creek corridor. Action: SRLA to provide flora and fauna studies from the Environment Effects Statement. Sarah Bugg (SB) enquired about the management of dirt and mud on local roads. - RM advised street sweepers are being used and two new truck wheel-washing facilities are being installed. Action: Terra Verde to provide an update on mitigation of mud and dirt on local roads at next meeting.	

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
ACTIONS				
1.	PRG	Provide the Burwood precinct concept image once available.	Open	SRLA
2.	PRG	SRLA to provide further information on proposed heights immediately east of the station.	Open	SRLA
3.	PRG	SRLA to provide flora and fauna studies from the Environment Effects Statement.	Open	MF
4.	PRG	Terra Verde to provide an update on mitigation of mud and dirt on local roads at next meeting.	Open	SRLA/TV