

# Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 11 May 2023  
**Program:** Suburban Rail Loop  
**Title:** Burwood Precinct Reference Group  
**Meeting Number:** 7  
**Chairs:** Louisa McPhee (GHD) & Matt Fregon MP for Ashwood  
**Minute Taker:** Tyson Garlick, SRLA

## Attendees

- Louisa McPhee (Chair, GHD)
- Matt Fregon (Member for Ashwood)
- John Wilson (Community Representative)
- Leah McGuinness (Whitehorse City Council)
- Mark Coffey (Melbourne Water)
- Michelle Mayur (Whitehorse Ratepayers Association)
- Yvonne Yip (Deakin University)
- Adam Mellino, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)
- Rebecca McHutchison (SRLA)
- Astrid Hildebrand (SRLA)
- Charles Windeyer (SRLA)
- Elizabeth Reynolds (SRLA)
- Erin Dale (SRLA)
- Clint Quealy (SRLA)
- Liz Grabham, Laing O'Rourke (LOR)
- Nicole Ekert (LOR)

## Apologies:

- Graham Ross (KooyongKoot Alliance)
- Graham Scott (Community Representative)
- Mark Joel (Mount Scopus)
- Matthew Duke (Presbyterian Ladies' College)

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	<b>Welcome and housekeeping</b> Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt Fregon (MF) opened the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MF gave everyone an opportunity to introduce themselves</li> <li>○ MF gave an Acknowledgment of Country</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Louisa McPhee (LM) welcomed everyone to the 7th Precinct Reference Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ LM noted the apologies for the Burwood Precinct Reference Group meeting</li> <li>○ LM went through the previous actions</li> <li>○ LM provided an overview of the agenda for today's meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	LM / MF
2.	<b>Presentations from SRLA and Laing O'Rourke</b> Presentation by Laing O'Rourke giving an Initial & Early Works update, outlining: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high-level overview of current and upcoming works in the Burwood area.</li> </ul>	SRLA / LOR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about the new park, noting the upcoming official community celebration event on 21 May.</li> <li>Recent community engagement, including engagement with a range of community groups regarding timber reuse opportunities.</li> </ul> <p>SRLA presented on Gardiners Creek naturalisation, noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The context and features of Gardiners Creek.</li> <li>The significance of Gardiners Creek.</li> <li>The benefits and scope of naturalising Gardiners Creek.</li> </ul> <p>SRLA gave an update on community engagement, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent and upcoming community events SRLA has/will hold within the Whitehorse municipality.</li> <li>Calling for input and ideas around further future local engagement opportunities.</li> </ul> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Wilson (JW) asked SRLA how far a tunnel boring machine travel in a day. SRLA noted typically 10 metres within 24-hours.</li> <li>Yvonne Yip (YY) asked SRLA when will engagement commence regarding Gardiners Creek naturalisation. SRLA advised it may occur from next year.</li> <li>JW queried how SRLA will mitigate Gardiners Creek from flooding. SRLA advised that flood modelling has helped inform appropriate controls and that SRLA is engaging closely with Melbourne Water.</li> <li>Matt Fregon suggested SRLA consider consultation Indigenous representatives including with a Registered Aboriginal Party representative, in relation to Gardiners Creek naturalisation.</li> <li>MF suggested Ashburton Festival as a good opportunity for SRLA to have a presence in the future, stemming from SRLA calling out for suggestions on future engagement opportunities.</li> <li>JW queried the timing of the Burwood replacement park celebration event. SRLA advised that the event starts at 8.00 am until 11.00 am, in line with a family audience.</li> <li>JW asked SRLA whether a fence at the new playground on Cummings Street will be installed. LOR advised that the design and installation of the new playground is complete with plants to become more established.</li> <li>JW queried SRLA on future tunnel access shaft works</li> </ul>	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LM went through new actions raised at this meeting, noting:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRLA to offer a briefing to discuss Gardiners Creek naturalisation with PRG members unable to attend this meeting.</li> <li>SRLA to re-circulate the Burwood works notification members.</li> <li>MF electorate office to pass on SRLA's contact information to an interested party in relation to Gardiners Creek naturalisation.</li> <li>PRG members to inform SRLA of any upcoming relevant community engagement opportunities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	LM

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<b>ACTIONS</b>				
1.	PRG members	SRLA to provide members with more information about Precinct Planning at future PRG meetings, note interest in workshop format	Complete	SRLA
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