

# Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 16 May 2025  
**Program:** Suburban Rail Loop  
**Title:** Box Hill Precinct Reference Group  
**Meeting Number:** 15  
**Chairs:** Emily Box (GHD) & Paul Hamer MP for Box Hill  
**Minute Taker:** Tyson Garlick

Attendees	Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily Box, Facilitator, GHD (Co-Chair)</li> <li>Paul Hamer, MP for Box Hill (Co-Chair)</li> <li>Andy McCulloch, Community representative</li> <li>Bec McHutchison, SRLA</li> <li>Bihong Wang, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW)</li> <li>Chris Trueman, Whitehorse Active Transport Action Group (WATAG)</li> <li>Helen Harris, Box Hill Historical Society</li> <li>James Roper, Vicinity Centres</li> <li>Kevin Earl, Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association (WRARA)</li> <li>Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council</li> <li>Paula Lawrance, Laing O'Rourke (LOR)</li> <li>Tyson Garlick, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)</li> <li>Bec McHutchison, SRLA</li> <li>Clint Quealy, SRLA</li> <li>Briony Coultman-Snoey, SRLA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David Morrison, Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group (CROWAG)</li> <li>Peter Quilligan, Box Hill Institute</li> <li>Richard Shi, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW)</li> <li>Rohan Lovell, Eastern Health</li> <li>Susan Campbell, Baptist Mission Australia</li> <li>Toby Hicks, Epworth</li> </ul>

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	<b>Welcome and housekeeping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily Box (EB) welcomed attendees</li> <li>Paul Hamer (PH) gave an Acknowledgement of Country.</li> <li>Emily went through housekeeping, including previous actions and minutes.</li> </ul>	EB/PH
2.	<b>Presentation from SRLA and LOR</b> Works update from LOR and SRLA, noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LOR gave an overview of works completed and upcoming in Box Hill</li> <li>SRLA discussed the creative treatments to prominent windows and frontages of vacant businesses in Box Hill.</li> </ul> Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PH asked how long the rotating train-inspired artwork from local kindergarteners would remain. SRLA noted the initiative would remain until works commence at this site.</li> </ul>	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helen Harris (HH) noted that the Whitehorse Heritage Week event is coming up and the theme is <i>changing fashions</i>. HH asked if the space could be used to support Heritage Week and suggested it could focus on architectural changes over time.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> SRLA to speak with Whitehorse City Council about incorporating Whitehorse Heritage Week into the creative treatments.</p> <p>Presentation by SRLA providing an engagement update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRLA gave an update on recent and upcoming engagement in the community.</li> </ul> <p>Structure planning update by SRLA, noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRLA gave a recap of the structure planning engagement to date, including:</li> <li>SRLA went through the engagement goals and the engagement approach for the draft Structure Plans and draft Planning Scheme Amendment exhibition period.</li> <li>SRLA gave an overview of key engagement statistics for the draft Structure Plans and draft Planning Scheme Amendment exhibition period. SRLA received 817 submissions project wide.</li> <li>SRLA broke down the submissions received by precinct.</li> <li>SRLA went through key emerging themes contained in the submissions received during the exhibition period.</li> <li>SRLA is considering the submissions and refining for the Structure Plans and Planning Scheme Amendment where necessary. SRLA noted the next steps for the structure planning process.</li> </ul> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Trueman (CT) and Andy McCulloch (AM) discussed a recent structure planning presentation, and the community engagement received.</li> <li>HH noted that she supports the Rail and Infrastructure component of the Project; her key interests lie with how structure planning will preserve heritage.</li> <li>CT encouraged attendees to read a book titled <i>Killed by a Traffic Engineer by Wes Marshall</i>.</li> <li>HH mentioned the archeological finds in Box Hill Gardens and requested SRLA to share further information.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> SRLA to share information with Box Hill Historical Society about the archeological finds in Box Hill Gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AM queried when the businesses that have been acquired by SRLA will be demolished. SRLA noted that the appointed contractor will provide further information once available. The Stations Alliance North contract is yet to be awarded.</li> <li>AM noted that Early works will be complete some time before Main works start in Box Hill. SRLA noted a host of measures to secure and monitor the site are being considered.</li> <li>PH queried whether there is an opportunity to use a vacant shop in Box Hill as a Project drop-in information centre to share information with the community. SRLA noted this has been considered but an information centre would serve the community better during active works.</li> </ul>	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul Hamer closed the meeting.</li> </ul>	PH

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<b>ACTIONS</b>				
1.	Box Hill Historical Society	SRLA to speak with Whitehorse City Council about incorporating Whitehorse Heritage Week into the creative treatments.	Complete	SRLA

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