

# Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 11 December 2024  
**Program:** Suburban Rail Loop  
**Title:** Burwood Precinct Reference Group  
**Meeting Number:** 13  
**Chairs:** Emily Box (GHD) & Matt Fregon MP for Ashwood  
**Minute Taker:** Tyson Garlick

Attendees		Apologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily Box, Facilitator, GHD (Co-Chair)</li> <li>Matt Fregon, Member for Ashwood (Co-Chair)</li> <li>Tanya Tescher, Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association</li> <li>Graham Ross, KooyongKoot Alliance</li> <li>Graham Scott, Community Representative, Friends of Gardiners Creek</li> <li>Yvonne Yip, Deakin University</li> <li>Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council</li> <li>Matthew Duke, Presbyterian Ladies' College</li> <li>Erin Dale, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)</li> <li>Oliver Barnett, SRLA</li> <li>Clint Quealy, SRLA</li> <li>Sarah Jepsen-Meek, SRLA</li> <li>Simon Wollan, SRLA</li> <li>Tyson Garlick, SRLA</li> <li>Ellen O'Donohue, Laing O'Rourke (LOR)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tali Borowski, Mount Scopus</li> <li>Mark Coffey, Melbourne Water</li> </ul>
Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	<b>Welcome and housekeeping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily Box (EB) welcomed &amp; introduced attendees, noted previous PRG minutes and actions.</li> <li>Matt Fregon (MF) gave an Acknowledgement of Country.</li> </ul>	EB/MF
2.	<b>Presentation from SRLA and LOR</b> Project update from SRLA, noting that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial and early works are well underway.</li> <li>Tunnels North contract recently awarded to Terra Verde.</li> <li>The Stations Alliance contract (North and South) was shortlisted to three bidders in November and the contract will be awarded in 2026.</li> <li>The Linewide Alliance package is also shortlisted to two bidders and will be awarded in 2025.</li> <li>Terra Verde the Tunnels North contractor for tunnelling between Box Hill and Glen Waverley, was introduced.</li> <li>SRLA gave a high-level scope of the Tunnels North works package as well as a construction overview noting TBMs to start arriving from 2025, tunnelling to commence from 2026 and trains all on schedule to run in 2035.</li> </ul> Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graham Scott (GS) queried where the trains would be manufactured. SRLA advised that once the Linewide contract has been awarded, SRLA will be able to provide detail on this.</li> </ul> Works and trader support update from LOR, noting:	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An overview of works completed to date and upcoming works in Burwood, continuing to move underground services, constructing the tunnel boring machine (TBM) launch site and building the network support facility.</li> </ul> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GS queried where the spoil from the tunnel access shaft excavation work goes. LOR noted that spoil from the excavation is transported offsite to Lantrack tip sites in covered trucks.</li> </ul> <p>Structure planning update by SRLA, noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The structure planning engagement timeline and outlined the structure planning process.</li> <li>SRLA has received thousands of pieces of feedback and formal submissions around precinct structure planning that has help shape SRLA's deliverables.</li> <li>SRLA presented the Final Precinct Vision for Burwood, including the vision statement and talked through key elements, noting how feedback has helped inform the Final Precinct Vision.</li> <li>SRLA noted the next steps, highlighting that the structure plans will be exhibited for public comment in Q1, 2025. Submissions will be considered via an independent advisory committee process prior to finalisation and gazettal of the planning scheme and implementation planned from 2026.</li> </ul> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GS raised questions around using Gardiners Creek Reserve as an active transport corridor. SRLA noted that the area to the south has been identified as an important active transport connection, however, further detailed work will need to be undertaken. The Shared User Path on the eastern side only of Gardiners Creek has been identified as an important connection.</li> <li>GS noted that using Gardiners Creek as an active transport corridor could impact biodiversity, particularly if the area is lit and asphalted. Graham Ross noted he would like to see density and active transport around Burwood Highway away from Gardiners Creek.</li> <li>Graham Ross (GR) queried whether the community would get a say around the naturalisation of Gardiners Creek. SRLA noted that when the Stations Alliance contract is awarded in 2026, design and consultation around the naturalisation will commence as part of a formal consultation process on the Urban Design and Landscape Plan (UDLP), more information will be shared once available.</li> <li>GR queried whether storm water management is being considered by SRLA in relation to Gardiners Creek. SRLA noted measures are not specifically called out in the Final Precinct Vision, however, sustainability is a key theme in the structure plans and close collaboration with other key stakeholders, including Government departments and Melbourne Water on this matter is underway and is being considered.</li> </ul> <p>Engagement update from SRLA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRLA gave an update on previous and upcoming engagement in the community.</li> <li>SRLA discussed work to date on culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) engagement and the recently established CALD Steering Committee, noting the aims of the Steering Committee.</li> </ul> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GS extended an invitation to PRG members and SRLA to celebrate an important 30-year milestone on 14 December 2024.</li> </ul>	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MF and EB closed the meeting.</li> </ul>	MF/EB

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
<b>ACTIONS</b>				

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<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Nil</i>