

# Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 21 May 2025  
**Program:** Suburban Rail Loop  
**Title:** Burwood Precinct Reference Group  
**Meeting Number:** 15  
**Chairs:** Emily Box (GHD) & Matt Fregon MP for Ashwood  
**Minute Taker:** Serrin Trowbridge

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>Graham Ross, KooyongKoot Alliance</li> <li>Graham Scott, Community Representative, Friends of Gardiners Creek</li> <li>Jordan Turner, Terra Verde</li> <li>Leah McGuinness, Whitehorse City Council</li> <li>Mark Coffey, Melbourne Water</li> <li>Matthew Duke, Presbyterian Ladies' College</li> <li>Ryan Burville, Deakin University</li> <li>Gary Murphy, Deakin University</li> <li>Kane Zhang, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA)</li> <li>Bec McHutchison, SRLA</li> <li>Serrin Trowbridge, SRLA</li> <li>Mojib Rashidzada, Laing O'Rourke (LOR)</li> <li>Rob Mair, Terra Verde (TV)</li> <li>Jordan Turner, TV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tali Borowski, Mount Scopus</li> <li>Tanya Tescher, Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association</li> </ul>

Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	<b>Welcome and housekeeping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emily Box welcomed attendees</li> <li>Matt Fregon (MF) gave an Acknowledgement of Country</li> <li>Emily went through housekeeping, including previous actions and minutes. Previous minutes not received by some attendees.</li> </ul> <b>ACTION:</b> Resend the minutes on previous meeting	EB/MF
2.	<b>Project update from LOR, noting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming conduit works in Sinnott Street</li> <li>A positive community outcome after an investigation into noise concerns were raised that didn't align with noise monitoring</li> </ul> <b>Matters arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graham Scott (GS) queried what a Network Site Facility is. LOR explained that it houses a power substation, which will supply electricity to the tunnel boring machines once Terra Verde commences tunnelling works.</li> <li>Mark Coffey (MC) raised concerns about the Sinnott Street conduit works passing the Lundgren drains. LOR advised that an existing interface with Melbourne Water is in place to ensure these concerns are appropriately investigated.</li> <li>GS queried how many residents accepted respite offers. LOR responded that only a few offers have been accepted so far.</li> <li>MC commented on the floodplain overlay and noted that no material is to be stored that impacts the floodplain. He explained that regular audits are conducted to ensure compliance with water management requirements.</li> </ul>	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MF praised the Project's efforts to listen and respond to the community. noted that, of the enquiries received by his electorate office, none have required further follow-up. SRLA agreed, stating that listening to concerns, investigating issues, and working collaboratively with residents is essential to achieving positive outcomes.</li> <li>Matthew Duke (MD) noted some drivers have attempted to use alternate roads to bypass road closures.</li> </ul> <p><b>Structure planning update by SRLA, noting:</b></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><b>Shared user path update by SRLA, noting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be a 3m wide cycle lane and 1.8m wide footpath along Gardiners Creek adjacent to the future SRL station.</li> </ul> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GS queried the rationale of a proposed pathway in the draft structure plans for Burwood. SRLA explained that the Project is delivering the shared user path adjacent to the future SRL station, but other pathways proposed in the draft Structure Plans are not proposed to be delivered by SRLA.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> SRLA to follow up with Graham to clarify his question on shared user paths and get a response.</p> <p><b>Other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GS raised concerns that he had not received the meeting minutes or agenda in advance of the meeting</li> <li>GS requested a copy of the presentation.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> SRLA to investigate why GS didn't get meeting material in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> SRLA to provide an abridged version of the presentation to Graham Scott.</p>	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matt Fregon, MP and Emily Box closed the meeting.</li> </ul>	MF/EB

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
<b>ACTIONS</b>				
1.	All	SRLA to resend meeting minutes to the group	Complete	SRLA
2.	Graham Scott Graham Ross	SRLA to follow up with Graham to clarify his question on shared user paths and get a response.	Complete	SRLA
3.	Graham Scott	SRLA to investigate why Graham Scott didn't get meeting material in advance of the meeting	Complete	SRLA
4.	Graham Scott	SRLA to provide an abridged version of the presentation	Complete	SRLA