

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10 July 2026
Project: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Box Hill Precinct Reference Group
Meeting Number: 19
Chairs: Emily Box & Paul Hamer MP for Box Hill
Minute Taker: Darcy McLoughlin, Suburban Rail Loop Authority

Attendees		Apologies
- Emily Box, facilitator, GHD (Co-Chair) - Paul Hamer, MP for Box Hill (Co-Chair) - Alex Cattanach, Stations Alliance North (SAN) - Andy McCulloch, community representative - Dan Young, SAN - Darcy McLoughlin, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) - David Morrison, Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group - Helen Harris, Box Hill Historical Society - Joanna Gorrod, Whitehorse City Council (WCC) - Kelsey Southwood, SRLA - Kevin Earl, Whitehorse Ratepayer and Residents Association - Luke Stack, Office of Minister Staikos - Simon Wollan, SRLA		- Bihong Wang, Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW) - James Roper, Vicinity Centres - Richard Shi, ABAW - Rohan Lovell, Eastern Health - Sam Pepper, Box Hill Institute
Item	Discussion topic	Who
1.	Welcome and housekeeping Emily Box (EB) welcomed attendees, provided an Acknowledgement of Country and reviewed previous actions and minutes.	EB/PH
2.	Works update SAN provided a works update including - Works completed since the previous meeting - Open space works underway at Court and Watts Street and Ellingworth Parade. - Upcoming works including Box Hill Gardens enhancements, utility works on Whitehorse Road and demolition works at Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) worksites. SAN highlighted the heritage buildings/facades will be retained during SRL works. Matters arising: - Helen Harris (HH) asked whether the new facilities at Box Hill Gardens are an entire bathroom or a single toilet block. SAN clarified this will be a single toilet block. - A community member enquired whether solar panels would be installed on the toilet block. ACTION: SAN to advise if the toilet block will have solar panels. - Kevin Earl (KE) asked about impacts to the running track during enhancement works. SAN advised they are working with WCC regarding impacts.	SAN

	- Paul Hamer (PH) asked if there are plans to plant more trees as part of the enhancement works. SAN advised the enhancements do not include additional trees. - David Morrison (DM) asked if WCC has plans to add trees to the gardens. WCC advised additional trees are not currently proposed. PH expressed it would be good for WCC to explore this. - HH advised the Box Hill Historical Society has historical Watts Street signage that could be used in the new open space. ACTION: HH to send through photos of Watts Street signage. - KE requested more notice and pedestrian wayfinding for planned Whitehorse Road works. SAN took the feedback on note. - HH asked about demolition timing, flagging potential interface with Whitehorse Heritage Week. ACTION: SRLA to investigate support for Whitehorse Heritage Week. - PH asked if the next PRG meeting could be hosted in one of the retained heritage buildings. SAN advised this is unlikely given it will be a live worksite, however, potential opportunity for a site walk at the appropriate time ACTION: SAN to explore potential timing for a site walk. - KE asked how roads will be repaired after potential impacts from SAN works. SAN advised dilapidation surveys have been undertaken. Road will be reinstated and repaired once works are complete. SAN will continue to assess potential damage as works progress.	
3.	Engagement update SRLA provided an engagement update including - Burwood open day on 21 June 2026 - Upcoming engagement including Box Hill pop-ups in July.	SRLA
4.	Structure planning update SRLA provided an update on structure planning including key changes between the draft and final Structure Plan for the Box Hill precinct. Matters arising: - KE asked where the Standing Advisory Committee report could be found. ACTION: SRLA to share Standing Advisory Committee report. - HH asked about heritage protections in structure planning. SRLA confirmed heritage overlays remain in place. HH noted concern the Structure Plan will result in heritage buildings being overshadowed by larger developments. - KE asked about the Box Hill Brickworks site including open space requirements and how structure planning interacts with Council's planning controls. SRLA advised extensive consultation had occurred on the Structure Plan. The Brickworks site configuration will be subject to a masterplan. - KE asked who the risks associated with developing the Brickworks site lie with, noting the history of the site. SRLA confirmed this is for the landowner to manage. - DM noted the panel suggested the Nelson-Thurston walking and cycling bridge and Station Street crossing should be completed soon and queried timing for this project. SRLA and PH noted it is identified in the Implementation Plan but that complexities with this project still need to be worked through. ACTION: SRLA to share final structure plans and planning scheme amendments. - HH asked about the future education centre. SRLA advised an action to resolve this is in the implementation plan.	SRLA
5.	EB closed the meeting	EB/PH

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
ACTIONS				
1.	PRG	SAN to advise if the toilet block will have solar panels.	Open	SAN
2.	SRLA	HH to send through photos of Watts Street signage.	Complete	Helen Harris
3.	Box Hill Historical Society	SRLA to investigate support for Whitehorse Heritage Week.	Open	SRLA
4.	PRG	SAN to explore potential timing for a site walk.	Open	SAN
5.	PRG	SRLA to share Independent Advisory Committee report.	Open	SRLA
6.	PRG	SRLA to share final structure plans and planning scheme amendments.	Complete	SRLA