

Meeting Minutes

Date: 1 July 2026
Program: Suburban Rail Loop
Title: Burwood Precinct Reference Group (PRG)
Meeting Number: 19
Chairs: Emily Box
Minute Taker: Darcy McLoughlin, Suburban Rail Loop Authority

Attendees	Apologies
- Emily Box, facilitator, GHD (Co-Chair) - Darcy McLoughlin, Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) - Graham Ross, KooyongKoot Alliance - Graham Scott, Friends of Gardiners Creek - Joanna Gorrod, Whitehorse City Council - Jordan Turner, Terra Verde (TV) - Kelsey Southwood, Stations Alliance North (SAN) - Lisa Williams, office of Matt Fregon MP - Luke Stack, office of Minister Staikos - Simon Wollan, SRLA - Tanya Tescher, Whitehorse Ratepayers and Residents Association - Tyson Garlick, SRLA	- Matt Fregon MP for Ashwood (Co-Chair) - Jackie Svedas, Deakin University

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
2.	Works update TV provided a works update including piling for the station box for the SRL East station at Burwood and preparation for tunnelling. Matters arising - Graham Scott (GS) asked how SAN works will interact with TV works and when they are scheduled to take place. TV and SAN advised, TV will build the station box; SAN will build the SRL East station at Burwood following this. ACTION: TV to provide update on spoil designation at next meeting. - Graham Ross (GR) asked if the strand jack crane was specially made for the project. TV shared the crane is an existing model used mainly in Europe. - GS asked about the length of the tunnel boring machines (TBM) and how it will be launched. TV advised the TBMs will be launched via an 'umbilical launch'.	TV
3.	Engagement update SRLA and TV provided an engagement update including: - Burwood community open day on 21 June 2026. - Tree planting event with Kooyongkoot Alliance on 28 May 2026. - Upcoming events include Melbourne Moon Festival and Whitehorse Spring Festival. Matters arising	

	ACTION: TV to provide details on future planting day to Lisa Williams/Matt Fregon's office.	
4.	Structure planning update SRLA provided a structure planning update including key changes between the draft and final Structure Plan for the Burwood precinct. Matters arising - GS asked about the Infrastructure Contributions Plan levy. SRLA outlined how contributions would be made from developers. - GR asked if any studies had been undertaken re potential impacts from the Burwood Station and precinct to specific species of animals that inhabit Gardiners Creek. SRLA noted technical papers supporting the structure plan. Advised Gardiners Creek masterplan to be developed in future. - GR advised Gardiners Creek near Highbury Road needs to be enhanced to make this a safe and natural place for people. - GR noted concerns Gardiners Creek trail will become a bicycle thoroughfare. SRLA advised the structure plans address active transport. An action identifies further work consider how cycling path implementation fits into local precinct planning. ACTION: SRLA to share final structure plans and planning scheme amendments. - GS enquired about a 3D model of the structure plan. SRLA advised a 3D model will not be created, however, SRLA will share the updated precinct concept image when available. ACTION: SRLA to share Burwood precinct concept image when available. - GS queried the process of naming the SRL East station at Burwood. SRLA advised this will occur at a future date. - GR asked if the structure plan overrides the Gardiners Creek Significant Landscape Overlay and if there are setbacks included in the structure plan. SRLA shared how the plan interacts with this overlay and that the setbacks are described in the planning controls.	SRLA
5.	EB closed the meeting.	EB

Item	Stakeholder	Details	Status / due	Owner
ACTIONS				
1.	PRG	TV to provide update on spoil designation in next meeting.	Open	TV
2.	Lisa Williams/ Matt Fregon's office	TV/SRLA to provide details on future planting day to Lisa Williams.	Complete	TV/SRLA
3.	PRG	SRLA to share final structure plans and planning scheme amendments.	Complete	SRLA
4.	PRG	SRLA to share Burwood precinct concept image.	Open	SRLA