

Community panel overview – western Greenway

Purpose: The Community Panel will draw on community expertise to ensure the right questions are asked about any potential development between the Tuggeranong Town Centre and the Murrumbidgee River, that the answers to these questions are publicly available and understood and that all the relevant voices are heard.

Terms of Reference

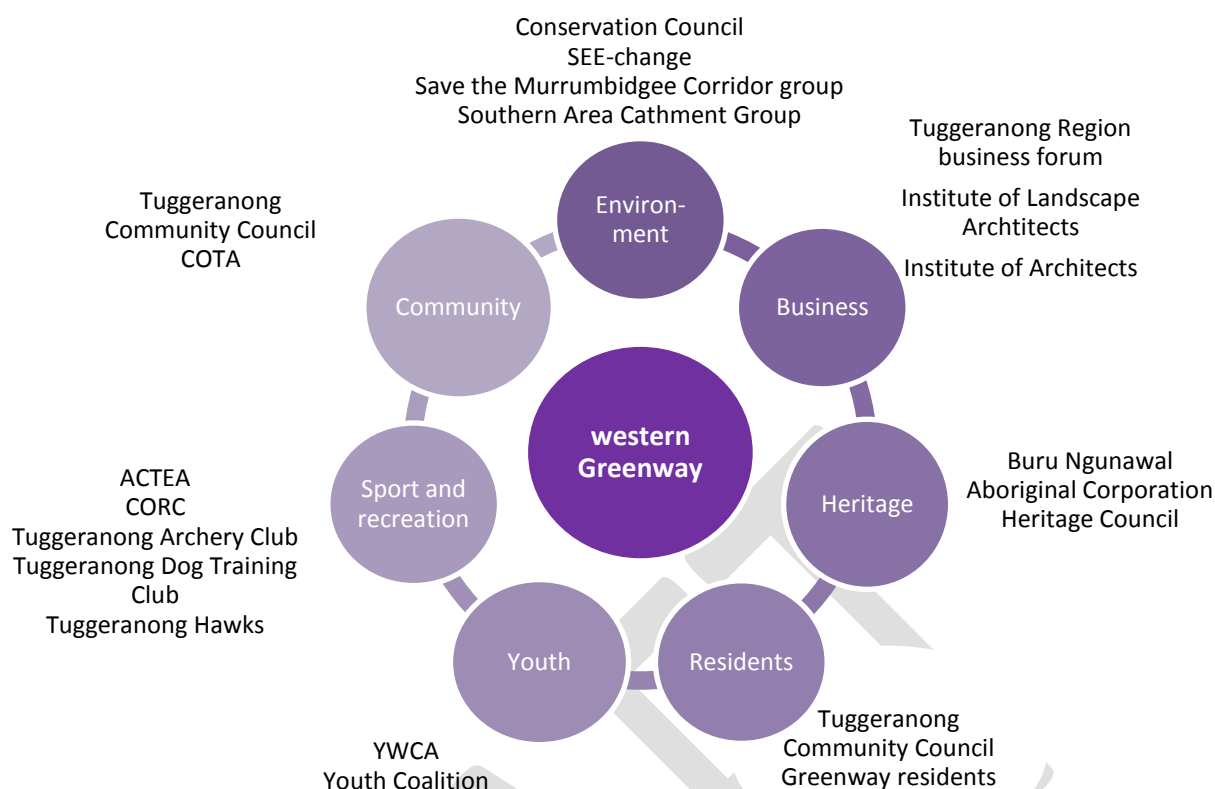
The western Greenway Community Panel will undertake the following in relation to potential development between the Tuggeranong Town Centre and the Murrumbidgee River:

- Provide a vehicle for community feedback to the ACT Government
- Guide a broader community engagement program including workshops, community surveys and other activities as recommended by the community panel
- Have considered input to the development of the brief for assessments and studies of the area and guide the geographic areas of these assessments
- Partner with the ACT Government to identify potential planning outcomes that identify whether a viable, sustainable and equitable development is possible

Guidelines

The community panel

- The community panel is made up of invited stakeholders who are representative of a group, organisation or association that has an 'interest' in western Greenway.
- Members of the community panel are encouraged to consult and represent the views of that group and, in turn, convey the considerations and outcomes of the community panel to their members.
- Participation in the panel does not in any way bind individual panel members to the decisions or views expressed on behalf of the panel.
- Members of the panel will be offered with a per-meeting allowance of \$50 to cover costs associated with travelling to the meetings, parking etc.
- Members of the community panel are not authorised to speak on behalf of the community panel to the media or in public forums unless prior approval has been given by the community panel members.



Membership

Stakeholder group	Nominated representative
ACT Heritage Council	David Flannery
Australia Capital Territory Equestrian Association (ACTEA)	Christine Lawrence
Buru Ngunawal Aboriginal Corporation	Wally Bell
Canberra Off Road Cyclists (CORC)	Mike Brennan
Conservation Council of the ACT	Larry O'Loughlin
Council on the Aging	Jenny Mobbs
Greenway residents	Narelle Kelly
ICON Water	Nicole Vonarx
ICON Water	Dr Owen Gould
Institute of Architects	Sheila Hughes
Institute of Landscape Architects	Deb Matthews
Save the Murrumbidgee Corridor group	Matthew Frawley
SEE-Change	Liam Lilly
Southern ACT Catchment Group	Miranda Gardner
Tuggeranong Archery Club	Gary Hobson
Tuggeranong Community Council	Glenys Patulny
Tuggeranong Dog Training Club	Amanda Bateup
Tuggeranong Hawks	Annette Ellis
Tuggeranong Hyperdome	Jeremy Wilson
Tuggeranong Region Business Forum	Nick Tsoulas
Vikings	Hugh Howarth
Youth Coalition of the ACT	Emma Robertson
YWCA	Frances Crimmins

The chairperson

An independent chairperson, Dr David Shorthouse has been appointed by the ACT Government:

- The chairperson will guide participation and engagement of members, help guide the setting of agendas and approve reports to government, advocate on behalf of and represent the views of the panel
- The chairperson will be remunerated for his/her time and contribution.

Dr David Shorthouse has many years experience in planning and management of natural resources in the ACT, particularly biodiversity conservation. He was formally the manager of the ACT Government's wildlife research and monitoring unit at Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) and helped establish the Mulligans Flat sanctuary project.

The facilitator

- An independent facilitator, Helen Leayr, will guide workshops and discussions within the meeting agenda.

Ms Helen Leayr is the Managing Director of The Communication Link. She has almost twenty years' experience in facilitating a range of industry and community engagement and consultation activities including working with local community organisations, industry associations and the ACT Government.

Experts

- The community panel will seek the input of external experts as required.

Community panel meetings

- It is anticipated that the panel will meet monthly in the evening; however, this will be guided by the panel through the chairperson.
- Presentations and meeting summaries of the panel will be made public through the EPD website, unless otherwise determined by the panel.
- The community panel will operate from June 2016 for a period of three months at which point the panel will be reviewed.

Panellist responsibilities

- Adopt a constructive and cooperative approach and respect and listen to all members.
- Commit to attending meetings and actively participate in discussions. If unable to attend, the relevant member may arrange for a substitute to attend.
- Review and consider material provided as pre-reading for the panel meetings in advance of meetings.
- Consult and represent the views of the group they represent and, in turn, convey the considerations and outcomes of the community panel to their members.
- Abide by the Terms of Reference and the members' responsibilities outlined in this document.

- Respect the position they hold with regard to access to information, and not use this position in any way for individual personal gain.

ACT Government responsibilities

- Adopt a constructive and cooperative approach and respect and listen to all members.
- Ensure a high level of organisation support for community panel activities and outcomes, including passing on the community panel feedback to relevant representatives within ACT Government
- Provide feedback to the community panel on how their contributions and issues have been incorporated or used to inform decisions and activities relating to western Greenway.
- Provide appropriate level of administrative support to the community panel to enable effective administration of the meetings and support the work of the community panel.

Definitions

- i. The **community panel** refers to members appointed to a western Greenway community panel.
- ii. **Public** refers to individuals, groups or organisations, and includes media.
- iii. **Information** refers to documentation, conversations, publications and materials shown or made known to community panel members in meetings or provided by the project team.
- iv. **Release** refers to the distribution or display of written or spoken information.