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**Did you know that you live in
the GreenWay catchment?**

Learn more about the Inner West's
GreenWay corridor and
exciting projects planned for 2010.



The GreenWay as a bush link and green corridor

The GreenWay is an important green corridor in Sydney's urbanised Inner West. It provides excellent habitat for reptiles, birds, flying foxes, bats, possums and frogs and even populations of endangered long-nosed bandicoots (*Perameles nasuta*) which have recently been rediscovered within the GreenWay catchment.

Backyard Buddies in the GreenWay

As a resident of the GreenWay catchment (please refer to the map overleaf) you can do practical things in your own backyard to encourage and protect local plants and animals. Native plant species have evolved to cope with local conditions including drought and poor soil quality, and also require much less water than introduced species.

Tips to become a backyard buddy

- Progressively remove exotic plants and weeds and replace with dense local native plants, shrubs and trees to provide protective habitat. Visit your local community nursery for advice and to purchase suitable plants;
- Keep cats and dogs in doors from dusk to dawn; bandicoots are nocturnal and are highly vulnerable to predation;
- Discourage foxes by keeping your compost enclosed and picking up fallen fruit from your garden.
- Avoid or minimise insecticide use; seek natural alternatives.



Arts and Culture in the GreenWay

The GreenWay is emerging as a cultural hub involving local schools, community groups and professional artists. The Lords Road mural on the GreenWay in Leichhardt is one example of the GreenWay's potential to showcase local art.

Join us at the GreenWay Festival!

The inaugural GreenWay Festival will be held in late 2010 as a week long celebration of the GreenWay, with a great program of free and fun events and activities for the community. Events will showcase the GreenWay's history, biodiversity and bushcare, walking and cycling paths as well as getting creative with cultural activities and events.

What's happening in 2010?

The GreenWay Sustainability Project is working with local residents, community organisations and schools on a program of activities including an environmental education project with local primary schools, installing signage and way-finding markers in the GreenWay, supporting bushcare groups and establishing new bushcare sites.

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What is the GreenWay?

The GreenWay vision...

To provide a recognisable environmental, cultural and non-polluting transport corridor linking two of Sydney's most important waterways...

The Cooks River to Iron Cove GreenWay is an urban corridor that connects people and communities to each other and to local urban bushland and waterways. The corridor extends approximately five kilometres from the Cooks River at Earlwood in the south, to Iron Cove at Haberfield in the north.

It has the potential to support a GreenWay Trail, a shared walking and cycling path linking the popular Cooks River Cycleway to the iconic Iron Cove Bay Run.

It also incorporates Hawthorne Canal and parts of the Rozelle to Dulwich Hill freight rail corridor, forming a natural green corridor and an important biodiversity link for plants and animals including a population of endangered long-nosed bandicoots (*Perameles nasuta*).

Who is involved in the GreenWay?

The GreenWay has grown from a grass-roots vision and is now a key partnership between four local Councils and community groups including the Inner West Environment Group, Friends of the GreenWay, local Bicycle User Groups as well as residents and school students.

The GreenWay Sustainability Project is a \$1.83 million partnership between Ashfield, City of Canterbury, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils that is building on the work undertaken by the community and Councils over the past 10 years.

The Project is funded by the NSW Environmental Trust through its Urban Sustainability Program until 2012.

The GreenWay Trail An opportunity for active and healthy living

The vision for the GreenWay Trail is a walking and cycling path connecting the Cooks River Cycleway to the Iron Cove Bay Run. A shared path is already in place at the northern end of the GreenWay, from Iron Cove Bay at Haberfield to Summer Hill.

The GreenWay Trail will follow the route of the Rozelle to Dulwich Hill rail corridor, bordered by bushcare sites. The GreenWay Trail would provide a safe and convenient off road path for you and your family to enjoy. It is also an opportunity to promote healthy living and tackle climate change by reducing our reliance on cars for short trips and to connect us to public transport, or even commute to the city.



The GreenWay and the light rail extension from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill

The State Government has announced the extension of the light rail from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill in the Rozelle to Dulwich Hill rail corridor—the same route as the GreenWay corridor.

The GreenWay Councils and community representatives are seeking the State Government's commitment to implement the light rail and the GreenWay shared walking and cycling path as a fully integrated sustainable transport project. The GreenWay will enhance the accessibility of the light rail and promote connectivity between local communities.

Enjoy cycling? Why not join a Bicycle User Group?

Local Bicycle User Groups provide a great opportunity for social and recreational cycling in your local area, with a regular program of supervised group rides.

Ashfield BUG (AshBUG)
www.ashbug.org.au

Marrickville & South Sydney BUG (MASSBUG)
www.massbug.org.au

Leichhardt BUG (LBUG)
www.lbug.org.au

Cadigal Wangal Land

The GreenWay is situated on lands of the Cadigal Wangal Aboriginal people of the Eora Nation. Hawthorne Canal was originally Long Cove Creek which marked the boundary between the Cadigal and Wangal Aboriginal group lands.

Who lives in the GreenWay catchment?

- The GreenWay catchment is based on the water catchment for Sydney Harbour and the Cooks River.
- In 2006 the estimated population of the GreenWay catchment was 45,963 across the 11 suburbs and four Council areas.
- Did you know the GreenWay is home to more than 5,514 school aged children; and there are more than 6,000 active volunteers living and working in the GreenWay catchment!

Source: ABS Census 2006

Bushcare in the GreenWay

There are currently six bushcare sites in the GreenWay corridor, established and maintained by the Inner West Environment Group (IWEG). There are also a number of other groups that operate near to the GreenWay including local Council bushcare groups, the Cooks River Mudcrabs, Friends of Ewen Park and Callan Park Bushcare.

The Inner West Environment Group

The Inner West Environment Group (IWEG) is a community based bushcare group that was started by local residents to undertake bush re-establishment in the Hawthorne Canal catchment. IWEG has made a significant contribution towards the long-term re-establishment of a bush corridor based on a Turpentine-Ironbark vegetation community. To date IWEG volunteers have planted over 6,000 local provenance species.

Visit www.iweg.org.au for more information.

Would you like to be a GreenWay Volunteer?

The GreenWay community is always seeking new recruits to carry out bushcare work and other voluntary activities within the corridor. For more information on volunteering opportunities please contact:

The GreenWay Sustainability Project

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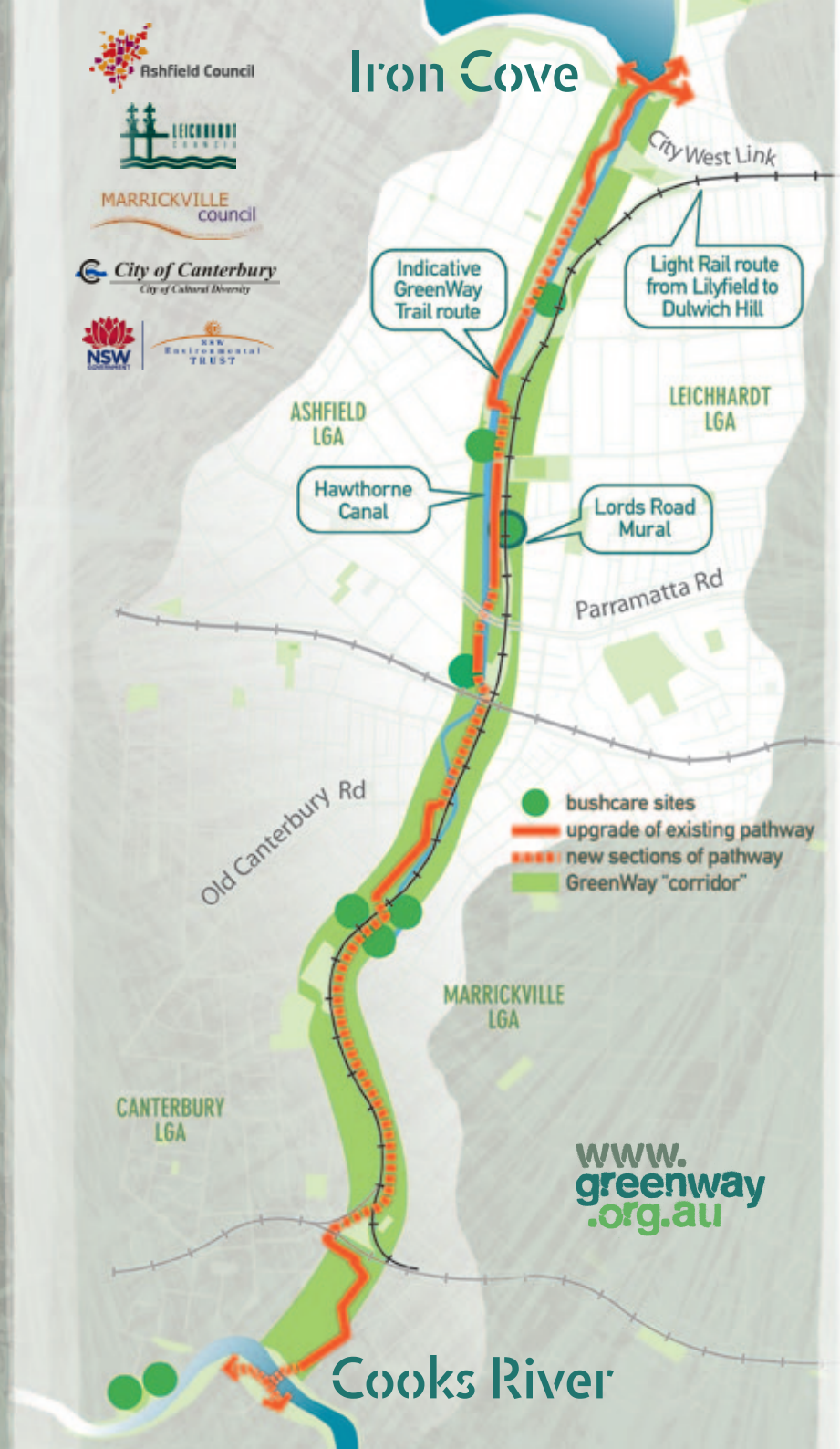
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Friends of the GreenWay

Friends of the GreenWay (FoG) formed in 2007 as a community group to represent the local community and support, promote and advocate for the GreenWay vision.

For more information visit: www.friendsofthegreenway.org.au



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