

Appointment of a GreenWay Coordinator gets things moving!



The new GreenWay coordinator Hilary Sheppard inspects some of the revegetation areas in the rail corridor at Dulwich Hill.

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The Cooks River to Iron Cove Greenway has been building up momentum towards formalised future planning for some time. Finally, in 2007, this has started to have some currency with the engagement of a GreenWay Coordinator, Hilary Sheppard. The Coordinators role has been funded for 2007 by a joint venture between Planning NSW, Marrickville, Ashfield and Leichhardt Councils.

The project includes the continued engagement of the community, liaison with key stakeholders as well as the development of an Action and a Master Plan to guide the development of the GreenWay project into the future. Key actions for the year are to: consultation for development of the masterplan, raising the profile of the vision amongst stakeholders, and ensuring that key projects (such as the link under Parramatta Road at Hawthorne Canal) are kept on track. If you have any questions or comments on the GreenWay please contact Hilary on mob. 0437 392 180 or at hilary@greenway.org.au



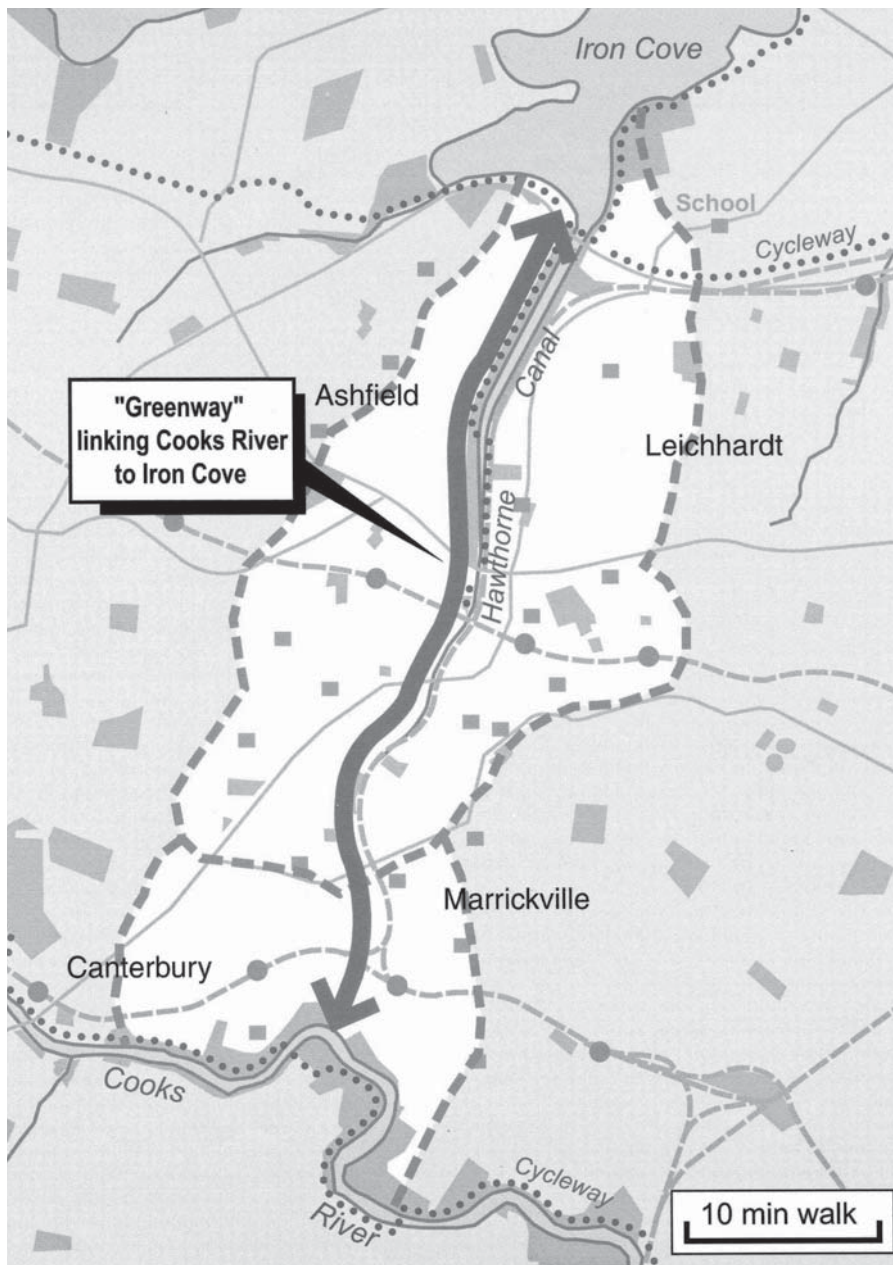
Clean Up the Railway on Clean Up Australia Day Sunday the 4th of March saw the GreenWay taking part in one of Australia's biggest community events. Thanks to Railcorp's support we managed to get access to the rail corridor next to Johnson Park Dulwich Hill where we collected 50 bags of rubbish including a microwave, a bed head, a child's swimming pool, tires and a chair!

The Inner West Environment Group (IWEG) provided the core of the group as well as substantial material support. We also had a number of volunteers who turned up to clean up their local area! We finished up with a BBQ and some face painting for the local kids. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP!

Update of GreenWay happenings

- **Cadigal Reserve** - the new pathway connection from Grosvenor Cres down to the canal pathway has now been completed. Access is now open through to Parramatta road footpath
- **pathway under Parramatta Road** - grant funds have been awarded for this financial year to complete planning and approvals for the pathway link under Parramatta Rd. This will support an application for full funding for the works in 2007-2008 FY

- **bandicoots in corridor** - a second long nose bandicoot skeleton has been found in the corridor in Dulwich Hill. This now makes 3 sighting since November 2006. Efforts will now be put into finding where they live and put in place measures to protect them from predators and habitat impacts
- **revegetation along the railway** - the "Creating a Bush Link " project continues, and a further two sites will be established during 2007. See the IWEG link next page to find out more



The GreenWay Corridor - Within a 10 minute walk or a three minute cycle of the 5km long and 1km wide Greenway corridor there is a resident population of over 15,000 people. There is a significant number of trip attractors in the corridor:

- 25 churches and nine scout halls/community centres
- eight shopping precincts and over 50 corner shops
- 20 large parks and numerous pocket parks;
- 2 swimming centres; 3 bowls clubs; a golf course;
- numerous large and small businesses
- 24 schools and 3 high schools; and,
- five CityRail stations (with another 3 within 1.5km).

WWW Links

- look up the main GreenWay web site at: www.greenway.org.au
- Join in on the greenway blog at: www.cooks2ironcove-greenway.blogspot.com
- find out about the bushcare work the Inner Wet Environment Group (IWEG) is doing at a number of sites along the corridor: www.greenway.org.au/IWEG.html
- join on of the local bicycle user groups (BUGs): www.bicyclensw.org.au
- see the results of the local school's streamwatch programs: <http://www.streamwatch.org.au/>
- find out about the Cooks River: www.canterbury.nsw.gov.au/cooks.htm
- information about local indigenous culture and events: www.cadigalwan-gal.com.au

Dates

- The next "Think Tank" discussion meeting is on Saturday 5th May at the rotunda, Johnson (rocket) Park, Dulwich Hill. A free bike course will start at 10am, with the discussion starting at 1pm
- Future "Think Tank" discussion meetings will be on the first Saturday of the month in July, September, November and the final one in January 2008. Refer Way2go! or the greenway web site for venue and timing
- Cooks River Festival, Sunday April 15th at Steele Park Marrickville South. There will be a GreenWay stall and lots of other environmental groups and displays

How to Contact Us

The GreenWay vision is a grass roots thing so we are keen for those living near the corridor to be involved in what's happening as much as possible. So if you'd like to find out more about GreenWay or have any great ideas or suggestions for up coming issues of *Way2go!*, please contact the GreenWay Coordinator:

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