

Way2go!

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More Long-nosed Bandicoots found in the GreenWay corridor!



A Long-nosed bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*).

After a spate of sightings, and discovery of the two sets of remains, a Long-nose Bandicoot has been trapped by WIRES in Lewisham near the goods railway corridor.

The bandicoot, that was released after being given a thorough medical check, was trapped at the St Vincent de Paul in Lewisham. Residents of a nearby nursing home also reported that they have been feeding a small family of Bandicoots for some time.

Long-nosed Bandicoots, which were thought to have disappeared from the Inner West in the 1950s, have been sighted around the rail corridor on a number of occasions during the last few years. It is suspected that the Long-nosed Bandicoot has been using the vegetation in the rail corridor as habitat and as a safe travel passage, with the recent capture just outside the goods corridor, possibly supporting this suspicion. While this confirmed sighting gives weight to an application to classify the Inner west Bandicoot as an endangered population, further study into the extent and habitat of the Bandicoot is needed to assess the extent of the population in the Inner West.

The Greenway team is currently working with Marrickville council towards securing some funding to continue investigations regarding the bandicoots. For more information contact Ros Gibbons at Marrickville Council on 9335 2061



Attendees at the first GreenWay Think Tank at Hawthorne Reserve Leichhardt in early March.

The first Greenway think tank, which was held at Café Bones at Hawthorne Canal Reserve in Leichhardt was a great success. We had about 11 people come along for the day and worked through some great ideas. Follow-up on the day's events so far has been the design of a "Bandicoot Way" logo and communication with Sydney Harbour Access program about organising some maps of the GreenWay (or Bandicoot?) Trail to be designed and distributed. Communication and site meetings with light-rail representatives have also been undertaken.

We are looking forward to getting some more great feedback from the second meeting which will be held after a bicycle skills course at Sideways Café near Johnson Park in Dulwich Hill, **Saturday 5th May at 1pm**. Contact Hilary on 0437 392 180 for more details.

Update of GreenWay happenings

. **join the bush link roster** - the "Creating a Bush Link " project continues, and there is a need for volunteers to join a weeding and maintenance roster for each of the 6 IWEK bush care sites. Contact Sue Roxon on 9568 4626 to join up or see the IWEK web site link on the next page.

. **Funding link under Parramatta Rd** - the GreenWay has been successful in its funding application for

\$21,000(matched Leichhardt, Ashfield and Marrickville Councils) for 2nd stage of studies for the building the pathway link. Once the heritage and environment studies, are concluded the next round of funding will be sought (\$500K). It is hoped that funding for the construction will be obtained early next year and will be supplied by a combination of state agencies and local government (both cash and in-kind support).

Cycle course for beginners on the GreenWay

The South Sydney Health service started running a bicycle course to encourage people to take up bike riding in their local areas during 2003. The course has been highly successful with good participant feedback, increased skills and self-confidence of partakers and over half of participants reporting that they had continued to cycle for at least two months after the course (to date no study has been undertaken for periods over two months).

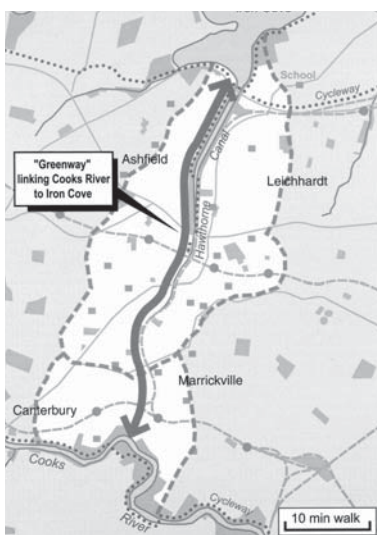
Thanks to the support of the Health Service, the GreenWay is pleased to offer this course for free to those who are interested in improving their skills and confidence on bicycles. The course will be run on Saturday the 5th of May at 10 am meeting at "the Rocket" in Johnson Park in Dulwich. The course runs for three hours and will be followed by the Second GreenWay Think Tank which will be held at Sideways Café in Dulwich Hill.

Inner West Long Nosed Bandicoot population to be listed as threatened population

The recent confirmed sightings of Long Nosed Bandicoots in the Inner West has prompted staff at local councils to apply for classification of the threatened population with the Department of Environment and Conservation. Documentation of the Inner West Bandicoot population meets the listing requirements so it shouldn't be too long until our furry friends are legally protected.

After the state election, Greenway support from local members

Efforts to see the rail goods corridor turned over to public use during the lead up to the election met with some success and now that the election is over we are hoping to build on that progress. A meeting with the newly elected State members along the GreenWay is planned for early May. We will keep you up to date with our progress.



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/
- eight shopping precincts and over 50 corner shops
- 20 large parks and pocket parks;
- 2 swimming centres; 3 bowls clubs; a golf course;
- numerous large and small shops
- 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 7th July at Summer Hill Community Centre, 131 Smith St Summer Hill at 11am. After the meeting we will explore the corridor and visit the bushcare sites where small mammal and small bird habitat is being created, followed by picnic lunch (weather permitting).
- Future "Think Tank" discussion meetings will be on the first Saturday of the month in September, November and the final one in January 2008. Refer Way2go! or the greenway web site for venue and timing

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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