

Way2go!

newsletter of the cooks river to iron cove greenway vision

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GreenWay Success in Council Funding for Grant Applications!



Lantana and railway corridor - apparently a good mix for the long-nosed bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*).

In important funding news, Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Council's component of matched funds towards construction of a pathway link under Parramatta Road at "Battle Bridge" have been secured.

After some hard work by GreenWay advocates and our supportive Councillor "heroes" on all three Councils, \$50,000 has been allocated from each of Leichhardt, Marrickville and Ashfield Councils in their 2007-2008 budgets for construction of a suspended bridge "missing link" to connect existing pathways north and south of Parramatta Road.

Money has also been allocated for an extension the GreenWay Coordination Strategy currently underway, and Stage II of studies towards construction of the critical missing link under Parramatta Road at Hawthorne Canal. The four GreenWay Councils (the ones above plus Canterbury) have also been active recently is applying for funding under the Urban Sustainability program of the NSW Environmental Trust. This is a major funding program (multi-million \$ grants), so a big effort is going to be put into securing this funding (similar to that allocated for the Cooks River). Will keep you posted and have more information on the success of the various funding applications in the next Way 2 go newsletter.



Attendees at the 2nd GreenWay Think Tank at Johnson Park Dulwich Hill in May.

The Second Think Tank at Johnson Park at Dulwich Hill was great fun! Some dedicated locals brought along their specialist skills and knowledge of the area to inform and enthuse the Coordination process. The Beginners bike Course held at Johnson Park in Dulwich Hill last week was a great success. All the participants gave great feedback and a number of calls have been received asking if we are going to give another one. We will work on holding another one at the end of the year when the weather has improved. Thank you to Sydney South West Area Health Service for funding the previous course and Tanya Bosch for her great instruction.

Come and join us for a walk along the corridor for the 3rd Think Tank, on Saturday 7th May. Meet Summer Hill Community Centre 11am. Contact Hilary on 0437 392 180 for more

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 IWEG bush care sites. Contact Sue Roxon on 9568 4626 to join up or see the IWEG web site link on the next page.

. **bushcare working bee** - next IWEG working bee is Sunday 29th July Cadigal Reserve. See www.greenway.org.au/IWEG.html for details

. **Mystery Marsupial** - An Australian Museum study which examined the biodiversity in the rail corridor has found evidence of a large marsupial in the corridor.

It hasn't been confirmed, so we don't want to release the species as of yet, but we will keep you posted regarding this exciting find.





Cycle course for beginners on the GreenWay

Thanks to the support of the Health Service, the GreenWay was able to run a cycle skills and confidence-building course for free in conjunction with the "Think Tank" meeting. Photos shows participants on the course at Johnson Park Dulwich Hill

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.cadigalwagal.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



Stencils

The plan to stencil the southern end of the GreenWay to mark the road for pedestrians and cyclists is well underway. A concept for the stencil has been approved by the Steering Committee (as shown top left) and we will now move

to finalise the design. Funds have been secured to pay for the paint and stencils. We have supplied the locations and stencil design for Council(s) approval and are just waiting on this to get down and dirty (painty) and starting marking our territory!

Thank you to the participants at the first Greenway think tank who came up with the idea and Gilbert Grace who supplied us with a couple of great Bandicoot designs.



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).

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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